ON ALMOST CONTACT AFFINE 3-STRUCTURES

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The almost quaternion structure has been studied by Ako [10], Bonan [1], Obata [6, 7] and one of the present authors [10]. The purpose of the present paper is to study almost contact affine 3-structures [2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9] induced on hypersurfaces of an almost quaternion or quaternion manifold.

§ 1. Hypersurfaces of an almost quaternion manifold.

Let M^{4n} be an almost quaternion manifold, that is, a 4n-dimensional differentiable manifold which admits a set of three tensor fields \widetilde{F} , \widetilde{G} , \widetilde{H} of type (1,1) satisfying

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{F}^2 = -I, & \widetilde{G}^2 = -I, & \widetilde{H}^2 = -I, \\ \widetilde{F} = \widetilde{G}\widetilde{H} = -\widetilde{H}\widetilde{G}, & \widetilde{G} = \widetilde{H}\widetilde{F} = -\widehat{F}\widetilde{H}, & \widetilde{H} = \widetilde{F}\widetilde{G} = -\widetilde{G}\widetilde{F}, \end{split}$$

I denoting the identity tensor.

We first prove

Lemma 1.1. There exists an almost Hermitian metric \tilde{g} for the almost quaternion structure \tilde{F} , \tilde{G} , \tilde{H} , that is, a Riemannian metric \tilde{g} satisfying

$$\begin{split} \tilde{g}(\tilde{F}\tilde{X},\,\tilde{F}\tilde{Y}) = & \,\,\tilde{g}(\tilde{X},\,\tilde{Y}),\\ \tilde{g}(\tilde{G}\tilde{X},\,\tilde{G}\tilde{Y}) = & \,\,\tilde{g}(\tilde{X},\,\tilde{Y}),\\ \tilde{g}(\tilde{H}\tilde{X},\,\tilde{H}\tilde{Y}) = & \,\,\tilde{g}(\tilde{X},\,\tilde{Y}) \end{split}$$

for arbitrary vector fields \tilde{X} and \tilde{Y} of M^{4n} .

Proof. Take an arbitrary Riemannian metric \tilde{a} in M^{4n} and put

$$\tilde{b}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = \tilde{a}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) + \tilde{a}(\tilde{F}\tilde{X}, \tilde{F}\tilde{Y}),$$

then we easily see that

$$\tilde{b}(\widetilde{F}\widetilde{X},\,\widetilde{F}\widetilde{Y})\!=\!\tilde{b}(\widetilde{X},\,\widetilde{Y})$$

since $\tilde{F}^2 = -I$. We next put

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$$\tilde{g}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = \tilde{b}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) + \tilde{b}(\tilde{G}\tilde{X}, \tilde{G}\tilde{Y}),$$

then we see that

$$\begin{split} &\tilde{g}(\tilde{F}\tilde{X},\,\tilde{F}\tilde{Y}) \!=\! \tilde{g}(\tilde{X},\,\tilde{Y}),\\ &\tilde{g}(\tilde{G}\tilde{X},\,\tilde{G}\tilde{Y}) \!=\! \tilde{g}(\tilde{X},\,\tilde{Y}),\\ &\tilde{g}(\tilde{H}\tilde{X},\,\tilde{H}\tilde{Y}) \!=\! \tilde{g}(\tilde{X},\,\tilde{Y}). \end{split}$$

Suppose that a (4n-1)-dimensional orientable differentiable manifold M^{4n-1} is immersed differentiably in M^{4n} by the immersion

$$i: M^{4n-1} \longrightarrow M^{4n}$$

and denote by B the differential of i. We denote by C the unit normal to $i(M^{4n-1})$ with respect to the Hermitian metric \tilde{g} introduced above. Then the transform $\tilde{F}BX$ of a vector field BX tangent to $i(M^{4n-1})$ by \tilde{F} can be expressed as

$$\widetilde{F}BX = BFX + u(X)C$$

where F is a tensor field of type (1, 1), u a 1-form, and X an arbitrary vector field of M^{4n-1} .

