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### Abstract

In this paper, we investigate mixed QR-submanifolds in a quaternionic space form and pseudo umbilical QR-submanifold of a quaternionic space form under some additional condition. Finally we give a necessary condition for QR-submanifold of a quaternion Kaehler manifold such that  $\dim v^\perp = 1$  to be a 3-quasi Sasakian Manifold.

**Key Words:** Quaternion Kaehler Manifold, QR-Submanifold, Pseudo-Umbilical Submanifold, Mixed Geodesic QR-Submanifold, Almost Contact 3-Structure

### 1. Introduction

The main purpose of this paper is to continue study of QR-submanifolds in a quaternionic space form which were started in [1]. We prove some results being QR-submanifold analogues of well known results for CR-submanifold of a complex space form.

Bejancu classified totally umbilical QR-submanifolds in a quaternion Kaehler manifold. However, it is well known that the class of pseudo umbilical submanifolds in a quaternionic space form is too wide to classify. Recently, Sato proved that any pseudo umbilical submanifolds with nonzero parallel vector field in  $CP^m(c)$  is totally real submanifold. In the present paper, we have given a theorem for the pseudo umbilical QR-submanifold with nonzero parallel mean curvature vector field in a quaternionic space form similar to the obtained by Sato in the Kaehler setting. Particularly, we prove that there exist no pseudo umbilical QR-submanifold with nonzero parallel mean curvature vector field in quaternionic space form  $c \neq 0$ .

On the other hand, Bejancu, Kon and Yano proved that any proper mixed foliate CR-submanifold of a complex space form ( $c > 0$ ) is complex submanifold or totally

real submanifold. We prove that there exist no mixed foliate QR-submanifolds in a quaternionic space form ( $c > 0$ ).

Finally, we have considered QR-submanifold of quaternion Kaehler manifold with  $\dim v^\perp = 1$ . The present author and R.Güneş, S.Keleş have shown that QR-submanifold have almost contact 3-structure in this case[4]. In this paper, we obtain a necessary condition for QR-submanifold to be a 3-quasi Sasakian manifold.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $\bar{M}$  be a Riemann manifold and  $M$  be a Riemann submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  with Riemann metric induced by the Riemann metric on  $\bar{M}$ . Denote by  $TM^\perp$  and  $TM$  the normal and tangent bundle respectively.  $\bar{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  show the Levi-Civita connections on  $\bar{M}$  and  $M$ , respectively. Moreover  $\Gamma(TM)$  represents the module of differentiable sections of a vector bundle  $TM$ . Then the formulas of Gauss and Weingarten are given by

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$\bar{\nabla}_X V = -A_V X + \nabla_X^\perp V \tag{2.2}$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(TM^\perp)$ , where  $\nabla^\perp$  is the normal connection induced  $\nabla$  on the normal bundle  $TM^\perp$ ,  $h$  is the second fundamental form and  $A_V$  is the fundamental tensor of Weingarten with respect to the normal section  $V$ . Moreover its well known that we have

$$g(h(X, Y), V) = g(A_V X, Y). \tag{2.3}$$

Let  $\bar{M}$  be a  $4n$ -dimensional manifold and  $g$  be a Riemann metric on  $\bar{M}$ . Then  $\bar{M}$  is said to be a quaternion Kaehlerian manifold, if there exist a 3-dimensional vector bundle  $V$  of type  $(1, 1)$  with local basis of almost Hermitian structures  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  satisfying

$$J_1 \circ J_2 = -J_2 \circ J_1 = J_3 \tag{2.4}$$

and

$$\bar{\nabla}_X J_a = \sum_{b=1}^3 Q_{ab}(X) J_b, a = 1, 2, 3 \tag{2.5}$$

for all vector fields  $X$  tangent to  $\bar{M}$ , where  $Q_{ab}$  are certain 1-forms locally defined on  $\bar{M}$  such that  $Q_{ab} + Q_{ba} = 0$

