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## HYPERSURFACES OF A SASAKIAN SPACE FORM WITH RECURRENT SHAPE OPERATOR

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**ABSTRACT.** Let  $(M^{2n}, g)$  be a real hypersurface with recurrent shape operator and tangent to the structure vector field  $\xi$  of the Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(c)$ . We show that if the shape operator  $A$  of  $M$  is recurrent then it is parallel. Moreover, we show that  $M$  is locally a product of two constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature spaces.

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### 1. Introduction

The notion of recurrent tensor field of type  $(r, s)$  on a differentiable manifold  $M$  with a linear connection was introduced in [9] and [14]. A non-zero tensor field  $K$  of type  $(r, s)$  on  $M$  is said to be recurrent if there exists a 1-form  $\omega$  such that

$$\nabla K = \omega \otimes K.$$

We denote by  $A$  the shape operator of a real hypersurface in the non flat complex space form  $M^n(c)$  with constant holomorphic sectional curvature. Recently in [5] and [6] Hamada applied such a notion of recurrent tensor to a shape operator or a Ricci tensor for a real hypersurface  $M$  in the complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^n$ , and proved the following :

**Theorem 1.1.** *The complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^n$  does not admit any real hypersurface with recurrent shape operator or recurrent Ricci tensor.*

In [12] and [13], Suh studied the real hypersurfaces in complex two planes Grassmannians with recurrent shape operator and explained the geometrical

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meaning of the recurrent shape operator  $A$  by the relation

$$[\nabla_X A, A] = \omega(X)[A, A] = 0$$

for any tangent vector field  $X$  on  $M$ , which means that the eigenspaces of the shape operator  $A$  of  $M$  are parallel along any curve in  $M$ . These eigenspaces are said to be parallel along a curve  $\gamma$ , if they are invariants under any parallel translation along  $\gamma$ .

Finally, Kim and et. al. in [8], completed the study of real hypersurfaces in the complex two plane Grassmannians with recurrent shape operator.

Milijevic studied CR submanifolds of maximal CR dimension of a complex space form with recurrent shape operator. Also . Ryan considered hypersurfaces of real space forms in [11]. He gave a complete classification of hypersurfaces in the sphere which satisfy a certain condition and proved the following:

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $M$  be a hypersurface of  $S^{n+1}$  whose shape operator has exactly two distinct eigenvalues, then  $M$  is locally a product of two spheres.*

This paper considers hypersurfaces of a Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}(c)$  with constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature  $c$  with recurrent shape operator. Note that in the case of  $c = 1$ , the Sasakian space form is the sphere itself. It is shown that, if  $M$  be a hypersurfaces of a Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}(c)$ , where the structure vector field of  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$  and the shape operator of  $M$  is recurrent, then  $M$  is locally a product of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  or a product of  $M'$  and  $\gamma$ , where  $M_1, M_2$  and  $M'$  are constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature totally geodesic submanifolds and  $\gamma$  is a geodesic curve in  $M$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

A differentiable manifold  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}$  is said to have an almost contact structure if it admits a (non-vanishing) vector field  $\xi$ , a one-form  $\eta$  and a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $\phi$  satisfying

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

where  $I$  denotes the field of identity transformations of the tangent spaces at all points. These conditions imply that  $\phi\xi = 0$  and  $\eta \circ \phi = 0$ , and that the endomorphism  $\phi$  has rank  $2n$  at every point in  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}$ . A manifold  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}$ , equipped with an almost contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$ , is called an almost contact manifold and shall be denoted by  $(\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}, (\phi, \xi, \eta))$ .

Suppose that  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}$  is a manifold carrying an almost contact structure. A Riemannian metric  $\widetilde{g}$  on  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}$  satisfying

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

for all vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ , is called compatible with the almost contact structure, and  $(\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}, (\phi, \xi, \eta, g))$  is said to be an almost contact metric structure

on  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}$ . It is known that an almost contact manifold always admits at least one compatible metric. Note that

$$\eta(X) = \widetilde{g}(X, \xi),$$

for all vector fields  $X$  tangent to  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}$ , which means that  $\eta$  is the metric dual of the characteristic vector field  $\xi$ .

