

## Contact 3-structure QR-warped product submanifold in Sasakian space form

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**Abstract:** In the present paper we obtain sharp estimates for the squared norm of the second fundamental form in terms of the mapping function for contact 3-structure CR-warped products isometrically immersed in Sasakian space form.

**Key words:** Warped product, contact QR-warped product, Sasakian space form

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\tilde{M}$  be a hermitian manifold and denoted by  $J$  the almost complex structure on  $\tilde{M}$ . Yano and Ishihara (see [13]) considered a submanifold  $M$  whose tangent bundle  $TM$  splits into a complex subbundle  $D$  and a totally real subbundle  $D^\perp$ . Later, such a submanifold was called a CR-submanifold [4],[3]. Blair and Chen [4] proved that a CR-submanifold of a locally conformal Kaähler manifold is a Cauchy-Riemann manifold in the sense of Greenfield.

Recently, Chen [5] introduced the notion of a CR-warped product submanifold in a Kaähler manifold. He established a sharp relationship between the mapping function  $f$  of a warped product CR-submanifold  $M_1 \times_f M_2$  of a Kaähler manifold  $\tilde{M}$  and the squared norm of the second fundamental form  $\|h\|$  [5].

In 1971, Kenmotsu [7] introduced a class of almost contact metric manifolds, called Kenmotsu manifold, which is not Sasakian. Kenmotsu manifolds have been studied by several authors such as Pitiş [12], Özgür [10] and Özgür and De [11].

Let  $\bar{M}^{\frac{(n+p)}{4}}$  be a quaternionic Kaähler manifold with real dimension of  $n+p$ . Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional QR-submanifold of QR dimension  $(p-3)$  isometrically immersed in a quaternionic Kaähler manifold  $\bar{M}^{\frac{(n+p)}{4}}$ . Denoting by  $\{F_1, F_2, F_3\}$  the quaternionic Kaähler structure of  $\bar{M}^{\frac{(n+p)}{4}}$ , it follows by definition [8] that there exists a  $(p-3)$ -dimensional subbundle  $\nu$  of the normal bundle  $TM^\perp$

$$F_1\nu_x \subset \nu_x, \quad F_2\nu_x \subset \nu_x, \quad F_3\nu_x \subset \nu_x, \quad (1.1)$$

$$F_1\nu_x^\perp \subset T_x M, \quad F_2\nu_x^\perp \subset T_x M, \quad F_3\nu_x^\perp \subset T_x M, \quad (1.2)$$

for each  $x \in M$ , where  $\nu^\perp$  denotes the complementary orthogonal subbundle to  $\nu$  in  $TM^\perp$ . Thus these are naturally distinguished unit normal vector fields  $\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\}$  of  $M$  such that  $\nu_x^\perp = \text{span}\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\}$  for each

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$x \in M$ , and the vector fields  $U_1, U_2, U_3$  defined by

$$U_1 = -F_1\xi_1, \quad U_2 = -F_2\xi_2, \quad U_3 = -F_3\xi_3 \tag{1.3}$$

are tangent to  $M$ . On the other hand, each tangent space  $T_xM$  is decomposed as

$$T_xM = D_x \oplus D_x^\perp \tag{1.4}$$

where  $D_x$  is the maximal quaternionic invariant subspace of  $T_xM$  defined by

$$D_x = T_xM \cap F_1T_xM \cap F_2T_xM \cap F_3T_xM \tag{1.5}$$

and  $D_x^\perp$  its orthogonal complement in  $T_xM$ . In this case, as shown in [2],  $D_x^\perp = \text{span}\{U_1, U_2, U_3\}$  and so  $D : x \mapsto D_x$  defines an  $(n-3)$ -dimensional distribution on  $M$ . But  $D$  cannot be a quaternionic CR-distribution in the sense of [1]. Further, it is clear that

$$F_1T_xM, F_2T_xM, F_3T_xM \subset T_xM \oplus \text{span}\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\} \tag{1.6}$$

and, consequently, for any tangent vector  $X$  to  $M$ , we have following decomposition in tangential and normal components

$$F_iX = \varphi_iX + \eta_i(X)\xi_i \tag{1.7}$$

In the present paper, we study contact 3-structure QR-warped product submanifolds in Sasakian space forms.

