

## SLANT SUBMANIFOLDS OF COSYMPLECTIC MANIFOLDS

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**Abstract.** In this paper we have obtained some results on slant submanifolds of a cosymplectic manifold. We have given a necessary and sufficient condition for a 3-dimensional submanifold of a 5-dimensional cosymplectic manifold to be a minimal proper slant submanifold. In section 4, we have studied an inequality similar to B.Y. CHEN'S inequality for a submanifold of a cosymplectic manifold.

**1. Preliminaries.** Let  $\overline{M}$  be a  $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional almost contact metric manifold with structure tensors  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , where  $\varphi$  is a  $(1,1)$  tensor field,  $\xi$  a vector field,  $\eta$  a 1-form and  $g$  is the Riemannian metric on  $\overline{M}$ . These tensors satisfy [16].

$$(1.1) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \varphi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad \varphi\xi = 0, \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \eta(\varphi X) = 0 \\ g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi) \end{array} \right.$$

for any  $X, Y \in T\overline{M}$ , where  $T\overline{M}$  denotes the Lie algebra of vector fields on  $\overline{M}$ . A normal almost contact metric manifold is called a cosymplectic manifold if [1]

$$(1.2) \quad (\overline{\nabla}_X \varphi)(Y) = 0, \quad \overline{\nabla}_X \xi = 0$$

where  $\overline{\nabla}$  denotes the Levi-Civita connection of  $(\overline{M}, g)$ .

Let  $M$  be an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold with induced metric  $g$  isometrically immersed in  $\bar{M}$ . We denote by  $TM$  the Lie algebra of vector fields on  $M$  and by  $T^\perp M$  the set of all vector fields normal to  $M$ .

For any  $X \in TM$  and  $N \in T^\perp M$ , we write

$$(1.3) \quad \varphi X = PX + FX \text{ and } \varphi N = tN + fN,$$

where  $PX$  (resp.  $FX$ ) denotes the tangential (resp. normal) component of  $\varphi X$ , and  $tN$  (resp.  $fN$ ) denotes the tangential (resp. normal) component of  $\varphi N$ .

From now on, we suppose that the structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ . Hence, if we denote by  $D$  the orthogonal distribution to  $\xi$  in  $TM$ , we can consider the orthogonal direct decomposition  $TM = D \oplus \{\xi\}$ .

For each non zero  $X$  tangent to  $M$  at  $x$ , such that it is not proportional to  $\xi_x$ , we denote by  $\theta(X)$  the Wirtinger angle of  $X$ , that is, the angle between  $\varphi X$  and  $T_x M$ .

The submanifold  $M$  is called slant if the Wirtinger angle  $\theta(X)$  is a constant, which is independent of the choice  $x \in M$  and  $X \in T_x M - \{\xi_x\}$ [3]. The Wirtinger angle  $\theta$  of a slant immersion is called the slant angle of the immersion. Invariant and anti-invariant immersions are slant angle  $\theta$  equal to 0 and  $\pi/2$ , respectively. A slant immersion, which is neither invariant nor anti-invariant, is called a proper slant immersion.

Let  $\nabla$  be the Riemannian connection on  $M$ . Then the Gauss and Weingarten formulae are

$$(1.4) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y)$$

and

$$(1.5) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X N = -A_N X + \nabla_X^\perp N$$

for  $X, Y \in TM$  and  $N \in T^\perp M$ ;  $h$  and  $A_N$  being the second fundamental forms related by

$$(1.6) \quad g(A_N X, Y) = g(h(X, Y), N)$$

and  $\nabla^\perp$  being the connection in the normal bundle  $T^\perp M$  of  $M$ .

The mean curvature vector  $H$  is defined by  $H = (1/m)$  trace  $h$ . Then  $M$  is said to be minimal if  $H$  vanishes identically.

If  $P$  is the endomorphism defined by (1.3), then

$$(1.7) \quad g(PX, Y) + g(X, PY) = 0$$

Thus  $P^2$ , which is simply denoted by  $Q$ , is self adjoint.

We define the covariant derivatives of  $Q, P$  and  $F$  by

$$(1.8) \quad (\nabla_X Q)Y = \nabla_X(QY) - Q(\nabla_X Y)$$

$$(1.9) \quad (\nabla_X P)Y = \nabla_X(PY) - P(\nabla_X Y)$$

and

$$(1.10) \quad (\nabla_X F)Y = \nabla_X^\perp FY - F(\nabla_X Y)$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ .

For proper slant submanifolds of a cosymplectic manifold it can be proved by a direct calculation that

$$(1.11) \quad (\nabla_X P)Y = 0,$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ . Moreover, (1.11) shows that

$$(1.12) \quad (\nabla_X Q)Y = 0.$$

On the other hand, Gauss and Weingarten formulae together with (1.2) and (1.3) imply

$$(1.13) \quad (\nabla_X P)Y = A_{FY}X + th(X, Y),$$

$$(1.14) \quad (\nabla_X F)Y = fh(X, Y) - h(X, PY),$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ . It is easy to see that (1.11) holds if and only if

$$(1.15) \quad A_{FY}X = A_{FX}Y$$

where we have used (1.13). Using (1.14), a similar calculation shows that

$$(1.16) \quad (\nabla_X F)Y = 0 \text{ if and only if } A_N PY = -A_{fN}Y,$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$  and  $N \in T^\perp M$ .

**2. Slant submanifolds of cosymplectic manifolds.** In the present section, we shall prove a characterization theorem for slant submanifolds of a cosymplectic manifold. We mention the following results for latter use.

**Theorem A.** [19] *Let  $M$  be a submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold  $\overline{M}$  such that  $\xi \in TM$ . Then  $M$  is slant if and only if there exists a constant  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  such that*

$$(2.1) \quad P^2 = -\lambda(I - \eta \otimes \xi).$$

Further more, if  $\theta$  is the slant angle of  $M$ , then  $\lambda = \cos^2 \theta$ .

**Corollary A.** [19] *Let  $M$  be a submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold  $\overline{M}$ , with slant angle  $\theta$ . Then, for any  $X, Y \in TM$ , we have*

$$(2.2) \quad g(PX, PY) = \cos^2 \theta (g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y))$$

$$(2.3) \quad g(FX, FY) = \sin^2 \theta (g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)).$$

**Lemma A.** [3] *Let  $M$  be a submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold  $\overline{M}$ , with slant angle  $\theta$ . Then, at each point  $x$  of  $M$ ,  $Q/D$  has only one eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = -\cos^2 \theta$ .*

We now prove:

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $M$  be a slant submanifold of a cosymplectic manifold  $\overline{M}$ . Then,  $\nabla Q = 0$ .*

**Proof.** Denote by  $\theta$  the slant angle of  $M$ . Then (2.1) implies

$$(2.4) \quad Q(\nabla_X Y) = -\cos^2 \theta (\nabla_X Y) + \cos^2 \theta \eta(\nabla_X Y) \xi$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ . On the other hand, by taking the covariant derivative of (2.1), we get

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_X QY &= -\cos^2 \theta (\nabla_X Y) + \cos^2 \theta \eta(\nabla_X Y) \xi + \\ &+ \cos^2 \theta g(Y, \nabla_X \xi) \xi + \cos^2 \theta \eta(Y) \nabla_X \xi. \end{aligned}$$

Now, since  $M$  is a submanifold of a cosymplectic manifold, hence from (1.2), we have  $\nabla_X \xi = 0$  for any  $X \in TM$ . Putting the value of  $\nabla_X \xi$  in (2.5), we get

$$(2.6) \quad \nabla_X QY = -\cos^2 \theta (\nabla_X Y) + \cos^2 \theta \eta (\nabla_X Y) \xi.$$

Combining (2.4) and (2.6), we find

$$(2.7) \quad (\nabla_X Q)Y = 0,$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$  where by proving our assertion.

Now, we state the main result of this section.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $M$  be a submanifold of a cosymplectic manifold  $\overline{M}$ . Then,  $M$  is slant if and only if*

1. *The endomorphism  $Q|_D$  has only one eigenvalue at each point of  $M$ .*
2. *There exists a function  $\lambda : M \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that*

$$(\nabla_X Q)Y = 0$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ .

Moreover, in this case, if  $\theta$  is the slant angle of  $M$ , then  $\lambda = \cos^2 \theta$ .

