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# $\phi$ -CONHARMONICALLY SYMMETRIC SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. We consider some conditions on conharmonic curvature tensor  $\tilde{C}$ , which has many applications in physics and mathematics. We prove that every  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric *n*-dimensional (n > 3), Sasakain manifold is an Einstein manifold. Also we prove that a three-dimensional Sasakian manifold is locally  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric if and only if it is locally  $\phi$ -symmetric. Finally we give two examples of a three-dimensional  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric Sasakian manifold.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $(M^n, g)$  be an *n*-dimensional,  $n \ge 3$ , Riemannian manifold of class  $C^{\infty}$ . The conharmonic curvature tensor  $\tilde{C}$  is considered as an invariant of the conharmonic transformation defined by Ishii [6]. It satisfies all the symmetric properties of the Riemannian curvature tensor R. There are many physical applications of the tensor  $\tilde{C}$ . For example, in [1], Abdussattar showed that sufficient condition for a space-time to be conharmonic to a flat space-time is that the tensor  $\tilde{C}$  vanishes identically. A conharmonically flat space-time is either empty in which case it is flat or is filled with a distribution represented by energy momentum tensor T possesing the algebraic structure of an electromagnetic field and is conformal to flat space-time [1]. Also he described the gravitational field due to a distribution of pure radiation in presence of disordered radiation by means of spherically symmetric conharmonically flat space-time.

On the other hand, the notion of locally symmetry of a Riemannian manifold has been weakened by many authors in several ways to different extent. As a weaker version of locally symmetry, T.Takashi [7] introduced the notion of locally  $\phi$ -symmetry on a Sasakian manifold. In the context of contact geometry the notion of  $\phi$ -symmetry is introduced and studied by Boeckx, Buecken and Vanhacke [5]. In [4], Boeckx proved that every non-Sasakian ( $\kappa, \mu$ )- manifold is locally  $\phi$ -symmetric in the strong sense.

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In the present work we study  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetry in a Sasakian manifold. The paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we give a brief account of conharmonic curvature tensor, Weyl tensor and Sasakian manifold. In Section 3, we consider  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric Sasakian manifold and prove that it is an Einstein manifold. Then using this result we concluded that a Sasakian manifold is  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric if and only if it is  $\phi$ -symmetric. In the next section we consider three-dimensional locally  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric Sasakian manifold. Finally we give two examples of a three-dimensional  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric Sasakian manifold.

#### 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we collect some basic facts about contact metric manifolds. We refer to [3] for a more detailed treatment. An n-dimensional (n = 2m + 1) differentiable manifold  $M^n$  is called a *contact manifold* if there exists a globally defined 1-form  $\eta$  such that  $(d\eta)^m \wedge \eta \neq 0$ . On a contact manifold there exists a unique global vector field  $\xi$  satisfying

$$d\eta(\xi, X) = 0, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1,$$
 (2.1)

for any vector field X tangent to M.

Moreover, it is well-known that there exist a (1, 1)-tensor field  $\phi$ , a Riemannian metric g which satisfy

$$\phi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \tag{2.2}$$

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

$$d\eta(X,Y) = g(X,\phi Y), \tag{2.4}$$

for all X, Y tangent to M. As a consequence of the above relations we have

$$\phi \xi = 0, \quad \eta o \phi = 0. \tag{2.5}$$

The structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called a *contact metric structure* and the manifold  $M^n$  with a contact metric structure is said to be a *contact metric manifold*. Furthermore, if moreover the structure is normal, that is,  $[\varphi X, \varphi Y] + \varphi^2[X, Y] - \varphi[X, \varphi Y] - \varphi[\varphi X, Y] = -2d\eta(X, Y)\xi$ , then the contact metric structure is called a *Sasakian manifold*. *structure* (normal contact metric structure) and M is called a *Sasakian manifold*.

