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**CR-PRODUCTS OF  $S$ -MANIFOLDS**

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**Abstract:** In this paper certain  $CR$ -submanifolds of  $S$ -manifolds, ([3]), namely the  $CR$ -products, are studied. A characterization theorem is given and the case of  $CR$ -products of  $S$ -manifolds whose invariant  $f$ -sectional curvature is constant, is investigated.

**0 – Introduction**

For manifolds with an  $f$ -structure, D.E. Blair, ([3]), has introduced the analogue of the Kaehler structure in the almost complex case and of quasi-Sasakian structure in the almost contact case, by defining  $S$ -manifolds.

On the other hand, A. Bejancu, ([1]), has initiated to study  $CR$ -submanifolds of Kaehlerian manifolds. The concept of  $CR$ -submanifold has been also considered in other structures, like Sasakian structures, ([2]). I. Mihai, ([7]), and L. Ornea, ([8]), have studied  $CR$ -submanifolds of  $S$ -manifolds.

The purpose of this paper is to study certain  $CR$ -submanifolds of  $S$ -manifolds, namely the  $CR$ -products. In section 1, we review basic formulas for submanifolds in Riemannian manifolds. In section 2, we give several results on  $CR$ -submanifolds of  $S$ -manifolds, for later use. In section 3, we study  $CR$ -products of  $S$ -manifolds and give a characterization theorem. In the last section, we consider  $CR$ -products of  $S$ -manifolds whose invariant  $f$ -sectional curvature is constant.

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## 1 – Preliminaries

Let  $N^n$  be a Riemannian manifold of dimension  $n$  and  $M^m$  an  $m$ -dimensional submanifold of  $N^n$ . Let  $g$  be the metric tensor field on  $N^n$  as well as the induced metric on  $M^m$ . We denote by  $\tilde{\nabla}$  the covariant differentiation in  $N^n$  and by  $\nabla$  the covariant differentiation in  $M^m$  determined by the induced metric. Let  $T(N)$  (resp.  $T(M)$ ) be the Lie Algebra of vector fields in  $N^n$  (resp. in  $M^m$ ) and  $T(M)^\perp$  the set of all vector fields normal to  $M^m$ .

The Gauss–Weingarten formulas are given by:

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{\nabla}_X Y &= \nabla_X Y + \sigma(X, Y), \\ \tilde{\nabla}_X V &= -A_V X + D_X V, \quad X, Y \in T(M), \quad V \in T(M)^\perp, \end{aligned}$$

where  $D$  is the connection in the normal bundle,  $\sigma$  is the second fundamental form of  $M^m$ ,  $A_V$  the Weingarten Endomorphism associated with  $V$  and satisfy:

$$g(A_V X, Y) = g(\sigma(X, Y), V).$$

We denote by  $\tilde{R}$  and  $R$  the curvature tensor fields associated with  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$ , respectively. The Gauss equation is given by:

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) &= R(X, Y, Z, W) + g(\sigma(X, Z), \sigma(Y, W)) \\ &\quad - g(\sigma(X, W), \sigma(Y, Z)), \quad X, Y, Z, W \in T(M). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we have the following Codazzi equation:

$$(1.3) \quad \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, V) = g((\nabla'_X \sigma)(Y, Z), V) - g((\nabla'_Y \sigma)(X, Z), V),$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in T(M)$  and  $V \in T(M)^\perp$ , where  $\nabla' \sigma$  is the covariant derivative of the second fundamental form given by:

$$(1.4) \quad (\nabla'_X \sigma)(Y, Z) = D_X \sigma(Y, Z) - g(\nabla_X Y, Z) - g(Y, \nabla_X Z),$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in T(M)$ . Finally, the submanifold  $M^m$  is said to be totally geodesic in  $N^n$  if its second fundamental form is identically zero.

