# Warped product pseudo-slant submanifolds of nearly Kaehler manifolds

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we study warped product pseudo-slant submanifolds of nearly Kaehler manifolds. We prove the non-existence results on warped product submanifolds of a nearly Kaehler manifold.

## 1 Introduction

Slant submanifolds of an almost Hermitian manifold were defined by B.Y. Chen [3] as a natural generalization of both holomorphic and totally real submanifolds. Since then many researchers have studied these submanifolds in complex as well as contact setting [2, 8]. The notion of semi-slant submanifolds of an almost Hermitian manifold was introduced by N. Papaghiuc [9], and is in fact a generalization of CR-submanifolds. Pseudo-slant submanifolds were introduced by A. Carriazo [2] as a special case of bi-slant submanifolds.

Recently, B. Sahin [10] introduced the notion of warped product hemislant (pseudo-slant) submanifolds of Kaehler manifolds. He showed that there does not exist any warped product hemi-slant submanifolds in the form  $M_{\perp} \times {}_{f}M_{\theta}$ . He considered warped product hemi-slant submanifolds in the form  $M_{\theta} \times {}_{f}M_{\perp}$  where  $M_{\perp}$  is a totally real submanifold and  $M_{\theta}$  is a proper slant submanifold of a Kaehler manifold, and gave some examples for their existence. In this paper we prove that there do not exist warped product submanifolds of the types  $N_{\perp} \times {}_{f}N_{\theta}$  and  $N_{\theta} \times {}_{f}N_{\perp}$  in a nearly Kaehler manifold  $\bar{M}$ , where  $N_{\perp}$  is a totally real submanifold and  $N_{\theta}$  is a proper slant submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ .

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### 2 Preliminaries

Let  $\overline{M}$  be an almost Hermitian manifold with almost complex structure J and a Riemannian metric g such that

(a) 
$$J^2 = -I$$
, (b)  $g(JX, JY) = g(X, Y)$  (2.1)

for all vector fields X, Y on  $\overline{M}$ .

Further let  $T\overline{M}$  denote the tangent bundle of  $\overline{M}$  and  $\overline{\nabla}$ , the covariant differential operator on  $\overline{M}$  with respect to g. If the almost complex structure J satisfies

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X J)X = 0 \tag{2.2}$$

for any  $X \in T\overline{M}$ , then the manifold  $\overline{M}$  is called a *nearly Kaehler manifold*. Equation (2.2) is equivalent to  $(\overline{\nabla}_X J)Y + (\overline{\nabla}_Y J)X = 0$ . Obviously, every Kaehler manifold is nearly Kaehler manifold.

For a submanifold M of a Riemannian manifold  $\overline{M}$ , the Gauss and Weingarten formulae are respectively given by

$$\overline{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) \tag{2.3}$$

and

$$\bar{\nabla}_X N = -A_N X + \nabla_X^{\perp} N \tag{2.4}$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$ , where  $\nabla$  is the induced Riemannian connection on M, Nis a vector field normal to  $\overline{M}$ , h is the second fundamental form of M,  $\nabla^{\perp}$ is the normal connection in the normal bundle  $T^{\perp}M$  and  $A_N$  is the shape operator of the second fundamental form. They are related as in [11] by

$$g(A_N X, Y) = g(h(X, Y), N)$$
(2.5)

where g denotes the Riemannian metric on  $\overline{M}$  as well as the metric induced on M. The mean curvature vector H of M is given by

$$H = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} h(e_i, e_i)$$
(2.6)

where n is the dimension of M and  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  is a local orthonormal frame of vector fields on M.

A submanifold M of an almost Hermitian manifold  $\overline{M}$  is said to be a *totally umbilical submanifold* if the second fundamental form satisfies

$$h(X,Y) = g(X,Y)H \tag{2.7}$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$ . The submanifold M is *totally geodesic* if h(X, Y) = 0, for all  $X, Y \in TM$  and minimal if H = 0.

