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# Pluriharmonic Conformal Bi-Slant Riemannian Maps

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**ABSTRACT:** In this study, the notion of pluriharmonic map was applied to conformal bi-slant Riemannian maps from a Kaehler manifold to a Riemannian manifold to examine its geometric properties. Such relations between pluriharmonic map, horizontally homothetic map, and totally geodesic map were obtained.

Keywords: Riemannian map, Conformal Riemannian map, Conformal bi-slant Riemannian map, Pluriharmonic map.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The notion of submersion was introduced by O'Neill [1] and Gray [2]. Submersion theory between almost Hermitian manifolds was studied by Watson [3]. Then, Fischer studied the theory of submersion in various types and generalized it to Riemannian maps [4]. Riemannian maps between Riemannian manifolds generalize isometric immersions and Riemannian submersions. Let  $\Phi: (M_1, g_1) \rightarrow (M_2, g_2)$  be a smooth map between Riemannian manifolds such that  $0 < rank\Phi < min \{dim(M_1), dim(M_2)\}$ . Then, the tangent bundle of  $TM_1$  of  $M_1$  has the following decomposition:

$$TM_1 = ker\Phi_* \oplus (ker\Phi_*)^{\perp}.$$

Since  $rank\Phi < min \{dim(M_1), dim(M_2)\}$ , we have  $(range\Phi_*)^{\perp}$ . Hence, the tangent bundle of  $TM_2$  of  $M_2$  has the following decomposition:

$$TM_2 = range\Phi_* \bigoplus (range\Phi_*)^{\perp}$$
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A smooth map  $\Phi: (M_1^m, g_1) \to (M_2^m, g_2)$  is called Riemannian map at  $p_1 \in M_1$  if the horizontal restriction  $\Phi_{*p_1}^h: (ker\Phi_{*p_1})^{\perp} \to (range\Phi_*)$  is a linear isometry. Therefore, the Riemannian map satisfies the equation

$$g_1(X,Y) = g_2(\Phi_*(X),\Phi_*(Y))$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$ . Hence, isometric immersions and Riemannian submersions are particular Riemannian maps, respectively, with  $ker\Phi_* = \{0\}$  and  $(range\Phi_*)^{\perp} = \{0\}$  [4]. Moreover, Sahin and Yanan examined conformal Riemannian maps [5-8], see also [9]. We say

that  $\Phi: (M^m, g_M) \to (N^n, g_N)$  is a conformal Riemannian map at  $p \in M$  if  $0 < rank \Phi_{*p} \le min\{m, n\}$  and  $\Phi_*$  maps the horizontal space  $(\ker(\Phi_{*p})^{\perp})$  conformally onto  $range(\Phi_{*p})$ , i.e., there exists a number  $\lambda^2(p) \neq 0$  such that

$$g_N\left(\Phi_{*p}(X), \Phi_{*p}(Y)\right) = \lambda^2(p)g_M(X, Y)$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$ . Also,  $\Phi$  is called conformal Riemannian if  $\Phi$  is conformal Riemannian at each  $p \in M$ . Here,  $\lambda$  is the dilation of  $\Phi$  at a point  $p \in M$  and it is a continuous function as  $\lambda: M \to [0, \infty)$  [10]. One can see more research on curvature relations for conformal bi-slant submersions and the relation between submersion theory and bi-slant structure, which is studied by Aykurt Sepet [11,12].

An even-dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  is called an almost Hermitian manifold if there exists a tensor field J of type (1,1) on M such that  $J^2 = -I$  where I denotes the identity transformation of TM and

$$g_M(X,Y) = g_M(JX,JY), \forall X,Y \in \Gamma(TM).$$

Let  $(M, g_M, J)$  be an almost Hermitian manifold and its Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  concerning  $g_M$ . If J is parallel concerning  $\nabla$ , i.e.

$$(\nabla_X J)Y = 0,$$

we say *M* is a Kaehler manifold [13].

Let  $\Phi: (M, g_M, J) \to (N, g_N)$  be a map from a complex manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  to a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_N)$ . Then  $\Phi$  is called a pluriharmonic map if  $\Phi$  satisfies the following equation:

$$(\nabla \Phi_*)(X,Y) + (\nabla \Phi_*)(JX,JY) = 0$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  [14].

Here, we recall some basic definitions of conformal Riemannian maps from a Kaehler manifold to a Riemannian manifold.

Let  $\Phi: (M, g_M, J) \to (N, g_N)$  be a conformal Riemannian map between a Kaehler manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  and a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_N)$ .

1. If the map  $\Phi$  satisfies the following condition:

$$I(ker\Phi_*) \subset (ker\Phi_*)^{\perp},$$

Then  $\Phi$  is called a conformal anti-invariant Riemannian map [6].