A manifold  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}$  is said to be a contact manifold if it carries a global one-form  $\eta$  such that

$$\eta \wedge (d\eta)^n \neq 0$$

everywhere on  $M$ . The one-form  $\eta$  is called a contact form.

A submanifold  $M$  of a Riemannian contact manifold  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}$  tangent to  $\xi$  is called an invariant (resp. anti-invariant) submanifold if  $\phi(T_p M) \subset T_p M$ , for each  $p \in M$  (resp.  $\phi(T_p M) \subset T_p^\perp M$ , for each  $p \in M$ ).

A submanifold  $M$  tangent to  $\xi$  of a contact manifold  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}$  is called a contact CR-submanifold if there exists a pair of orthogonal differentiable distributions  $D$  and  $D^\perp$  on  $M$  such that

- (1)  $TM = D \oplus D^\perp \oplus \mathbb{R}\xi$ , where  $\mathbb{R}\xi$  is the 1-dimensional distribution spanned by  $\xi$ ;
- (2)  $D$  is invariant by  $\phi$ , i.e.,  $\phi(D_p) \subset D_p$  for each  $p \in M$ ;
- (3)  $D^\perp$  is anti-invariant by  $\phi$ , i.e.,  $\phi(D_p^\perp) \subset T_p^\perp M$  for each  $p \in M$ .

Let  $(\widetilde{M}, \phi, \xi, \eta, \widetilde{g})$  be a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional contact manifold such that

$$\widetilde{\nabla}_X \xi = -\phi X, \quad (\widetilde{\nabla}_X \phi)Y = \widetilde{g}(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X,$$

where  $\widetilde{\nabla}$  is the Levi-Civita connection of  $\widetilde{M}$ , then  $\widetilde{M}$  is called a Sasakian manifold. The plane section  $\pi$  of  $T\widetilde{M}$  is called a  $\phi$ -section if  $\phi\pi_x \subseteq \pi_x$ , for each  $x \in \widetilde{M}$ . Also  $\widetilde{M}$  is called of constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature if the sectional curvature of  $\phi$ -sections are constant. A Sasakian space form is a Sasakian manifold of constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature. In this case the Riemannian curvature tensor field  $\widetilde{R}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{R}(X, Y)Z &= \frac{c+3}{4}\{\widetilde{g}(Y, Z)X - \widetilde{g}(X, Z)Y\} \\ &\quad - \frac{c-1}{4}\{\eta(Z)[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] + [\widetilde{g}(Y, Z)\eta(X) - \widetilde{g}(X, Z)\eta(Y)]\xi \\ &\quad - \widetilde{g}(\phi Y, Z)\phi X + \widetilde{g}(\phi X, Z)\phi Y + 2\widetilde{g}(\phi X, Y)\phi Z\} \end{aligned}$$

for each  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(\widetilde{M})$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $T$  be a  $(1, 1)$  tensor field on a Riemannian manifold  $M$ . Then  $T$  is called a recurrent tensor field if  $(\nabla_X T)Y = \omega(X)TY$ , one form  $\omega$  and vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ .

### 3. Hypersurfaces of a Sasakian space form with recurrent shape operator

Let  $(M^{2n}, g)$  be a real hypersurface of Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}(c)$  with recurrent shape operator and tangent to  $\xi$ . Assume moreover that  $N$  is a local unit normal vector field on  $M$ . Clearly  $D^\perp$  is unidimensional distribution spanned by  $U = -\phi(N)$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $M^{2n}$  be a hypersurface of a Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}(c)$  tangent to the vector field of  $\xi$  and  $A$  be the shape operator of  $M$ . Then  $A\xi = -U$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\widetilde{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Chivita connections of  $\widetilde{M}$  and  $M$ , respectively. Then, by the Gauss formula and Sasakian conditions,

