

## Inequality for Ricci Curvature of Slant Submanifolds in Cosymplectic Space Forms

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### Abstract

In this article, we establish inequalities between the Ricci curvature and the squared mean curvature, and also between the  $k$ -Ricci curvature and the scalar curvature for a slant, semi-slant and bi-slant submanifold in a cosymplectic space form of constant  $\varphi$ - sectional curvature with arbitrary codimension.

**Key Words:** Mean curvature, sectional curvature,  $k$ -Ricci curvature, slant submanifold, semi-slant submanifold, bi-slant submanifold, cosymplectic space form.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\tilde{M}$  be a  $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional almost contact manifold endowed with an almost contact structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta)$ , that is,  $\varphi$  is a  $(1,1)$  tensor field,  $\xi$  is a vector field and  $\eta$  is a 1-form such that

$$\varphi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi \quad \text{and} \quad \eta(\xi) = 1.$$

Then,  $\varphi(\xi) = 0$  and  $\eta \circ \varphi = 0$ . Let  $g$  be a compatible Riemannian metric with  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta)$ , that is,  $g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)$  or equivalent,  $g(X, \varphi Y) = -g(\varphi X, Y)$  and  $g(X, \xi) = \eta(X)$  for all  $X, Y \in \tilde{M}$ . Then,  $\tilde{M}$  becomes an almost contact metric manifold equipped with an almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ . An almost contact metric manifold is *cosymplectic* ([1]) if  $\tilde{\nabla}_X \varphi = 0$ , where  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is the Levi-Civita connection of the Riemannian metric  $g$ . From the formula  $\tilde{\nabla}_X \varphi = 0$  it follows that  $\tilde{\nabla}_X \xi = 0$ .

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A plane section  $\pi$  in  $T_p\tilde{M}$  of an almost contact metric manifold  $\tilde{M}$  is called a  $\varphi$ -section if  $\pi \perp \xi$  and  $\varphi(\pi) = \pi$ .  $\tilde{M}$  is of *constant  $\varphi$ -sectional curvature* if sectional curvature  $\tilde{K}(\pi)$  does not depend on the choice of the  $\varphi$ -section  $\pi$  of  $T_p\tilde{M}$  and the choice of a point  $p \in \tilde{M}$ . A cosymplectic manifold  $\tilde{M}$  is said to be a *cosymplectic space form* if the  $\varphi$ -sectional curvature is constant  $c$  along  $\tilde{M}$ . A cosymplectic space form will be denoted by  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then the Riemannian curvature tensor  $\tilde{R}$  on  $\tilde{M}(c)$  is given by ([9])

$$\begin{aligned} 4\tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = & c\{g(X, W)g(Y, Z) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W) + g(X, \varphi W)g(Y, \varphi Z) \\ & - g(X, \varphi Z)g(Y, \varphi W) - 2g(X, \varphi Y)g(Z, \varphi W) - g(X, W)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) \\ & + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W) - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\eta(W) + g(Y, W)\eta(X)\eta(Z)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold of a cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$  equipped with a Riemannian metric  $g$ . The Gauss and Wiengarten formulas are given respectively by

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X N = -A_N X + \nabla_X^\perp N$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$  and  $N \in T^\perp M$ , where  $\tilde{\nabla}, \nabla$  and  $\nabla^\perp$  are the Riemannian, induced Riemannian and induced normal connections in  $\tilde{M}(c), M$  and the normal bundle  $T^\perp M$  of  $M$  respectively, and  $h$  is the second fundamental form related to the shape operator  $A$  by  $g(h(X, Y), N) = g(A_N X, Y)$ . Then the equation of Gauss is given by

$$\tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = R(X, Y, Z, W) + g(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)) - g(h(X, Z), h(Y, W)), \quad (1.2)$$

for any vectors  $X, Y, Z, W$  tangent to  $M$ .