- 2. If the following conditions are satisfying:
  - i. There exists a subbundle of  $ker\Phi_*$  such that  $J(D_1) = D_1$ ,
  - ii. There exists a complementary subbundle  $D_2$  to  $D_1$  in  $ker\Phi_*$  such that  $J(D_2) \subset (ker\Phi_*)^{\perp}$ ,

We say that  $\Phi$  is a conformal semi-invariant Riemannian map [7].

- If for any non-zero vector X ∈ Γ(kerΦ<sub>\*</sub>) at a point p ∈ M; the angle θ(X) between the space kerΦ<sub>\*</sub> and JX is a constant, i.e. it is independent of the choice of the tangent vector X ∈ Γ(kerΦ<sub>\*</sub>) and the choice of the point p ∈ M, we say that Φ is a conformal slant Riemannian map. In this case, the angle θ is called the slant angle of the conformal slant Riemannian map [8].
- 4. If the vertical distribution  $ker\Phi_*$  of  $\Phi$  admits two orthogonal complementary distributions  $D_{\theta}$  and  $D_{\perp}$  such that  $D_{\theta}$  is slant and  $D_{\perp}$  is anti-invariant, i.e., we have

$$ker\Phi_* = D_{\theta} \oplus D_{\perp}.$$

Hence,  $\Phi$  is called a conformal hemi-slant Riemannian map and the angel  $\theta$  is called hemi-slant angle of the conformal Riemannian map [15].

5. At last,  $\Phi$  is called a conformal semi-slant Riemannian map if there is a distribution  $D_1 \subset ker\Phi_*$  such that

$$ker\Phi_* = D_1 \bigoplus D_2, J(D_1) = D_1$$

and the angle  $\theta = \theta(X)$  between JX and the space  $(D_2)_p$  is constant for nonzero  $X \in (D_2)_p$  and  $p \in M$ , where  $D_2$  is the orthogonal complement distribution of  $D_1$  in  $ker\Phi_*$ . The angel  $\theta$  is called semi-slant angle of the map [16].

Therefore, we define conformal bi-slant Riemannian maps from a Kaehler manifold to a Riemannian manifold. Some geometric properties of conformal bi-slant Riemannian maps are examined via pluriharmonic map.

## 2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

This section gives several definitions and results for the study for conformal bi-slant Riemannian maps. Let  $\Phi: (M, g_M) \to (N, g_N)$  be a smooth map between Riemannian manifolds. The second fundamental form of  $\Phi$  is defined by

$$(\nabla \Phi_*)(X,Y) = \nabla^{\Phi}_X \Phi_*(Y) - \Phi_*(\nabla_X Y)$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ . The second fundamental form  $(\nabla \Phi_*)$  is symmetric. Note that  $\Phi$  is said to be totally geodesic map if  $(\nabla F_*)(X, Y) = 0$  for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  [17]. Here, we define O'Neill's tensor fields  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  as

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{X}}Y = h\nabla_{hX}vY + v\nabla_{hX}hY,$$
$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{X}}Y = h\nabla_{vX}vY + v\nabla_{vX}hY$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  with the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  of  $g_M$ . Here, we denote by v and h the projections on the vertical distribution  $ker\Phi_*$  and the horizontal distribution  $(ker\Phi_*)^{\perp}$ , respectively. For any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_X$  and  $\mathcal{A}_X$  are skew-symmetric operators on  $(\Gamma(TM), g)$  reversing the horizontal and the vertical distributions. Also,  $\mathcal{T}$  is vertical,  $\mathcal{T}_X = \mathcal{T}_{vX}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  is horizontal,  $\mathcal{A}_X = \mathcal{A}_{hX}$ . Note that the tensor field  $\mathcal{T}$  is symmetric on the vertical distribution [1]. In addition, by definitions of O'Neill's tensor fields, we have

$$\nabla_U V = \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{U}} V + \nu \nabla_{\mathcal{U}} V,$$

$$\nabla_{U}X = h\nabla_{U}X + \mathcal{T}_{U}X,$$
$$\nabla_{X}V = \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{X}}V + \nu\nabla_{X}V,$$
$$\nabla_{X}Y = h\nabla_{X}Y + \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{X}}Y$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$  and  $U, V \in \Gamma(ker\Phi_*)$  [18].

If a vector field X on M is related to a vector field X' on N, we say X is a projectable vector field. If X is both a horizontal and a projectable vector field, we say X is a basic vector field on M [19]. When we mention a horizontal vector field throughout this study, we always consider a basic vector field. On the other hand, let  $\Phi: (M^m, g_M) \to (N^n, g_N)$  be a conformal Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds. Then, we have

$$(\nabla \Phi_*)(X,Y) \mid_{range\Phi_*} = X(\ln \lambda)\Phi_*(Y) + Y(\ln \lambda)\Phi_*(X) - g_M(X,Y)\Phi_*(grad(\ln \lambda))$$

where  $X, Y \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$  [10]. Hence, we obtain  $\nabla_X^{\Phi}\Phi_*(Y)$  as

$$\nabla_X^{\Phi} \Phi_*(Y) = \Phi_*(h \nabla_X Y) + X(\ln \lambda) \Phi_*(Y) + Y(\ln \lambda) \Phi_*(X) - g_M(X, Y) \Phi_*(grad(\ln \lambda))$$
  
+  $(\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(X, Y)$ 

where  $(\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(X, Y)$  is the component of  $(\nabla \Phi_*)(X, Y)$  on  $(range \Phi_*)^{\perp}$  for  $X, Y \in \Gamma((ker \Phi_*)^{\perp})$  [6].