2 - CR-submanifolds of  $S$ -manifolds

Let  $N^{2n+s}$  be an  $S$ -manifold of dimension  $2n + s$ , with structure tensors  $(f, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_s, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_s, g)$ . Then, these structure tensors satisfy the following equations, ([3]):

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \eta_\alpha(\xi_\beta) &= \delta_{\alpha\beta}; \quad f \xi_\alpha = 0; \quad \eta_\alpha(fX) = 0; \\ f^2 &= -I + \sum \xi_\alpha \otimes \eta_\alpha, \quad X \in T(N). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the tensor  $f$  is an  $f$ -structure, ([9]), of rank  $2n$ . Furthermore, the metric  $g$  is compatible with  $f$ , that is:

$$(2.2) \quad g(X, Y) = g(fX, fY) + \Phi(X, Y),$$

for any  $X, Y \in T(N)$ , where  $\Phi(X, Y) = \sum \eta_\gamma(X) \eta_\gamma(Y)$ . Moreover,  $f$  is normal:

$$[f, f] + 2 \sum \xi_\alpha \otimes d\eta_\alpha = 0,$$

where  $[f, f]$  is the Nijenhuis torsion of  $f$ . The covariant differentiation  $\tilde{\nabla}$  of  $N^{2n+s}$  satisfies, ([3]), for any  $X, Y \in T(N)$ ,  $\alpha = 1, \dots, s$ :

$$(2.3) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X \xi_\alpha = -fX,$$

$$(2.4) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_X f)Y = \sum [g(fX, fY) \xi_\alpha + \eta_\alpha(Y) f^2 X].$$

Furthermore, in an  $S$ -manifold, we have  $F = d\eta_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha = 1, \dots, s$ , where  $F$  is the fundamental 2-form defined by  $F(X, Y) = g(X, fY)$ ,  $X, Y \in T(N)$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{L}$  the distribution determined by  $-f^2$  and by  $\mathcal{M}$  the complementary distribution. Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is determined by  $f^2 + I$  and spanned by  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$ . If  $X \in \mathcal{L}$ , then  $\eta_\alpha(X) = 0$ , for all  $\alpha$ , and if  $X \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $fX = 0$ .

In the case  $s = 1$ , an  $S$ -manifold is a Sasakian manifold. For  $s \geq 2$ , examples of  $S$ -manifolds are given in [3], [4] and [5]. Thus, the bundle space of a principal toroidal bundle over a Kaehler manifold, with certain conditions, is an  $S$ -manifold.

Now, let  $M^m$  be an  $m$ -dimensional submanifold immersed in  $N^{2n+s}$ . For any  $X \in T(M)$ , we write:

$$(2.5) \quad fX = TX + NX,$$

where  $TX$  is the tangential component of  $fX$  and  $NX$  is the normal component of  $fX$ . Then,  $T$  is an endomorphism of the tangent bundle

and  $N$  is a normal-bundle valued 1-form on the tangent bundle. It is easy to show that if  $T$  does not vanish, it defines an  $f$ -structure in the tangent bundle. On the other hand, the submanifold  $M^m$  is said to be invariant if  $N \equiv 0$  and anti-invariant if  $T \equiv 0$ .

In the same way, for any vector field  $V \in T(M)^\perp$ , we write:

$$(2.6) \quad fV = tV + nV ,$$

where  $tV$  (resp.  $nV$ ) is the tangential component (resp. normal component) of  $fV$ . Then,  $t$  is a tangent-bundle valued 1-form on the normal bundle and  $n$  is an endomorphism of the normal bundle. Moreover, if  $n$  does not vanish, it is an  $f$ -structure.

Now, we assume that the structure vector fields  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$  are tangent to  $M^m$  (and so,  $m \geq s$ ). Then,  $M^m$  is called a  $CR$ -submanifold of  $N^{2n+s}$  if there exist two differentiable distributions  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  on  $M^m$  satisfying:

- i)  $T(M) = \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{D}^\perp \oplus \mathcal{M}$ , where  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  are mutually orthogonal to each other;
- ii) The distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  is invariant by  $f$ , that is,  $f\mathcal{D}_x = \mathcal{D}_x$ , for any  $x \in M^m$ ;
- iii) The distribution  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  is anti-invariant by  $f$ , that is  $f\mathcal{D}^\perp \subseteq T_x(M)^\perp$ , for any  $x \in M^m$ .

