

CHAPTER 5

TOTALLY UMBILICAL CR-SUBMANIFOLDS OF A NEARLY KAEHLER MANIFOLD

Totally umbilical CR-submanifolds of a Kaehler manifold have been studied by Chen [9], Toyonari-Nemoto [28] and Bashir [1]. In [20], Kon-Tan initiated the study of totally umbilical CR-submanifolds of a nearly Kaehler manifold. In this chapter we continue their work and give a classification of all connected totally umbilical CR-submanifolds of a nearly Kaehler manifold. We also show that a 3-dimensional Einstein non-totally geodesic proper CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold is an extrinsic sphere.

5.1 On the Classification of a Totally Umbilical CR-submanifold of a Nearly Kaehler Manifold

In their paper [20], Kon-Tan have proved a classification theorem, that is, a totally umbilical CR-submanifold M of a nearly Kaehler manifold is either

totally geodesic, or totally real, or $\dim D^\perp = 1$. In this section we consider the case when $\dim D^\perp = 1$ and then give a complete classification of a connected totally umbilical CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold.

Let M be a totally umbilical CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold N . Then the equation of Gauss and Codazzi take the forms

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X,Y)Z,W &= \langle R(X,Y)Z,W \rangle \\ &+ \{ \langle X,Z \rangle \langle Y,W \rangle - \langle X,W \rangle \langle Y,Z \rangle \} \|H\|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (5.1)$$

$$\tilde{R}(X,Y)Z^\perp = \langle Y,Z \rangle \nabla_X^\perp H - \langle X,Z \rangle \nabla_Y^\perp H \quad (5.2)$$

for any X, Y, Z and $W \in \Gamma(TM)$.

The following theorem classifies a totally umbilical CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold.

Theorem 5.1 (Kon-Tan [20])

Let M be a totally umbilical CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold. Then either

- (i) M is totally geodesic; or
- (ii) M is totally real; or
- (iii) $\dim D^\perp = 1$.

We note that Theorem 5.1 has been proved by Chen [9] when N is a Kaehler manifold.

Suppose M is a non-totally geodesic, totally umbilical proper CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold N . Then we have $\dim D^\perp = 1$. We first start with the following simple results.

Lemma 5.1

Let M be a totally umbilical proper CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold N . Then the mean curvature vector $H \in \Gamma(JD^\perp)$.

Proof:

For any unit vector fields $X \in \Gamma(D)$, $\xi \in \Gamma(\nu)$, by taking $Y = X$ in (3.3) we obtain

$$\langle h(X, JX), \xi \rangle - \langle Jh(X, X), \xi \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle X, JX \rangle \langle H, \xi \rangle - \langle X, X \rangle \langle JH, \xi \rangle = 0$$

$$-\langle CH, \xi \rangle = 0$$

which means $CH = 0$ and hence $H \in \Gamma(JD^\perp)$. ■

Lemma 5.2

Let M be a non-totally geodesic totally umbilical proper CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold N . Then we have

$$\nabla_U^\perp JZ \in \Gamma(JD^\perp)$$

for any $U \in \Gamma(TM)$ and $Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$.

Proof:

For any $X \in \Gamma(D)$, $Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$, by using (2.19) we have

$$f(\tilde{\nabla}_X J)Z^\perp = -f(\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)X^\perp$$

$$fh(X, \phi Z) + f\nabla_X^\perp \omega Z - Ch(X, Z) = -fh(Z, \phi X) - f\nabla_Z^\perp \omega X + Ch(Z, X)$$

$$f\nabla_X^\perp JZ - \langle X, Z \rangle CH = -\langle Z, \phi X \rangle fH + \langle Z, X \rangle CH$$

$$f\nabla_X^\perp JZ = 0. \quad (5.3)$$

Next, for any $Z, W \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$, since $\dim D^\perp = 1$ we have $(\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)W = 0$ by Lemma 4.2. Then by using (2.19) again we obtain