$$\nabla_U \xi + g(AU, \xi)N = \widetilde{\nabla}_U \xi = -\phi U = -N.$$

Considering the tangential and normal parts of the above relation, we have

$$(3.1) \quad \nabla_U \xi = 0, \quad g(AU, \xi) = -1.$$

Also, since

$$\nabla_\xi \xi + g(A\xi, \xi)N = -\phi \xi = 0,$$

we have

$$(3.2) \quad \nabla_\xi \xi = 0, \quad g(A\xi, \xi) = 0.$$

On the other hand,

$$\nabla_X \xi + g(AX, \xi)N = \widetilde{\nabla}_X \xi = -\phi X$$

for each  $X$  in  $TM$ . Now if  $X \in D$ , then by the above relation we have

$$g(A\xi, X) = g(AX, \xi) = 0, \quad \nabla_X \xi = -\phi X,$$

which implies that  $A\xi = -U$ . □

Now let  $AU = \alpha U + \beta \xi + (AU)_D$  where  $(AU)_D$  is the projected part of  $AU$  on  $D$ . Since  $g(AU, \xi) = -1$  we have

$$(3.3) \quad AU = -\xi + \alpha U + (AU)_D.$$

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a real hypersurface tangent to  $\xi$  of the Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}(c)$ . If the shape operator  $A$  of  $M$  is the recurrent operator then it is parallel.*

*Proof.* By Codazzi equation, Sasakian conditions together with recurrent assumption for the shape operator imply

$$(3.4) \quad \omega(X)AY - w(Y)AX = \frac{c-1}{4} \{g(X, U)FY - g(Y, U)FX - 2g(FX, Y)U\},$$

for each  $X, Y$  in  $TM$  where  $FX$  is the tangent part of  $\phi X$  on  $TM$ . Choosing  $X = \xi$  and  $Y = U$  in (3.4) we have

$$\omega(\xi)AU - w(U)A\xi = \frac{c-1}{4}\{g(\xi, U)FU - g(U, U)F\xi - 2g(F\xi, U)U\} = 0.$$

Now from Lemma (3.1) and equation (3.3) we have

$$-\omega(\xi)\xi + \omega(\xi)(AU)_D + (w(U) + \alpha\omega(\xi))U = 0.$$

Since  $\xi, U$  and  $(AU)_D$  are linearly independent,

$$\omega(\xi) = 0, \omega(U) = 0.$$

Setting  $X \in D$  and  $Y = \xi$  in (3.4), one obtains

$$\omega(X)A\xi - w(\xi)AX = \frac{c-1}{4}\{g(X, U)F\xi - g(\xi, U)FX - 2g(FX, \xi)U\} = 0.$$

Therefore  $\omega(X) = 0$ , for all  $X$  in  $D$  and  $\nabla A = 0$ .  $\square$

If the shape operator  $A$  of the hypersurface  $M$  is parallel, then

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)(AZ) &= \nabla_X \nabla_Y (AZ) - \nabla_Y \nabla_X (AZ) - \nabla_{[X, Y]}(AZ) \\ (3.5) \qquad &= AR(X, Y)Z \end{aligned}$$

for all  $X, Y, Z$  in  $TM$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a real hypersurface tangent to  $\xi$  of the Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}(c)$ . If the shape operator  $A$  of  $M$  is parallel then the subspace of  $D$  is invariant under  $A$ .*

*Proof.* By the Gauss formula, we have

$$(3.6) \qquad R(\xi, U)U = -\xi - AU - g(AU, U)U$$

and

$$(3.7) \qquad R(U, \xi)\xi = U + g(A\xi, \xi)AU - g(AU, \xi)A\xi = U - U = 0.$$

Now, choosing  $X = U$  and  $Y = Z = \xi$  in (3.5), from Lemma (3.1), we conclude that

$$(3.8) \qquad AR(U, \xi)\xi = R(U, \xi)A\xi = -R(U, \xi)U.$$

Therefore by (3.6), (3.7) and (3.8)

$$AU = -\xi - g(AU, U)U.$$

Hence  $AU \in \text{span}\{\xi, U\}$ . This shows that  $AD = D$ .  $\square$

Since  $A_p$  is self adjoint and  $D$  and  $\text{span}\{\xi, U\}$  are invariant subspaces under  $A_p$ , for any  $p \in M$ , there exists a locally orthonormal frame

