

## Geometry of Warped Product $CR$ and Semi-Slant Submanifolds in Quasi-Para-Sasakian Manifolds

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**Abstract.** In the present paper we study the existence or non-existence of warped product semi-slant submanifolds in quasi-para-Sasakian manifolds and prove that there are no proper warped product semi-slant submanifolds in a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold such that totally geodesic and totally umbilical submanifolds of warped product are proper semi-slant and invariant (or anti-invariant), respectively.

### 1. Introduction

The concept of warped product manifolds was introduced by Bishop and O'Neill for constructing manifolds of non-positive curvature, as one of the most effective generalization of Riemannian product manifold [15]. About two decades ago, Chen extended the work of Bishop and O'Neill and studied the warped product  $CR$ -submanifold of Kaehler manifolds [3, 4], this study was also extended by many geometers in different settings [2, 13, 14]. The existence or non-existence of warped product manifolds plays an important role in differential geometry as well as in physics. In [6], Blair introduced the notion of quasi-Sasakian manifolds that unifies Sasakian and cosymplectic manifolds. Tanno [19] also contributed some remarkable results on quasi-Sasakian structure. Recently, quasi-Sasakian structure have been studied in [1, 17, 18]). The geometry of almost paracontact manifold was studied by

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Kaneyuki and Williams in [16] as a natural generalization of natural odd-dimensional analogue to almost para-Hermitian structures. The study of almost paracontact metric manifolds was carried out in one of Zamkovoy's papers [20]. In [21], Olszak studied normal almost contact metric manifolds of dimension 3. In 2009, Welyczko [10] investigated curvature and torsion of Frenet-Legendre curves in 3-dimensional normal almost paracontact metric manifolds. Recently, 3-dimensional normal almost paracontact metric manifolds were studied in [5, 7, 8].

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $\bar{M}$  be a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional almost paracontact manifold with structure tensor  $(f, \xi, \nu, \langle, \rangle)$ , where  $f$ ,  $\xi$  and  $\nu$  be a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$ , a vector field, and a 1-form, respectively on  $\bar{M}$  satisfying

$$f\xi = 0, \quad f^2 = I - \nu \otimes \xi, \quad \nu \circ f = 0, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\nu(\xi) = 1, \quad \nu(\mathcal{X}) = \langle \mathcal{X}, \xi \rangle,$$

$$\langle f \cdot, f \cdot \rangle = -\langle, \rangle + \nu \otimes \nu, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $I$  is the identity on the tangent bundle  $T\bar{M}$  of  $\bar{M}$ . We say that  $\bar{M}$  is a paracontact metric manifold if there exists a one-form  $\nu$  such that

$$\langle \mathcal{X}, f\mathcal{Y} \rangle = d\nu(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{X}\nu(\mathcal{Y}) - \mathcal{Y}\nu(\mathcal{X}) - \nu([\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}])),$$

for all  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \in \mathfrak{X}(\bar{M})$ , where  $\mathfrak{X}(\bar{M})$  denotes the Lie algebra of vector fields on  $\bar{M}$ , and

$$\langle f\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \rangle + \langle \mathcal{X}, f\mathcal{Y} \rangle = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

for all vector fields  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  on  $\bar{M}$ .

Further, an almost paracontact metric manifold is called a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold if

$$(\bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{X}}f)\mathcal{Y} = \nu(\mathcal{Y})\mathcal{F}\mathcal{X} - \langle \mathcal{F}\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \rangle \xi, \quad (2.4)$$

and

$$\bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{X}}\xi = -f\mathcal{F}\mathcal{X}, \quad f\mathcal{F}\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{F}f\mathcal{X}, \quad \langle \mathcal{F}\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \rangle = -\langle \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}\mathcal{Y} \rangle, \quad (2.5)$$

where  $\bar{\nabla}$  denotes the Levi-Civita connection with respect to the metric tensor  $\langle, \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$ .