Let  $\bar{M}$  be quaternion Kaehler manifold and  $M$  be a real submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ . Then,  $M$  is said QR-submanifold if there exists a vector subbundle  $\nu$  of the normal bundle such that we have

$$J_a(\nu_x) = \nu_x \tag{2.6}$$

and

$$J_a(\nu_x^\perp) \subset T_M(x) \tag{2.7}$$

for  $x \in M$  and  $a = 1, 2, 3$ , where  $\nu^\perp$  is the complementary orthogonal bundle to  $\nu$  in  $TM^\perp[1]$ . Let  $M$  be a QR-submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ . Set  $D_{ax} = J_a(\nu_x^\perp)$ . We consider  $D_{1x} \oplus D_{2x} \oplus D_{3x} = D_x^\perp$  and  $3s$ - dimensional distribution  $D^\perp : x \rightarrow D_x^\perp$  globally defined on  $M$ , where  $s = \dim \nu_x^\perp$ . Also we have, for each  $x \in M$

$$J_a(D_{ax}) = \nu_x^\perp, J_a(D_{bx}) = D_{cx} \tag{2.8}$$

where  $(a, b, c)$  is a cyclic permutation of  $(1, 2, 3)$ . We denote by  $D$  the complementary orthogonal distribution to  $D^\perp$  in  $TM$ . Then  $D$  is invariant with respect to the action of  $J_a$  i.e. we have

$$J_a(D_x) = D_x \tag{2.9}$$

for any  $x \in M$ .  $D$  is called quaternion distribution.

Let  $M$  be a QR-submanifold of a quaternion Kaehler  $\bar{M}$ . Denote by  $P$  the projection morphism of  $TM$  to the quaternion distribution  $D$  and choose a local field of orthonormal frames  $\{v_1, \dots, v_s\}$  on the vector subbundle  $\nu^\perp$  in  $TM^\perp$ . Then on the distribution  $D^\perp$ , we have the local field of orthonormal frames

$$\{E_{11}, \dots, E_{1s}, E_{21}, \dots, E_{2s}, E_{31}, \dots, E_{3s}\} \quad (2.10)$$

where  $E_{ai} = J_a v_i$ ,  $a = 1, 2, 3$  and  $i = 1, \dots, s$ . Thus any vector field  $Y$  tangent to  $M$  can be written locally as follows

$$Y = PY + \sum_{b=1}^3 \sum_{i=1}^s W_{bi}(Y) E_{bi} \quad (2.11)$$

where  $W_{bi}$  are 1-forms locally defined on  $M$  by

$$W_{bi}(Y) = g(Y, E_{bi}). \quad (2.12)$$

Applying  $J_a$  to (2.11) and taking account of (2.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_a Y &= J_a P Y + \sum_{i=1}^s \{W_{bi}(Y) E_{ci} - W_{ci}(Y) E_{bi} \\ &\quad - W_{ai}(Y) v_i \} \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

where  $(a, b, c)$  is a cyclic permutation of  $(1, 2, 3)$ . For  $Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  we can decompose as follows

$$J_a Y = \phi_a Y + F_a Y, a = 1, 2, 3 \quad (2.14)$$

where  $\phi_a Y$  and  $F_a Y$  the tangential and normal parts of  $J_a Y$ , respectively. Similar way we get

$$J_a V = t_a V + f_a V. \quad (2.15)$$

We note that a QR-submanifold is called mixed geodesic if  $h(X, Y) = 0$  for  $X \in \Gamma(D)$  and  $Y \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$  and  $M$  is called mixed foliate if the distribution  $D$  is integrable and  $M$  is mixed geodesic [2].

Now, we state the following well known result for later use.

**Theorem 2.1** ([1]) *Let  $M$  be a QR-submanifold of a quaternion Kaehlerian manifold  $\overline{M}$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent with each other*  
 (i) *the second fundamental form of  $M$  satisfies*

$$h(X, J_a Y) = h(Y, J_a X)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(D), a = 1, 2, 3$ .

(ii)  *$M$  is  $D$ - geodesic*

(iii) *the quaternion distribution  $D$  is involutive.*

A quaternionic space form is a connected quaternion Kaehler manifold of constant quaternionic sectional curvature and its denoted by  $\overline{M}(c)$ . The curvature tensor of  $\overline{M}(c)$  is given by [7]

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{R}(X, Y)Z = & \frac{c}{4}\{g(Z, Y)X - g(X, Z)Y \\ & + \sum_{a=1}^3 g(Z, J_a Y)J_a X - g(Z, J_a X)J_a Y \\ & + 2g(X, J_a Y)J_a Z\} \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(T\overline{M})$ .

