

## ON TWO DIFFERENT CLASSES OF WARPED PRODUCT SUBMANIFOLDS OF KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. Warped product skew CR-submanifold of the form  $M = M_1 \times_f M_\perp$  of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$  (throughout the paper), where  $M_1 = M_T \times M_\theta$  and  $M_T, M_\perp, M_\theta$  represents invariant, anti-invariant and proper slant submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ , studied in [28] and another class of warped product skew CR-submanifold of the form  $M = M_2 \times_f M_T$  of  $\bar{M}$ , where  $M_2 = M_\perp \times M_\theta$  is studied in [19]. Also the warped product submanifold of the form  $M = M_3 \times_f M_\theta$  of  $\bar{M}$ , where  $M_3 = M_T \times M_\perp$  and  $M_T, M_\perp, M_\theta$  represents invariant, anti-invariant and proper point wise slant submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ , were studied in [18]. As a generalization of the above mentioned three classes, we consider a class of warped product submanifold of the form  $M = M_4 \times_f M_{\theta_3}$  of  $\bar{M}$ , where  $M_4 = M_{\theta_1} \times M_{\theta_2}$  in which  $M_{\theta_1}$  and  $M_{\theta_2}$  are proper slant submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  and  $M_{\theta_3}$  represents a proper pointwise slant submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ . A characterization is given on the existence of such warped product submanifolds which generalizes the characterization of warped product submanifolds of the form  $M = M_1 \times_f M_\perp$ , studied in [28], the characterization of warped product submanifolds of the form  $M = M_2 \times_f M_T$ , studied in [19], the characterization of warped product submanifolds of the form  $M = M_3 \times_f M_\theta$ , studied in [18] and also the characterization of warped product pointwise bi-slant submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$ , studied in [17]. Since warped product bi-slant submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  does not exist (Theorem 4.2 of [17]), the Riemannian product  $M_4 = M_{\theta_1} \times M_{\theta_2}$  cannot be a warped product. So, for studying the bi-warped product submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  of the form  $M_{\theta_1} \times_{f_1} M_{\theta_2} \times_{f_2} M_{\theta_3}$ , we have taken  $M_{\theta_1}, M_{\theta_2}, M_{\theta_3}$  as pointwise slant submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  of distinct slant functions  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$  respectively. The existence of such type of bi-warped product submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  is ensured by an example. Finally, a Chen-type inequality on the squared norm of the second fundamental form of such bi-warped product submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  is obtained which also generalizes the inequalities obtained in [33], [18] and [17], respectively.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The warped product [5] between two Riemannian manifolds  $(N_1, g_1)$  and  $(N_2, g_2)$  is the Riemannian manifold  $N_1 \times_f N_2 = (N_1 \times N_2, g)$ , where

$$g = \pi_1^*(g_1) + (f \circ \pi_1)^2 \pi_2^*(g_2),$$

where  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are canonical projections of  $M_1 \times M_2$  onto  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , respectively and  $\pi_i^*(g_i)$  is the pullback of  $g_i$  via  $\pi_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$  and  $f : N_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a smooth function.

A warped product manifold  $N_1 \times_f N_2$  is said to be trivial if  $f$  is constant. For  $M = N_1 \times_f N_2$ , we have [5]

$$(1.1) \quad \nabla_U X = \nabla_X U = (X \ln f)U,$$

for any  $X \in \Gamma(TN_1)$  and  $U \in \Gamma(TN_2)$ .

The study of warped product submanifold was initiated in [8–10]. Then many authors have studied warped product submanifolds of different ambient manifolds, see [15–17, 20]. In [31], Tanno classified almost contact metric manifolds in three different classes among which the third class was picked up by Kenmotsu in 1972 and he studied its differential geometric properties [21]. This class later named after him by Kenmotsu manifold which is very important class to study. Warped product submanifolds of Kenmotsu manifolds are also studied in ([1–3], [22], [23], [26], [27], [32]–[38]). Multiply warped products (see [11, 12, 38]) are generalizations of warped product and Riemannian product manifolds and bi-warped products are special classes of multiply warped products. Bi-warped product submanifolds of different ambient manifolds are studied in [33, 35]. For the study of slant immersion and slant submanifolds in contact metric manifolds we refer [6, 7, 24]. In [29] Park studied pointwise slant and pointwise semi slant submanifolds of almost contact Riemannian manifolds.

Recently, Roy et al. studied the characterization theorem on warped product submanifold of Sasakian manifolds in [30]. Motivated by the above studies, in this present paper we have studied warped product submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  of the form  $M = M_4 \times_f M_{\theta_3}$  of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\xi \in \Gamma(TM_4)$ , where  $M_4 = M_{\theta_1} \times M_{\theta_2}$ ,  $M_{\theta_1}$ ,  $M_{\theta_2}$  are proper slant submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  and here  $M_{\theta_3}$  represents a proper pointwise slant submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ . Next we have studied bi-warped product submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  of the form  $M_{\theta_1} \times_{f_1} M_{\theta_2} \times_{f_2} M_{\theta_3}$ , where  $M_{\theta_1}$ ,  $M_{\theta_2}$ ,  $M_{\theta_3}$  are pointwise slant submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  of distinct slant functions  $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$ , respectively.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 deals with some preliminary useful results for construction of the paper, Section 3 is concerned with the study of a class of submanifold  $M$  of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $TM = \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  are slant distributions and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  is pointwise slant distribution. In Section 4, we have studied warped product submanifolds of the form  $M = M_4 \times_f M_{\theta_3}$  of  $\bar{M}$  where  $M_4 = M_{\theta_1} \times M_{\theta_2}$  such that  $\xi$  is orthogonal to  $M_{\theta_3}$  with an supporting example. In Section 5, a characterization theorem of the mentioned class has been obtained,

Section 6 deals with bi-warped product submanifolds  $M = M_{\theta_1} \times_{f_1} M_{\theta_2} \times_{f_2} M_{\theta_3}$  of  $\bar{M}$ , where  $M_{\theta_1}, M_{\theta_2}, M_{\theta_3}$  are pointwise slant submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  and constructed an example. In Section 7, we have obtained a generalized inequality for such class of bi-warped product submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$ . The last section is the conclusion part of the paper where we have shown how the results of this paper generalizes several results of different works.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

An odd dimensional smooth manifold  $\bar{M}^{2m+1}$  is said to be an almost contact metric manifold [4] if it admits a  $(1, 1)$  tensor field  $\phi$ , a vector field  $\xi$ , an 1-form  $\eta$  and a Riemannian metric  $g$  which satisfy

$$(2.1) \quad \phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad \phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi,$$

$$(2.2) \quad g(\phi X, Y) = -g(X, \phi Y), \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi), \quad \eta(\xi) = 1,$$

$$(2.3) \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $\bar{M}^{2m+1}$ .

An almost contact metric manifold  $\bar{M}^{2m+1}(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be Kenmotsu manifold if the following conditions hold [21]:

$$(2.4) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi,$$

$$(2.5) \quad (\bar{\nabla}_X \phi)(Y) = g(\phi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi X,$$

where  $\bar{\nabla}$  denotes the Riemannian connection of  $g$ .

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$ . Throughout the paper we assume that the submanifold  $M$  of  $\bar{M}$  is tangent to the structure vector field  $\xi$ .

Let  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^\perp$  be the induced connections on the tangent bundle  $TM$  and the normal bundle  $T^\perp M$  of  $M$  respectively. Then the Gauss and Weingarten formulae are given by

$$(2.6) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y)$$

and

$$(2.7) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X V = -A_V X + \nabla_X^\perp V,$$

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ , where  $h$  and  $A_V$  are second fundamental form and the shape operator (corresponding to the normal vector field  $V$ ) respectively for the immersion of  $M$  into  $\bar{M}$ . The second fundamental form  $h$  and the shape operator  $A_V$  are related by  $g(h(X, Y), V) = g(A_V X, Y)$  for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ , where  $g$  is the Riemannian metric on  $\bar{M}$  as well as on  $M$ .

The mean curvature  $H$  of  $M$  is given by  $H = \frac{1}{n} \text{trace } h$ . A submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$  is said to be totally umbilical if  $h(X, Y) = g(X, Y)H$  for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ . If  $h(X, Y) = 0$  for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , then  $M$  is totally geodesic and if  $H = 0$ , then  $M$  is minimal in  $\bar{M}$ .

Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be an orthonormal basis of the tangent bundle  $TM$  and  $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2m+1}\}$  an orthonormal basis of the normal bundle  $T^\perp M$ . We put

$$h_{ij}^r = g(h(e_i, e_j), e_r) \quad \text{and} \quad \|h\|^2 = g(h(e_i, e_j), h(e_i, e_j)),$$

for  $r \in \{n + 1, \dots, 2m + 1\}$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

For a differentiable function  $f$  on  $M$ , the gradient  $\nabla f$  is defined by

$$g(\nabla f, X) = Xf,$$

for any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ . As a consequence, we get

$$(2.8) \quad \|\nabla f\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (e_i(f))^2.$$

For any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ , we can write

$$(a) \quad \phi X = PX + QX;$$

$$(b) \quad \phi V = bV + cV,$$

where  $PX, bV$  are the tangential components and  $QX, cV$  are the normal components.