**Proof.** Statements 1 and 2 follow directly from lemma A and equation (2.7) respectively. Conversely, let  $\lambda_1(x)$  be the eigenvalue of  $Q|_D$  at each point  $x$  of  $M$  and  $Y \in D$  be an unit eigenvector associated with  $\lambda_1$ , i.e.  $QY = \lambda_1 Y$ . Then, by virtue of statement 2, we have

$$X(\lambda_1)Y + \lambda_1 \nabla_X Y = \nabla_X(QY) = Q(\nabla_X Y)$$

for any  $X \in TM$ . Since both  $\nabla_X Y$  and  $Q(\nabla_X Y)$  are perpendicular to  $Y$ , we conclude that  $\lambda_1$  is constant on  $M$ .

To prove that  $M$  is slant in view of (2.1), it is enough to show that there exists a constant  $\mu$  such that  $Q = -\mu(I - \eta \otimes \xi)$ . Let  $X$  be in  $TM$ . Then  $X = \tilde{X} + \eta(X)\xi$ , where  $\tilde{X} = X - \eta(X)\xi \in D$ . Hence,  $QX = Q\tilde{X}$ . Since  $Q|_D = \lambda_1 I$ , we have,  $Q\tilde{X} = \lambda_1 \tilde{X}$  and so  $QX = \lambda_1 \tilde{X} = \lambda_1(X - \eta(X)\xi)$ . By taking  $\mu = -\lambda_1$ , we obtain the result. Moreover, if  $M$  is slant, then by (2.7)  $\lambda = -\lambda_1 = \mu = \cos^2 \theta$ , where  $\theta$  denotes the slant angle of  $M$ .

The following corollary directly follows from the above result.

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $M$  be a 3-dimensional submanifold of a cosymplectic manifold  $\overline{M}$ . Then,  $M$  is slant if and only if*

$$(\nabla_X Q)Y = 0$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ .

**3. Slant submanifolds with dimension three.** In this section we shall study three dimensional slant submanifolds of a cosymplectic manifold. To characterize these submanifolds we need the following:

**Lemma B.** [4] *Let  $M$  be a 3-dimensional slant submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold  $\overline{M}$  with slant angle  $\theta$ . Suppose that  $M$  is not anti-invariant. If  $p \in M$ , then in a neighbourhood of  $p$  there exist vector fields  $e_1, e_2$  tangent to  $M$  such that basis  $\{e_1, e_2, \xi\}$  forms a local orthonormal frame satisfying*

$$Pe_1 = \cos\theta e_2, \quad Pe_2 = -\cos\theta e_1$$

Now, we prove the characterization theorem for a three-dimensional slant submanifold of a cosymplectic manifold.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be a 3-dimensional submanifold of a cosymplectic manifold  $\overline{M}$ . Then, the following statements are equivalent:*

(i)  $M$  is neither an invariant nor an anti-invariant submanifold and

$$(3.1) \quad (\nabla_X P)Y = 0$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ .

(ii)  $M$  is proper slant.

**Proof.** By virtue of corollary 2.1 and the relations between (1.11) and (1.12), it follows that statements (i) implies (ii). Now we show that statement (ii) implies (i). For this, let  $p \in M$  and  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  be the orthonormal frame on  $M$  defined in a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $p$  given by lemma B. Put  $\xi|_U = e_3$ , and let  $\omega_i^j$  be the structural 1-forms defined by

$$\nabla_X e_i = \sum_{j=1}^3 \omega_i^j(X) e_j$$

for each vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ .

Notice that by virtue of (1.2), we have

$$(\nabla_X P)e_3 = \nabla_X P e_3 - P(\nabla_X e_3) = 0.$$

Similarly, we get

$$(\nabla_X P)e_1 = \cos \theta \omega_2^3(X)e_3$$

and

$$(\nabla_X P)e_2 = -\cos \theta \omega_1^3(X)e_3.$$

On the other hand, writing

$$Y = \eta(Y)e_3 + g(Y, e_1)e_1 + g(Y, e_2)e_2,$$

for all  $Y \in TM$  and using the above formulae it follows that

$$(\nabla_X P)Y = 0,$$

where we have used  $\omega_2^3(X) = \omega_1^3(X) = 0$ , for submanifolds of a cosymplectic manifold. Which proves statement (i).