We denote by  $2p$  and  $q$  the real dimensions of  $\mathcal{D}_x$  and  $\mathcal{D}_x^\perp$  respectively,  $x \in M^m$ . Then, we see that for  $p = 0$  we obtain an anti-invariant submanifold tangent to  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$  and for  $q = 0$  we obtain an invariant submanifold.

As an example, it is easy to prove that each hypersurface of  $N^{2n+s}$  which is tangent to  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$  inherits the structure of  $CR$ -submanifold of  $N^{2n+s}$ .

We denote by  $P$  and  $Q$  the projection morphisms of  $T(M)$  on  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$ , respectively. Then, for any  $X \in T(M)$ , we have that  $X = PX + QX + \sum \eta_\alpha(X) \xi_\alpha$ . Now, for later use, we shall prove some lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $M^m$  be a  $CR$ -submanifold of an  $S$ -manifold  $N^{2n+s}$ . The following assertions are satisfied:*

$$(2.7) \quad \nabla_X \xi_\alpha = -fPX ,$$

$$(2.8) \quad \sigma(X, \xi_\alpha) = -f QX ,$$

$$(2.9) \quad A_V \xi_\alpha \in \mathcal{D}^\perp ,$$

for any  $X \in T(M)$ ,  $V \in T(M)^\perp$  and  $\alpha \in (1, \dots, s)$ .

**Proof:** (2.7) and (2.8) follow immediately from (2.3) and (1.1). Now, if  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ , we have

$$g(A_V \xi_\alpha, Y) = g(\sigma(Y, \xi_\alpha), V) = 0$$

and so, (2.9) holds. ■

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $M^m$  be a CR-submanifold of an S-manifold  $N^{2n+s}$ . If  $X, Y \in T(M)$ , then:

$$(2.10) \quad P \nabla_X f PY - P A_f Q_Y X \\ = f P \nabla_X Y + \sum g(fX, fY) \xi_\alpha - \sum \eta_\alpha(Y) PX + \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \eta_\alpha(X) \eta_\beta(Y) \xi_\alpha ,$$

$$(2.11) \quad Q \nabla_X f PY - Q A_f Q_Y X = t \sigma(X, Y) - \sum \eta_\alpha(Y) QX ,$$

$$(2.12) \quad \sigma(X, f PY) + D_X f QY = f Q \nabla_X Y + n \sigma(X, Y) .$$

**Proof:** From (1.1), we get, by a direct expansion:

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{\nabla}_X f)Y &= \tilde{\nabla}_X fY - f \tilde{\nabla}_X Y \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_X PY + \tilde{\nabla}_X QY - f \nabla_X Y - f \sigma(X, Y) \\ &= P \nabla_X f PY + Q \nabla_X f PY + \sigma(X, f PY) - P A_f Q_Y X \\ &\quad - Q A_f Q_Y X + D_X f QY - f P \nabla_X Y - f Q \nabla_X Y \\ &\quad - t \sigma(X, Y) - n \sigma(X, Y) . \end{aligned}$$

Now, using (2.4) and comparing the components in  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  and  $T(M)^\perp$ , we complete the proof. ■

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $M^m$  be a CR-submanifold of an S-manifold. Then:

$$(2.13) \quad g(\nabla_X Z, Y) = g(TA_{fZ}X, Y), \quad X \in T(M), \quad Y \in \mathcal{D} \text{ and } Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp .$$

