

## CHARACTERIZATION OF A SLANT SUBMANIFOLD OF A KENMOTSU MANIFOLD

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**Abstract.** Recently, we have studied and obtained some results on slant submanifolds of Kenmotsu manifolds [9, 10]. In this paper we study the slant submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold when structure tensor field  $\varphi$  is Killing and obtain some interesting results.

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### 1. Introduction

The notion of slant submanifolds of an almost Hermitian manifold were introduced by Chen [5, 6]. Examples of slant submanifolds of  $C^2$  and  $C^4$  were given by Chen and Tazawa [6, 7, 8]. It was A. Lotta [12] who has defined and studied slant submanifolds of an almost contact metric manifold. Moreover, he has also studied the intrinsic geometry of 3-dimensional non-anti-invariant slant submanifolds of K-Contact manifolds [13]. Latter, L. Cabrerizo and others investigated slant submanifolds of a Sasakian manifolds and obtained many interesting results [3, 4]. Recently, we have studied the structure on a slant submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold [9].

### 2. Preliminaries

Let  $\bar{M}$  be a  $(2m+1)$ -dimensional almost contact metric manifold with structure tensors  $\{\varphi, \xi, \eta, g\}$ , where  $\varphi$  is a  $(1,1)$  tensor field,  $\xi$  a vector field,  $\eta$  a 1-form and  $g$  the Riemannian metric on  $\bar{M}$ . These tensors satisfy [1]

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

for any  $X, Y \in T\bar{M}$ , where  $T\bar{M}$  denotes the Lie algebra of vector fields on  $\bar{M}$ . An almost contact metric manifold is called a Kenmotsu manifold if [11]

$$(2.2) \quad (\bar{\nabla}_X \varphi)(Y) = g(\varphi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi X \text{ and } \bar{\nabla}_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi$$

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where  $\bar{\nabla}$  denotes the Levi-Civita connection on  $\bar{M}$ .

Let  $M$  be an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold with induced metric  $g$  isometrically immersed in  $\bar{M}$ . We denote by  $TM$  the Lie algebra of vector fields on  $M$  and by  $T^\perp M$  the set of all vector fields normal to  $M$ . For any  $X \in TM$  and  $N \in T^\perp M$ , we write

$$(2.3) \quad \varphi X = PX + FX, \quad \varphi N = tN + fN$$

where  $PX$  (resp.  $FX$ ) denotes the tangential (resp. normal) component of  $\varphi X$ , and  $tN$  (resp.  $fN$ ) denotes the tangential (resp. normal) component of  $\varphi N$ .

In what follows, we suppose that the structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ . Hence if we denote by  $D$  the orthogonal distribution to  $\xi$  in  $TM$ , we can consider the orthogonal direct decomposition  $TM = D \oplus \xi$ .

For each non-zero  $X$  tangent to  $M$  at  $x$  such that  $X$  is not proportional to  $\xi_x$ , we denote by  $\theta(X)$  the Wirtinger angle of  $X$ , that is, the angle between  $\varphi X$  and  $T_x M$ . The submanifold  $M$  is called slant if the Wirtinger angle  $\theta(X)$  is a constant, which is independent of the choice of  $x \in M$  and  $X \in T_x M - \{\xi_x\}$  [1]. The Wirtinger angle  $\theta$  of a slant immersion is called the slant angle of the immersion. Invariant and anti-invariant immersions are slant immersions with slant angle  $\theta$  equal to 0 and  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , respectively. A slant immersion which is neither invariant nor anti-invariant is called a proper slant immersion.

Let  $\nabla$  be the Riemannian connection on  $M$ . Then the Gauss and Weingarten formulae are

$$(2.4) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y)$$

and

$$(2.5) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X N = -A_N X + \nabla_X^\perp N$$

for  $X, Y \in TM$  and  $N \in T^\perp M$  of  $\bar{M}$ ;  $h$  and  $A_N$  are the second fundamental forms related by

$$(2.6) \quad g(A_N X, Y) = g(h(X, Y), N)$$

and  $\nabla^\perp$  is the connection in the normal bundle  $T^\perp M$  of  $M$ .

The mean curvature vector  $H$  is defined by  $H = (\frac{1}{m}) \text{trace } h$ . We say that  $M$  is minimal if  $H$  vanishes identically.

If  $P$  is the endomorphism defined by (2.3), then

$$(2.7) \quad g(PX, Y) + g(X, PY) = 0$$

Thus  $P^2$ , which is denoted by  $Q$ , is self-adjoint.

On the other hand, Gauss and Weingarten formulae, together with (2.2) and (2.3) imply

$$(2.8) \quad (\nabla_X P)Y = A_{FY} X + th(X, Y) + g(Y, PX)\xi - \eta(Y)PX$$

$$(2.9) \quad (\nabla_X F)Y = fh(X, Y) - h(X, PY) - \eta(Y)FX$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ .

