# **QR-Submanifolds and Almost Contact 3-Structure**

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#### Abstract

In this paper,QR-submanifolds of quaternion Kaehlerian manifolds with dim  $\nu^{\perp} = 1$  has been considered. It is shown that each QR-submanifold of quaternion Kaehlerian manifold with dim  $\nu^{\perp} = 1$  is a manifold with an almost contact 3-structure. We apply geometric theory of almost contact 3-structure to the classification of QR-submanifolds (resp.Real hypersurfaces) of quaternion Kaehler manifolds (resp. $IR^{4m}$ , m > 1). Some results on integrability of an invariant distribution of a QR-submanifold and on the immersions of its leaves are also obtained.

**Key Words:** Quaternion Kaehler Manifold,QR-Submanifold, Almost Contact 3-Structure

## 1. Introduction

The geometry of QR-submanifolds of a quaternion Kaehlerian manifolds was firstly reported by Bejancu[1]. Among all submanifolds of a quaternion Kaehlerian manifold, QR-submanifolds have been intensively studied from different points of view by many authors [1],[2],[4].

In case of dim  $\nu^{\perp} = 1$ , the study of QR-submanifolds has a significant importance. We show that QR-submanifolds of quaternion Kaehler manifolds with dim  $\nu^{\perp} = 1$  admit an almost contact 3-structure.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $\overline{M}$  be a 4n- dimensional manifold and g be a Riemannian metric on  $\overline{M}$ . Then  $\overline{M}$  is said to be quaternion Kaehlerian manifold (see, [1]) if there exists a 3-dimensional vector bundle of tensors of type(1.1) with local basis of almost Hermitian structures

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 $J_1, J_2, J_3$  satisfying

$$J_1 o J_2 = -J_2 o J_1 = J_3 \tag{II.1}$$

and

$$\overline{\nabla}_X J_a = \sum Q_{ab}(X) J_b, a = 1, 2, 3 \tag{II.2}$$

for all vector fields X tangent to  $\overline{M}$ , where  $\overline{\bigtriangledown}$  is the Levi-Civita connection determined by g on  $\overline{M}$  and  $Q_{ab}$  are certain 1-forms locally defined on  $\overline{M}$  such that  $Q_{ab} + Q_{ba} = 0$ .

Let M be (4m+3)-dimensional differentiable manifold and  $(\phi_a, \xi_a, \eta_a)$  be three almost contact structures on M i.e. We have

$$\phi_a^2(X) = -X + \eta_a(X)\xi_a, \phi_a(\xi_a) = 0$$
  

$$\eta_a(\xi_a) = 1, \eta_a o \phi_a = 0$$
(II.3)

where X tangent to M. Suppose that the almost contact structures satisfy the following conditions

$$\eta_{a}(\xi_{b}) = 0, a \neq b, \phi_{a}(\xi_{b}) = -\phi_{b}(\xi_{a}) = \xi_{c}$$
  

$$\eta_{a}o\phi_{b} = -\eta_{b}o\phi_{a} = \eta_{c}$$
  

$$(\phi_{a}o\phi_{b})(X) - \xi_{a}(\eta_{b}(X)) = (\phi_{b}o\phi_{a})(X) - \xi_{b}(\eta_{a}(X)) = \phi_{c}(X)$$
  
(II.4)

for any cyclic permutation (a, b, c) of (1, 2, 3). Then, we say that M is endowed with an almost contact 3-structure. If M is a Riemannian manifold, then we can choose a Riemannian metric g on M such that we have

$$(\phi_a X, \phi_a Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta_a(X)\eta_a(Y)$$
(II.5)  
$$\eta_a(X) = g(X, \xi_a)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ . In this case we say that  $(\phi_a, \xi_a, \eta_a), a = 1, 2, 3$  define an almost contact metric structure (See [5]). Taking account of (II.3) and (II.5), we obtain

$$g(\phi_a X, Y) + g(X, \phi_a Y) = 0, a = 1, 2, 3$$

for any X, Y tangent to M.