Replacing \widetilde{Y} by $\widetilde{F}\widetilde{Y}$ in

$$\tilde{g}(\tilde{F}\tilde{X}, \tilde{F}\tilde{Y}) = \tilde{g}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}),$$

we find

$$\tilde{g}(\tilde{F}\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = -\tilde{g}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{F}\tilde{Y}),$$

from which, putting $\widetilde{X} = C$, $\widetilde{Y} = C$,

$$\tilde{g}(\tilde{F}C, C) = -\tilde{g}(C, \tilde{F}C) = 0,$$

and consequently $\widetilde{F}C$ is tangent to $i(M^{4n-1})$. Thus we can put

$$\widetilde{F}C = -BU$$
.

U being a vector field of M^{4n-1} .

In this way, we have formulas of the form

(i)
$$\widetilde{F}BX = BFX + u(X)C$$
, $\widetilde{F}C = -BU$,

(1.3)
$$\tilde{G}BX = BGX + v(X)C, \qquad \tilde{G}C = -BV,$$

(iii)
$$\widetilde{H}BX = BHX + w(X)C$$
, $\widetilde{H}C = -BW$,

where F, G, H are tensor fields of type (1, 1), U, V, W vector fields and u, v, w 1-forms of M^{4n-1} .

Applying \tilde{F} to (1.3) (i) and taking account of (1.3) (i), we find

(1.4)
$$F^2 = -I + u \otimes U, \quad u \circ F = 0, \quad FU = 0, \quad u(U) = 1,$$

which show that M^{4n-1} admits an almost contact affine structure (F, U, u). Similarly, we can prove

(1.5)
$$G^2 = -I + v \otimes V$$
, $v \circ G = 0$, $GV = 0$, $v(V) = 1$

and

(1. 6)
$$H^2 = -I + w \otimes W$$
, $w \circ H = 0$, $HW = 0$, $w(W) = 1$,

which show that M^{4n-1} admits another affine almost contact structures (G, V, v) and (H, W, w).

On the other hand, from

$$\widetilde{G}\widetilde{H}BX = \widetilde{F}BX$$

and (1.3), we have

$$\widetilde{G}(BHX+w(X)C)=BFX+u(X)C,$$

$$BGHX+v(HX)C-w(X)BV=BFX+u(X)C$$
,

from which

$$GH=F+w\otimes V$$
, $v\circ H=u$.

Also, from

$$\widetilde{G}\widetilde{H}C = \widetilde{F}C$$

and (1.3), we have

$$\widetilde{G}(-BW) = -BU,$$
 $-BGW - v(W)C = -BU,$

from which

$$GW = U$$
, $v(W) = 0$.

Thus

(1.7)
$$GH = F + w \otimes V$$
, $v \circ H = u$, $GW = U$, $v(W) = 0$. Similarly, we can prove

(1.8)
$$HF = G + u \otimes W, \quad w \circ F = v, \quad HU = V, \quad w(U) = 0$$

and

(1. 9)
$$FG=H+v\otimes U$$
, $u\circ G=w$, $FV=W$, $u(V)=0$. Also, from

$$(\widetilde{G}\widetilde{H} + \widetilde{H}\widetilde{G})BX = 0$$

and (1.3), we have

$$\begin{split} &\widetilde{G}(BHX+w(X)C)+\widetilde{H}(BGX+v(X)C)=0,\\ &BGHX+v(HX)C-w(X)BV+BHGX+w(GX)C-v(X)BW=0, \end{split}$$

from which,

$$(GH+HG)X=v(X)W+w(X)V$$

and

$$v(HX) + w(GX) = 0.$$

Also, from

$$(\widetilde{G}\widetilde{H} + \widetilde{H}\widetilde{G})C = 0$$

and (1.3), we have

$$-\widetilde{G}BW - \widetilde{H}BV = 0,$$

$$BGW + v(W)C + BHV + w(V)C = 0,$$

from which,

$$GW+HV=0$$
, $v(W)+w(V)=0$.