By applying  $f$  to (2.5) and using (2.1), we obtain

$$\mathcal{F}\mathcal{X} = \nu(\mathcal{F}\mathcal{X})\xi - f(\bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{X}}\xi). \quad (2.6)$$

Also by replacing  $\mathcal{X}$  by  $\xi$  in (2.5) it follows that

$$\bar{\nabla}_{\xi}\xi = 0. \quad (2.7)$$

Using (2.4), (2.6) and (2.7) we infer

$$\mathcal{F}\xi = \nu(\mathcal{F}\xi)\xi, \quad (2.8)$$

and

$$(\bar{\nabla}_\xi f)\mathcal{X} = 0 \quad (2.9)$$

for any  $\mathcal{X} \in \Gamma(T\bar{\mathcal{M}})$ .

If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a contact  $CR$ -submanifold of  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$  and the projections on  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  are denoted by  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}$ , respectively; then for all vector field  $\mathcal{X}$  tangent to  $\mathcal{M}$ , we infer

$$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{P}\mathcal{X} + \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{X} + \nu(\mathcal{X})\xi. \quad (2.10)$$

Now we put

$$B\lambda + C\lambda = f\lambda, \quad (2.11)$$

where  $B\lambda$  and  $C\lambda$  are tangential and normal part of  $f\lambda$  on  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Next we define the tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  by

$$f\mathcal{X} = f\mathcal{P}\mathcal{X}, \quad (2.12)$$

and the  $\Gamma(T\mathcal{M}^\perp)$ -valued 2-form  $\omega$  by

$$\omega\mathcal{X} = f\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{X}. \quad (2.13)$$

Since  $D$  is invariant by  $f$ , then it follows from (2.11) and (2.12) that  $B$  is  $\Gamma(D^\perp)$ -valued and  $t$  is  $\Gamma(D)$ -valued, respectively.

By using (2.1), (2.10), (2.12) and (2.13), we obtain

$$\omega\mathcal{X} + t\mathcal{X} = f\mathcal{X}, \quad (2.14)$$

and

$$t^3 + t = 0; C^3 + C = 0. \quad (2.15)$$

Then by (2.15) we conclude that  $t$  and  $C$  are  $f$ -structure in sense of Yano [11] on  $T\mathcal{M}$  and  $T\mathcal{M}^\perp$ , respectively.

Now suppose  $\langle, \rangle$  be the induced metric and  $\xi$  be tangent to  $\mathcal{M}$ . Further, we suppose  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^\perp$  be the induced connections on the tangent bundle  $T\mathcal{M}$  and the normal bundle  $T^\perp\mathcal{M}$  of  $\mathcal{M}$ , respectively.

Then the Gauss and Weingarten formulas are given respectively by

$$\bar{\nabla}_\mathcal{X}\mathcal{Y} = \sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) + \nabla_\mathcal{X}\mathcal{Y}, \quad (2.16)$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_\mathcal{X}\lambda = -\Lambda_\lambda\mathcal{X} + \nabla_\mathcal{X}^\perp\lambda \quad (2.17)$$

for all vector fields  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$  tangent to  $\mathcal{M}$  and any vector field  $\lambda$  normal to  $\mathcal{M}$ , where  $\sigma$  and  $\Lambda_\lambda$  are the second fundamental form and the shape operator for the immersion of  $\mathcal{M}$  into  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$ . The second fundamental form  $\sigma$  and shape operator  $\Lambda_\lambda$  are related by

$$\langle \sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}), \lambda \rangle = \langle \Lambda_\lambda\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \rangle \quad (2.18)$$

for all vector fields  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$  tangent to  $\mathcal{M}$  and vector field  $\lambda$  normal to  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Furthermore, for any  $Z \in \Gamma(T\bar{M})$ , we put

$$\mathcal{F}Z = \alpha Z + \beta Z, \quad (2.19)$$

where  $\alpha Z$  and  $\beta Z$  are the tangent part and the normal part of  $\mathcal{F}Z$ , respectively.