For any  $X \in TM$  and  $N \in T^{\perp}M$ , the transformations JX and JN are decomposed into tangential and normal parts respectively as

$$JX = TX + FX \tag{2.8}$$

$$JN = BN + CN. \tag{2.9}$$

Now, denote by  $\mathcal{P}_X Y$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_X Y$  the tangential and normal parts of  $(\bar{\nabla}_X J)Y$ , respectively. That is,

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X J)Y = \mathcal{P}_X Y + \mathcal{Q}_X Y \tag{2.10}$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$ . Making use of equations (2.8), (2.9) and the Gauss and Weingarten formulae, the following equations may be obtained easily.

$$\mathcal{P}_X Y = (\bar{\nabla}_X T) Y - A_{FY} X - Bh(X, Y)$$
(2.11)

$$\mathcal{Q}_X Y = (\bar{\nabla}_X F)Y + h(X, TY) - Ch(X, Y)$$
(2.12)

Similarly, for any  $N \in T^{\perp}M$ , denoting tangential and normal parts of  $(\bar{\nabla}_X J)N$  by  $\mathcal{P}_X N$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_X N$  respectively, we obtain

$$\mathcal{P}_X N = (\bar{\nabla}_X B) N + T A_N X - A_{CN} X \tag{2.13}$$

$$Q_X N = (\bar{\nabla}_X C)N + h(BN, X) + FA_N X \qquad (2.14)$$

where the covariant derivatives of T, F, B and C are defined by

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X T)Y = \nabla_X TY - T\nabla_X Y \tag{2.15}$$

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X F)Y = \nabla_X^{\perp} FY - F\nabla_X Y \tag{2.16}$$

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X B)N = \nabla_X BN - B\nabla_X^{\perp} N \tag{2.17}$$

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X C)N = \nabla_X^{\perp} CN - C\nabla_X^{\perp} N \tag{2.18}$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$  and  $N \in T^{\perp}M$ .

It is straightforward to verify the following properties of  $\mathcal P$  and  $\mathcal Q,$  which we enlist here for later use:

$$(p_1) (i) \quad \mathcal{P}_{X+Y}W = \mathcal{P}_XW + \mathcal{P}_YW, \qquad (ii) \quad \mathcal{Q}_{X+Y}W = \mathcal{Q}_XW + \mathcal{Q}_YW,$$

$$(p_2) \quad (i) \quad \mathcal{P}_X(Y+W) = \mathcal{P}_XY + \mathcal{P}_XW, \quad (ii) \quad \mathcal{Q}_X(Y+W) = \mathcal{Q}_XY + \mathcal{Q}_XW,$$

$$(p_3) (i) \quad g(\mathcal{P}_X Y, W) = -g(Y, \mathcal{P}_X W), \quad (ii) \quad g(\mathcal{Q}_X Y, N) = -g(Y, \mathcal{P}_X N),$$

 $(p_4) \quad \mathfrak{P}_X JY + \mathfrak{Q}_X JY = -J(\mathfrak{P}_X Y + \mathfrak{Q}_X Y)$ 

for all  $X, Y, W \in TM$  and  $N \in T^{\perp}M$ .

On a submanifold M of a nearly Kaehler manifold, by equations (2.2) and (2.10), we have

(a) 
$$\mathfrak{P}_X Y + \mathfrak{P}_Y X = 0$$
, (b)  $\mathfrak{Q}_X Y + \mathfrak{Q}_Y X = 0$  (2.19)

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ .

The submanifold M is said to be *holomorphic* if F is identically zero, that is,  $\phi X \in TM$  for any  $X \in TM$ . On the other hand, M is said to be *totally real* if T is identically zero, that is  $\phi X \in T^{\perp}M$ , for any  $X \in TM$ .

A distribution D on a submanifold M of an almost Hermitian manifold  $\overline{M}$  is said to be a *slant distribution* if for each  $X \in D_x$ , the angle  $\theta$  between JX and  $D_x$  is constant i.e., independent of  $x \in M$  and  $X \in D_x$ . In this case, a submanifold M of  $\overline{M}$  is said to be a *slant submanifold* if the tangent bundle TM of M is slant.