We prove estimates of the squared norm of the second fundamental form in terms of the mapping function. Equality cases are investigated.

## 2. Preliminaries

A  $(4m+3)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $\tilde{M}$  is said to have an *almost contact 3-structure* [9] if it admits three contact structure  $(\varphi_i, \xi_i, \eta_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , satisfying:

$$\varphi_k = \varphi_i\varphi_j - \eta_j \otimes \xi_i = -\varphi_j\varphi_i + \eta_i \otimes \xi_j$$

$$\xi_k = \varphi_i\xi_j = -\varphi_j\xi_i, \quad \eta_k = \eta_i \circ \varphi_j = -\eta_j \circ \varphi_i.$$

Kuo [9] proved that given an almost contact 3-structure, there exists a Riemannian metric compatible with each of them, and hence we can speak of an *almost contact metric 3-structure*  $(\varphi_i, \xi_i, \eta_i, \tilde{g})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

The almost contact metric structure of  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, \tilde{g})$  on  $\tilde{M}$  is called Sasakian structure if

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X\xi = -\varphi(X)$$

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X\varphi)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X.$$

If the three structures  $(\varphi_i, \xi_i, \eta_i, \tilde{g})$  are contact metric structures, we say that  $\tilde{M}$  has a *contact metric 3-structure*. If the three structures are Sasakian, we say that  $\tilde{M}$  has a *3-Sasakian structure*, and  $\tilde{M}$  is a *3-Sasakian manifold*.

We have the following theorem of Kashiwada [6]

**Theorem.** Every contact metric 3-structure is 3-Sasakian.

A plane section  $\pi$  in  $T_p\tilde{M}$  is called a  $\varphi$ -section if  $\varphi_i(\pi) \subseteq \pi$  for some  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . The sectional curvature of a  $\varphi$ -section is called  $\varphi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature. A Sasakian manifold with constant  $\varphi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$  is called a *Sasakian space form* and is denoted by  $\tilde{M}(c)$ .

The curvature tensor  $\tilde{R}$  of a Sasakian space form is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y)Z &= \frac{c+3}{4}\{\tilde{g}(Y, Z)X - \tilde{g}(X, Z)Y\} \\ &+ \frac{c-1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^3 \{[\eta_i(X)Y - \eta_i(Y)X]\eta_i(Z) \\ &+ [\tilde{g}(X, Z)\eta_i(Y) - \tilde{g}(Y, Z)\eta_i(X)]\xi_i \\ &- \tilde{g}(Y, \varphi_i Z)\varphi_i X + \tilde{g}(X, \varphi_i Z)\varphi_i Y + 2\tilde{g}(X, \varphi_i Y)\varphi_i Z\}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

Let  $\tilde{M}$  be a Sasakian manifold and  $M$  an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold tangent to  $\{\xi_i\}$ . For any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ , we put

$$\varphi_i X = P_i X + F_i X \tag{2.2}$$

where  $P_i X$  (resp.  $F_i X$ ) denotes the tangent (resp. normal) component of  $\varphi_i X$ . Then  $P_i$  is an endomorphism of the bundle  $TM$  and  $F_i$  is a normal bundle valued 1-forms on  $TM$ .

The Gauss equation is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) &= R(X, Y, Z, W) \\ &+ g(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)) - g(h(X, Z), h(Y, W)) \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

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

Defining the covariant derivative of  $h$  by

$$(\nabla h)(X, Y, Z) = \nabla_X^\perp h(Y, Z) - h(\nabla_X Y, Z) - h(Y, \nabla_X Z)$$

the Codazzi equation is

$$(R(X, Y)Z)^\perp = (\nabla h)(X, Y, Z) - (\nabla h)(Y, X, Z). \tag{2.4}$$

Let  $p \in M$  and  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{4m+3}\}$  be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space  $T_p\tilde{M}$ , such that  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  are tangent to  $M$  at  $p$ . We denote by  $H$  the mean curvature vector, that is

$$H(p) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_1^n h(e_i, e_i) \tag{2.5}$$

As is known,  $M$  is said to be *minimal* if  $H$  vanishes identically.

