

# ON CR-SUBMANIFOLDS OF A CERTAIN CLASS OF ALMOST CONTACT MANIFOLDS (\*)

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**SOMMARIO.** - Nel 1978, A. Bejancu introdusse e studiò le sotto varietà CR di una varietà Kahleriana [1]. Da allora molti articoli sono apparsi su questo argomento, che è ancora oggi il soggetto di molte ricerche. D'altra parte Kenmotsu [7] ha studiato una nuova classe di varietà Riemanniane di quasi-contatto, note come varietà di Kenmotsu. Le sotto varietà semi-invarianti di tali varietà sono state studiate da Kobayashi [10] e Papaghuice [11]. L'obiettivo di questo articolo è di continuare questo studio e ottenere dei nuovi risultati su questo argomento.

**SUMMARY.** - In 1978, A. Bejancu introduced and studied CR-submanifolds of a Kaehler manifold [1]. Since then many papers appeared on this topic. On the other hand Kenmotsu [6] studied a new class of almost contact Riemannian manifolds, known as Kenmotsu manifolds. Semi-invariant submanifolds of such manifolds were studied by Kobayashi [8] and Papaghuice [10]. The purpose of this paper is to continue this study and to obtain some more results on this topic.

## 1. Introduction.

Let  $\bar{M}$  be a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional almost contact metric manifold with structure tensors  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  where  $\phi$  is a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$ ,  $\xi$  is a vector field,  $\eta$  is a 1-form and  $g$  is the Riemannian metric on  $\bar{M}$ . These tensors satisfy [3]

$$\phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad \phi\xi = 1, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \eta(\phi X) = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y) \quad (1.2)$$

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for any vector field  $X, Y$  tangent to  $\bar{M}$ . We denote by  $\bar{\nabla}$  the covariant differentiation with respect to the metric  $g$  on  $\bar{M}$ . Then it is known that  $\bar{M}$  is a Kenmotsu manifold if

$$(\bar{\nabla}_x \phi)(Y) - \eta(Y)\phi X - g(X, \phi Y)\xi \quad (1.3)$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi \quad (1.4)$$

for any  $X, Y$  tangent to  $\bar{M}$ .

This structure is closely related to the wrapped product of two Riemannian manifold. one of the typical example of Kenmotsu manifold is the hyperbolic space  $\bar{M}(-1)$ .

Now, let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional isometrically immersed submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ . We assume that  $\xi$  is always tangent to  $M$ .

For a vector field  $x$  tangent to  $M$  we put

$$\phi X = PX + QX \quad (1.5)$$

where  $PX$  (resp.  $QX$ ) is the tangential (resp. normal) component of  $\phi X$ .

For a vector field  $N$  normal to  $M$  we put

$$\phi N = tN + fN \quad (1.6)$$

where  $tN$  (resp.  $fN$ ) is the tangential (resp. normal) component of  $\phi N$ .

**DEFINITION.** An  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian submanifold  $M$  of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$  is called a *CR*-submanifold if  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$  and there exists on  $M$  a differentiable distribution  $D : x \rightarrow D_x \subset T_x M$ . Satisfying the following conditions:

(i)  $D_x$  is invariant under  $\phi$  i.e.  $\phi D_x \subset D_x$  for each  $x \in M$ , and (ii) the complementary orthogonal distribution  $D^\perp : x \rightarrow D_x^\perp \subset T_x M$  is totally real i.e.  $\phi D_x^\perp \subset T_x^\perp M$  for each  $x \in M$ .

If  $\dim D_x^\perp = 0$  (resp.  $D_x = 0$ ) then the *CR*-submanifold is called an invariant (resp. totally real) submanifold. The pair  $(D, D^\perp)$  is called  $\xi$ -horizontal (resp.  $\xi$ -vertical) if  $\xi_x \in D_x$  (resp.  $\xi_x \in D_x^\perp$ ) for each  $x \in M$  [8]. A *CR*-submanifold is said to be proper if it is neither an invariant nor an anti-invariant submanifold.