A normal vector field  $V$  is said to be parallel if  $\nabla_X V = 0$  for all  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ . Let  $H = \frac{1}{n} \text{trace} h$  be the mean curvature vector of  $M$  in  $\overline{M}$ . If second fundamental form  $h$  is of the form  $g(h(X, Y), H) = g(X, Y)g(H, H)$  for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , then  $M$  is said to be pseudo umbilical or equivalently  $A_H = \|H\|^2 I$ .

For the second fundamental form  $h$ , the covariant derivation  $(\nabla_X h)(Y, Z)$  is given by

$$(\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) = \nabla_X^\perp h(Y, Z) - h(\nabla_X Y, Z) - h(Y, \nabla_X Z) \quad (2.17)$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$ . On the other hand, for the submanifold  $M$  the equations of Gauss and Codazzi are respectively

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y, Z, W) = & \overline{R}(X, Y, Z, W) + g(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)) \\ & - g(h(X, Z), h(Y, W)) \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

$$(\overline{R}(X, Y)Z)^\perp = (\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y h)(X, Z) \quad (2.19)$$

for any  $X, Y, Z, W \in \Gamma(TM)$  [7].

### 3. On QR-Submanifolds of a Quaternionic Space Form

We shall give some lemmas for later use.

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $\overline{M}$  be a quaternion Kaehlerian manifold and  $M$  be a QR-submanifold of  $\overline{M}$ . Then  $M$  is mixed geodesic if and only if*

$$A_V X \in \Gamma(D) \tag{3.1}$$

for any  $X \in \Gamma(D)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(TM^\perp)$ .

**Proof.** By the definition of mixed geodesic QR-submanifold and from the equation (2.3) we have the assertion of the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2** *Let  $\overline{M}$  be a quaternion Kaehlerian manifold and  $M$  be a mixed geodesic QR-submanifold of  $\overline{M}$ . Then*

$$A_{J_a W_i} X = J_a A_{W_i} X \tag{3.2}$$

and

$$\nabla_X^\perp W_i \in \Gamma(\nu) \tag{3.3}$$

$X \in \Gamma(D)$  and  $W_i \in \Gamma(\nu)$ .

**Proof.** From (2.5) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\nabla}_X J_a W_i &= (\overline{\nabla}_X J_a) W_i + J_a \overline{\nabla}_X W_i \\ &= Q_{ab}(X) J_b W_i + Q_{ac}(X) J_c W_i \\ &\quad + J_a \overline{\nabla}_X W_i. \end{aligned}$$

By using(2.1) and (2.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} -A_{J_a W_i} X + \nabla_X^\perp J_a W_i &= Q_{ab}(X) J_b W_i + Q_{ac}(X) J_c W_i \\ &\quad - J_a A_{W_i} X + J_a \nabla_X^\perp W_i \end{aligned}$$

since  $M$  is mixed geodesic, from (3.1) we derive

$$A_{J_a W_i} X = J_a A_{W_i} X$$

and

$$\nabla_X^\perp J_a W_i - Q_{ab}(X) J_b W_i - Q_{ac}(X) J_c W_i = J_a \nabla_X^\perp W_i.$$

The left hand side of this equation belongs to  $TM^\perp$ , thus  $\nabla_X^\perp W_i \in \Gamma(\nu)$ .

□

**Lemma 3.3** *Let  $M$  be a foliate QR-submanifold of quaternion Kaehler manifold. Then we have the following expression;*

$$g(A_{V_i} X, J_a Y) = g(A_{V_i} J_a X, Y) \tag{3.4}$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(D)$ ,  $V_i \in \Gamma(\nu^\perp)$

**Proof.** From (2.3) we have

$$g(A_{V_i} X, J_a Y) = g(h(X, J_a Y), V_i)$$

since  $D$  is integrable, from theorem 2.1 we get

$$g(A_{V_i} X, J_a Y) = g(h(J_a X, Y), V_i)$$

Thus we have  $g(A_{V_i} X, J_a Y) = g(A_{V_i} J_a X, Y)$ .