A submanifold  $M$  of an almost contact metric manifold  $\bar{M}$  is said to be slant if for each non-zero vector  $X \in T_p M$ , the angle  $\theta$  between  $\phi X$  and  $T_p M$  is constant, i.e., it does not depend on the choice of  $p \in M$ .

A submanifold  $M$  of an almost contact metric manifold  $\bar{M}$  is said to be pointwise slant [13] if for any non-zero vector  $X \in T_p M$  at  $p \in M$ , such that  $X$  is not proportional to  $\xi_p$ , the angle  $\theta(X)$  between  $\phi X$  and  $T_p^* M = T_p M - \{0\}$  is independent of the choice of non-zero  $X \in T_p^* M$ .

For pointwise slant submanifold,  $\theta$  is a function on  $M$ , which is known as slant function of  $M$ . Invariant and anti-invariant submanifolds are particular cases of pointwise slant submanifolds with slant function  $\theta = 0$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  respectively. Also a pointwise slant submanifold  $M$  will be slant if  $\theta$  is constant on  $M$ . Thus a pointwise slant submanifold is proper if neither  $\theta = 0, \frac{\pi}{2}$  nor constant. It may be noted that [25]  $M$  is a pointwise slant submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  if and only if exists a constant  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  such that

$$(2.9) \quad P^2 = \lambda(-I + \eta \otimes \xi).$$

Furthermore,  $\lambda = \cos^2 \theta$  for slant function  $\theta$ . If  $M$  be a pointwise slant submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ , then we have [34]:

$$(2.10) \quad bQX = \sin^2 \theta \{-X + \eta(X)\xi\}, \quad cQX = -QPX.$$

Let  $M_1, M_2, M_3$  be Riemannian manifolds and let  $M = M_1 \times_{f_1} M_2 \times_{f_2} M_3$  be the product manifold of  $M_1, M_2, M_3$  such that  $f_1, f_2 : M_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  are real valued smooth functions. For each  $i$ , denote by  $\pi_i : M \rightarrow M_i$  the canonical projection of  $M$  onto  $M_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Then the metric on  $M$ , called a bi-warped metric is given by

$$g(X, Y) = g(\pi_{1*} X, \pi_{2*} Y) + (f_1 \circ \pi_1)^2 g(\pi_{2*} X, \pi_{2*} Y) + (f_2 \circ \pi_1)^2 g(\pi_{3*} X, \pi_{3*} Y),$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $*$  denotes the symbol for tangent maps. The manifold  $M$  endowed with this product metric is called a bi-warped product manifold. Here  $f_1, f_2$  are non-constant functions, called warping functions on  $M$ . Clearly, if both  $f_1, f_2$  are constant on  $M$ , then  $M$  is simply a Riemannian product manifold and if anyone of the functions is constant, then  $M$  is a single warped product manifold. If neither  $f_1$  nor  $f_2$  is constant, then  $M$  is a proper bi-warped product manifold.

Let  $M = M_1 \times_{f_1} M_2 \times_{f_2} M_3$  be a warped product submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ . Then we have [35]

$$\nabla_X Z = \sum_{i=1}^2 (X(\ln f_i))Z^i,$$

for any  $X \in \mathcal{D}^1$ , the tangent space of  $M_1$  and  $Z \in \Gamma(TN)$ , where  $N =_{f_1} M_2 \times_{f_2} M_3$  and  $Z^i$  is  $M_i$  components of  $Z$  for each  $i = 2, 3$  and  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection on  $M$ .

### 3. SUBMANIFOLDS OF $\bar{M}$

In this section we consider submanifold  $M$  of  $\bar{M}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} TM &= \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle, \\ T^\perp M &= Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3} \oplus \nu, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\nu$  is a  $\phi$ -invariant normal subbundle of  $T^\perp M$ .

If  $M$  is such submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ , then for any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$  we have

$$(3.1) \quad X = T_1 X + T_2 X + T_3 X,$$

where  $T_1, T_2$  and  $T_3$  are the projections from  $TM$  onto  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$ , respectively.

If we put  $P_1 = T_1 \circ P, P_2 = T_2 \circ P$  and  $P_3 = T_3 \circ P$  then from (3.1), we get

$$(3.2) \quad \phi X = P_1 X + P_2 X + P_3 X + QX,$$

for  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ .

From (2.9) and (3.2), we get

$$(3.3) \quad P_i^2 = \cos^2 \theta_i (-I + \eta \otimes \xi), \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, 3.$$

Now for the sake of further study we obtain the following useful results.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be a submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $TM = \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  and  $\xi \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2})$  then the following relations hold:*

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} (\sin^2 \theta_1 - \sin^2 \theta_3)g(\nabla_{X_1} Y_1, X_3) &= g(A_{QP_1 Y_1} X_3 - A_{QY_1} P_3 X_3, X_1) \\ &\quad + g(A_{QP_3 X_3} Y_1 - A_{QX_3} P_1 Y_1, X_1), \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} (\sin^2 \theta_2 - \sin^2 \theta_3)g(\nabla_{X_2} Y_2, X_3) &= g(A_{QP_2 Y_2} X_3 - A_{QY_2} P_3 X_3, X_2) \\ &\quad + g(A_{QP_3 X_3} Y_2 - A_{QX_3} P_2 Y_2, X_2), \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} (\sin^2 \theta_2 - \sin^2 \theta_3)g(\nabla_{X_1} X_2, X_3) &= g(A_{QP_2 X_2} X_3 - A_{QX_2} P_3 X_3, X_1) \\ &\quad + g(A_{QP_3 X_3} X_2 - A_{QX_3} P_2 X_2, X_1), \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.7) \quad (\sin^2 \theta_1 - \sin^2 \theta_3)g(\nabla_{X_2} X_1, X_3) = g(A_{QP_1 X_1} X_3 - A_{QX_1} P_3 X_3, X_2) + g(A_{QP_3 X_3} X_1 - A_{QX_3} P_1 X_1, X_2),$$

for any  $X_1, Y_1 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle)$ ,  $X_2, Y_2 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle)$  and  $X_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$ .

*Proof.* For any  $X_1, Y_1 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle)$  and  $X_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$ , we have from (2.3), (2.5) and (3.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} g(\nabla_{X_1} Y_1, X_3) &= g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} P_1 Y_1, \phi X_3) + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} Q Y_1, \phi X_3) \\ &= -g(\phi \bar{\nabla}_{X_1} P_1 Y_1, X_3) + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} Q Y_1, P_3 X_3) + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} Q Y_1, Q X_3) \\ &= -g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} P_1^2 Y_1, X_3) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} Q P_1 Y_1, X_3) + g((\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} \phi) P_1 Y_1, X_3) \\ &\quad + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} Q Y_1, P_3 X_3) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} Q X_3, \phi Y_1) + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} Q X_3, P_1 Y_1) \\ &= -g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} P_1^2 Y_1, X_3) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} Q P_1 Y_1, X_3) + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} Q Y_1, P_3 X_3) \\ &\quad + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} b Q X_3, Y_1) + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} c Q X_3, Y_1) + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} Q X_3, P_1 Y_1). \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.7), (2.10) and (3.3), the above equation reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} g(\nabla_{X_1} Y_1, X_3) &= \cos^2 \theta_1 g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} Y_1, X_3) + g(A_{QP_1 Y_1} X_3, X_1) - g(A_{QY_1} P_3 X_3, X_1) \\ &\quad + \sin^2 \theta_3 g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} Y_1, X_3) + g(A_{QP_3 X_3} Y_1, X_1) - g(A_{QX_3} P_1 Y_1, X_1), \end{aligned}$$

from which the relation (3.4) follows.

The relations (3.5)–(3.7) follow similarly. □

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be a submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  where  $TM = \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  such that  $\xi \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2})$ . Then the following relations hold:*

$$(3.8) \quad (\sin^2 \theta_3 - \sin^2 \theta_1)g(\nabla_{X_3} Y_3, X_1) = g(A_{QP_3 Y_3} X_1 - A_{QY_3} P_1 X_1, X_3) + g(A_{QP_1 X_1} Y_3 - A_{QX_1} P_3 Y_3, X_3) + (\cos^2 \theta_3 - \cos^2 \theta_1)\eta(X_1)g(X_3, Y_3),$$

$$(3.9) \quad (\sin^2 \theta_3 - \sin^2 \theta_2)g(\nabla_{X_3} Y_3, X_2) = g(A_{QP_3 Y_3} X_2 - A_{QY_3} P_2 X_2, X_3) + g(A_{QP_2 X_2} Y_3 - A_{QX_2} P_3 Y_3, X_3) + (\cos^2 \theta_3 - \cos^2 \theta_2)\eta(X_2)g(X_3, Y_3),$$

for any  $X_1 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle)$ ,  $X_2 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle)$  and  $X_3, Y_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$ .