#### **3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

In this section, we define conformal bi-slant Riemannian maps, give their decomposition and study some theorems for conformal bi-slant Riemannian maps by applying the notion of pluriharmonic map on certain distributions. Therefore, we want to obtain relations among geometric structures.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(M, g_M, J)$  be a Kaehler manifold and  $(N, g_N)$  be a Riemannian manifold. Then, a conformal Riemannian map  $\Phi: (M, g_M, J) \rightarrow (N, g_N)$  is called a conformal bi-slant Riemannian map if and only if  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are slant distributions with their slant angles  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ , respectively, such that

$$ker\Phi_* = D_1 \oplus D_2.$$

Here, if the slant angles satisfy that  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \neq 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \Phi$  is called a proper conformal bi-slant Riemannian map [20].

We explain decompositions of distributions for the conformal bi-slant Riemannian map  $\Phi$ .

Suppose that  $\Phi$  is a conformal bi-slant Riemannian map from a Kaehler manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  to a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_N)$ . For any  $U \in \Gamma(ker\Phi_*)$ , we have

$$U = PU + QU,$$

where  $PU \in \Gamma(D_1)$  and  $QU \in \Gamma(D_2)$ . On the other hand, we have

$$JU = \psi U + \phi U,$$

for  $U \in \Gamma(ker\Phi_*)$  where  $\psi U \in \Gamma(ker\Phi_*)$  and  $\varphi U \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$ . Also, for any  $X \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$ , we write

$$JX = BX + CX,$$

where  $BX \in \Gamma(ker\Phi_*)$  and  $CX \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$ . Therefore, the horizontal distribution  $(ker\Phi_*)^{\perp}$  can be decomposed as

$$(ker\Phi_*)^{\perp} = \phi D_1 \oplus \phi D_2 \oplus \mu,$$

where  $\mu$  is the orthogonal complementary distribution of  $\phi D_1 \oplus \phi D_2$  in  $(ker\Phi_*)^{\perp}$  [20].

We have the following theorem same as conformal bi-slant submersions.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $\Phi$  be a conformal bi-slant Riemannian map from an almost Hermitian manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  to a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_N)$  with slant angles  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ . Then, we have

$$\psi^2 U_i = -(\cos^2 \theta_i) U_i$$

for  $U_i \in \Gamma(D_i)$ , i = 1, 2 [12].

Recall that,  $\Phi$  is said to be a horizontally homothetic map if  $h(grad(ln\lambda)) = 0$ . It means that horizontal part of the gradient vector field of the dilation  $\lambda$  is equal to zero [19]. On the other hand,  $\Phi$  is said to be totally geodesic map if  $(\nabla \Phi_*)(E, F) = 0$  for  $E, F \in \Gamma(TM)$  [5].

Firstly, we derive new notions by using pluriharmonic map, see [7,8]. Hence, let  $\Phi: (M, g_M, J) \rightarrow (N, g_N)$  be a map from a complex manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  to a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_N)$ . Then  $\Phi$  is called a  $D_1$ - pluriharmonic map if  $\Phi$  satisfies the following equation:

$$(\nabla \Phi_*)(U_1, V_1) + (\nabla \Phi_*)(JU_1, JV_1) = 0$$

for  $U_1, V_1 \in \Gamma(D_1)$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\Phi: (M, g_M, J) \to (N, g_N)$  be a conformal bi-slant Riemannian map between a Kaehler manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  and a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_N)$ . If  $\Phi$  is a  $D_1$ - pluriharmonic map, then the following two assertions imply the third assertion,

- i.  $D_1$  defines a totally geodesic foliation on M,
- ii. The map  $\Phi$  is a horizontally homothetic map and  $(\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(\phi U_1, \phi V_1) = 0$ ,

iii.  $h\nabla_{\mathcal{U}_1} \varphi \psi V_1 + \varphi \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{U}_1} \varphi V_1 + Ch \nabla_{\mathcal{U}_1} \varphi V_1 = \mathcal{T}_{\psi \mathcal{U}_1} \psi V_1 + \mathcal{A}_{\varphi \mathcal{U}_1} \psi V_1 + \mathcal{A}_{\varphi \mathcal{V}_1} \psi \mathcal{U}_1$ 

for  $U_1, V_1 \in \Gamma(D_1)$ .

