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# Contact Hypersurfaces Of A Bochner-Kaehler Manifold

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**Abstract:** We have studied contact metric hypersurfaces of a Bochner-Kaehler manifold and obtained the following two results: (1) A contact metric constant mean curvature (*CMC*) hypersurface of a Bochner-Kaehler manifold is a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold, and (2) If  $M$  is a compact contact metric *CMC* hypersurface of a Bochner-Kaehler manifold with a conformal vector field  $V$  that is neither tangential nor normal anywhere, then it is totally umbilical and Sasakian, and under certain conditions on  $V$ , is isometric to a unit sphere.

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## 1 Introduction

Bochner curvature tensor was introduced in 1948 by S. Bochner [4] as a Kaehlerian analogue of the Weyl conformal tensor. It was shown by S.M. Webster [17] that the fourth order Chern-Moser curvature tensor of *CR*-manifolds coincides with the Bochner tensor. A Kaehler manifold with vanishing Bochner curvature tensor is known as Bochner-Kaehler manifold. Bochner-Kaehler surface is nothing but a self-dual Kaehler surface in Penrose's twistor theory. Some topological obstructions to

Bochner-Kaehler metrics were studied by Chen in [6]. Just as a real space-form is conformally flat, a complex space-form is Bochner flat, i.e. Bochner-Kaehler (the converse does not need to hold). The product of two complex space-forms of constant holomorphic sectional curvatures  $c$  and  $-c$  is non-Einstein Bochner-Kaehler. Though Bochner-Kaehler manifolds have been studied by quite a few geometers, nevertheless have received considerably less attention, compared to Kaehler metrics with vanishing scalar curvature and Kaehler-Einstein metrics. For details we refer to Bryant [5]. It is well known that a hypersurface  $M$  of a Kaehler manifold  $\bar{M}$  admits an almost contact metric structure induced from the Hermitian structure of  $\bar{M}$ . Okumura [13] studied and classified such hypersurfaces, mainly when the ambient space is a complex space-form. Generalizing the following result of Sharma [15] “The contact metric hypersurface of a complex space-form is a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold”, we prove the following main result of this paper.

**Theorem 1** *A contact metric constant mean curvature hypersurface of a Bochner-Kaehler manifold is a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact manifold.*

Finally, we consider the case when the ambient space admits a conformal vector field and provide the following extrinsic characterization of a Sasakian manifold.

**Theorem 2** *Let  $M$  be a compact contact metric constant mean curvature hypersurface of a Bochner-Kaehler manifold  $\bar{M}$  admitting a conformal vector field  $V$  which is neither tangential nor normal anywhere on  $M$ . Then  $M$  is Sasakian and totally umbilical in  $\bar{M}$ , and the component  $U$  of  $V$ , tangential to  $M$  is conformal on  $M$ . Further, (i) if  $U$  is non-Killing and  $\dim.M > 3$ , then  $M$  is isometric to the unit sphere  $S^{2n+1}$ , and (ii) if  $V$  is closed, then for any dimension,  $M$  is isometric to  $S^{2n+1}$ .*

## 2 Contact Metric Hypersurfaces Of A Kaehler Manifold

A  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional smooth manifold  $M$  is said to be a contact manifold if it carries a global 1-form  $\eta$  such that  $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^n \neq 0$  everywhere on  $M$ . Given a contact 1-form  $\eta$ , there exists a unique vector field  $\xi$  such that  $(d\eta)(\xi, X) = 0$  and  $\eta(\xi) = 1$ . Polarizing  $d\eta$  on the contact subbundle

$D$  ( $\eta = 0$ ), one obtains a Riemannian metric  $g$  and a (1,1)-tensor field  $\varphi$  such that

$$(d\eta)(X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y), \eta(X) = g(X, \xi), \varphi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi \quad (1)$$

$g$  is called an associated metric of  $\eta$  and  $(\varphi, \eta, \xi, g)$  a contact metric structure. The operators  $h = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_\xi\varphi$  and  $l = R(\cdot, \xi)\xi$  are self-adjoint and satisfy:  $h\xi = 0$  and  $h\varphi = -\varphi h$ . Furthermore,  $h, h\varphi$  are trace-free. Following formulas hold on a contact metric manifold.