*Proof.* For any  $X_1 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle)$  and  $X_3, Y_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$ , we have from (2.3), (2.5) and (3.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} g(\nabla_{X_3} Y_3, X_1) &= g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} P_3 Y_3, \phi X_1) + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} Q Y_3, \phi X_1) - \eta(X_1)g(X_3, Y_3) \\ &= -g(\phi \bar{\nabla}_{X_3} P_3 Y_3, X_1) + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} Q Y_3, P_1 X_1) \\ &\quad + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} Q Y_3, Q X_1) - \eta(X_1)g(X_3, Y_3) \\ &= -g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} P_3^2 Y_3, X_1) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} Q P_3 Y_3, X_1) + g((\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} \phi) P_3 Y_3, X_1) \\ &\quad + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} Q Y_3, P_1 X_1) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} Q X_1, \phi Y_3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} QX_1, P_3Y_3) - \eta(X_1)g(X_3, Y_3) \\
 = &\cos^2 \theta_3 g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} Y_3, X_1) - \sin 2\theta_3 X_3(\theta_3)g(Y_3, X_1) \\
 &+ \cos^2 \theta_3 \eta(X_1)g(X_3, Y_3) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} QP_3Y_3, X_1) \\
 &+ g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} QY_3, P_1X_1) + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} bQX_1, Y_3) + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} cQX_1, Y_3) \\
 &- g((\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} \phi)QX_1, Y_3) + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} QX_1, P_3Y_3) - \eta(X_1)g(X_3, Y_3).
 \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.5), (2.7), (2.10), orthogonality of the distributions and symmetry of the shape operator, the above equation reduces to

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(\nabla_{X_3} Y_3, X_1) = &\cos^2 \theta_3 g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} Y_3, X_1) + \cos^2 \theta_3 \eta(X_1)g(X_3, Y_3) \\
 &+ g(A_{QP_3Y_3} X_1, X_3) - g(A_{QY_3} P_1X_1, X_3) \\
 &+ \sin^2 \theta_1 g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} Y_3, X_1) + g(A_{QP_1X_1} Y_3, X_3) \\
 &- g(A_{QX_1} P_3Y_3, X_3) - \cos^2 \theta_1 \eta(X_1)g(X_3, Y_3).
 \end{aligned}$$

Following the same computational procedure for any  $X_2 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle)$  and  $X_3, Y_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$  we can establish the relation (3.9). And hence, the lemma is proved.  $\square$

#### 4. WARPED PRODUCT SUBMANIFOLDS OF KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS

In this section we study warped product submanifolds of the form  $M = M_4 \times_f M_{\theta_3}$  of  $\bar{M}$  where  $M_4 = M_{\theta_1} \times M_{\theta_2}$  such that  $\xi$  is orthogonal to  $M_{\theta_3}$ . Here  $M_{\theta_1}, M_{\theta_2}$  represents proper slant submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  with slant angles  $\theta_1, \theta_2$ , respectively and  $M_{\theta_3}$  represents pointwise-slant submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  with slant function  $\theta_3$ .

Now we construct an example of a non-trivial warped product submanifold  $M$  of  $\bar{M}$  of the form  $M_4 \times_f M_{\theta_3}$ .

*Example 4.1.* Consider the Kenmotsu manifold  $M = \mathbb{R} \times_f \mathbb{C}^7$  with the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is given by

$$\phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^7 (X_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + Y_i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}) + Z \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^7 \left( X_i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} - Y_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right),$$

$\xi = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \eta = dt$  and  $g = \eta \otimes \eta + \sum_{i=1}^7 (dx^i \otimes dx^i + dy^i \otimes dy^i)$ . Let  $M$  be a submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  defined by the immersion  $\chi$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\chi(u, v, \theta, \phi, r, s, t) \\
 = &(u \cos \theta, u \sin \theta, 2u + 3v, 3u + 2v, v \cos \phi, v \sin \phi, 3\theta + 5\phi, 5\theta + 3\phi, v \cos \theta, v \sin \theta, \\
 &u \cos \phi, u \sin \phi, 2r + 5s, 5r + 2s, t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then the local orthonormal frame of  $TM$  is spanned by the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_1 = &\cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} + 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} + \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} + \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_6}, \\
 Z_2 = &3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} + \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} + \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_5},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_3 &= -u \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + u \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} + 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4} + 5 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_4} - v \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} + v \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_5}, \\ Z_4 &= -v \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + v \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} + 5 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4} + 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_4} - u \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} + u \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_6}, \\ Z_5 &= 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} + 5 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_7}, \quad Z_6 = 5 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} + 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_7} \quad \text{and} \quad Z_7 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi Z_1 &= \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} - \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} - 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_6} - \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6}, \\ \phi Z_2 &= 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} - 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} - \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_5} - \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5}, \\ \phi Z_3 &= -u \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} - u \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_4} - 5 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4} - v \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_5} - v \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5}, \\ \phi Z_4 &= -v \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} - v \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + 5 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_4} - 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4} - u \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_6} - u \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6}, \\ \phi Z_5 &= 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_7} - 5 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi Z_6 = 5 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_7} - 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7}. \end{aligned}$$

We take,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} = \text{Span}\{Z_1, Z_2\}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} = \text{Span}\{Z_5, Z_6\}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3} = \text{Span}\{Z_3, Z_4\}$ . Then it is clear that  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  are proper slant distributions with slant angles  $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\cos^{-1} \frac{21}{29}$ , respectively. Also,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  is a proper pointwise slant distribution with slant function  $\cos^{-1}(\frac{16}{u^2+v^2+34})$ .

Clearly,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  are integrable distributions. Let us say that  $M_4$  and  $M_{\theta_3}$  are integral submanifolds of  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$ , respectively. Then the metric tensor  $g_M$  of  $M$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} g_M &= 15(du^2 + dv^2) + 29(dr^2 + ds^2) + (u^2 + v^2 + 34)(d\theta^2 + d\phi^2) \\ &= g_{M_4} + (u^2 + v^2 + 34)g_{M_{\theta_3}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $M = M_4 \times_f M_{\theta_3}$  is a warped product submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  with the warping function  $f = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2 + 34}$ .

Next we obtain the following useful lemmas.

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $M = M_4 \times_f M_{\theta_3}$  be a warped product submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\xi \in M_4$ , where  $M_4 = M_{\theta_1} \times M_{\theta_2}$ ,  $M_{\theta_1}, M_{\theta_2}$  are proper slant submanifolds and  $M_{\theta_3}$  is a proper pointwise slant submanifold of  $M$ , then*

$$(4.1) \quad \xi \ln f = 1,$$

$$(4.2) \quad g(h(X_1, Y_1), QX_3) = g(h(X_1, X_3), QY_1),$$

$$(4.3) \quad g(h(X_2, Y_2), QX_3) = g(h(X_2, X_3), QY_2),$$

$$(4.4) \quad g(h(X_1, X_3), QX_2) = g(h(X_1, X_2), QX_3) = g(h(X_2, X_3), QX_1),$$

for  $X_1, Y_1 \in M_{\theta_1}$ ,  $X_2, Y_2 \in M_{\theta_2}$  and  $X_3, Y_3 \in M_{\theta_3}$ .

*Proof.* The proof of (4.1) is similar as in [28].

Now, for  $X_1, Y_1 \in M_{\theta_1}$  and  $X_3 \in M_{\theta_3}$ , we have from (2.5) and (3.3) that

$$(4.5) \quad g(h(X_1, X_3), QY_1) = -g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} P_3 X_3, Y_1) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} QX_3, Y_1) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} X_3, P_1 Y_1).$$

Then using (1.1) in (4.5), we get (4.2).

Proceeding the same, for any  $X_2, Y_2 \in M_{\theta_2}$  and  $X_3 \in M_{\theta_3}$ , we get (4.2).

