

## Normal locally conformal almost cosymplectic manifolds

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**Summary.** By an  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold we mean an almost contact metric manifold which is normal and locally conformal almost cosymplectic. The local structure of such manifolds is described explicitly, and a geometric interpretation is given. Next, after deriving auxiliary curvature properties, we study  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifolds being  $C(\lambda)$ -manifolds (in particular, of constant curvature) or locally symmetric or Ricci-symmetric.

### §1. Preliminary definitions

Let  $M$  be an almost contact metric manifold, i.e.  $M$  is a connected  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold endowed with an almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  (cf. [4]). As usually, denote by  $\Phi$  the second fundamental form of  $M$ ,  $\Phi(X, Y) = g(\varphi X, Y)$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ .  $\mathcal{X}(M)$  is the Lie algebra of differentiable vector fields on  $M$ .

For further use, we recall the following definitions (cf. [14], [6], or [4]). The manifold  $M$  (and its structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ ) is said to be:

- 1) normal if the almost complex structure defined on the product manifold  $M \times \mathbf{R}$  is integrable (equivalently,  $[\varphi, \varphi] + 2d\eta \otimes \xi = 0$ ),
- 2) almost cosymplectic if  $d\eta = 0$  and  $d\Phi = 0$ ,
- 3) cosymplectic if it is normal and almost cosymplectic (equivalently,  $\nabla\varphi = 0$ ,  $\nabla$  being the covariant differentiation with respect to the Levi-Civita connection).

We also need the following definition (cf. [10], [15]): The manifold  $M$  is called locally conformal, l.c. in short, cosymplectic (resp., almost cosymplectic) if  $M$  has an open covering  $\{U_t\}$  endowed with differentiable functions  $\sigma_t : U_t \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  such that over each  $U_t$  the almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi_t, \xi_t, \eta_t, g_t)$  defined by

$$(1.1) \quad \varphi_t = \varphi, \quad \xi_t = e^{\sigma_t} \xi, \quad \eta_t = e^{-\sigma_t} \eta, \quad g_t = e^{-2\sigma_t} g,$$

is cosymplectic (resp., almost cosymplectic).

An almost contact metric manifold  $M$  is l.c. almost cosymplectic if and only if there exists a 1-form  $\omega$  on  $M$  such that  $d\omega = 0$ ,  $d\eta = \omega \wedge \eta$ ,  $d\Phi = 2\omega \wedge \Phi$ . If the form  $\omega$  verifying the above conditions exists, then it is unique. So, this is a characteristic form of a l.c. almost cosymplectic manifold. On such a manifold the form  $\omega$  is given locally by  $\omega|_{U_t} = d\sigma_t$  (cf. (1.1)).

## §2. $f$ -Kenmotsu manifolds

In [10] one of the present authors has proved the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.1.** *For an almost contact metric manifold  $M$ , the following conditions are mutually equivalent:*

- a) *the manifold is normal l.c. almost cosymplectic,*
- b) *the manifold is l.c. cosymplectic with the characteristic form  $\omega = f\eta$ ,  $f$  being a function on  $M$ ,*
- c) *the covariant derivative of the tensor field  $\varphi$  is of the form*

$$(2.1) \quad (\nabla_X \varphi)Y = f\{g(\varphi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi X\}$$

for  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ , where  $f$  is a function on  $M$  such that  $df \wedge \eta = 0$ .

The class of normal l.c. almost cosymplectic manifolds contains the all  $\alpha$ -Kenmotsu manifolds, for which the characterizing analytic condition is just (2.1) with  $f = \alpha = \text{const} \neq 0$  (cf. [7]). A 1-Kenmotsu manifold is Kenmotsu ([7],[8]). Considering this and simplifying the terminology a normal l.c. almost cosymplectic manifold, i.e. an almost contact metric manifold fulfilling the condition (2.1) with a function  $f$  such that  $df \wedge \eta = 0$ , will be called an  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold.

Note that for an  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold, from (2.1) it follows that

$$(2.2) \quad \nabla_X \xi = f\{X - \eta(X)\xi\}.$$

Here and in the sequel  $X, Y, Z, \dots$  denote arbitrary differentiable vector fields on the manifold unless otherwise stated.

