

CERTAIN CLASS OF CONTACT CR -SUBMANIFOLDS OF AN ODD-DIMENSIONAL UNIT SPHERE

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Abstract. In this paper we investigate $(n + 1)(n \geq 5)$ -dimensional contact CR -submanifolds M of $(n - 1)$ contact CR -dimension in a $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional unit sphere S^{2m+1} which satisfy the condition $h(FX, Y) - h(X, FY) = g(FX, Y)\zeta$ for a normal vector field ζ to M , where h and F denote the second fundamental form and a skew-symmetric endomorphism (defined by (2.3)) acting on tangent space of M , respectively.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let S^{2m+1} be a $(2m + 1)$ -unit sphere in the complex $(m + 1)$ -space \mathbb{C}^{m+1} , i.e.,

$$S^{2m+1} := \{(z_1, \dots, z_{m+1}) \in \mathbb{C}^{m+1} \mid \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} |z_j|^2 = 1\}.$$

For any point $z \in S^{2m+1}$ we put $\xi = Jz$, where J denotes the complex structure of \mathbb{C}^{m+1} . Denoting by π the orthogonal projection $: T_z\mathbb{C}^{m+1} \rightarrow T_zS^{2m+1}$ and putting $\phi = \pi \circ J$, we can see that the set (ϕ, ξ, η, g) defines a Sasakian structure on S^{2m+1} , where g is the standard metric on S^{2m+1} induced from that of \mathbb{C}^{m+1} and η is a 1-form dual to ξ . Hence S^{2m+1} can be considered as a Sasakian manifold of constant curvature 1 (cf. [1, 2, 10]).

Let M be an $(n + 1)$ -dimensional submanifold tangent to the structure vector field ξ of S^{2m+1} and denote by \mathcal{D}_x the ϕ -invariant subspace $T_xM \cap \phi T_xM$ of the tangent space T_xM of M at $x \in M$. Then ξ cannot be contained in \mathcal{D}_x at any point

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$x \in M$ (cf. [5]). Thus the assumption $\dim \mathcal{D}_x^\perp$ being constant and equal to 2 at each point $x \in M$ yields that M can be dealt with a contact CR -submanifold in the sense of Yano-Kon (cf. [1,10]), where \mathcal{D}_x^\perp denotes the complementary orthogonal subspace to \mathcal{D}_x in $T_x M$. In fact, if there exists a non-zero vector U which is orthogonal to ξ and contained in \mathcal{D}_x^\perp , then $N := \phi U$ must be normal to M . In particular we can easily see that real hypersurfaces tangent to ξ of S^{2m+1} are typical examples of such submanifolds.

On the other hand, in [7] Nakagawa and Yokote have studied real hypersurfaces M of S^{2m+1} which satisfy the condition

$$AF + FA = \rho F$$

for a function ρ and determined such submanifolds under the additional condition that the scalar curvature is constant, where F denotes a skew-symmetric endomorphism induced from ϕ acting on the tangent bundle TM and A the shape operator of M (see also [10, Theorem 6.2, p.196]).

In this paper we study contact CR -submanifolds M of maximal contact CR -dimension in S^{2m+1} , namely, those with $\dim \mathcal{D}_x = n - 1$ at each point $x \in M$ and investigate such submanifolds under the condition

$$h(FX, Y) - h(X, FY) = g(FX, Y)\zeta$$

for a normal vector field ζ to M , where F is a skew-symmetric endomorphism given by (2.3) acting on TM and h the second fundamental form on M .

Manifolds, submanifolds, geometric objects and mappings we discuss in this paper will be assumed to be connected, differentiable and of class C^∞ .

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2. FUNDAMENTAL PROPERTIES OF CONTACT CR -SUBMANIFOLDS

Let \overline{M} be a $(2m+1)$ -dimensional almost contact metric manifold with structure (ϕ, ξ, η, g) . By definition it follows that

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \phi^2 X &= -X + \eta(X)\xi, & \phi\xi &= 0, & \eta(\phi X) &= 0, & \eta(\xi) &= 1, \\ g(\phi X, \phi Y) &= g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), & \eta(X) &= g(X, \xi) \end{aligned}$$

for any tangent vector fields X, Y to \overline{M} (cf. [1, 10]).

Let M be an $(n+1)$ -dimensional submanifold tangent to the structure vector field ξ of \overline{M} . If the ϕ -invariant subspace \mathcal{D}_x has constant dimension for any $x \in M$, then M is called a *contact CR -submanifold* and the constant is called *contact CR -dimension* of M (cf. [1, 5, 6, 8]).