Now, the Gauss and Weingarten formulas are respectively given by

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) \quad (1.7)$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_X N = A_N X + \nabla_X^\perp N \quad (1.8)$$

where  $\bar{\nabla}$  is the Riemannian connection of  $\bar{M}$ ,  $\nabla$  the Riemannian connection determined by the induced metric  $g$  on  $M$ ,  $\nabla^\perp$  the metric connection in the normal bundle of  $M$ , and  $h$  and  $A$  are both second fundamental tensors satisfying

$$g(h(X, Y), N) = g(A_N X, Y) . \quad (1.9)$$

DEFINITION. A CR-submanifold  $M$  of Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$  is said to be  $D$ -totally geodesic (resp.  $D^\perp$ -totally geodesic) if  $h(X, Y) = 0$  for  $X, Y \in D$  (resp.  $h(W, Z) = 0$  for all  $W, Z \in D^\perp$ ).

The equation of Gauss is given by

$$\bar{R}(X, Y, Z, W) =$$

$$R(X, Y, Z, W) - g(h(X, Z), h(Y, Z)) + g(h(Y, W), h(X, Z)) \quad (1.10)$$

where  $\bar{R}$  (resp.  $R$ ) be the curvature tensor of  $\bar{M}$  (resp.  $M$ ).

A Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$  with constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature  $c$  is called Kenmotsu space form denoted by  $\bar{M}(c)$  and the curvature tensor is given by [7].

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = & (c - 3)/4(g(Y, Z)g(X, Z) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)) \\ & + (c + 1)/4\{\eta(X)\eta(Z)g(Y, W) - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)g(X, W) \\ & + \eta(Y)\eta(W)g(X, Z) - \eta(X)\eta(W)g(Y, Z) \\ & + g(X, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, W) - g(Y, \phi Z)g(\phi X, W) \\ & + 2g(X, \phi Y)g(\phi Z, W)\} \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

for any  $X, Y, Z, W \in TM$ .

## 2. Basic Lemmas for a CR-submanifold in a Kenmotsu Manifold.

We start with

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $M$  be a CR-submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$ . Then we have*

$$P\nabla_X PY - PA_{QY}X = P\nabla_X Y - \eta(Y)PX - g(X, PY)P\xi \quad (2.1)$$

$$Q\nabla_X PY - QA_{QY}X = Q\nabla_X Y - \eta(Y)QX \quad (2.2)$$

$$-th(X, Y) - g(X, PY)Q\xi$$

$$h(X, PY) + \nabla_X^\perp QY = fh(X, Y) \quad (2.3)$$

for any  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows immediately from (1.3) by equating horizontal, vertical and normal component.

LEMMA 2.2. *Let  $M$  be a CR-submanifold of Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$ . Then we have*

$$A_{QW}Z = A_{QZ}W$$

for any  $W, Z \in D^\perp$ .

*Proof.* From (1.7)–(1.9) and using (1.3) for  $Y \in TM$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} g(A_{QW}Z, Y) &= g(h(Y, Z), \phi W) = g(\nabla_Y Z, \phi W) \\ &= -g(\phi \nabla_Y Z, W) = -g(\nabla_Y \phi Z, W) \\ &= g(A_{\phi Z}Y, W) = g(A_{\phi Z}W, Y) \end{aligned}$$

from which the assertion follows:

DEFINITION. In a CR-submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold we define

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X P)(Y) = \nabla_X PY - P\nabla_X Y \quad (2.4)$$

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X Q)(Y) = \nabla_X^\perp QY - Q\nabla_X Y \quad (2.5)$$

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X t)(N) = \nabla_X tN - t\nabla_X^\perp N \quad (2.6)$$

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X f)(N) = \nabla_X^\perp fN - f\nabla_X^\perp N \quad (2.7)$$

for any vector field  $X$  and  $Y$  tangent to  $M$  and any vector field  $N$  normal to  $M$ .