**Proof.** Firstly, we know that  $\Phi$  is a  $D_1$ - pluriharmonic map, then we have

$$(\nabla \Phi_*)(U_1, V_1) + (\nabla \Phi_*)(JU_1, JV_1) = 0 \tag{1}$$

for  $U_1, V_1 \in \Gamma(D_1)$ . Since *M* is a Kaehler manifold by using the notion of second fundamental form of a map and its restriction to the horizontal distribution, we get

$$0 = (\nabla \Phi_{*})(U_{1}, V_{1}) + (\nabla \Phi_{*})(JU_{1}, JV_{1})$$

$$0 = -\Phi_{*}(\nabla_{U_{1}}V_{1}) - \Phi_{*}(\nabla_{\psi U_{1}}\psi V_{1} + \nabla_{\phi U_{1}}\psi V_{1} + \nabla_{\phi V_{1}}\psi U_{1})$$

$$+ (\nabla \Phi_{*})^{\perp}(\phi U_{1}, \phi V_{1}) + \phi U_{1}(ln\lambda)\Phi_{*}(\phi V_{1})$$

$$+ \phi V_{1}(ln\lambda)\Phi_{*}(\phi U_{1}) - g_{M}(\phi U_{1}, \phi V_{1})\Phi_{*}(grad(ln\lambda))$$
(3)

for  $U_1, V_1 \in \Gamma(D_1)$ . Then, from O'Neill's tensor fields by using Eq. (3), we get

$$0 = \Phi_{*} (J \nabla_{U_{1}} \psi V_{1} + \nabla_{U_{1}} \varphi \psi V_{1}) - \Phi_{*} (\mathcal{T}_{\psi U_{1}} \psi V_{1} + \mathcal{A}_{\varphi U_{1}} \psi V_{1} + \mathcal{A}_{\varphi V_{1}} \psi U_{1}) + (\nabla \Phi_{*})^{\perp} (\varphi U_{1}, \varphi V_{1}) + \varphi U_{1} (ln \lambda) \Phi_{*} (\varphi V_{1}) + \varphi V_{1} (ln \lambda) \Phi_{*} (\varphi U_{1}) - g_{M} (\varphi U_{1}, \varphi V_{1}) \Phi_{*} (grad (ln \lambda))$$
(4)  
$$0 = \Phi_{*} (\nabla_{U_{1}} \psi^{2} V_{1} + \nabla_{U_{1}} \varphi \psi V_{1}) + \Phi_{*} (J \mathcal{T}_{U_{1}} \varphi V_{1} + Jh \nabla_{U_{1}} \varphi V_{1}) - \Phi_{*} (\mathcal{T}_{\psi U_{1}} \psi V_{1} + \mathcal{A}_{\varphi U_{1}} \psi V_{1} + \mathcal{A}_{\varphi V_{1}} \psi U_{1}) + (\nabla \Phi_{*})^{\perp} (\varphi U_{1}, \varphi V_{1}) + \varphi U_{1} (ln \lambda) \Phi_{*} (\varphi V_{1}) + \varphi V_{1} (ln \lambda) \Phi_{*} (\varphi U_{1}) - g_{M} (\varphi U_{1}, \varphi V_{1}) \Phi_{*} (grad (ln \lambda)).$$
(5)

From Theorem 3.2. in Eq. (5), we obtain

$$cos^{2} \theta_{1} \Phi_{*} (\nabla_{U_{1}} V_{1}) = \Phi_{*} (h \nabla_{U_{1}} \varphi \psi V_{1}) + \Phi_{*} (\varphi \mathcal{T}_{U_{1}} \varphi V_{1} + Ch \nabla_{U_{1}} \varphi V_{1})$$
$$- \Phi_{*} (\mathcal{T}_{\psi U_{1}} \psi V_{1} + \mathcal{A}_{\varphi U_{1}} \psi V_{1} + \mathcal{A}_{\varphi V_{1}} \psi U_{1})$$
$$+ (\nabla \Phi_{*})^{\perp} (\varphi U_{1}, \varphi V_{1}) + \varphi U_{1} (ln \lambda) \Phi_{*} (\varphi V_{1})$$
$$+ \varphi V_{1} (ln \lambda) \Phi_{*} (\varphi U_{1}) - g_{M} (\varphi U_{1}, \varphi V_{1}) \Phi_{*} (grad (ln \lambda)). \quad (6)$$