Thus

$$GH+HG=v\otimes W+w\otimes V,$$

(1.10)

$$v \circ H + w \circ G = 0$$
, $GW + HV = 0$, $v(W) + w(V) = 0$.

Similarly, we can prove

$$HF+FH=w\otimes U+u\otimes W$$
,

(1.11)

$$w \circ F + u \circ H = 0$$
, $HU + FW = 0$, $w(U) + u(W) = 0$

and

$$FG+GF=u\otimes V+v\otimes U$$
,

(1.12)

$$u \circ G + v \circ F = 0$$
, $FV + GU = 0$, $u(V) + v(U) = 0$.

A set (F, G, H; U, V, W; u, v, w) of tensor fields F, G, H of type (1, 1), vector fields U, V, W and 1-forms u, v, w satisfying (1.4), (1.5), (1.6); (1.7), (1.8), (1.9) and (1.10), (1.11), (1.12) is called an almost contact affine 3-structure. Thus, we have proved

THEOREM 1.1. An orientable hypersurface of an almost quaternion manifold admits an almost contact affine 3-structure.

Equations $(1.4)\sim(1.12)$ can also be written as follows

$$F^{2} = -I + u \otimes U, \qquad G^{2} = -I + v \otimes V, \qquad H^{2} = -I + w \otimes W,$$

$$(1. 13) \qquad GH = F + w \otimes V, \qquad HF = G + u \otimes W, \qquad FG = H + v \otimes U,$$

$$HG = -F + v \otimes W, \qquad FH = -G + w \otimes U, \qquad GF = -H + u \otimes V,$$

$$u \circ F = 0, \qquad u \circ G = w, \qquad u \circ H = -v,$$

$$(1. 14) \qquad v \circ F = -w, \qquad v \circ G = 0, \qquad v \circ H = u,$$

$$w \circ F = v, \qquad w \circ G = -u, \qquad w \circ H = 0,$$

$$FU = 0, \qquad FV = W, \qquad FW = -V,$$

$$(1. 15) \qquad GU = -W, \qquad GV = 0, \qquad GW = U,$$

$$HU = V, \qquad HV = -U, \qquad HW = 0,$$

$$u(U) = 1, \qquad u(V) = 0, \qquad u(W) = 0,$$

$$(1. 16) \qquad v(U) = 0, \qquad v(V) = 1, \qquad v(W) = 0,$$

$$w(U) = 0, \qquad w(V) = 0, \qquad w(W) = 1.$$

Suppose that there is given a Hermitian metric \tilde{g} with respect to \tilde{F} , \tilde{G} and \tilde{H} . In this case, we put

$$\tilde{g}(BX, BY) = g(X, Y)$$

which gives the Riemannian metric induced on the hypersurface $i(M^{4n-1})$. From

$$\tilde{g}(\tilde{F}BX, \tilde{F}BY) = \tilde{g}(BX, BY) = g(X, Y),$$

we find

$$\tilde{g}(BFX+u(X)C, BFY+u(Y)C)=g(X, Y),$$

 $g(FX, FY)+u(X)u(Y)=g(X, Y),$

or

$$g(FX, FY) = g(X, Y) - u(X)u(Y).$$

We have also

$$\tilde{g}(BX, \tilde{F}C) = \tilde{g}(BX, -BU) = -g(X, U)$$

and on the other hand

$$\begin{split} \tilde{g}(BX,\,\tilde{F}C) &= \tilde{g}(\tilde{F}BX,\,\tilde{F}^2C) \\ &= \tilde{g}(BFX + u(X)C,\,-C) \\ &= -u(X), \end{split}$$

and consequently

$$g(X, U) = u(X)$$
.