We denote by  $\nabla$  the Levi-Civita connection on M. Then we have

$$(i)(\nabla_X \varphi)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X, \quad (ii)\nabla_X \xi = -\varphi X, \tag{2.6}$$

$$(i)R(X,Y)\xi = \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y, \quad (ii)S(X,\xi) = 2n\eta(X)$$
 (2.7)

for any vector fields X, Y tangent to M, where S denotes the Ricci tensor [3].

The Weyl conformal curvature tensor C and the conharmonic curvature tensor  $\tilde{C}$  are defined by

$$C(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-2} \begin{bmatrix} g(Y,Z)QX - g(X,Z)QY \\ +S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y \end{bmatrix} + \frac{r}{(n-1)(n-2)} [g(Y,Z)Z - g(X,Z)Y]$$
(2.8)

and

$$\tilde{C}(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-2} \begin{bmatrix} g(Y,Z)QX - g(X,Z)QY \\ +S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y \end{bmatrix}$$
(2.9)

respectively, where Q denotes the Ricci operator, i.e. S(X,Y) = g(QX,Y) and r is scalar curvature [6]. The curvature tensor R of a 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold can be written as

$$R(X,Y)Z = g(Y,Z)QX - g(X,Z)QY + S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y -\frac{r}{2}(g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y).$$
(2.10)

### 3. $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric Sasakian manifolds

**Definition 3.1.** A Sasakian manifold  $M^n$  is said to be  $\phi$ -symmetric if

 $\phi^2(\nabla_X R)(Y,Z)W = 0,$ 

for any vector fields X, Y, Z W of M. If the vector fields are orthogonal to  $\xi$ , then the manifold is called locally  $\phi$ -symmetric.

**Definition 3.2.** A Sasakian manifold  $M^n(\phi,\xi,\eta,g)$  is said to be  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric if

$$\phi^2(\nabla_X \tilde{C})(Y, Z)W = 0, \qquad (3.1)$$

for any vector fields X, Y, Z, W of M. If the vector fields are orthogonal to  $\xi$ , then the manifold is called locally  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric.

From the definition it follows that a  $\phi$ - symmetric Sasakian manifold is  $\phi$ conharmonically symmetric. But the converse is not true in general.

Firstly, differentiating (2.9) covariantly with respect to X, we obtain

$$(\nabla_X \tilde{C})(Y, Z)W = (\nabla_X R)(Y, Z)W$$
(3.2)

$$-\frac{1}{n-2}[(\nabla_X S)(Z,W)Y - (\nabla_X S)(Y,W)Z + g(Z,W)(\nabla_X Q)Y - g(Y,W)(\nabla_X Q)Z].$$
  
Using (3.1) and (2.2) , we get

$$-g((\nabla_X R)(Y,Z)W,U) + \frac{1}{n-2}[(\nabla_X S)(Z,W)g(Y,U) - (\nabla_X S)(Y,W)g(Z,U) + g(Z,W)g((\nabla_X Q)Y,U) - g(Y,W)g((\nabla_X Q)Z,U)] + g((\nabla_X R)(Y,Z)W,\xi)\xi + \frac{1}{n-2}[g((\nabla_X S)(Z,W)Y - (\nabla_X S)(Y,W)Z;\xi)\eta(U)$$
(3.3)  
+g(Z,W)g((\nabla\_X Q)Y,\xi)\eta(U) - g(Y,W)g((\nabla\_X Q)Z,\xi)\eta(U)] = 0.

Applying contraction to the equation (3.3) with respect to Y and U, we have

$$-(\nabla_X S)(Z, W) + \frac{1}{n-2}[(n-2)(\nabla_X S)(Z, W) + g(Z, W)X(r)] +g((\nabla_X R)(\xi, Z)W, \xi) - \frac{1}{n-2}[(\nabla_X S)(Z, W) - (\nabla_X S)(\xi, W)\eta(Z) +g(Z, W)g((\nabla_X Q)\xi, \xi) - \eta(W)g((\nabla_X Q)Z, \xi)] = 0.$$
(3.4)

Taking  $W = \xi$  in (3.4) it follows that

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$$-(\nabla_X S)(Z,\xi) + \frac{1}{n-2}\eta(Z)X(r) = 0.$$
(3.5)

Then putting  $Z = \xi$  in (3.5), we obtain X(r) = 0, that is, r is constant. Thus we can state the following:

**Theorem 1.** Let M be a Sasakian manifold. If M is  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric then the scalar curvature r is constant.