□

**Lemma 3.4** *Let  $M$  be a mixed geodesic QR-submanifold of quaternion Kaehler manifold. Then we have the following expression;*

$$\nabla_Y E_{ai} = Q_{ab}(Y) E_{bi} + Q_{ac}(Y) E_{ci} - J_a A_{V_i} Y + B_a \nabla_Y V_i \tag{3.5}$$

for any  $Y \in \Gamma(D)$ ,  $E_{ai} \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$ .



**Proof.** By using (2.5), (2.1) and (2.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\nabla}_X E_{ai} &= (\bar{\nabla}_X J_a) V_i + J_a \bar{\nabla}_X V_i \\
 &= Q_{ab}(X) J_b V_i + Q_{ac}(X) J_c V_i \\
 &\quad + J_a \bar{\nabla}_X V_i. \\
 \nabla_X E_{ai} + h(X, E_{ai}) &= Q_{ab}(X) E_{bi} + Q_{ac}(X) E_{ci} \\
 &\quad + J_a (-A_{V_i} X + \nabla_X^\perp V_i) \\
 &= Q_{ab}(X) E_{bi} + Q_{ac}(X) E_{ci} \\
 &\quad - J_a A_{V_i} X + B_a \nabla_X^\perp V_i \\
 &\quad + C_a \nabla_X^\perp V_i
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking account of that  $M$  is mixed geodesic we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla_X E_{ai} &= Q_{ab}(X) E_{bi} + Q_{ac}(X) E_{ci} \\
 &\quad - J_a A_{V_i} X + B_a \nabla_X^\perp V_i.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 3.5** *There exist no mixed foliate QR-submanifold of quaternionic space form with  $c > 0$ .*

**Proof.** We suppose that  $M$  is mixed foliate QR-submanifold of quaternionic space form with  $c > 0$ . First, from (2.16) and (2.19) we get

$$(\nabla_X h)(Y, E_{ai}) - (\nabla_Y h)(X, E_{ai}) = -\frac{c}{2} g(X, J_a Y) V_i$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(D)$  and  $E_{ai} \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$ . On the other hand, since  $M$  is mixed foliate we derive

$$h(X, \nabla_Y E_{ai}) - h(Y, \nabla_X E_{ai}) = -\frac{c}{2} g(X, J_a Y) V_i,$$

from (3.5) we have

$$-h(X, J_a A_{V_i} Y) + h(Y, J_a A_{V_i} X) = -\frac{c}{2}g(X, J_a Y)V_i.$$

Since  $M$  is mixed geodesic,  $A_{V_i} Y \in \Gamma(D)$ , from Theorem 1 we derive

$$-h(J_a X, A_{V_i} Y) + h(J_a Y, A_{V_i} X) = -\frac{c}{2}g(X, J_a Y)V_i.$$

Thus for  $X = J_a Y$  we derive

$$h(Y, A_{V_i} Y) + h(J_a Y, A_{V_i} J_a Y) = -\frac{c}{2}g(Y, Y)V_i$$

or

$$g(h(Y, A_{V_i} Y), V_i) + g(h(J_a Y, A_{V_i} J_a Y), V_i) = -\frac{c}{2}g(Y, Y)g(V_i, V_i)$$

by using (2.3) we obtain

$$g(A_{V_i} Y, A_{V_i} Y) + g(A_{V_i} J_a Y, A_{V_i} J_a Y) = -\frac{c}{2}g(Y, Y)g(V_i, V_i)$$

from (3.1) and (3.4) we get

$$g(A_{V_i} Y, A_{V_i} Y) + g(A_{V_i} Y, J_a A_{V_i} J_a Y) = -\frac{c}{2}g(Y, Y)g(V_i, V_i)$$

$$g(A_{V_i} Y, A_{V_i} Y) + g(A_{V_i} Y, A_{V_i} Y) = -\frac{c}{2}g(Y, Y)g(V_i, V_i)$$

$$2g(A_{V_i} Y, A_{V_i} Y) = -\frac{c}{2}g(Y, Y)g(V_i, V_i)$$

thus we have

$$0 \leq 2g(A_{V_i} Y, A_{V_i} Y) = -\frac{c}{2}g(Y, Y)g(V_i, V_i)$$

which proves assertion.