Moreover, for a slant distribution D, we have

$$T^2 X = -\cos^2 \theta X \tag{2.20}$$

for any  $X \in D$ . The following relations are straightforward consequences of equation (2.20):

$$g(TX, TY) = \cos^2 \theta g(X, Y) \tag{2.21}$$

$$g(FX, FY) = \sin^2 \theta g(X, Y) \tag{2.22}$$

for all  $X, Y \in D$ .

A submanifold M of an almost Hermitian manifold  $\overline{M}$  is said to be a *pseudo-slant submanifold* if there exist two orthogonal complementary distributions  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  satisfying:

- (i)  $TM = D_1 \oplus D_2$
- (ii)  $D_1$  is a slant distribution with slant angle  $\theta \neq \pi/2$
- (iii)  $D_2$  is totally real i.e.,  $JD_2 \subseteq T^{\perp}M$ .

A pseudo-slant submanifold M of an almost Hermitian manifold  $\bar{M}$  is mixed geodesic if

$$h(X,Z) = 0 (2.23)$$

for any  $X \in D_1$  and  $Z \in D_2$ .

If  $\mu$  is the invariant subspace of the normal bundle  $T^{\perp}M$ , then in the case of pseudo-slant submanifold, the normal bundle  $T^{\perp}M$  can be decomposed as follows:

$$T^{\perp}M = \mu \oplus FD_1 \oplus FD_2. \tag{2.24}$$

#### 3 Warped product pseudo-slant submanifolds

In 1969 Bishop and O'Neill [1] introduced the notion of warped product manifolds. These manifolds are natural generalizations of Riemannian product manifolds. They defined these manifolds as: Let  $(N_1, g_1)$  and  $(N_2, g_2)$  be two Riemannian manifolds and f, a positive differentiable function on  $N_1$ . The warped product of  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  is the Riemannian manifold  $N_1 \times {}_f N_2 = (N_1 \times N_2, g)$ , where

$$g = g_1 + f^2 g_2. ag{3.1}$$

A warped product manifold  $N_1 \times {}_f N_2$  is said to be *trivial* if the warping function f is constant. We recall the following general formula on a warped product [1].

$$\nabla_X Z = \nabla_Z X = (X \ln f) Z, \tag{3.2}$$

where X is tangent to  $N_1$  and Z is tangent to  $N_2$ .

Let  $M = N_1 \times {}_f N_2$  be a warped product manifold. This means that  $N_1$  is totally geodesic and  $N_2$  is a totally umbilical submanifold of M [1].

Throughout this section, we consider warped product pseudo-slant submanifolds which are either in the form  $N_{\perp} \times {}_{f}N_{\theta}$  or  $N_{\theta} \times {}_{f}N_{\perp}$  in a nearly Kaehler manifold  $\bar{M}$ , where  $N_{\theta}$  and  $N_{\perp}$  are proper slant and totally real submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$ , respectively. In the following theorem we consider the warped product pseudo-slant submanifolds in the form  $M = N_{\perp} \times {}_{f}N_{\theta}$  of a nearly Kaehler manifold  $\bar{M}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\overline{M}$  be a nearly Kaehler manifold. Then the warped product submanifold  $M = N_{\perp} \times {}_{f}N_{\theta}$  is a Riemannian product of  $N_{\perp}$  and  $N_{\theta}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{P}_{X}TX$  lies in  $TN_{\theta}$ , for any  $X \in TN_{\theta}$ , where  $N_{\perp}$  and  $N_{\theta}$  are totally real and proper slant submanifolds of  $\overline{M}$ , respectively.