From (2.3) we have

$$\langle t\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \rangle + \langle \mathcal{X}, t\mathcal{Y} \rangle = 0. \quad (2.20)$$

In account of (2.6), (2.11), (2.12) and (2.16) we obtain

$$\alpha\mathcal{X} = \nu(\mathcal{X})\nu(\mathcal{F}\mathcal{X})\xi - t(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}\xi) - B\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \xi), \quad (2.21)$$

and

$$\beta\mathcal{X} = -\omega(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}\xi) - C\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \xi). \quad (2.22)$$

**Proposition 2.1.** *If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a contact CR-submanifold of a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold  $\bar{M}$ , then  $\Gamma(T\mathcal{M})$  is invariant with respect to the action of  $f$  if and only if we have*

$$\omega(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}\xi) = 0, \quad (2.23)$$

and

$$C\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \xi) = 0. \quad (2.24)$$

Proof. From (2.22) it follows that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a tensor field of type (1, 1) on  $\mathcal{M}$  if and only if

$$\omega(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}\xi) + C\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \xi) = 0. \quad (2.25)$$

Then (2.23) and (2.24) follows from (2.25) (since  $\langle \omega\mathcal{Y}, C\lambda \rangle = 0$  for any  $\mathcal{Y} \in \Gamma(T\mathcal{M})$ ).

**Corollary 2.1.** *If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a contact CR-submanifold of a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\Gamma(T\mathcal{M})$  is invariant with respect to the action of  $\mathcal{F}$ , then both the distributions  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  are invariant with respect to the action of  $\mathcal{F}$ .*

Proof. Let  $\mathcal{X} \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ , then by using the third relation of (2.5) and (2.8) we obtain

$$\langle \mathcal{F}\mathcal{X}, \xi \rangle = -\langle \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}\xi \rangle = \nu(\mathcal{F}\xi) \langle \mathcal{X}, \xi \rangle = 0.$$

On the other hand, by using (2.2), the second relation of (2.5) and the invariance of  $\mathcal{D}$  with respect to the action of  $f$  we infer

$$\langle \mathcal{F}\mathcal{X}, Z \rangle = \langle \mathcal{F}f\mathcal{X}', Z \rangle = -\langle \mathcal{F}\mathcal{X}', fZ \rangle = 0,$$

where  $\mathcal{X}' \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  and  $Z \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{D}$  is invariant by  $\mathcal{F}$ . In a similar way it follows that  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  is invariant by the action of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

The Riemannian connections  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^\perp$  allow us to define the usual covariant derivatives as

$$(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}t)\mathcal{Y} = \nabla_{\mathcal{X}}t\mathcal{Y} - t\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}\mathcal{Y}, \quad (2.26)$$

and

$$(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}\omega)\mathcal{Y} = \nabla_{\mathcal{X}}^{\perp}\omega\mathcal{Y} - \omega\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}\mathcal{Y}. \tag{2.27}$$

Now, the canonical structures  $t$  and  $\omega$  on a submanifold  $\mathcal{M}$  are said to be parallel if  $\nabla t = 0$  and  $\nabla\omega = 0$ , respectively. On a  $CR$ -submanifold of a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold, it follows from (2.5) and (2.16) that

$$\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}\xi = -f\mathcal{F}\mathcal{X}, \tag{2.28}$$

and

$$\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \xi) = 0 \tag{2.29}$$

for each  $\mathcal{X} \in T\mathcal{M}$ . Furthermore, from (2.29) we obtain

$$\Lambda_{\omega}\xi = 0; \quad v(\Lambda_{\omega})\mathcal{X} = 0. \tag{2.30}$$