$$X_1, \dots, X_{2n-2}$$

for  $D$ . Also there a frame  $\{W_1, W_2\}$  for  $span\{\xi, U\}$ , where

$$AX_i = \mu_i X_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, 2n - 2,$$

$$AW_1 = \gamma_1 W_1, \quad AW_2 = \gamma_2 W_2.$$

We set

$$W_1 = \xi \cos \theta + U \sin \theta,$$

$$W_2 = -\xi \sin \theta + U \cos \theta.$$

for some  $0 < \theta < \pi/2$ . Note that  $\xi$  and  $U$  can not be eigenvectors of  $A$  and hence  $\cos \theta$  and  $\sin \theta$  are not vanishing at any  $p \in M$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** *Under the above conditions,  $\gamma_1 = -\tan \theta$  and  $\gamma_2 = \cot \theta$ .*

*Proof.* Using the structures of  $W_1, W_2$  one has

$$U = W_1 \sin \theta + W_2 \cos \theta.$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 3.1 we get

$$AW_1 = A\xi \cos \theta + AU \sin \theta = -U \cos \theta + AU \sin \theta,$$

$$AW_2 = -A\xi \sin \theta + AU \cos \theta = U \sin \theta + AU \cos \theta.$$

Therefore,

$$U = AW_2 \sin \theta - AW_1 \cos \theta = \gamma_2 W_2 \sin \theta - \gamma_1 W_1 \cos \theta.$$

Comparing the above values of  $U$  we have

$$(\gamma_2 \sin \theta - \cos \theta)W_2 - (\gamma_1 \cos \theta + \sin \theta)W_1 = 0.$$

Since  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are linearly independent,

$$\gamma_1 = -\tan \theta, \quad \gamma_2 = \cot \theta.$$

□

Using the Gauss equation, the structure of curvature tensor of the a Sasakian space form and (3.5) , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{c+3}{4} \{g(Y, AZ)X - g(X, AZ)Y\} \\ & - \frac{c-1}{4} \{ \eta(AZ)[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] + [g(Y, AZ)\eta(X) - g(X, AZ)\eta(Y)]\xi \\ & \quad - g(FY, AZ)FX + g(FX, AZ)FY + 2g(FX, Y)FAZ\} \\ & + g(AY, AZ)AX - g(AX, AZ)AY \\ = & \frac{c+3}{4} \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \\ & - \frac{c-1}{4} \{ \eta(Z)[\eta(Y)AX - \eta(X)AY] + [g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)]A\xi \\ & \quad - g(FY, Z)AFX + g(FX, Z)AFY + 2g(FX, Y)AFZ\} \\ (3.9) \quad & + g(AY, AZ)A^2X - g(AX, AZ)A^2Y, \end{aligned}$$

for each  $X, Y, Z$  in  $TM$ .

Now from (3.9) setting  $X = X_i$  and  $Y = Z = X_j$ , where  $X_j$  is normal to  $\text{span}\{X_i, \phi X_i\}$ , we have

$$(3.10) \quad (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)\left(\frac{c+3}{4} + \lambda_i\lambda_j\right) = 0.$$

Furthermore, setting  $X = W_1$  and  $Y = Z = X_i$  in (3.9), we get

$$\left(\frac{c+3}{4}\lambda_i + \lambda_i^2\gamma_1\right)W_1 - \frac{c-1}{4}\lambda_i \cos \theta \xi = \left(\frac{c+3}{4}\gamma_1 + \lambda_i\gamma_1^2\right)W_1 + \frac{c-1}{4} \cos \theta U.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{c+3}{4}\lambda_i + \lambda_i^2\gamma_1\right)(\xi \cos \theta + U \sin \theta) - \frac{c-1}{4}\lambda_i \cos \theta \xi \\ & = \left(\frac{c+3}{4}\gamma_1 + \lambda_i\gamma_1^2\right)(\xi \cos \theta + U \sin \theta) + \frac{c-1}{4} \cos \theta U. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\xi$  and  $U$  are linearly independent,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_i \cos \theta + \lambda_i^2\gamma_1 \cos \theta &= \frac{c+3}{4}\gamma_1 \cos \theta + \lambda_i\gamma_1^2 \cos \theta, \\ \frac{c+3}{4}\lambda_i \sin \theta + \lambda_i^2\gamma_1 \sin \theta &= \frac{c+3}{4}\gamma_1 \sin \theta + \lambda_i\gamma_1^2 \sin \theta + \frac{c-1}{4} \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

