

Provided for non-commercial research and educational use.  
Not for reproduction, distribution or commercial use.

# Serdica

## Mathematical Journal

### Сердика

### Математическо списание

---

The attached copy is furnished for non-commercial research and education use only.  
Authors are permitted to post this version of the article to their personal websites or institutional repositories and to share with other researchers in the form of electronic reprints.  
Other uses, including reproduction and distribution, or selling or licensing copies, or posting to third party websites are prohibited.

For further information on  
Serdica Mathematical Journal  
which is the new series of  
Serdica Bulgaricae Mathematicae Publicationes  
visit the website of the journal <http://www.math.bas.bg/~serdica>  
or contact: Editorial Office  
Serdica Mathematical Journal  
Institute of Mathematics and Informatics  
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  
Telephone: (+359-2)9792818, FAX:(+359-2)971-36-49  
e-mail: [serdica@math.bas.bg](mailto:serdica@math.bas.bg)

## WARPED PRODUCT SEMI-SLANT SUBMANIFOLDS OF A SASAKIAN MANIFOLD

Falleh R. Al-Solamy, Viqar Azam Khan

*Communicated by O. Muškarov*

**ABSTRACT.** In the present note, it is proved that there do not exist warped product semi-slant submanifolds in a Sasakian manifold other than contact CR-warped product submanifolds and thus the results obtained in [8] are generalized.

**1. Introduction.** Bishop and O’Neill [1] introduced the notion of warped product manifolds and obtained results which reveal important geometric properties of these manifolds. Many physical applications of these manifolds are recently discovered e.g., the space around a black hole or a massive star is modeled on warped product manifolds. To be more precise, the best relativistic model of the Schwarzschild space time describing the neighbourhoods of stars or black holes is given as a warped product (c.f. [10]). Recently B. Y. Chen [5] initiated the study of warped product CR-submanifolds of Kaehler manifolds. B. Sahin

---

2000 *Mathematics Subject Classification:* 53C40, 53C25.

*Key words:* Sasakian manifolds, semi-slant warped product submanifold, contact CR-submanifold, warped product manifold.

[11], extending the study of Chen, proved that there do not exist proper warped product semi-slant submanifolds in a Kähler manifold. Hasegawa and Mihai [7] initiated the study of contact CR-warped product submanifolds in Sasakian manifolds. They obtained a sharp relationship between the warping function  $f$  of a warped product CR-submanifold and the squared norm of the second fundamental form. K. Matsumoto and Mihai [9] studied warped product submanifolds in a Sasakian space form. They also worked out various inequalities regarding the squared norm of mean curvature vector of warped products in a Sasakian space form and derived some important applications. In view of the physical applications of these manifolds, the question of existence or non-existence of warped product submanifolds assumes significance in general. In the present note, we have addressed the same problem by studying warped product semi-slant submanifolds of a Sasakian manifold.

**2. Preliminaries.** Let  $\overline{M}$  be a  $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional almost contact manifold i.e., a manifold endowed with an almost contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  where  $\phi$  is a  $(1, 1)$  tensor field,  $\xi$  is a vector field and  $\eta$  is a 1-form such that

$$\phi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \phi(\xi) = 0, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \eta \circ \phi = 0.$$

The almost contact structure is said to be normal if on the product manifold  $\overline{M} \times R$ , the induced almost complex structure  $J$  defined by

$$J \left( U, \lambda \frac{d}{dt} \right) = \left( \phi U - \lambda \xi, \eta(U) \frac{d}{dt} \right),$$

is integrable, where  $U$  is tangent to  $\overline{M}$ ,  $t$  is the coordinate function on  $R$  and  $\lambda$  is a smooth function on  $\overline{M} \times R$ . The condition for an almost contact structure to be normal is equivalent to the vanishing of the torsion tensor  $[\phi, \phi] + 2d\eta \otimes \xi$  where  $[\phi, \phi]$  denotes the Nijenhuis tensor of  $\phi$ .

