

INVARIANT SUBMANIFOLDS OF AN ALMOST CONTACT MANIFOLD

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§ 0. Introduction.

Let V be a differentiable manifold imbedded differentially as a submanifold in a differentiable manifold M with an almost complex structure \tilde{F} and denote by $\iota: V \rightarrow M$ its imbedding. If the tangent space $T_P(\iota(V))$ of $\iota(V)$ is invariant by the linear mapping \tilde{F} at each point P of $\iota(V)$, the $\iota(V)$ is called an *invariant submanifold* of an almost complex manifold M , [5].¹⁾

An invariant submanifold of an almost complex manifold is itself an almost complex manifold and an invariant submanifold of a complex manifold is itself a complex manifold.

It is also known that an invariant submanifold of a Kählerian manifold is itself a Kählerian manifold and is a minimal submanifold, [5], [6].

The main purpose of the present paper is to define invariant submanifolds of an almost contact manifold and to study properties of these invariant submanifolds.

In §1, we fix our notations in the present paper and prove some formulas for submanifolds imbedded in a Riemannian manifold, and in §2 we state some of important results in the theory of almost contact manifolds.

In §3, we define invariant submanifolds of an almost contact manifold and study their properties.

§4 is devoted to the study of invariant submanifolds of a normal almost contact manifold.

In the last §5, we study properties of invariant submanifolds in connection with the theory of fibred spaces developed by the present authors [7], [8].

The concept of invariant submanifolds in an almost contact manifold appears also in a recent paper by Okumura [1].

§ 1. Formulas for submanifolds.

As we are going to study some special kinds of submanifolds, we would like first of all to reformulate formulas for general submanifolds in a Riemannian manifold for the later use. Let V be an m -dimensional manifold imbedded differentially

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1) The numbers between brackets [] refer to the References at the end of the paper.

as a submanifold in an n -dimensional Riemannian manifold M , where $m < n$, and denote by $\iota: V \rightarrow M$ its imbedding²⁾. Denote by $B: T(V) \rightarrow T(M)$ the differential mapping of ι , i.e., $B = d\iota$, $T(V)$ and $T(M)$ being respectively the tangent bundles of V and of M . On putting $T(V, M) = BT(V)$, the set of all vectors tangent to $\iota(V)$, we see that $B: T(V) \rightarrow T(V, M)$ is an isomorphism. The set of all vectors normal to $\iota(V)$ forms a vector bundle $N(V, M)$ over $\iota(V)$, which is called the *normal bundle* of V . The vector bundle induced by ι from $N(V, M)$ is denoted by $N(V)$, which is called also the *normal bundle* of V . We denote by $C: N(V) \rightarrow N(V, M)$ the natural isomorphism.

We introduce now the following notations: $\mathcal{T}_r^s(V)$ is the space of all tensor fields of type (r, s) , i.e., of contravariant degree r and covariant degree s , associated with $T(V)$. $\mathcal{T}(V) = \sum_{r,s} \mathcal{T}_r^s(V)$ is the space of all tensor fields associated with $T(V)$. $\mathcal{N}_r^s(V)$ is the space of all tensor fields of type (r, s) associated with $N(V)$. $\mathcal{N}(V) = \sum_{r,s} \mathcal{N}_r^s(V)$ is the space of all tensor fields associated with $N(V)$. Thus $\mathcal{T}^*(V) = \mathcal{N}^*(V)$ is the space of all differentiable functions defined on V . An element of $\mathcal{T}^*(V)$ is a vector field in V . An element of $\mathcal{N}^*(V)$ is a vector field normal to V .

Take a vector field \bar{X} defined along $\iota(V)$, not necessarily tangent to $\iota(V)$. For any point P of $\iota(V)$, there exists in M a neighborhood Ω containing P such that there exists in Ω a vector field \tilde{X} which is an extension of \bar{X} . Such a local vector field \tilde{X} is called a local extension of \bar{X} restricted to the connected component of $\Omega \cap \iota(V)$, which contains the point P . Let \bar{X} and \bar{Y} be two vector fields defined along $\iota(V)$ and tangent to $\iota(V)$. Taking local extensions \tilde{X} of \bar{X} and \tilde{Y} of \bar{Y} in a neighborhood Ω of M , we see that $[\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]$ is tangent to $\iota(V)$ and its restriction $[\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]_\nu$ to $\iota(V)$ is determined independently of the choice of these local extensions \tilde{X} and \tilde{Y} . Therefore we can define $[\bar{X}, \bar{Y}]$ by

$$(1.1) \quad [\bar{X}, \bar{Y}] = [\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]_\nu.$$

Thus we can easily see that

$$(1.2) \quad [BX, BY] = B[X, Y]$$

holds for $X, Y \in \mathcal{T}^*(V)$.

If we denote by \tilde{G} the Riemannian metric tensor of M and put

$$(1.3) \quad g(X_1, X_2) = \tilde{G}(BX_1, BX_2), \quad g^*(N_1, N_2) = \tilde{G}(CN_1, CN_2)$$

for $X_1, X_2 \in \mathcal{T}^*(V)$ and $N_1, N_2 \in \mathcal{N}^*(V)$, then g is a Riemannian metric tensor in V , which is called the *induced metric* of V , and g^* is a tensor field defining an inner product in $N(V)$. The g^* is called the *induced metric* of $N(V)$.