**Lemma 2.1.** *For a contact  $CR$ -submanifold  $\mathcal{M}$  of a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$ , we infer*

$$(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}t)\mathcal{Y} = \Lambda_{\omega\mathcal{Y}}\mathcal{X} + B\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) + v(\mathcal{Y})\alpha\mathcal{X} - \langle \mathcal{F}\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \rangle \xi, \tag{2.31}$$

$$(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}\omega)\mathcal{Y} = C\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) - \sigma(\mathcal{X}, t\mathcal{Y}) + v(\mathcal{Y})\beta\mathcal{X}. \tag{2.32}$$

Proof. By using (2.4), (2.16)-(2.19), (2.26) and (2.27), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha\mathcal{X} + \beta\mathcal{X})v(\mathcal{Y}) - \langle \mathcal{F}\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \rangle \xi &= (\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}t)\mathcal{Y} + (\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}\omega)\mathcal{Y} - \Lambda_{\omega\mathcal{Y}}\mathcal{X} \\ &\quad - B\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) - C\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) + \sigma(\mathcal{X}, t\mathcal{Y}) \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \in \Gamma(T\mathcal{M})$ . By equating the tangential and the normal parts in above relation, (2.31) and (2.32), respectively follows.

The covariant derivatives of  $B$  and  $C$  are given respectively by

$$(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}B)\lambda = \nabla_{\mathcal{X}}B\lambda - B(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}^{\perp}\lambda), \tag{2.33}$$

and

$$(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}^{\perp}C)\lambda = \nabla_{\mathcal{X}}^{\perp}C\lambda - C(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}^{\perp}\lambda) \tag{2.34}$$

for any  $\mathcal{X} \in \Gamma(T\mathcal{M})$  and  $\lambda \in \Gamma(T\mathcal{M}^{\perp})$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *For a contact  $CR$ -submanifold  $\mathcal{M}$  of a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$ , we infer*

$$(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}B)\lambda = \Lambda_{C\lambda}\mathcal{X} - t(\Lambda_{\lambda}\mathcal{X}) - \langle \mathcal{F}\mathcal{X}, \lambda \rangle \xi, \tag{2.35}$$

and

$$(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}^{\perp}C)\lambda = -\sigma(\mathcal{X}, B\lambda) - \omega(\Lambda_{\lambda}\mathcal{X}) \tag{2.36}$$

for any  $\mathcal{X} \in \Gamma(T\mathcal{M})$  and  $\lambda \in \Gamma(T\mathcal{M}^{\perp})$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** For a contact CR-submanifold  $\mathcal{M}$  of a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$ , we infer

$$\Lambda_{f\mathcal{X}}\mathcal{Y} = \Lambda_{f\mathcal{Y}}\mathcal{X}, \quad (2.37)$$

and

$$\langle \sigma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}), f\mathcal{Z} \rangle = \langle \nabla_{\mathcal{U}}\mathcal{Z}, f\mathcal{V} \rangle \quad (2.38)$$

for all  $\mathcal{U} \in \Gamma(T\mathcal{M})$ ,  $\mathcal{V} \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  and  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z} \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$ .

Proof. By using (2.2), (2.4) and (2.16)-(2.18), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \Lambda_{f\mathcal{X}}\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{U} \rangle = \langle \sigma(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{U}), f\mathcal{X} \rangle = \langle \bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{U}}\mathcal{Y}, f\mathcal{X} \rangle - \langle \nabla_{\mathcal{U}}\mathcal{Y}, f\mathcal{X} \rangle \\ & = \langle \nabla_{\mathcal{U}}\mathcal{Y}, f\mathcal{X} \rangle = - \langle f(\nabla_{\mathcal{U}}\mathcal{Y}), \mathcal{X} \rangle = - \langle -(\bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{U}}f)\mathcal{Y} + \bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{U}}f\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X} \rangle \\ & \quad + \langle v(\mathcal{Y})\mathcal{F}\mathcal{U} - \langle \mathcal{F}\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{Y} \rangle \xi, \mathcal{X} \rangle - \langle \bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{U}}f\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X} \rangle \\ & \quad - \langle -\Lambda_{f\mathcal{Y}}\mathcal{U} + \nabla_{\mathcal{U}}^\perp f\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X} \rangle = \langle \Lambda_{f\mathcal{Y}}\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{X} \rangle = \langle \Lambda_{f\mathcal{Y}}\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $v(\mathcal{Y}) = v(\mathcal{X}) = 0$ , therefore we find (2.37).