Also, we set

$$h_{ij}^r = g(h(e_i, e_j), e_r), \quad i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad r \in \{n + 1, \dots, 4m + 3\} \tag{2.6}$$

as the coefficients of the second fundamental form  $h$  with respect to  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{4m+3}\}$ , and

$$\|h\|^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n g(h(e_i, e_j), h(e_i, e_j)). \tag{2.7}$$

By analogy with submanifold in a Kaähler manifold, different classes of submanifolds in a Sasakian manifold were considered.

A submanifold  $M$  tangent to  $\{\xi_i\}$  is called an invariant (resp. anti-invariant) submanifold if  $\varphi_i(T_p M) \subset T_p M$ ,  $\forall p \in M$  (resp.  $\varphi_i(T_p M) \subset T_p^\perp M$ ,  $\forall p \in M$ ).

A submanifold  $M$  tangent to  $\{\xi_i\}$  is called a contact QR-submanifold if there exists a pair of orthogonal differentiable distributions  $D$  and  $D^\perp$  on  $M$ , such that:

- (1)  $TM = D \oplus D^\perp \oplus \{\xi_i\}$ , where  $\{\xi_i\}$  is the 3-dimensional distribution spanned by  $\{\xi_i\}$
- (2)  $D$  is invariant by  $\varphi_i$ , i.e.,  $\varphi_i(D_p) \subset D_p$ ,  $\forall p \in M$ ;
- (3)  $D^\perp$  is anti-invariant by  $\varphi_i$ , i.e.,  $\varphi_i(D_p^\perp) \subset T_p^\perp M$ ,  $\forall p \in M$ .

In particular, if  $D^\perp = \{0\}$  (resp.  $D = \{0\}$ ),  $M$  is an invariant (resp. anti-invariant) submanifold.

### 3. 3-Contact QR-warped product submanifolds

Let  $(M_1, g_1)$  and  $(M_2, g_2)$  be two Riemannian manifolds and let  $f : M_1 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be differentiable function.

The warped product  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$  is the product manifold  $M_1 \times M_2$  endowed with the metric

$$g = g_1 + f^2 g_2 \tag{3.1}$$

More precisely, if  $\pi_1 : M_1 \times M_2 \rightarrow M_1$  and  $\pi_2 : M_1 \times M_2 \rightarrow M_2$  are natural projections, the metric  $g$  is defined by

$$g = \pi_1^* g_1 + (f \circ \pi_1)^2 \pi_2^* g_2 \tag{3.2}$$

The function  $f$  is called warping function. If  $f \equiv 1$ , then we have a Riemannian product manifold. If neither  $f$  is constant, then we have a non-trivial warped product.

We recall that on a warped product one has

$$\nabla_X Z = X(\ln f)Z \tag{3.3}$$

for any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M_1$  and  $Z$  tangent to  $M_2$ , where  $\nabla$  is the Riemannian connection of the Riemannian metric  $g$ .

If  $X$  and  $Z$  are unit vector fields, it follows that the sectional curvature  $K(X \wedge Z)$  of the plan section spanned by  $X$  and  $Z$  is given by

$$K(X \wedge Z) = g(\nabla_Z^1 \nabla_X^1 X - \nabla_X^1 \nabla_Z^1 X, Z) = \frac{1}{f} \{(\nabla_X^1 X)f - X^2 f\},$$

where  $\nabla^1, \nabla^2$  are the Riemannian connections of the Riemannian metrics  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  respectively.

A warped product submanifold  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$  of a Sasakian manifold  $\tilde{M}$ , with  $M_1$  a  $(4\alpha + 3)$ -dimensional invariant submanifold tangent to  $\{\xi_i\}$  and  $M_2$  a  $\beta$ -dimensional anti-invariant submanifold of  $\tilde{M}$ , is called the *contact QR-warped product submanifold*.

We state the following estimate of the squared norm of the second fundamental form for contact QR-warped product in Sasakian space forms.