**Proof:** A direct expansion, using (2.4), gives:

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_X T)Z &= \nabla_X T Z - T \nabla_X Z = -T \nabla_X Z \\ &= \sum g(X, Z) \xi_\alpha + A_{fZ} X + t \sigma(X, Z), \end{aligned}$$

for any  $X \in T(M)$ ,  $Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ . Then, since  $fY = TY$  for any  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} g(\nabla_X Z, Y) &= g(f \nabla_X Z, fY) = g(T \nabla_X Z, TY) \\ &= -g(A_{fZ} X, fY) = g(f A_{fZ} X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

and the proof is complete. ■

With regard to the integrability of the distributions  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$ , I. Mihai, ([7]), has proved that the distributions  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp \oplus \mathcal{M}$  are always integrable. On the other hand, if  $p > 0$ , the distributions  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{D}^\perp$  are not integrable. Finally, the distribution  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  is integrable if and only if:

$$(2.15) \quad \sigma(X, fY) = \sigma(fX, Y),$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{D}$ . From these results, we see that it might be interesting to study the geometry of the leaves of the distributions  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$ . Then, we can prove:

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $M^m$  be a CR-submanifold of an S-manifold  $N^{2n+s}$ . Then:*

i) *The distribution  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  is integrable and its leaves are totally geodesic in  $M^m$  if and only if:*

$$(2.16) \quad g(\sigma(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}), f \mathcal{D}^\perp) = 0.$$

ii) *The distribution  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  is integrable and its leaves are totally geodesic in  $N^{2n+s}$  if and only if:*

$$(2.17) \quad \sigma(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}) = 0.$$

**Proof:** Let  $X, Y \in \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  and  $Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ . If the distribution  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  is integrable and its leaves are totally geodesic in  $M^m$ , then,  $\nabla_X fY \in \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$ . From (2.14), we get:

$$0 = g(\nabla_X fY, Z) = -g(\nabla_X Z, fY) = g(T \nabla_X Z, Y) = g(\sigma(X, Y), fZ).$$

Conversely, if (2.16) holds, then the distribution  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  is integrable by virtue of (2.15). Moreover, we have, using (2.4):

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= g(\sigma(X, fY), fZ) = g(\tilde{\nabla}_X fY, fZ) \\ &= g((\tilde{\nabla}_X f)Y, fZ) + g(f \tilde{\nabla}_X Y, fZ) \\ &= g(\tilde{\nabla}_X Y, Z) = g(\nabla_X Y, Z) . \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\nabla_X Y \in \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  and the leaves of  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  are totally geodesic in  $M^m$ .

Now, we suppose that  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  is integrable and its leaves are totally geodesic in  $N^{2n+s}$ . Then, we have  $\tilde{\nabla}_X Y \in \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$ . By using the Gauss formula we obtain:

$$g(\sigma(X, Y), V) = g(\tilde{\nabla}_X Y, V) = 0 ,$$

for any  $V \in T(M)^\perp$ , that is, (2.17) is satisfied, where we have used (2.8). Conversely, if (2.17) is satisfied, then, by (2.15),  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  is integrable. Let  $M_1$  a leaf of  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  and denote by  $\sigma_1$  (resp. by  $\sigma'$ ) the second fundamental form of the immersion of  $M_1$  in  $N^{2n+s}$  (resp. in  $M^m$ ). Then, from (2.17), we have  $\sigma_1 = \sigma'$ . But, from (2.16),  $M_1$  is totally geodesic in  $M^m$ . Hence,  $M_1$  is totally geodesic in  $N^{2n+s}$ . ■

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $M^m$  be a CR-submanifold of an S-manifold  $N^{2n+s}$ . Then, any leaf of  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  is totally geodesic in  $M^m$  if and only if:*

$$(2.18) \quad g(\sigma(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}^\perp), f \mathcal{D}^\perp) = 0 .$$

**Proof:** From (2.14) we get:

$$\begin{aligned} g(T \nabla_W Z, Y) &= -g(A_{fZ}W, Y) - g(t \sigma(Z, W), Y) \\ &= -g(\sigma(Y, W), fZ) , \end{aligned}$$

for any  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $Z, W \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ . Then:

$$g(\nabla_W Z, TY) = g(\sigma(Y, W), fZ) .$$

Consequently,  $\nabla_W Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$  if and only if (2.18) holds. ■