For any vector  $X$  tangent to  $M$  we put  $\varphi X = PX + FX$ , where  $PX$  and  $FX$  are the tangential and the normal components of  $\varphi X$ , respectively. Given an orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  of  $M$ , we define the squared norm of  $P$  by

$$\|P\|^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n g^2(\varphi e_i, e_j)$$

and the mean curvature vector  $H(p)$  at  $p \in M$  is given by  $H = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h(e_i, e_i)$ .

We put

$$h_{ij}^r = g(h(e_i, e_j), e_r) \quad \text{and} \quad \|h\|^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n g(h(e_i, e_j), h(e_i, e_j)),$$

where  $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2m+1}\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $T_p^\perp M$  and  $r = n + 1, \dots, 2m + 1$ . A submanifold  $M$  in  $\tilde{M}(c)$  is called *totally geodesic* if the second fundamental form vanishes identically and *totally umbilical* if there is a real number  $\lambda$  such that  $h(X, Y) = \lambda g(X, Y)H$  for any tangent vectors  $X, Y$  on  $M$ .

For an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $M$ , we denote by  $K(\pi)$  the sectional curvature of  $M$  associated with a plane section  $\pi \subset T_p M, p \in M$ . For an orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  of the tangent space  $T_p M$ , the scalar curvature  $\tau$  is defined by

$$\tau = \sum_{i < j} K_{ij}, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $K_{ij}$  denotes the sectional curvature of the 2-plane section spanned by  $e_i$  and  $e_j$ .

Suppose  $L$  is a  $k$ -plane section of  $T_p M$  and  $X$  a unit vector in  $L$ . We choose an orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$  of  $L$  such that  $e_1 = X$ . Define the Ricci curvature  $Ric_L$  of  $L$  at  $X$  by

$$Ric_L(X) = K_{12} + \dots + K_{1k}. \quad (1.4)$$

We simply call such a curvature a *k-Ricci curvature*. The scalar curvature  $\tau$  of the  $k$ -plane section  $L$  is given by

$$\tau(L) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} K_{ij}. \quad (1.5)$$

For each integer  $k, 2 \leq k \leq n$ , the Riemannian invariant  $\Theta_k$  on an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $M$  is defined by

$$\Theta_k(p) = \frac{1}{k-1} \inf_{L, X} Ric_L(X), \quad p \in M, \quad (1.6)$$

where  $L$  runs over all  $k$ -plane sections in  $T_p M$  and  $X$  runs over all unit vectors in  $L$ .

Recall that for a submanifold  $M$  in a Riemannian manifold, the relative null space of  $M$  at a point  $p \in M$  is defined by

$$N_p = \{X \in T_p M | h(X, Y) = 0 \text{ for all } Y \in T_p M\}.$$

In [8], A. Lotta has introduced the following notion of slant submanifolds into almost contact metric manifolds. A submanifold  $M$  tangent to  $\xi$  is said to be *slant* if for any

$p \in M$  and any  $X \in T_pM$ , linearly independent of  $\xi$ , the angle between  $\varphi X$  and  $T_pM$  is a constant  $\theta \in [0, \pi/2]$ , called the *slant angle* of  $M$  in  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Invariant and anti-invariant submanifolds of  $\tilde{M}(c)$  are slant submanifolds with slant angle  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \pi/2$ , respectively.

We say that a submanifold  $M$  tangent to  $\xi$  is a *bi-slant* submanifold in  $\tilde{M}(c)$  if there exist two orthogonal distributions  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}_2$  on  $M$  such that

- (1)  $TM$  admits the orthogonal direct decomposition  $TM = \mathcal{D}_1 \oplus \mathcal{D}_2 \oplus \{\xi\}$
- (2) For any  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_i$  is slant distribution with slant angle  $\theta_i$ .

On the other hand, *CR*-submanifolds of  $\tilde{M}(c)$  are bi-slant submanifolds with  $\theta_1 = 0$ ,  $\theta_2 = \pi/2$ .

Let  $2d_1 = \dim\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $2d_2 = \dim\mathcal{D}_2$ .

**Remark.** If either  $d_1$  or  $d_2$  vanishes, the bi-slant submanifold is a slant submanifold. Thus, slant submanifolds are particular cases of bi-slant submanifolds.