From now on we assume that M is a contact CR -submanifold of $(n-1)$ contact CR -dimension in \overline{M} , where $n-1$ must be even. Then, as already mentioned in the previous section, the structure vector ξ is always contained in \mathcal{D}_x^\perp and $\phi\mathcal{D}_x^\perp \subset T_xM^\perp$ at any point $x \in M$. Further, by definition we can see that $\dim\mathcal{D}_x^\perp = 2$ at any point $x \in M$, and thus there exists a unit vector field U contained in \mathcal{D}^\perp which is orthogonal to ξ . Since $\phi\mathcal{D}^\perp \subset TM^\perp$, ϕU is a unit normal vector field to M , which will be denoted by N , that is,

$$(2.2) \quad N := \phi U.$$

Moreover, it is clear that $\phi TM \subset TM \oplus \text{Span}\{N\}$. Hence we have, for any tangent vector field X and for a local orthonormal basis $\{N_\alpha\}_{\alpha=1,\dots,p}$ ($N_1 := N$, $p := 2m-n$) of normal vectors to M , the following decomposition in tangential and normal components:

$$(2.3) \quad \phi X = FX + u(X)N,$$

$$(2.4) \quad \phi N_\alpha = \sum_{\beta=2}^p P_{\alpha\beta}N_\beta, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p.$$

It is easily shown that F is a skew-symmetric endomorphism acting on T_xM and $P_{\alpha\beta} = -P_{\beta\alpha}$. Since the structure vector field ξ is tangent to M , (2.1), (2.2) and (2.3) imply

$$(2.5) \quad F\xi = 0, \quad FU = 0, \quad u(X) = g(U, X), \quad u(\xi) = g(U, \xi) = \eta(U) = 0,$$

Next, applying ϕ to (2.3) and using (2.1), (2.2), (2.3) and (2.5), we also have

$$(2.6) \quad F^2X = -X + u(X)U + \eta(X)\xi, \quad u(FX) = 0.$$

On the other hand, it is clear from (2.1) and (2.5) that

$$(2.7) \quad \phi N = -U,$$

which combined with (2.4) yields the existence of a local orthonormal basis $\{N, N_a, N_{a^*}\}_{a=1,\dots,q}$ of normal vectors to M such that

$$(2.8) \quad N_{a^*} := \phi N_a, \quad a = 1, \dots, q := (p-1)/2.$$

We denote by $\overline{\nabla}$ and ∇ the Levi-Civita connection on \overline{M} and M , respectively, and by ∇^\perp the normal connection induced from $\overline{\nabla}$ in the normal bundle TM^\perp of M . Then Gauss and Weingarten formulae are given by

$$(2.9) \quad \overline{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y),$$

$$(2.10) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X N = -AX + \nabla_X^\perp N = -AX + \sum_{a=1}^q \{s_a(X)N_a + s_{a^*}(X)N_{a^*}\},$$

$$(2.11) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X N_a = -A_a X - s_a(X)N + \sum_{b=1}^q \{s_{ab}(X)N_b + s_{ab^*}(X)N_{b^*}\},$$

$$(2.12) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X N_{a^*} = -A_{a^*} X - s_{a^*}(X)N + \sum_{b=1}^q \{s_{a^*b}(X)N_b + s_{a^*b^*}(X)N_{b^*}\}$$

for any tangent vector fields X, Y to M , where s 's are coefficients of the normal connection ∇^\perp . Here and in the sequel h denotes the second fundamental form and A, A_a, A_{a^*} the shape operators corresponding to the normals N, N_a, N_{a^*} , respectively. They are related by

$$(2.13) \quad h(X, Y) = g(AX, Y)N + \sum_{a=1}^q \{g(A_a X, Y)N_a + g(A_{a^*} X, Y)N_{a^*}\}.$$

From now on we specialize to the case of an ambient Sasakian manifold \bar{M} , that is,

$$(2.14) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X \xi = \phi X,$$

$$(2.15) \quad (\bar{\nabla}_X \phi)Y = -g(X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)X.$$

Since the structure vector ξ is tangent to M , it follows from (2.1), (2.3), (2.7), (2.8), (2.11), (2.12) and (2.15) that

$$(2.16) \quad A_a X = -FA_{a^*} X + s_{a^*}(X)U, \quad A_{a^*} X = FA_a X - s_a(X)U,$$

$$(2.17) \quad s_a(X) = -u(A_{a^*} X), \quad s_{a^*}(X) = u(A_a X).$$

Moreover, since F is skew-symmetric, (2.16) implies

$$(2.18) \quad g((FA_a + A_a F)X, Y) = s_a(X)u(Y) - s_a(Y)u(X),$$

$$(2.19) \quad g((FA_{a^*} + A_{a^*} F)X, Y) = s_{a^*}(X)u(Y) - s_{a^*}(Y)u(X).$$

Differentiating (2.3) and (2.7) covariantly and comparing the tangential and normal parts, we have

$$(2.20) \quad (\nabla_Y F)X = -g(Y, X)\xi + \eta(X)Y - g(AY, X)U + u(X)AY,$$

$$(2.21) \quad \nabla_X U = FAX, \quad (\nabla_Y u)X = g(FAY, X),$$

where we have used (2.3), (2.7), (2.8), (2.9), (2.10), (2.13) and (2.15).