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $\tilde{M}$  be a  $(4m + 3)$ -dimensional Sasakian manifold and  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$  an  $n$ -dimensional contact QR-warped product submanifold, such that  $M_1$  is a  $(4\alpha + 3)$ -dimensional invariant submanifold tangent to  $\{\xi_i\}$  and  $M_2$  is a  $\beta$ -dimensional anti-invariant submanifold of  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then:*

(i) *The squared norm of the second fundamental form of  $M$  satisfies*

$$\|h\|^2 \geq 2\beta \|\nabla(\ln f)\|^2 + 6 \tag{3.4}$$

where  $\nabla(\ln f)$  is the gradient of  $\ln f$ .

(ii) *If the equality sign of (3.4) holds identically, then  $M_1$  is a totally geodesic submanifold and  $M_2$  is a totally umbilical submanifold of  $\tilde{M}$ . Moreover,  $M$  is a minimal submanifold of  $\tilde{M}$ .*

**Proof** Let  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$  be a QR-warped product submanifold of a Sasakian manifold  $\tilde{M}$ , such that  $M_1$  is an invariant submanifold tangent to  $\{\xi_i\}$  and  $M_2$  is an anti-invariant submanifold of  $\tilde{M}$ .

For any unit vector fields  $X$  tangent to  $M_1$  and orthogonal to  $\{\xi_i\}$  and  $Z, W$  tangent to  $M_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(h(\varphi_i X, Z), \varphi_i Z) &= g(\tilde{\nabla}_Z \varphi_i X, \varphi_i Z) = g(\varphi_i \tilde{\nabla}_Z X, \varphi_i Z) \\ &= g(\tilde{\nabla}_Z X, Z) = g(\nabla_Z X, Z) = X \ln f. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Also, we have

$$g(h(\varphi_i X, Z), \varphi_i W) = (X \ln f)g(Z, W) \tag{3.6}$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(h(X, Z), \varphi_i Z) &= g(\tilde{\nabla}_Z X - \nabla_Z X, \varphi_i Z) \\ &= g(\tilde{\nabla}_Z X, \varphi_i Z) = -g(\varphi_i \tilde{\nabla}_Z X, Z) \\ &= -g(\tilde{\nabla}_Z(\varphi_i X) - (\tilde{\nabla}_Z \varphi_i)X, Z) \\ &= -g(\tilde{\nabla}_Z(\varphi_i X), Z) = -g(\nabla_Z(\varphi_i X), Z) \\ &= -g(\varphi_i X(\ln f)Z, Z) = -\varphi_i X(\ln f) \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . On the other hand, since the ambient manifold  $\tilde{M}$  is a Sasakian manifold, it is easily seen that

$$h(\xi_i, Z) = -\varphi_i Z, \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \tag{3.8}$$

Obviously, (3.8) implies  $\xi_i \ln f = 0$ .

Let  $\{e_i, \varphi_k e_i, f_j, \xi_k \mid i = 1, \dots, \alpha, j = 1, \dots, \beta, k = 1, 2, 3\}$  be a local orthonormal frame on  $M$  such that  $e_i, \xi_k, i = 1, \dots, \alpha, k = 1, 2, 3$  are tangent to  $M_1$  and  $f_1, \dots, f_\beta$  are tangent to  $M_2$ . Therefore, by (3.6), (3.7) and (3.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla \ln f\|^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha} (e_i \ln f)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha} (\varphi_1 e_i \ln f)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha} (\varphi_2 e_i \ln f)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha} (\varphi_3 e_i \ln f)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{3\beta} \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^{\beta} \{ \|h(\varphi_1 e_i, f_j)\|^2 + \|h(\varphi_2 e_i, f_j)\|^2 + \|h(\varphi_3 e_i, f_j)\|^2 \} \\ &\quad + \frac{3}{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^{\beta} \|h(e_i, f_j)\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{3\beta} \|h(D, D^\perp)\|^2 + \frac{8}{3\beta} \|h(e_i, f_j)\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{3\beta} \|h(D, D^\perp)\|^2 + \frac{8}{9} \|\nabla \ln f\|^2 - \frac{8}{9} \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha} (e_i \ln f)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{9} \|\nabla \ln f\|^2 = \frac{1}{3\beta} \|h(D, D^\perp)\|^2 - \frac{8}{9} \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha} (e_i \ln f)^2. \tag{3.9}$$