$$fh(W, \phi Z) + f\nabla_W^\perp \omega Z - Ch(W, Z) = f(\tilde{\nabla}_W J)Z^\perp = 0$$

$$f\nabla_W^\perp JZ - \langle W, Z \rangle CH = 0.$$

From Lemma 5.1 we know that $CH = 0$. Therefore we have

$$f \nabla_W^\perp JZ = 0. \quad (5.4)$$

By combining (5.3) and (5.4) we obtain

$$f \nabla_U^\perp JZ = 0, \quad \text{for any } U \in \Gamma(TM) \text{ and } Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp).$$

That is, $\nabla_U^\perp JZ = t \nabla_U^\perp JZ \in \Gamma(JD^\perp)$. ■

Next we have the following result which gives a sufficient condition for a totally umbilical CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold to admit a nearly Sasakian structure.

Proposition 5.1

Let M be a proper CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold N . If M is an extrinsic sphere then it admits a nearly Sasakian structure.

Proof:

Suppose M is an extrinsic sphere. Then the mean curvature $\mu = \|H\|$ is a non-zero constant. Since $H \in \Gamma(JD^\perp)$, $\xi = -\frac{1}{\mu} JH$ is a unit vector field in D^\perp globally defined in M . Moreover we have $\dim D^\perp = 1$.

Now, we define a new Riemannian metric g on M by

$$g(X, Y) = \mu^2 \langle X, Y \rangle \quad (5.5)$$

Moreover, we put $\zeta = \frac{1}{\mu} \xi$ and $\eta(X) = \mu \langle X, \xi \rangle$. Then for any $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ we have

$$\eta(\zeta) = \mu \langle \zeta, \xi \rangle = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} X &= PX + QX \\ &= -\phi^2 X + \langle X, \xi \rangle \xi \\ &= -\phi^2 X + \mu \langle X, \xi \rangle \frac{1}{\mu} \xi \\ &= -\phi^2 X + \eta(X) \zeta \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} g(X, Y) &= \mu^2 \langle X, Y \rangle \\ &= \mu^2 \langle PX, PY \rangle + \mu^2 \langle QX, QY \rangle \\ &= -\mu^2 \langle \phi^2 X, PY \rangle + \mu^2 \langle X, \xi \rangle \langle Y, \xi \rangle \\ &= \mu^2 \langle \phi X, \phi PY \rangle + \mu \langle X, \xi \rangle \mu \langle Y, \xi \rangle \\ &= \mu^2 \langle \phi X, \phi Y \rangle + \eta(X) \eta(Y) \\ &= g(\phi X, \phi Y) + \eta(X) \eta(Y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, (ϕ, ζ, η, g) is an almost contact metric structure on M .

Next, by (2.16) and (2.17) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{\nabla}_X J)Y^\top &= P(\tilde{\nabla}_X J)Y^\top + Q(\tilde{\nabla}_X J)Y^\top \\ &= \nabla_X \phi Y - \phi \nabla_X Y - A_{\omega Y} X - Bh(X, Y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by using the fact that N is nearly Kaehler we

obtain

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X J)Y^\top + (\tilde{\nabla}_Y J)X^\top = 0$$

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y - A_{\omega Y}X - Bh(X, Y) + (\nabla_Y \phi)X - A_{\omega X}Y - Bh(Y, X) = 0$$

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y + (\nabla_Y \phi)X - A_{\omega Y}X - A_{\omega X}Y - 2Bh(X, Y) = 0$$

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y + (\nabla_Y \phi)X - \langle H, \omega Y \rangle X - \langle H, \omega X \rangle Y - 2\langle X, Y \rangle BH = 0$$

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y + (\nabla_Y \phi)X + \langle JH, Y \rangle X + \langle JH, X \rangle Y - 2\langle X, Y \rangle JH = 0$$

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y + (\nabla_Y \phi)X - \mu \langle \xi, Y \rangle X - \mu \langle \xi, X \rangle Y + 2\mu \langle X, Y \rangle \xi = 0$$

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y + (\nabla_Y \phi)X - \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y + 2\mu^2 \langle X, Y \rangle \frac{1}{\mu} \xi = 0$$

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y + (\nabla_Y \phi)X - \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y + 2g(X, Y)\xi = 0.$$

That is,

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y + (\nabla_Y \phi)X = \eta(X)Y + \eta(Y)X - 2g(X, Y)\xi$$

for any $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$.