From theorem 3.1 and the equivalence between (1.11) and (1.15), we obtain the following characterization for slant submanifolds of dimension 3 in terms of the Weingarten map.

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be a submanifold of dimension 3 of a cosymplectic manifold  $\overline{M}$ . Then,  $M$  is slant if and only if*

$$A_{FY}X = A_{FX}Y$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ .

If  $M$  is an invariant submanifold of a cosymplectic manifold  $\overline{M}$ , then (3.1) also holds and  $\nabla F = 0$  is automatically satisfied. On the other hand, if  $M$  is an anti-invariant submanifold, it is obvious that  $\nabla P = 0$ , i.e. (3.1) holds. We also know that

$$(\nabla_X F)Y = 0, \quad \text{for any } X, Y \in TM.$$

Now, we shall calculate the value of  $\nabla F$  for a three-dimensional slant submanifold  $M$  of a cosymplectic manifold  $\overline{M}$  with  $\dim \overline{M} = 5$ .

Suppose that  $M$  is proper slant with slant angle  $\theta$ . Then, for a unit tangent vector field  $e_1$  of  $M$  perpendicular to  $\xi$ , we put

$$e_2 = (\sec \theta)Pe_1, \quad e_3 = \xi, \quad e_4 = (\csc \theta)Fe_1, \quad e_5 = (\csc \theta)Fe_2.$$

Then  $e_1 = -(\sec \theta)Pe_2$  and by virtue of (2.2) and (2.3),  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5$  form an orthonormal frame such that  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  are tangent to  $M$  and  $e_4, e_5$  are normal to  $M$ . We call such an orthonormal frame an adapted slant frame. We also have:

$$te_4 = -\sin \theta e_1, \quad te_5 = -\sin \theta e_2, \quad fe_4 = -\cos \theta e_5, \quad fe_5 = \cos \theta e_4.$$

If we put  $h_{ij}^r = g(h(e_i, e_j), e_r)$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3, r = 4, 5$ , then we have the following:

**Lemma 3.1.** *Under the above conditions, we have*

$$(3.2) \quad h_{12}^4 = h_{11}^5, \quad h_{22}^4 = h_{12}^5$$

$$(3.3) \quad h_{13}^4 = h_{32}^4 = h_{33}^4 = h_{13}^5 = h_{23}^5 = h_{33}^5 = 0.$$

**Proof.** We obtain (3.2) by virtue of corollary 3.1, while (3.3) holds because  $\overline{M}$  is a cosymplectic manifold.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be a submanifold of dimension 3 of a cosymplectic manifold  $\overline{M}$  of dimension 5. Then  $M$  is a minimal proper slant submanifold of  $\overline{M}$  if and only if*

$$(3.4) \quad (\nabla_X F)Y = 0$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ .

**Proof.** To prove (3.4), we choose  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5$  as an adapted slant frame. Then (3.4) follows from (1.15), (3.2) and (3.3). To see the converse, we choose an unit local vector field  $e_1$  perpendicular to  $\xi$ , such that

$$P^2e_1 = -\cos^2 \theta e_1,$$



where  $\theta_1 = \theta(e_1) \in (0, \pi/2)$  denotes the Wirtinger angle of  $e_1$ . Define a local orthonormal frame formed by  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5$  such that

$$e_2 = (\sec \theta_1)Pe_1, \quad e_3 = \xi, \quad e_4 = (\csc \theta_1)Fe_1, \quad e_5 = (\csc \theta_1)Fe_2$$

and

$$te_4 = -\sin \theta_1 e_1, \quad te_5 = -\sin \theta_1 e_2, \quad fe_4 = -\cos \theta_1 e_5, \quad fe_5 = \cos \theta_1 e_4.$$

Since  $(\nabla_X F)Y = -\eta(Y)FX$ , from (1.16), we know that

$$A_N PY = -A_f NY$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$  and  $N \in T^\perp M$ . Therefore, we can show that

$$A_{Fe_1} e_2 = A_{Fe_2} e_1 \text{ and } A_{Fe_1} e_3 = A_{Fe_2} e_3 = 0.$$

It can be obtained by a simple calculation that

$$A_{FX} Y = A_{FY} X,$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ . From corollary 3.1, we can say that  $M$  is a proper slant submanifold. It is easy to show that  $M$  is also minimal.