On the other hand, since ξ is tangent to M , (2.14) combined with (2.9) and (2.13) yields

$$(2.22) \quad \nabla_X \xi = FX, \quad (\nabla_X \eta)Y = g(FX, Y)$$

$$(2.23) \quad \eta(AX) = g(A\xi, X) = u(X), \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad A\xi = U,$$

$$(2.24) \quad A_a \xi = 0, \quad A_{a^*} \xi = 0, \quad a = 2, \dots, q.$$

If the ambient manifold \overline{M} is a $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional unit sphere S^{2m+1} , then its curvature tensor \overline{R} satisfies

$$\overline{R}(X, Y)Z = g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y$$

for tangent vector fields X, Y, Z to \overline{M} . In this case, from (2.3) and (2.4), we can see that the equations of Codazzi and Ricci imply

$$(2.25) \quad (\nabla_X A)Y - (\nabla_Y A)X = \sum_{a=1}^q \{s_a(X)A_a Y - s_a(Y)A_a X + s_{a^*}(X)A_{a^*} Y - s_{a^*}(Y)A_{a^*} X\},$$

$$(2.26) \quad (\nabla_X A_a)Y - (\nabla_Y A_a)X = s_a(Y)AX - s_a(X)AY + \sum_{b=1}^q \{s_{ab}(X)A_b Y - s_{ab}(Y)A_b X + s_{ab^*}(X)A_{b^*} Y - s_{ab^*}(Y)A_{b^*} X\},$$

$$(2.27) \quad (\nabla_X A_{a^*})Y - (\nabla_Y A_{a^*})X = s_{a^*}(Y)AX - s_{a^*}(X)AY + \sum_{b=1}^q \{s_{a^*b}(X)A_b Y - s_{a^*b}(Y)A_b X + s_{a^*b^*}(X)A_{b^*} Y - s_{a^*b^*}(Y)A_{b^*} X\},$$

$$(2.28) \quad g(R^\perp(X, Y)N, N_\alpha) + g([A_\alpha, A]X, Y) = 0, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p$$

for any vector fields X, Y tangent to M , where R and R^\perp denote the Riemannian curvature tensor and the normal curvature tensor of M , respectively(cf. [1, 2, 10]).

3. SOME LEMMAS

Let M be an $(n + 1)$ -dimensional contact CR -submanifold of $(n - 1)$ contact CR -dimension immersed in S^{2m+1} which is considered as a Sasakian manifold of constant curvature 1 and let us use the same notations as stated in the previous section.

We assume that the equality

$$(3.1) \quad h(FX, Y) - h(X, FY) = g(FX, Y)\zeta$$

holds on M for a normal vector field ζ to M . We also use the orthonormal basis (2.8) of normal vectors to M and set

$$\zeta = \rho N + \sum_{a=1}^q (\rho_a N_a + \rho_{a^*} N_{a^*}).$$

Then by means of (2.13) the condition (3.1) is equivalent to

$$(3.2) \quad (AF + FA)X = \rho FX,$$

$$(3.3) \quad (A_a F + F A_a)X = \rho_a FX, \quad (A_{a^*} F + F A_{a^*})X = \rho_{a^*} FX$$

for all $a = 1, \dots, q$. Moreover, the last two equations combined with (2.18) and (2.19) yield

$$(3.3) \quad s_a(X)u(Y) - s_a(Y)u(X) = \rho_a g(FX, Y),$$

$$(3.4) \quad s_{a^*}(X)u(Y) - s_{a^*}(Y)u(X) = \rho_{a^*} g(FX, Y),$$

from which, putting $Y = U$ and $Y = \xi$ into (3.4), respectively, and using (2.5), we obtain

$$(3.5) \quad s_a(X) = s_a(U)u(X), \quad s_{a^*}(X) = s_{a^*}(U)u(X),$$

$$(3.6) \quad s_a(\xi) = 0, \quad s_{a^*}(\xi) = 0, \quad a = 1, \dots, q.$$

Substituting (3.5) into (3.4), we have

$$(3.7) \quad \rho_a = 0, \quad \rho_{a^*} = 0, \quad a = 1, \dots, q$$

and consequently

$$(3.8) \quad FA_a + A_aF = 0, \quad FA_{a^*} + A_{a^*}F = 0, \quad a = 1, \dots, q$$

with the aid of (3.3)

As a direct consequence of (3.2) and (3.8), it follows from (2.5), (2.6), (2.17), (2.23) and (2.24) that

$$(3.9) \quad AU = \lambda U + \xi, \quad \lambda := u(AU)$$

and, for $a = 1, \dots, q$,

$$(3.10) \quad A_aU = u(A_aU)U = s_{a^*}(U)U, \quad A_{a^*}U = u(A_{a^*}U)U = -s_a(U)U.$$

Inserting FX into (3.2) instead of X and using (2.6), (2.23) and (3.9), we have

$$(3.11) \quad -AX + \{(\lambda - \rho)u(X) + \eta(X)\}U + \{u(X) - \rho\eta(X)\}\xi + FAFX = -\rho X.$$

On the other hand, $F\mathcal{D}_x = \mathcal{D}_x$ at each point $x \in M$, and thus there exists a local orthonormal basis $\{E_\kappa\}_{\kappa=1, \dots, n+1} := \{E_i, E_{i^*}, U, \xi\}_{i=1, \dots, l}$ of tangent vectors to M such that

$$(3.12) \quad E_{i^*} = FE_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, l := (n - 1)/2$$

Taking the trace of the both side of (3.11) by using this orthonormal basis, we have

$$(3.13) \quad trA = \lambda + \rho(n - 1)/2.$$

because of $\sum_{i=1}^l \{g(FAFE_i, E_i) + g(FAFE_{i^*}, E_{i^*})\} = -trA + \lambda$.