On an almost contact manifold, there exists a Riemannian metric  $g$  which is compatible with the contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  i.e.,

$$(2.1) \quad g(\phi U, \phi V) = g(U, V) - \eta(U)\eta(V),$$

from which it can be observed that

$$(2.2) \quad g(U, \xi) = \eta(U),$$

for any  $U, V \in T(\overline{M})$ . In this case, the Riemannian manifold  $(\overline{M}, g)$  is called an almost contact metric manifold. An almost contact metric structure is called a contact metric structure if  $d\eta = \Phi$  where  $\Phi$  is the fundamental 2-form defined by

$$\Phi(U, V) = g(U, \phi V).$$

A normal contact metric manifold is called a Sasakian manifold. It is known that an almost contact metric manifold is Sasakian if and only if

$$(2.3) \quad (\overline{\nabla}_U \phi)V = -g(U, V)\xi + \eta(V)U,$$

and,

$$(2.4) \quad \overline{\nabla}_U \xi = \phi U,$$

where  $\overline{\nabla}$  is the Riemannian connection on  $\overline{M}$ .

Let  $M$  be a submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold  $\overline{M}$ . Then the induced Riemannian metric on  $M$  is denoted by the same symbol  $g$  and the induced connection by  $\nabla$ . If  $T\overline{M}$  and  $TM$  denote the tangent bundle on  $\overline{M}$  and on  $M$  respectively, then the Gauss and Weingarten formulae are written as:

$$(2.5) \quad \overline{\nabla}_U V = \nabla_U V + h(U, V),$$

$$(2.6) \quad \overline{\nabla}_U N = -A_N U + \nabla_U^\perp N,$$

for  $U, V \in TM$  and  $N \in T^\perp M$ , where  $\nabla^\perp$  denotes the induced connection in the normal bundle  $T^\perp M$ .  $A_N$  and  $h$  denote the shape operator of the immersion and the second fundamental respectively. The two are related as :

$$(2.7) \quad g(A_N U, V) = g(h(U, V), N),$$

For any  $U \in TM$ , we write

$$(2.8) \quad \phi U = TU + FU,$$

where  $TU$  and  $FU$  are respectively the tangential and normal components of  $\phi U$ . Similarly, for  $N \in T^\perp M$ , we decompose  $\phi N$  into tangential and normal parts as:

$$(2.9) \quad \phi N = BN + CN.$$

The covariant derivatives of  $T$  and  $F$  are defined as:

$$(2.10) \quad (\overline{\nabla}_U T)V = \nabla_U TV - T\nabla_U V,$$

$$(2.11) \quad (\bar{\nabla}_U F)V = \nabla_U^\perp FV - F\nabla_U V,$$

for any  $U, V \in TM$ .

Making use of equations (2.3)–(2.6) and (2.8)–(2.11), we obtain that

$$(2.12) \quad (\bar{\nabla}_U T)V = A_{FV}U + Bh(U, V) - g(U, V)\xi + \eta(V)U,$$

and,

$$(2.13) \quad (\bar{\nabla}_U F)V = Ch(U, V) - h(U, TV).$$

A submanifold  $M$  of an almost contact metric manifold  $\bar{M}$  tangential to the structure vector field  $\xi$  is called an invariant submanifold if  $\phi$ -preserves all tangent spaces of  $M$ , that is  $\phi T_x(M) \subset T_x(M)$  for every  $x \in M$ . A submanifold  $M$  tangent to  $\xi$  is called an anti-invariant submanifold if  $\phi$  maps a tangent space of  $M$  into the normal space, i.e.,  $\phi T_x(M) \subset T_x^\perp(M)$  for all  $x \in M$  where  $T_x^\perp(M)$  denotes the normal space at  $x \in M$ . The above definitions have been generalized in several ways:

- (i) A submanifold  $M$  tangent to  $\xi$ , is called a contact CR-Submanifold if there exists a differentiable distribution  $D : x \longrightarrow D_x \subset T_x(M)$  such that  $D$  is invariant with respect to  $\phi$  and the complementary distribution  $D^\perp$  is anti-invariant with respect to  $\phi$ .
- (ii) A submanifold  $M$  tangent to  $\xi$  is called a slant submanifold if for all non zero vector  $U$  tangent to  $M$  and independent with  $\xi$ , the angle  $\theta(U)$  between  $\phi U$  and  $T_x(M)$  is a constant i.e., it doesnot depend on the choice of  $x \in M$  and  $U \in T_x(M)$  [8].
- (iii) A submanifold  $M$  is called a semi-slant submanifold if it is endowed with two orthogonal complementary distributions  $D$  and  $D^0$  where  $D$  is invariant with respect to  $\phi$  and  $D^0$  is slant i.e.,  $\theta(U)$  between  $\phi U$  and  $D_x^0$  is constant for each  $U \in D_x^0$  and  $x \in M$  [3].