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\varphi X - \varphi hX \quad (2)$$

$$l - \varphi l \varphi = -2(h^2 + \varphi^2) \quad (3)$$

If the associated CR-structure on  $M$  is integrable, then  $M$  is called a contact strongly pseudo-convex integrable CR manifold. This CR integrability condition was shown by Tanno [16] to be equivalent to

$$(\nabla_X \varphi)Y = g(X + hX, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)(X + hX) \quad (4)$$

and holds on a 3-dimensional contact metric manifold. A contact metric manifold  $(M, g)$  is said to be  $K$ -contact if  $\xi$  is Killing (equivalently,  $h = 0$ ), and Sasakian if the almost Kaehler structure on the cone  $M \times \mathbb{R}$  with metric  $dr^2 + r^2g$  is Kaehler. Sasakian manifolds are  $K$ -contact and 3-dimensional  $K$ -contact manifolds are Sasakian. For details we refer to Blair [1]. In [2] Blair, Koufogiorgos and Papantoniou introduced a class of contact metric manifolds  $M^{2n+1}(\eta, \xi, g, \varphi)$  satisfying the nullity condition:

$$R(X, Y)\xi = k(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + \mu(\eta(Y)hX - \eta(X)hY) \quad (5)$$

for real constants  $k$  and  $\mu$ . Such manifolds are known as  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifolds, and satisfy:  $k \leq 1$ , equality holding when  $M$  is Sasakian.

Let  $M$  be an isometrically embedded orientable hypersurface of a Kaehler manifold  $\bar{M}$  of real dimension  $2n + 2$  and with complex structure tensor  $J : J^2 = -I$  and the Hermitian metric  $g$ . The induced metric on  $M$  will also be denoted by  $g$ . If  $N$  denotes the unit normal vector field to  $M$ , we set

$$JN = \xi \quad (6)$$

$$JX = \varphi X - \eta(X)N, \quad (7)$$

where  $\varphi$  and  $\eta$  denote a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field and a 1-form respectively, and  $X$  an arbitrary vector field tangent to  $M$ . The Gauss and Weingarten formulas are

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + g(AX, Y)N, \quad \bar{\nabla}_X N = -AX$$

where  $X, Y$  denote arbitrary vector fields tangent to  $M$ ,  $\nabla$  and  $\bar{\nabla}$  the Riemannian connections of  $M$  and  $\bar{M}$  respectively, and  $A$  the Weingarten operator. Differentiating (1) along an arbitrary vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ , using the Weingarten formula, and comparing tangential parts gives

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\varphi AX. \quad (8)$$

One can easily verify using (6) and (7) that  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defines the almost contact metric structure. We now assume that the almost contact metric structure induced on  $M$  is a contact metric structure. Using the formula (2) in (8) yields

$$A\xi = (Tr.A - 2n)\xi. \quad (9)$$

$$AX = X + hX + (Tr.A - 2n - 1)\eta(X)\xi. \quad (10)$$

which were derived in [15]. Next, differentiating (7) along  $M$ , and using (10) gives equation (4). Hence  $M$  is contact strongly pseudo-convex integrable CR manifold. We denote the Ricci tensor of  $M$ , of types  $(0, 2)$  and  $(1, 1)$  by  $S$  and  $Q$  respectively, and the scalar curvature by  $r$  of  $M$ . Corresponding objects of  $\bar{M}$  are denoted by the same letters with overbars. Recall the Gauss equation

$$\begin{aligned} g(\bar{R}(X, Y)Z, W) &= g(R(X, Y)Z, W) \\ &+ g(AX, Z)g(AY, W) - g(AY, Z)g(AX, W). \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

and contract it as

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{S}(Y, Z) - g(\bar{R}(N, Y)Z, N) &= S(Y, Z) \\ &+ g(AX, AZ) - (Tr.A)g(AY, Z). \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

