

Some characterizations of slant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds

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Abstract. The object of the present paper is to study slant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds with second fundamental form satisfying certain conditions. Totally umbilical slant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds have been considered. Nature of slant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds as Ricci soliton has also been analyzed.

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1 Introduction

As a unification of cosymplectic, Sasakian and Kenmotsu structure, the notion of trans-Sasakian structure arose from the works of Blair and Oubina [1], [2], [19]. Trans-Sasakian structures have further been analyzed by Marrero [18]. Marrero proved that a trans-Sasakian structure of dimension ≥ 5 is either α -Sasakian or β -Kenmotsu. Three-dimensional trans-Sasakian manifolds have been studied in the paper [8].

The theory of slant submanifolds was introduced by Chen [6] as a generalization of holomorphic and totally real submersions in Kaehlerian geometry. The almost contact analogue of such properties can be found in the work of Lotta [17]. Slant submanifolds of Sasakian manifolds have been characterized by Cabrerizo et al [3]. Slant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds have been studied by R. S. Gupta [14]. Invariant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds have been characterized in [10], [24], [26]. Pseudo slant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds have been studied in [9]. Umbilical submanifolds of Kenmotsu manifolds have been considered in [28], [31]. In [30], invariant submanifolds of Kenmotsu manifolds have been studied. The Kenmotsu case has been generalized to trans-Sasakian case in the papers [10], [24]. In [24], some necessary and sufficient conditions for invariant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds to be totally geodesic have been obtained. Since totally geodesic submanifolds are the simplest submanifolds, a natural tendency of research

in submanifold theory is to establish relation between totally geodesic submanifolds and other submanifolds. In [16], necessary and sufficient conditions for invariant submanifolds of Sasakian manifolds to be totally geodesic have been deduced. In [11], necessary and sufficient conditions for submanifolds of Sasakian manifolds to be totally geodesic have been obtained. Invariant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds have been studied in [7]. The anti invariant case is treated in [27].

Considering the above works, in the present paper we would like to study slant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds whose second fundamental form satisfy certain conditions. The present paper is organized as follows:

After the introduction and preliminaries, slant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds with second fundamental form satisfying some parallel and recurrent conditions have been studied in Section 3. Totally umbilical slant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds have been considered in Section 4. Nature of slant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds as Ricci soliton has been analyzed in the last section.

2 Preliminaries

Let \tilde{M} be an almost contact metric manifold of dimension $2n + 1$, that is, a $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold endowed with an almost contact metric structure (ϕ, ξ, η, g) . By definition ϕ, ξ, η are tensor fields of type $(1, 1), (1, 0), (0, 1)$, respectively, and g is a Riemannian metric such that [1]

$$\phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1,$$

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)$$

for all differentiable vector fields X, Y on \tilde{M} . Then also

$$\phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi).$$

Let Φ be the fundamental 2-form defined by $\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y)$, for all differentiable vector fields X, Y on \tilde{M} . An almost contact metric structure (ϕ, ξ, η, g) on \tilde{M} is called trans-Sasakian structure [2], [18] [19] if $(\tilde{M} \otimes \mathbb{R}, J, G)$ belongs to the class W_4 [13] where J is the almost complex structure on $\tilde{M} \otimes \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$J(X, fd/df) = (\phi X - f\xi, \eta(X)d/dt),$$

for a vector field X on \tilde{M} , a smooth functions f on $\tilde{M} \otimes \mathbb{R}$ and the product metric G on $\tilde{M} \otimes \mathbb{R}$. This may be expressed by the condition [2]

$$(2.1) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_X \phi)Y = \alpha(g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X) + \beta(g(\phi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi X)$$

for smooth functions α and β on \tilde{M} , where $\tilde{\nabla}$ is the Levi-Civita connection on \tilde{M} . In such case, we say that the trans-Sasakian structure is of type (α, β) . From (2.1) it follows that

$$(2.2) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X \xi = -\alpha\phi X + \beta(X - \eta(X)\xi),$$

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X \eta)Y = -\alpha g(\phi X, Y) + \beta g(\phi X, \phi Y).$$

For a $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional trans-Sasakian manifold of type (α, β) we know [21] the following:

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{R}(X, Y)\xi = & (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + 2\alpha\beta(\eta(Y)\phi X - \eta(X)\phi Y) \\ & -(X\alpha)\phi Y + (Y\alpha)\phi X - (X\beta)\phi^2 Y + (Y\beta)\phi^2 X.\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{S}(X, \xi) = 2n(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\eta(X) - (2n - 1)X\beta - \eta(X)\xi\beta - (\phi X)\alpha.$$