We observe that since g is homothetic to the induced metric $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, then ∇ the Levi-Civita connection on M is determined by g , hence (ϕ, ζ, η, g) defined a nearly Sasakian structure on M . ■

In particular, when the mean curvature $\mu = 1$ we have the following corollary.

Corollary 5.1

Let M be a totally umbilical proper CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold N . If M is an extrinsic sphere with mean curvature $\mu = 1$, then M is immersed in N as a nearly Sasakian submanifold.

Proof:

If $\mu = 1$ then (5.5) becomes

$$g(X, Y) = \langle X, Y \rangle, \quad \text{for any } X, Y \in \Gamma(TM).$$

Thus, M admits a nearly Sasakian structure with the induced metric $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ as the associated Riemannian metric and so it is immersed in N as a nearly Sasakian submanifold. ■

We are now able to classify a connected totally umbilical CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold in detail.

Theorem 5.2

Let M be a connected totally umbilical CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold N . Then either

- (i) M is totally geodesic; or

- (ii) M is totally real; or
- (iii) H is not D -parallel; or
- (iv) M is an extrinsic sphere and so admits a nearly Sasakian structure.

Proof:

Let M be a connected non-totally geodesic and non-totally real, totally umbilical CR-submanifold of N . Then by Theorem 5.1, $\dim D^\perp = 1$ and so it is proper. Now suppose that the mean curvature vector H is D -parallel. By using the Codazzi equation (5.2), for any unit vector fields $X \in \Gamma(D)$ and $Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{R}(Z, X)X, JZ &= \langle X, X \rangle \langle \nabla_Z^\perp H, JZ \rangle - \langle Z, X \rangle \langle \nabla_X^\perp H, JZ \rangle \\ &= \langle \nabla_Z^\perp H, JZ \rangle.\end{aligned}\quad (5.6)$$

From Proposition 1.3, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{R}(Z, X)X, JZ &= \tilde{R}(JZ, JX)JX, J^2Z \\ &= -\tilde{R}(JZ, JX)JX, Z \\ &= -\tilde{R}(Z, JX)JX, JZ.\end{aligned}$$

By using the Codazzi equation (5.2) again we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{R}(Z, X)X, JZ &= -\langle JX, JX \rangle \langle \nabla_Z^\perp H, JZ \rangle + \langle Z, JX \rangle \langle \nabla_{JX}^\perp H, JZ \rangle \\ &= -\langle \nabla_Z^\perp H, JZ \rangle.\end{aligned}\quad (5.7)$$

From (5.6) and (5.7) we obtain that $\langle \nabla_Z^\perp H, JZ \rangle = 0$.

Since $\dim D^\perp = 1$, we obtain

$$\nabla_Z^\perp H \in \Gamma(\nu), \quad \text{for any } Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp).$$

Lemma 5.2 tells us that $\nabla_Z^\perp H \in \Gamma(JD^\perp)$. Thus, we have proved

$$\nabla_Z^\perp H = 0, \quad \text{for any } Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp).$$

This shows that H is parallel since it is D -parallel. As M is connected, it follows that $\mu = \|H\|$ is a constant. Since M is non-totally geodesic, μ is a non-zero constant, that is M is an extrinsic sphere and hence it admits a nearly Sasakian structure by Proposition 5.1. ■

Remark: When N is a Kaehler manifold and M is of dimension greater than 4, then part (iii) of Theorem 5.2 will never happens and part (iv) of Theorem 5.2 is replaced by M admits a Sasakian structure (see Toyonari-Nemoto [28]).