Again, for any  $X_1 \in M_{\theta_1}$ ,  $X_2 \in M_{\theta_2}$  and  $X_3 \in M_{\theta_3}$  we have from (2.5) and (3.3) that

$$(4.6) \quad g(h(X_1, X_3), QX_2) = -g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} P_1 X_1, X_2) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} QX_1, X_2) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} X_1, P_2 X_2).$$

Using (1.1) in (4.6), we find

$$(4.7) \quad g(h(X_1, X_3), QX_2) = g(h(X_2, X_3), QX_1).$$

Also,

$$(4.8) \quad g(h(X_1, X_2), QX_3) = -g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} P_2 X_2, X_3) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} P_2 X_2, X_3) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_1} X_2, P_3 X_3).$$

Using (1.1) in (4.8), we get

$$(4.9) \quad g(h(X_1, X_2), QX_3) = g(h(X_1, X_3), QX_2).$$

Combining (4.7) and (4.9), we obtain (4.4). This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $M = M_4 \times_f M_{\theta_3}$  be a warped product submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\xi \in M_4$ , where  $M_4 = M_{\theta_1} \times M_{\theta_2}$ ,  $M_{\theta_1}$ ,  $M_{\theta_2}$  are proper slant submanifolds and  $M_{\theta_3}$  is a proper pointwise slant submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ , then*

$$(4.10) \quad g(h(X_3, X_1), QY_3) - g(h(X_3, Y_3), QX_1) \\ = \{(X_1 \ln f) - \eta(X_1)\}g(P_3 X_3, Y_3) - (P_1 X_1 \ln f)g(X_3, Y_3),$$

$$(4.11) \quad g(h(X_3, X_2), QY_3) - g(h(X_3, Y_3), QX_2) \\ = \{(X_2 \ln f) - \eta(X_2)\}g(P_3 X_3, Y_3) - (P_2 X_2 \ln f)g(X_3, Y_3),$$

$$(4.12) \quad g(h(X_3, Y_3), QP_1 X_1) - g(h(P_3 Y_3, X_3), QX_1) \\ + g(h(X_1, X_3), QP_3 Y_3) - g(h(P_1 X_1, X_3), QY_3) \\ = (\cos^2 \theta_1 - \cos^2 \theta_3)[\eta(X_1) - (X_1 \ln f)]g(X_3, Y_3),$$

$$(4.13) \quad g(h(X_3, Y_3), QP_2 X_2) - g(h(P_3 Y_3, X_3), QX_2) \\ + g(h(X_2, X_3), QP_3 Y_3) - g(h(P_2 X_2, X_3), QY_3) \\ = (\cos^2 \theta_2 - \cos^2 \theta_3)[\eta(X_2) - (X_2 \ln f)]g(X_3, Y_3),$$

for  $X_1 \in M_{\theta_1}$ ,  $X_2 \in M_{\theta_2}$  and  $X_3, Y_3 \in M_{\theta_3}$ .

*Proof.* From (2.5) and (3.3), we have for  $X_1 \in M_{\theta_1}$  and  $X_3, Y_3 \in M_{\theta_3}$  that

$$(4.14) \quad g(h(X_3, Y_3), QX_1) = -g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} X_1, P_3 Y_3) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} QY_3, X_1) \\ + \eta(X_1)g(\phi X_3, Y_3) + g(\bar{\nabla}_{X_3} P_1 X_1, Y_3).$$

Using (2.7) and (1.1) in (4.14), we get (4.10). Following the same procedure, for any  $X_2 \in M_{\theta_2}$  and  $X_3, Y_3 \in M_{\theta_3}$  we easily obtain (4.11).

Next, replacing  $X_1$  by  $P_1X_1$  and  $Y_3$  by  $P_3Y_3$  in (4.10), respectively and then adding the obtained equations, we get (4.12). Similarly, replacing  $X_2$  by  $P_2X_2$  and  $Y_3$  by  $P_3Y_3$  in (4.11), respectively and then adding the obtained equations, we get (4.13).  $\square$

### 5. CHARACTERIZATION

We prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $M$  be a submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $TM = \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  with  $\xi$  orthogonal to  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$ , then  $M$  is locally a warped product submanifold of the form  $M = M_4 \times_f M_{\theta_3}$  where  $M_4 = M_{\theta_1} \times M_{\theta_2}$  if and only if*

$$(5.1) \quad \begin{aligned} &A_{QP_1X_1}Y_3 - A_{QX_1}P_3Y_3 + A_{QP_3Y_3}X_1 - A_{QY_3}P_1X_1 \\ &= (\cos^2 \theta_3 - \cos^2 \theta_1)[X_1\mu - \eta(X_1)]Y_3, \end{aligned}$$

$$(5.2) \quad \begin{aligned} &A_{QP_2X_2}Y_3 - A_{QX_2}P_3Y_3 + A_{QP_3Y_3}X_2 - A_{QY_3}P_2X_2 \\ &= (\cos^2 \theta_3 - \cos^2 \theta_2)[X_2\mu - \eta(X_2)]Y_3, \end{aligned}$$

$$(5.3) \quad \xi\mu = 1,$$

for every  $X_1 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1})$ ,  $X_2 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2})$ ,  $X_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$  and for some smooth function  $\mu$  on  $M$  satisfying where  $(Y_3\mu) = 0$  for any  $Y_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M = M_4 \times_f M_{\theta_3}$  be a proper warped product submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $M_4 = M_{\theta_1} \times M_{\theta_2}$ . Denote the tangent space of  $M_{\theta_1}$ ,  $M_{\theta_2}$  and  $M_{\theta_3}$  by  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  respectively. Then from (4.2) we get

$$(5.4) \quad g(A_{QP_1X_1}Y_3 - A_{QX_1}P_3Y_3 + A_{QP_3Y_3}X_1 - A_{QY_3}P_1X_1, X_1) = 0.$$

Similarly, from (4.4) we get

$$(5.5) \quad g(A_{QP_1X_1}Y_3 - A_{QX_1}P_3Y_3 + A_{QP_3Y_3}X_1 - A_{QY_3}P_1X_1, X_2) = 0.$$

So, from (5.4) and (5.5) we conclude that

$$(5.6) \quad A_{QP_1X_1}Y_3 - A_{QX_1}P_3Y_3 + A_{QP_3Y_3}X_1 - A_{QY_3}P_1X_1 \in \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}.$$

Hence, from (4.12) and (5.6), relation (5.1) follows.

In similar way, in view of (4.3), (4.4) and (4.13) we get (5.2). The relation (5.3) is directly obtained from (4.1).

Conversely, let  $M$  be a submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $TM = \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  with  $\xi$  orthogonal to  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  and the conditions (5.1)–(5.3) satisfied. Then from (3.4) and (3.7), in view of (5.1), respectively we get

$$(5.7) \quad g(\nabla_{X_1}Y_1, X_3) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad g(\nabla_{X_2}X_1, X_3) = 0,$$

and also from (3.5), (3.6) in view of (5.2), respectively we get

$$(5.8) \quad g(\nabla_{X_2}Y_2, X_3) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad g(\nabla_{X_1}X_2, X_3) = 0.$$

Thus, from (5.7), (5.8) and the fact that  $\nabla_{X_3}\xi = 0$  we conclude that  $g(\nabla_E F, X_3) = 0$  for every  $E, F \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle)$ . Hence the leaves of  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle$  are totally geodesic in  $M$ .

Now, by virtue of (3.8), (5.1) yields

$$(5.9) \quad g([X_3, Y_3], X_1) = 0,$$

and by virtue of (3.9), (5.2) yields

$$(5.10) \quad g([X_3, Y_3], X_2) = 0.$$

Hence, from (5.9), (5.10) and the fact that  $h(A, \xi) = 0$ , for all  $A \in TM$ , we conclude that

$$g([X_3, Y_3], E) = 0, \quad \text{for all } X_3, Y_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}),$$

and  $E \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle)$ , consequently  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  is integrable.

Let  $h^{\theta_3}$  be the second fundamental form of  $M_{\theta_3}$  in  $\bar{M}$ . Then for any  $X_3, Y_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$  and  $X_1 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1})$ , from (3.8), we find

$$(5.11) \quad g(h^{\theta_3}(X_3, Y_3), X_1) = -(X_1\mu)g(X_3, Y_3).$$

Similarly, for  $X_2 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2})$ , from (3.9) we get

$$(5.12) \quad g(h^{\theta_3}(X_3, Y_3), X_2) = -(X_2\mu)g(X_3, Y_3).$$

Again, for any  $X_3, Y_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$ , in view of (5.3) we have

$$(5.13) \quad g(h^{\theta_3}(X_3, Y_3), \xi) = -(\xi\mu)g(X_3, Y_3).$$

Hence, from (5.11)–(5.13) we conclude that

$$g(h^\theta(X_3, Y_3), E) = -g(\nabla\mu, E)g(X_3, Y_3),$$

for every  $X_3, Y_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$  and  $E \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle)$ . Consequently,  $M_{\theta_3}$  is totally umbilical in  $\bar{M}$  with mean curvature vector  $H^{\theta_3} = -\nabla\mu$ .