For a Bochner-Kaehler manifold  $\bar{M}$ , the Bochner curvature tensor  $B$  (see [19]) vanishes, i.e. for arbitrary vector fields  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Z}, \bar{W}$  on  $\bar{M}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= g(B(\bar{X}, \bar{Y})\bar{Z}, \bar{W}) = g(\bar{R}(\bar{X}, \bar{Y})\bar{Z}, \bar{W}) - \frac{1}{2n+6}[g(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z})g(\bar{Q}\bar{X}, \bar{W}) \\
&\quad - g(\bar{Q}\bar{X}, \bar{Z})g(\bar{Y}, \bar{W}) + g(\bar{J}\bar{Y}, \bar{Z})g(\bar{Q}\bar{J}\bar{X}, \bar{W}) - g(\bar{Q}\bar{J}\bar{X}, \bar{Z})g(\bar{J}\bar{Y}, \bar{W}) \\
&\quad + g(\bar{Q}\bar{Y}, \bar{Z})g(\bar{X}, \bar{W}) - g(\bar{X}, \bar{Z})g(\bar{Q}\bar{Y}, \bar{W}) + g(\bar{Q}\bar{J}\bar{Y}, \bar{Z})g(\bar{J}\bar{X}, \bar{W}) \\
&\quad - g(\bar{J}\bar{X}, \bar{Z})g(\bar{Q}\bar{J}\bar{Y}, \bar{W}) - 2g(\bar{J}\bar{X}, \bar{Q}\bar{Y})g(\bar{J}\bar{Z}, \bar{W}) \\
&\quad - 2g(\bar{J}\bar{X}, \bar{Y})g(\bar{Q}\bar{J}\bar{Z}, \bar{W}) + \frac{\bar{r}}{(2n+4)(2n+6)}[g(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z})g(\bar{X}, \bar{W}) \\
&\quad - g(\bar{X}, \bar{Z})g(\bar{Y}, \bar{W}) + g(\bar{J}\bar{Y}, \bar{Z})g(\bar{J}\bar{X}, \bar{W}) \\
&\quad - g(\bar{J}\bar{X}, \bar{Z})g(\bar{J}\bar{Y}, \bar{W}) - 2g(\bar{J}\bar{X}, \bar{Y})g(\bar{J}\bar{Z}, \bar{W})] \tag{13}
\end{aligned}$$

### 3 Proofs Of The Results

**Lemma 1** *For a contact metric hypersurface of a Kaehler manifold,*

$$(a) \bar{S}(\varphi Y, Z) + \bar{S}(Y, \varphi Z) = \eta(Y)g(\bar{Q}N, Z) + \eta(Z)g(\bar{Q}N, Y)$$

$$(b) g(\xi, \bar{Q}N) = 0.$$

**Proof:** Since  $\bar{M}$  is Kaehler, we have  $\bar{S}(JY, Z) + \bar{S}(Y, JZ) = 0$ . The use of (7) in this gives (a). Substituting  $\xi$  for  $Y$  and  $Z$  in (a) yields (b).

**Lemma 2** *If  $f$  is a smooth function on a contact metric manifold  $M$  such that  $df = (\xi f)\eta$  ( $d$  denoting exterior derivation), then  $f$  is constant on  $M$ .*

**Proof:** Taking the exterior derivative of the differential condition mentioned in the hypothesis gives  $d(\xi f) \wedge \eta + (\xi f)d\eta = 0$ . Taking its wedge product with  $\eta$  we find  $(\xi f)(d\eta) \wedge \eta = 0$ . As  $(d\eta) \wedge \eta$  is nowhere vanishing on  $M$  (otherwise the definition of contact structure would break down), we conclude that  $\xi f = 0$  on  $M$ . Consequently,  $df = 0$  on  $M$ , and hence  $f$  is constant on  $M$ , completing the proof.

**Lemma 3** *For a contact metric hypersurface  $M$  of a Bochner-Kaehler manifold, the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a) *For any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ ,  $g(\bar{Q}N, X) = 0$*
- (b)  *$\xi$  is an eigenvector of the Ricci operator  $Q$  at each point of  $M$*
- (c) *The mean curvature of  $M$  is constant.*

**Proof :** Using equations (12), (13), and part (b) of Lemma 1 gives

$$\begin{aligned}
(2n+5)\bar{S}(Y, Z) &= [\bar{S}(N, N) - \frac{\bar{r}}{2n+4}]g(Y, Z) - \frac{3\bar{r}}{2n+4}\eta(Y)\eta(Z) \\
&+ 3g(\bar{Q}Z, \xi)\eta(Y) + 3g(\bar{Q}Y, \xi)\eta(Z) + (2n+6)[S(Y, Z) \\
&+ g(AY, AZ) - (Tr.A)g(AY, Z)]
\end{aligned}$$