We also know [18]

$$(2.3) \quad 2\alpha\beta + \xi\alpha = 0.$$

Let $f : (M, g) \rightarrow (\tilde{M}, \tilde{g})$ be an isometric immersion from an n -dimensional Riemannian manifold M to a $(2n + 1)$ dimensional trans-Sasakian manifold \tilde{M} . Then we have [4]

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned}\tilde{\nabla}_X Y &= \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y), \\ \tilde{\nabla}_X N &= -A_N X + \tilde{\nabla}_X^\perp N,\end{aligned}$$

for all vector fields X, Y tangent to M and normal vector field N on M , where ∇ is the Riemannian connection on M defined by the induced metric g and ∇^\perp is the normal connection on $T^\perp M$ of M . h is the second fundamental form of the immersion.

We consider the Codazzi equation

$$R^N(X, Y)Z = (\tilde{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z) - (\tilde{\nabla}_Y h)(X, Z).$$

A submanifold M of \tilde{M} is said to be invariant if the structure vector field ξ is tangent to M at every point of M and ϕX is tangent to M for every vector X tangent to M at every point on M . A submanifold M of \tilde{M} is said to be anti invariant if the structure vector field ξ is tangent to M at every point of M and ϕX is normal to M for every vector X tangent to M at every point on M . The submanifold is called totally geodesic if its second fundamental form vanishes identically on it [16]. In view of (2.2) and (2.4), we get

$$\nabla_X \xi + h(X, \xi) = -\alpha\phi X + \beta(X - \eta(X)\xi).$$

Assume that ξ is tangent to M . For each non-zero vector fields X tangent to M at a point p such that X is not proportional to ξ_p , we denote by $\theta(X)$ the Weingarten angle of X , that is the angle between ϕX and $T_p M$. The submanifold is called slant if the Weingarten angle $\theta(X)$ is constant which is independent of the choice of $p \in M$. The angle θ is called slant angle. If $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$, the submanifold is anti invariant and for $\theta = 0$ it is invariant.

Let M be a slant submanifold of a $(2n + 1)$ dimensional manifold \tilde{M} with induced metric g . For any X tangent to M , we write

$$\phi X = PX + FX$$

and for N normal to M we write

$$\phi N = tN + fN,$$

where PX and FX , respectively, denote the tangential and normal part of ϕX ; tN and fN , respectively, denote the tangential and normal part of ϕN .

Suppose the submanifold is slant. Then we get the following:

$$(2.5) \quad \nabla_X \xi = -\alpha PX + \beta(X - \eta(X)\xi).$$

$$(2.6) \quad h(X, \xi) = -\alpha FX.$$

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} R^T(X, Y)\xi &= (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) \\ &+ 2\alpha\beta(\eta(Y)PX - \eta(X)PY) \\ &- (X\alpha)PY + (Y\alpha)PX \\ &- (X\beta)P^2Y + (Y\beta)P^2X. \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} R^N(X, Y)\xi &= 2\alpha\beta(\eta(Y)FX - \eta(X)FY) \\ &- (X\alpha)FY + (Y\alpha)FX \\ &- (X\beta)F^2Y + (Y\beta)F^2X. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S^T(X, \xi) &= 2n(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\eta(X) - (2n - 1)X\beta \\ &- \eta(X)\xi\beta - (PX)\alpha. \\ S^N(X, \xi) &= -(FX)\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Here R^T and R^N denote respectively the tangential and normal part of \tilde{R} , S^T and S^N denote respectively the tangential and normal part of the Ricci curvature \tilde{S} .

For a slant submanifold of trans-Sasakian manifold with slant angle θ we get [14]

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} P^2X &= \cos^2\theta(X - \eta(X)\xi). \\ F^2X &= \sin^2\theta(X - \eta(X)\xi). \end{aligned}$$

Example 2.1. Let us consider \mathbb{R}^5 with

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &= \frac{1}{2}(dz - \sum_{i=1}^2 y^i dx^i), \quad \xi = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \\ g &= \eta \otimes \eta + \frac{1}{4}\left(\sum_{i=1}^2(dx^i \otimes dx^i + dy^i \otimes dy^i)\right), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\phi(X_1, X_2, Y_1, Y_2, Z) = (-X_2, -X_1, Y_2, -Y_1, y^2 X_1 - y^1 X_2).$$

Then $(\mathbb{R}^5, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ is a trans-Sasakian manifold. The map $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$ defined by

$$f(u, v, t) = 2(u \cos\theta, v, u \sin\theta, 0, t)$$

is a slant submersion. For details, we refer to [3].