Let M be an m-dimensional Riemannian manifold isometrically immersed in  $\overline{M}$ . We denote by TM (resp.  $TM^{\perp}$ ) the tangent (resp. normal) bundle to M. Then we say that M is a quaternion-real submanifold (QR-Submanifold) if there exists a vector bundle v of the normal bundle such that we have

$$J_a(v_x) = v_x \tag{II.6}$$

and

$$J_a(v_x^{\perp}) \subset T_M(x) \tag{II.7}$$

for  $x \in M$  and a = 1, 2, 3, where  $v^{\perp}$  is the complementary orthogonal bundle to vin  $TM^{\perp}$ . Let M be a QR-submanifold of  $\overline{M}$ . For sake of shortness we use  $D_{ax}$  for  $D_{ax} = J_a(v_x^{\perp}), a = 1, 2, 3$ . We consider  $D_{1x} \oplus D_{2x} \oplus D_{3x} = D_x^{\perp}$  and 3s-dimensional distribution  $D^{\perp} : x \longrightarrow D_x^{\perp}$  globally defined on M. Where  $s = \dim v_x^{\perp}$ . Also we have, for each  $x \in M$ ,

$$J_{a}(D_{ax}) = v_{x}^{\perp}, J_{a}(D_{bx}) = D_{cx},$$
(II.8)

where (a, b, c) is a cyclic permutation of (1, 2, 3). Next, we denote by D the complementary orthogonal distribution to  $D^{\perp}$  in TM, we see that D is invariant with respect to the action of  $J_a$ . i.e. we have

$$J_a(D_x) = D_x \tag{II.9}$$

for any  $x \in M$ . D is called quaternion distribution. Also note that  $D_{1x}, D_{2x}, D_{3x}$  are mutually orthogonal vector spaces of  $T_M(x)$  (see [1]).

In [3] D.E.Blair introduced the concept cosymplectic structure as it follows. An almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a cosymplectic structure if and only if

$$(\nabla_X \phi) Y = 0, (\nabla_X \eta) Y = 0,$$

where  $\nabla$  is Levi-civita connection on M.

**Definition 2.1** An almost 3-contact structure  $(\phi_a, \xi_a, \eta_a)$  is

a) a 3-cosymlectic structure if

$$(\nabla_X \phi_a) Y = 0, \quad (\nabla_X \eta_a) Y = 0 \tag{II.10}$$

b)a 3-Sasakian structure if

$$(\nabla_X \phi_a) Y = \eta_a(Y) X - g(X, Y) \xi_a \tag{II.11}$$

c) a nearly 3-Sasakian structure if

$$(\nabla_X \phi_a) X = \eta_a(X) X - g(X, X) \xi_a \tag{II.12}$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the Levi-Civita connection and X, Y, Z are arbitrary vector fields on M.

For  $Y \in \chi(M)$ , we decompose as follows

$$J_a Y = P_a Y + F_a Y, a = 1, 2, 3 \tag{II.13}$$

where  $P_a Y$  and  $F_a Y$  the tangential and normal parts of  $J_a Y$ , respectively.

The formula Gauss and Weingarten are given by

$$\overline{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) \tag{II.14}$$

and

$$\overline{\nabla}_X V = -A_V X + \nabla_X^{\perp} V \tag{II.15}$$

for any vector fields X, Y tangent to M and any vector field V normal to M. Where  $\nabla$  is the induced Riemann connection in M, h is the second fundemental form,  $A_V$  is fundemental tensor of Weingarten with respect to the normal section V and  $\nabla^{\perp}$  normal connection on M. Moreover we have the relation

$$g(A_V X, Y) = g(h(X, Y), V)$$
(II.16)

# 3. QR-Submanifolds with dim $v^{\perp} = 1$

Let M be a QR-submanifold of a quaternion Kaehlerian manifold  $\overline{M}$  such that the dimension  $v^{\perp}$  is equal to one. In this case  $v^{\perp}$  is generated by unit vector field, say N.

We shall show in the sequel that N is precisely determined with one of the almost contact 3-structure. Let  $-J_a(N) = \xi_a$ , a = 1, 2, 3 and hence the distributions  $D_a$  are generated by the vector fields  $\xi_a$ . It is natural expect that a QR-submanifold of quaternion Kaehlerian manifold with dim  $v^{\perp} = 1$  is almost contact 3-structure, we describe it as follows;

**Proposition 3.2** Let  $\overline{M}$  be a quaternion Kaehlerian manifold and M be a QR-submanifold of  $\overline{M}$ . Then M is a manifold with almost contact 3-structure.