Before we close this section, we consider a particular case of Theorem 5.2.

Theorem 5.3

Let M be a 5-dimensional connected totally umbilical

CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold N . Then either

- (i) M is totally geodesic; or
- (ii) M is totally real; or
- (iii) M admits a nearly Sasakian structure.

Proof:

Suppose M is a 5-dimensional connected non-totally geodesic and non-totally real, totally umbilical CR-submanifold of N . Then we have $\dim D = 4$ and $\dim D^\perp = 1$.

From Lemma 4.2 and Lemma 4.3, we have

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X J)Y \perp D \quad (5.8)$$

and
$$(\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)W = 0 \quad (5.9)$$

for any $X, Y \in \Gamma(D)$ and $Z, W \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$. By using (5.9) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)X, W \rangle &= -\langle (\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)W, X \rangle = 0 \\ \langle (\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)X, JW \rangle &= \langle J(\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)W, X \rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, from (2.19) we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)X^\perp &= fh(Z, \phi X) + f\tilde{\nabla}_Z^\perp \omega X - Ch(Z, X) \\ &= \langle Z, \phi X \rangle fH - \langle Z, X \rangle CH \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)X \in \Gamma(D), \quad \text{for any } Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp) \text{ and } X \in \Gamma(D).$$

By using the above equation and (5.8) we have

$$\langle (\tilde{\nabla}_X J)Y, J(\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)X \rangle = 0 \quad (5.10)$$

for any $X, Y \in \Gamma(D)$ and $Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$.

Consider unit vector fields $X, Y \in \Gamma(D)$ and $Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$, since $\dim D = 4$, we may assume that $\langle X, Y \rangle = \langle X, JY \rangle = 0$. By using the Codazzi equation (5.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tilde{R}(Y, X)X, JZ \rangle &= \langle X, X \rangle \langle \nabla_Y^\perp H, JZ \rangle - \langle Y, X \rangle \langle \nabla_X^\perp H, JZ \rangle \\ &= \langle \nabla_Y^\perp H, JZ \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tilde{R}(Y, X)X, JZ \rangle &= \langle \tilde{R}(JY, JX)X, JZ \rangle - \langle (\tilde{\nabla}_Y J)X, (\tilde{\nabla}_X J)JZ \rangle \\ &= \langle \tilde{R}(JY, JX)X, JZ \rangle + \langle (\tilde{\nabla}_X J)Y, J(\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)X \rangle \\ &= \langle \tilde{R}(JY, JX)X, JZ \rangle \quad \text{by (5.10).} \end{aligned}$$

By using the Codazzi equation (5.2) again we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tilde{R}(Y, X)X, JZ \rangle &= \langle JX, X \rangle \langle \nabla_{JY}^\perp H, JZ \rangle - \langle JY, X \rangle \langle \nabla_{JX}^\perp H, JZ \rangle \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\langle \nabla_Y^\perp H, JZ \rangle = 0, \quad \text{for any } Y \in \Gamma(D) \text{ and } Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp).$$

Since $\dim D^\perp = 1$, by Lemma 5.1 and Lemma 5.2 we have

$$\nabla_Y^\perp H = 0, \quad \text{for any } Y \in \Gamma(D).$$

In other words, the mean curvature vector H is D -parallel.

Consequently, M admits a nearly Sasakian structure. ■

5.2 3-dimensional Totally Umbilical CR-submanifolds of a Nearly Kaehler manifold

In this section we obtain a classification theorem for 3-dimensional connected totally umbilical submanifolds of a nearly Kaehler manifold, which is almost similar to Theorem 5.2 and also generalize a result of Bashir [1] to nearly Kaehler manifold. We first consider a particular case for Proposition 5.1.

Proposition 5.2

Let M be a 3-dimensional totally umbilical proper CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold N . If M is an extrinsic sphere then it admits a Sasakian structure.