Differentiating (3.9) covariantly and using (2.21), (2.22) and the symmetry of A , we can easily show that

$$g((\nabla_X A)Y, U) + g(FAX, AY) = (X\lambda)u(Y) + \lambda g(FAX, Y) + g(FX, Y),$$

from which, taking the skew-symmetric part and substituting (2.25) into the equation thus obtained,

$$(3.14) \quad -(2 + \lambda\rho)g(FX, Y) + 2g(FAX, AY) = (X\lambda)u(Y) - (Y\lambda)u(X)$$

with the help of (2.17), (3.2) and (3.5). Putting $Y = U$ into (3.14) and using (2.5) and (3.9), we have

$$(3.15) \quad (X\lambda) = (U\lambda)u(X),$$

which together with (3.2) and (3.14) implies

$$-(2 + \lambda\rho)FX + 2(\rho FAX - FA^2X) = 0.$$

Applying F to this equation and using (2.5), (2.6), (2.23) and (3.9), we can easily obtain

$$(3.16) \quad \begin{aligned} & 2A^2X - 2\rho AX + (2 + \lambda\rho)X \\ & + \{(\lambda\rho - 2\lambda^2 - 4)u(X) + 2(\rho - \lambda)\eta(X)\}U \\ & + \{2(\rho - \lambda)u(X) - (\lambda\rho + 4)\eta(X)\}\xi = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and thus, it is clear that, at a point $x \in M$ with $\rho(x) = 0$,

$$A^2X + X - \{(\lambda^2 + 2)u(X) + \lambda\eta(X)\}U - \{\lambda u(X) + 2\eta(X)\}\xi = 0.$$

Therefore, the eigenvalue ν corresponding to an eigenvector of A , orthogonal to U and ξ , satisfies $\nu^2 + 1 = 0$ which is a contradiction because A is a real symmetric tensor.

Thus we have

Remark. The function ρ given by (3.2) takes a value zero nowhere.

Now we prepare some lemmas for later use.

Lemma 3.1. *Let M be an $(n+1)$ ($n \geq 3$)-dimensional contact CR-submanifold of $(n-1)$ contact CR-dimension in S^{2m+1} . If the equality (3.1) holds on M for a normal vector field ζ to M , then λ determined by (3.9) is constant. Moreover,*

$$(3.17) \quad A(\mu_1U + \xi) = \mu_1(\mu_1U + \xi), \quad A(\mu_2U + \xi) = \mu_2(\mu_2U + \xi),$$

where μ_i ($i = 1, 2$) denote the solutions of the quadratic equation

$$(3.18) \quad \mu^2 - \lambda\mu - 1 = 0.$$

Proof. Tentatively we denote by $\beta := U\lambda$ in (3.15) and differentiate the equation thus obtained covariantly. Then, from (2.5), (2.21) and (3.2), we have

$$(Y\beta)u(X) - (X\beta)u(Y) + \beta\rho g(FY, X) = 0,$$

from which, putting $Y = U$ and using (2.5), it follows that $(X\beta) = (U\beta)u(X)$ and so

$$\beta\rho g(FY, X) = 0.$$

As already shown in the above remark, ρ is nowhere vanishing and consequently $\beta = 0$, which together with (3.15) implies that λ is constant. The last assertion (3.17) can be easily obtained from (2.23), (3.9) and (3.18). ■

Differentiating (3.2) covariantly and using (2.20), (2.23), (3.2) and (3.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla_X A)FY + F(\nabla_X A)Y + u(Y)A^2X + \{(\lambda - \rho)u(Y) + 2\eta(Y)\}AX \\ & + \{u(Y) - \rho\eta(Y)\}X - \{g(X, Y) + (\lambda - \rho)g(AX, Y) + g(AX, AY)\}U \\ & - \{2g(AX, Y) - \rho g(X, Y)\}\xi = (X\rho)FY, \end{aligned}$$

from which, using (2.5) and the orthonormal basis given by (3.12),

$$\begin{aligned} (3.19) \quad & \sum_{\kappa=1}^{n+1} g((\nabla_{E_\kappa} A)FY, E_\kappa) - \sum_{i=1}^l g((\nabla_{E_i} A)FE_i - (\nabla_{FE_i} A)E_i, Y) \\ & + \text{tr}A^2u(Y) + \text{tr}A\{(\lambda - \rho)u(Y) + 2\eta(Y)\} + n\{u(Y) - \rho\eta(Y)\} \\ & - (\lambda - \rho)u(AY) - u(A^2Y) - 2\eta(AY) = (FY)\rho. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, using (2.5), (2.17), (2.25) and (3.5), we have

$$\sum_{\kappa=1}^{n+1} g((\nabla_{E_\kappa} A)FY, E_\kappa) = \sum_{\kappa=1}^{n+1} g((\nabla_{FY} A)E_\kappa, E_\kappa)$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^l g((\nabla_{E_i} A)FE_i - (\nabla_{FE_i} A)E_i, Y) = 0.$$