Now, consider that i. and ii. are satisfied in Eq. (6). Since  $D_1$  defines a totally geodesic foliation on M and  $\Phi$  is a horizontally homothetic map, we have  $\Phi_*(\nabla_{U_1}V_1) = 0$ ,  $(\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(\Phi U_1, \Phi V_1) =$ 0 and  $\Phi U_1(ln\lambda)\Phi_*(\Phi V_1) + \Phi V_1(ln\lambda)\Phi_*(\Phi U_1) - g_M(\Phi U_1, \Phi V_1)\Phi_*(grad(ln\lambda)) = 0$  for  $U_1, V_1 \in \Gamma(D_1)$ , respectively. Hence, one can clearly see the proof of iii. from Eq. (6). If ii. and iii. are satisfied in Eq. (6), we get

$$\cos^2 \theta_1 \Phi_* \left( \nabla_{U_1} V_1 \right) = 0. \tag{7}$$

So, easily we say that  $D_1$  defines a totally geodesic foliation on M for  $U_1, V_1 \in \Gamma(D_1)$ . The proof of i. is completed. Suppose that i. and iii. are satisfied in Eq. (6), we obtain

$$0 = (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp} (\phi U_1, \phi V_1) + \phi U_1(\ln \lambda) \Phi_*(\phi V_1) + \phi V_1(\ln \lambda) \Phi_*(\phi U_1) -g_M(\phi U_1, \phi V_1) \Phi_*(grad(\ln \lambda)).$$
(8)

In Eq. (8), if we separate components as to which one belongs to  $range\Phi_*$  or its orthogonal complement distribution  $(range\Phi_*)^{\perp}$ , we obtain  $0 = (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(\varphi U_1, \varphi V_1)$ . Hence, we get

$$0 = \phi U_1(\ln \lambda) \Phi_*(\phi V_1) + \phi V_1(\ln \lambda) \Phi_*(\phi U_1) - g_M(\phi U_1, \phi V_1) \Phi_*(grad(\ln \lambda)).$$
(9)

For  $\phi U_1 \in \Gamma(\phi D_1)$ , since  $\Phi$  is a conformal map, we get from Eq. (9),

$$0 = \phi U_{1}(\ln \lambda) g_{N} (\Phi_{*}(\phi V_{1}), \Phi_{*}(\phi U_{1})) + \phi V_{1}(\ln \lambda) g_{N} (\Phi_{*}(\phi U_{1}), \Phi_{*}(\phi U_{1})) - g_{M}(\phi U_{1}, \phi V_{1}) g_{N} (\Phi_{*}(grad(\ln \lambda)), \Phi_{*}(\phi U_{1}))$$
(10)  
$$0 = \lambda^{2} \phi U_{1}(\ln \lambda) g_{M}(\phi V_{1}, \phi U_{1}) + \lambda^{2} \phi V_{1}(\ln \lambda) g_{M}(\phi U_{1}, \phi U_{1}) - \lambda^{2} g_{M}(\phi U_{1}, \phi V_{1}) \phi U_{1}(\ln \lambda)$$
(11)

$$0 = \lambda^2 \phi V_1(\ln \lambda) g_M(\phi U_1, \phi U_1).$$
<sup>(12)</sup>

In Eq. (12), we have  $\phi V_1(\ln \lambda) = 0$ . This means, the dilation  $\lambda$  is a constant on  $\phi D_1$ . On the other hand, if we take  $U_1 = V_1$ ,  $\phi U_2 \in \Gamma(\phi D_2)$  and  $U_3 \in \Gamma(\mu)$  from Eq. (9), we get

$$0 = -\lambda^2 \phi U_2(\ln \lambda) g_M(\phi U_1, \phi U_1), \qquad (13)$$

$$0 = -\lambda^2 U_3(\ln \lambda) g_M(\phi U_1, \phi U_1), \tag{14}$$

respectively. From Eq. (13) and Eq. (14), we get  $\phi U_2(\ln \lambda) = 0$  and  $U_3(\ln \lambda) = 0$ , respectively. Hence, the dilation  $\lambda$  is a constant on  $\phi D_2$  and  $\mu$ . Therefore, the map  $\Phi$  is a horizontally homothetic map. iii. is satisfied. The proof is completed.

Similarly, we have the following notion and theorem.

Let  $\Phi: (M, g_M, J) \to (N, g_N)$  be a map from a complex manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  to a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_N)$ . Then  $\Phi$  is called a  $D_2$ - pluriharmonic map if  $\Phi$  satisfies the following equation:

$$(\nabla \Phi_*)(U_2, V_2) + (\nabla \Phi_*)(JU_2, JV_2) = 0$$

for  $U_2, V_2 \in \Gamma(D_2)$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $\Phi: (M, g_M, J) \to (N, g_N)$  be a conformal bi-slant Riemannian map between a Kaehler manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  and a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_N)$ . If  $\Phi$  is a  $D_2$ - pluriharmonic map, then the following two assertions imply the third assertion,

- i.  $D_2$  defines a totally geodesic foliation on M,
- ii. The map  $\Phi$  is a horizontally homothetic map and  $(\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(\phi U_2, \phi V_2) = 0$ ,

iii.  $h\nabla_{\mathcal{U}_2} \varphi \psi V_2 + \varphi \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{U}_2} \varphi V_2 + Ch \nabla_{\mathcal{U}_2} \varphi V_2 = \mathcal{T}_{\psi \mathcal{U}_2} \psi V_2 + \mathcal{A}_{\varphi \mathcal{U}_2} \psi V_2 + \mathcal{A}_{\varphi \mathcal{V}_2} \psi U_2$ 

for  $U_2, V_2 \in \Gamma(D_2)$ .

