

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 (φ, ξ, η, g) (cf. [4]). As usually, denote by Φ 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 (φ, ξ, η, 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, $\nabla\varphi = 0$, ∇ 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 ω on M such that $d\omega = 0$, $d\eta = \omega \wedge \eta$, $d\Phi = 2\omega \wedge \Phi$. If the form ω 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 ω 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 φ 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 α -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 σ 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 (φ, ξ, η, 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 (φ, ξ, η, 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, (φ, ξ, η, g) is an f -Kenmotsu structure on $\mathbf{R} \times N$. Clearly, if the function σ occurring in the above is a periodic function, then the structure (φ, ξ, η, 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 (φ, ξ, η, g) is given on U as in (2.3), s being the coordinate on (a, b) , σ 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 ξ is a geodesic, and the tensor field φ is invariant by any local 1-parameter group of local transformations generated by ξ (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 ξ 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

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

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

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

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

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

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 ϱ 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 $\tilde{\varrho}$ of an f -Kenmotsu manifold satisfies the identities*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 $R(\xi, X)\xi = \left(\frac{\tau}{2} + 2f^2 + 2f'\right)X - \tilde{\varrho}X$. Comparing the equalities obtained we see that $\tilde{\varrho}X = \left(\frac{\tau}{2} + f^2 + f'\right)X$ 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, λ 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 α -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 λ 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 α -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 φ -basis. Then (4.1) is satisfied trivially and independently of λ 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 τ 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 α -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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