Thus

$$g(FX,\,FY)\!=\!g(X,\,Y)\!-\!u(X)u(Y),$$
 (1. 17)
$$g(X,\,U)\!=\!u(X),\qquad g(U,\,U)\!=\!1.$$

Similarly, we have

$$g(GX,\,GY)\!=\!g(X,\,Y)\!-\!v(X)v(\,Y),$$
 (1. 18)
$$g(X,\,V)\!=\!v(X), \qquad g(\,V,\,V)\!=\!1$$

and

(1. 19)
$$g(HX, HY) = g(X, Y) - w(X)w(Y),$$

$$g(X, W) = w(X), g(W, W) = 1.$$

An almost contact affine 3-structure with a Riemannian metric g satisfying (1.17), (1.18) and (1.19) is called an almost contact metric 3-structure. Thus we have proved

Theorem. 1.2. An orientable hypersurface of an almost quaternion manifold with a Hermitian metric admits an almost contact metric 3-structure.

Equations

$$g(X, U) = u(X),$$
 $g(X, V) = v(X),$ $g(X, W) = w(X)$

and

$$v(W) = 0,$$
 $w(U) = 0,$ $u(V) = 0$

show that U, V, W are mutually orthogonal unit vectors.

§ 2. Hypersurfaces of a quaternion manifold.

Ako and one of the present authors [10] proved following theorems:

Theorem A. Let \widetilde{F} , \widetilde{G} , \widetilde{H} define an almost quaternion structure. If two of six Nijenhuis tensors:

$$[\widetilde{F}, \widetilde{F}], [\widetilde{G}, \widetilde{G}], [\widetilde{H}, \widetilde{H}], [\widetilde{G}, \widetilde{H}], [\widetilde{H}, \widetilde{F}], [\widetilde{F}, \widetilde{G}]$$

vanish, then the others vanish too.

If there exists a coordinate system with respect to which components of the tensor fields \tilde{F} , \tilde{G} , \tilde{H} are all constants, the almost quaternion structure (\tilde{F} , \tilde{G} , \tilde{H}) is integrable and the almost quaternion structure is called a quaternion structure.

Theorem B. In order that there exists, in an almost quaternion manifold, a symmetric affine connection \tilde{V} such that

$$\tilde{\mathcal{V}}\widetilde{F}=0, \qquad \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\widetilde{G}=0, \qquad \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\widetilde{H}=0,$$

it is necessary and sufficient that two of Nijenhuis tensors

$$[\widetilde{F}, \widetilde{F}], [\widetilde{G}, \widetilde{G}], [\widetilde{H}, \widetilde{H}], [\widetilde{G}, \widetilde{H}], [\widetilde{H}, \widetilde{F}], [\widetilde{F}, \widetilde{G}]$$

vanish.

Theorem C. A necessary and sufficient condition that an almost quaternion structure $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}, \tilde{H})$ be integrable is that two of Nijenhuis tensors

$$[\widetilde{F},\,\widetilde{F}],\,[G,\,\widetilde{G}],\,[\widetilde{H},\,\widetilde{H}],\,[\widetilde{G},\,\widetilde{H}],\,[\widetilde{H},\,\widetilde{F}],\,[\widetilde{F},\,\widetilde{G}]$$

vanish and

$$\tilde{R}=0$$
,

where \tilde{R} is the curvature tensor of the affine connection \tilde{V} appearing in Theorem B.

We assume in this section that the almost quaternion structure $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}, \tilde{H})$ is integrable and denote by \tilde{V} the symmetric affine connection with respect to which $\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}, \tilde{H}$ are covariantly constant.