It is clear that invariant and anti-invariant submanifolds are CR-Submanifolds (resp., slant submanifolds) with  $D^\perp = \{0\}$  (resp.  $\theta = 0$ ) and  $D = \{0\}$  (resp.  $\theta = \pi/2$ ). It is also clear that contact CR-submanifolds and slant submanifolds are particular semi-slant submanifolds with  $\theta = \pi/2$  and  $D = \{0\}$  respectively.

A submanifold  $M$  of an almost contact metric manifold  $\bar{M}$  is a slant submanifold if and only if

$$(2.14) \quad T^2 = -\lambda(-I + \eta \otimes \xi),$$

for some real number  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . Furthermore, in such case if  $\theta$  is the slant angle of  $M$ , then  $\lambda = \cos^2 \theta$  [4]. Hence,

$$(2.15) \quad g(TU, TV) = \cos^2 \theta (g(U, V) - \eta(U)\eta(V)),$$

$$(2.16) \quad g(FU, FV) = \sin^2 \theta (g(U, V) - \eta(U)\eta(V)),$$

for any  $U, V \in TM$ .

Let  $(M_1, g_1)$  and  $(M_2, g_2)$  be two Riemannian manifolds and  $f$  a positive differentiable function on  $M_1$ . Then the warped product  $M_1 \times_f M_2$  is a product manifold  $M_1 \times M_2$  endowed with a Riemannian metric  $g$  given by

$$g = g_1 + f^2 g_2.$$

More explicitly, if  $U$  is a tangent vector on  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$  then

$$\|U\|^2 = \|d\pi_1 U\|^2 + f^2(p) \|d\pi_2 U\|^2,$$

where  $\pi_i (i = 1, 2)$  are the canonical projections of  $M$  onto  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  respectively and  $d\pi_i$  are their differentials.

**Theorem 2.1** [1]. *Let  $M_1 \times_f M_2$  be a warped product manifold. Then for any  $X, Y \in TM_1$  and  $Z, W \in TM_2$ ,*

- (i)  $\nabla_X Y \in TM_1$ ,
- (ii)  $\nabla_X Z = \nabla_Z X = \left(\frac{Xf}{f}\right) Z$ ,
- (iii)  $\text{nor}(\nabla_Z W) = -\frac{g(Z, W)}{f} \nabla f$ ,

where  $\text{nor}(\nabla_Z W)$  is the component of  $\nabla_Z W$  in  $TM_1$  and  $\nabla f$  is the gradient of  $f$  defined by

$$g(\nabla f, U) = Uf.$$

**Corollary 2.1.** *On a warped product manifold  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$ ,*

- (i)  $M_1$  is totally geodesic in  $M$ .
- (ii)  $M_2$  is totally umbilical in  $M$ .

**3. Semi-Slant Submanifolds as Warped Products.** Let  $\overline{M}$  be a Sasakian manifold. Throughout the section, we denote by  $M_T$  an invariant submanifold of  $\overline{M}$  and  $M_\theta$ , a slant submanifold of  $\overline{M}$  with slant angle  $\theta$ . Our aim in this section is to study warped product submanifolds  $M_T \times_f M_\theta$  and  $M_\theta \times_f M_T$ . We further assume that the structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangential to the underlying warped product submanifolds.