From the equation (3.5) and Theorem 1 we obtain

$$(\nabla_X S)(Z,\xi) = 0,$$

that is,

$$\nabla_X S(Z,\xi) - S(\nabla_X Z,\xi) - S(Z,\nabla_X \xi) = 0.$$

Now using 6(ii) and 7(ii) yields

$$2n(\nabla_X \eta)(Z) + S(Z, \phi X) = 0. \tag{3.6}$$

Also in a Sasakian manifold it is known that  $(\nabla_X \eta)(Z) = g(X, \phi Z)$ . Therefore putting  $X = \phi X$  in (3.6) we get

$$S(X,Z) = 2ng(X,Z).$$

Hence we are in a position to state the following:

**Theorem 2.** Let M be a Sasakian manifold. If M is  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric then M is an Einstein manifold.

Then using the above theorem in the equation (3.2), we get easily  $(\nabla_X \tilde{C})(Y, Z)W = (\nabla_X R)(Y, Z)W$ . So, we state the following:

**Corollary 1.** Let  $M^n$  be a Sasakian manifold.  $M^n$  is  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric if and only if it is  $\phi$ -symmetric.

# 4. Three-dimensional locally $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric Sasakian manifolds

Now, we suppose that M is a three-dimensional locally  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric Sasakian manifold. Using the equation (2.9), we get

$$\phi^2(\nabla_X \tilde{C})(Y, Z)W = -\frac{X(r)}{2}[g(Y, W)Z - g(Z, W)Y]$$

for any vector fields X, Y, Z W are orthogonal to  $\xi$ . Thus we can easily get the following:

**Theorem 3.** A three-dimensional Sasakian manifold is locally  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric if and only if the scalar curvature r is constant.

It is known from Watanabe's result [9] that a three-dimensional Sasakian manifold is locally  $\phi$ - symmetric if and only if the scalar curvature r is constant. Using Watanabe's result we state the following:

**Theorem 4.** A three-dimensional Sasakian manifold is locally  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric if and only if it is locally  $\phi$ - symmetric.

# 5. Example

In this section we give two examples to prove the existence of a three-dimensional  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric Sasakian manifold.

**Example 5.1.** In [8] (p.275), K. Yano and M.Kon gave an example of a Sasakian manifolds which is three-dimensional sphere. Three-dimensional sphere is an Einstein manifold and hence a manifold of constant scalar curvature. Hence by Theorem 3 the three-dimensional sphere is locally  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric.

**Example 5.2.** We consider the three-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3, (x, y, z) \neq 0\}$ , where (x, y, z) are standard coordinate of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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The vector fields

$$e_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad e_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad e_3 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

are linearly independent at each point of M.

Let g be the Riemannian metric defined by

$$g(e_1, e_3) = g(e_1, e_2) = g(e_2, e_3) = 0,$$

$$g(e_1, e_1) = g(e_2, e_2) = g(e_3, e_3) = 1,$$

that is, the form of the metric becomes

$$g = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2}{z^2}$$

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(Z) = g(Z, e_3)$  for any  $Z \varepsilon \chi(M)$ . Further, let  $\phi$  be the (1, 1) tensor field defined by

$$\phi(e_1) = e_2, \quad \phi(e_2) = -e_1, \quad \phi(e_3) = 0.$$

So, using the linearity of  $\phi$  and g, we have

$$\eta(e_3) = 1,$$
  

$$\phi^2 Z = -Z + \eta(Z)e_3,$$
  

$$g(\phi Z, \phi W) = g(Z, W) - \eta(Z)\eta(W),$$

for any  $Z, W \in \chi(M)$ .