Now we replace  $Y$  by  $\varphi Y$  in the above equation to get one equation, and replace  $Z$  by  $\varphi Z$  to get another equation. Adding these two equations, and using part (a) of Lemma 1 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(2n+5)\{\eta(Y)g(\bar{Q}N, Z) + \eta(Z)g(\bar{Q}N, Y)\} &= 3g(\bar{Q}\varphi Z, \xi)\eta(Y) \\
+ 3g(\bar{Q}\varphi Y, \xi)\eta(Z) + (2n+6)[S(\varphi Y, Z) + S(Y, \varphi Z) + g(A\varphi Y, AZ) \\
+ g(AY, A\varphi Z) - (Tr.A)g(A\varphi Y, Z) - (Tr.A)g(AY, \varphi Z)]. & \quad (14)
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $\xi$  for  $Z$ , using (9) and part (b) of Lemma 1 yields

$$(n+1)\varphi\bar{Q}\xi = (n+3)\varphi Q\xi. \quad (15)$$

We also note

$$g(\bar{Q}N, X) = -g(J\bar{Q}\xi, X) = -g(\varphi\bar{Q}\xi, X), \quad (16)$$

The equations (15) and (16) show that (a) is equivalent to (b). Contracting the Codazzi equation:  $\bar{R}(X, Y)N = (\nabla_Y A)X - (\nabla_X A)Y$  at  $X$  provides  $\bar{S}(Y, N) = Y(Tr.A) - (div A)Y$ . Equation (10) transforms the preceding equation into

$$\bar{S}(Y, N) = Y(Tr.A) - (\xi Tr.A)\eta(Y) - (div h)Y \quad (17)$$

Using equation (4) and the formula  $(div.h)\xi = 0$  (easy to verify) for a contact metric shows

$$(div h\varphi)\varphi Y = -(div h)Y \quad (18)$$

Let us assume (b), i.e.  $Q\xi = (Tr.l)\xi$ . Applying the formula:  $(div h\varphi)Y = S(Y, \xi) - 2n\eta(Y)$  (see [3]), we have  $(div h\varphi)\varphi Y = S(\varphi Y, \xi) = 0$ . Hence equation (18) shows that  $div h = 0$ . As  $Q\xi = (Tr.l)\xi$  is equivalent to (a) [proven earlier], appealing to equation (17) we obtain  $d(Tr.A) = (\xi Tr.A)\eta$ . Application of Lemma 2 shows that  $Tr.A$  is constant on  $M$ , proving (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c). For the converse, assume (c), i.e.  $Tr.A$  constant. Then, we go back to equations (17) and (18) and use the formula

$(\operatorname{div}h\varphi)Y = S(Y, \xi) - 2n\eta(Y)$  once again, getting  $\bar{S}(X, N) = S(\varphi X, \xi) = -g(\varphi Q\xi, X)$ . Using this in (16) we find  $\varphi\bar{Q}\xi = \varphi Q\xi$ . Finally, using this in (15) we conclude that  $\varphi Q\xi = 0$  which implies (b), and complete the proof.

**Lemma 4** *For a contact metric hypersurface  $M$  of a Bochner-Kaehler manifold  $\bar{M}$ ,*

$$(a)(Q\varphi - \varphi Q) - (\eta \circ Q\varphi) \otimes \xi + \eta \otimes \varphi Q\xi = 2(\operatorname{Tr}.A - 2)h\varphi.$$

$$(b)l\varphi - \varphi l = 2(\operatorname{Tr}.A - 2n)h\varphi.$$

**Proof** Replacing  $Y, Z$  by  $\varphi Y, \varphi Z$  respectively, in (14) and then using (10) we get (a). Using the formula:

$$Q\varphi - \varphi Q = l\varphi - \varphi l + 4(n-1)h\varphi + (\eta \circ Q\varphi) \otimes \xi - \eta \otimes \varphi Q\xi = 0,$$

for a contact pseudo-convex integrable CR-manifold (see [10]), and using it in (a) we obtain (b).