Moreover, taking the trace of (3.16) with respect to the orthonormal basis (3.12) and using (2.23), (3.9) and (3.13), we can find

$$\text{tr}A^2 = (n - 1)\rho(\rho - \lambda)/2 + \lambda^2 - n + 3.$$

Substituting these equations into (3.19) and taking account of (2.23), (3.9), (3.13), (3.16) and Lemma 3.1, we can see that

$$(n - 3)(FY)\rho = 0,$$

which together with (2.6) implies

$$(3.20) \quad (n - 3)\{Y\rho - u(Y)U\rho - \eta(Y)\xi\rho\} = 0.$$

Thus we have

Lemma 3.2. *Let M be an $(n+1)(n \geq 5)$ -dimensional contact CR-submanifold of $(n-1)$ contact CR-dimension in S^{2m+1} . If the equality (3.1) holds on M for a normal vector field ζ to M , then the function ρ determined by (3.2) is a non-zero constant.*

Proof. Differentiating (3.20) covariantly and using (2.21), (2.22) and (3.2), we can easily obtain

$$(X\alpha)u(Y) - (Y\alpha)u(X) + (X\beta)\eta(Y) - (Y\beta)\eta(X) + (\alpha\rho + 2\beta)g(FX, Y) = 0,$$

where we have put $\alpha := U\rho$ and $\beta := \xi\rho$. Putting $X = U$ and $Y = \xi$ into this equation, respectively, and using (2.5), we obtain

$$X\alpha = (U\alpha)u(X) + (U\beta)\eta(X), \quad X\beta = (\xi\alpha)u(X) + (\xi\beta)\eta(X)$$

and consequently

$$(U\beta)\{\eta(X)u(Y) - \eta(Y)u(X)\} + (\xi\alpha)\{u(X)\eta(Y) - u(Y)\eta(X)\} \\ + (\alpha\rho + 2\beta)g(FX, Y) = 0.$$

Putting $X = \xi$ and $Y = U$ into the last equation and using (2.1) and (2.5), we have $U\beta = \xi\alpha$ and so

$$(3.21) \quad \alpha\rho + 2\beta = 0.$$

On the other hand, differentiating (2.23) covariantly and using (2.21), (2.22) and (3.2), we have

$$g((\nabla_X A)\xi, Y) = g(2FAX - \rho FX, Y),$$

which together with (2.24), (2.25) and (3.6) implies

$$g((\nabla_\xi A)X, Y) = g(2FAX - \rho FX, Y).$$

Taking the trace of the last equation with respect to the basis (3.12) and using (2.5) and (3.2), we obtain

$$\sum_{\kappa=1}^{n+1} g((\nabla_\xi A)E_\kappa, E_\kappa) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^l \{g(FAE_i, E_i) + g(FAFE_i, FE_i)\} \\ = 2 \sum_{i=1}^l \{-g(AE_i, FE_i) + g(AFE_i, E_i)\} = 0,$$

and thus $\xi(\text{tr} A) = 0$, which combined with Lemma 3.1 yields $\beta = \xi\rho = 0$. Therefore we can see from (3.21) that $\alpha\rho = 0$ and consequently $\alpha = 0$ because

ρ takes a value zero nowhere. Hence (3.20) with $\alpha = \beta = 0$ implies that ρ is constant. ■

Finally, differentiating the first equation of (3.10) covariantly and using (2.21), we have

$$g((\nabla_X A_a)Y, U) + g(A_a F A X, Y) = X(s_{a^*}(U))u(Y) + s_{a^*}(U)g(F A X, Y),$$

from which, taking the skew-symmetric part with respect to X and Y and using (2.26), (3.2), (3.5), (3.9) and (3.10), the last equation turns out to be

$$\begin{aligned} & s_a(U)u(Y)\eta(X) - s_a(U)u(X)\eta(Y) + \sum_{b=1}^q \{s_{ab}(X)s_{b^*}(U)u(Y) \\ (3.22) \quad & -s_{ab}(Y)s_{b^*}(U)u(X) - s_{ab^*}(X)s_b(U)u(Y) + s_{ab^*}(Y)s_b(U)u(X)\} \\ & + g(A_a F A X, Y) - g(A_a F A Y, X) \\ & = X(s_{a^*}(U))u(Y) - Y(s_{a^*}(U))u(X) + \rho s_{a^*}(U)g(F X, Y). \end{aligned}$$

Taking $Y = U$ in (3.22) and using (2.5), (3.9) and (3.10), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} X(s_{a^*}(U)) &= U(s_{a^*}(U))u(X) + s_a(U)\eta(X) + \sum_{b=1}^q [s_{ab}(X)s_{b^*}(U) \\ & - s_{ab^*}(X)s_b(U) - u(X)\{s_{ab}(U)s_{b^*}(U) - s_{ab^*}(U)s_b(U)\}]. \end{aligned}$$

Inserting the last equation back into (3.22) and using (3.2) and (3.8), we have

$$-g(F A_a A X, Y) - g(F A A_a X, Y) + \rho g(F A_a X, Y) = \rho s_{a^*}(U)g(F X, Y).$$

Replacing Y by $F Y$ in the last equation and using (2.6), we can easily obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (3.23) \quad & g((A_a A + A A_a)X, Y) = 2\lambda s_{a^*}(U)u(X)u(Y) + s_{a^*}(U)\{\eta(X)u(Y) \\ & + u(X)\eta(Y)\} + \rho\{g(A_a X, Y) - s_{a^*}(U)g(X, Y) + s_{a^*}(U)\eta(X)\eta(Y)\}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used

$$\begin{aligned} u(A_a A X) &= s_{a^*}(U)\{\lambda u(X) + \eta(X)\}, & u(A A_a X) &= \lambda s_{a^*}(U)u(X), \\ \eta(A A_a X) &= s_{a^*}(U)u(X) \end{aligned}$$

which are direct consequences of (2.23), (2.24), (3.5), (3.9) and (3.10).