**Proof.** The proof of the Theorem 3.4. can get similarly with Theorem 3.3.

Let  $\Phi: (M, g_M, J) \to (N, g_N)$  be a map from a complex manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  to a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_N)$ . Then  $\Phi$  is called a  $(ker\Phi_*)^{\perp}$ -pluriharmonic map if  $\Phi$  satisfies the following equation:

$$(\nabla \Phi_*)(X,Y) + (\nabla \Phi_*)(JX,JY) = 0$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $\Phi: (M, g_M, J) \to (N, g_N)$  be a conformal bi-slant Riemannian map between a Kaehler manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  and a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_N)$ . If  $\Phi$  is a  $(ker\Phi_*)^{\perp}$ pluriharmonic map, then one of the following assertions implies the other assertion,

- i.  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{X}}BY + \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{X}}BY + \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}Y}BX = 0,$
- ii. The map  $\Phi$  is a horizontally homothetic map and  $(\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(X, Y) + (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(CX, CY) = 0$ ,

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$ .

**Proof.** If  $\Phi$  is a  $(ker\Phi_*)^{\perp}$ - pluriharmonic map, we have

$$(\nabla \Phi_*)(X,Y) + (\nabla \Phi_*)(JX,JY) = 0 \tag{15}$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$ . Then, by using definition of second fundamental form of a map and its decomposition onto  $range\Phi_*$  and  $(range\Phi_*)^{\perp}$  in Eq. (15), we obtain

$$0 = (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(X,Y) + (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(CX,CY) - \Phi_*(\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{X}}BY + \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{X}}BY + \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}Y}BX) + X(ln\lambda)\Phi_*(Y) + Y(ln\lambda)\Phi_*(X) - g_M(X,Y)\Phi_*(grad(ln\lambda)) + CX(ln\lambda)\Phi_*(CY) + CY(ln\lambda)\Phi_*(CX) - g_M(CX,CY)\Phi_*(grad(ln\lambda))$$
(16)

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$ . If i. is satisfied in Eq. (16), we have  $\mathcal{T}_{BX}BY + \mathcal{A}_{CX}BY + \mathcal{A}_{CY}BX = 0$ . So, we get from Eq. (16),

$$0 = (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp} (X, Y) + (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp} (CX, CY) + X(ln \lambda) \Phi_*(Y) + Y(ln \lambda) \Phi_*(X) - g_M(X, Y) \Phi_*(grad(ln \lambda)) + CX(ln \lambda) \Phi_*(CY) + CY(ln \lambda) \Phi_*(CX) - g_M(CX, CY) \Phi_*(grad(ln \lambda)).$$
(17)

In Eq. (17), we know that  $0 = (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(X, Y) + (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(CX, CY)$  since they belong to  $(range\Phi_*)^{\perp}$ . On the other hand, from elements of  $range\Phi_*$  we examine horizontally homotheticness of the map. Hence, from Eq. (17) by using conformality of the map we have

$$0 = 2X(\ln\lambda)g_N(\Phi_*(Y), \Phi_*(X)) + 2Y(\ln\lambda)g_N(\Phi_*(X), \Phi_*(X))$$
  
$$-2g_M(X, Y)g_N(\Phi_*(grad(\ln\lambda)), \Phi_*(X))$$
(18)

$$0 = 2\lambda^2 Y(\ln \lambda) g_M(X, X) \tag{19}$$

for X = CX and Y = CY. Here, since  $\lambda^2 \neq 0$  and  $g_M(X, X) \neq 0$ , we get  $Y(\ln \lambda) = 0$ . It means that  $\lambda$  is a constant on horizontal distribution  $(ker\Phi_*)^{\perp}$ . Hence, the map  $\Phi$  is a horizontally homothetic map. ii. is satisfied. If ii. is satisfied in Eq. (16), we have

$$0 = X(\ln\lambda)\Phi_*(Y) + Y(\ln\lambda)\Phi_*(X) - g_M(X,Y)\Phi_*(grad(\ln\lambda)) + CX(\ln\lambda)\Phi_*(CY) + CY(\ln\lambda)\Phi_*(CX) - g_M(CX,CY)\Phi_*(grad(\ln\lambda))$$

and

$$0 = (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(X, Y) + (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(CX, CY).$$

So, from Eq. (16), we obtain

$$0 = -\Phi_*(\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{X}}BY + \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{X}}BY + \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}Y}BX).$$
(20)

Hence, Eq. (20) shows us that i. is satisfied. The proof is completed.