□

**Theorem 3.6** *There exist no pseudo umbilical QR-submanifold of a quaternionic space form  $\overline{M}(c), c \neq 0$  with nonzero parallel mean curvature vector field.*

**Proof.** We suppose that  $M$  be a pseudo umbilical submanifold of  $\overline{M}(c), c \neq 0$  with nonzero parallel mean curvature vector field. Then we have

$$\overline{\nabla}_X H = -A_H X = -\|H\|^2 X, \forall X \in \Gamma(TM)$$

where  $\|H\|$  is a constant . Therefore we have

$$\overline{R}(X, Y)H = 0.$$

On the other hand, from (2.16) we get

$$g(\overline{R}(X, Y)H, J_1 H) = \frac{c}{2}g(X, J_1 Y)g(H, H)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(D)$  . Since  $D$  is nondegenerate and  $g(H, H) \neq 0$  we have  $c = 0$

□

#### 4. A Theorem on QR-Submanifolds in Quaternion Kaehler Manifolds with $\dim \nu^\perp = 1$

Let  $N$  be  $(4m + 3)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold and  $(\phi_a, \xi_a, \eta_a)$  be three almost contact structures on  $N$ . i.e. We have

$$\phi_a^2 X = -X + \eta_a(X)\xi_a, \phi_a \xi_a = 0 \tag{4.1}$$

$$\eta_a(\xi_a) = 1, \eta_a \circ \phi_a = 0 \tag{4.2}$$

where  $X$  tangent to  $N$ . Suppose that almost contact structures satisfy the following conditions

$$\eta_a(\xi_b) = 0, a \neq b, \phi_a(\xi_b) = -\phi_b(\xi_a) = \xi_c \tag{4.3}$$

$$\eta_a \circ \phi_b = -\eta_b \circ \phi_a = \eta_c \tag{4.4}$$

$$(\phi_a \circ \phi_b)(X) - \xi_a(\eta_b(X)) = (\phi_b \circ \phi_a)(X) - \xi_b(\eta_a(X)) = \phi_c X \tag{4.5}$$

for any cyclic permutation  $(a, b, c)$  of  $(1, 2, 3)$ . Then, we say that  $N$  is endowed with an almost contact 3-structure [5]. If  $N$  is a Riemannian manifold, then we can choose a Riemann metric  $g$  on  $M$  such that we have

$$g(\phi_a X, \phi_a Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta_a(X)\eta_a(Y) \tag{4.6}$$

$$\eta_a(X) = g(X, \xi_a) \tag{4.7}$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TN)$ . In this case we say that  $(\phi_a, \xi_a, \eta_a)$ ,  $a = 1, 2, 3$ . define almost contact metric structure (see, [5]). Taking account of (4.1) and (4.6), we obtain

$$g(\phi_a X, Y) + g(X, \phi_a Y) = 0. \tag{4.8}$$

**Definition 4.1** *An almost contact 3-structure  $(\phi_a, \xi_a, \eta_a)$  is*

*a) a 3-cosymplectic structure if*

$$(\nabla_X \phi_a)Y = 0, (\nabla_X \eta_a)Y = 0 \tag{4.9}$$

*b) a 3-Sasakian structure if*

$$(\nabla_X \phi_a)Y = \eta_a(Y)X - g(X, Y)\xi_a \tag{4.10}$$

*c) a quasi-3-Sasakian if*

$$g((\nabla_X \phi_a)Y, Z) + g((\nabla_Y \phi_a)Z, X) + g((\nabla_Z \phi_a)X, Y) = 0 \tag{4.11}$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the Levi-Civita connection and  $X, Y, Z$  are arbitrary vector fields on  $N$ .

Now, Let  $M$  be a QR-submanifold of quaternion Kaehler manifold  $\overline{M}$  such that the dimension  $\nu^\perp$  is equal to one. In this case  $\nu^\perp$  is generated by unit vector field, say  $N$ . Let  $-J_a(N) = \xi_a$ ,  $a = 1, 2, 3$ . and hence the distributions  $D_a$  are generated by the vector fields  $\xi_a$ . Since  $\nu^\perp$  is generated by unit vector field, we have

$$J_a Y = \phi_a Y + \eta_a(Y)N \tag{4.12}$$

for any  $Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , where  $\eta_a(Y) = g(Y, \xi_a)$ .

In this section we will make use of the following proposition whose proof was given in [4].

From now on we will denote by  $M$  a QR-submanifold with  $\dim \nu^\perp = 1$ .