On the other hand, taking account of (2.10) – (2.12), we can easily see that

$$\begin{aligned} g(R^\perp(X, Y)N, N_c) &= (\nabla_X s_c)Y - (\nabla_Y s_c)X + \sum_{a=1}^q \{s_a(Y)s_{ac}(X) \\ & - s_a(X)s_{ac}(Y) + s_{a^*}(Y)s_{a^*c}(X) - s_{a^*}(X)s_{a^*c}(Y)\}, \end{aligned}$$

which combined with (2.28) yields

$$(3.24) \quad \begin{aligned} &g(A_cAX, Y) - g(AA_cX, Y) + (\nabla_X s_c)Y - (\nabla_Y s_c)X \\ &+ \sum_{a=1}^q \{s_a(Y)s_{ac}(X) - s_a(X)s_{ac}(Y) \\ &+ s_{a^*}(Y)s_{a^*c}(X) - s_{a^*}(X)s_{a^*c}(Y)\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

As a direct consequence of (3.5), we have

$$(\nabla_X s_a)Y - (\nabla_Y s_a)X = X(s_a(U))u(Y) - Y(s_a(U))u(X) + \rho s_a(U)g(FX, Y),$$

and consequently (3.24) reduces to

$$(3.25) \quad \begin{aligned} &g(A_aAX, Y) - g(AA_aX, Y) + X(s_a(U))u(Y) - Y(s_a(U))u(X) \\ &+ \rho g(FX, Y)s_a(U) + \sum_{b=1}^q \{s_b(Y)s_{ba}(X) - s_b(X)s_{ba}(Y) \\ &+ s_{b^*}(Y)s_{b^*a}(X) - s_{b^*}(X)s_{b^*a}(Y)\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Taking $Y = U$ in (3.25) and using (2.5), (2.24), (3.5), (3.9) and (3.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} X(s_a(U))u(Y) &= U(s_a(U))u(X)u(Y) - s_{a^*}(U)\eta(X)u(Y) \\ &\quad - \sum_{b=1}^q \{s_b(Y)s_{ba}(X) + s_{b^*}(Y)s_{b^*a}(X) \\ &\quad - s_b(U)s_{ba}(U)u(X)u(Y) - s_{b^*}(U)s_{b^*a}(U)u(X)u(Y)\}, \end{aligned}$$

which together with (3.25) implies

$$(3.26) \quad \begin{aligned} &g(A_aAX, Y) - g(AA_aX, Y) \\ &= s_{a^*}(U)\{\eta(X)u(Y) - \eta(Y)u(X)\} - \rho s_a(U)g(FX, Y). \end{aligned}$$

Adding (3.23) and (3.26), we obtain

$$(3.27) \quad \begin{aligned} &2g(A_aAX, Y) = 2\lambda s_{a^*}(U)u(X)u(Y) + 2s_{a^*}(U)\eta(X)u(Y) \\ &+ \rho\{g(A_aAX, Y) - s_{a^*}(U)g(X, Y) + s_{a^*}(U)\eta(X)\eta(Y) - s_a(U)g(FX, Y)\} \end{aligned}$$

Now, let X be an eigenvector of A , orthogonal to U and ξ , with the corresponding eigenvalue ν . Then, it follows from (3.27) that

$$(3.28) \quad (2\nu - \rho)A_aX = -\rho\{s_{a^*}(U)X + s_a(U)FX\},$$

and also

$$(2\nu - \rho)A_aFX = -\rho\{s_a(U)X - s_{a^*}(U)FX\}$$

because of $AFX = (\rho - \nu)FX$. Similarly, from the second equation of (3.10) we can obtain

$$(2\nu - \rho)A_{a^*}X = \rho\{s_a(U)X + s_{a^*}(U)FX\},$$

$$(2\nu - \rho)A_{a^*}FX = \rho\{s_{a^*}(U)X - s_a(U)FX\}.$$

Hence, if the distinguished normal vector field N is parallel with respect to the normal connection, i.e., $\nabla^\perp N = 0$, then it is clear from (2.10) that $s_a = s_{a^*} = 0$, and therefore the above equations imply that $A_a = 0$ and $A_{a^*} = 0$ with the help of (2.24) and (3.10), provided $\rho \neq 2\nu$.