**4. B.Y. Chen's inequality and its application to slant immersions into cosymplectic manifolds.** In the study of submanifold theory, one of the important problems is to find a relationship between the main extrinsic invariants and the main intrinsic invariants of a submanifold. Recently, B.Y. CHEN ([6], [9]) has given a best possible inequality between the sectional curvature function  $K$  and the scalar curvature function  $\tau$  (intrinsic invariants) and the mean curvature function  $|H|$  (extrinsic invariants) of a submanifold  $M$  of a real space form of constant curvature  $c$ . For that purpose, he somewhat non-standardly defined the scalar curvature  $\tau$  and Riemannian invariant  $\delta_M$  as follows:

Let  $M$  be an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold and  $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$  be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space  $T_x M$ . The scalar curvature  $\tau$  at  $x$  is defined by

$$(4.1) \quad \tau = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} K(e_i \wedge e_j).$$

For each point  $x \in M$ , we put

$$(\inf K)(x) = \inf\{K(\Pi) : \Pi \subset T_x M, \dim \Pi = 2\},$$

where  $K(\Pi)$  denotes the sectional curvature of  $M$  associated with  $\Pi$ . Obviously,  $\inf K$  is a well defined function on  $M$ . Let  $\delta_M$  denote the difference between the scalar curvature and  $\inf K$  i.e.

$$(4.2) \quad \delta_M(x) = \tau(x) - \inf K(x).$$

Then  $\delta_M$  is a well defined Riemannian invariant which is trivial when  $m = 2$ . For an  $m$ -dimensional submanifold  $M$  to be a real form  $\overline{M}(c)$ , Chen gave the following basic inequality involving the intrinsic invariant  $\delta_M$  and the squared mean curvature of the immersion:

$$(4.3) \quad \delta_M \leq \frac{m^2(m-2)}{2(m-1)}|H|^2 + \frac{1}{2}(m+1)(m-2)c.$$

It was remarked in [10] that the above inequality is also true for anti-invariant submanifolds in complex space form  $\overline{M}(4c)$ . Later, Chen generalized the above situation by establishing an inequality for an arbitrary submanifold of dimension greater than 2 in a complex space form [5]. By applying this inequality, he showed that (4.3) holds for arbitrary submanifolds in the complex hyperbolic space  $H^m(4c)(c < 0)$  as well.

In contact geometry, Defever, Miah and Verstraelen obtained an inequality similar to (4.3) for  $C$ -totally real submanifolds of a Sasakian space form with constant  $\varphi$ -sectional curvature  $c$  as [17]:

$$(4.4) \quad \delta_M \leq \frac{m^2(m-2)}{2(m-1)}|H|^2 - \frac{1}{2}(m+1)(m-2)\frac{c+3}{4}.$$

To obtain an inequality similar to (4.3) which can be used to characterized slant submanifolds into a cosymplectic manifold, we need the following definitions and results. If  $\overline{M}$  is a cosymplectic manifold, then

$$(4.5) \quad h(X, \xi) = 0.$$

Given a local orthonormal frame  $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$  of  $D$ , we can define the squared norms of  $P$  and  $F$  by

$$(4.6) \quad |P|^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^m g^2(e_i, Pe_j), \quad |F|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m |Fe_i|^2, \text{ respectively.}$$

Both  $|P|^2$  and  $|F|^2$  are independent of the choice of the above orthonormal frame. From lemma 2.3.8 of [2] we have

$$(4.7) \quad \sum_{i,j=1}^m g^2(e_i, \varphi e_j) = \cos^2 \theta$$

for any  $i = 1, \dots, m$  where  $\{e_1, \dots, e_m, \xi\}$  is a local orthonormal frame of  $TM$ .

