

**Some Result on Contact Pseudo-Slant Submanifolds of a Sasakian Manifold**

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**Abstract**

In this paper, we study the geometry of the contact pseudo-slant submanifolds of a Sasakian manifold. We derive the integrability conditions of distributions in the definition of a contact pseudo-slant submanifold. The notions contact pseudo-slant product is defined, and the necessary and sufficient conditions for a submanifold to contact pseudo-slant product is given. Also, a non-trivial example is used to demonstrate that the method presented in this paper is effective.

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**1. Introduction**

The differential geometry of slant submanifolds has shown an increasing development since B. Y. Chen defined slant submanifolds in complex manifolds as a natural generalization of both the invariant and anti-invariant submanifolds[5]. After then, Papaghuic initiated the notion of semi-slant submanifolds as a generalization of slant submanifolds and CR-submanifolds[12]. Furthermore, Carriazo defined pseudo-slant submanifold with the name anti-slant submanifolds as a special class of bi-slant submanifolds [2, 3, 4]. Also, pseudo-slant submanifolds have been studied by Khan et. al. in [10]. Later, U. C. De et. al. studied and characterized pseudo-slant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian Manifolds [6]. Recently, M. Atceken and S. Dirik also have investigated contact pseudo-slant submanifolds in Cosymplectic, Kenmotsu, and Sasakian space forms and gave some results on mixed-geodesic, totally geodesic and the induced tensor fields to be parallel [7, 8, 9].

In this paper, we study geometry of the contact pseudo-slant submanifolds of a Sasakian manifold. In Section 2, we review basic formulas and definitions for a Sasakian manifold and their submanifolds. In Section 3, we derive the integrability conditions of distributions in the definition of a contact pseudo-slant submanifold. The notions contact pseudo-slant product is defined, and the necessary and sufficient conditions for a submanifold to be contact pseudo-slant product is given. Also, a non-trivial example is used to demonstrate that the method presented in this paper is effective.

**2. Preliminaries**

Given an odd-dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(\bar{M}, g)$ , let  $\varphi$  be a  $(1,1)$ -type tensor field  $\xi$  is a unit vector field and  $\eta$  is a 1-form on  $\bar{M}$ . If we have

$$\varphi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad g(X, \xi) = \eta(X) \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y) \quad (2.2)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $\bar{M}$ , then  $\bar{M}$  is said to have an almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  and it is called an almost contact metric manifold.

Let  $\Phi$  denote the fundamental form 2-form in  $\bar{M}$ , given by  $\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y)$ , for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $\bar{M}$ . If  $\Phi = d\eta$ , then  $\bar{M}$  is said to be a contact metric manifold. Furthermore, the contact metric structure is called a K-contact structure if  $\xi$  is a Killing vector field, that is,  $\bar{\nabla}_X \xi = -\varphi X$ , for any vector field  $X$  on  $\bar{M}$ , where  $\bar{\nabla}$  denotes the Levi-Civita connection on  $\bar{M}$ .

The structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be normal if  $[\varphi, \varphi] + 2d\eta \otimes \xi = 0$ , where  $[\varphi, \varphi]$  is the Nijenhuis torsion of  $\varphi$ . A normal contact metric manifold is called a Sasakian manifold. So every Sasakian manifold is a K-contact manifold. It is well-known that an almost contact metric manifold is a Sasakian if and only if

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X \varphi)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X, \quad (2.3)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $\bar{M}$ .

Let  $\bar{M}(c)$  be a Sasakian space form with constant  $\varphi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$ . Then the curvature tensor  $\bar{R}$  of  $\bar{M}(c)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}(X, Y)Z = & \left(\frac{c+3}{4}\right)\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} + \left(\frac{c-1}{4}\right)\{\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X \\ & + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi + g(X, \varphi Z)\varphi Y - g(Y, \varphi Z)\varphi X + 2g(X, \varphi Y)\varphi Z\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $\bar{M}(c)$ .