Finally, we will show that  $H^{\theta_3}$  is parallel with respect to the normal connection  $\nabla^\perp$  of  $M_{\theta_3}$  in  $M$ . We take  $E \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle)$  and  $X_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$ , then we have

$$g(\nabla_{X_3}^\perp \nabla\mu, E) = g(\nabla_{X_3} \nabla^{\theta_1}\mu, X_1) + g(\nabla_{X_3} \nabla^{\theta_2}\mu, X_2) + g(\nabla_{X_3} \nabla^\xi\mu, \xi),$$

where  $\nabla^{\theta_1}$ ,  $\nabla^{\theta_2}$  and  $\nabla^\xi$  are the gradient components of  $\mu$  on  $M$  along  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  and  $\langle \xi \rangle$  respectively. Then by the property of Riemannian metric, the above equation reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} g(\nabla_{X_3}^\perp \nabla\mu, E) &= X_3g(\nabla^{\theta_1}\mu, X_1) - g(\nabla^{\theta_1}\mu, \nabla_{X_3}X_1) + X_3g(\nabla^{\theta_2}\mu, X_2) \\ &\quad - g(\nabla^{\theta_2}\mu, \nabla_{X_3}X_2) + X_3g(\nabla^\xi\mu, \xi) - g(\nabla^\xi\mu, \nabla_{X_3}\xi) \\ &= X_3(X_1\mu) - g(\nabla^{\theta_1}\mu, [X_3, X_1]) - g(\nabla^{\theta_1}\mu, \nabla_{X_1}X_3) \\ &\quad + X_3(X_2\mu) - g(\nabla^{\theta_2}\mu, [X_3, X_2]) - g(\nabla^{\theta_2}\mu, \nabla_{X_2}X_3) \\ &\quad + X_3(\xi\mu) - g(\nabla^\xi\mu, [X_3, \xi]) - g(\nabla^\xi\mu, \nabla_\xi X_3) \\ &= X_1(X_3\mu) + g(\nabla_{X_1} \nabla^{\theta_1}\mu, X_3) + X_2(X_3\mu) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ g(\nabla_{X_2} \nabla^{\theta_2} \mu, X_3) + \xi(X_3 \mu) - g(\nabla_{\xi} \nabla^{\xi} \mu, X_3) \\
 &= 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

since  $(X_3 \mu) = 0$  for every  $X_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$  and  $\nabla_{X_1} \nabla^{\theta_1} \mu + \nabla_{X_2} \nabla^{\theta_2} \mu + \nabla_{\xi} \nabla^{\xi} \mu = \nabla_E \nabla \mu$  is orthogonal to  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  for any  $E \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle)$  and  $\nabla \mu$  is the gradient along  $M_4$  and  $M_4$  is totally geodesic in  $\bar{M}$ . Hence, the mean curvature vector  $H^{\theta_3}$  of  $M_{\theta_3}$  is parallel. Thus,  $M_{\theta_3}$  is an extrinsic sphere in  $M$ . Hence, by Hiepko's Theorem (see [14]),  $M$  is locally a warped product submanifold. Thus, the proof is complete.  $\square$

### 6. BI-WARPED PRODUCT SUBMANIFOLDS

In this section we have studied bi-warped product submanifolds  $M = M_{\theta_1} \times_{f_1} M_{\theta_2} \times_{f_2} M_{\theta_3}$  of  $\bar{M}$ , where  $M_{\theta_1}, M_{\theta_2}, M_{\theta_3}$  are pointwise slant submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  and an supporting example has been constructed. We denote  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  as the tangent spaces of  $M_{\theta_1}, M_{\theta_2}, M_{\theta_3}$ , respectively.

Then we write

$$TM = \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle$$

and

$$T^{\perp}M = Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} \oplus Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} \oplus Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}.$$

*Example 6.1.* Consider the Kenmotsu manifold  $M = \mathbb{R} \times_f \mathbb{C}^{10}$  with the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is given by

$$\phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^{10} \left( X_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + Y_i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} \right) + Z \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} \left( X_i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} - Y_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right),$$

$\xi = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \eta = dt$  and  $g = \eta \otimes \eta + \sum_{i=1}^{10} (dx^i \otimes dx^i + dy^i \otimes dy^i)$ . Let  $M$  be a submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  defined by the immersion  $\chi$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\chi(u, v, \theta, \phi, r, s, t) \\
 &= (u \cos \theta, u \sin \theta, v \cos \phi, v \sin \phi, 3\theta + 5\phi, 5\theta + 3\phi, v \cos \theta, v \sin \theta, u \cos \phi, u \sin \phi, u \cos r, \\
 &\quad v \cos s, u \sin r, v \sin s, 3r + 2s, 2r + 3s, u \cos s, v \cos r, u \sin s, v \sin r, t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then the local orthonormal frame of  $TM$  is spanned by the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_1 &= \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} + \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} + \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_5} \\
 &\quad + \cos r \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} + \sin r \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} + \cos s \frac{\partial}{\partial x_9} + \sin s \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{10}}, \\
 Z_2 &= \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} + \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_4} \\
 &\quad + \cos s \frac{\partial}{\partial y_6} + \sin s \frac{\partial}{\partial y_7} + \cos r \frac{\partial}{\partial y_9} + \sin r \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{10}}, \\
 Z_3 &= -u \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + u \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} + 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + 5 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} - v \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4} + v \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_4},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_4 &= -v \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + v \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} + 5 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} - u \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} + u \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_5}, \\
 Z_5 &= -u \sin r \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} + u \cos r \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} + 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_8} + 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_8} - v \sin r \frac{\partial}{\partial y_9} + v \cos r \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{10}}, \\
 Z_6 &= V - Xv \sin s \frac{\partial}{\partial y_6} + v \cos s \frac{\partial}{\partial y_7} + 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_8} + 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_8} - u \sin s \frac{\partial}{\partial x_9} + u \cos s \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{10}}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$Z_7 = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi Z_1 &= \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} - \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_5} - \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} \\
 &\quad + \cos r \frac{\partial}{\partial y_6} + \sin r \frac{\partial}{\partial y_7} + \cos s \frac{\partial}{\partial y_9} + \sin s \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{10}}, \\
 \phi Z_2 &= \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} - \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_4} - \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4} \\
 &\quad - \cos s \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} - \sin s \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} - \cos r \frac{\partial}{\partial x_9} - \sin r \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{10}}, \\
 \phi Z_3 &= -u \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} - u \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} - 5 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} - v \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_4} - v \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4}, \\
 \phi Z_4 &= -v \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} - v \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + 5 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} - 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} - u \sin \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial y_5} - u \cos \phi \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5}, \\
 \phi Z_5 &= -u \sin r \frac{\partial}{\partial y_6} + u \cos r \frac{\partial}{\partial y_7} + 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_8} - 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_8} + v \sin r \frac{\partial}{\partial x_9} - v \cos r \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{10}}, \\
 \phi Z_6 &= v \sin s \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} - v \cos s \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} + 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_8} - 3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_8} - u \sin s \frac{\partial}{\partial y_9} + u \cos s \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{10}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We take  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} = \text{Span}\{Z_1, Z_2\}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} = \text{Span}\{Z_3, Z_4\}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3} = \text{Span}\{Z_5, Z_6\}$ . Then it is clear that  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  are proper pointwise slant distributions with slant functions  $\cos^{-1}\{\frac{1}{2} \cos(r - s)\}$ ,  $\cos^{-1}(\frac{16}{u^2+v^2+34})$  and  $\cos^{-1}(\frac{5}{u^2+v^2+13})$ , respectively. Clearly,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  are integrable distributions. Let us say that  $M_{\theta_1}$ ,  $M_{\theta_2}$  and  $M_{\theta_3}$  are integral submanifolds of  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$ , respectively. Then the metric tensor  $g_M$  of  $M$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_M &= 4(du^2 + dv^2) + (u^2 + v^2 + 34)(d\theta^2 + d\phi^2) + (u^2 + v^2 + 13)(dr^2 + ds^2) \\
 &= g_{M_{\theta_1}} + (u^2 + v^2 + 34)g_{M_{\theta_2}} + (u^2 + v^2 + 13)g_{M_{\theta_3}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $M = M_{\theta_1} \times_{f_1} M_{\theta_2} \times_{f_2} M_{\theta_3}$  is a bi-warped product submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  with the warping functions  $f_1 = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2 + 34}$  and  $f_2 = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2 + 13}$ .

**Proposition 6.1** ([33]). *Let  $M = M_{\theta_1} \times_{f_1} M_{\theta_2} \times_{f_2} M_{\theta_3}$  be a bi-warped product submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ . Then  $M$  is a single warped product if  $\xi$  is orthogonal to  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}$ .*

**Proposition 6.2** ([33]). *Let  $M = M_{\theta_1} \times_{f_1} M_{\theta_2} \times_{f_2} M_{\theta_3}$  be a bi-warped product submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\xi$  such that  $M$  is tangent to  $M_{\theta_1}$ . Then*

$$(6.1) \quad \xi(\ln f_i) = 1, \quad \text{for all } i = 1, 2.$$

**Lemma 6.1.** *Let  $M = M_{\theta_1} \times_{f_1} M_{\theta_2} \times_{f_2} M_{\theta_3}$  be a bi-warped product submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M_{\theta_1}$ . Then*

$$(6.2) \quad g(h(X_1, Y_1), QX_3) = g(h(X_1, X_3), QY_1),$$

$$(6.3) \quad g(h(X_2, Y_2), QX_3) = g(h(X_1, X_3), QY_2),$$

$$(6.4) \quad g(h(X_1, X_2), QX_3) = g(h(X_1, X_3), QX_2),$$

for every  $X_1, Y_1 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1})$ ,  $X_2, Y_2 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2})$  and  $X_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$ .