A submanifold  $M$  tangent to  $\xi$  is called a *semi-slant* submanifold in  $\tilde{M}(c)$  if there exist two orthogonal distributions  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}_2$  on  $M$  such that

- (1)  $TM$  admits the orthogonal direct decomposition  $TM = \mathcal{D}_1 \oplus \mathcal{D}_2 \oplus \{\xi\}$ .
- (2) The distribution  $\mathcal{D}_1$  is an invariant distribution, i.e.,  $\varphi(\mathcal{D}_1) = \mathcal{D}_1$ .
- (3) The distribution  $\mathcal{D}_2$  is slant with angle  $\theta \neq 0$ .

**Remark.** The invariant distribution of a semi-slant submanifold is a slant distribution with zero angle. Thus, it is obvious that in fact, semi-slant submanifolds are particular cases of bi-slant submanifolds.

- (1) If  $d_2 = 0$ , then  $M$  is an invariant submanifold.
- (2) If  $d_1 = 0$  and  $\theta = \pi/2$ , then  $M$  is an anti-invariant submanifold.

For the other properties and examples of slant, bi-slant and semi-slant submanifolds in almost contact metric manifold, we refer to the reader [2], [3].

## 2. Ricci Curvature and Squared Mean Curvature

B.Y. Chen established a sharp relationship between the Ricci curvature and the squared mean curvature for submanifolds in real space forms (see [6]). We prove similar inequalities for slant, bi-slant and semi-slant submanifolds in a cosymplectic space form

$\tilde{M}(c)$ . We consider submanifolds  $M$  tangent to the vector field  $\xi$ .

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional  $\theta$ -slant submanifold tangent to  $\xi$  into a  $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then, we have*

(1) *For each unit vector  $X \in T_p M$  orthogonal to  $\xi$*

$$\text{Ric}(X) \leq \frac{1}{4} \left\{ (n-1)c + \frac{1}{2}(3\cos^2\theta - 2)c + n^2\|H\|^2 \right\}. \quad (2.1)$$

(2) *If  $H(p) = 0$ , then a unit tangent vector  $X$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  at  $p$  satisfies the equality case of (2.1) if and only if  $X \in N_p$ .*

(3) *The equality case of (2.1) holds identically for all unit tangent vectors orthogonal to  $\xi$  at  $p$  if and only if  $p$  is a totally geodesic point.*

**Proof.** Let  $X \in T_p M$  be a unit tangent vector at  $p$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ . We choose an orthonormal basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n = \xi, e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2m+1}$  such that  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  are tangent to  $M$  at  $p$  with  $e_1 = X$ . Then, from the equation of Gauss, we have

$$n^2\|H\|^2 = 2\tau + \|h\|^2 - \{n(n-1) + 3(n-1)\cos^2\theta - 2n + 2\}\frac{c}{4}. \quad (2.2)$$

From (2.2) we get

$$\begin{aligned} n^2\|H\|^2 &= 2\tau + \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} [(h_{11}^r)^2 + (h_{22}^r + \dots + h_{nn}^r)^2 + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (h_{ij}^r)^2] \\ &\quad - 2 \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - \frac{c}{4}[n(n-1) + 3(n-1)\cos^2\theta - 2n + 2] \\ &= 2\tau + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} [(h_{11}^r + h_{22}^r + \dots + h_{nn}^r)^2 + (h_{11}^r - h_{22}^r - \dots - h_{nn}^r)^2] \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (h_{ij}^r)^2 - 2 \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r \\ &\quad - \frac{c}{4}[n(n-1) + 3(n-1)\cos^2\theta - 2n + 2]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

By using the equation of Gauss, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} K_{ij} &= \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} [h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - (h_{ij}^r)^2] + (n-1)(n-2) \frac{c}{8} \\ &\quad + [3(n-2) \cos^2 \theta - 2n + 4] \frac{c}{8}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Substituting (2.4) in (2.3), we get

$$\frac{1}{2} n^2 \|H\|^2 \geq 2\text{Ric}(X) - 2(n-1) \frac{c}{4} - (3 \cos^2 \theta - 2) \frac{c}{4},$$

or equivalently (2.1).