We now cover M^{4n} by a system of coordinate neighborhoods $\{U; x^h\}$ and denote by $\widetilde{F}_{i}{}^{h}$, $\widetilde{G}_{i}{}^{h}$, $\widetilde{H}_{i}{}^{h}$ components of \widetilde{F} , \widetilde{G} , \widetilde{H} respectively and by \widetilde{V}_{j} the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the symmetric affine connection \widetilde{V} , then

$$(2. 1) \tilde{V}_{j} \tilde{F}_{i}{}^{h} = 0, \tilde{V}_{j} \tilde{G}_{i}{}^{h} = 0, \tilde{V}_{j} \tilde{H}_{i}{}^{h} = 0.$$

We represent $i(M^{4n-1})$ by

$$(2. 2) x^h = x^h(y^a),$$

 $\{y^a\}$ being local coordinates on M^{4n-1} and put $B_b{}^h = \partial_b x^h$ $(\partial_b = \partial/\partial y^b)$ and denote by C^h components of C used in §1. Then equations of Gauss and Weingarten are

$$\nabla_c B_b{}^h = h_{cb} C^h$$
,

(2.3)

$$\nabla_c C^h = -h_c{}^a B_a{}^h + l_c C^h$$

respectively, where h_{cb} and $h_c{}^a$ are the second fundamental tensors with respect to the affine normal C^h and l_c the third fundamental tensor.

We write the first equation of (1.3) (i) in the form

$$\tilde{F}_{i}{}^{h}B_{b}{}^{i}=F_{b}{}^{a}B_{a}{}^{h}+u_{b}C^{h},$$

where $F_b{}^a$ and u_b are components of F and u respectively and differentiate this covariantly along $i(M^{4n-1})$. Then we get

$$\tilde{F}_{i}^{h}(h_{cb}C^{i}) = (V_{c}F_{b}^{a})B_{a}^{h} + F_{b}^{e}h_{ce}C^{h} + (V_{c}u_{b})C^{h} + u_{b}(-h_{c}^{a}B_{a}^{h} + l_{c}C^{h}),$$

from which

$$\nabla_c F_b{}^a = -h_{cb}U^a + h_c{}^a u_b$$

$$\nabla_c u_b = -h_{ce} F_b^e - l_c u_b,$$

using the second equation of (1.3) (i) written in the form

$$\widetilde{F}_i{}^h C^i = -U^a B_a{}^h$$
,

where U^a are components of the vector field U. We differentiate this covariantly along $i(M^{4n-1})$. Then we get

$$\tilde{F}_{i}^{h}(-h_{c}^{a}B_{a}^{i}+l_{c}C^{i})=-(\nabla_{c}U^{a})B_{a}^{h}-U^{e}h_{ce}C^{h},$$

from which

$$\nabla_c U^a = h_c^e F_e^a + l_c U^a$$
, $h_c^e u_e = h_{ce} U^e$.

Thus, we have

$$\nabla_{c}F_{b}{}^{a} = -h_{cb}U^{a} + h_{c}{}^{a}u_{b}, \qquad \nabla_{c}U^{a} = h_{c}{}^{e}F_{e}{}^{a} + l_{c}U^{a},$$

$$\nabla_{c}u_{b} = -h_{ce}F_{b}{}^{e} - l_{c}u_{b}, \qquad h_{c}{}^{e}u_{e} = h_{ce}U^{e}.$$

Similarly, we can prove

and

$$\nabla_c H_b{}^a = -h_{cb}W^a + h_c{}^a w_b, \quad \nabla_c W^a = h_c{}^e H_e{}^a + l_c W^a,$$
(2. 6)

$$V_c w_b = -h_{ce} H_b^e - l_c w_b, \qquad h_c^e w_e = h_{ce} W^e,$$

where $G_b{}^a$, $H_b{}^a$, V^a , W^a , v_b , w_b are components of G, H, V, W, v, w respectively. Now, the almost contact structure (F, U, u) is said to be normal if the tensor

$$[F, F] + du \otimes U$$

vanishes, where [F, F] is the Nijenhuis tensor formed with F. We compute components of this tensor.