Now, let  $M$  be a submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold  $\bar{M}$ , we denote the induced connections on  $M$  and the normal bundle  $T^\perp M$  by  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^\perp$ , respectively, then the Gauss and Weingarten formulas are given by

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$\bar{\nabla}_X V = -A_V X + \nabla_X^\perp V, \quad (2.6)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ ,  $V \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ , where  $h$  is the second fundamental form and  $A_V$  is the Weingarten map associated with  $V$  as

$$g(A_V X, Y) = g(h(X, Y), V). \quad (2.7)$$

We denote the Riemannian curvature tensor of  $M$  by  $R$ , then the Gauss equation imply

$$\bar{R}(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - A_{h(Y, Z)}X + A_{h(X, Z)}Y + (\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y h)(X, Z), \quad (2.8)$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$ .

The covariant derivative  $\nabla h$  of  $h$  is defined by

$$(\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) = \nabla_X^\perp h(Z, Y) - h(\nabla_X Y, Z) - h(\nabla_X Z, Y), \quad (2.9)$$

and the covariant derivative  $\nabla A$  of  $A$  is also defined by

$$(\nabla_X A)_V Y = \nabla_X (A_V Y) - A_{\nabla_X^\perp V} Y - A_V \nabla_X Y, \quad (2.10)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ .

Taking the normal component of (2.8), we reach at equation of Codazzi

$$(\bar{R}(X, Y)Z)^\perp = (\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y h)(X, Z). \quad (2.11)$$

If  $(\bar{R}(X, Y)Z)^\perp = 0$ , then submanifold is said to be curvature-invariant.

The Ricci equation is given by

$$g(R^\perp(X, Y)V, U) = g(\bar{R}(X, Y)U, V) - g([A_V, A_U]X, Y), \quad (2.12)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $U, V \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ . If  $R^\perp = 0$ , then the normal connection of the  $M$  is called flat.

Furthermore, for any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ , we can write

$$\varphi X = TX + NX, \quad (2.13)$$

where  $TX$  and  $NX$  denote the tangential and normal components of  $\varphi X$ , respectively. Similarly, for  $V \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ ,  $\varphi V$  also can be written

$$\varphi V = BV + CV, \quad (2.14)$$

where  $BV$  and  $CV$  denote, respectively, the tangential and normal components of  $\varphi V$ .

Taking into account (2.4) and (2.12), we have

$$g(\bar{R}^\perp(X, Y)V, U) = g([A_V, A_U]X, Y) + \left(\frac{c-1}{4}\right)\{g(X, \varphi V)g(U, \varphi Y) - g(Y, \varphi V)g(\varphi X, U) + 2g(X, \varphi Y)g(\varphi V, U)\}, \quad (2.15)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $V, U \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ .

By using (2.4) and (2.8), the Riemannian curvature tensor  $R$  of an immersed submanifold  $M$  of a Sasakian space form  $\bar{M}(c)$  is given by

$$R(X, Y)Z = \left(\frac{c+3}{4}\right)\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} + \left(\frac{c-1}{4}\right)\{\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +\eta(Y)g(X, Z)\xi - \eta(X)g(Y, Z)\xi + g(X, \varphi Z)\varphi Y - g(Y, \varphi Z)\varphi X + 2g(X, \varphi Y)\varphi Z \\
& + A_{h(Y, Z)}X - A_{h(X, Z)}Y + (\nabla_Y h)(X, Z) - (\nabla_X h)(Y, Z).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

The normal part of (2.16), we have

$$(\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y h)(X, Z) = \left(\frac{c-1}{4}\right)\{g(X, TZ)NY - g(Y, TZ)NX + 2g(X, TY)NZ\}$$

By using (2.1), (2.13), (2.14) and taking into account of  $\xi$  being tangent to  $M$ , we get

$$T^2 + BN = -I + \eta \oplus \xi, \quad NT + CN = 0, \tag{2.18}$$

and

$$TB + BC = 0, \quad NB + C^2 = -I. \tag{2.19}$$

Furthermore, the covariant derivatives of the tensor field  $T$ ,  $N$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are, respectively, defined by

$$(\nabla_X T)Y = \nabla_X TY - T\nabla_X Y \tag{2.20}$$

$$(\nabla_X N)Y = \nabla_X^\perp NY - N\nabla_X Y \tag{2.21}$$

$$(\nabla_X B)V = \nabla_X BV - B\nabla_X^\perp V \tag{2.22}$$

and

$$(\nabla_X C)V = \nabla_X^\perp CV - C\nabla_X^\perp V \tag{2.23}$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ .

By using (2.4), (2.5), (2.6) and (2.13), we can easily to see that

$$(\nabla_X T)Y = A_{NY}X + Bh(X, Y) + g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X, \tag{2.24}$$

$$(\nabla_X N)Y = -h(X, TY) + Ch(X, Y), \tag{2.25}$$

$$(\nabla_X B)V = A_{CV}X - TA_V X, \tag{2.26}$$

$$(\nabla_X C)V = -NA_V X - h(X, BV) \tag{2.27}$$

and for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ .

By using (2.25) and (2.26), we can easily to see that

$$g((\nabla_X N)Y, V) = -g(h(X, TY), V) + g(Ch(X, Y), V)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -g(A_v X, TY) - g(h(X, Y), CV) \\
&= g(TA_v X, Y) - g(A_{cv} X, Y) \\
&= g(TA_v X - A_{cv} X, Y) \\
&= -g(A_{cv} X - TA_v X, Y) = -g((\nabla_x B)V, Y)
\end{aligned}$$

thus we have

$$g((\nabla_x N)Y, V) = -g((\nabla_x B)V, Y). \quad (2.28)$$

Since  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ , making use of (2.5), (2.6), (2.7) and (2.13), we infer that

$$\nabla_x \xi = -TX, \quad h(X, \xi) = -NX, \quad A_v \xi = BV, \quad (2.29)$$

for all  $V \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$  and  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ .

**Definition 2.1** Let  $M$  be a submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold  $(\bar{M}, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ . Then  $M$  is said to be a contact slant submanifold if the angle  $\theta(X)$  between  $\varphi X$  and  $T_M(p)$  is constant at any point  $p \in M$  for any  $X$  linearly independent of  $\xi$ . Thus the invariant and anti-invariant submanifolds are special class of slant submanifolds with slant angles  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , respectively. If the slant angle  $\theta$  is neither zero nor  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , then slant submanifold is said to be proper contact slant submanifold. The slant submanifolds of an almost contact metric manifold, the following theorem is well known.[11]

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $M$  be a submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\xi \in \Gamma(TM)$ .  $M$  is a contact slant submanifold if and only if there exists a constant  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$T^2 = \lambda(-I + \eta \otimes \xi) \quad (2.30)$$

Furthermore, if  $\theta$  is slant angle of  $M$ , then it satisfies  $\lambda = \cos^2 \theta$  [3].

As a consequence of the above Theorem and (2.18), we have the following relations;

$$g(TX, TY) = \cos^2 \theta \{g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)\}, \quad (2.31)$$

$$g(NX, NY) = \sin^2 \theta \{g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)\}, \quad (2.32)$$

$$BN = \sin^2 \theta (-I + \eta \oplus \xi). \quad (2.33)$$

For a slant submanifold  $M$  of an almost contact metric manifold  $\bar{M}$ , the normal bundle  $T^\perp M$  of  $M$  is decomposable as

$$T^\perp M = N(TM) \oplus \mu,$$

where  $\mu$  is the invariant normal subbundle with respect to  $\varphi$ .

### 3. Some Result on Contact Pseudo-Slant Submanifolds of a Sasakian Manifold

In this section, we study contact pseudo-slant submanifolds in a Sasakian manifold and we give some characterization results.

**Definition 3.1** Let  $M$  be a submanifold of a Sasakian manifold  $\bar{M}(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ . We say that  $M$  is a contact pseudo-slant submanifold if there exists a pair of orthogonal distributions  $D^\theta$  and  $D^\perp$  on  $M$  such that

- i.) the distribution  $D^\perp$  is anti-invariant, i.e.,  $\varphi(D^\perp) \subseteq T^\perp M$ ,
- ii.) the distribution  $D^\theta$  is slant with slant angle  $\theta$ ,
- iii.) the tangent space  $TM$  admits the orthogonal direct decomposition

$$TM = D^\perp \oplus D^\theta, \quad \xi \in \Gamma(TM) \quad [10].$$

If we denote the dimensions of  $D^\perp$  and  $D^\theta$  by  $n$  and  $m$ , respectively, then we have the following possible cases;

- i.) if  $n = 0$ , then  $M$  is a slant submanifold,
- ii.) if  $m = 0$ , then  $M$  is an anti-invariant submanifold,
- iii.) if  $nm \neq 0$ ,  $\theta = 0$ , then  $M$  is a contact CR-submanifold.