*Proof.* Proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 4.1. □

**Lemma 6.2.** *Let  $M = M_{\theta_1} \times_{f_1} M_{\theta_2} \times_{f_2} M_{\theta_3}$  be a bi-warped product submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M_{\theta_1}$ . Then*

$$(6.5) \quad \begin{aligned} &g(h(X_2, Y_2), QX_1) - g(h(X_1, X_2), QY_2) \\ &= (P_1 X_1 \ln f_1)g(X_2, Y_2) + [X_1(\ln f_1) - \eta(X_1)]g(X_2, P_2 Y_2), \end{aligned}$$

$$(6.6) \quad \begin{aligned} &g(h(X_3, Y_3), QX_1) - g(h(X_1, X_3), QY_3) \\ &= (P_1 X_1 \ln f_2)g(X_3, Y_3) + [X_1(\ln f_2) - \eta(X_1)]g(X_3, P_3 Y_3), \end{aligned}$$

$$(6.7) \quad \begin{aligned} &g(h(X_3, Y_3), QX_2) - g(h(X_2, X_3), QY_3) \\ &= (P_2 X_2 \ln f_2)g(X_3, Y_3) + X_2(\ln f_2)g(X_3, P_3 Y_3), \end{aligned}$$

for every  $X_1 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1})$ ,  $X_2, Y_2 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2})$  and  $X_3, Y_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$ .

*Proof.* Proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 4.2. □

**Lemma 6.3.** *Let  $M = M_{\theta_1} \times_{f_1} M_{\theta_2} \times_{f_2} M_{\theta_3}$  be a bi-warped product submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M_{\theta_1}$ . Then*

$$(6.8) \quad \begin{aligned} &g(h(X_1, Y_2), QP_2 X_2) - g(h(X_1, P_2 X_2), QY_2) \\ &= 2 \cos^2 \theta_2 \{ (X_1 \ln f_1) - \eta(X_1) \} g(X_2, Y_2), \end{aligned}$$

$$(6.9) \quad \begin{aligned} &g(h(X_1, X_3), QP_3 Y_3) - g(h(X_1, P_3 X_3), QY_3) \\ &= 2 \cos^2 \theta_3 \{ (X_1 \ln f_2) - \eta(X_1) \} g(X_3, Y_3), \end{aligned}$$

$$(6.10) \quad \begin{aligned} &g(h(X_2, X_3), QP_3 Y_3) - g(h(X_2, P_3 X_3), QY_3) \\ &= 2 \cos^2 \theta_3 (X_2 \ln f_2) g(X_3, Y_3), \end{aligned}$$

for every  $X_1 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1})$ ,  $X_2, Y_2 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2})$  and  $X_3, Y_3 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$ .

*Proof.* By polarization of (6.5), we get

$$(6.11) \quad \begin{aligned} g(h(X_2, Y_2), QX_1) - g(h(X_1, Y_2), QZ) &= (P_1 X_1 \ln f_1)g(X_2, Y_2) \\ &+ [X_1(\ln f_1) - \eta(X_1)]g(X_2, Y_2). \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting (6.11) from (6.4), we find

$$(6.12) \quad g(h(X_1, Y_2), QX_2) - g(h(X_1, X_2), QY_2) = 2[X_1(\ln f_1) - \eta(X_1)]g(X_2, P_2Y_2).$$

Replacing  $X_2$  by  $P_2X_2$  in (6.12), we get (6.8). Similarly, (6.9) follows from (6.6) and (6.10) follows from (6.7). □

**Theorem 6.1.** *Let  $M = M_{\theta_1} \times_{f_1} M_{\theta_2} \times_{f_2} M_{\theta_3}$  be a bi-warped product submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M_{\theta_1}$ . Then  $M$  can be  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} - \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} - \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  mixed totally geodesic but cannot be  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2} - \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  mixed totally geodesic.*

*Proof.* The theorem follows from Lemma 6.3. □

### 7. INEQUALITY

In this section, we establish a Chen-type inequality on a bi-warped product submanifold  $M = M_{\theta_1} \times_{f_1} M_{\theta_2} \times_{f_2} M_{\theta_3}$  of  $\bar{M}$  of dimension  $n$  such that  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M_{\theta_1}$ . We take  $\dim M_{\theta_1} = 2p + 1$ ,  $\dim M_{\theta_2} = 2q$ ,  $\dim M_{\theta_3} = 2s$  and their corresponding tangent spaces are  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$ , respectively. Assume that  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_p, e_{p+1} = \sec \theta_1 P_1 e_1, \dots, e_{2p} = \sec \theta_1 P_1 e_p, e_{2p+1} = \xi\}$ ,  $\{e_{2p+2} = e_1^*, \dots, e_{2p+q+1} = e_q^*, e_{2p+q+2} = e_{q+1}^* = \sec \theta_2 P_2 e_1^*, \dots, e_{2p+2q+1} = e_{2q}^* = \sec \theta_2 P_2 e_q^*\}$  and  $\{e_{2p+2q+2} = \hat{e}_1, \dots, e_{2p+2q+s+1} = \hat{e}_s, e_{2p+2q+s+2} = \hat{e}_{s+1} = \sec \theta_3 P_3 \hat{e}_1, \dots, e_{2p+2q+2s+1} = \hat{e}_{2s} = \sec \theta_3 P_3 \hat{e}_s\}$  are local orthonormal frames of  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$ , respectively. Then the local orthonormal frames for  $Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}$ ,  $Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$ ,  $Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  and  $\nu$  are  $\{\tilde{e}_1 = \csc \theta_1 Qe_1, \dots, \tilde{e}_p = \csc \theta_1 Qe_p, \tilde{e}_{p+1} = \csc \theta_1 \sec \theta_1 QP_1 e_1, \dots, \tilde{e}_{2p} = \csc \theta_1 \sec \theta_1 QP_1 e_p\}$ ,  $\{\tilde{e}_{2p+1} = \tilde{e}_1^* = \csc \theta_2 Qe_1^*, \dots, \tilde{e}_{2p+q} = \tilde{e}_q^* = \csc \theta_2 Qe_q^*, \tilde{e}_{2p+q+1} = \tilde{e}_{q+1}^* = \csc \theta_2 \sec \theta_2 QP_2 e_1^*, \dots, \tilde{e}_{2p+2q} = \tilde{e}_{2q}^* = \csc \theta_2 \sec \theta_2 QP_2 e_q^*\}$ ,  $\{\tilde{e}_{2p+2q+1} = \tilde{e}_1 = \csc \theta_3 Q\hat{e}_1, \dots, \tilde{e}_{2p+2q+s} = \tilde{e}_s = \csc \theta_3 Q\hat{e}_s, \tilde{e}_{2p+2q+s+1} = \tilde{e}_{s+1} = \csc \theta_3 \sec \theta_3 QP_3 \hat{e}_1, \dots, \tilde{e}_{2p+2q+2s} = \tilde{e}_{2s} = \csc \theta_3 \sec \theta_3 QP_3 \hat{e}_s\}$  and  $\{\tilde{e}_{2p+2q+2s+1}, \dots, \tilde{e}_{2m+1}\}$  of dimensions  $2p$ ,  $2q$ ,  $2s$  and  $(2m + 1 - n - 2p - 2q - 2s)$ , respectively.

**Theorem 7.1.** *Let  $M = M_{\theta_1} \times_{f_1} M_{\theta_2} \times_{f_2} M_{\theta_3}$  be both  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} - \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} - \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  mixed totally geodesic bi-warped product submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M_{\theta_1}$ . Then the squared norm of the second fundamental form satisfies*

$$(7.1) \quad \|h\|^2 \geq 2q \csc^2 \theta_1 (\cos^2 \theta_1 + \cos^2 \theta_2) (\|\nabla \ln f_1\|^2 - 1) + 2s \csc^2 \theta_1 (\cos^2 \theta_1 + \cos^2 \theta_3) (\|\nabla \ln f_2\|^2 - 1),$$

where  $2q = \dim M_{\theta_1}$ ,  $2s = \dim M_{\theta_3}$ ,  $\nabla \ln f_1$  and  $\nabla \ln f_2$  are the gradients of warping function  $\ln f_1$  and  $\ln f_2$  along  $M_{\theta_1}$  and  $M_{\theta_2}$ , respectively.