Let $\tilde{\nabla}$ be the Riemannian connection determined by \tilde{G} in M , i.e., the torsionless affine connection in M such that $\tilde{\nabla}\tilde{G} = 0$. Suppose that a vector field \bar{X}

2) Manifolds, mapping, tensor fields and any geometric objects we discuss are assumed to be differentiable and of class C^∞ .

tangent to $\iota(V)$ and another vector field \tilde{Y} , tangent to $\iota(V)$ or not, are given along $\iota(V)$. We choose arbitrary local extensions \tilde{X} of \bar{X} and \tilde{Y} of \bar{Y} in a neighborhood Ω of M . Then we can prove that the restriction $(\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y})_{\nu}$ of $\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y}$ to $\iota(V)$ is independent of the choice of local extensions \tilde{X} and \tilde{Y} . Therefore we can define $\tilde{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}$ by

$$(1.4) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y} = (\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y})_{\nu}.$$

Thus, taking account of (1.1) and (1.4), we have the formula

$$(1.5) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y} - \tilde{\nabla}_{\bar{Y}}\bar{X} = [\bar{X}, \bar{Y}]$$

for any vector fields \bar{X} and \bar{Y} defined along $\iota(V)$ and tangent to $\iota(V)$, because $\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y} - \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{Y}}\tilde{X} = [\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]$.

For any vector field \bar{X} along $\iota(V)$, we denote by \bar{X}^T its component tangent to $\iota(V)$ and by \bar{X}^N its component normal to $\iota(V)$. Then we obtain a unique decomposition of \bar{X} : $\bar{X} = \bar{X}^T + \bar{X}^N$. If we put

$$(1.6) \quad B(\nabla_X Y) = (\tilde{\nabla}_{B_X} B Y)^T$$

for $X, Y \in \mathcal{D}^1(V)$, we have a unique element $\nabla_X Y$ of $\mathcal{D}^1(V)$ and can check easily

$$\nabla_{fX} Y = f\nabla_X Y, \quad \nabla_X f Y = f\nabla_X Y + (Xf)Y$$

for $f \in \mathcal{D}^0(V)$. Thus the correspondence $(X, Y) \rightarrow \nabla_X Y$ defines in V a covariant differentiation with respect to an affine connection ∇ , which, as is well known, coincides with the Riemannian connection determined by the induced metric g . The affine connection ∇ thus introduced in V is called the *induced connection* of V . If we put

$$(1.7) \quad C(\nabla_X U) = (\tilde{\nabla}_{B_X} C U)^N$$

for any $X \in \mathcal{D}^1(V)$ and $U \in \mathcal{N}^1(V)$, we have a unique element $\nabla_X U$ of $\mathcal{N}^1(V)$ and can check easily

$$(1.8) \quad \nabla_{fX} U = f\nabla_X U, \quad \nabla_X f U = f\nabla_X U + (Xf)U$$

for any $f \in \mathcal{D}^0(V)$. Thus the correspondence $(X, U) \rightarrow \nabla_X U$ defines in $N(V)$ a covariant differentiation with respect to a linear connection ∇ in $N(V)$, which satisfies the condition $\nabla g^* = 0$. The linear connection ∇ thus introduced in $N(V)$ is called the *induced connection* of $N(V)$.

If we put

$$(1.9) \quad (\nabla_X B)Y = (\tilde{\nabla}_{B_X} B Y)^N = \tilde{\nabla}_{B_X} B Y - B(\nabla_X Y),$$

$$(1.10) \quad (\nabla_X C)U = (\tilde{\nabla}_{B_X} C U)^N = \tilde{\nabla}_{B_X} C U - C(\nabla_X U)$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{D}^1(V)$ and $U \in \mathcal{N}^1(V)$, then the correspondences $Y \rightarrow (\nabla_X B)Y$ and $U \rightarrow (\nabla_X C)U$ define respectively linear mappings $\nabla_X B: \mathcal{D}^1(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}^1(V)$ and $\nabla_X C:$

$\mathcal{N}_i(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_i(V)$, i.e.,

$$(1.11) \quad (\mathcal{F}_X B)(fY) = f(\mathcal{F}_X B)Y, \quad (\mathcal{F}_X C)(fU) = f(\mathcal{F}_X C)U$$

for any $f \in \mathcal{F}_i(V)$, $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_i(V)$ and $U \in \mathcal{N}_i(V)$. We have from (1.9) and (1.10)

$$(1.12) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_{BX} BY = (\mathcal{F}_X B)Y + B(\mathcal{F}_X Y),$$

$$(1.13) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_{BX} CU = (\mathcal{F}_X C)U + C(\mathcal{F}_X U)$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_i(V)$ and $U \in \mathcal{N}_i(V)$ respectively.

We extend naturally the operations of the induced connections \mathcal{F} of $T(V)$ and that of $N(V)$ respectively to $\mathcal{F}(V)$ and $\mathcal{N}(V)$ as derivations and denote the extended covariant differentiation also by the same symbol \mathcal{F} . We shall now define a derivation \mathcal{F}_X , $X \in \mathcal{F}_i(V)$, in $\mathcal{F}(V) \otimes \mathcal{N}(V)$ as follows:

$$\mathcal{F}_X(T \otimes U) = (\mathcal{F}_X T) \otimes U + T \otimes (\mathcal{F}_X U)$$

for $T \in \mathcal{F}(V)$ and $U \in \mathcal{N}(V)$. The derivation \mathcal{F}_X thus defined in $\mathcal{F}(V) \otimes \mathcal{N}(V)$ is the so-called *van der Waerden-Bortolotti covariant differentiation* along V .