(2) Assume  $H(P) = 0$ . Equality holds in (2.1) if and only if

$$\begin{cases} h_{12}^r = \dots = h_{1n}^r = 0, \\ h_{11}^r = h_{22}^r + \dots + h_{nn}^r, \quad r \in \{n+1, \dots, 2m+1\}. \end{cases}$$

Then  $h_{1j}^r = 0$  for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}, r \in \{n+1, \dots, 2m+1\}$ , that is,  $X \in N_p$ .

(3) Then equality case of (2.1) holds for all unit tangent vectors orthogonal to  $\xi$  at  $p$  if and only if

$$\begin{cases} h_{ij}^r = 0, \quad i \neq j, \quad r \in \{n+1, \dots, 2m+1\}, \\ h_{11}^r + \dots + h_{nn}^r - 2h_{ii}^r = 0, \quad i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad r \in \{n+1, \dots, 2m+1\}. \end{cases}$$

In this case, it follows that  $p$  is a totally geodesic point. The converse is trivial.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional bi-slant submanifold satisfying  $g(X, \varphi Y) = 0$ , for any  $X \in \mathcal{D}_1$  and any  $Y \in \mathcal{D}_2$ , tangent to  $\xi$  in a  $(2m+1)$ -dimensional cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then,*

- (1) *For each unit vector  $X \in T_p M$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  and if*  
 (i)  *$X$  is tangent to  $\mathcal{D}_1$  we have*

$$\text{Ric}(X) \leq \frac{1}{4} \left\{ (n-1)c + \frac{1}{2} (3 \cos^2 \theta_1 - 2)c + n^2 \|H\|^2 \right\}; \quad (2.5)$$

and if

(ii)  $X$  is tangent to  $\mathcal{D}_2$ , we have

$$\text{Ric}(X) \leq \frac{1}{4} \left\{ (n-1)c + \frac{1}{2}(3 \cos^2 \theta_2 - 2)c + n^2 \|H\|^2 \right\}. \quad (2.6)$$

(2) If  $H(p) = 0$ , then a unit tangent vector  $X$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  at  $p$  satisfies the equality case of (2.5) and (2.6) if and only if  $X \in N_p$ .

(3) The equality case of (2.5) and (2.6) holds identically for all unit tangent vectors orthogonal to  $\xi$  at  $p$  if and only if  $p$  is a totally geodesic point.

**Proof.** Let  $X \in T_p M$  be a unit tangent vector at  $p$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ . We choose an orthonormal basis  $e_1, \dots, e_n = \xi, e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2m+1}$  such that  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  are tangent to  $M$  at  $p$  with  $e_1 = X$ . Then, from the equation of Gauss, we have

$$n^2 \|H\|^2 = 2\tau + \|h\|^2 - \{n(n-1) + 6(d_1 \cos^2 \theta_1 + d_2 \cos^2 \theta_2) - 2n + 2\} \frac{c}{4}, \quad (2.7)$$

where  $2d_1 = \dim \mathcal{D}_1$  and  $2d_2 = \dim \mathcal{D}_2$ .

From (2.7) we get

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 \|H\|^2 &= 2\tau + \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} [(h_{11}^r)^2 + (h_{22}^r + \dots + h_{nn}^r)^2 + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (h_{ij}^r)^2] \\ &\quad - 2 \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - \frac{c}{4} [n(n-1) + 6(d_1 \cos^2 \theta_1 + d_2 \cos^2 \theta_2) - 2n + 2] \\ &= 2\tau + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} [(h_{11}^r + h_{22}^r + \dots + h_{nn}^r)^2 + (h_{11}^r - h_{22}^r - \dots - h_{nn}^r)^2] \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (h_{ij}^r)^2 - 2 \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r \\ &\quad - \frac{c}{4} [n(n-1) + 6(d_1 \cos^2 \theta_1 + d_2 \cos^2 \theta_2) - 2n + 2]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