Thus we have

Lemma 3.3. *Let M be as in Lemma 3.1 and let the distinguished normal vector field N is parallel with respect to the normal connection. If the equality (3.1) holds on M for a normal vector field ζ to M and $\rho \neq 2\nu$, then*

$$A_a = 0, \quad A_{a^*} = 0, \quad a = 1, \dots, q.$$

4. MAIN RESULTS

We first prepare the following lemma:

Lemma 4.1. *Let M be an $(n+1)(n \geq 5)$ -dimensional contact CR -submanifold of $(n-1)$ contact CR -dimension in S^{2m+1} . If the equality (3.1) holds on M for a normal vector field ζ to M , then the shape operator A has 2 constant eigenvalues $\{\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}\}/2$ of multiplicities 1 and n , or 4 constant eigenvalues*

$$\{\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}\}/2, \quad \{\rho \pm \sqrt{\rho^2 - 2(2 + \lambda\rho)}\}/2$$

of multiplicities 1, 1, $(n-1)/2$ and $(n-1)/2$, respectively. Moreover, if A has exactly 2 eigenvalues $\{\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}\}/2$, then the eigenvalue ν corresponding to an eigenvector of A , orthogonal to U and ξ , satisfies $2\nu = \rho = \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}$ and vice-versa.

Proof. If we denote by ν the eigenvalue corresponding to an eigenvector of A , orthogonal to U and ξ , then it is clear from (3.16) that ν satisfies

$$(4.1) \quad 2\nu^2 - 2\rho\nu + \lambda\rho + 2 = 0$$

and consequently the shape operator A has at most 4 constant eigenvalues

$$\{\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}\}/2, \quad \{\rho \pm \sqrt{\rho^2 - 2(2 + \lambda\rho)}\}/2$$

whose multiplicities are 1, 1, $(n - 1)/2$ and $(n - 1)/2$, respectively, with the help of (3.13). Moreover, if A has exactly 2 eigenvalues $\{\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}\}/2$, then $2\nu = \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}$, which together with (3.18) and (4.1) implies

$$\lambda\{\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}\} + 4 - \rho\{\lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}\} + \lambda\rho = 0$$

and hence $\rho = \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4} = 2\nu$. ■

In the sense of Lemma 4.1, we first consider the case of $\rho = \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4} = 2\nu$. In this case, the shape operator A has exactly 2 constant eigenvalues

$$\mu_1 := \{\lambda + \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}\}/2, \quad \mu_2 := \{\lambda - \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}\}/2.$$

of multiplicities, say 1 and n , respectively. Moreover, since ρ is a non-zero constant, (3.5) and (3.28) with $\rho = 2\nu$ imply $s_a = s_{a^*} = 0$, which and (2.10) yield $\nabla^\perp N = 0$. It is also clear from (2.25) that A is of Codazzi type because of $s_a = s_{a^*} = 0$.

Now, we denote by

$$T_k := \{X \in TM \mid AX = \mu_k X\}, \quad k = 1, 2.$$

Since A is of Codazzi type and $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$, we can easily see that the distributions $T_k (k = 1, 2)$ are both involutive and that the integral submanifolds M_k of T_k are totally geodesic and parallel along $T_j, j \neq k$ (cf. [3]). Hence M is locally a Riemannian product $M_1 \times M_2$, where $\dim M_1 = 1$ and $M_2 = n$.

In order to investigate the integral submanifolds M_k more precisely, we consider the Gauss and Weingarten formulae for $S^{2m+1} \subset \mathbb{R}^{2m+2}$ which are given by

$$(4.2) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \bar{\nabla}_X Y + g(X, Y)\tilde{N},$$

$$(4.3) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{N} = -X,$$

where $\tilde{\nabla}$ denotes the Euclidean connection of \mathbb{R}^{2m+2} and \tilde{N} the inward unit normal to S^{2m+1} . Then it follows from $\nabla^\perp N = 0$ and (4.2) that

$$(4.4) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X N = -AX$$

for any vector field X tangent to M .

On the other hand, by means of (3.17) M_1 is a curve on S^{2m+1} with unit tangent vector

$$Z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_1^2 + 1}}(\mu_1 U + \xi).$$

Further, using (2.5), (2.21), (2.22), (2.23), (2.24) and (3.9), it follows from (2.9) that $\bar{\nabla}_Z Z = \mu_1 N$. Moreover, it also clear from (2.10) that $\bar{\nabla}_Z N = -\mu_1 Z$. Hence we easily deduce that M_1 belongs to a circle S^1 on S^{2m+1} .

Next, we consider the integral submanifold M_2 . Let P be the position vector of M_2 in \mathbb{R}^{2m+2} and put

$$Q = P + (1 + \mu_2^2)^{-1}(\mu_2 N + \tilde{N}).$$

Then, for $X \in T_2$, we have $\tilde{\nabla}_X Q = 0$ because of $AX = \mu_2 X$, (4.3) and (4.4), and so Q is a fixed point for M_2 . Moreover, it is clear that

$$\|Q - P\|^2 = (1 + \mu_2^2)^{-1}$$

which means that P belongs to a sphere S_2 with radius $(1 + \mu_2^2)^{-1/2}$ and center Q .

We consider M_2 as a submanifold of S^{2m+1} . Since M_2 is totally geodesic in M , it is clear that $A_Y^{(2)} = 0$ where $A_Y^{(2)}$ is the shape operator of M_2 in S^{2m+1} with respect to the tangent vector Y to M_1 . This means that the first normal space (cf. [4]) of M_2 is contained in $\text{Span}\{N, N_2, \dots, N_p\}$.