From the property of  $\varphi$ -invariant  $D$ , and permutations of  $\varphi_1 e_i, \varphi_2 e_i, \varphi_3 e_i$ , we obtain the following three analogous relations:

$$\frac{1}{9} \|\nabla \ln f\|^2 = \frac{1}{3\beta} \|h(D, D^\perp)\|^2 - \frac{8}{9} \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha} (\varphi_1 e_i \ln f)^2 \tag{3.10}$$

$$\frac{1}{9} \|\nabla \ln f\|^2 = \frac{1}{3\beta} \|h(D, D^\perp)\|^2 - \frac{8}{9} \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha} (\varphi_2 e_i \ln f)^2 \tag{3.11}$$

$$\frac{1}{9} \|\nabla \ln f\|^2 = \frac{1}{3\beta} \|h(D, D^\perp)\|^2 - \frac{8}{9} \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha} (\varphi_3 e_i \ln f)^2 \tag{3.12}$$

Summing the above relations, we have

$$\|\nabla \ln f\|^2 = \frac{1}{\beta} \|h(D, D^\perp)\|^2.$$

On the other hand, since  $h(\xi_i, \xi_i) = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|h\|^2 &= \|h(D, D)\|^2 + 2\|h(D, D^\perp)\|^2 + \|h(D^\perp, D^\perp)\|^2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{i \neq j} \|h(\xi_i, \xi_j)\|^2 \geq 2\|h(D, D^\perp)\|^2 + 6, \end{aligned}$$

therefore the inequality (3.4) is immediately obtained.

Denote by  $h''$  the second fundamental form of  $M_2$  in  $M$ . Then, we get

$$g(h''(Z, W), X) = g(\nabla_Z W, X) = -(X \ln f)g(Z, W)$$

or equivalently

$$h''(Z, W) = -g(Z, W)\nabla(\ln f) \tag{3.13}$$

If the equality sign of (3.4) identically holds, then we obtain

$$h(D, D) = 0, \quad h(D^\perp, D^\perp) = 0, \quad h(D, D^\perp) \subset \varphi_i D^\perp. \tag{3.14}$$

The first condition (3.14) implies that  $M_1$  is totally geodesic in  $M$ . On the other hand, one has

$$\tilde{g}(h(X, \varphi_i Y), \varphi_i Z) = \tilde{g}(\tilde{\nabla}_X \varphi_i Y, \varphi_i Z) = \tilde{g}(\nabla_X Y, Z) = 0, \tag{3.15}$$

where  $X, Y$  are tangent to  $M_1$  and  $Z$  is tangent to  $M_2$ . Thus  $M_1$  is totally geodesic in  $\tilde{M}$ .

The second condition in (3.14) and (3.13) imply that  $M_2$  is totally umbilical submanifold in  $\tilde{M}$ .

Moreover, by (3.14), it follows that  $M$  is a minimal submanifold of  $\tilde{M}$ . □

In particular, if the ambient space is a Sasakian space form, one has the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.2** *Let  $\tilde{M}(c)$  be a  $(4m+3)$ -dimensional Sasakian space form of constant  $\varphi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$  and  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$  an  $n$ -dimensional non-trivial contact QR-warped product submanifold, satisfying*

$$\|h\|^2 = 2\beta \|\nabla(\ln f)\|^2 + 6. \tag{3.16}$$

Then, we have

(a)  $M_1$  is a totally geodesic invariant submanifold of  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Hence  $M_1$  is a Sasakian space form of constant  $\varphi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$ .

(b)  $M_2$  is a totally umbilical anti-invariant submanifold of  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Hence  $M_1$  is a real space form of sectional curvature  $\varepsilon \geq (c + 3)/4$ .

**Proof** Statement (a) follows from Theorem 3.1.

Also, we know that  $M_2$  is a totally umbilical submanifold of  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . The Gauss equation implies that  $M_2$  is a real space form of sectional curvature  $\varepsilon \geq (c + 3)/4$ .

Moreover, by (3.3), we see that  $\varepsilon = (c + 3)/4$  if and only if the warping function  $f$  is constant. □

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