Since the vector field $(\mathcal{F}_X B)Y$ ($X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_i(V)$) appearing in (1.12) belongs to $C\mathcal{N}_i(V)$, we have a unique element $H(X, Y)$ of $\mathcal{N}_i(V)$ such that

$$(1.14) \quad (\mathcal{F}_X B)Y = CH(X, Y),$$

where H is an element of $\mathcal{F}_i(V) \otimes \mathcal{N}_i(V)$ because of (1.8) and (1.11). Since the vector field $(\mathcal{F}_X C)U$ ($X \in \mathcal{F}_i(V), U \in \mathcal{N}_i(V)$) appearing in (1.13) belongs to $B\mathcal{F}_i(V)$, we have a unique element $h(X, U)$ of $\mathcal{F}_i(V)$ such that

$$(1.15) \quad (\mathcal{F}_X C)U = -Bh(X, U),$$

where h is an element of $\mathcal{F}_i(V) \otimes \mathcal{N}_i(V)$ because of (1.8) and (1.11). These two tensor fields H and h are the so-called *second fundamental tensors* of the submanifold V . We can thus write down (1.12) and (1.13) respectively as follows:

$$(1.16) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_{BX} BY = B(\mathcal{F}_X Y) + CH(X, Y),$$

$$(1.17) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_{BX} CU = C(\mathcal{F}_X U) - Bh(X, U)$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_i(V)$ and $U \in \mathcal{N}_i(V)$.

We have $\tilde{G}(BY, CU) = 0$ for any $Y \in \mathcal{F}_i(V), U \in \mathcal{N}_i(V)$, because BY and CU are perpendicular to each other. Thus, taking account of $\tilde{\nabla} \tilde{G} = 0$, we obtain

$$\tilde{G}((\mathcal{F}_X B)Y, CU) + \tilde{G}(BY, (\mathcal{F}_X C)U) = 0,$$

which implies together with (1.14) and (1.15)

$$(1.18) \quad g^*(H(X, Y), U) = g(h(X, U), Y)$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_i(V)$ and $U \in \mathcal{N}_i(V)$. On the other hand, taking account of (1.2)

and (1.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{BX}BY - \nabla_{BY}BX &= [BX, BY] \\ &= B[X, Y]\end{aligned}$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$. Substituting (1.16) in the equation above, we find

$$(1.19) \quad H(X, Y) = H(Y, X)$$

for $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$.

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m be m local unit vector fields in V , which are perpendicular to each other, where $m = \dim V$. Then an element A of $\mathcal{H}_0^1(V)$ is defined by

$$(1.20) \quad mA = \sum_{j=1}^m H(X_j, X_j),$$

which is called the *mean curvature vector* of the submanifold V . When the mean curvature vector A vanishes identically in V , V is called a *minimal submanifold* in M .

Taking three elements X, Y and Z of $\mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\nabla}_{BX}\tilde{\nabla}_{BY}BZ &= \tilde{\nabla}_{BX}\{B(\nabla_Y Z) + CH(Y, Z)\} \\ &= B\{\nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - h(X, H(Y, Z))\} + C\{H(X, \nabla_Y Z) + \nabla_X H(Y, Z)\}\end{aligned}$$

by virtue of (1.16) and (1.17). Therefore, denoting by \tilde{K} and K respectively the curvature tensors of M and V , we have, by definition,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{K}(BX, BY)BZ &= \tilde{\nabla}_{BX}\tilde{\nabla}_{BY}BZ - \tilde{\nabla}_{BY}\tilde{\nabla}_{BX}BZ - \tilde{\nabla}_{[BX, BY]}BZ, \\ K(X, Y)Z &= \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]}Z\end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$(1.21) \quad \begin{aligned}\tilde{K}(BX, BY)BZ &= BK(X, Y)Z - B\{h(X, H(Y, Z)) - h(Y, H(X, Z))\} \\ &\quad + C\{(\nabla_X H)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y H)(X, Z)\}\end{aligned}$$

for any $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$ by virtue of the identity

$$\nabla_X H(Y, Z) = (\nabla_X H)(Y, Z) + H(\nabla_X Y, Z) + H(Y, \nabla_X Z).$$

Denoting by K^* the curvature tensor of the induced connection of $N(V)$, we have by a similar device

$$(1.22) \quad \begin{aligned}\tilde{K}(BX, BY)CU &= CK^*(X, Y)U - C\{H(X, h(Y, U)) - H(Y, h(X, U))\} \\ &\quad - B\{(\nabla_X h)(Y, U) - (\nabla_Y h)(X, U)\}\end{aligned}$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$ and any $U \in \mathcal{H}_0^1(V)$. The equations (1.21) and (1.22) are the so-called *structure equations* of the submanifold V .

§ 2. Almost contact structures.