and by the structure of  $W_1, W_2$  and (3.4), we have

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \left(\frac{c+3}{4} + \lambda_i\gamma_1\right)(\lambda_i - \gamma_1) &= \frac{c-1}{4}\lambda_i, \\ \left(\frac{c+3}{4} + \lambda_i\gamma_1\right)(\lambda_i - \gamma_1) &= \frac{c-1}{4}\gamma_2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for  $\lambda_i \neq \gamma_1$ ,

$$(3.12) \quad \frac{c-1}{4}\lambda_i = \frac{c-1}{4}\gamma_2.$$

**Lemma 3.5.** *For any  $x \in M$ , rank  $A_x = 2n$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\text{rank } A_x \neq 2n$ . First, suppose that  $c \neq 1$  for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, 2n-2\}$  or  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ , then since  $\gamma_j \neq 0$  in (3.12) we have  $\lambda_i \neq 0$  for all  $i$ . In this case,  $\text{rank } A_x = 2n$ . Now suppose that  $c = 1$  for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, 2n-2\}$  or  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ , then since  $\gamma_j \neq 0$  in (3.11) we have  $\lambda_i = \gamma_1$  or  $\lambda_i = \gamma_2$  which imply  $\lambda_i \neq 0$  for all  $i$ . Again, we have  $\text{rank } A_x = 2n$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.6.**  *$A_x$  has exactly two distinct eigenvalues.*

*Proof.* If  $c \neq 1$  the relations (3.11) and (3.12) imply that, for all  $i = 1 \dots 2n-2$ ,  $\lambda_i = \delta_1$  or  $\lambda_i = \delta_2$  hence  $A_x$  has at most two distinct eigenvalues. Otherwise, if  $c = 1$ , then the relation (3.10), for  $i = 1$ , reads as  $(\lambda_i - \lambda_1)(1 + \lambda_i\lambda_1) = 0$ . If  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_1$  then  $\lambda_i = -\frac{1}{\lambda_1}$ , but from (3.11) we have  $\lambda_i = \gamma_1$  or  $\lambda_i = \gamma_2$  which shows that in this case  $A_x$  has at most two distinct eigenvalues. Now if  $A_x$  has



one eigenvalue then  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2$ . On the other hand,  $\gamma_1 = -\frac{1}{\gamma_2}$  implies  $\gamma_2^2 = -1$  which is impossible. Hence  $A_x$  has exactly two distinct eigenvalues.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.7.** *If  $c \neq 1$  then multiplicities of the eigenvalues for the shape operator  $A$  at  $x \in M$  are  $2n - 1$  and  $1$ .*

*Proof.* If  $c \neq 1$  the relations (3.11) and (3.12) imply  $\lambda_i = \delta_1$  or  $\lambda_i = \delta_2$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, 2n - 2$ .  $\square$

Let us denote the two eigenvalues of  $A_x$  by  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

**Lemma 3.8.** *The multiplicities of the eigenvalues are constant for the shape operator  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A$  of multiplicity  $p$  at  $x \in M$  and multiplicity  $q$  at  $y \in M$ . Then  $\mu$  has the multiplicity  $n - p$  at  $x$  and  $n - q$  at  $y$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{trace } A)(x) - (\text{trace } A)(y) &= p\lambda(x) - q\lambda(y) + (n - p)\mu(x) + (n - p)\mu(y) \\ &= (p - q)(\lambda(x) - \mu(x)) + q(\lambda(x) - \lambda(y)) - (n - q)(\mu(x) - \mu(y)). \end{aligned}$$

Since the trace map is continuous, this implies  $p = q$ .