Next, by using (2.2), (2.4) and (2.16), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \sigma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}), f\mathcal{Z} \rangle = \langle \bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{U}}\mathcal{V}, f\mathcal{Z} \rangle - \langle \mathcal{V}, \bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{U}}f\mathcal{Z} \rangle \\ & \quad - \langle \mathcal{V}, (\bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{U}}f)\mathcal{Z} + f(\bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{U}}\mathcal{Z}) \rangle - \langle \mathcal{V}, v(\mathcal{Z})\mathcal{F}\mathcal{U} - \langle \mathcal{F}\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{Z} \rangle \xi \rangle \\ & \quad - \langle \mathcal{V}, f(\bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{U}}\mathcal{Z}) \rangle = \langle f\mathcal{V}, \bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{U}}\mathcal{Z} \rangle = \langle f\mathcal{V}, \nabla_{\mathcal{U}}\mathcal{Z} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

which leads to (2.38).

A submanifold  $\mathcal{M}$  of an almost para contact metric manifold  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$  is said to be invariant if  $\mathcal{F}$  is identically zero, that is,  $f\mathcal{X} \in T\mathcal{M}$  and anti-invariant if  $t$  is identically zero, that is,  $f\mathcal{X} \in T^\perp\mathcal{M}$ , for any  $\mathcal{X} \in T\mathcal{M}$ .

For each non-zero vector  $\mathcal{X}$  tangent to  $\mathcal{M}$  at any point  $x$  such that  $\mathcal{X}$  is not proportional to  $\xi$ , we denote by  $\theta(\mathcal{X})$ , the angle between  $f\mathcal{X}$  and  $T_x\mathcal{M}$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{M}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A submanifold  $N$  is said to be slant if the angle  $\theta(\mathcal{X})$  is constant for all  $\mathcal{X} \in T_xN - \{\xi\}$  and  $x \in N$ . The angle  $\theta$  is called a slant angle or Wirtinger angle. Obviously, if  $\theta = 0$ , then  $N$  is invariant; and if  $\theta = \pi/2$ , then  $\mathcal{M}$  is an anti-invariant submanifold. If the slant angle of  $N$  is different from 0 and  $\pi/2$  then it is called proper slant.

A characterization of slant submanifolds is given by the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.1.** [9] Let  $N$  be slant submanifold of a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$  such that  $\xi$  is tangent to  $N$ . Then  $N$  is slant submanifold if and only if there exists a constant  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  such that

$$t^2\mathcal{X} = \mu(\mathcal{X} - v(\mathcal{X}))\xi. \quad (2.39)$$

Furthermore, if  $\theta$  is the slant angle of  $N$ , then  $\mu = \cos^2\theta$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $N$  be a slant submanifold with slant angle  $\theta$  of a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$  such that  $\xi$  is tangent to  $N$ . Then we have*

$$\langle t\mathcal{Z}, t\mathcal{W} \rangle = \cos^2 \theta \{ - \langle \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{W} \rangle + v(\mathcal{Z})v(\mathcal{W}) \}, \tag{2.40}$$

$$\langle \omega\mathcal{Z}, \omega\mathcal{W} \rangle = \sin^2 \theta \{ - \langle \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{W} \rangle + v(\mathcal{Z})v(\mathcal{W}) \} \tag{2.41}$$

for any  $\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{W}$  tangent to  $N$ .