*Proof.* Let  $M = N_{\perp} \times {}_{f}N_{\theta}$  be a warped product pseudo-slant submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold  $\overline{M}$ . For any  $X \in TN_{\theta}$  and  $W \in TN_{\perp}$ , we have

$$g(h(TX,W),FX) = g(\bar{\nabla}_W TX,FX) = -g(TX,\bar{\nabla}_W FX).$$

Using (2.8), we derive

$$g(h(TX,W),FX) = g(TX,\bar{\nabla}_W TX) - g(TX,\bar{\nabla}_W JX).$$

Then from (2.3) and the covariant derivative property of J, we obtain

$$g(h(TX,W),FX) = g(TX,\nabla_W TX) - g(TX,(\nabla_W J)X) - g(TX,J\nabla_W X)$$

Thus, using (2.1), (2.10) and (3.2) we get

 $g(h(TX,W),FX) = (W\ln f)g(TX,TX) - g(TX,\mathcal{P}_WX) + g(JTX,\bar{\nabla}_WX).$ 

Using (2.3), (2.8), (2.19) (a) and (2.21), we obtain

$$g(h(TX,W),FX) = (W \ln f) \cos^2 \theta ||X||^2 + g(TX, \mathcal{P}_X W)$$
$$+ g(T^2 X, \nabla_W X) + g(h(X,W),FTX).$$

Thus by property  $p_3$  (i), (2.20) and (3.2), we derive

$$g(h(TX, W), FX) = (W \ln f) \cos^2 \theta ||X||^2 - g(\mathcal{P}_X TX, W) - (W \ln f) \cos^2 \theta ||X||^2 + g(h(X, W), FTX).$$

Hence the above equation takes the form

$$g(\mathcal{P}_X TX, W) = g(h(X, W), FTX) - g(h(TX, W), FX).$$
(3.3)

On the other hand for any  $X \in TN_{\theta}$  and  $W \in TN_{\perp}$ , we have

$$g(h(X,TX),JW) = g(\bar{\nabla}_{TX}X,JW) = -g(J\bar{\nabla}_{TX}X,W).$$

Using the covariant differentiation formula of J, we get

$$g(h(X,TX),JW) = g((\bar{\nabla}_{TX}J)X,W) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{TX}JX,W).$$

Then by (2.10) and property of  $\overline{\nabla}$ , we derive

$$g(h(X,TX),JW) = g(\mathcal{P}_{TX}X,W) + g(JX,\bar{\nabla}_{TX}W).$$

Thus from (2.3), (2.8) and (2.19) (a), we obtain

$$g(h(X,TX),JW) = -g(\mathcal{P}_XTX,W) + g(TX,\nabla_{TX}W) + g(h(TX,W),FX).$$

By (3.2), the above equation reduces to

$$g(h(X,TX),JW) = -g(\mathcal{P}_XTX,W)$$

$$+ (W \ln f)g(TX, TX) + g(h(TX, W), FX).$$

Hence, using (2.21), we get

$$g(h(X, TX), JW) = -g(\mathcal{P}_X TX, W) + (W \ln f) \cos^2 \theta ||X||^2 + g(h(TX, W), FX).$$
(3.4)

By property  $(p_3)$  (i), the above equation reduces to

$$g(h(X,TX),JW) = g(TX,\mathcal{P}_XW) + (W\ln f)\cos^2\theta ||X||^2$$

$$+g(h(TX,W),FX).$$

Interchanging X with TX and then using (2.20) and (2.21), we obtain

$$-\cos^2\theta g(h(X,TX),JW) = -\cos^2\theta g(X,\mathcal{P}_{TX}W) + (W\ln f)\cos^4\theta g(X,X)$$
$$-\cos^2\theta g(h(X,W),FTX).$$

Again, by first using property  $(p_3)$  (i) followed by (2.19) (a) we arrive at

$$-g(h(X,TX),JW) = -g(\mathcal{P}_X TX,W) + (W\ln f)\cos^2\theta ||X||^2 -g(h(X,W),FTX).$$
(3.5)

Then from (3.4) and (3.5), we obtain

$$2(W \ln f) \cos^2 \theta \|X\|^2 = 2g(\mathcal{P}_X TX, W) + g(h(X, W), FTX) - g(h(TX, W), FX).$$
(3.6)

Thus, by (3.3) and (3.6), we conclude that

$$(W\ln f)\cos^2\theta \|X\|^2 = \frac{3}{2}g(\mathcal{P}_X TX, W).$$
(3.7)

Since  $N_{\theta}$  is proper slant, thus we get  $(W \ln f) = 0$ , if and only if  $\mathcal{P}_X T X$  lies in  $TN_{\theta}$  for all  $X \in TN_{\theta}$  and  $W \in TN_{\perp}$ . This shows that f is constant on  $N_{\perp}$ . The proof is thus compelete.