We shall now recall definitions and some properties of almost contact structures for the later use. We consider in an odd-dimensional differentiable manifold M an *almost contact structure*, that is, a structure (F, ξ, η) , F , ξ and η being a tensor field of type $(1, 1)$, a vector field and a 1-form respectively, such that

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} F^2 &= -I + \eta \otimes \xi, & F\xi &= 0, \\ \eta(F(X)) &= 0, & \eta(\xi) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

for any $X \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(M)$, where I denotes the identity tensor of type $(1, 1)$. The Nijenhuis tensor N of F is, by definition, a tensor field of type $(1, 2)$ given by

$$(2.2) \quad N(X, Y) = [FX, FY] - F[FX, Y] - F[X, FY] + F^2[X, Y]$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(M)$. The almost contact structure is said to be *normal* when it satisfies the condition

$$(2.3) \quad S = 0,$$

S being a tensor field of type $(1, 1)$ defined by

$$(2.4) \quad S = N + d\eta \otimes \xi.$$

The condition (2.3) implies

$$(2.5) \quad \mathcal{L}F = 0,$$

$$(2.6) \quad \mathcal{L}\eta = 0, \quad \text{or, equivalently } d\eta(\xi, X) = 0$$

for any $X \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(M)$, where \mathcal{L} denotes the Lie derivation with respect to ξ (Cf. [2], [3], [4]).

Suppose that a Riemannian metric G is given in M and satisfies the condition

$$(2.7) \quad G(X, Y) = G(FX, FY) + \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

$$(2.8) \quad \eta(X) = G(X, \xi)$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(M)$. Then the structure (F, G, ξ, η) is called an *almost contact metric structure*. A tensor field Φ of type $(0, 2)$ defined by

$$(2.9) \quad \Phi(X, Y) = G(FX, Y)$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(M)$ is skewsymmetric, i.e.,

$$\Phi(X, Y) + \Phi(Y, X) = 0.$$

When the condition

$$(2.10) \quad \Phi = d\eta$$

is satisfied, (F, G, ξ, η) is called a *contact metric structure*. When the tensor field S defined by (2.3) vanishes identically, the contact metric structure is said to be *normal*. If the contact metric structure (F, G, ξ, η) is normal, we have

$$(2.11) \quad \mathcal{L}G = 0,$$

$$(2.12) \quad (\nabla_X F)Y = \eta(Y)X - G(X, Y)\xi,$$

or, equivalently

$$(2.13) \quad (\nabla_X \Phi)(Y, Z) = G(X, Z)\eta(Y) - G(X, Y)\eta(Z)$$

for any $X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{T}_0^1(M)$, where ∇ denotes the Riemannian connection determined by G and \mathcal{L} the Lie derivation with respect to ξ , [2], [3], [4].

§ 3. Invariant submanifold in an almost contact manifold.

Let V be an m -dimensional differentiable manifold imbedded as a submanifold in a $(2m+1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold M with an almost contact structure $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ and denote by $\iota: V \rightarrow M$ its imbedding. We assume that the tangent space $T_P(\iota(V))$ or the submanifold $\iota(V)$ is invariant by the linear mapping \tilde{F} at each point P of $\iota(V)$ and call V an *invariant* submanifold M . We note here that the formula (1.2) holds in the present case. Since V is invariant, following the notations introduced in § 1, we have

$$(3.1) \quad \tilde{F}BX = BFX$$

for any $X \in \mathcal{T}_0^1(V)$, where F is an element of $\mathcal{T}_1^1(V)$. Denoting by \tilde{N} and N respectively the Nijenhuis tensors of \tilde{F} and F , we have

$$(3.2) \quad \tilde{N}(BX, BY) = BN(X, Y)$$

for $X, Y \in \mathcal{T}_0^1(V)$. In fact, we have from the definition (2.2) of the Nijenhuis tensor

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{N}(BX, BY) &= [\tilde{F}BX, \tilde{F}BY] - \tilde{F}[\tilde{F}BX, BY] - \tilde{F}[BX, \tilde{F}BY] + \tilde{F}^2[BX, BY] \\ &= [BFX, BFY] - \tilde{F}[BFX, BY] - \tilde{F}[BX, BFY] + \tilde{F}^2[BX, BY] \\ &= B[FX, FY] - F[FX, Y] - F[X, FY] + F^2[X, Y] \\ &= BN(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

by virtue of (1.2) and (3.1), which proves the formula (3.2).

We see easily that there occur only following two cases, i.e., Case I and Case II for any invariant submanifold V in an almost contact manifold M :

Case I: The vector field $\tilde{\xi}$ is never tangent to $\iota(V)$, where V is necessarily

even-dimensional.

Case II: The vector field $\tilde{\xi}$ is always tangent to $\iota(V)$, where V is necessarily odd-dimensional.

We first consider the Case I.