### 3 – CR-products in S-manifolds

Let  $M^m$  be a CR-submanifold of an S-manifold  $N^{2n+s}$ ,  $m \geq s$ . We say that  $M^m$  is a CR-product if the distribution  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  is integrable and locally  $M^m$  is a Riemannian product  $M_1 \times M_2$ , where  $M_1$  (resp.  $M_2$ ) is a leaf of  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$ ). If we have  $pq \neq 0$ , we say that  $M^m$  is a proper CR-product.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $M^m$  be a CR-submanifold of an S-manifold  $N^{2n+s}$ . Then, the following assertions are equivalent to each other:*

- i)  $M^m$  is a CR-product;
- ii)  $A_{f\mathcal{D}^\perp}f\mathcal{D} = 0$ ;
- iii)  $(\nabla_X T)\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$ ,  $X \in T(M)$ ;
- iv)  $(\nabla_X T)\mathcal{D}^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{D}^\perp$ ,  $X \in T(M)$ .

**Proof:** i) $\Rightarrow$ ii): We suppose that  $M^m$  is a CR-product locally represented by  $M_1 \times M_2$ . Then  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are totally geodesic in  $M^m$ . Thus, the Gauss formula implies:

$$(3.1) \quad \nabla_X Y \in \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M},$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  and

$$(3.2) \quad \nabla_Z W \in \mathcal{D}^\perp,$$

for any  $Z, W \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ . Now, using (3.2) and (2.7), we obtain:

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} g(\nabla_Z Y, W) &= -g(Y, \nabla_Z W) = 0, \\ g(\nabla_{\xi_\alpha} Y, W) &= -g(-fY + [\xi_\alpha, Y], W) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

for any  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $Z, W \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$  and  $\alpha \in \{1, \dots, s\}$ . Thus, from (3.1), we get that  $\nabla_X Y \in \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$ ,  $X \in T(M)$  and  $Y \in \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$ . In the same way,  $\nabla_X Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ ,  $X \in T(M)$ ,  $Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ . Then, using (2.13):

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= g(\nabla_X Y, Z) = -g(Y, \nabla_X Z) = -g(T A_{fZ} X, Y) \\ &= g(A_{fZ} X, fY) = g(A_{fZ} fY, X). \end{aligned}$$

ii)⇒i): We know that  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  is integrable. Moreover, if  $X \in T(M)$ ,  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ , we have, from (2.8) and ii):

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} g(\sigma(X, Y), fZ) &= g(\sigma(X, -f^2Y), fZ) \\ &= -g(A_{fZ}f^2Y, X) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

If  $X \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ , from Theorem 2.5, the leaves of  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  are totally geodesic in  $M^m$ . On the other hand,  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  is integrable. Moreover, from (3.4), we get:

$$g(\sigma(X, Y), fZ) = 0,$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$  and so, the leaves of  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  are totally geodesic in  $M^m$ , by virtue of (2.16). Then,  $M^m$  is a CR-product.

ii)⇔iii): From (2.4), a direct expansion gives:

$$(\nabla_X T)Y = \sum g(X, Y) \xi_\alpha + t\sigma(X, Y),$$

for any  $X \in T(M)$ ,  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ . Then, if  $Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ , we have:

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} g((\nabla_X T)Y, Z) &= g(t\sigma(X, Y), Z) \\ &= -g(\sigma(X, Y), fZ) = -g(A_{fZ}Y, X). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, since  $Y = -f^2Y$ , the result is immediate from (3.5).

iii)⇔iv): It is obvious because  $\nabla_X T$  is an antisymmetric operator. ■

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $M^m$  be a CR-submanifold of an S-manifold  $N^{2n+s}$ . Then,  $M^m$  is a CR-product if and only if one of the following assertions is satisfied:*

$$(3.6) \quad \nabla_X Y \in \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}, \quad X \in T(M), \quad Y \in \mathcal{D},$$

$$(3.7) \quad t\sigma(X, Y) = 0, \quad X \in T(M), \quad Y \in \mathcal{D},$$

$$(3.8) \quad \sigma(X, fY) = n\sigma(X, Y), \quad X \in T(M), \quad Y \in \mathcal{D}.$$