For a pseudo-slant submanifold  $M$  of a Sasakian manifold  $\bar{M}$ , the normal bundle  $T^\perp M$  of a pseudo-slant submanifold  $M$  is decomposable as

$$T^\perp M = \varphi(D^\perp) \oplus N(D^\theta) \oplus \mu, \quad \varphi(D^\perp) \perp N(D^\theta). \quad (3.1)$$

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $M$  be a contact pseudo-slant submanifold of a Sasakian manifold  $\bar{M}$ . Then anti-invariant distribution  $D^\perp$  is always integrable.

**Proof** For any  $Y, Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$ , we have

$$\bar{\nabla}_Z \varphi Y = \varphi \bar{\nabla}_Z Y + g(Z, Y) \xi$$

$$-A_{NY} Z + \nabla_Z^\perp NY = T \nabla_Z Y + N \nabla_Z Y + Bh(Z, Y) + Ch(Z, Y) + g(Z, Y) \xi,$$

which implies that

$$-A_{NY} Z = T \nabla_Z Y + Bh(Y, Z) + g(Z, Y) \xi.$$

Thus we have

$$T[Y, Z] = A_{NZ} Y - A_{NY} Z. \quad (3.2)$$

Since the ambient manifold  $\bar{M}$  is Sasakian, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(A_{NZ}Y - A_{NY}Z, U) &= g(h(Y, U), NZ) - g(h(Z, U), NY) \\
 &= g(h(Y, U), NZ) - g(\bar{\nabla}_U Z, NY) \\
 &= g(h(Y, U), NZ) + g(\bar{\nabla}_U \phi Y, Z) \\
 &= g(h(Y, U), NZ) + g((\bar{\nabla}_U \phi)Y + \phi \bar{\nabla}_U Z, Z) \\
 &= g(h(Y, U), NZ) + g(\phi \bar{\nabla}_U Z, Z) \\
 &\quad + g(g(U, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)U, Z) \\
 &= g(h(Y, U), NZ) - g(\bar{\nabla}_U Y, \phi Z) \\
 &= g(h(Y, U), NZ) - g(h(U, Y), NZ) = 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

for any  $U \in \Gamma(TM)$ , that is,

$$A_{NZ}Y = A_{NY}Z. \tag{3.3}$$

From (3.2) and (3.3), we conclude that  $T[Y, Z] = 0$  i.e.,  $[Y, Z] \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$ . The proof is completes.

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $M$  be contact pseudo-slant submanifold of a Sasakian manifold  $\bar{M}$ . Then the slant distribution  $D^\theta$  is integrable if and only if

$$g(A_{CNY}Z + TA_{NZ}Y, X) = g(A_{CNX}Z + TA_{NZ}X, Y),$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(D^\theta)$  and  $Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$ .

**Proof** By using (2.2) and (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 g([X, Y], Z) &= g(\nabla_X Y, Z) - g(\nabla_Y X, Z) \\
 &= g(\bar{\nabla}_Y Z, X) - g(\bar{\nabla}_X Z, Y) \\
 &= g(\phi \bar{\nabla}_Y Z, \phi X) - g(\phi \bar{\nabla}_X Z, \phi Y) \\
 &= g(\bar{\nabla}_Y \phi Z - (\bar{\nabla}_Y \phi)Z, \phi X) - g(\bar{\nabla}_X \phi Z - (\bar{\nabla}_X \phi)Z, \phi Y) \\
 &= g(\bar{\nabla}_Y \phi Z, \phi X) - g(g(Y, Z)\xi + \eta(Z)Y, \phi X) \\
 &\quad - g(\bar{\nabla}_X \phi Z, \phi Y) + g(g(X, Z)\xi + \eta(Z)X, \phi Y).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from the equations numbered (2.5), (2.6), (2.7), (2.13) and (2.33)