### 3. Warped product semi-slant submanifolds a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold

For two Riemannian manifolds  $(N_1, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1)$  and  $(N_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2)$  and a positive differentiable function  $\delta$  on  $N_1$ , the warped product of  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  is the Riemannian manifold  $N_1 \times_\delta N_2 = (N_1 \times N_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ , where

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1 + \delta^2 \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2. \tag{3.1}$$

More explicitly, if the vector fields  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  are tangent to  $N_1 \times_\delta N_2$  at  $(x, y)$ , then

$$\langle \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \rangle = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1 (\pi_1 * \mathcal{X}, \pi_1 * \mathcal{Y}) + \delta^2(x) \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2 (\pi_2 * \mathcal{X}, \pi_2 * \mathcal{Y}), \tag{3.2}$$

where  $\pi_i (i = 1, 2)$  are the canonical projections of  $N_1 \times_\delta N_2$  onto  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ , respectively, and  $*$  stands for derivative map.

If  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}} = N_1 \times_\delta N_2$  is a warped product manifold, this means that  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are totally geodesic and totally umbilical submanifolds of  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$ , respectively.

For warped product manifolds, we have the following proposition [12, 15]:

**Proposition 3.1.** *On a warped product manifold  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}} = N_1 \times_\delta N_2$ , we have*

$$(1) \nabla_{\mathcal{X}} \mathcal{Y} \in \Gamma(TN_1) \text{ is the lift of } \nabla_{\mathcal{X}} \mathcal{Y} \text{ on } N_1,$$

$$(2) \nabla_{\mathcal{U}} \mathcal{X} = \nabla_{\mathcal{X}} \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{X}(In\delta)\mathcal{U},$$

$$(3) \nabla_{\mathcal{U}} \mathcal{V} = \nabla'_{\mathcal{U}} \mathcal{V} - \langle \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V} \rangle \nabla In\delta$$

for any  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \in \Gamma(TN_1)$  and  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V} \in \Gamma(TN_2)$ , where  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla'$  denote the Levi-Civita connections on  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $N_2$ , respectively.

Let us suppose that  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$  be a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold and  $N_1 \times_\delta N_2$  be a warped product semi-slant submanifold of a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$ . Such submanifolds are always tangent to the structure vector field  $\xi$ . If the manifolds  $N_\theta$  and  $N_T$  (resp.,  $N^\perp$ ) are slant and invariant (resp., anti-invariant) submanifolds of a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$ , then their warped product semi-slant submanifolds may be given by one of the following forms:

$$(i) N_\theta \times_\delta N_T, \quad (ii) N_\theta \times_\delta N_\perp, \quad (iii) N_T \times_\delta N_\theta, \quad (iv) N_\perp \times_\delta N_\theta.$$

Here, we are concerned with cases (i) and (ii).

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$  is a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold, then there do not exist proper warped product semi-slant submanifolds  $N_\theta \times_\delta N_T$  such that  $N_\theta$  is a proper slant submanifold,  $N_T$  is an invariant submanifold of  $\bar{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $\xi$  is tangent to  $N$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $N_\theta \times_\delta N_T$  be a proper warped product semi-slant submanifold of a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold  $\bar{M}$ . For any  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \in \Gamma(TN_\theta)$  and  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V} \in \Gamma(TN_T)$ , we have

$$(\bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{X}} f)\mathcal{U} = \bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{X}} f\mathcal{U} - f(\bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{X}} \mathcal{U}). \quad (3.3)$$

Thus, from (2.4), (2.11), (2.14) and (2.16) we obtain

$$v(\mathcal{U})\mathcal{F}\mathcal{X} - \langle \mathcal{F}\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U} \rangle \xi = \sigma(\mathcal{X}, t\mathcal{U}) - B\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}) - C\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}).$$

This means that

$$B\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}) = 0, \quad (3.4)$$

and

$$C\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}) - \sigma(\mathcal{X}, t\mathcal{U}) = 0. \quad (3.5)$$

On the other hand, by interchanging roles of  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{X}$  in (3.3), we conclude

$$t\mathcal{X} \log(\delta)\mathcal{U} = \Lambda_{\omega\mathcal{X}}\mathcal{U} + \mathcal{X} \log(\delta)t\mathcal{U} + B\sigma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{X}), \quad (3.6)$$

and

$$\nabla_{\mathcal{U}}^\perp \omega\mathcal{X} + \sigma(\mathcal{U}, t\mathcal{X}) - C\sigma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{X}) = 0. \quad (3.7)$$