**Proof:** If  $M^m$  is a CR-product, we have seen in the proof of the above theorem that (3.6) is satisfied. Conversely, we suppose that

(3.6) is satisfied. Thus, the distribution  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$  is integrable, since we have:

$$\begin{aligned} [X, Y] &= \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X \in \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M} , \\ [X, \xi_\alpha] &= -fX - \nabla_{\xi_\alpha} X \in \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M} , \end{aligned}$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{D}$ . Moreover, if  $M_1$  is a leaf of  $\mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{M}$ , then, from (3.6) and the Gauss formula for the immersion of  $M_1$  in  $M^m$ , it follows that  $M_1$  is totally geodesic in  $M^m$ . Now, from (3.6) we get that  $\nabla_X Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$  for any  $X \in T(M)$  and  $Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ . Using again the Gauss formula for a leaf  $M_2$  of  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  we obtain that  $M_2$  is totally geodesic in  $M^m$ . So  $M^m$  is a CR-product.

Next, from (2.10), (2.11) and (2.12) it follows that:

$$\nabla_X fY = fP \nabla_X Y + \sum g(fX, fY) \xi_\alpha + t\sigma(X, Y)$$

and:

$$\sigma(X, fY) = fQ \nabla_X Y + n\sigma(X, Y) ,$$

for any  $X \in T(M)$ ,  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ . Thus, from (3.6) we get that assertions (3.7) and (3.8) are satisfied. ■

Let  $M^m$  be a CR-submanifold of an S-manifold  $N^{2n+s}$ . Then, we say that  $M^m$  is totally  $f$ -umbilical, ([8]), if there exists a normal vector field  $H$  such that:

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \sigma(X, Y) &= g(fX, fY) H \\ &+ \sum [\eta_\alpha(Y) \sigma(X, \xi_\alpha) + \eta_\alpha(X) \sigma(Y, \xi_\alpha)] , \end{aligned}$$

for any  $X, Y \in T(M)$ . If  $H = 0$  in (3.9), that is, if:

$$(3.10) \quad \sigma(X, Y) = \sum [\eta_\alpha(Y) \sigma(X, \xi_\alpha) + \eta_\alpha(X) \sigma(Y, \xi_\alpha)] ,$$

then we say that  $M^m$  is totally  $f$ -geodesic. We know:

**Proposition 3.3** ([8]). *Any proper totally  $f$ -umbilical CR-submanifold of an S-manifold with  $q > 1$  is a totally  $f$ -geodesic submanifold. ■*

Now, we can prove:

**Theorem 3.4.** *Any totally  $f$ -geodesic CR-submanifold  $M^m$  of an S-manifold  $N^{2n+s}$  is locally a Riemannian product  $M_1 \times M_2$  where*

$M_1$  is a totally geodesic invariant submanifold of  $N^{2n+s}$  and  $M_2$  is a totally geodesic anti-invariant submanifold of  $N^{2n+s}$  and  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$  are normal to  $M_2$ .

**Proof:** From (3.10), we get that  $\sigma(X, Y) = 0$  for any  $X \in T(M)$ ,  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ . Then, by Proposition 3.2,  $M^m$  is a CR-product locally represented by  $M_1 \times M_2$ . Now, using (3.10) we obtain that  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are totally geodesic in  $N^{2n+s}$  and the proof is complete. ■

**Corollary 3.5.** Any proper totally  $f$ -umbilical CR-submanifold  $M^m$  of an S-manifold  $N^{2n+s}$  with  $q > 1$  is locally the Riemannian product  $M_1 \times M_2$ , where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  have the properties of Theorem 3.4. ■

To close this section, we recall that the bisectonal curvature of an S-manifold  $N^{2n+s}$  is defined by

$$(3.11) \quad B(X, Y) = \tilde{R}(X, fX, fY, Y) ,$$

where  $X$  and  $Y$  are unit vector fields in  $\mathcal{L}$  and such that  $g(fX, Y) = 0$ . Now, we have:

**Lemma 3.6.** Let  $M^m$  be a CR-product of an S-manifold  $N^{2n+s}$ . If  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$  are unit vector fields, then:

$$(3.12) \quad g(\sigma(\nabla_Y fY, Z), fZ) = -s ,$$

$$(3.13) \quad g(\sigma(\nabla_{fY} Y, Z), fZ) = s ,$$

$$(3.14) \quad g(\sigma(fY, \nabla_Y Z), fZ) = g(\sigma(Y, \nabla_{fY} Z), fZ) = 0 .$$

**Proof:** From (3.4)

$$\begin{aligned} g(\sigma(\nabla_Y fY, Z), fZ) &= - \sum \eta_\alpha(\nabla_Y fY) g(Z, Z) \\ &= \sum g(\nabla_Y \xi_\alpha, fY) = - \sum g(fY, fY) = -s , \end{aligned}$$

which is (3.12). We also have:

$$g(\sigma(\nabla_{fY} Y, Z), fZ) = \sum g(\nabla_{fY} \xi_\alpha, Y) = - \sum g(f^2Y, Y) = s ,$$

which is (3.13). Finally:

$$\begin{aligned} g(\sigma(fY, \nabla_Y Z), fZ) &= -\sum \eta_\alpha(fY) g(\nabla_Y Z, Z) = 0, \\ g(\sigma(Y, \nabla_{fY} Z), fZ) &= -\sum \eta_\alpha(Y) g(\nabla_{fY} Z, Z) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

which are (3.14). ■

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $M^m$  be a proper CR-product of an S-manifold  $N^{2n+s}$ . Then:*

$$(3.15) \quad B(Y, Z) = 2 \|\sigma(Y, Z)\|^2 - 2s,$$

for any unit vector fields  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ . Consequently, if  $N^{2n+s}$  is of bisectonal curvature  $B < -2s$ , any CR-product in  $N^{2n+s}$  is either an invariant submanifold or an anti-invariant submanifold of  $N^{2n+s}$  tangent to  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$ .

**Proof:** From the Codazzi equation (1.3), the Weingarten formula, Theorem 3.1, (2.4) and the above lemma, we have, for any unit vector fields  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(Y, fY, Z, fZ) &= g((\nabla_Y^! \sigma)(fY, Z), fZ) - g((\nabla_{fY}^! \sigma)(Y, Z), fZ) \\ &= 2s + g(\tilde{\nabla}_Y \sigma(fY, Z), fZ) - g(\tilde{\nabla}_{fY} \sigma(Y, Z), fZ) \\ &= 2s - g(\sigma(fY, Z), f \nabla_Y Z) - g(\sigma(fY, Z), f \sigma(Y, Z)) \\ &\quad + g(\sigma(Y, Z), f \nabla_{fY} Z) + g(\sigma(Y, Z), f \sigma(fY, Z)). \end{aligned}$$

Now, using (3.6), we get that  $\nabla_Y Z$  and  $\nabla_{fY} Z$  belong to  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  and by Theorem 3.1 again:

$$\begin{aligned} g(\sigma(fY, Z), f \nabla_Y Z) &= g(A_{f \nabla_Y Z} fY, Z) = 0, \\ g(\sigma(Y, Z), f \nabla_{fY} Z) &= g(A_{f \nabla_{fY} Z} Y, Z) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from (3.8):

$$B(Y, Z) = -\tilde{R}(Y, fY, Z, fZ) = -2s + 2 \|\sigma(Y, Z)\|^2$$

and we complete the proof. ■

4 - CR-products of S-manifolds with constant invariant f-sectional curvature

In this section, let  $N^{2n+s}(k)$  be an S-manifold of constant invariant f-sectional curvature  $k$ . Then, it is well known that its curvature tensor has the form, ([6]):

$$(4.1) \quad \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} [g(fX, fW) \eta_\alpha(Y) \eta_\beta(Z) - g(fX, fZ) \eta_\alpha(Y) \eta_\beta(W) - g(fY, fW) \eta_\alpha(X) \eta_\beta(Z) + g(fY, fZ) \eta_\alpha(X) \eta_\beta(W)] + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) (k + 3s) [g(X, W) g(fY, fZ) - g(X, Z) g(fY, fW) + g(fY, fW) \Phi(X, Z) - g(fY, fZ) \Phi(X, W)] + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) (k - s) [F(X, W) F(Y, W) - F(X, Z) F(Y, W) - 2 F(X, Y) F(Z, W)] ,$$

for any  $X, Y, Z, W \in T(M)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *There exist no proper CR-products in S-manifolds  $N^{2n+s}(k)$  with  $k < -3s$ .*