$$\begin{aligned}
g([X, Y], Z) &= g(\bar{\nabla}_Y \varphi Z, TX) + g(\bar{\nabla}_Y \varphi Z, NX) - g(\bar{\nabla}_X \varphi Z, TY) - g(\bar{\nabla}_X \varphi Z, NY) \\
&= -g(A_{\varphi Z} TX, Y) + g(A_{\varphi Z} TY, X) + g(\bar{\nabla}_Z X, \varphi NY) - g(\bar{\nabla}_Y Z, \varphi NX) \\
&= g(A_{\varphi Z} TY, X) - g(A_{\varphi Z} TX, Y) + g(\nabla_X Z, BNY) - g(\nabla_Y Z, BNX) \\
&\quad + g(\bar{\nabla}_X Z, CNY) - g(\bar{\nabla}_Y Z, CNX) \\
&= g(A_{\varphi Z} TY + TA_{\varphi Z} Y, X) - \sin^2 \theta g(\nabla_X Z, Y) \\
&\quad + \sin^2 \theta g(\nabla_Y Z, X) + g(h(X, Z), CNY) - g(h(Y, Z), CNX) \\
&= g(TA_{\varphi Z} Y + A_{\varphi Z} TY, X) + \sin^2 \theta g([X, Y], Z) + g(A_{CNY} X - A_{CNX} Y, Z),
\end{aligned}$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(D^\theta)$  and  $Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$ . Consequently, we reach at

$$\cos^2 \theta g([X, Y], Z) = g(TA_{\varphi Z} Y + A_{\varphi Z} TY, X) + g(A_{CNY} X - A_{CNX} Y, Z),$$

which proves our assertion.

**Definition 3.4** Let  $M$  be a contact pseudo-slant submanifold of a Sasakian manifold  $\bar{M}$ .  $M$  is said to be contact pseudo-slant product if the distributions  $D^\perp$  and  $D^\theta$  are totally geodesic in  $M$ .

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $M$  be a proper contact pseudo-slant submanifold of a Sasakian manifold  $\bar{M}$ . If the tensor field  $N$  is parallel, then  $M$  is a contact pseudo-slant product.

**Proof**  $N$  is parallel if and only if  $B$  is parallel, from (2.28) and (2.26), we have

$$A_{CV} X - TA_V X = 0 \tag{3.4}$$

taking  $V = NZ$  in equation (3.4) and from (2.18), we get

$$TA_{NZ} X = 0, \quad X \in \Gamma(TM), \quad Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp).$$

This implies that  $A_{\varphi Z} X \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$  and  $Bh(X, Z) = 0$ . The proof is completes.

**Theorem 3.6** Let  $M$  be a contact pseudo-slant submanifold of a Sasakian space form  $\bar{M}(c)$ .  $M$  is either anti-invariant submanifold or  $\bar{M}$  is flat if  $N$  is parallel.

**Proof** Since  $N$  is parallel, we can easily to see that

$$h(TX, Y) = Ch(X, Y) = h(X, TY),$$

Thus we have

$$g(h(TX, Y), V) = g(h(X, TY), V) = g(A_V TX, Y) = g(A_V X, TY) = -g(TA_V X, Y)$$



which is equivalent to

$$TA_V X + A_V TX = 0, \quad (3.5)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ . From (3.5), we have

$$g(A_V TX, BU) = g(A_V X, TBU) = -g(A_V X, BCU) = -g(NA_V X, CU) = 0, \quad (3.6)$$

for any vector fields  $U, V$  normal to  $M$ . Taking the covariant derivative of (3.6), for  $Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , we obtain

$$g(\bar{\nabla}_Y A_V TX, BU) + g(A_V TX, \bar{\nabla}_Y BU) = 0.$$

This means that

$$0 = g((\nabla_Y A)_V TX + A_{\nabla_Y V} TX + A_V \nabla_Y TX, BU) + g(A_V TX, (\nabla_Y B)U + B\nabla_Y^\perp U).$$

Taking into account (2.28) and (3.6), we reach at

$$g((\nabla_Y A)_V TX + A_V \{(\nabla_Y T)X + T\nabla_Y X\}, BU) = 0,$$

from which

$$g((\nabla_Y A)_V TX, BU) + g(A_V \{A_{NX} Y + Bh(X, Y) + g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(X)Y\}, BU) = 0,$$

or,

$$g((\nabla_Y A)_V TX, BU) + g(A_V BU, A_{NX} Y) + g(A_V BU, Bh(X, Y)) = 0.$$

This implies that

$$g((\nabla_{TY} h)(TX, BU), V) = g((\nabla_{TY} A)_V TX, BU) = -g(A_V BU, A_{NX} TY) - g(A_V BU, Bh(TY, X)).$$