**Proof Of Theorem 1.** First, we use equation (13) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g(\bar{R}(X, Y)\xi, W) &= \frac{1}{2n+6}[\eta(Y)g(\bar{Q}X, W) - g(\bar{Q}X, \xi)g(Y, W) \\ &\quad - g(\bar{Q}X, N)g(JY, W) + g(\bar{Q}Y, \xi)g(X, W) - \eta(X)g(\bar{Q}Y, W) \\ &\quad + g(\bar{Q}Y, N)g(JY, W) - 2g(JX, Y)g(\bar{Q}\xi, W)] \\ &\quad - \frac{\bar{r}}{(2n+6)(2n+4)}[\eta(Y)g(X, W) - \eta(X)g(Y, W)] \quad (19) \end{aligned}$$

for arbitrary vector fields  $X, Y, W$  tangent to  $M$ . By Lemma 3, the constant mean curvature hypothesis is equivalent to  $g(\bar{Q}N, X) = 0$ , i.e.  $\bar{Q}N = fN$  for some function  $f$  on  $M$ . We also have  $\bar{Q}\xi = J\bar{Q}N = f\xi$ . Hence equation (19) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} (2n+6)g(\bar{R}(X, Y)\xi, W) &= \eta(Y)g(\bar{Q}X, W) - \eta(X)g(\bar{Q}Y, W) \\ &\quad + \sigma[\eta(Y)g(X, W) - \eta(X)g(Y, W)] \quad (20) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma = f - \frac{\bar{r}}{2n+4}$ . This shows that  $g(\bar{R}(X, Y)\xi, W) = 0$ , for any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$  and orthogonal to  $\xi$ . Next, substituting  $\xi$  for  $Z$  in (11), and using equations (9) and (20) we obtain  $R(X, Y)\xi = 0$ ,



for any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$  and orthogonal to  $\xi$ . Hence by the result of Koufogiorgos-Stamatiou ([11]) we conclude that  $M$  is a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -space provided the dimension of  $M$  is  $\geq 5$ .

It remains to consider the 3-dimensional case for which we know that

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= g(QY, Z)X - g(QX, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)QX \\ &\quad - g(X, Z)QY - \frac{r}{2}\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Making use of the formula (3) and the formula  $h^2 = (k - 1)\varphi^2$  ( for any 3-dimensional contact metric manifold [9], where  $k$  is a function  $= \frac{Tr.l}{2}$ ) in part (b) of Lemma 4, we obtain

$$lY = -k\varphi^2Y + (Tr.A - 2)hY \quad (22)$$

Differentiating this along an arbitrary vector field  $X$ , using (2) and then contracting the resulting equation at  $X$  with respect to a local orthonormal frame  $e_i$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} &g((\nabla_Y Q)\xi, \xi) - g((\nabla_\xi Q)Y, \xi) - g(R(Y, \varphi e_i + \varphi h e_i)\xi, e_i) \\ &- g(R(Y, \xi)(\varphi e_i + \varphi h e_i), e_i) = -(\varphi^2 Y)\kappa + (Tr.A - 2)(div h)Y \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Using  $Q\xi = (Tr.l)\xi$  and (2) we have  $g((\nabla_Y Q)\xi, \xi) = 2(Yk)$ ,  $g((\nabla_\xi Q)Y, \xi) = 2(\xi k)\eta(Y)$ . We also had found during the proof of Lemma 3 that  $div.h = 0$ . Moreover, using (21) and  $Q\xi = (Tr.l)\xi$  we compute

$$g(R(Y, \varphi e_i + \varphi h e_i)\xi, e_i) = -\eta(Y)Tr.(Q\varphi h)$$

and

$$g(R(Y, \xi)(\varphi e_i + \varphi h e_i), e_i) = 0$$

Utilizing all these findings in (23), we obtain

$$Yk - (\xi k)\eta(Y) + \eta(Y)Tr.(Q\varphi h) = 0$$

Taking  $Y = \xi$  it is easy to see that  $Tr.Q\varphi h = 0$ . Hence  $Yk = (\xi k)\eta(Y)$ , i.e.  $dk = (\xi k)\eta$ . Applying Lemma 2, we conclude that  $k$  is constant. Thus, the hypothesis :  $Q\xi = (Tr.l)\xi$  and (21) imply  $R(X, Y)\xi = 0$ , for any vector field  $X, Y$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ . Replacing  $X$  by  $X - \eta(X)\xi$  and  $Y$  by  $Y - \eta(Y)\xi$  (as these vector fields are orthogonal to  $\xi$ ) we obtain