Then for  $e_3 = \xi$ , the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defines an almost contact metric structure on M.

Let  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to metric g. Then we have

$$\begin{split} [e_1, e_2] &= e_1 e_2 - e_2 e_1 \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \\ &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} - y \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z \partial y} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + y \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial z} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = 2e_3. \end{split}$$

Similarly

$$[e_2, e_3] = 0$$
 and  $[e_1, e_3] = 0$ 

The Riemannian connection  $\nabla$  of the metric g is given by

$$2g(\nabla_X Y, Z) = Xg(Y, Z) + Yg(Z, X) - Zg(X, Y) + g(Z, [X, Y]) - g(X, [Y, Z]) + g(Y, [Z, X]),$$
(5.1)

which is known as Koszul's formula. Using (5.1) we have

$$2g(\nabla_{e_1}e_3, e_1) = 0 = 2g(-e_2, e_1).$$
(5.2)

Again by (5.1)

$$2g(\nabla_{e_1}e_3, e_2) = g(-2e_3, e_3) = 2g(-e_2, e_2)$$
(5.3)

and

$$2g(\nabla_{e_1}e_3, e_3) = 0 = 2g(-e_2, e_3). \tag{5.4}$$

From (5.2), (5.3) and (5.4) we obtain

$$2g(\nabla_{e_1}e_3, X) = 2g(-e_2, X)$$

for all  $X \in \chi(M)$ . Thus

$$\nabla_{e_1} e_3 = -e_2.$$

Therefore, (5.1) further yields

$$\nabla_{e_1} e_3 = -e_2, \quad \nabla_{e_1} e_2 = e_3, \quad \nabla_{e_1} e_1 = 0$$
  
$$\nabla_{e_2} e_3 = e_1, \quad \nabla_{e_2} e_2 = 0, \quad \nabla_{e_2} e_1 = -e_3$$
  
$$\nabla_{e_3} e_3 = 0, \quad \nabla_{e_3} e_2 = e_1, \quad \nabla_{e_3} e_1 = -e_2$$
(5.5)

(5.5) tells us that the  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  structure satisfies the formula  $\nabla_X \xi = -\phi X$  for  $\xi = e_3$ . Hence  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a three-dimensional Sasakian manifold.

It is known that

$$R(X,Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X,Y]} Z.$$
(5.6)

With the help of the above results and using (5.6) it can be easily verified that

$$R(e_1, e_2)e_3 = 0, \quad R(e_2, e_3)e_3 = e_2, \quad R(e_1, e_3)e_3 = e_1$$
$$R(e_1, e_2)e_2 = -3e_1, \quad R(e_2, e_3)e_2 = -e_3, \quad R(e_1, e_3)e_2 = 0$$
$$R(e_1, e_2)e_1 = 3e_2, \quad R(e_2, e_3)e_1 = 0, \quad R(e_1, e_3)e_1 = -e_3.$$

From the above expression of the curvature tensor we obtain

$$S(e_1, e_1) = g(R(e_1, e_2)e_2, e_1) + g(R(e_1, e_3)e_3, e_1) = -2.$$

Similarly we have

$$S(e_2, e_2) = -2$$
,  $S(e_3, e_3) = 2$  and  $S(e_i, e_j) = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ .

Therefore,

$$r = S(e_1, e_1) + S(e_2, e_2) + S(e_3, e_3) = -2.$$

Hence we obtain that the scalar curvature is constant. Therefore from Theorem 4, it follows that M is a three-dimensional locally  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric Sasakian manifold.

# 6. Conclusions

As a generalization of  $\phi$ -symmetric Sasakian manifolds,  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric Sasakian manifolds have been introduced in this paper. Conharmonic curvature tensor has some physical applications. Examples of three-dimensional locally  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric Sasakian manifolds are given and prove that a  $\phi$ -conharmonically symmetric Sasakian manifold is an Einstein manifold.

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