The condition  $df \wedge \eta = 0$ , occurring in (2.1) and (2.2), follows in fact from (2.1) if  $\dim M \geq 5$ . This does not hold in general if  $\dim M = 3$ . Indeed, by (2.1) and (2.2) we have  $d\eta = 0$  and  $d\Phi = 2f\eta \wedge \Phi$ , and consequently  $0 = d^2\Phi = 2df \wedge \eta \wedge \Phi$ , which gives the assertion. As a consequence of  $df \wedge \eta = 0$ , we get  $df = f'\eta$  and  $X(f) = f'\eta(X)$ , where  $f' = \xi(f)$ . We also have  $df' = f''\eta$  and  $X(f') = f''\eta(X)$ , where  $f'' = \xi(f')$ .

Now consider the following

*Example.* Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be the real line with coordinate  $s$ . Fix a function  $\sigma$  on  $\mathbf{R}$ , and consider the Riemannian metric  $e^{-2\sigma} ds \otimes ds$  on  $\mathbf{R}$ . Let  $N$  be a Kähler manifold,  $J$  its almost complex structure and  $G$  its Kähler metric. Define a cosymplectic structure  $(\tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{g})$  on  $\mathbf{R} \times N$  by  $\tilde{\varphi} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} = 0$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi} X = JX$  if  $X$  is a vector tangent to  $N$ ,  $\tilde{\xi} = e^\sigma \frac{\partial}{\partial s}$ ,  $\tilde{\eta} = e^{-\sigma} ds$  and let  $\tilde{g}$  be the product of the Riemannian metrics  $e^{-2\sigma} ds \otimes ds$  and  $G$ . Now, consider the conformal deformation of the structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  given by

$$\varphi = \tilde{\varphi}, \quad \xi = e^{-\sigma} \tilde{\xi}, \quad \eta = e^\sigma \tilde{\eta}, \quad g = e^{2\sigma} \tilde{g}.$$

The structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is (globally) conformal cosymplectic, its characteristic form  $\omega = d\sigma$  has the property  $\omega = f\eta$ , where  $f = \sigma'$ , and it can be written in the following matrix form:

$$(2.3) \quad \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & J \end{pmatrix}, \quad \xi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \eta = (ds \ 0), \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} ds \otimes ds & 0 \\ 0 & e^{2\sigma} G \end{pmatrix}.$$

So,  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an  $f$ -Kenmotsu structure on  $\mathbf{R} \times N$ . Clearly, if the function  $\sigma$  occurring in the above is a periodic function, then the structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  can be projected on  $S^1 \times N$ .

Our next results characterizes locally an  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold.

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $M$  be an  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold. Then an arbitrary point of  $M$  has a neighborhood  $U = (a, b) \times V$ , where  $(a, b)$  is an open interval,  $V$  is a Kähler manifold and the structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is given on  $U$  as in (2.3),  $s$  being the coordinate on  $(a, b)$ ,  $\sigma$  a function on  $(a, b)$  and  $(J, G)$  the Kähler structure on  $V$ .*

**PROOF.** This follows indeed from the following two facts: a)  $M$  is l.c. cosymplectic with the characteristic form  $\omega (= d\sigma_t) = f\eta$ , and b) a cosymplectic manifold is locally a product of an open interval and a Kähler manifold. Q.E.D.

The following theorem provides a geometric interpretation of an  $f$ -Kenmotsu structure.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $M$  be an almost contact metric manifold. Then  $M$  is  $f$ -Kenmotsu if and only if it satisfies the conditions:*

a) *any integral curve of the vector field  $\xi$  is a geodesic, and the tensor field  $\varphi$  is invariant by any local 1-parameter group of local transformations generated by  $\xi$  (analytically,  $\nabla_\xi \xi = 0$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\xi \varphi = 0$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  is the Lie derivative),*

b) *the distribution  $\mathcal{D} = \ker \eta$  is integrable, and any leaf of the foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  corresponding to the distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  is a totally umbilical hypersurface with constant mean curvature,*

c) *the almost Hermitian structure  $(J, G)$ , induced on an arbitrary leaf  $\tilde{M} \in \mathcal{F}$  by  $J\tilde{X} = \varphi\tilde{X}$ ,  $G(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = g(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})$ ,  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} \in \mathcal{X}(\tilde{M})$ , is Kähler.*