We now prove

Lemma 4.2. $\text{Span}\{N, N_2, \dots, N_p\}$ is invariant under parallel translation with respect to the normal connection $D^{(2)}$ of M_2 in S^{2m+1} .

Proof. Since S^{2m+1} is of constant curvature 1 and $\nabla_X^\perp N = 0$, (2.28) implies

$$g([A, A_{N'}]X, Y) = g(R^\perp(X, Y)N, N') = 0$$

for any normal vector N' to M . Hence $AA_{N'} = A_{N'}A$ and so, for $X \in T_2$ we have $A_{N'}X \in T_2$, i.e.,

$$(4.6) \quad A_{N'}T_2 \subset T_2.$$

On the other hand, for any vector field X tangent to M_2 , we have

$$\bar{\nabla}_X N_\alpha = -A_\alpha X + \nabla_X^\perp N_\alpha.$$

But $\nabla_X^\perp N_\alpha \in \text{Span}\{N, N_2, \dots, N_p\}$ and $A_\alpha X \in T_2$ as a consequence of (4.5). Hence

$$D_X^{(2)} N_\alpha = \nabla_X^\perp N_\alpha \in \text{Span}\{N, N_2, \dots, N_p\},$$

which completes the proof. ■

As a consequence of Lemma 4.2 we can apply Erbacher's reduction theorem ([4, p. 339]) and this yields that M_2 belongs to a totally geodesic submanifold $S(1)$ of dimension $(\dim M_2 + p)$ in S^{2m+1} . Therefore M_2 belongs to the intersection of this sphere $S(1)$ and the sphere $S_2((1 + \mu_2^2)^{-1/2}, Q)$ obtained above. Note that Q

belongs to the Euclidean space of dimension $(\dim M_2 + p + 1)$ through the origin and containing $S(1)$. Since $\dim M_2 + p$ is even, we may conclude

Theorem 4.3. *Let M be an $(n+1)(n \geq 5)$ -dimensional contact CR-submanifold of $(n-1)$ contact CR-dimension in S^{2m+1} . If the equality (3.1) holds on M for a normal vector field ζ to M and $\rho = \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}$, then M is locally a product $S^1 \times M_2$, where M_2 belongs to some sphere of odd-dimension.*

Finally, we consider the case of $\rho \neq \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}$ under the assumption that the distinguished normal vector field N be parallel with respect to the normal connection. In this case, by means of Lemma 3.3 and Erbacher's reduction theorem ([4, p. 339]), we have

Theorem 4.4. *Let M be as in Theorem 4.3 and let the distinguished normal vector field N be parallel with respect to the normal connection. If the equality (3.1) holds on M for a normal vector field ζ to M and $\rho \neq \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}$, then there exists an $(n+2)$ -dimensional unit sphere S^{n+2} which is totally geodesic in S^{2m+1} and $M \subset S^{n+2}$.*

In Lemma 4.4, since the tangent space $T_x S^{n+2}$ of the totally geodesic submanifold S^{n+2} at $x \in M$ is $T_x M \oplus \text{Span}\{N\}$, S^{n+2} is an invariant submanifold of S^{2m+1} because of (2.2) and (2.3). Therefore M can be regarded as a real hypersurface of S^{n+2} which is a totally geodesic invariant submanifold of S^{2m+1} . Hence, under the assumptions stated in Lemma 4.4, Lemma 4.1 implies that M is a real hypersurface of an odd-dimensional unit sphere S^{n+2} whose shape operator A has exactly 4 constant eigenvalues of multiplicities 1, 1, $(n-1)/2$, $(n-1)/2$, respectively. Thus a theorem of Takagi [9] (see also [10, Example 1.1, p. 159] and [7, Theorem 4.1, p. 239]) implies

Theorem 4.5. *Let M be an $(n+1)(n \geq 5)$ -dimensional contact CR-submanifold of $(n-1)$ contact CR-dimension in S^{2m+1} and let the distinguished normal vector field N be parallel with respect to the normal connection. If the equality (3.1) holds on M for a normal vector field ζ to M and $\rho \neq \lambda \pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4}$, then M is locally a hypersurface $M'(n+1, t)$ of S^{n+2} defined by*

$$M'(n+1, t) := \{(z_1, \dots, z_k) \in \mathbb{C}^k \mid \sum_{j=1}^k |z_j^2|^2 = t, \sum_{j=1}^k |z_j|^2 = 1\}$$

where $k := (n+3)/2$.

Combining Theorem 4.3 and Theorem 4.5, we have

Theorem 4.6. *Let M be an $(n + 1)(n \geq 5)$ -dimensional contact CR -submanifold of $(n - 1)$ contact CR -dimension in S^{2m+1} and let the distinguished normal vector field N be parallel with respect to the normal connection. If the equality (3.1) holds on M for a normal vector field ζ to M , then M is locally one of the following:*

- (1) *a product $S^1 \times M_2$, where M_2 belongs to some sphere of odd-dimension.*
- (2) *a hypersurface $M'(n + 1, t)$ of S^{n+2} given in Theorem 4.5.*

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