**Proposition 4.2** *Let  $\overline{M}$  be a quaternion Kaehler manifold and  $M$  be QR-submanifold of  $\overline{M}$ . Then  $M$  is a manifold with almost contact 3-structure. i.e. tensor field  $\phi_a$  of type  $(1,1)$ , 1-form  $\eta_a$  and  $\xi_a$  satisfy (4.1)-(4.7)*

Let  $M$  be a QR-submanifold of quaternion Kaehler manifold  $\overline{M}$ . Then by using (2.1), (2.2),(2.3),(2.14) and (4.12) in (2.5) and taking the tangent parts we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g((\nabla_X \phi_a) Y), Z) &= \eta_a(Y)\alpha(X, Z) - \alpha(X, Y)\eta_a(Z) \\ &\quad + \{\alpha(X, \xi_c) + \eta_b(\nabla_X \xi_a)\}g(\phi_b Y, Z) \\ &\quad + \{-\alpha(X, \xi_b) + \eta_c(\nabla_X \xi_a)\}g(\phi_c Y, Z) \end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

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

**Theorem 4.3** *Let  $\overline{M}$  be a quaternion Kaehler manifold and  $M$  be QR-submanifold of  $\overline{M}$ . If  $h(X, \xi_a)$ ,  $a = 1, 2, 3$  have no components in  $\nu^\perp$  and  $D_a$ ,  $a = 1, 2, 3$  are parallel in  $M$ . Then  $M$  is a manifold with quasi Sasakian 3-structure.*

**Proof.** From (4.13) we have

$$\begin{aligned} g((\nabla_X \phi_a) Y), Z) &= \eta_a(Y)\alpha(X, Z) - \alpha(X, Y)\eta_a(Z) \\ &\quad + \{\alpha(X, \xi_c) + \eta_b(\nabla_X \xi_a)\}g(\phi_b Y, Z) \\ &\quad + \{-\alpha(X, \xi_b) + \eta_c(\nabla_X \xi_a)\}g(\phi_c Y, Z), \end{aligned} \tag{4.14}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g((\nabla_Y \phi_a) Z), X) &= \eta_a(Z)\alpha(Y, X) - \alpha(Y, Z)\eta_a(X) \\ &\quad + \{\alpha(Y, \xi_c) + \eta_b(\nabla_Y \xi_a)\}g(\phi_b Z, X) \\ &\quad + \{-\alpha(Y, \xi_b) + \eta_c(\nabla_Y \xi_a)\}g(\phi_c Z, X) \end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} g((\nabla_Z \phi_a) X), Y) &= \eta_a(X)\alpha(Z, Y) - \alpha(Z, X)\eta_a(Y) \\ &\quad - \{\alpha(Z, \xi_c) + \eta_b(\nabla_Z \xi_a)\}g(\phi_b X, Y) \\ &\quad + \{-\alpha(Z, \xi_b) + \eta_c(\nabla_Z \xi_a)\}g(\phi_c X, Y), \end{aligned} \tag{4.16}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$ . Thus using (4.14),(4.15) and (4.16) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &g((\nabla_X \phi_a) Y, Z) + g((\nabla_Y \phi_a) Z, X) \\
 +g((\nabla_Z \phi_a) X, Y) &= \{\alpha(X, \xi_c) + \eta_b(\nabla_X \xi_a)\}g(\phi_b Y, Z) \\
 &+ \{-\alpha(X, \xi_b) + \eta_c(\nabla_X \xi_a)\}g(\phi_c Y, Z) \\
 &+ \{\alpha(Y, \xi_c) + \eta_b(\nabla_Y \xi_a)\}g(\phi_b Z, X) \\
 &+ \{-\alpha(Y, \xi_b) + \eta_c(\nabla_Y \xi_a)\}g(\phi_c Z, X) \\
 &+ \{\alpha(Z, \xi_c) + \eta_b(\nabla_Z \xi_a)\}g(\phi_b X, Y) \\
 &+ \{-\alpha(Z, \xi_b) + \eta_c(\nabla_Z \xi_a)\}g(\phi_c X, Y)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence if  $D_a, a = 1, 2, 3$  are parallel and  $\alpha(X, \xi_a) = 0$ , then  $M$  is a manifold with 3-quasi Sasakian structure. □

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