Case I. The vector field $\tilde{\xi}$ is never tangent to the invariant submanifold $\iota(V)$, that is, $\tilde{\xi}$ is independent of any vector field of the form BX , $X \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$. Applying \tilde{F} to (3.1), we have by virtue of (2.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.3) \quad BF^2 &= \tilde{F}^2 BX \\
 &= (-I + \tilde{\eta} \otimes \tilde{\xi}) BX \\
 &= -BX + \tilde{\eta}(BX)\tilde{\xi}
 \end{aligned}$$

for any $X \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$, which implies

$$(3.4) \quad F^2 = -I, \quad \tilde{\eta}(BX) = 0$$

for any $X \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$. The first equation of (3.4) shows that the tensor field F appearing in (3.1) is an almost complex structure, which is called the *induced almost complex structure* of the invariant submanifold V . Taking account of the second equation of (3.4), we have by virtue of (1.2)

$$(3.5) \quad d\tilde{\eta}(BX, BY) = (BX)\tilde{\eta}(BY) - (BY)\tilde{\eta}(BX) - \tilde{\eta}(B[X, Y])$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$, which implies

$$(3.6) \quad d\tilde{\eta}(BX, BY) = 0$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$. Thus, denoting by \tilde{S} the tensor field defined by (2.4) in terms of $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$, we find

$$\tilde{S}(BX, BY) = \tilde{N}(BX, BY)$$

and hence by virtue of (3.2)

$$(3.7) \quad \tilde{S}(BX, BY) = BN(X, Y)$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$. Thus we have

PROPOSITION 3.1. *An invariant submanifold V imbedded in an almost contact manifold M in such a way that the vector field $\tilde{\xi}$ is never tangent to $\iota(V)$ is an almost complex manifold with the induced almost complex structure F . If the almost contact structure of M is normal, the invariant submanifold V is a complex manifold.*

Case II. The vector field $\tilde{\xi}$ is always tangent to the invariant submanifold $\iota(V)$, that is, $\tilde{\xi}$ is expressible as

$$(3.8) \quad \tilde{\xi} = B\xi,$$

where ξ is a unique element of $\mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$. If we put

$$(3.9) \quad \eta(X) = \tilde{\eta}(BX)$$

for any $X \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$, then η is a 1-form in V . Thus by virtue of (3.1), (3.8) and (3.9) we have, from (2.1),

$$(3.10) \quad F^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi$$

and, from the conditions $\tilde{F}\tilde{\xi} = 0$, $\tilde{\eta}(\tilde{F}(BX)) = 0$ and $\tilde{\eta}(\tilde{\xi}) = 1$, respectively

$$(3.11) \quad F\xi = 0, \quad \eta(FX) = 0, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1$$

for any $X \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$. Therefore (F, ξ, η) forms an almost contact structure in V , which is called the *induced almost contact structure* of V . Taking account of (3.5) and (3.9), we obtain along V

$$(3.12) \quad d\tilde{\eta}(BX, BY) = d\eta(X, Y)$$

for $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$. If we denote by \tilde{S} and S the tensor fields defined by (2.3) in terms of $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ and (F, ξ, η) respectively, then we have by virtue of (3.2), (3.8) and (3.12)

$$(3.13) \quad \tilde{S}(BX, BY) = BS(X, Y)$$

for $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$. Thus we have

PROPOSITION 3.2. *An invariant submanifold V imbedded in an almost contact manifold M in such a way that the vector field $\tilde{\xi}$ is always tangent to $\iota(V)$ is an almost contact manifold with the induced almost contact structure (F, ξ, η) . If the almost contact structure of M is normal, the induced almost contact structure of V is so also.*

§ 4. Invariant submanifolds in a normal contact metric manifold.

Let V be an invariant submanifold of a normal contact metric manifold M and denote by $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ the normal contact metric structure of M . We denote by g the induced metric of V in the sense of § 1.

Case I. We assume that the vector field $\tilde{\xi}$ is never tangent to the invariant submanifold $\iota(V)$. Following the notations introduced in § 1 and § 2, we have by virtue of (1.3), (2.7), (3.1) and (3.4)

$$(4.1) \quad g(X, Y) = g(FX, FY)$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}_0^1(V)$. Thus, taking account of (3.4) and (4.1), we see that the *induced structure* (F, g) of V is almost Hermitian. Denoting by $\tilde{\nabla}$ the Riemannian connection determined by \tilde{G} , we have by virtue of (1.16)

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{V}_{BX}(BFY) &= B(\nabla_X FY) + CH(X, FY) \\ &= B\{(\nabla_X F)Y + F\nabla_X Y\} + CH(X, FY) \end{aligned}$$

for $X, Y \in \mathcal{D}_0(V)$, which implies together with (2. 12), (3. 1) and (3. 4)

$$\begin{aligned} & B\{(\nabla_X F)Y + F\nabla_X Y\} + CH(X, FY) \\ &= \tilde{V}_{BX}(BFY) \\ &= \tilde{V}_{BX}(\tilde{F}BY) \\ &= (\tilde{V}_{BX}\tilde{F})BY + \tilde{F}\{B\nabla_X Y + CH(X, Y)\} \\ &= BF\nabla_X Y + \tilde{F}CH(X, Y) - \tilde{G}(BX, BY)\tilde{\xi} \end{aligned}$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{D}_0(V)$. Since the last two terms in the last expression are normal to $\iota(V)$, we have

$$(4. 2) \quad \nabla_X F = 0$$

and

$$(4. 3) \quad CH(X, FY) = \tilde{F}CH(X, Y) - g(X, Y)\tilde{\xi}$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{D}_0(V)$. We have from (4. 3)

$$(4. 4) \quad H(X, FY) = H(Y, FX)$$

because of the fact that the right hand side of (4. 3) is symmetric with respect to X and Y . The equation (4. 2) shows that V is a Kählerian manifold with the induced structure (F, g) . We take m local unit vector fields X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m in V , which are mutually orthogonal and satisfy the conditions

$$(4. 5) \quad FX_k = X_{k+r}, \quad FX_{k+r} = -X_k \quad (k=1, 2, \dots, r),$$

where $m=2r$. Then the mean curvature vector A defined by (1. 20) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} mA &= \sum_{j=1}^m H(X_j, X_j) = \sum_{k=1}^r H(X_k, X_k) + \sum_{k=1}^r H(X_{k+r}, X_{k+r}) \\ &= - \sum_{k=1}^r H(X_k, FX_{k+r}) + \sum_{k=1}^r H(X_{k+r}, FX_k) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

because of (4. 4) and (4. 5). That is to say, V is a minimal submanifold in M . Summing up, we have