**DEFINITION.** The endomorphism  $P$  (resp. the endomorphism  $f$ , the 1-forms  $Q$  and  $t$ ) is parallel if  $\nabla P = 0$  (resp.  $\nabla f = 0$ ,  $\nabla Q = 0$  and  $\nabla t = 0$ ).

By using (1.3) and (1.5)–(1.8) we easily have the following:

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X P)(Y) = A_{QY}X - \eta(Y)PX - g(X, PY)\xi + th(X, Y) \quad (2.8)$$

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X Q)(Y) = fh((X, Y) - h(X, PY) - \eta(Y)QX, \quad (2.9)$$

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X t)(N) = A_{fN}X - PA_NX + g(\phi X, N)\xi, \quad (2.10)$$

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X f)(N) = -h(X, fN) - QA_NX \quad (2.11)$$

for any vector field  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$  and any vector field normal to  $M$ .

Now from (2.8), (2.9) and by virtue of (2.4) and (2.5) we have

$$P\nabla_X Z = -A_{QZ} - th(X, Z) + \eta(Z)PZ, \quad (2.12)$$

$$Q\nabla_X Z = \nabla_X^\perp QZ - fh(X, Z) - \eta(Z)QX \quad (2.13)$$

for any tangent to  $M$  and  $Z \in D^\perp$ .

Putting  $X = Z \in D^\perp$  in (2.12) and using Lemma 2.2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z, W) &= P\nabla_Z W - P\nabla_W Z \\ &= -A_{QW}Z + \eta(W)PZ + A_{QZ}W + \eta(Z)PW \end{aligned}$$

for any  $W, Z \in D^\perp$ .

On the other hand (2.13) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \phi[Z, W] &= Q[Z, W] = Q\nabla_Z W - Q\nabla_W Z \\ &= \nabla_Z^\perp QW - \eta(W)QZ - \nabla_W^\perp QZ - \eta(Z)QW \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have the following

**LEMMA 2.3.** *Let  $M$  be a CR-submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$ . Then*

$$\nabla_W^\perp QZ - \nabla_Z^\perp QW - \eta(W)QZ - \eta(Z)QW \in \phi D^\perp \text{ for } W, Z \in D^\perp.$$

As a corollary of Lemma 2.3 we have the following:

**COROLLARY 2.4.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\xi$ -horizontal CR-submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$ . Then*

$$\nabla_Z^\perp QW - \nabla_W^\perp QZ \in \phi D^\perp \quad (2.14)$$

for any  $W, Z \in D^\perp$ .

### 3. CR-submanifold with parallel structure and contact CR-product.

In this section we shall study the case in which the canonical structure is parallel. Moreover, we give a characterization of CR-product in terms of the induced canonical structure tensor on a submanifold.

First we have

**LEMMA 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be a CR-submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$ . If  $Q$  is parallel then*

$$h(X, PY) = h(Y, PX) \quad (3.1)$$

for any  $X, Y \in D$ .

*Proof.* From (2.9) we obtain

$$h(X, PY) = fh(X, Y)$$

for any  $X, Y \in D$ . Interchanging  $X$  by  $Y$  we get (3.1)

Now we have

**PROPOSITION 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be a proper CR-submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$ . If  $M$  is non-totally geodesic, totally umbilical then both  $D$  and  $D^\perp$  are non integrable.*

*Proof.* As  $M$  is totally umbilical, so we have

$$h(U, V) = g(U, V)H$$

First we assume that  $D$  is integrable. Then putting  $U = X, V = PY$  for  $X, Y \in D$  we have

$$h(X, PY) = h(Y, PX)$$

Since  $M$  is non-totally geodesic, then for all  $X, Y \in D$  we have

$$g(X, PY) = g(Y, PX) .$$

Hence  $D = 0$  which is a contradiction. Similarly, we can show that  $D^\perp$  is non-integrable.