**Theorem 3.2.** The warped product submanifold  $M = N_{\theta} \times {}_{f}N_{\perp}$  of a nearly Kaehler manifold  $\overline{M}$  is simply a Riemannian product of  $N_{\theta}$  and  $N_{\perp}$  if and only if

$$g(h(X,Z), FZ) = g(h(Z,Z), FX),$$
 (3.7)

for any  $X \in TN_{\theta}$  and  $Z \in TN_{\perp}$ , where  $N_{\theta}$  and  $N_{\perp}$  are proper slant and totally real submanifolds of  $\overline{M}$ , respectively.

*Proof.* Let  $M = N_{\theta} \times {}_{f}N_{\perp}$  be a warped product submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold  $\overline{M}$ . Then for any  $X \in TN_{\theta}$  and  $Z \in TN_{\perp}$ , we have

$$g(h(TX,Z),FZ) = g(\nabla_Z TX,JZ).$$

Using (2.1), we get

$$g(h(TX,Z),FZ) = -g(J\bar{\nabla}_Z TX,Z)$$

Thus, on using the covariant differentiation property of J, we obtain

$$g(h(TX,Z),FZ) = g((\overline{\nabla}_Z J)TX,Z) - g(\overline{\nabla}_Z JTX,Z).$$

Then from (2.8) and (2.10), we derive

$$g(h(TX,Z),FZ) = g(\mathcal{P}_Z TX,Z) - g(\bar{\nabla}_Z T^2 X,Z) - g(\bar{\nabla}_Z FTX,Z).$$

Now, using (2.4),  $(p_3)$  (i) and (2.20) we obtain that

$$g(h(TX,Z),FZ) = -g(\mathcal{P}_Z Z,TX) + \cos^2 \theta g(\nabla_Z X,Z) + g(A_{FTX} Z,Z).$$

Since on using (2.2) and (2.10) we have  $\mathcal{P}_Z Z = 0$ , then from (2.5) and (3.2), we get

$$g(h(TX, Z), FZ) = (X \ln f) \cos^2 \theta ||Z||^2 + g(h(Z, Z), FTX).$$
(3.8)

Interchanging X with TX in (3.8), we obtain

$$\cos^2\theta g(h(X,Z),FZ) = -(TX\ln f)\cos^2\theta ||Z||^2 + \cos^2\theta g(h(Z,Z),FX).$$

The above equation can be written as

$$(TX\ln f)||Z||^2 = g(h(Z,Z),FX) - g(h(X,Z),FZ).$$
(3.9)

Thus,  $(TX \ln f) = 0$  if and only if g(h(Z, Z), FX) = g(h(X, Z), FZ). This proves the theorem.

The following corollaries are consequences of the above theorem.

**Corollary 3.1.** There does not exist any warped product pseudo-slant submanifolds  $M = N_{\theta} \times {}_{f}N_{\perp}$  of a nearly Kaehler manifold  $\overline{M}$ , if the condition

$$h(TM, D^{\perp}) \in \mu,$$

holds, where  $\mu$  is the invariant normal subbundle of TM and  $D^{\perp}$  is a distribution corresponding to the submanifold  $N_{\perp}$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows from (3.9).

**Corollary 3.2.** There does not exist any mixed totally geodesic pseudo-slant warped product submanifold  $M = N_{\theta} \times {}_{f}N_{\perp}$  of a nearly Kaehler manifold  $\overline{M}$  such that  $h(Z, Z) \in \mu$  for all  $Z \in D^{\perp}$ .

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