If the equality sign of (7.1) holds, then  $M_{\theta_1}$  is totally geodesic and  $M_{\theta_2}$ ,  $M_{\theta_3}$  are totally umbilical submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$ .

*Proof.* From the definition of  $h$ , we have

$$(7.2) \quad \|h\|^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^{2p+1} g(h(e_i, e_j), h(e_i, e_j)).$$

Now by decomposing (7.2) in our constructed frame fields, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|h\|^2 &= \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{i,j=1}^{2p+1} g(h(e_i, e_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2 + 2 \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{i=1}^{2p+1} \sum_{j=1}^{2q} g(h(e_i, e_j^*), \tilde{e}_r)^2 \\
 (7.3) \quad &+ 2 \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{i=1}^{2p+1} \sum_{j=1}^{2s} g(h(e_i, \hat{e}_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2 + \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{i,j=1}^{2q} g(h(e_i^*, e_j^*), \tilde{e}_r)^2 \\
 &+ 2 \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{i=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2s} g(h(e_i^*, \hat{e}_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2 + \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{i,j=1}^{2s} g(h(\hat{e}_i, \hat{e}_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Neglecting the  $\nu$  component terms of (7.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7.4) \quad |h|^2 &\geq \sum_{r=1}^{2p} \sum_{i,j=1}^{2p+1} g(h(e_i, e_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2 + \sum_{r=1}^{2q} \sum_{i,j=1}^{2p+1} g(h(e_i, e_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2 \\
 &+ \sum_{r=1}^{2s} \sum_{i,j=1}^{2p+1} g(h(e_i, e_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2 + 2 \sum_{i,r=1}^{2p} \sum_{j=1}^{2q} g(h(e_i, e_j^*), \tilde{e}_r)^2 \\
 &+ 2 \sum_{r,j=1}^{2q} \sum_{i=1}^{2p} g(h(e_i, e_j^*), \tilde{e}_r)^2 + 2 \sum_{r=1}^{2s} \sum_{i=1}^{2p} \sum_{j=1}^{2q} g(h(e_i, e_j^*), \tilde{e}_r)^2 \\
 &+ 2 \sum_{i,r=1}^{2p} \sum_{j=1}^{2s} g(h(e_i, \hat{e}_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2 + 2 \sum_{r=1}^{2q} \sum_{i=1}^{2p} \sum_{j=1}^{2s} g(h(e_i, \hat{e}_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2 \\
 &+ 2 \sum_{r,j=1}^{2s} \sum_{i=1}^{2p} g(h(e_i, \hat{e}_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2 + \sum_{r=1}^{2p} \sum_{i,j=1}^{2q} g(h(e_i^*, e_j^*), \tilde{e}_r)^2 \\
 &+ \sum_{i,j,r=1}^{2q} g(h(e_i^*, e_j^*), \tilde{e}_r)^2 + \sum_{r=1}^{2s} \sum_{i,j=1}^{2q} g(h(e_i^*, e_j^*), \tilde{e}_r)^2 \\
 &+ 2 \sum_{r=1}^{2p} \sum_{i=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2s} g(h(e_i^*, \hat{e}_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2 + 2 \sum_{i,r=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2s} g(h(e_i^*, \hat{e}_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2 \\
 &+ 2 \sum_{j,r=1}^{2s} \sum_{i=1}^{2q} g(h(e_i^*, \hat{e}_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2 + \sum_{r=1}^{2p} \sum_{i,j=1}^{2s} g(h(\hat{e}_i, \hat{e}_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2 \\
 &+ \sum_{r=1}^{2q} \sum_{i,j=1}^{2s} g(h(\hat{e}_i, \hat{e}_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2 + \sum_{i,j,r=1}^{2s} g(h(\hat{e}_i, \hat{e}_j), \tilde{e}_r)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

In view of Lemma (6.1), the second, third and thirteenth terms are equal to zero. Using the  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} - \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} - \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  mixed totally geodesic condition, seventh to thirteenth terms are also equal to zero. Also we can not find any relation for  $g(h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}), Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1})$ ,  $g(h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}), Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2})$ ,  $g(h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}), Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$ ,  $g(h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}), Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$ ,  $g(h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}), Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2})$  and  $g(h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}), Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3})$ , so we neglect first, eleventh, twelfth, fourteenth,

fifteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth terms of (7.4) and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|h\|^2 \geq & \csc^2 \theta_1 \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{i,j=1}^{2q} g(h(e_i^*, e_j^*), Qe_r)^2 + \csc^2 \theta_1 \sec^2 \theta_1 \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{i,j=1}^{2q} g(h(e_i^*, P_1 e_j^*), QP_1 e_r)^2 \\ & + \csc^2 \theta_1 \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{i,j=1}^{2s} g(h(\hat{e}_i, \hat{e}_j), Qe_r)^2 + \csc^2 \theta_1 \sec^2 \theta_1 \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{i,j=1}^{2s} g(h(\hat{e}_i, P_1 \hat{e}_j), QP_1 e_r)^2. \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of Lemma 6.2, the above relation yields

$$\begin{aligned} \|h\|^2 \geq & \csc^2 \theta_1 \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{i,j=1}^{2q} (P_1 e_r \ln f_1)^2 g(e_i^*, e_j^*)^2 \\ & + \csc^2 \theta_1 \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{i,j=1}^{2q} [(e_r \ln f_1) - \eta(e_r)]^2 g(e_i^*, P_2 e_j^*)^2 \\ & + \csc^2 \theta_1 \cos^2 \theta_1 \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{i,j=1}^{2q} (e_r \ln f_1)^2 g(e_i^*, e_j^*)^2 \\ & + \csc^2 \theta_1 \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{i,j=1}^{2q} (P_1 e_r \ln f_1)^2 g(e_i^*, P_2 e_j^*)^2 \\ & + \csc^2 \theta_1 \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{i,j=1}^{2s} (P_1 e_r \ln f_2)^2 g(\hat{e}_i, \hat{e}_j)^2 \\ & + \csc^2 \theta_1 \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{i,j=1}^{2q} [(e_r \ln f_2) - \eta(e_r)]^2 g(\hat{e}_i, P_3 \hat{e}_j)^2 \\ & + \csc^2 \theta_1 \cos^2 \theta_1 \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{i,j=1}^{2s} (e_r \ln f_2)^2 g(\hat{e}_i, \hat{e}_j)^2 \\ & + \csc^2 \theta_1 \sum_{r=1}^p \sum_{i,j=1}^{2s} (P_1 e_r \ln f_2)^2 g(\hat{e}_i, P_3 \hat{e}_j)^2 \\ = & 2q \csc^2 \theta_1 (1 + \sec^2 \theta_1 \cos^2 \theta_2) \sum_{r=1}^p (P_1 e_r \ln f_1)^2 \\ & + 2q \csc^2 \theta_1 (\cos^2 \theta_1 + \cos^2 \theta_2) \sum_{r=1}^p [(e_r \ln f_1) - \eta(e_r)]^2 \\ & + 2q \csc^2 \theta_1 (1 + \sec^2 \theta_1 \cos^2 \theta_3) \sum_{r=1}^p (P_1 e_r \ln f_2)^2 \\ & + 2q \csc^2 \theta_1 (\cos^2 \theta_1 + \cos^2 \theta_3) \sum_{r=1}^p [(e_r \ln f_2) - \eta(e_r)]^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we find

$$(7.5) \quad \|h\|^2 \geq 2q \csc^2 \theta_1 (\cos^2 \theta_1 + \cos^2 \theta_2) \left( \sum_{r=1}^{2p+1} (P_1 e_r \ln f_1)^2 - (\xi \ln f_1)^2 \right) \\ + 2s \csc^2 \theta_1 (\cos^2 \theta_1 + \cos^2 \theta_3) \left( \sum_{r=1}^{2p+1} (P_1 e_r \ln f_2)^2 - (\xi \ln f_2)^2 \right).$$

Using (2.8) and Proposition 6.2, in (7.5), we get the inequality (7.1). If equality of (7.1) holds, for omitting  $\nu$  components terms of (6.3), we get

$$h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}) \perp \nu, \quad h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}) \perp \nu, \quad h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}) \perp \nu, \quad h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}) \perp \nu.$$

Also, for neglecting terms of (7.4), we obtain  $h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}) \perp Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}$ ,  $h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}) \perp Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$ ,  $h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}) \perp Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$ ,  $h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}) \perp Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$ ,  $h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}) \perp Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$ ,  $h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}) \perp Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$ ,  $h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}) \perp Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$ ,  $h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}) \perp Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$ . Next, since  $M$  is both  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} - \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1} - \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}$  mixed totally geodesic, we get

$$(7.6) \quad h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}) = 0, \quad h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}) = 0.$$

Also, from Lemma 6.1 with (6.6), we get

$$h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}) \perp Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \quad h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}) \perp Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}, \quad h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}) \perp Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}.$$

Thus, we can say that

$$(7.7) \quad h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}) = 0,$$

$$(7.8) \quad h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}) \subset Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1},$$

$$(7.9) \quad h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}) \subset Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1},$$

$$(7.10) \quad h(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}, \mathcal{D}^{\theta_3}) \subset Q\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1}.$$

From (7.6) and (7.7),  $M_{\theta_1}$  is totally geodesic in  $M$  and hence in  $\bar{M}$  [5, 7]. Again, since  $M_{\theta_2}$  and  $M_{\theta_3}$  are totally umbilical in  $M$  [5, 7], with the fact (7.8)–(7.10), we conclude that  $M_{\theta_2}$  and  $M_{\theta_3}$  are totally umbilical in  $M$ . Hence, the theorem is proved completely. □

### 8. SOME APPLICATIONS

As consequences of Theorem 5.1 we have the following.