Next we have the following

**PROPOSITION 3.3.** Let  $M$  be a CR-submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$ . Then  $Q$  is parallel if and only if  $t$  is parallel.

*Proof.* Suppose  $t$  is parallel i.e.  $\nabla t = 0$ . Then from (2.10) we have

$$g(A_{fN}X, Y) = g(PA_NX, Y) - g(\phi X, N)g(Y, \xi) ,$$

for any  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$  and any vector field  $N$  normal to  $M$ .

By virtue of (1.9) the above equation yields

$$g(fh(X, Y), N) = g(h(X, PY), N) + g(\phi X, N)g(Y, \xi)$$

from which

$$fh(X, Y) = h(X, PY) + \eta(Y)\phi X$$

Thus we get

$$\nabla Q = 0 .$$

For the canonical structure  $P$ , we have the following, the proof of which easily follows from (2.8).

**LEMMA 3.4.** Let  $M$  be a CR-submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$ . Then  $P$  is parallel if

$$A_{QX}Y - A_{QY}X = \eta(Y)PX - \eta(X)PY$$

for any  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ .

Now we have

**PROPOSITION 3.5.** Let  $M$  be a CR-submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$ . If  $P$  is parallel then the horizontal distribution  $D$  is integrable.

*Proof.* Suppose  $P$  is parallel, then (3.2) gives

$$A_{\phi Y}X = \eta(X)PY - \eta(Y)PX$$

for any  $X \in D, Y \in TM$ .

Now for  $X \in D, Y \in D^\perp$  and taking an inner product with  $Z \in D$ , we get

$$g(A_{\phi Y}X, Z) = 0$$

which is equivalent to

$$g(h(X, Z), QY) = 0$$

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

**DEFINITION.** A  $CR$ -submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold is called  $CR$ -product if it is locally a Riemannian product of an invariant submanifold  $M^T$  and an anti-invariant submanifold  $M^\perp$ .

The following characterization is proved in [9].

**PROPOSITION 3.6.** Let  $M$  be a  $\xi$ -horizontal semi-invariant submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $M$  is a  $CR$ -product
- (ii)  $A_{\phi D} \perp \phi D = \{0\}$

Now we have

**THEOREM 3.7.** A  $\xi$ -horizontal  $CR$ -submanifold  $M$  of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$  is a  $CR$ -product if and only if  $P$  is parallel.

*Proof.* Suppose  $P$  is parallel, then (2.8) yields

$$A_{FY}X - \eta(Y)PX - g(X, PY)\xi + th(X, Y) = 0.$$

If we take  $Y \in D, Z \in D^\perp, X \in TM$  and using the fact that  $FY = 0$  for  $Y \in D$ , the above equation gives

$$\eta(Y)g(PX, Z) - g(X, PY)g(\xi, Z) + g(th(X, Y), Z) = 0$$



from which we have

$$g(A_{\phi Z}\phi Y, X) = 0$$

which is equivalent to

$$A_{\phi D} \perp \phi D = \{0\}. \text{ Hence } M \text{ is a CR-product.}$$

Conversely, if  $M$  is a CR-product, then it is easy to prove that the endomorphism  $P$  is parallel, which completes the proof.

#### 4. Sectional Curvature of CR-submanifold of Kenmotsu Space Form.

Let  $M$  be a CR-submanifold of a Kenmotsu space form  $\bar{M}(c)$ . Then from (1.10), the curvature tensor of  $\bar{M}(c)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y; Z, W) = & (c-3)/4[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)] \\ & + (c+1)/4[\eta(X)\eta(Z)g(Y, W) - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)g(X, Z) \\ & + \eta(Y)\eta(W)g(X, Z) - \eta(X)\eta(W)g(Y, Z) \\ & + g(X, \phi PZ)g(W, \phi PY) - g(Y, \phi PZ)g(\phi PX, W) \\ & + 2g(X, \phi PY)g(\phi PZ, W)] \\ & + g(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)) - g(Y, W), h(X, Z)) \quad (4.1) \end{aligned}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z, W \in TM$ .