A  $\varphi$ -section of a cosymplectic manifold  $\bar{M}$  is a plane section  $\Pi$  in the tangent space  $T_x M$  at  $x$  which is spanned by a vector  $X$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  and  $\varphi X$ . The sectional curvature  $K(\Pi)$  with respect to a  $\varphi$ -section  $\Pi$  is defined by

$$K(\Pi) = K(X, \varphi X) = g(\bar{R}(X, \varphi X)\varphi X, X)$$

The sectional curvature  $K(\Pi)$  is called a  $\varphi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature. Similar to the case of a Kaehler manifold, it is verified that if a Sasakian manifold has a  $\varphi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$  which does not depend on the  $\varphi$ -section at each point, then  $c$  is a constant. Such a cosymplectic manifold with constant  $\varphi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$  is called a cosymplectic space form  $\bar{M}(c)$ . The expression for the curvature tensor  $\bar{R}$  is given by

$$(4.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{R}(X, Y)Z &= \frac{c}{4} \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y + \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X + \\ &+ \eta(Y)g(X, Z)\xi - \eta(X)g(Y, Z)\xi - g(\varphi X, Z)\varphi Y + \\ &+ g(\varphi Y, Z)\varphi X + 2g(X, \varphi Y)\varphi Z\}. \end{aligned}$$

For an orthonormal basis  $\{e_1 \cdots e_m, e_{m+1}\}$  of the tangent space  $T_x M$  at  $x \in M$ , if we put  $e_{m+1} = \xi_x$ . The scalar curvature  $\tau$  at  $x$  of  $M$ , takes the following form

$$(4.9) \quad 2\tau = \sum_{i \neq j}^m K(e_i \wedge e_j) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^m K(e_i \wedge \xi).$$

From (4.6), (4.8) and (4.9), we obtain the following relation between the scalar curvature and the mean curvature vector of  $M$ .

$$(4.10) \quad 2\tau = (m+1)^2 |H|^2 - |h|^2 + \frac{c}{4} m(m-1) + \frac{3c}{4} |P|^2.$$

The following lemma is very useful in established Chen's inequality.

**Lemma C.** [9] *Let  $a_1, \dots, a_k, c$  be  $k+1$  ( $k \geq 2$ ) real numbers such that*

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_i\right)^2 = (k-1)\left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_i^2 + C\right)$$

*Then  $2a_1a_2 \geq c$ , and the equality holds if and only if  $a_1+a_2 = a_3 = \dots = a_k$ .*

Now, we have the following:

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $\psi : M^{m+1} \rightarrow \overline{M}^{2m+1}$  be an isometric immersion from a Riemannian  $(m+1)$ -dimensional manifold  $M$  into a cosymplectic space form  $\overline{M}^{2m+1}(c)$  of constant curvature such that  $\xi \in TM$ . Then, for any point  $x \in M$  and any plane section  $\Pi \subset D_x$ , we have*

$$(4.13) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau - K(\Pi) &= \frac{(m+1)^2(m-1)}{2m}|H|^2 + \frac{1}{2}(m+1)(m-2)\frac{c}{4} + \\ &+ \frac{3}{2}|P|^2\frac{c}{4} - 3g^2(e_1, \varphi e_2)\frac{c}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

*Equality in (4.13) holds at  $x \in M$  iff there exists an orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_m, e_{m+1}\}$  of  $T_x M$  and an orthonormal basis  $\{e_{m+2}, \dots, e_{2m+1}\}$  of  $T_x^\perp$  such that (a)  $e_{m+1} = \xi_x$ , (b)  $\Pi$  is spanned by  $e_1, e_2$  and (c) the shape operators take the following forms:*

$$(4.14) \quad A_{m+2} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0_{m-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(4.15) \quad A_{e_r} = \begin{pmatrix} h_{11}^r & h_{12}^r & 0 \\ h_{12}^r & -h_{11}^r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0_{m-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad r = m+3, \dots, 2m+1.$$

**Proof.** Let  $M^{m+1}$  be a submanifold of  $\overline{M}^{2m+1}(c)$ . Put

$$(4.16) \quad \varepsilon = 2\tau - \frac{(m+1)^2(m-1)}{m}|H|^2 - (m+1)(m-2)\frac{c-3}{4} - 3\frac{c+1}{4}|P|^2.$$

Then, from (4.12) and (4.16), we get

$$\varepsilon = \frac{(m+1)^2}{m} |H|^2 - |h|^2 + 2\frac{c}{4}$$

or,

$$(4.17) \quad (m+1)^2 |H|^2 = m|h|^2 + m(\varepsilon - 2\frac{c}{4}).$$

Let  $\Pi \subset D_x$  be a plane section. We choose an orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_m, e_{m+1}\}$  of  $T_x M$  and  $\{e_{m+2}, \dots, e_{2m+1}\}$  of  $T_x^\perp M$  such that  $e_{m+1} = \xi_x$ ,  $\Pi$  is spanned by  $e_1, e_2$  and  $e_{m+2}$  is in the direction of the mean curvature vector  $H$ . Hence, (4.17) gives