1. If we take  $\dim M_{\theta_2} = 0$  and replace  $\theta_3$  by  $\theta_2$ , then  $M$  changes to a warped product pointwise bi-slant submanifold of the form  $M_{\theta_1} \times_f M_{\theta_2}$ , studied in [17]. In this case Theorem 5.1 of this paper takes the following form (Theorem 5.1 of [17]).

Let  $M$  be a proper pointwise bi-slant submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\xi \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1})$ , then  $M$  is locally a warped product submanifold of the form  $M_{\theta_1} \times_f M_{\theta_2}$  if and only if

$$A_{QP_1X_1}Y_2 - A_{QX_1}P_2Y_2 + A_{QP_2Y_2}X_1 - A_{QY_2}P_1X_1 \\ = (\cos^2 \theta_2 - \cos^2 \theta_1)[(X_1\mu) - \eta(X_1)]Y_2,$$

for any  $X_1 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_1})$ ,  $X_2 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2})$ , for some smooth function  $\mu$  on  $M$  satisfying  $(Y\mu) = 0$ , for any  $W \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^{\theta_2})$ . Thus, Theorem 5.1 of this paper is a generalisation of Theorem 5.1 of [17].

2. If we take  $\theta_1 = 0$ ,  $\theta_2 = \text{constant} = \theta$ ,  $\theta_3 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then  $M$  changes to a warped product skew CR-submanifold of the form  $M_1 \times_f M_\perp$ , where  $M_1 = M_T \times M_\theta$ , studied in [28]. In this case Theorem 5.1 of this paper takes the following form (Theorem 5.3 of [28]).

Let  $M$  be a proper skew CR-submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ , then  $M$  is locally a  $\mathcal{D}^\theta - \mathcal{D}^\perp$  mixed totally geodesic warped product submanifold of the form  $M_1 \times_f M_\perp$ , where  $M_1 = M_T \times M_\theta$  if and only if

(i)  $A_{\phi Z}X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$  for any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^T \oplus \mathcal{D}^\theta) \oplus \{\xi\}$  and  $Z \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$ ;

(ii) for any  $X_1 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^T)$ ,  $X_2 \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\theta)$  and  $Z \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$ ,  $A_{\phi Z}X_1 = -(\phi X_1\mu)$ ,  $A_\phi Z X_2 = 0$ ,  $A_{QX_2}Z = (P_2 X_2 \mu)Z$ ,  $(\xi\mu) = 1$ ,

for some smooth function  $\mu$  on  $M$  satisfying  $(V\mu) = 0$ , for any  $V \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$ . Thus, Theorem 5.1 of this paper is a generalization of Theorem 5.3 of [28].

3. If we take  $\theta_1 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\theta_2 = \text{constant} = \theta$ ,  $\theta_3 = 0$ , then  $M$  changes to a warped product skew CR-submanifold of the form  $M_2 \times_f M_T$ , where  $M_2 = M_\perp \times M_\theta$ , studied in [19]. In this case Theorem 5.1 of this paper takes the following form (Theorem 5.1 of [19]).

Let  $M$  be a proper skew CR-submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ , then  $M$  is locally a warped product submanifold of the form  $M_2 \times_f M_T$ , where  $M_2 = M_\perp \times M_\theta$  if and only if

(i)  $A_\phi Z X = \{\eta(Z) - (Z\mu)\}\phi X$ ;

(ii)  $A_{QU}X = \{\eta(U) - (U\mu)\}\phi X + (P_2 U \mu)X$ ;

(iii)  $(\xi\mu) = 1$ ,

for any  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^T)$ ,  $U \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\theta)$ ,  $Z \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$ , for some smooth function  $\mu$  on  $M$  satisfying  $(Y\mu) = 0$ , for any  $Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^T)$ . Thus, Theorem 5.1 of this paper is a generalisation of Theorem 5.1 of [19].

4. If we take  $\theta_1 = 0$ ,  $\theta_2 = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\theta_3 = \theta$  then  $M$  changes to a warped product submanifold of the form  $M_3 \times_f M_\theta$ , where  $M_3 = M_T \times M_\perp$ , studied in [18]. In this case Theorem 5.1 of this paper takes the following form (Theorem 5.1 of [18]).

Let  $M$  be a submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\bar{M}$  such that  $TM = \mathcal{D}^T \oplus \mathcal{D}^\perp \oplus \mathcal{D}^\theta$  with  $\xi$  is orthogonal to  $M_\theta$ . Then  $M$  is locally a warped product submanifold of the form  $M = M_3 \times_f M_\theta$ , where  $M_3 = M_T \times M_\perp$ , if and only if the following relations hold:

(i)  $A_{QV}\phi X - A_{QP}V X = \sin^2 \theta [(X\mu) - \eta(X)]V$ ;

(ii)  $A_{\phi Z}PV - A_{QP}V Z = -\cos^2 \theta [(Z\mu) - \eta(Z)]V$ ;

(iii)  $(\xi\mu) = 1$ ,

for every  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^T)$ ,  $Z \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\theta)$  and  $(V\mu) = 0$  for some function  $\mu$  on  $M$  satisfying  $(W\mu) = 0$ , for any  $W \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\theta)$ . Thus, Theorem 5.1 of this paper is a generalisation of Theorem 5.1 of [18].

As consequences of Theorem 7.1, we have the following.

1. If we consider  $\theta_1 = \text{constant}$ ,  $\theta_2 = 0$ ,  $\theta_3 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then the submanifold  $M$  changes to bi-warped product submanifold of the form  $M_\theta \times_{f_1} M_T \times_{f_2} M_\perp$ , studied in [33]. In this case Theorem 7.1 of this paper takes the following form.

Let  $M = M_\theta \times_{f_1} M_T \times_{f_2} M_\perp$  be a bi-warped product submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M_\theta$ , then the squared norm of the second fundamental form satisfies

$$\|h\|^2 \geq 2q \csc^2 \theta (1 + \cos^2 \theta) (\|\nabla \ln f_1\|^2 - 1) + 2s \cot^2 \theta (\|\nabla \ln f_2\|^2 - 1),$$

where  $2q = \dim M_T$ ,  $2s = \dim M_\perp$ ,  $\nabla \ln f_1$  and  $\nabla \ln f_2$  are the gradients of warping function  $\ln f_1$  and  $\ln f_2$  along  $M_T$  and  $M_\perp$ , respectively.

If the equality sign holds, then  $M_\theta$  is totally geodesic and  $M_T, M_\perp$  are totally umbilical submanifold of  $M$ . Taking  $\dim M_T = 2q = m_1$  and  $\dim M_\perp = 2s = m_2$ , we see that this statement coincides with the statement of Theorem 6 of [33]. Thus, Theorem 7.1 of this paper is a generalisation of Theorem 6 of [33].

2. If we consider  $\dim M_{\theta_2} = 0$ , then the submanifold  $M$  changes into warped product pointwise bi-slant submanifold of the form  $M_{\theta_1} \times_f M_{\theta_2}$  studied in [17]. In this case Theorem 7.1 of this paper takes the following form.

Let  $M = M_{\theta_1} \times_f M_{\theta_2}$  be a warped product pointwise bi-slant submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  such that  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M_{\theta_1}$ , then the squared norm of the second fundamental form satisfies

$$\|h\|^2 \geq 2q \csc^2 \theta_1 (\cos^2 \theta_1 + \cos^2 \theta_2) (\|\nabla \ln f\|^2 - 1),$$

where  $2q = \dim M_{\theta_2}$ ,  $\nabla \ln f$  is the gradient of warping function  $\ln f$  along  $M_{\theta_1}$ . If the equality sign holds, then  $M_{\theta_1}$  is totally geodesic and  $M_{\theta_2}$  is totally umbilical submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ . Thus, we see that this statement coincides with the statement of Theorem 6.1 of [19]. Hence Theorem 7.1 of this paper is a generalization of Theorem 6.1 of [17].

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