For eigenvalues  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  of  $A$  we put

$$(3.13) \quad T_\lambda(x) = \{X_x \in T_x(M) \mid A_x X_x = \lambda X_x\},$$

$$(3.14) \quad T_\mu(x) = \{X_x \in T_x(M) \mid A_x X_x = \mu X_x\}.$$

Then, using Lemma 3.8, we get two distributions  $T_\lambda$  and  $T_\mu$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.9.** *The distributions  $T_\lambda$  and  $T_\mu$  are both involutive.*

*Proof.* Let us choose  $X, Y \in T_\lambda$ . Then, using Codazzi equation, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} A[X, Y] &= A\nabla_X Y - A\nabla_Y X \\ &= \nabla_X (AY) - (\nabla_X A)Y - \nabla_Y (AX) + (\nabla_Y A)X \\ &= (X\lambda)Y - (Y\lambda)X + \lambda[X, Y]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(3.15) \quad (A - \lambda I)[X, Y] = (X\lambda)Y - (Y\lambda)X.$$

However, the left-hand sides of (3.15) belong to  $T_\mu$ . In fact,  $[X, Y] = [X, Y]_\lambda + [X, Y]_\mu$  implies that

$$\begin{aligned} (A - \lambda I)[X, Y] &= (A - \lambda I)([X, Y]_\lambda + [X, Y]_\mu) \\ &= A[X, Y]_\lambda + A[X, Y]_\mu - \lambda[X, Y]_\lambda - \lambda[X, Y]_\mu \\ &= (\mu - \lambda)[X, Y]_\mu \in T_\mu. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, the right-hand sides of (3.15) belong to  $T_\lambda$  and therefore,

$$(3.16) \quad A[X, Y] = \lambda[X, Y] \quad , \quad (X\lambda)Y - (Y\lambda)X = 0.$$

This shows that the distribution  $T_\lambda$  is involutive. Similarly, one can see that the distribution  $T_\mu$  is also involutive.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $M^{2n}$  be a hypersurface tangent to  $\xi$  of a Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}^{2n+1}(c)$  with recurrent shape operator. If  $c \neq 1$  then  $M$  is locally a product  $M' \times \gamma$ , where  $M'$  is a constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature totally geodesic submanifold and  $\gamma$  is a geodesic of  $M$ . If  $c = 1$  then  $M$  is locally a product  $M_1 \times M_2$  or  $M' \times \gamma$ , where  $M_1, M_2$  and  $M'$  are constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature totally geodesic submanifolds and  $\gamma$  is a geodesic of  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $T_\lambda$  and  $T_\mu$  be as in the proof of Lemma 3.8. If  $X \in T_\lambda, Y \in T_\mu$ , the Codazzi equation yields

$$\nabla_X(\mu Y) - \nabla_Y(\lambda X) = A\nabla_X Y - A\nabla_Y X.$$

Since  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are constant, we get  $(A - \lambda I)\nabla_Y X = (A - \mu I)\nabla_X Y$ . The left-hand side of the equation is in  $T_\mu$  while the right-hand side is in  $T_\lambda$ . Hence both sides are zero. That is,  $\nabla_Y X \in T_\lambda, \nabla_X Y \in T_\mu$ , and for  $Z \in T_\lambda$ ,

$$g(\nabla_Z X, Y) + g(X, \nabla_Z Y) = \nabla_Z(g(X, Y)) = 0.$$

On the other hand,  $\nabla_Z Y \in T_\mu$  implies  $g(X, \nabla_Z Y) = 0$ . Thus,  $\nabla_Z X \in T_\mu^\perp$  for all  $Z$  and  $X \in T_\lambda$ . Since  $T_\mu^\perp = T_\lambda$ , we may write  $\nabla_{T_\lambda} T_\lambda \subseteq T_\lambda$  and  $\nabla_{T_\lambda} T_\mu \subseteq T_\mu$ . This means that  $T_\lambda$  is a totally geodesic parallel distribution. The same conclusion can be drawn for  $T_\mu$ , namely,  $T_\mu$  is also a totally geodesic parallel distribution. Hence, by de Rham decomposition theorem [10],  $M$  is locally isometric to the Riemannian product of the maximal integral manifolds  $M_\lambda$  and  $M_\mu$ .