PROPOSITION 4. 1. *An invariant submanifold V imbedded in a normal contact metric manifold M in such a way that the vector field $\tilde{\xi}$ is never tangent to $\iota(V)$ is a Kählerian manifold with the induced structure (F, g) and is a minimal submanifold in M .*

Case II. We assume that the vector field $\tilde{\xi}$ is always tangent to the invariant submanifold $\iota(V)$. Following the notations used in the above, we have by virtue of (1. 3), (2. 7), (3. 8) and (3. 9)

$$(4. 6) \quad \begin{aligned} g(X, Y) &= g(FX, FY) + \eta(X)\eta(Y), \\ \eta(X) &= g(X, \xi) \end{aligned}$$

for $X, Y \in \mathcal{T}_0^{\perp}(V)$. If we put

$$\phi(X, Y) = g(FX, Y) = \tilde{G}(\tilde{F}BX, BY)$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{T}_0^{\perp}(V)$, then we have

$$\phi(X, Y) = d\tilde{\eta}(BX, BY) = d\eta(X, Y)$$

by virtue of (2. 8), (2. 9), (3. 9) and (3. 12). That is to say, we have

$$(4. 7) \quad \phi = d\eta.$$

Thus, taking account of Proposition 3. 2, (4. 6) and (4. 7), we see that *the induced structure (F, g, ξ, η) of V is a normal contact metric structure.* Taking account of (1. 16), we have

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{BX}BFY = B\{(\nabla_X F)Y + F\nabla_X Y\} + CH(X, FY)$$

for any $X, Y \in \mathcal{T}_0^{\perp}(V)$, which implies together with (2. 12), (3. 1), (3. 8) and (3. 9)

$$\begin{aligned} B\{(\nabla_X F)Y + F\nabla_X Y\} + CH(X, FY) &= \tilde{\nabla}_{BX}(BFY) \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_{BX}(\tilde{F}BY) = (\tilde{\nabla}_{BX}\tilde{F})BY + \tilde{F}\{B\nabla_X Y + CH(X, Y)\} \\ &= B\{\eta(Y)X - g(X, Y)\xi\} + BF\nabla_X Y + \tilde{F}CH(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

for $X, Y \in \mathcal{T}_0^{\perp}(V)$. Therefore we have

$$(4. 8) \quad CH(X, FY) = \tilde{F}CH(X, Y)$$

for $X, Y \in \mathcal{T}_0^{\perp}(V)$, which implies

$$(4. 9) \quad H(X, FY) = H(Y, FX)$$

for $X, Y \in \mathcal{T}_0^{\perp}(V)$. Substituting $Y = \xi$ in (4. 8), we obtain for $X \in \mathcal{T}_0^{\perp}(V)$

$$(4. 10) \quad H(X, \xi) = 0$$

because of $F\xi = 0$. If we take account of (4. 9) and (4. 10) and use a similar device as used in Case I, we see that the mean curvature vector A vanishes identically, i.e., that V is a minimal submanifold in M . Summing up, we have

PROPOSITION 4. 2. *An invariant submanifold V imbedded in a normal contact*

metric manifold M in such a way that the vector field $\tilde{\xi}$ is always tangent to $\iota(V)$ is a normal contact metric manifold with the induced structure (F, g, ξ, η) and is a minimal submanifold in M .

From Propositions 4.1 and 4.2, we have

PROPOSITION 4.3. *Any invariant submanifold imbedded in a normal contact metric manifold is a minimal submanifold.*

§5. Invariant submanifolds in a normal, regular almost contact manifold.

Let \tilde{M} be an n -dimensional almost contact manifold with structure $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$, which is normal, and assume that any orbit of the vector field $\tilde{\xi}$ is a closed set in \tilde{M} . In such a case, \tilde{M} is said to be *regular*. Then the set of all orbits of $\tilde{\xi}$ forms a differentiable manifold M of dimension $n-1$ if it is naturally topologized, and the natural projection $\pi: \tilde{M} \rightarrow M$ is differentiable and of the maximum rank everywhere. Denoting by $d\pi$ the differential mapping of π , we have

$$(5.1) \quad d\pi\tilde{\xi} = 0.$$

Since the contact metric structure $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ is normal, we have

$$(5.2) \quad \mathcal{L}\tilde{F} = 0, \quad \mathcal{L}\tilde{\eta} = 0$$

by virtue of (2.5) and (2.6), where \mathcal{L} denotes the Lie derivation with respect to $\tilde{\xi}$. Thus, by virtue of the second equation of (5.2), the set $(\tilde{M}, M, \pi; \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$ forms a *fibred space* in the sense of [7] and [8], where \tilde{M} and M are called respectively the *total space* and the *base space*.