From equations (2.4) and (2.5), we have

$$(3.1) \quad \nabla_X \xi = \phi X,$$

$$(3.2) \quad h(X, \xi) = 0,$$

for any  $X \in TM_T$  whereas for  $Z \in TM_\theta$ , we get

$$(3.3) \quad \nabla_Z \xi = TZ.$$

$$(3.4) \quad h(Z, \xi) = FZ.$$

Matsumoto and Mihai [9] proved

**Theorem 3.1** [9]. *If  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$  is a warped product submanifold of a Sasakian manifold  $\overline{M}$  where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are any submanifolds of  $\overline{M}$  with  $\xi$  tangential to  $M_2$ . Then  $M$  is a Riemannian product.*

Hence, the possible non trivial semi-slant warped product submanifolds are  $M_\theta \times_f M_T$  and  $M_T \times_f M_\theta$  with  $\xi$  tangential to  $M_\theta$  and  $M_T$  respectively.

For  $\theta = \pi/2$  the above warped products are known as warped product contact CR-submanifold and contact CR-warped product submanifolds respectively. Hesegawa and Mihai [7] showed the the warped product contact CR-submanifolds with  $\xi$  tangential to  $M_T$  are non existant.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\overline{M}$  be a  $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional Sasakian manifold. Then there do not exist warped product submanifolds  $M_\theta \times_f M_T$  on  $\overline{M}$  such that  $M_\theta$  is a slant submanifold tangent to  $\xi$  and  $M_T$  is an invariant submanifold of  $\overline{M}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $M = M_\theta \times_f M_T$  be a submanifold of  $\overline{M}$  with  $\xi$  tangential to  $M_\theta$ . Then by Theorem 2.1,

$$(3.5) \quad \nabla_X Z = \nabla_Z X = (Z \ln f)X,$$

for any  $X \in TM_T$  and  $Z \in TM_\theta$ . In particular for  $Z = \xi$ , we get  $\xi f = 0$ . Now by equations (3.1) and (3.5), it follows that

$$\phi X = \nabla_X \xi = (\xi \ln f)X = 0.$$

Thus  $M_T$  can not exist and the Theorem is proved.

Now, we obtain same important relations for later use

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $M = M_T \times_f M_\theta$  be a warped product semi-slant submanifold of a Sasakian manifold  $\bar{M}$  such that  $M_T$  is an invariant submanifold tangent to  $\xi$  and  $M_\theta$  a slant submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  with slant angle  $\theta \neq 0$ , then*

- (i)  $g(h(X, Y), FZ) = 0$ .
- (ii)  $g(h(X, W), FZ) = g(h(X, Z), FW)$ .
- (iii)  $g(h(\phi X, Z), FW) = (X \ln f)g(Z, W)$ .

for any  $X, Y \in TM_T$  and  $Z, W \in TM_\theta$

*Proof.* By Corollary 2.1,  $M_T$  is totally geodesic in  $M$  and therefore by formula (2.10),  $(\bar{\nabla}_X T)Y \in TM_T$  for all  $X, Y \in TM_T$ . Using this fact in equation (2.12), we deduce that

$$g(Bh(X, Y), Z) = 0,$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM_T$  and  $Z \in TM_\theta$ . The above equation is equivalent to

$$g(h(X, Y), FZ) = 0.$$

This prove (i). Now, by Theorem (2.1),

$$(3.6) \quad \nabla_X Z = \nabla_Z X = (X \ln f)Z.$$

Taking account of (3.6) in (2.10) and (2.12), it follows that

$$A_{FZ}X + Bh(X, Z) = 0,$$

which proves that

$$(3.7) \quad g(h(X, W), FZ) = g(h(X, Z), FW).$$

Further, by equations (2.10) and (3.6), we obtain that

$$(3.8) \quad (\bar{\nabla}_Z T)X = (TX \ln f)Z - (X \ln f)TZ,$$



whereas by formula (2.12)

$$(3.9) \quad (\bar{\nabla}_Z T)X = Bh(X, Z) + \eta(X)Z.$$

From the above two equations, it follows that

$$g(Bh(\phi X, Z), W) = -(X \ln f)g(Z, W) - (TX \ln f)g(TZ, W),$$

which on making use of (3.7) yields

$$(3.10) \quad g(h(\phi X, Z), FW) = (X \ln f)g(Z, W),$$

for  $X \in TM_T$  and  $Z, W \in TM_\theta$ . This proves statement (iii).