A tensor field  $\varphi$  is said to be Killing [2], if

$$(2.10) \quad (\overline{\nabla}_X \varphi)Y + (\overline{\nabla}_Y \varphi)X = 0$$

We mention the following results for latter use:

**Theorem A.**[10] *Let  $M$  be a 3-dimensional submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\overline{M}$  such that  $\xi \in TM$ . Then,  $M$  is slant if and only if*

$$(2.11) \quad (\nabla_X P)Y = -\eta(Y)PX + g(Y, PX)$$

**Theorem B.**[3] *Let  $M$  be a submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold  $\overline{M}$  such that  $\xi \in TM$ . Then,  $M$  is slant if and only if there exists a constant  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  such that*

$$(2.12) \quad P^2 = -\lambda(I - \eta \otimes \xi)$$

Furthermore, if  $\theta$  is the slant angle of  $M$ , then  $\lambda = \cos^2\theta$ .

### 3. Submanifolds of Kenmotsu manifolds with Killing structure tensor field $\varphi$

In this section we will consider slant submanifolds of Kenmotsu manifolds with Killing structure tensor field  $\varphi$  of type  $(1, 1)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be a 3-dimensional submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold with Killing structure tensor field  $\varphi$ . Then  $M$  is slant if and only if*

$$(3.1) \quad \eta(Y)PX + \eta(X)PY = 0$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad \eta(Y)FX + \eta(X)FY = 0$$

*Proof.* From equation (2.2), we have

$$(3.3) \quad (\overline{\nabla}_X \varphi)(Y) = -g(\varphi Y, X)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi X$$

Interchanging  $X$  and  $Y$  in the above equation, we get

$$(3.4) \quad (\overline{\nabla}_Y \varphi)(X) = g(\varphi Y, X)\xi - \eta(X)\varphi Y$$

Combining equations (3.3) and (3.4), we get

$$(\overline{\nabla}_X \varphi)Y + (\overline{\nabla}_Y \varphi)X = -\eta(Y)\varphi(X) - \eta(X)\varphi(Y)$$

Using (2.10) in the above equation, we get

$$(3.5) \quad \eta(Y)\varphi X + \eta(X)\varphi Y = 0$$

Using (2.3) in (3.5) and comparing tangential and normal components we get the result. Converse follows by straightforward computation.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be a 3-dimensional submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\overline{M}$  with Killing tensor field  $\varphi$  such that  $\xi \in TM$ . Then  $M$  is slant if and only if  $P$  satisfies*

$$(3.6) \quad (\nabla_X P)Y + (\nabla_Y P)X = 0.$$

*Proof.* From (2.11), we have

$$(3.7) \quad (\nabla_X P)Y = -\eta(Y)PX - g(PY, X)\xi$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$

Interchanging  $X$  and  $Y$  in the above equation we get

$$(3.8) \quad (\nabla_Y P)X = -\eta(X)PY + g(PY, X)\xi$$

Combining (3.7) and (3.8), we get

$$(\nabla_X P)Y + (\nabla_Y P)X = -\eta(Y)PX - \eta(X)PY$$

Then using (3.1) in the above equation, we get the result.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be a 3-dimensional submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\overline{M}$  with Killing structure tensor field  $\varphi$ . Then*

$$(3.9) \quad A_{FX}Y + A_{FY}X + 2th(X, Y) = 0$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ .

*Proof.* From (2.8) we can write

$$(3.10) \quad (\nabla_Y P)X = A_{FX}Y + th(X, Y) + g(X, PY)\xi - \eta(X)PY$$

Now combining (2.8) and (3.10) and making use of equation (3.1), we get

$$(\nabla_Y P)X + (\nabla_X P)Y = A_{FX}Y + A_{FY}X + 2th(X, Y)$$

and since  $P$  satisfies equation (3.6), we get the result.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $M$  be a 3-dimensional submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\overline{M}$ . Then*

$$(\nabla_X F)Y + (\nabla_Y F)X = 0$$

if and only if

$$(3.11) \quad 2fh(X, Y) = h(X, PY) + h(Y, PX).$$

*Proof.* From (2.9), we have

$$(3.12) \quad (\nabla_Y F)X = fh(X, Y) - h(Y, PX) - \eta(X)FY.$$

Combining (2.9) and (3.12), we get

$$(\nabla_X F)Y + (\nabla_Y F)X = 2fh(X, Y) - h(X, PY) - h(Y, PX) - \eta(Y)FX - \eta(X)FY$$

Using equation (3.2) in the above equation we get

$$(\nabla_X F)Y + (\nabla_Y F)X = 2fh(X, Y) - h(X, PY) - h(Y, PX)$$

which proves the result.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be a 3-dimensional submanifold of a 5-dimensional Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$  with Killing tensor field  $\varphi$  such that  $\xi \in TM$ . Then  $M$  is minimal proper slant submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  if and only if*

$$(\nabla_X F)Y + (\nabla_Y F)X = 0.$$

*Proof.* From theorem (3.2) of [10], we have

$$(3.13) \quad (\nabla_X F)Y = -\eta(Y)FX$$

Now interchanging  $X$  and  $Y$ , we get

$$(3.14) \quad \nabla_Y F)X = -\eta(X)FY.$$

Combining (3.13) and (3.14) and making use of equation (3.2), we get

$$(\nabla_X F)Y + (\nabla_Y F)X = 0.$$

It can be easily seen that  $M$  is also minimal.  $\square$

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