**Proof:** From (4.1) we obtain:

$$(4.2) \quad B(Y, Z) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (k - s) ,$$

for any unit vector fields  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ . Now, using (3.15), we get  $k + 3s \geq 0$  and this completes the proof. ■

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $M^{m+s}$  be a proper CR-product of an S-manifold  $N^{2n+s}(k)$ , with  $k \geq -3s$ . Then*

$$(4.3) \quad \|\sigma\|^2 \geq \left((k + 3s) p + 2s\right) q .$$

*If the equality holds, then  $M_1$  is an S-manifold of constant invariant f-sectional curvature  $k$  and  $M_2$  is of constant curvature  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) (k + 3s)$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$  unit vector fields. Then, from (3.15) and (4.2):

$$\|\sigma(Y, Z)\|^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) (k + 3s) .$$

Now, we choose a local field of orthonormal frames

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} E_1, \dots, E_p, E_{p+1} = f E_1, \dots, E_{2p} = f E_p, E_{2p+1} = F_1, \dots, E_m = F_q, \\ E_{m+1} = f F_1, \dots, E_{m+q} = f F_q, E_{m+q+1}, \dots, E_{2n}, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_s \end{aligned} \right\}$$

on  $N^{2n+s}(k)$  in such a way that  $\{E_1, \dots, E_{2p}\}$  is a local frame field on  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\{F_1, \dots, F_p\}$  is a local frame field on  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$ . Since  $\sigma(E_i, \xi_\alpha) = 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 2p$ ,  $\alpha = 1, \dots, s$  and  $\sigma(\xi_\alpha, \xi_\beta) = 0$ ,  $\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, s$ , we obtain, using (2.8):

$$\begin{aligned} \|\sigma\|^2 &= \sum_{i,j} \|\sigma(E_i, E_j)\|^2 + \sum_{a,b} \|\sigma(F_a, F_b)\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{a,\alpha} \|\sigma(F_a, \xi_\alpha)\|^2 + 2 \sum_{a,i} \|\sigma(F_a, E_i)\|^2 \\ &= 2sq + pq(k + 3s) + \sum_{i,j} \|\sigma(E_i, E_j)\|^2 + \sum_{a,b} \|\sigma(F_a, F_b)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

and so, we have (4.3). Now, if the equality holds, then  $\sigma(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}) = 0$  and  $\sigma(\mathcal{D}^\perp, \mathcal{D}^\perp) = 0$ . Since  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are totally geodesic in  $M^{m+s}$ , then they are totally geodesic in  $N^{2n+s}(k)$ . The Gauss equation (1.2) and (4.1) complete the proof. ■

Let  $M^m$  be a  $CR$ -product in  $N^{2n+s}(k)$ . If  $q = \dim T_x^\perp(M)$ , for any  $x \in M^m$ , we say that  $M^m$  is a generic  $CR$ -product. Then, using Theorem 4.1, we have:

**Corollary 4.3.** *There exist no proper generic  $CR$ -products in an  $S$ -manifold  $N^{2n+s}(k)$  with  $k \neq -3s$ .*

**Proof:** Suppose  $M^m$  is a proper generic  $CR$ -product in  $N^{2n+s}(k)$ . Since we have  $f = t$  and, from (3.7),  $\sigma(Y, Z) = 0$ , for any  $Y \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $Z \in \mathcal{D}^\perp$ , thus, from (3.15) and (4.2), we get  $k = -3s$ . ■

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