Let  $\Phi: (M, g_M, J) \to (N, g_N)$  be a map from a complex manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  to a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_N)$ . Then  $\Phi$  is called a  $ker\Phi_*$  - pluriharmonic map if  $\Phi$  satisfies the following equation:

$$(\nabla \Phi_*)(U,V) + (\nabla \Phi_*)(JU,JV) = 0$$

for  $U, V \in \Gamma(ker\Phi_*)$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $\Phi: (M, g_M, J) \to (N, g_N)$  be a conformal bi-slant Riemannian map between a Kaehler manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  and a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_N)$ . If  $\Phi$  is a  $ker\Phi_*$ pluriharmonic map, then the following two assertions imply the third assertion,

i.  $ker\Phi_*$  defines a totally geodesic foliation on *M*,

ii.  $\mathcal{A}_{\phi \mathcal{V}} \psi P U + \mathcal{A}_{\phi \mathcal{U}} \psi V + \mathcal{T}_{\psi \mathcal{U}} \psi V + h \nabla_{\psi \mathcal{Q} \mathcal{U}} \phi V = \phi \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{U}} \phi V + C h \nabla_{\mathcal{U}} \phi V + h \nabla_{\mathcal{U}} \phi \psi V,$ 

iii. The map  $\Phi$  is a horizontally homothetic map and  $(\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(\phi U, \phi V) = 0$ 

for  $U, V \in \Gamma(ker\Phi_*)$ .

**Proof.** If  $\Phi$  is a *ker*  $\Phi_*$ - pluriharmonic map, we have

$$(\nabla \Phi_*)(U,V) + (\nabla \Phi_*)(JU,JV) = 0 \tag{21}$$

for  $U, V \in \Gamma(ker\Phi_*)$ . By using decomposition theorems for conformal bi-slant Riemannian maps in Eq. (21), we get

$$0 = (\nabla \Phi_*)(U, V) + (\nabla \Phi_*)(J(PU + QU), \varphi V + \psi V)$$
  

$$0 = (\nabla \Phi_*)(\psi PU, \psi V) + (\nabla \Phi_*)(\varphi V, \psi PU)$$
  

$$+ (\nabla \Phi_*)(\varphi U, \psi V) + (\nabla \Phi_*)(\psi QU, \varphi V + \psi V)$$
  

$$+ (\nabla \Phi_*)(\varphi U, \varphi V) + (\nabla \Phi_*)(U, V).$$
(22)

Then, from definition of the second fundamental form of a map in Eq. (22), we get

$$0 = -\Phi_* (\mathcal{T}_{\psi \mathcal{U}} \psi V + \mathcal{A}_{\phi \mathcal{V}} \psi P U + \mathcal{A}_{\phi \mathcal{U}} \psi V + h \nabla_{\psi \mathcal{Q} \mathcal{U}} \phi V) + (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp} (\phi U, \phi V) + (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\top} (\phi U, \phi V) + \Phi_* (J (\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{U}} \phi V + h \nabla_{\mathcal{U}} \phi V)) + \Phi_* (\nabla_U J \psi V).$$
(23)

Now, by using Theorem 3.2. and horizontal restriction of the second fundamental form of a map in Eq. (23), we obtain

$$0 = -\Phi_* (\mathcal{T}_{\psi \mathcal{U}} \psi V + \mathcal{A}_{\phi \mathcal{V}} \psi P U + \mathcal{A}_{\phi \mathcal{U}} \psi V + h \nabla_{\psi Q U} \phi V) + (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp} (\phi U, \phi V) + \phi U (ln \lambda) \Phi_* (\phi V) + \phi V (ln \lambda) \Phi_* (\phi U) - g_M (\phi U, \phi V) \Phi_* (grad (ln \lambda)) + \Phi_* (\phi \mathcal{T}_U \phi V + Ch \nabla_U \phi V) + \Phi_* (-cos^2 \theta \nabla_U V + h \nabla_U \phi \psi V) cos^2 \theta \Phi_* (\nabla_U V) = -\Phi_* (\mathcal{T}_{\psi \mathcal{U}} \psi V + \mathcal{A}_{\phi \mathcal{V}} \psi P U + \mathcal{A}_{\phi \mathcal{U}} \psi V + h \nabla_{\psi Q U} \phi V) + (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp} (\phi U, \phi V) + \phi U (ln \lambda) \Phi_* (\phi V) + \phi V (ln \lambda) \Phi_* (\phi U) - g_M (\phi U, \phi V) \Phi_* (grad (ln \lambda)) + \Phi_* (\phi \mathcal{T}_U \phi V + Ch \nabla_U \phi V + h \nabla_U \phi \psi V).$$
(24)

In Eq. (24), if i. and ii. are satisfied we have  $\nabla_U V = 0$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{\phi V} \psi P U + \mathcal{A}_{\phi U} \psi V + \mathcal{T}_{\psi U} \psi V + h \nabla_{\psi Q U} \phi V = \phi \mathcal{T}_U \phi V + Ch \nabla_U \phi V + h \nabla_U \phi \psi V$ , respectively. So, we get

$$0 = (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp} (\phi U, \phi V) + \phi U(\ln \lambda) \Phi_*(\phi V) + \phi V(\ln \lambda) \Phi_*(\phi U) - g_M(\phi U, \phi V) \Phi_*(grad(\ln \lambda)).$$
(25)