Thus we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} g((\nabla_{TX} h)(TY, BU) - (\nabla_{TY} h)(TX, BU), V) &= g(A_V BU, A_{NX} TY) \\ &\quad - g(A_V BU, A_{NY} TX) \\ &= g(A_V BU, A_{NX} TY - TA_{NY} X) \\ &= g(A_V A_{NX} TY, BU) \\ &\quad - g(A_V TA_{NY} X, BU) \\ &= g(A_V TA_{NX} Y, BU) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

On the other hand, from the Codazzi equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 g((\nabla_{TX}h)(TY, BU) - (\nabla_{TY}h)(TX, BU), V) &= \left(\frac{c-1}{4}\right)\{g(T^2Y, BV)g(NX, U) \\
 &\quad - g(T^2X, BV)g(NY, U) \\
 &\quad + 2g(TX, T^2Y)g(NBV, U)\} \\
 &= -\cos^2\theta\left(\frac{c-1}{4}\right)\{g(Y, BV)g(NX, U) \\
 &\quad - g(X, BV)g(NY, U) \\
 &\quad + 2g(TX, Y)g(NBV, U)\}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.8}$$

In (3.8), taking  $X, Y \in \Gamma(D^\theta)$  and  $U = V = NZ \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$  for  $Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$ , and corresponding (3.7) and (3.8), we get

$$\cos^2\theta\left(\frac{c-1}{2}\right)g(TX, Y)g(Z, Z) = 0.$$

This proves our assertion.

**Example 3.9** Let  $M$  be a submanifold of  $\mathbf{R}^9$  defined by the following equation

$$\chi(u, v, w, t, z) = (3u \sin \alpha, -v \cos \alpha, -2u \sin \alpha, v \cos \alpha, -w \cos t, \cos t, w \sin t, -\sin t, z).$$

We can easily to see that the tangent bundle of  $M$  is spanned by the tangent vectors

$$\begin{aligned}
 e_1 &= 3 \sin \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} - 2 \sin \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, e_2 = -\cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} + \cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}, e_5 = \xi = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}. \\
 e_3 &= -\cos t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + \sin t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4}, e_4 = w \sin t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} - \sin t \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} + w \cos t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4} - \cos t \frac{\partial}{\partial y_4}.
 \end{aligned}$$

For the almost contact metric structure  $\varphi$  of  $\mathbf{R}^9$ , whose coordinate systems  $(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, x_3, y_3, x_4, y_4, z)$ , choosing

$$\varphi\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}, \varphi\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}\right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, 1 \leq i, j \leq 4$$

then we have

$$\varphi e_1 = 3 \sin \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} - 2 \sin \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}, \varphi e_2 = \cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} - \cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \varphi e_3 = -\cos t \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} + \sin t \frac{\partial}{\partial y_4},$$

and

$$\varphi e_4 = w \sin t \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} + \sin t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + w \cos t \frac{\partial}{\partial y_4} + \cos t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4}.$$

By direct calculations, we can infer  $D_\theta = \text{span}\{e_1, e_2\}$  is a slant distribution with slant angle

$$\cos \theta = \frac{g(e_1, \varphi e_2)}{\|e_1\| \|\varphi e_2\|} = \frac{5 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\sqrt{13 \sin^2 \theta} \sqrt{2 \cos^2 \theta}} = \frac{5\sqrt{26}}{26} \quad \theta = \arccos\left(\frac{5\sqrt{26}}{26}\right).$$

Since  $g(\varphi e_3, e_i) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 4, 5$   
and  $(\varphi e_4, e_j) = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, 3, 5$  are orthogonal to  $M$ ,  $D^\perp = \text{span}\{e_3, e_4, e_5\}$  is an anti-invariant distribution. Thus  $M$  is a 5-dimensional proper contact pseudo-slant submanifold of  $\mathbf{R}^9$  with its usual almost contact metric structure.

### Conclusions and Remarks

In this paper, we study geometry of the contact pseudo-slant submanifolds of a Sasakian manifold. We derive the integrability conditions of distributions in the definition of a contact pseudo-slant submanifold. The notions contact pseudo-slant product is defined and the necessary and sufficient conditions for a submanifold to be contact pseudo-slant product is given. Also, a non-trivial example is used to demonstrate that the method presented in this paper is effective. It is well known that open problems are so interesting in this area, especially for almost contact structures.

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