In the fibred space $(\tilde{M}, M, \pi; \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$, a vector field \tilde{X} given in \tilde{M} is said to be *horizontal* if $\tilde{\eta}(\tilde{X}) = 0$. An element \tilde{T} of $\mathcal{T}_*(\tilde{M})$ is said to be *invariant* if $\mathcal{L}\tilde{T} = 0$, \mathcal{L} denoting the Lie derivation with respect to $\tilde{\xi}$. For an invariant function \tilde{f} in \tilde{M} , its *projection* $\hat{f} = p\tilde{f}$ is a function in M such that $\tilde{f} = \hat{f} \circ \pi$. For an invariant vector field \tilde{X} in \tilde{M} , its *projection* \hat{X} is a vector field in M such that $\tilde{X} = d\pi\hat{X}$. For a vector field \hat{X} in M , a horizontal vector field \tilde{X} in \tilde{M} is called the *lift* of \hat{X} and denoted by \hat{X}^L if $\tilde{X} = p\hat{X}^L$, where \hat{X}^L is horizontal and invariant in \tilde{M} . For an invariant 1-form $\tilde{\omega}$, its *projection* $\hat{\omega} = p\tilde{\omega}$ is a 1-form in M such that $\hat{\omega}(\hat{X}) = p\tilde{\omega}(\hat{X}^L)$ for $\hat{X} \in \mathcal{T}_*(M)$. For an invariant tensor field \tilde{P} of type $(1, 1)$ in \tilde{M} , its projection $\hat{P} = p\tilde{P}$ is a tensor field of the same type in M such that $\hat{P}\hat{X} = p(\tilde{P}\hat{X}^L)$ for $\hat{X} \in \mathcal{T}_*(M)$. For an invariant tensor field \tilde{Q} of type $(0, 2)$ in \tilde{M} , its projection $\hat{Q} = p\tilde{Q}$ is a tensor field of the same type such that $\hat{Q}(\hat{X}, \hat{Y}) = p\tilde{Q}(\hat{X}^L, \hat{Y}^L)$ for $\hat{X}, \hat{Y} \in \mathcal{T}_*(M)$. For an invariant tensor field \tilde{R} of type $(1, 2)$ in \tilde{M} , its projection $\hat{R} = p\tilde{R}$ is a tensor field of the same type such that $\hat{R}(\hat{X}, \hat{Y}) = p\tilde{R}(\hat{X}^L, \hat{Y}^L)$ for $\hat{X}, \hat{Y} \in \mathcal{T}_*(M)$ (Cf. [7], [8]). We have now

$$(5.3) \quad p\tilde{\xi} = 0, \quad p\tilde{\eta} = 0$$

directly from the definitions (Cf. (5.1) and (5.2)).

Denoting by \hat{F} the projection $p\hat{F}$ of the invariant tensor field \hat{F} (Cf. (5.2)), we have

$$(5.4) \quad p(\hat{F}\hat{X}^L) = \hat{F}\hat{X}$$

for $\hat{X} \in \mathcal{T}_0^!(M)$. If we take the projection of the identity $F^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi$, we find

$$\hat{F}^2 = -I$$

because of (5.3). Thus *the base space M is an almost complex manifold with structure \hat{F}* .

We have obtained in [7] the formula

$$(5.5) \quad p[\hat{X}^L, \hat{Y}^L] = [\hat{X}, \hat{Y}]$$

for $\hat{X}, \hat{Y} \in \mathcal{T}_0^!(M)$. Denoting by \tilde{N} and \hat{N} respectively the Nijenhuis tensors of \hat{F} and \hat{F} , we have

$$(5.6) \quad p\tilde{N} = \hat{N}.$$

In fact, taking account of $\hat{F}\tilde{\xi} = 0$, we have by virtue of (2.2), (5.4) and (5.5)

$$\begin{aligned} p\hat{N}(\hat{X}^L, \hat{Y}^L) &= p\{[\hat{F}\hat{X}^L, \hat{F}\hat{Y}^L] - \hat{F}[\hat{F}\hat{X}^L, \hat{Y}^L] - \hat{F}[\hat{X}^L, \hat{F}\hat{Y}^L] + \hat{F}^2[\hat{X}^L, \hat{Y}^L]\} \\ &= [\hat{F}\hat{X}, \hat{F}\hat{Y}] - \hat{F}[\hat{F}\hat{X}, \hat{Y}] - \hat{F}[\hat{X}, \hat{F}\hat{Y}] + \hat{F}^2[\hat{X}, \hat{Y}] \\ &= \hat{N}(\hat{X}, \hat{Y}) \end{aligned}$$

for $\hat{X}, \hat{Y} \in \mathcal{T}_0^!(M)$, which implies (5.6).