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(Y)lX - \eta(X)lY$$

The use of (22) in the foregoing equation shows that  $M^3$  is a  $(\kappa, \mu)$  space with  $\mu = (Tr.A - 2)$ . This completes the proof.

**Proof Of Theorem 2.** As  $V$  is conformal on  $\bar{M}$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}_V g = 2\rho g \quad (24)$$

We decompose the conformal vector field  $V$  along  $M$  orthogonally as

$$V = U + \alpha N \quad (25)$$

where  $U$  is the tangential part of  $V$  and  $\alpha$  a smooth function on  $M$ . In view of the Lemma 3, the constant mean curvature hypothesis is equivalent to  $\bar{S}(X, N) = 0$  for arbitrary vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ . Following the procedure given on pages 101-104 of Yano [18], we have

$$2n \int_M \bar{S}(U, N) dM = \int_M \alpha \sum_{i \neq j}^{2n+1} (k_i - k_j)^2 dM \quad (26)$$

where  $dM$  is the volume element of  $M$ , and  $k_i$  are the principal curvatures of  $M$ . As the left hand side of the above equation is zero, and  $\alpha$  is nowhere zero on  $M$  (otherwise  $V$  would become tangent to  $M$  somewhere, contradicting our hypothesis), we conclude that  $k_i = k_j$ , i.e.  $M$  is totally umbilical. Hence, using (10) provides  $A = I$ , and  $h = 0$ , i.e.  $M$  is Sasakian. The conformal Killing equation (24), together with the Gauss and Weingarten formulas show that  $\mathcal{L}_U g = 2(\rho + \alpha)g$ , i.e.  $U$  is conformal on  $M$ . If  $U$  is homothetic, then  $U$  reduces to Killing, since  $M$  is compact. Hence, if  $U$  is not Killing, and  $dim > 3$ , then by the following theorem of Okumura [14] "A complete Sasakian manifold of dimension  $> 3$  and admitting a non-Killing conformal vector field is isometric to a unit sphere",  $M$  is isometric to  $S^{2n+1}$  which proves (i). For (ii), we know from the following result of Goldberg [8] "A closed conformal vector field on a non-flat Kaehler manifold is homothetic and holomorphic" that  $V$  is homothetic. Hence  $\nabla_X V = \rho X$  ( $\rho$  constant). Using the decomposition (25), and bearing in mind that  $X$  is arbitrary tangent vector on  $M$ , we immediately obtain  $U = -D\alpha$  ( $D$  is the gradient operator of  $(M, g)$ ) and  $\nabla_X U = (\alpha + \rho)X$ . We note that  $\alpha$  cannot be constant on  $M$ , otherwise  $U$  would vanish on  $M$  turning  $V$  normal to  $M$  and thus contradicting our hypothesis. Thus obtain

$$\nabla_X D(\alpha + \rho) = -(\alpha + \rho)X \quad (27)$$

Hence, by Obata's theorem [12] "A complete Riemannian manifold of dimension  $> 2$  is isometric to a sphere of radius  $\frac{1}{c}$  if and only if it admits a non-trivial solution  $f$  of the differential equation  $\nabla\nabla f = -c^2 fg$ ", we conclude that  $M$  is isometric to  $S^{2n+1}$ , completing the proof.

**Remark.** As indicated in [7], the Kaehler cone manifold  $(M \times R^+, d(r^2\eta))$  with metric  $dr \otimes dr + r^2g$  over a Sasakian manifold  $(M, \eta, g)$  admits a conformal vector field  $ar\partial_r - b\xi$  (for  $a, b$  real constants) which is nowhere tangent and nowhere normal to  $M$  and therefore serves as an example of the conformal vector field satisfying the hypothesis of Theorem 2.

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