**PROOF.** Assume that  $M$  is an almost contact metric manifold, for which the conditions a)–c) hold. We shall show that the identity (2.1)

is fulfilled on  $M$ . Indeed note that  $\xi$  is unit and orthogonal to any leaf  $\tilde{M} \in \mathcal{F}$ . Thus, the shape operator  $A$  of  $\tilde{M}$  is given by  $A\tilde{X} = -\nabla_{\tilde{X}}\xi$ ,  $\tilde{X} \in \mathcal{X}(\tilde{M})$ . Since a leaf is totally umbilical and its mean curvature is constant, we get  $\nabla_{\tilde{X}}\xi = \lambda_{\tilde{M}}\tilde{X}$  for  $\tilde{X} \in \mathcal{X}(\tilde{M})$ , where  $\lambda_{\tilde{M}}$  is a constant depending, maybe, on the choice of the leaf. Hence and from  $\nabla_{\xi}\xi = 0$  we see that the relation (2.2) holds on  $M$ , if  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is defined by  $f(p) := \lambda_{\tilde{M}}$ , for  $p \in \tilde{M}$ . From this definition it is clear that  $df \wedge \eta = 0$ . Now, using  $\tilde{\nabla}J = 0$  and the Gauss equation

$$\nabla_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y} = \tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y} - \lambda_{\tilde{M}}G(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})\xi,$$

$\tilde{\nabla}$  being the covariant differentiation with respect to the Levi-Civita connection on  $\tilde{M}$ , we obtain

$$(\nabla_{\tilde{X}}\varphi)\tilde{Y} = \lambda_{\tilde{M}}g(\varphi\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})\xi$$

for  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} \in \mathcal{X}(\tilde{M})$ . Consequently, we see that (2.1) is satisfied for  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$  if  $X \perp \xi$ ,  $Y \perp \xi$ . For  $Y = \xi$ , (2.1) follows from (2.2). Finally, applying (2.2) and  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi}\varphi = 0$ , we derive

$$(\nabla_{\xi}\varphi)Y = \nabla_{\xi}\varphi Y - \varphi\nabla_{\xi}Y = [\xi, \varphi Y] - \varphi[\xi, Y] = (\mathcal{L}_{\xi}\varphi)Y = 0,$$

i.e. (2.1) for  $X = \xi$ . Thus, (2.1) holds for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ .

The converse statement follows by applying Proposition 2.2. Q.E.D.

*Remarks.* 1. In [11] one of the present authors has proved that a 3-dimensional almost contact metric manifold satisfies the identity

$$(\nabla_X\varphi)Y = g(\varphi\nabla_X\xi, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi\nabla_X\xi.$$

Therefore, for such a manifold, the relations (2.1) and (2.2) are equivalent.

2. The Riemannian manifold appearing in the Example is locally a warped product space in the sense of BISHOP and O'NEILL [3], or a semi-reducible space in the sense of KRUČKOVIČ [9].

3. The terminology used in the present paper is the same as in the paper [10]. It should be added that structures defined by certain stronger conditions than (2.1) (but under another name) were studied in [13].

4. Recently, almost contact metric manifolds whose structure tensors satisfy the condition (2.1) have been treated in relation with contact conformal transformations by ALEXIEV and GANCHEV [1], [2]. These manifolds are trans-Sasakian in the sense of OUBIÑA [5], [12].

§3. Three auxiliary propositions

In this section we collect the main curvature identities fulfilled by an arbitrary normal l.c. almost cosymplectic manifold. For such a manifold, let  $R$  denote the usual curvature operator by  $R(X, Y) := [\nabla_X, \nabla_Y] - \nabla_{[X, Y]}$ , and let  $X \wedge Y$  be the linear operator defined by  $(X \wedge Y)Z = g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *The curvature operator of an  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold satisfies the relations*

$$(3.1) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = -(f^2 + f')(X \wedge Y)\xi,$$

$$(3.2) \quad R(\varphi X, \varphi Y) - R(X, Y) = -f^2\{(\varphi X) \wedge (\varphi Y) - X \wedge Y\} + f'\{\eta(X)(\xi \wedge Y) + \eta(Y)(X \wedge \xi)\}.$$