Denoting by \tilde{S} the tensor field defined by (2.3) in terms of $(\hat{F}, \tilde{\xi}, \eta)$, we find by virtue of (5.3) and (5.6)

$$(5.7) \quad p\tilde{S} = p\tilde{N} = \hat{N}.$$

Summing up, we have

PROPOSITION 5.1. *Let \tilde{M} be a normal almost contact manifold with structure $(\hat{F}, \tilde{\xi}, \eta)$, which is regular. Then the base space M is a complex manifold with structure $\hat{F} = p\hat{F}$.*

Let \check{V} be an m -dimensional invariant submanifold imbedded in \tilde{M} and denote its imbedding by $\iota: \check{V} \rightarrow \tilde{M}$. In Case I, the vector field $\tilde{\xi}$ is never tangent to $\iota(\check{V})$ and hence the tangent space $T_P(\iota(\check{V}))$ of $\iota(\check{V})$, at each point P of $\iota(\check{V})$, is contained in the horizontal plane, i.e., in the set of all horizontal vectors at P . In Case II, the vector field $\tilde{\xi}$ is always tangent to $\iota(\check{V})$ and hence the tangent space $T_P(\iota(\check{V}))$ of $\iota(\check{V})$, at each point P of $\iota(\check{V})$, is a direct sum of a certain subspace of the horizontal plane and a 1-dimensional subspace spanned by $\tilde{\xi}$. Therefore we see that $\dim(T_P(\iota(\check{V}))) = m$ (or respectively $m-1$) in Case I (or respectively in Case II) for any point P of $\iota(\check{V})$. Thus, in each case, the projection π restricted to $\iota(\check{V})$ is

differentiable and of constant rank. Consequently the image $V=\pi(\iota(\tilde{V}))$ is a submanifold immersed differentiably in the base space M .

Take a vector \hat{v} tangent to $V=\pi(\iota(\tilde{V}))$ at a point Q of V . Then there exists a unique horizontal vector \tilde{v} tangent to $\iota(\tilde{V})$ at each point P belonging to $\pi^{-1}(Q) \cap \iota(\tilde{V})$ such that $d\pi\tilde{v}=\hat{v}$. Thus, we have by virtue of (5. 4)

$$(5. 8) \quad d\pi(\tilde{F}\tilde{v})=\hat{F}\hat{v},$$

where $\hat{F}=p\tilde{F}$ is the complex structure of the base space M . The submanifold $\iota(\tilde{V})$ being invariant in the total space \tilde{M} , $\tilde{F}\tilde{v}$ is tangent to $\iota(\tilde{V})$. Therefore we see from (5. 8) that $\hat{F}\hat{v}$ is tangent to V , i.e., that the submanifold V is invariant in the complex space M . Thus, taking account of Proposition 5. 1, we have

PROPOSITION 5. 2. *Let \tilde{V} be an invariant submanifold imbedded in a normal almost contact manifold \tilde{M} with structure $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$, which is regular. Then the image V of the \tilde{V} by the projection $\pi: \tilde{M} \rightarrow M$ is, in the base space M , a complex submanifold with respect to the complex structure $\hat{F}=p\tilde{F}$ of M .*

We assume now that \tilde{M} is a normal contact metric manifold with structure $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$, which is regular. Following the notations used in the above and putting

$$\hat{g}=p\tilde{G},$$

we find by virtue of (2. 7) and (5. 4)

$$(5. 9) \quad \hat{g}(\hat{X}, \hat{Y})=\hat{g}(\hat{F}\hat{X}, \hat{F}\hat{Y})$$

for $\hat{X}, \hat{Y} \in \mathcal{T}_0^1(M)$. Denoting by $\tilde{\nabla}$ the Riemannian connection determined by \tilde{G} , we proved in [8] the fact that the Riemannian connection determined by \hat{g} satisfies the condition

$$(5. 10) \quad p(\tilde{\nabla}_{\hat{X}}\hat{Y}^L)=\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{X}}\hat{Y}$$

for $\hat{X}, \hat{Y} \in \mathcal{T}_0^1(M)$. Thus we have by virtue of (2. 12), (5. 4) and (5. 10)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\nabla}_{\hat{X}}\hat{F}\hat{Y} &= p(\tilde{\nabla}_{\hat{X}}(\hat{F}\hat{Y})^L) = p(\tilde{\nabla}_{\hat{X}}(F\hat{X}^L)), \quad \text{i.e.,} \\ (\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{X}}\hat{F})\hat{Y} &= p((\tilde{\nabla}_{\hat{X}}F)\hat{Y}^L) \\ &= p(\tilde{\eta}(\hat{X}^L)\hat{Y}^L - \tilde{G}(\hat{Y}^L, \hat{X}^L)\tilde{\xi}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for $\hat{X}, \hat{Y} \in \mathcal{T}_0^1(M)$, because of $\tilde{\eta}(\hat{X}^L)=0$ and $p\tilde{\xi}=0$. Therefore we obtain

$$\hat{\nabla}\hat{F}=0,$$

which implies together with (5. 9) that *the base space M is a Kählerian manifold with structure (\hat{F}, \hat{g})* . Consequently, taking account of Proposition 5. 2 and [5], we have

PROPOSITION 5.3. *Let \tilde{V} be an invariant submanifold imbedded in a normal contact metric manifold \tilde{M} with structure $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta})$, which is regular. The image V of \tilde{V} by the projection $\pi: \tilde{M} \rightarrow M$ is, in the base space M , a Kählerian submanifold with respect to the Kählerian structure $(\hat{F}, \hat{g}) = (p\tilde{F}, p\tilde{G})$ of M and is a minimal submanifold in M .*

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