3 Slant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds with the second fundamental form satisfying some conditions

Definition 3.1. The second fundamental form h of a submanifold is called parallel if it satisfies

$$(3.1) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_W h)(X, Y) = 0$$

for the vector fields X, Y, W tangent to the submanifold.

Theorem 3.1. *If the second fundamental form of a slant submanifold of a proper trans-Sasakian manifold is parallel, then it is a 1-dimensional manifold with $\text{Ker}\{F\}$ as the section of its tangent bundle.*

Proof. Consider a slant submanifold of a trans-Sasakian manifold with parallel second fundamental form. From (3.1), we have

$$\nabla_W^\perp h(X, Y) - h(\nabla_W X, Y) - h(X, \nabla_W Y) = 0.$$

Putting $X = Y = \xi$ and using (2.5) and (2.6) in the above equation, we get

$$\alpha\beta FW = 0.$$

If α and β both are non-zero, then $W \in \text{Ker}\{F\}$. $\text{Ker}\{\phi\}$ is 1-dimensional, $\text{Ker}\{F\}$ is so. \square

From the above theorem, we immediately obtain the following:

Corollary 3.1. *A hypersurface with parallel second fundamental form of a proper trans-Sasakian manifold is not slant.*

Definition 3.2. The second fundamental form of a submanifold is called recurrent [22] if

$$(3.2) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z) = \omega(X)h(Y, Z),$$

where ω is an 1-form on M .

Theorem 3.2. *If the second fundamental form of a slant submanifold of a proper trans-Sasakian manifold is recurrent, then it is a 1-dimensional manifold with $\text{Ker}\{F\}$ as the section of its tangent bundle.*

Proof. Consider a slant submanifold of a trans-Sasakian manifold with recurrent second fundamental form. From (3.2), we have

$$(3.3) \quad \nabla_W^\perp h(X, Y) - h(\nabla_W X, Y) - h(X, \nabla_W Y) = \omega(X)h(Y, Z).$$

Putting $X = Y = \xi$ and using (2.5) and (2.6) in the above equation, we get

$$\alpha\beta FW = 0.$$

If α and β both are non-zero, then $W \in \text{Ker}\{F\}$. Thus, as before, the claim follows. \square

The above theorem also gives

Corollary 3.2. *A hypersurface with recurrent second fundamental form of a proper trans-Sasakian manifold is not slant.*

Definition 3.3. The second fundamental form of a submanifold is called semi parallel if

$$(3.4) \quad \tilde{R}(X, Y)h(U, V) = 0$$

for the vector fields X, Y, U, V tangent to the submanifold.

Theorem 3.3. *If the second fundamental form of a slant submanifold of a trans-Sasakian manifold of type (α, β) is semi parallel, then the submanifold is a 1-dimensional manifold with $\text{Ker}\{F\}$ as the section of its tangent bundle, provided $\alpha \neq 0$ and $\alpha^2 \neq \beta^2$.*

Proof. Consider a slant submanifold of trans-Sasakian manifold with semi parallel second fundamental form. Then, expanding (3.4), we get

$$(3.5) \quad R^N(X, Y)h(U, V) - h(R^T(X, Y)U, V) - h(U, R^T(X, Y)V) = 0.$$

In (3.5) putting $Y = U = V = \xi$ and using (2.5), (2.6) and (2.7), we get after simplification

$$\alpha(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)FX = 0.$$

The above equation concludes the proof. \square

From the above theorem, we immediately get the following:

Corollary 3.3. *A hypersurface with semi parallel second fundamental form of a trans-Sasakian manifold is not slant, provided provided $\alpha \neq 0$ and $\alpha^2 \neq \beta^2$.*

Definition 3.4. The second fundamental form of a submanifold is called pseudo parallel if

$$(3.6) \quad \tilde{R}(X, Y)h(U, V) = fQ(g, h)(X, Y, U, V)$$

for the vector fields X, Y, U, V tangent to the submanifold. Here f is a smooth function on the submanifold and Q is the pseudo symmetry operator defined in the sense of Deszcz [12].