From (3.6), we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} t\mathcal{X} \log(\delta) \langle \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U} \rangle &= \langle \Lambda_{\omega\mathcal{X}}\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U} \rangle + \langle B\sigma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{X}), \mathcal{U} \rangle \\ &= \langle \sigma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U}), \omega\mathcal{X} \rangle + \langle B\sigma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{X}), \mathcal{U} \rangle \\ &= \langle \sigma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U}), \omega\mathcal{X} \rangle - \langle \sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}), f\mathcal{U} \rangle \\ &= \langle \sigma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U}), \omega\mathcal{X} \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

On the other hand, since the ambient space  $\bar{M}$  is a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold, then by using (3.5) and (3.7) we get

$$Ch(\mathcal{Z}, \xi) = 0 \quad (3.9)$$

for any  $\mathcal{Z} \in \Gamma(TN)$ .

By using (3.5) and (3.7), we get  $\omega\mathcal{X} = C\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \xi) = 0$ . Thus we have  $t\mathcal{X} \log(\delta) \langle \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U} \rangle = 0$ , this implies that  $t\mathcal{X} \log(\delta) = 0$ , that is, the warping function  $\delta$  is constant on  $N_\theta$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *If  $\bar{M}$  is a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold, then there do not exist proper warped product semi-slant submanifolds  $N_\theta \times_\delta N_\perp$  such that  $N_\theta$  is a proper slant submanifold,  $N_\perp$  is an invariant submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  and  $\xi$  is tangent to  $N$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $N_\theta \times_\delta N_\perp$  be a proper warped product semi-slant submanifold of a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\xi$  is tangent to  $N$ . For any  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \in \Gamma(TN_\theta)$  and  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V} \in \Gamma(TN_\perp)$ , we have

$$(\bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{X}} f)\mathcal{U} = \bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{X}} f\mathcal{U} - f(\bar{\nabla}_{\mathcal{X}} \mathcal{U}).$$

Using (2.4), (2.14), (2.16), (2.17) and Proposition 3.1, the above equation takes the form

$$v(\mathcal{U})\mathcal{F}\mathcal{X} - g(\mathcal{F}\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U})\xi = -\Lambda_{\omega\mathcal{U}}\mathcal{X} + \nabla_{\mathcal{X}}^{\perp}\omega\mathcal{U} - \mathcal{X}(\log\delta)\omega\mathcal{U} - f\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}). \tag{3.10}$$

This means that

$$\Lambda_{\omega\mathcal{U}}\mathcal{X} + B\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}) = 0, \tag{3.11}$$

and

$$\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}^{\perp}\omega\mathcal{U} - \mathcal{X}(\log\delta)\omega\mathcal{U} - C\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}) = 0. \tag{3.12}$$

By interchanging roles of  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  in (3.10), we arrive at

$$v(\mathcal{U})\mathcal{F}\mathcal{X} - \langle \mathcal{F}\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U} \rangle \xi = t\mathcal{X}\log(\delta)\mathcal{U} + \sigma(\mathcal{U}, t\mathcal{X}) - \Lambda_{\omega\mathcal{X}}\mathcal{U} + \nabla_{\mathcal{U}}^{\perp}\omega\mathcal{X} - \mathcal{X}\log(\delta)\omega\mathcal{U} - B\sigma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{X}) - C\sigma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{X}). \tag{3.13}$$

Equating the tangential and normal components in (3.13), we find

$$t\mathcal{X}\log(\delta)\mathcal{U} = \Lambda_{\omega\mathcal{X}}\mathcal{U} + B\sigma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{X}), \tag{3.14}$$

and

$$\sigma(\mathcal{U}, t\mathcal{X}) + \nabla_{\mathcal{U}}^{\perp}\omega\mathcal{X} - \mathcal{X}\log(\delta)\omega\mathcal{U} - C\sigma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{X}) = 0, \tag{3.15}$$

respectively.