**Proof.** For any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ , put

$$\phi_a X = P_a X, F_a(X) = \eta_a(X)N. \tag{III.1}$$

Then  $g(F_aX, N) = \eta_a(X)$  and

$$\eta_a(X) = g(X, \xi_a). \tag{III.2}$$

Moreover  $g(P_aX, P_aY) = g(J_aX, J_aY) - g(F_aX, F_aY)$  implies

$$g(\phi_a X, \phi_a Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta_a(X)\eta_a(Y)$$
(III.3)

and

$$J_a^2 X = J_a P_a X + J_a F_a X$$

or

$$-X = P_a^2 X + \eta_a(X) J_a N.$$

Hence

$$\phi_a^2 X = -X + \eta_a(X)\xi_a. \tag{III.4}$$

On the other hand, from (III.2) and (III.4) we obtain  $\phi_a(\xi_a) = 0$  and  $\eta_a(\xi_a) = 1$ , respectively. Moreover

$$(\eta_a o \phi_a) X = \eta_a(\phi_a X) = g(\phi_a X, \xi_a) = 0$$

for any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ . From (III.1) and (III.2)

$$\eta_a(\xi_b) = 0$$

and

$$\phi_a(\xi_b) = J_a(\xi_b) - F_a(\xi_b)$$
$$= -Ja(J_bN)$$
$$= -J_cN = \xi_c.$$

By using (II.13) and (III.4), we obtain

$$(\eta_a o \phi_b)(X) = \eta_a(\phi_b X)$$
$$= g(\phi_b X, \xi_a)$$
$$= \eta_c(X)$$

and

$$(\phi_a o \phi_b)(X) - \xi_a (\eta_b(X)) = (\phi_b o \phi_a)(X) - \xi_b (\eta_a(X))$$
$$= (\phi_b(\phi_a(X)) - \xi_b (\eta_a(X))$$
$$= \phi_c(X).$$

This shows that on a QR-submanifold of a quaternion Kaehlerian manifold dim  $v^{\perp} = 1$ there exists a natural almost contact 3-structure. i.e. tensor field  $\phi_a$  of type (1,1), 1-form  $\eta_a$  and unit vector field  $\xi_a$  satisfy (II.3),(II.4) and (II.5).

From now on will denote by M a QR-submanifold with dim  $v^{\perp} = 1$ .

**Theorem 3.3** Let M be a QR-submanifold of a quaternion Kaehlerian manifold. If for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , h(X, Y) has no component in  $\Gamma(v^{\perp})$  and  $D_a, a = 1, 2, 3$  are parallel in M, then M is a manifold with cosymplectic 3-structure.

**Proof.** For any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , from (II.2) we have

$$\overline{\nabla}_X J_a Y = Q_{ab}(X) J_b Y + Q_{ac}(X) J_c Y + J_a \overline{\nabla}_X Y.$$

Taking account of (II.13),(II.14),(II.15) and (III.1) we obtain

$$\begin{split} \left(\nabla_X \phi_a\right) Y + \left(\nabla_X \eta_a(Y)\right) N + h(X, \phi_a Y) \\ &-\eta_a(Y) A_N X + \eta_a(Y) \nabla_X^{\perp} N = Q_{ab}(X) \phi_b Y + Q_{ab}(X) \eta_b(Y) N \\ &+ Q_{ac}(X) \phi_c Y + Q_{ac}(X) \eta_c(Y) N \\ &+ B_a h(X, Y) + C_a h(X, Y). \end{split}$$

Comparing the tangential and normal parts both of sides of this equation, we have

$$(\nabla_X \phi_a) Y = \eta_a(Y) A_N X + Q_{ab}(X) \phi_b Y + Q_{ac}(X) \phi_c Y$$
(III.5)  
+  $B_a h(X, Y)$ 

and

$$(\nabla_X \eta_a(Y)) N = -h(X, \phi_a Y) + \eta_a(Y) \nabla_X^{\perp} N$$
(III.6)  
+ $Q_{ab}(X) \eta_b(Y) N + Q_{ac}(X) \eta_c(Y) N$   
+ $C_a h(X, Y).$ 

Now, we decompose h(X,Y) into components  $h^1(X,Y)$  and  $h^2(X,Y)$  in  $v^{\perp}$  and v respectively as

$$h(X, Y) = h^{1}(X, Y) + h^{2}(X, Y)$$

where we can put  $h^1(X, Y) = \alpha(X, Y) N$  for some scalar valued bilinear function  $\alpha$ . Thus (III.5) and (III.6) gives

$$(\nabla_X \phi_a) Y = \eta_a(Y) A_N X + Q_{ab}(X) \phi_b Y + Q_{ac}(X) \phi_c Y$$
(III.7)  
$$-\alpha(X, Y) \xi_a$$

and

$$(\nabla_X \eta_a)(Y) = -\alpha(X, \phi_a Y) + Q_{ab}(X)\eta_b(Y) + Q_{ac}(X)\eta_c(Y).$$
(III.8)