**Theorem 3.3.** *There does not exist a warped product semi-slant submanifold in a Sasakian manifold other than a contact CR-warped product submanifold.*

**Proof.** Consider a warped product submanifold  $M = M_T \times_f M_\theta$  of a Sasakian manifold  $\bar{M}$  with  $\xi$  tangential to  $M_T$ . On replacing  $X$  by  $\phi X$  in equation (3.10), we get

$$\eta(X)g(h(Z, \xi), FW) - g(h(X, Z), FW) = (\phi X \ln f)g(Z, W).$$

The above relation on making use of formula (3.4) and (2.16) yields

$$(3.11) \quad g(h(X, Z), FW) = (\eta(X) - \csc^2 \theta(\phi X \ln f))g(FZ, FW),$$

for any  $X \in TM_T$  and  $Z, W \in TM_\theta$ .

If we denote by  $D^0$  the tangent bundle of  $M_\theta$  and  $\nu$  the orthogonal complement of  $FD^0$  i.e.,

$$T^\perp M = FD^0 \oplus \nu,$$

then we may write

$$h(X, Z) = h_{FD^0}(X, Z) + h_\nu(X, Z),$$

where  $h_{FD^0}(X, Z) \in FD^0$  and  $h_\nu(X, Z) \in \nu$ . In view of the above decomposition, equation (3.11) yields

$$(3.12) \quad h_{FD^0}(X, Z) = (\eta(X) - \csc^2 \theta(\phi X \ln f))FZ.$$

On the other hand by equations (3.8) and (3.9), we have

$$(TX \ln f)Z - (X \ln f)TZ = Bh(X, Z) + \eta(X)Z.$$

Taking product with  $TZ$  and using the formula (2.15), the above equation implies that

$$(3.13) \quad g(h(X, Z), FTZ) = \cos^2 \theta (X \ln f)g(Z, Z).$$

From equations (3.12) and (3.13), it follows that either  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  or  $X(\ln f) = 0$ . This proves the assertion.

#### REFERENCES

- [1] R. L. BISHOP, B. O'NEILL. Manifolds of negative curvature. *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.* **145** (1969), 1–49.
- [2] D. E. BLAIR. Contact manifolds in Riemannian geometry. Lecture Note in Math. Vol. **509**, Springer Verlag, Berlin, 1976.
- [3] J. L. CABRERIZO, A. CARRIAZO, L. M. FERNANDEZ, M. FERNANDEZ. Semi-slant submanifolds of a Sasakian manifolds. *Geom. Dedicata* **78** (1999), 183–199.
- [4] J. L. CABRERIZO, A. CARRIAZO, L. M. FERNANDEZ, M. FERNANDEZ. Slant submanifolds in Sasakian manifolds. *Glasgow Math. J.* **42**, 1 (2000), 125–138.
- [5] B. Y. CHEN. Geometry of warped product CR-Submanifolds in Kaehler manifolds. *Monatsh. Math.* **133** (2001), 177–195.
- [6] B. Y. CHEN. Geometry of warped products as Riemannian submanifolds and related problems. *Soochow J. Math.* **28**, 2 (2002), 125–156.
- [7] I. HESEGAWA, I. MIHAI. Contact CR-warped product submanifolds in Sasakian manifolds. *Geom. Dedicata* **102** (2003), 143–150.
- [8] A. LOTTA. Slant submanifolds in contact geometry. *Bull. Math. Soc. Sci. Math. Roum., Nouv. Ser.* **39**, 1–4 (1996), 183–198.

- [9] K. MATSUMOTO, I. MIHAI. Warped product submanifolds in Sasakian space form. *SUT J. Math.* **38**, 2 (2002), 135–144.
- [10] B. O’NEILL. Semi-Riemannian geometry with applications to relativity. Academic Press, New York, 1983.
- [11] B. SAHIN. Non existence of warped product semi-slant submanifolds of Kaehler manifolds. *Geom. Dedicata* **115**, 1 (2005), 195–202.

*Department of Mathematics*  
*King AbdulAziz University*  
*P. O. Box 80015, Jeddah 21589*  
*Saudi Arabia.*

*e-mail: falleh@hotmail.com, viqar@gmail.com*

*Received May 12, 2007*

*Revised November 8, 2007*