Proof:

We already know that M admits a nearly Sasakian structure from Proposition 5.1. Since M is of dimension 3, by a result of Olszak ([24], Theorem 5.1), the nearly Sasakian structure is Sasakian. ■

From Theorem 5.2 and Proposition 5.2. The following result can be proven.

Proposition 5.3

Let M be a 3-dimensional connected totally umbilical CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold N . Then either

- (i) M is totally geodesic; or
- (ii) M is totally real; or
- (iii) H is not D -parallel; or
- (iv) M admits a Sasakian structure.

The following theorem generalizes [1, Theorem 2] to nearly Kaehler manifold.

Theorem 5.4

Let M be an 3-dimensional Einstein non-totally geodesic totally umbilical proper CR-submanifold of a nearly Kaehler manifold N . Then M is an extrinsic sphere.

Proof:

Let M be a 3-dimensional non-totally geodesic, totally

umbilical proper CR-submanifold of N . Then $\dim D^\perp = 1$ and $\dim D = 2$. From Lemma 4.1 and Lemma 4.2, for any vector fields $X, Y \in \Gamma(D)$ and $Z, W \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$ we have

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X J)Y = 0 \quad (5.11)$$

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)W = 0. \quad (5.12)$$

By using (5.11) and (5.12) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)X, Y \rangle &= \langle (\tilde{\nabla}_X J)Y, Z \rangle = 0 \\ \langle (\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)X, W \rangle &= -\langle (\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)W, X \rangle = 0 \\ \langle (\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)X, JW \rangle &= \langle J(\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)W, X \rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, by taking $Z = U$ and $X = V$ in (2.19) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f(\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)X^\perp &= fh(Z, \phi X) + f\tilde{\nabla}_Z^\perp \omega X - Ch(Z, X) \\ &= \langle Z, \phi X \rangle fH - \langle Z, X \rangle CH \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)X = 0, \quad \text{for any } X \in \Gamma(D) \text{ and } Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp).$$

For any unit vector fields $X \in \Gamma(D)$, $Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$, by using Proposition 1.3 and the Codazzi equation (5.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tilde{R}(Z, X)X, Z \rangle &= \langle \tilde{R}(Z, X)JX, JZ \rangle - \langle (\tilde{\nabla}_Z J)X, (\tilde{\nabla}_X J)Z \rangle \\ &= \langle \tilde{R}(Z, X)JX, JZ \rangle \\ &= \langle X, JX \rangle \langle \tilde{\nabla}_Z^\perp H, JZ \rangle - \langle Z, JX \rangle \langle \tilde{\nabla}_X^\perp H, JZ \rangle \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by using the above equation and taking into account the Gauss equation (5.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle R(Z,X)X,Z \rangle + \langle Z,X \rangle \langle X,Z \rangle \|H\|^2 - \langle Z,Z \rangle \langle X,X \rangle \|H\|^2 &= 0 \\ \langle R(Z,X)X,Z \rangle &= \|H\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (5.13)$$

If M is an Einstein space, then it is a space of constant curvature c by Proposition 1.1. Thus, from (5.13) we have $\|H\|^2 = c$, is a constant on M . Since M is non-totally geodesic, $\|H\|^2$ is a non-zero constant. Therefore, we have

$$\langle \nabla_U^\perp H, H \rangle = \frac{1}{2} U \langle H, H \rangle = 0$$

for any $U \in \Gamma(TM)$. That is, $\nabla_U^\perp H \in \Gamma(\nu)$. Lemma 5.2 tells us that $\nabla_U^\perp H \in \Gamma(JD^\perp)$ and hence $\nabla_U^\perp H = 0$. Thus, we have proved that M is an extrinsic sphere. ■

The following corollary is an easy consequence of the preceeding theorem and Propostion 5.2.

Corollary 5.2

Under the hypothesis of Theorem 5.4, M admits a Sasakian structure.