On the other hand, since  $\xi_a = -J_a N$  we have

$$\overline{\nabla}_X \xi_a = -(\overline{\nabla}_X J_a) N - J_a \overline{\nabla}_X N$$

for any  $X\in \Gamma\left(TM\right).$  Thus by using (II.2), (II.8),(II.15) and taking tangential parts we obtain

$$\nabla_X \xi_a = Q_{ab}(X)\xi_b + Q_{ac}(X)\xi_c + \phi_a A_N X$$

for any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ . Thus we have

$$g(\nabla_X \xi_a, \xi_b) = Q_{ab}(X) + g(\phi_a A_N X, \xi_b).$$

From (II.4) and (II.16) we derive

$$\eta_b(\nabla_X \xi_a) + \alpha \left(X, \xi_c\right) = Q_{ab}(X) \tag{III.9}$$

Similarly, we get

$$\eta_c(\nabla_X \xi_a) - \alpha \left(X, \xi_b\right) = Q_{ac}(X) \tag{III.10}$$

Combining (III.7) and (III.8) with (III.9) and (III.10) we have

$$(\nabla_X \phi_a) Y = \eta_a(Y) A_N X + (\eta_b(\nabla_X \xi_a) + \alpha (X, \xi_c)) \phi_b Y$$
(III.11)  
+  $(\eta_c(\nabla_X \xi_a) - \alpha (X, \xi_b)) \phi_c Y - \alpha (X, Y) \xi_a$ 

and

$$(\nabla_X \eta_a) (Y) = -\alpha(X, \phi_a Y) + (\eta_b (\nabla_X \xi_a) + \alpha (X, \xi_c)) \eta_b (Y) +$$
(III.12)  
$$(\eta_c (\nabla_X \xi_a) - \alpha (X, \xi_b)) \eta_c (Y)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ . From (II.16) and (III.11) we get

$$g((\nabla_X \phi_a) Y, Z) = \eta_a(Y) \alpha (X, Z) + \eta_b (\nabla_X \xi_a) g(\phi_b Y, Z) + \alpha (X, \xi_c) g(\phi_b Y, Z) + (\eta_c (\nabla_X \xi_a) - \alpha (X, \xi_b)) g(\phi_c Y, Z) - \alpha (X, Y) \eta_a(Z).$$
(III.13)

Thus if h(X, Y) has no components in  $\Gamma(v^{\perp})$  and  $D_a, a = 1, 2, 3$  are parallel in M, then from (III.12) and (III.13), we get  $(\nabla_X \phi_a) Y = 0$  and  $(\nabla_X \eta_a) (Y) = 0$  that is M is a manifold with cosymplectic 3-structure.

As immediate consequence of theorem we have the following;

**Corollary 3.4** Let M be real hypersurface of quaternion Kaehler manifold  $\overline{M}$ . If M is totally geodesic and  $\xi_a$  are parallel in M then M is a manifold with cosymplectic 3-structure.

**Corollary 3.5** Let M be real hypersurface in  $IR^{4m}(m > 1)$ . Then M is totally geodesic if and only if M is a manifold with cosymplectic 3-structure.

**Proof.** Since  $\overline{M} = IR^{4m}(m > 1)$  we have  $\overline{\nabla}_X J_a = 0$ . Thus from (III.13) we get

$$g((\nabla_X \phi_a) Y, Z) = \eta_a(Y) \alpha (X, Z) - \alpha (X, Y) \eta_a(Z)$$
(III.14)

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$ . Let M be a totally geodesic real hypersurface of  $IR^{4m}(m > 1)$ then from (III.14) we have

$$g((\nabla_X \phi_a) Y, Z) = 0$$

and from (III.8) we obtain

$$\left(\nabla_X \eta_a\right)(Y) = 0$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ . Thus M is a manifold with cosymplectic 3-structure.

Conversely, if M is a manifold with cosymplectic 3-structure, from (III.14) we get

$$\eta_a(Y)A_N X = \alpha\left(X, Y\right)\xi_a$$

or

$$\eta_1(Y)A_N X = \alpha (X, Y) \xi_1$$
  

$$\eta_2(Y)A_N X = \alpha (X, Y) \xi_2$$
  

$$\eta_3(Y)A_N X = \alpha (X, Y) \xi_3$$

since  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3$  are linearly independent we get  $\alpha(X, Y) = 0$ . Thus proof is complete.