We distinguish two cases:

(i) if  $X$  is tangent to  $\mathcal{D}_1$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} K_{ij} &= \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} [h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - (h_{ij}^r)^2] + (n-1)(n-2) \frac{c}{8} \\ &\quad + [6(d_1 \cos^2 \theta_1 + d_2 \cos^2 \theta_2) - 3 \cos^2 \theta_1 - 2n + 4] \frac{c}{8}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Substituting (2.9) in (2.8), one gets

$$\frac{1}{2} n^2 \|H\|^2 \geq 2\text{Ric}(X) - 2(n-1) \frac{c}{4} - (3 \cos^2 \theta_1 - 2) \frac{c}{4},$$

which is equivalent to (2.5).

(ii) if  $X$  is tangent to  $\mathcal{D}_2$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} K_{ij} &= \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} [h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - (h_{ij}^r)^2] + (n-1)(n-2) \frac{c}{8} \\ &\quad + [6(d_1 \cos^2 \theta_1 + d_2 \cos^2 \theta_2) - 3 \cos^2 \theta_2 - 2n + 4] \frac{c}{8}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

Substituting (2.10) in (2.8), one gets

$$\frac{1}{2} n^2 \|H\|^2 \geq 2\text{Ric}(X) - 2(n-1) \frac{c}{4} - (3 \cos^2 \theta_2 - 2) \frac{c}{4},$$

which is equivalent to (2.6).

(2) Assume  $H(p) = 0$ . Equality holds in (2.5) and (2.6) if and only if

$$\begin{cases} h_{12}^r = \cdots = h_{1n}^r = 0, \\ h_{11}^r = h_{22}^r + \cdots + h_{nn}^r, \quad r \in \{n+1, \dots, 2m+1\}. \end{cases}$$

Then  $h_{1j}^r = 0$  for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}, r \in \{n+1, \dots, 2m+1\}$ , that is,  $X \in N_p$ .

(3) Then equality case of (2.5) and (2.6) holds for all unit tangent vectors orthogonal to  $\xi$  at  $p$  if and only if

$$\begin{cases} h_{ij}^r = 0, \quad i \neq j, \quad r \in \{n+1, \dots, 2m+1\}, \\ h_{11}^r + \cdots + h_{nn}^r - 2h_{ii}^r = 0, \quad i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad r \in \{n+1, \dots, 2m+1\}. \end{cases}$$



In this case, it follows that  $p$  is a totally geodesic point. The converse is trivial.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional semi-slant submanifold in a  $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then,*

- (1) *For each unit vector  $X \in T_p M$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  and if*  
 (i)  *$X$  is tangent to  $\mathcal{D}_1$  we have*

$$\text{Ric}(X) \leq \frac{1}{4} \{(n - 2)c + n^2 \|H\|^2\} \quad (2.11)$$

and if

- (ii)  *$X$  is tangent to  $\mathcal{D}_2$  we have*

$$\text{Ric}(X) \leq \frac{1}{4} \left\{ (n - 1)c + \frac{1}{2} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 2)c + n^2 \|H\|^2 \right\}. \quad (2.12)$$

(2) *If  $H(p) = 0$ , then a unit tangent vector  $X$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  at  $p$  satisfies the equality case of (2.11) and (2.12) if and only if  $X \in N_p$ .*

(3) *The equality case of (2.11) and (2.12) holds identically for all unit tangent vectors orthogonal to  $\xi$  at  $p$  if and only if  $p$  is a totally geodesic point.*

**Corollary 2.4** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional invariant submanifold in a  $(2m+1)$ -dimensional cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then,*

- (1) *For each unit vector  $X \in T_p M$  orthogonal to  $\xi$*

$$\text{Ric}(X) \leq \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)c + n^2 \|H\|^2 \right\}. \quad (2.13)$$

(2) *If  $H(p) = 0$ , then a unit tangent vector  $X$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  at  $p$  satisfies the equality case of (2.13) if and only if  $X \in N_p$ .*