Using (2.4), we have

(2.7)
$$[F, F]_{cb}{}^{a} + (V_{c}u_{b} - V_{b}u_{c})U^{a}$$

$$= (F_{c}{}^{e}h_{e}{}^{a} - h_{c}{}^{e}F_{e}{}^{a} - l_{c}U^{a})u_{b} - (F_{b}{}^{e}h_{e}{}^{a} - h_{b}{}^{e}F_{e}{}^{a} - l_{b}U^{a})u_{c}.$$

Similarly, computing components of the tensor

$$[G, G] + dv \otimes V$$

we find

$$\begin{aligned} [G,\,G]_{cb}{}^{a} + (\overline{V_{c}}v_{b} - \overline{V_{b}}v_{c})\,V^{a} \\ = & (2.\,\,8) \\ = & (G_{c}{}^{e}h_{e}{}^{a} - h_{c}{}^{e}G_{e}{}^{a} - l_{c}\,V^{a})v_{b} - (G_{b}{}^{e}h_{e}{}^{a} - h_{b}{}^{e}G_{e}{}^{a} - l_{b}\,V^{a})v_{c}. \end{aligned}$$

We also compute components of the tensor field

$$[F, G] + du \otimes V + dv \otimes U$$
,

where [F, G] is the Nijenhuis tensor formed with F and G. Using (2, 4) and (2, 5), we find

$$[F, G]_{cb}{}^{a} + (V_{c}u_{b} - V_{b}u_{c}) V^{a} + (V_{c}v_{b} - V_{b}v_{c}) U^{a}$$

$$= (G_{c}{}^{e}h_{e}{}^{a} - h_{c}{}^{e}G_{e}{}^{a} - l_{c} V^{a})u_{b} - (G_{b}{}^{e}h_{e}{}^{a} - h_{b}{}^{e}G_{e}{}^{a} - l_{b} V^{a})u_{c}$$

$$+ (F_{c}{}^{e}h_{e}{}^{a} - h_{c}{}^{e}F_{e}{}^{a} - l_{c} U^{a})v_{b} - (F_{b}{}^{e}h_{e}{}^{a} - h_{b}{}^{e}F_{e}{}^{a} - l_{b} U^{a})v_{c}.$$

Suppose that the almost contact affine structures (F, U, u) and (G, V, v) are both normal, then we have, from (2.7) and (2.8),

$$(2.10) (F_e^e h_e^a - h_e^e F_e^a - l_e U^a) u_b - (F_b^e h_e^a - h_b^e F_e^a - l_b U^a) u_c = 0$$

and

$$(2.11) (G_c{}^eh_e{}^a - h_c{}^eG_e{}^a - l_cV^a)v_b - (G_b{}^eh_e{}^a - h_b{}^eG_e{}^a - l_bV^a)v_c = 0$$

respectively.

Putting c=a in (2.10) and (2.11) and summing up, we find

$$-(l_c U^c) u_b - F_b^e h_e^c u_c + l_b = 0$$

and

$$-(l_c V^c)v_b - G_b^e h_e^c v_c + l_b = 0$$

respectively.

Transvecting (2. 12) and (2. 13) with W^b and using (1. 15), (1. 16), (2. 4) and (2. 5), we find

$$h_{cb}U^{c}V^{b}+l_{b}W^{b}=0$$

and

$$-h_{cb}U^{c}V^{b}+l_{b}W^{b}=0$$

respectively, from which

$$(2. 14) h_{cb} U^c V^b = 0, l_b W^b = 0.$$

Transvecting (2.12) with V^b and (2.13) with U^b , we have respectively

$$(2. 15) h_{cb} W^c U^b = l_c V^c, h_{cb} V^c W^b = -l_c U^c.$$

Transvecting (2. 10) and (2. 11) with $w_a W^b$, we obtain

$$(2. 16) h_{cb} V^c W^b = 0, h_{cb} W^c U^b = 0,$$

from which, using (2.15),

(2. 17)
$$l_c U^c = 0$$
, $l_c V^c = 0$.