From (3.14), we find

$$\langle \Lambda_{\omega\mathcal{X}}\mathcal{U}, t\mathcal{Y} \rangle + \langle B\sigma(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{X}), t\mathcal{Y} \rangle = 0. \tag{3.16}$$

Since the ambient space  $\bar{M}$  is a quasi-para-Sasakian manifold,  $\xi$  is tangent to  $N$  and using (2.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle B\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}), t\mathcal{Y} \rangle &= \langle f\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}), f\mathcal{Y} \rangle \\ &= -\langle \sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}), \mathcal{Y} \rangle + v(\mathcal{Y})v(\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U})) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\langle B\sigma(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{U}), t\mathcal{Y} \rangle = \langle \sigma(\mathcal{U}, t\mathcal{Y}), \omega\mathcal{X} \rangle = 0. \tag{3.17}$$

Thus we have

$$\langle \sigma(\mathcal{U}, t\mathcal{Y}), f\mathcal{X} \rangle = 0 \tag{3.18}$$

for any  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \in \Gamma(TN_{\theta})$ .

Moreover, making use of (3.11) and (3.18), we get

$$\langle \sigma(\mathcal{X}, t\mathcal{Y}), f\mathcal{U} \rangle = 0. \tag{3.19}$$

By using the Gauss-Weingarten formulas and considering that  $N_\theta$  is totally geodesic in  $N$ , we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \sigma(\mathcal{X}, t\mathcal{Y}), fU \rangle &= \langle \bar{\nabla}_{t\mathcal{Y}}\mathcal{X}, fU \rangle = - \langle f(\bar{\nabla}_{t\mathcal{Y}}\mathcal{X}), U \rangle & (3.20) \\
 &= - \langle \bar{\nabla}_{t\mathcal{Y}}f\mathcal{X} - (\bar{\nabla}_{t\mathcal{Y}}f)\mathcal{X}, U \rangle \\
 &= - \langle \bar{\nabla}_{t\mathcal{Y}}t\mathcal{X}, U \rangle - \langle \bar{\nabla}_{t\mathcal{Y}}\omega\mathcal{X}, U \rangle \\
 &\quad + \langle v(\mathcal{X})\mathcal{F}t\mathcal{Y}, U \rangle - \langle \mathcal{F}t\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X} \rangle \langle \xi, U \rangle \\
 &= \langle \wedge_{\omega\mathcal{X}}t\mathcal{Y}, U \rangle - v(U) \langle \mathcal{F}t\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X} \rangle \\
 &= \langle \sigma(t\mathcal{Y}, U), \omega\mathcal{X} \rangle - v(U) \langle \mathcal{F}t\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{X} \rangle \\
 &= v(U) \langle t\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{F}\mathcal{X} \rangle .
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus from (3.19) and (3.20), we conclude

$$v(U) \langle t\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{F}\mathcal{X} \rangle = \langle \sigma(\mathcal{X}, t\mathcal{Y}), fU \rangle = 0. \quad (3.21)$$

Here, if  $v(U) = 0$ , then by using (2.32) and (3.12), we leads to

$$\mathcal{X} \log(\delta) \omega U = v(\nabla_{\mathcal{X}}U) = - \langle -f\mathcal{F}\mathcal{X}, U \rangle = 0.$$

This is impossible. Because  $U$  is a non-zero vector field and  $N_\perp \neq 0$ . Thus  $\langle t\mathcal{X}, t\mathcal{Y} \rangle = \cos^2\theta \{- \langle \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \rangle + v(\mathcal{X})v(\mathcal{Y})\} = 0$ , this implies that the slant angle  $\theta$  is either identically  $\pi/2$  or the warping function  $\delta$  is constant on  $N_\theta$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

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