Now we consider the integral submanifold  $M_\lambda$ . Let  $\iota_\lambda$  be the immersion of  $M_\lambda$  into  $M$  and  $j = \iota \circ \iota_\lambda$ , that is,  $j$  is the immersion of  $M_\lambda$  into  $\widetilde{M}$  via  $M$ . Denoting by  $h_\lambda$  and  $h_\lambda^M$  the second fundamental forms of  $M_\lambda$  in  $\widetilde{M}$  and  $M$ , respectively, we get for any  $X', Y' \in T_\lambda$  the covariant derivative  $\nabla^\lambda$  of  $M_\lambda$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\nabla}_{X'} j Y' &= j \nabla_{X'}^\lambda Y' + h_\lambda(X', Y') \\ &= \overline{\nabla}_{X'} \iota \circ \iota_\lambda Y' \\ &= \iota \nabla_{X'} \iota_\lambda Y' + h(\iota_\lambda X', \iota_\lambda Y') \\ &= \iota \{ \iota_\lambda \nabla_{X'}^\lambda Y' + h_\lambda^M(X', Y') \} + h(\iota_\lambda X', \iota_\lambda Y') \\ &= j \nabla_{X'}^\lambda Y' + \iota h_\lambda^M(X', Y') + h(\iota_\lambda X', \iota_\lambda Y'). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $M_\lambda$  is totally geodesic in  $M$ ,  $h_\lambda^M = 0$ . One can easily show that  $h_\lambda(X', Y') = h(X, Y) = g(AX, Y)N = \lambda g(X, Y)N$ . By the Gauss equation,

the curvature tensor  $R^\lambda$  of  $M_\lambda$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} g^\lambda(R^\lambda(X', Y')Z', W') &= g(jY', jZ')g(jY', jW') - g(jX', jZ')g(jY', jW') \\ &\quad + h^\lambda(Y', Z')h^\lambda(X', W') - h^\lambda(X', Z')h^\lambda(Y', W') \\ &= \left(\frac{c+3}{4}\right)[g(Y', Z')g(X', W') - g(X', Z')g(Y', W')] \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{c-1}{4}\right)[g(X', \phi Z')g(\phi Y', W') - g(Y', \phi Z')g(\phi X', W') \\ &\quad \quad + 2g(X', \phi Y')g(\phi Z', W')] \\ &\quad + \lambda^2 g(Y', Z')g(X', W') - \lambda^2 g(X', Z')g(Y', W') \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$H(X') = R^\lambda(X', \phi X') = g^\lambda(R^\lambda(X', \phi X')\phi X', X') = c + \lambda^2.$$

This shows that the integral manifold  $M_\lambda$  is a Riemannian manifold of  $\phi$ -invariant constant curvature  $c + \lambda^2$ . In the same way we obtain that  $M_\mu$  is a Riemannian manifold of  $\phi$ -invariant constant curvature  $c + \mu^2$ . Thus,  $M$  is locally a product of two constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature spaces.

Now, if  $c \neq 1$  from Corollary 3.7 one of the multiplicities of  $T_\lambda$  or  $T_\mu$  is  $2n - 1$  and the other multiplicity is 1. Hence an integral manifold  $M'$  and a curve  $\gamma$  exist so that  $M$  is locally a product of  $M' \times \gamma$ . Moreover,  $M'$  is constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature totally geodesic submanifold and  $\gamma$  is a geodesic of  $M$ . If  $c = 1$ , the multiplicities of  $T_\lambda$  and  $T_\mu$  are both greater than one or one of them is  $2n - 1$  and the other is 1. If the multiplicities are  $2n - 1$  and 1, then, similar to the previous case,  $M$  is locally a product  $M' \times \gamma$ , where  $M'$  is a constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature totally geodesic submanifold and  $\gamma$  is a geodesic of  $M$ . If both multiplicities are greater than one then the integral manifolds  $M_1 = M_\lambda$  and  $M_2 = M_\mu$  exist so that  $M$  is locally a product of  $M_1 \times M_2$ , where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are two constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature totally geodesic submanifolds of  $M$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

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