(3) *The equality case of (2.13) holds identically for all unit tangent vectors orthogonal to  $\xi$  at  $p$  if and only if  $p$  is a totally geodesic point.*

**Corollary 2.5** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional anti-invariant submanifold in a  $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then,*

- (1) *For each unit vector  $X \in T_p M$  orthogonal to  $\xi$*

$$\text{Ric}(X) \leq \frac{1}{4} \{(n - 2)c + n^2 \|H\|^2\}. \quad (2.14)$$

(2) If  $H(p) = 0$ , then a unit tangent vector  $X$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  at  $p$  satisfies the equality case of (2.14) if and only if  $X \in N_p$ .

(3) The equality case of (2.14) holds identically for all unit tangent vectors orthogonal to  $\xi$  at  $p$  if and only if  $p$  is a totally geodesic point.

### 3. $k$ -Ricci Curvature and Squared Mean Curvature

In this section, we prove the relationship between the  $k$ -Ricci curvature and the squared mean curvature for slant, bi-slant and semi-slant submanifolds in a cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . We state an inequality between the scalar curvature and the squared mean curvature for submanifolds  $M$  tangent to the vector field  $\xi$ .

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional  $\theta$ -slant submanifold tangent to  $\xi$  into a  $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then we have*

$$\|H\|^2 \geq \frac{2\tau}{n(n-1)} - \frac{[n(n-1) + 3(n-1)\cos^2\theta - 2n + 2]c}{4n(n-1)}, \quad (3.1)$$

equality holding at a point  $p \in M$  if and only if  $p$  is a totally umbilical point.

**Proof.** Let  $p$  be a point of  $M$ . We choose an orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n = \xi\}$  for the tangent space  $T_pM$  and  $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2m+1}\}$  for the normal space  $T_p^\perp M$  at  $p$  such that the normal vector  $e_{n+1}$  is in the direction of the mean curvature vector and  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  diagonalize the shape operator  $A_{n+1}$ . Then we have

$$A_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_3 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.2)$$

$$A_r = (h_{ij}^r), \quad \sum_{i=1}^n h_{ii}^r = 0, \quad n+2 \leq r \leq 2m+1.$$

From the equation of Gauss

$$n^2 \|H\|^2 = 2\tau + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 + \sum_{r=n+2}^{2m+1} \sum_{i,j=1}^n (h_{ij}^r)^2 - [n(n-1) + 3(n-1)\cos^2\theta - 2n + 2] \frac{c}{4}. \quad (3.3)$$

On the other hand,

$$\sum_{i<j} (a_i - a_j)^2 = (n-1) \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i<j} a_i a_j. \quad (3.4)$$

Therefore, from the above equation we have

$$n^2 \|H\|^2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i<j} a_i a_j \leq n \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2. \quad (3.5)$$

Combining (3.3) and (3.5), we get

$$n(n-1) \|H\|^2 \geq 2\tau + \sum_{r=n+2}^{2m+1} \sum_{i,j=1}^n (h_{ij}^r)^2 - [n(n-1) + 3(n-1)\cos^2\theta - 2n + 2] \frac{c}{4}, \quad (3.6)$$

which implies inequality (3.1). If the equality sign of (3.1) holds at a point  $p \in M$  then from (3.4) and (3.6), we get  $A_r = 0$  ( $r = n+2, \dots, 2m+1$ ) and  $a_1 = \dots = a_n$ . Consequently,  $p$  is a totally umbilical point. The converse is trivial.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional bi-slant submanifold satisfying  $g(X, \varphi Y) = 0$ , for any  $X \in \mathcal{D}_1$  and any  $Y \in \mathcal{D}_2$ , tangent to  $\xi$  into a  $(2m+1)$ -dimensional cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then we have*

$$\|H\|^2 \geq \frac{2\tau}{n(n-1)} - \frac{[n(n-1) + 6(d_1 \cos^2\theta_1 + d_2 \cos^2\theta_2) - 2n + 2]c}{4n(n-1)},$$

where  $2d_1 = \dim\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $2d_2 = \dim\mathcal{D}_2$ .