Similarly, we obtain  $(\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(\phi U, \phi V) = 0$ , clearly. Hence, Eq. (25) turns into

$$0 = \phi U(\ln \lambda) \Phi_*(\phi V) + \phi V(\ln \lambda) \Phi_*(\phi U) - g_M(\phi U, \phi V) \Phi_*(grad(\ln \lambda)).$$
(26)

For  $\phi V \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$ , from the conformality of the map we get

$$0 = \phi U(\ln \lambda) g_N (\Phi_*(\phi V), \Phi_*(\phi V)) + \Phi V(\ln \lambda) g_N (\Phi_*(\phi U), \Phi_*(\phi V))$$
  
$$-g_M (\phi U, \phi V) g_N (\Phi_*(grad(\ln \lambda)), \Phi_*(\phi V))$$
  
$$0 = \lambda^2 \phi U(\ln \lambda) g_M (\phi V, \phi V).$$
(27)

In Eq. (27), since  $\lambda^2 \neq 0$  and  $g_M(\phi V, \phi V) \neq 0$ , we get  $\phi U(\ln \lambda) = 0$ . It means that  $\lambda$  is a constant on  $(ker\Phi_*)^{\perp}$ . Hence, the map  $\Phi$  is a horizontally homothetic map. iii. is proved. The other cases of the proof could be seen clearly. The proof is completed.

Let  $\Phi: (M, g_M, J) \to (N, g_N)$  be a map from a complex manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  to a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_N)$ . Then  $\Phi$  is called a *mixed* - pluriharmonic map if  $\Phi$  satisfies the following equation:

$$(\nabla \Phi_*)(X,U) + (\nabla \Phi_*)(JX,JU) = 0$$

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for  $X \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$  and  $U \in \Gamma(ker\Phi_*)$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $\Phi: (M, g_M, J) \to (N, g_N)$  be a conformal bi-slant Riemannian map between a Kaehler manifold  $(M, g_M, J)$  and a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_N)$ . If  $\Phi$  is a *mixed* pluriharmonic map, then one of the following assertions imply the other assertion,

i.  $\mathcal{A}_X U = -\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{X}} \psi U - \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}\mathcal{X}} \psi U - \mathcal{A}_{\phi \mathcal{U}} B X$ ,

ii. The map  $\Phi$  is a horizontally homothetic map and  $(\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(CX, \phi U) = 0$ 

for  $X \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$  and  $U \in \Gamma(ker\Phi_*)$ .

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**Proof.** If  $\Phi$  is a *mixed* - pluriharmonic map, by direct calculations we obtain

$$0 = (\nabla \Phi_*)(X, U) + (\nabla \Phi_*)(JX, JU)$$
  

$$0 = -\Phi_*(\mathcal{A}_{\chi}U) - \Phi_*(\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{B}\chi}\Psi U + \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{C}\chi}\Psi U + \mathcal{A}_{\phi \mathcal{U}}BX)$$
  

$$+ (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(CX, \phi U) + CX(\ln\lambda)\Phi_*(\phi U) + \phi U(\ln\lambda)\Phi_*(CX)$$
  

$$-g_M(CX, \phi U)\Phi_*(grad(\ln\lambda))$$
(28)

for  $X \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$  and  $U \in \Gamma(ker\Phi_*)$ . In Eq. (28), if i. is satisfied we get

$$= (\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp} (CX, \varphi U) + CX(\ln \lambda) \Phi_*(\varphi U) + \varphi U(\ln \lambda) \Phi_*(CX) -g_M(CX, \varphi U) \Phi_*(grad(\ln \lambda)).$$
(29)

In Eq. (29), we get easily  $(\nabla \Phi_*)^{\perp}(CX, \varphi U) = 0$ . Hence, from Eq. (29) we get

$$0 = CX(\ln\lambda)\Phi_*(\phi U) + \phi U(\ln\lambda)\Phi_*(CX) - g_M(CX,\phi U)\Phi_*(grad(\ln\lambda)).$$
(30)

For CX,  $\varphi U \in \Gamma((ker\Phi_*)^{\perp})$ , from Eq. (30) we obtain

$$0 = \lambda^2 \phi U(\ln \lambda) g_M(CX, CX) \tag{31}$$

and

$$0 = \lambda^2 C X(\ln \lambda) g_M(\phi U, \phi U), \qquad (32)$$

respectively. From Eq. (31) and Eq. (32), we say  $\lambda$  is a constant on horizontal distribution. Hence, the map  $\Phi$  is a horizontally homothetic map. ii. is proved. The converse of this situation is clear. The proof is completed.

## 4. CONCLUSIONS

Throughout this study, we obtained geometric relations by using derivations of the notion of pluriharmonic map as  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$ ,  $(ker\Phi_*)^{\perp}$ ,  $ker\Phi_*$  and mixed - pluriharmonic map onto conformal bi-slant Riemannian maps.

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