Let  $\bar{H}(X)$  be the  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature of  $\bar{M}(c)$  determined by a unit vector  $X$  and  $\phi X$  such that  $X$  is orthogonal to  $\xi$ . Then using (1.11), we have

$$\bar{H}(X) = (c-3)/4.$$

Suppose  $\bar{K}(X \wedge Y)$  be the sectional curvature of  $\bar{M}(c)$  determined by orthogonal vectors  $X$  and  $Y$ , then (1.11) yields

$$\bar{K}(X \wedge Y) = (c-3)/4 + (c-1)/4[\eta(X)^2 + \eta(Y)^2 - g(X, \phi Y)^2]. \quad (4.2)$$

Moreover if  $K(X \wedge Y)$  denote the sectional curvature of  $M$  determined by orthonormal tangent vectors  $\{X, Y\}$  of  $M$ . Then from (4.2) and by virtue of (1.10) we have

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** Let  $M$  be a  $CR$ -submanifold of a Kenmotsu space form  $\bar{M}(c)$ . The sectional curvature of  $M$  determined by orthonormal tangent vector  $\{X, Y\}$  is given by

$$K(X \wedge Y) = (c-3)/4 + (c-1)/4[\eta(X)^2 + \eta(Y)^2 - g(X, \phi PY)^2] + g(h(X, X), h(Y, Y)) - \|h(X, Y)\|^2, \quad (4.3)$$

for any vector field  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ .

From this we easily obtain:

**PROPOSITION 4.2.** Let  $M$  be a  $CR$ -submanifold of a Kenmotsu space form  $\bar{M}(c)$ . If  $M$  is totally geodesic in  $\bar{M}(c)$ , then the sectional curvature of  $M$  is given by

$$K(X \wedge Y) = (c-3)/4 + (c-1)/4[\eta(X)^2 + \eta(Y)^2 - g(X, \phi PY)]$$

for any  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.3.** Let  $M$  be a  $CR$ -submanifold of a Kenmotsu space form  $\bar{M}(c)$ . If  $M$  is  $D^\perp$ -totally geodesic in  $\bar{M}(c)$ . Then the sectional curvature of  $M$  is given by

$$K(X \wedge Y) = (c-3)/4 + (c-1)/4[\eta(X)^2 + \eta(Y)^2]$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ .

**COROLLARY 4.4.** Let  $M$  be a  $\xi$ -horizontal  $CR$ -submanifold of a Kenmotsu space form  $\bar{M}(c)$ . If  $M$  is  $D^\perp$ -totally geodesic in  $\bar{M}(c)$ , then the sectional curvature of  $M$  is given by

$$K(X \wedge Y) = (c-3)/4 \text{ for any } X, Y \in D^\perp.$$

**PROPOSITION 4.5.** Let  $M$  be a  $\xi$ -vertical  $CR$ -submanifold of a Kenmotsu space form  $M(c)$ . The sectional curvature of  $M$  determined by  $X, Y \in D$  is given by

$$K(X \wedge Y) = (c-3)/4 - (c-1)/4g(X, \phi PY)^2 + g(h(X, X), h(Y, Y)) = -\|h(X, Y)\|^2.$$

PROPOSITION 4.6. Let  $M$  be a  $\xi$ -vertical  $CR$ -submanifold of a Kenmotsu space form  $\bar{M}(c)$ . If  $M$  is  $D$ -totally geodesic in  $\bar{M}(c)$  then the sectional curvature of  $M$  is given by

$$K(X \wedge Y) = (c - 3)/4 - (c - 1)/4g(X, \phi PY)$$

for any  $X, Y \in D$ .