**Theorem 3.3** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional semi-slant submanifold tangent to  $\xi$  into a  $(2m+1)$ -dimensional cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then we have*

$$\|H\|^2 \geq \frac{2\tau}{n(n-1)} - \frac{[n(n-1) + 6(d_1 + d_2 \cos^2\theta) - 2n + 2]c}{4n(n-1)},$$

where  $2d_1 = \dim\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $2d_2 = \dim\mathcal{D}_2$ .

**Theorem 3.4** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional  $\theta$ -slant submanifold tangent to  $\xi$  into a  $(2m+1)$ -dimensional cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then, for any integer  $k$  ( $2 \leq k \leq n$ ) and any point  $p \in M$ , we have*

$$\|H\|^2 \geq \Theta_k(p) - \frac{[n(n-1) + 3(n-1)\cos^2\theta - 2n + 2]c}{4n(n-1)}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $T_pM$ . Denote by  $L_{i_1 \dots i_k}$  the  $k$ -plane section spanned by  $e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_k}$ . It follows from (1.4) and (1.5) that

$$\tau(L_{i_1 \dots i_k}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in \{i_1, \dots, i_k\}} Ric_{L_{i_1 \dots i_k}}(e_i), \quad (3.7)$$

$$\tau(p) = \frac{1}{\binom{n-2}{k-2}} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \tau(L_{i_1 \dots i_k}). \quad (3.8)$$

Combining (1.6), (3.7) and (3.8), we obtain

$$\tau(p) \geq \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \Theta_k(p). \quad (3.9)$$

Therefore, by using (3.1) and (3.9) we can obtain the inequality in Theorem 3.4.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional bi-slant submanifold tangent to  $\xi$  into a  $(2m+1)$ -dimensional cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then, for any integer  $k$  ( $2 \leq k \leq n$ ) and any point  $p \in M$ , we have*

$$\|H\|^2 \geq \Theta_k(p) - \frac{[n(n-1) + 6(d_1 \cos^2\theta_1 + d_2 \cos^2\theta_2) - 2n + 2]c}{4n(n-1)},$$

where  $2d_1 = \dim\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $2d_2 = \dim\mathcal{D}_2$ .

**Theorem 3.6** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional semi-slant submanifold tangent to  $\xi$  into a  $(2m+1)$ -dimensional cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then, for any integer  $k$  ( $2 \leq k \leq n$ ) and any point  $p \in M$ , we have*

$$\|H\|^2 \geq \Theta_k(p) - \frac{[n(n-1) + 6(d_1 + d_2 \cos^2\theta) - 2n + 2]c}{4n(n-1)},$$

where  $2d_1 = \dim \mathcal{D}_1$  and  $2d_2 = \dim \mathcal{D}_2$ .

**Corollary 3.7** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional invariant submanifold tangent to  $\xi$  into a  $(2m+1)$ -dimensional cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then, for any integer  $k$  ( $2 \leq k \leq n$ ) and any point  $p \in M$ , we have*

$$\|H\|^2 \geq \Theta_k(p) - \frac{(n+1)c}{4n}.$$

**Corollary 3.8** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional anti-invariant submanifold tangent to  $\xi$  into a  $(2m+1)$ -dimensional cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then, for any integer  $k$  ( $2 \leq k \leq n$ ) and any point  $p \in M$ , we have*

$$\|H\|^2 \geq \Theta_k(p) - \frac{(n-2)c}{4n}.$$

**Corollary 3.9** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional contact CR-submanifold tangent to  $\xi$  into a  $(2m+1)$ -dimensional cosymplectic space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then, for any integer  $k$  ( $2 \leq k \leq n$ ) and any point  $p \in M$ , we have*

$$\|H\|^2 \geq \Theta_k(p) - \frac{[n(n-1) + 6d_1 - 2n + 2]c}{4n(n-1)}.$$

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