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m+1} h_{ii}^{m+2}\right)^2 = m \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} (h_{ii}^{m+2})^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} (h_{ij}^{m+2})^2 + \sum_{r=m+3}^{2m+1} \sum_{i,j} (h_{ij}^r)^2 + \varepsilon - \frac{2c}{4} \right\}$$

and so lemma C, we obtain

$$(4.18) \quad 2h_{11}^{m+2}h_{22}^{m+2} \geq \sum_{i \neq j} (h_{ij}^{m+2})^2 + \sum_{r=m+3}^{2m+1} \sum_{i,j} (h_{ij}^r)^2 + \varepsilon - \frac{2c}{4}.$$

On the other hand from (4.8), we find

$$\begin{aligned} K(\Pi) &= R(e_1, e_2, e_2, e_1) = g(h(e_1, e_1), h(e_2, e_2)) - \\ &\quad - g(h(e_1, e_2), h(e_1, e_2)) + \frac{c}{4} + 3\frac{c}{4}g^2(e_1, \varphi e_2) \end{aligned}$$

or,

$$(4.19) \quad \begin{aligned} K(\Pi) &= \sum_{r=m+2}^{2m+1} g(h(e_1, e_1), e_r)g(h(e_2, e_2), e_r) - \\ &\quad - \sum_{r=m+2}^{2m+1} g(h(e_1, e_2), e_r)g(h(e_1, e_2), e_r) + \frac{c}{4} + 3\frac{c}{4}g^2(e_1, \varphi e_2). \end{aligned}$$

Then from (4.18) and (4.19), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.20) \quad K(\Pi) &\geq \sum_{m+2}^{2m+1} \sum_{j>2} \{(h_{1j}^r)^2 + (h_{2j}^r)^2\} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j > 2} (h_{ij}^{m+2})^2 + \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=m+3}^{2m+1} \sum_{i,j>2} (h_{ij}^r)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=m+3}^{2m+1} (h_{11}^r + h_{22}^r)^2 + \\
&+ \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{3c}{4} g^2(e_1, \varphi e_2) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{3c}{4} g^2(e_1, \varphi e_2).
\end{aligned}$$

Finally combining (4.16) and (4.20) we obtain (4.13).

Now, if the equality in (4.13) holds, then the inequality in (4.18) and (4.20) become equalities. Thus, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
h_{1j}^{m+2} = h_{2j}^{m+2} = h_{ij}^{m+2} = 0, \quad i \neq j > 2; \\
h_{1j}^r = h_{2j}^r = h_{ij}^r = 0, \quad r = m+3, \dots, 2m+1, \quad i, j = 3, \dots, m+1 \\
h_{11}^{m+3} + h_{22}^{m+3} = \dots = h_{11}^{2m+1} + h_{22}^{2m+1} = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we may choose  $e_1, e_2$  such that  $h_{12}^{m+2} = 0$ . Moreover, by applying lemma C and the equation (4.5), we get

$$h_{11}^{m+2} + h_{22}^{m+2} = h_{33}^{m+2} = 0 = h_{44}^{m+2} \dots = h_{m+1, m+1}^{m+2}$$

Therefore, the shape operator will take the form (4.14) and (4.15) with respect to the basis  $\{e_1 \dots e_{m+1}, e_{m+2} \dots, e_{2m+1}\}$ .

The converse follows from a direct calculation.

Now, for each point  $x \in M$ , we define

$$(\inf_D K)(x) = \inf\{K(x); \text{plane section } \Pi \subset D_x\}.$$

We denote by  $\delta_M^D$  the difference between the scalar curvature and  $\inf_D K$ , i.e.

$$(4.21) \quad \delta_M^D(x) = \tau(x) - (\inf_D K)(x).$$

Then from (4.2) and (4.21), it is clear that

$$(4.22) \quad \delta_M^D \leq \delta_M.$$

**Corollary 4.1** *Let  $M$  be an  $(m + 1)$ -dimensional anti-invariant submanifold of cosymplectic space form  $\overline{M}(c)$  such that  $\xi \in TM$ . Then, we have*

$$(4.23) \quad \delta_M^D \leq \frac{(m + 1)^2(m - 1)}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}(m + 2)(m - 1)\frac{c}{4}.$$

**Proof.** From (4.13), by putting  $|P|^2 = 0, \varphi e_2 = Fe_2$  i.e.  $g(e_1, \varphi e_2) = 0$  for anti-invariant submanifolds, we obtain (4.23).