PROOF. (3.1) follows, by direct calculations, from (2.2). To prove (3.2) note that we have in general

$$(3.3) \quad \varphi R(Z, W)\varphi X + R(Z, W)X = \varphi(\nabla_{ZW}^2\varphi X - \varphi\nabla_{ZW}^2X) - \varphi(\nabla_{WZ}^2\varphi X - \varphi\nabla_{WZ}^2X) - g(R(Z, W)\xi, X)\xi,$$

where  $\nabla_{ZW}^2 = \nabla_Z\nabla_W - \nabla_{\nabla_Z W}$  is the second covariant derivative. On the other hand, rewriting (2.1) in the form

$$\nabla_W\varphi X - \varphi\nabla_W X = fg(\varphi W, X)\xi - f\eta(X)\varphi W,$$

differentiating this covariantly and using again (2.1) and (2.2), we find

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_{ZW}^2\varphi X - \varphi\nabla_{ZW}^2X &= -f\eta(\nabla_W X)\varphi Z - f\eta(\nabla_Z X)\varphi W + \\ &+ f^2\eta(X)\{\eta(Z)\varphi W + \eta(W)\varphi Z\} - f^2\{g(W, \varphi X)Z + \\ &+ g(Z, X)\varphi W\} - f'\eta(X)\eta(Z)\varphi W + (\cdot)\xi, \end{aligned}$$

where  $(\cdot)$  denotes an expression depending on  $Z, W, X$  but playing no role whatever in what follows. In virtue of (3.4) and (3.1), the equality (3.3) takes the form

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \varphi R(Z, W)\varphi X + R(Z, W)X &= -f^2\{g(\varphi X, W)\varphi Z - g(\varphi X, Z)\varphi W + \\ &+ g(X, W)Z - g(X, Z)W\} + f'\eta(X)\{\eta(Z)W - \eta(W)Z\} + \\ &+ f'\{\eta(W)g(X, Z) - \eta(Z)g(X, W)\}\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, from

$$g((R(\varphi X, \varphi Y) - R(X, Y))Z, W) = -g(\varphi R(Z, W)\varphi X + R(Z, W)X, Y),$$

after using (3.5), we can deduce (3.2). Q.E.D.

Consider the Ricci curvature tensor  $\varrho$  given by  $\varrho(X, Y) = \text{trace}\{Z \rightarrow R(Z, X)Y\}$ , and the Ricci operator  $\tilde{\varrho}$  defined by  $g(\tilde{\varrho}X, Y) = \varrho(X, Y)$ .



**Proposition 3.2.** *The Ricci operator  $\tilde{\rho}$  of an  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold satisfies the identities*

$$(3.6) \quad \tilde{\rho}\xi = -2n(f^2 + f')\xi,$$

$$(3.7) \quad \varphi \circ \tilde{\rho} = \tilde{\rho} \circ \varphi.$$

PROOF. (3.6) easily follows from (3.1). To prove (3.7) we introduce the auxiliary (0,2)-tensor  $\rho^*$  by

$$\rho^*(X, Y) = \text{trace} \{Z \rightarrow -\varphi R(Z, X)\varphi Y\}.$$

One verifies that we also have

$$\rho^*(X, Y) = \text{trace} \{Z \rightarrow \varphi R(Z, \varphi Y)X\}.$$

With the help of the above formulas and (3.1), we find

$$(3.8) \quad \rho^*(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = \rho^*(Y, X).$$

On the other hand, the following expression of the tensor  $\rho^*$  is a consequence of (3.5)

$$\rho^* = \varrho + \{(2n - 1)f^2 + f'\}g + \{(2n - 1)f' + f^2\}\eta \otimes \eta.$$

Using this in (3.8) we get

$$\varrho(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = \varrho(X, Y) + 2n(f^2 + f')\eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

whence the relation (3.7) follows. Q.E.D.

**Proposition 3.3.** *The curvature operator  $R$  and the Ricci operator  $\tilde{\rho}$  of a 3-dimensional  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold are given by*

$$(3.9) \quad R(X, Y) = \left(\frac{\tau}{2} + 2f^2 + 2f'\right)(X \wedge Y) - \\ - \left(\frac{\tau}{2} + 3f^2 + 3f'\right)\{\eta(X)(\xi \wedge Y) + \eta(Y)(X \wedge \xi)\},$$

$$(3.10) \quad \tilde{\rho} = \left(\frac{\tau}{2} + f^2 + f'\right)Id - \left(\frac{\tau}{2} + 3f^2 + 3f'\right)\eta \otimes \xi,$$

where  $\tau = \text{trace } \tilde{\rho}$  is the scalar curvature.

PROOF. As is known, in any 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold the curvature operator  $R(X, Y)$  can be given by

$$(3.11) \quad R(X, Y) = (\tilde{\rho}X) \wedge Y + X \wedge (\tilde{\rho}Y) - \frac{\tau}{2}(X \wedge Y).$$

For  $X \perp \xi$ , using (3.1) we find  $R(\xi, X)\xi = (f^2 + f')X$ , and using (3.11) and (3.6) we get  $R(\xi, X)\xi = \left(\frac{\tau}{2} + 2f^2 + 2f'\right)X - \tilde{\rho}X$ . Comparing the equalities obtained we see that  $\tilde{\rho}X = \left(\frac{\tau}{2} + f^2 + f'\right)X$  for  $X \perp \xi$ . This and (3.6) imply (3.10). (3.9) follows from (3.11) in view of (3.10). Q.E.D.