Theorem 3.4. *If the second fundamental form of a slant submanifold of a trans-Sasakian manifold of type (α, β) is pseudo parallel, then the submanifold is a 1-dimensional manifold with $\text{Ker}\{F\}$ as the section of its tangent bundle, provided $\alpha \neq 0$ and $\alpha^2 \neq \beta^2 + 2f$.*

Proof. Consider an anti invariant submanifold of trans-Sasakian manifold with pseudo parallel second fundamental form. Then expanding (3.6), we get

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} R^N(X, Y)h(U, V) - h(R^T(X, Y)U, V) &= h(U, R^T(X, Y)V) \\ &= -f(g(Y, h(U, V))X - g(X, h(U, V))Y) \\ &+ h(g(Y, U)X - g(X, U)Y, V) \\ &+ h(U, g(Y, V)X - g(X, V)Y). \end{aligned}$$

In (3.7) putting $Y = U = V = \xi$ and using (2.5), (2.6) and (2.7), we get after simplification

$$\alpha(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - 2f)FX = 0,$$

which concludes the proof. \square

An immediate consequence of the above theorem is

Corollary 3.4. *A hypersurface with pseudo parallel second fundamental form of a trans-Sasakian manifold is not slant, provided $\alpha \neq 0$ and $\alpha^2 \neq \beta^2 + 2f$.*

4 Totally umbilical slant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds

Definition 4.1. A submanifold of a trans-Sasakian manifold is called totally umbilical [5] if its second fundamental form satisfies

$$h(X, Y) = g(X, Y)H$$

for the tangent vector fields X, Y of the submanifold. Here H is the mean curvature vector.

Theorem 4.1. *A totally umbilical slant submanifold of a trans-Sasakian manifold with $\xi\beta \neq 0$ is a 1-dimensional manifold and it is integral curve of the Reeb vector field ξ .*

Proof. Let M be a totally umbilical proper slant submanifold of a trans-Sasakian manifold. Then from Codazzi equation, we get

$$R^N(X, Y)\xi = \eta(Y)\nabla_X^\perp H - \eta(X)\nabla_Y^\perp H.$$

Putting $Y = \xi$ and using (2.3) and (2.8), in the above equation, we obtain

$$\nabla_X^\perp H = \xi\beta F^2 X.$$

But from the umbilical condition

$$g(U, V)\nabla_X^\perp H = (\tilde{\nabla}_X h)(U, V).$$

Putting $U = V = \xi$ in above

$$(4.1) \quad \nabla_X^\perp H = 0.$$

In view of the above equations, we see that

$$F^2 X = 0.$$

Using (2.9), we get for proper slant submanifold with $\xi\beta \neq 0$

$$X = \eta(X)\xi.$$

Hence $X \in \{\xi\}$ and we conclude the proof. \square

Remark 4.1. The above theorem is also true for Kenmotsu case. In Kenmotsu case the above theorem has been proved in the paper [31] in another way. Our process is simpler than that of the paper [31].

5 Ricci soliton on slant submanifolds of trans-Sasakian manifolds

The notion of Ricci flow [15] was introduced by Hamilton and was later successfully used by Perelman [20] to prove the well known Poincare conjecture. A self similar solution of Ricci flow equation is known as Ricci soliton. Ricci soliton in the context of almost contact geometry was studied by Sharma [29].

Definition 5.1. A submanifold of a $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional trans-Sasakian manifold is said to be Ricci soliton if it satisfies the following:

$$(5.1) \quad \mathcal{L}_V g(X, Y) + 2S^T(X, Y) + \lambda g(X, Y) = 0.$$

Here λ is a constant called the soliton constant. The soliton is called shrinking if $\lambda < 0$, expanding if $\lambda > 0$ and steady if $\lambda = 0$.

Theorem 5.1. A slant submanifold of a trans-Sasakian manifold as a Ricci soliton is expanding, steady or shrinking according as $\xi\beta > (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)$, $\xi\beta = (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)$ or $\xi\beta < (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)$.

Proof. Let a slant submanifold of a trans-Sasakian manifold admits a Ricci soliton. Then putting $X = Y = V = \xi$ in (5.1), we get after simplification

$$\lambda = 4n(\xi\beta - \alpha^2 + \beta^2).$$

Hence by definition, we obtain the above theorem. \square

As immediate consequences of the above theorem, we obtain the following result:

Corollary 5.1.

- a) A slant submanifold of a Sasakian manifold as a Ricci soliton is shrinking.
- b) A slant submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold as a Ricci soliton is expanding.
- c) A slant submanifold of a cosymplectic manifold as a Ricci soliton is steady.

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