Now, we are going to study inequality (4.13) when  $M$  is a slant submanifold.

**Theorem 4.2** *Let  $\psi : M^{m+1} \rightarrow \overline{M}^{2m+1}(c)$  be a  $\theta$ -slant immersion of a Riemannian  $(m + 1)$ -dimensional manifold into a cosymplectic space form  $\overline{M}(c)$ . Then for any point  $x \in M$  and any plane section  $\Pi \subset D_x$ , we have*

$$(4.24) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau - K(c) &\leq \frac{(m + 1)^2(m - 1)}{2m}|H|^2 + \frac{1}{2}(m + 2)(m - 1)\frac{c}{4} + \\ &+ \frac{3}{4}c\left(\frac{m}{2}\cos^2\theta - g^2(e_1, \varphi e_2)\right). \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** For a slant submanifold of a cosymplectic manifold,

$$|P|^2 = \sum g^2(e_i, Pe_j) = m \cos^2 \theta.$$

Putting the above value of  $|P|^2$  in (4.13), we get (4.24).

In particular we can state the following result for 3-dimensional slant submanifolds.

**Corollary 4.2.** *In the above condition if  $m = 2$ , then*

$$(4.25) \quad \delta_M^D \leq \frac{9}{4}|H|^2,$$

with equality holding if and only if  $M$  is minimal.

**Proof.** If  $m = 2$ , it is clear that  $\delta_M^D = \tau - K(D)$  and  $g^2(e_1, \varphi e_2) = \cos^2 \theta$ . Thus (4.25) follows from (4.24).

On the other hand, we have

$$\tau = K(e_1 \wedge e_2) + K(e_1 \wedge \xi) + K(e_2 \wedge \xi)$$

and  $K(D) = K(e_1 \wedge e_2)$ .

Therefore,

$$\tau - K(D) = K(e_1 \wedge \xi) + K(e_2 \wedge \xi) = 0.$$

Consequently, equality in (4.25) holds if and only if  $|H| = 0$  i.e.  $M$  is minimal.

Now, we study some special plane sections, which are orthogonal to  $\xi$ . Let  $M^{m+1}$  be a submanifold of a cosymplectic space from  $\overline{M}(c)$  such that  $\xi \in TM$ . We define that a plane section  $\Pi \subset T_x M$  is a  $P$ -section if there exists a tangent vector  $X \in D_x$  such that  $\Pi$  is spanned by  $X$  and  $PX$ .

For each point  $x \in M$ , we can define

$$(\inf_P K)(x) = \inf\{K(\Pi) : P\text{-sections } \Pi\}$$

and,

$$\delta_M^P(x) = \tau(x) - \inf_P K(x).$$

Since every  $P$ -section is orthogonal to  $\xi$ , it is clear that  $\delta_M^P(x) \leq \delta_M^D$ . In the case of slant submanifolds we have the following inequality for  $\delta_M^P$ :

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $\psi : M^{m+1} \rightarrow \overline{M}^{2m+1}(c)$  be a non-anti-invariant  $\theta$ -slant immersion of a Riemannian  $(m+1)$ -dimensional manifold into a cosymplectic-space-form  $\overline{M}(c)$ . Then*

$$(4.26) \quad \delta_M^P \leq \frac{(m+1)^2(m-1)}{2m}|H|^2 + \frac{1}{2}(m+1)(m-2)\frac{c}{4} + \frac{1}{2}(m-2)\frac{3c}{4}\cos^2\theta.$$



**Proof.** We can choose two tangent vectors  $e_1, e_2$  such that  $\Pi$  is spanned by  $e_1$  and  $e_2 = \sec \theta P e_1$  for a  $P$ -section  $\Pi$ . Then  $g^2(e_1, \varphi e_2) = \cos^2 \theta$ , and from (4.24), we get (4.26).

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