PROPOSITION 4.7. Let  $M$  be a  $\xi$ -horizontal  $CR$ -submanifold of a Kenmotsu space form  $\bar{M}(c)$ . Then the sectional curvature of  $M$  determined by  $X, Y \in D^\perp$  is given by

$$K(X \wedge Y) = (c - 3)/4 + g(h(X, X), h(Y, Y)) - \|h(X, Y)\|^2. \quad (4.4)$$

DEFINITION. The  $\phi$ -sectional curvature of  $M$  determined by a unit vector  $X \in D$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  is the sectional curvature determined by  $X$  and  $\phi X$ .

PROPOSITION 4.8. The  $\phi$ -sectional curvature determined by  $X \in D$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  is given by

$$H(X) = (c - 3)/4 + 4g(X, \phi PX)^2 + g(h(X, X), h(\phi X, \phi X)) - \|h(X, \phi X)\|^2. \quad (4.5)$$

LEMMA [9]. Let  $M$  be a semi-invariant submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$ . Then  $D$  is integrable if and only if

$$h(X, \phi X) = h(Y, \phi X) \quad (4.6)$$

for any  $X, Y \in D$ .

Using (4.5) and (4.6) we have

PROPOSITION 4.9. Let  $M$  be a  $CR$ -submanifold of a Kenmotsu space form  $\bar{M}(c)$ . If  $D$  is involutive satisfying  $g(X, PX) = 0$  then

$$H(X) \leq (c - 3)/4$$

where  $H(X)$  is the  $\phi$ -sectional curvature determined by  $X \in D$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ .

Also from (4.5) we have

**PROPOSITION 4.10.** Let  $M$  be a  $CR$ -submanifold of Kenmotsu space form  $\bar{M}(c)$ . Then  $M$  is  $D$ -totally geodesic if and only if the following conditions are satisfied.

(i) the horizontal distribution  $D$  is involute, ii)  $H(X) = (c-3)/4$ .

Let  $\{E_0 = \xi, E_1, E_2, \dots, E_{m-1}\}$  be a local field of orthonormal frames on  $M$  such that in the case when  $M$  is  $\xi$ -horizontal (resp.  $\xi$ -vertical)  $(E_0 = \xi, E_1, \dots, E_{p+1} = \phi E_1, \dots, E_{2p} = \phi E_{2p})$  (resp.)  $(E_1, \dots, E_p, E_{p+1} = \phi E_1, \dots, \phi E_{2p} = \phi E_p)$  is a local frame field on  $D$ . A  $\xi$ -horizontal  $CR$ -submanifold  $M$  is called  $D$ -minimal (resp.  $D^\perp$ -minimal) if  $\sum_{i=1}^{2p} h(E_i, E_i) = 0$  (resp.  $\sum_{j=1}^{-2p} h^{-1}(E_{2p+j}, E_{2p+j}) = 0$ ).

Finally we prove

**PROPOSITION 4.11.** Let  $M$  be a  $D^\perp$ -minimal  $\xi$ -horizontal  $CR$ -submanifold of a Kenmotsu space form  $\bar{M}(c)$ . Then  $M$  is  $D^\perp$ -totally geodesic if and only if

$$K(X, Y) = (c - 3)/4 \quad (4.7)$$

for any  $X, Y \in D^\perp$ .

*Proof.* For any  $X, Y \in D^\perp$ , (4.4) gives

$$K(X \wedge Y) = 1/4(c - 3) + g(h(X, X), h(Y, Y)) - \|h((X, Y))\|^2$$

Suppose (4.7) holds, then using minimality condition we have

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{m-2p-1} h(E_{2p+1}, E_{2p+j}) = 0$$

which gives  $h(X, Y) = 0$  for all  $X, Y \in D^\perp$ . Hence  $M$  is  $D^\perp$ -totally geodesic.

Similarly we have

**PROPOSITION 4.12.** Let  $M$  be a  $D$ -minimal  $\xi$ -vertical  $CR$ -submanifold of a Kenmotsu space form  $\bar{M}(c)$ . Then  $M$  is  $D$ -totally geodesic if and only if

$$K(X \wedge Y) = (c - 3)/4$$

for any  $X, Y \in D$  with  $g(\phi X, Y) = 0$ .

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