§4. Curvature properties

In this section various curvature conditions on  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifolds are studied.

In [7] JANSSENS and VANHECKE introduced the notion of almost  $C(\lambda)$ -manifolds,  $\lambda$  being a real number. An almost contact metric manifold  $M$  is said to be an almost  $C(\lambda)$ -manifold if its Riemann curvature tensor has the following property

$$(4.1) \quad R(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = R(X, Y) + \lambda\{(\varphi X) \wedge (\varphi Y) - X \wedge Y\}.$$

A normal almost  $C(\lambda)$ -manifold is called a  $C(\lambda)$ -manifold. It is known that an  $\alpha$ -Kenmotsu manifold is a  $C(-\alpha^2)$ -manifold and a cosymplectic manifold is a  $C(0)$ -manifold. JANSSENS and VANHECKE [7] proved a theorem concerning an orthogonal decomposition of the space of the curvature tensors satisfying the condition (4.1), into irreducible components with respect to the action of the group  $U(n) \times 1$ . One of the components contains so-called Bochner curvature tensors.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $M$  be an  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold and  $\lambda$  a real number. Then we have:*

a) *If  $\dim M = 3$ , then  $M$  is a  $C(\lambda)$ -manifold if and only if the function  $f$  satisfies the equation  $f^2 + f' = -\lambda$ .*

b) *If  $\dim M \geq 5$  and  $M$  is additionally a  $C(\lambda)$ -manifold, then  $M$  is  $\alpha$ -Kenmotsu and  $\lambda = -\alpha^2$  ( $\alpha = \text{const} \neq 0$ ), or  $M$  is cosymplectic and  $\lambda = 0$ .*

PROOF. a) Let  $(E_0 = \xi, E_1, E_2 = \varphi E_1)$  be an orthonormal  $\varphi$ -basis. Then (4.1) is satisfied trivially and independently of  $\lambda$  for  $X = E_1$  and  $Y = E_2$ . In view of (3.1), the condition (4.1) holds for  $X = \xi$  and an arbitrary  $Y$  if and only if  $f^2 + f' = -\lambda$ . b) Comparing (3.2) with (4.1) and taking  $\dim M \geq 5$  into account, we get the assertion. Q.E.D.

The following corollary is an immediate consequence of Theorem 4.1 and Proposition 3.3.

**Corollary 4.2.** *Let  $M$  be an  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold and  $K$  a real number. Then we have:*

a) *If  $\dim M = 3$ , then  $M$  is of constant curvature  $K$  if and only if the function  $f$  and the scalar curvature  $\tau$  of  $M$  fulfil the equations  $K = \frac{\tau}{6} = -(f^2 + f')$ .*

b) *If  $\dim M \geq 5$  and  $M$  is moreover of constant curvature  $K$ , then  $M$  is  $\alpha$ -Kenmotsu and  $K = -\alpha^2$ , or  $M$  is cosymplectic and flat.*

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $M$  be an  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold. If  $M$  is locally symmetric and non-cosymplectic, then it is of constant curvature.*

PROOF. Differentiating (3.1) covariantly and using the relations  $\nabla R = 0$ , (2.2) and (3.1), we have

$$(4.2) \quad fR(X, Y)Z = -\xi(f^2 + f')\eta(Z)(X \wedge Y)\xi - f(f^2 + f')(X \wedge Y)Z.$$

Putting  $Z = \xi$  into (4.2) and applying (3.1) we find  $\xi(f^2 + f') = 0$ . Consequently, using also Schur's theorem, we deduce from (4.2) that the Riemannian metric  $g$  is of constant curvature on the open and non-empty subset of  $M$ , on which  $f \neq 0$ . By the parallelity of  $R$ , the metric is of constant curvature on the whole of  $M$ . Q.E.D.

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $M$  be an  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold. If  $M$  is Ricci-symmetric (i.e.  $\nabla \rho = 0$ ) and non-cosymplectic, then it is Einstein.*

**PROOF.** The scheme of this proof is the same as that of Theorem 4.3. But instead of the formula (3.1) one needs (3.6). Q.E.D.

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