From (III.14) we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.6** Let M be real hypersurface in  $IR^{4m}(m > 1)$ . Then M is a manifold with Sasakian 3-structure if and only if  $\alpha(X, Y) = g(X, Y)$  for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ .

**Corollary 3.7** Let M be totally umbilical real hypersurface in  $IR^{4m}(m > 1)$ . Then M is a manifold with nearly Sasakian 3-structure.

**Proof.** For any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , from (III.7) we get

$$g((\nabla_X \phi_a) X, Y) = \eta_a(X)g(h(X, Y), N) - \alpha(X, X) \eta_a(Y)$$
$$= \eta_a(X)g(X, Y) - g(X, X) g((Y, \xi_a)).$$

Thus M is a manifold with nearly Sasakian 3-structure.

**Theorem 3.8** Let M be a QR-submanifold of quaternion Kaehler manifold such that  $(\nabla_X \phi_a)Y = 0, X, Y \in \Gamma(D)$ . Then the quaternion distribution is involutive.

**Proof.** By using (III.6), we obtain

$$g([X,Y],\xi_a) = g(\bigtriangledown_X Y,\xi_a) - g(\bigtriangledown_Y X,\xi_a)$$
  
=  $Xg(Y,\xi_a) - g(Y,\bigtriangledown_X \xi_a) - Yg(X,\xi_a) + g(X,\bigtriangledown_Y \xi_a)$   
=  $g(X,\bigtriangledown_Y \xi_a) - g(Y,\bigtriangledown_X \xi_a)$   
=  $-2g(Y,\bigtriangledown_X \xi_a)$   
=  $2g(\bigtriangledown_X Y,\xi_a)$ 

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(D)$  and  $\xi_a \in \Gamma(D^{\perp})$ . Since D is invariant under  $\phi_a$  there exists nonzero vector field  $Z \in \Gamma(D)$  such that  $Y = \phi_a Z$ . Thus we have

$$g([X,Y],\xi_a) = 2g(\bigtriangledown_X \phi_a Z,\xi_a)$$
$$= 2g((\bigtriangledown_X \phi_a)Z + \phi_a(\bigtriangledown_X Z),\xi_a)$$
$$= 2g(\phi_a(\bigtriangledown_X Z),\xi_a)$$

here, by using (II.3) we obtain  $g([X, Y], \xi_a) = 0$  i.e.  $[X, Y] \in \Gamma(D)$ .

**Corollary 3.9** Let M be a QR-submanifold of quaternionn Kaehler manifold. If D is involutive, then each leaf of D is totally geodesic in M.

**Proof.** The proof is obvious from proof of the Theorem 3.7.

**Theorem 3.10** Let M be a QR-submanifold of quaternionn Kaehler manifold. Then we have

$$PA_N X = -X \Longleftrightarrow P \bigtriangledown_X \xi_a = -\phi_a X$$

for any  $X \in \Gamma(D)$ . Where P is the projection morphism of TM to the quaternion distribution D.

**Proof.** From (II.2) we have

$$-\overline{\nabla}_X J_a N - h(X, J_a N) = \nabla_X \xi_a$$
$$-(\overline{\nabla}_X J_a) N - J_a(\overline{\nabla}_X N) - h(X, J_a N) = \nabla_X \xi_a.$$

By using (II.2) and (II.15) we obtain

$$-Q_{ab}(X)J_bN - Q_{ac}(X)J_cN - J_a(A_NX + \bigtriangledown^{\perp}_XN - h(X,\xi_a) = \bigtriangledown_X\xi_a.$$

Here,(II.1) and [1] we have

$$-Q_{ab}(X)J_bN - Q_{ac}(X)J_cN + J_aPA_NX$$
  
+ $\eta_b(A_nX)\xi_c - \eta_c(A_nX)\xi_b - \eta_a(A_nX)N$   
 $-B_a \bigtriangledown^{\perp}_X N - C_a \bigtriangledown^{\perp}_X N$   
 $-h(X,\xi_a) = P \bigtriangledown_X \xi_a + \eta_a(\bigtriangledown_X \xi_a)\xi_a$   
 $+\eta_b(\bigtriangledown_X \xi_a)\xi_b + \eta_c(\bigtriangledown_X \xi_a)\xi_c$ 

thus we obtain  $J_a P A_N X = P \bigtriangledown_X \xi_a$ . Hence we get assertion of theorem.

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