Summing up, we have

$$h_{cb} V^c W^b = 0, \qquad h_{cb} W^c U^b = 0, \qquad h_{cb} U^c V^b = 0,$$

(2.18)

$$l_b U^b = 0,$$
 $l_b V^b = 0,$ $l_b W^b = 0.$

Transvecting (2. 10) with U^b and (2. 11) with V^b and using (2. 18), we find

(2. 19)
$$F_c^e h_e^a - h_c^e F_e^a - l_c U^a = -(h_b^e F_e^a U^b) u_c$$

and

(2. 20)
$$G_c^e h_e^a - h_c^e G_e^a - l_c V^a = -(h_b^e G_e^a V^b) v_c$$

respectively.

Transvecting (2.19) and (2.20) with W^c and using (1.15), (1.16) and (2.18), we find

$$-h_e{}^a V^e - h_c{}^e F_e{}^a W^c = 0$$

and

$$h_e{}^a U^e - h_c{}^e G_e{}^a W^c = 0$$

respectively, and consequently

$$h_b{}^eF_e{}^aU^b = +h_c{}^eG_e{}^dW^cF_d{}^a = h_c{}^eH_e{}^aW^c$$

and

$$h_b{}^eG_e{}^aV^b = -h_c{}^eF_e{}^dW^cG_d{}^a = h_c{}^eH_e{}^aW^c$$

by virtue of (1.13). Thus we can write (2.19) and (2.20) in the form

(2. 21)
$$F_c^e h_e^a - h_c^e F_e^a - l_c U^a = u_c P^a$$

and

$$(2. 22) G_c^e h_e^a - h_c^e G_e^a - l_c V^a = v_c P^a$$

respectively, where

$$P^{a} = -h_{b}^{e} F_{e}^{a} U^{b} = -h_{b}^{e} G_{e}^{a} V^{b}.$$

Substituting (2. 21) and (2. 22) into (2. 9), we find

$$(2.23) [F, G] + du \otimes V + dv \otimes U = 0.$$

Conversely, suppose that two almost contact affine structures (F, U, u) and (G, V, v) satisfy (2.23). Then we have from (2.9)

$$(G_c{}^eh_e{}^a - h_c{}^eG_e{}^a - l_cV^a)u_b - (G_b{}^eh_e{}^a - h_b{}^eG_e{}^a - l_bV^a)u_c$$

$$(2. 24)$$

$$+ (F_c{}^eh_e{}^a - h_c{}^eF_e{}^a - l_cU^a)v_b - (F_b{}^eh_e{}^a - h_b{}^eF_e{}^a - l_bU^a)v_c = 0.$$

Contracting (2. 24) with respect to a and b and using (1. 14) and (1. 15), we find

$$(2. 25) G_c^e h_e^a u_a + F_c^e h_e^a v_a + (l_a V^a) u_c + (l_a U^a) v_c = 0,$$

from which, transvecting U^c , V^c and W^c respectively, we find

$$(2. 26) h_{cb} W^c U^b = l_a V^a,$$

$$(2. 27) h_{cb} V^c W^b = -l_a U^a,$$

$$(2.28) h_{ch}U^cU^b = h_{ch}V^cV^b.$$

Transvecting (2. 24) with U^b and using (1. 15) and (1. 16), we find

$$G_c{}^eh_e{}^a-h_c{}^eG_e{}^a-l_cV^a$$

$$(2.29) = -(h_e{}^a W^e + h_b{}^e G_e{}^a U^b + l_b U^b V^a) u_e - (h_b{}^e F_e{}^a U^b + l_b U^b U^a) v_e.$$

Transvecting (2.29) with v_a and taking account of (2.27), we find

(2. 30)
$$G_c^e h_e^a v_a - l_c = h_{ba} W^b U^a v_c,$$

from which, transvecting with V^c

$$-l_c V^c = h_{ba} W^b U^a$$
.

Comparing (2. 26) with this, we find

$$(2.31) h_{cb}W^cU^b = 0, l_cV^c = 0.$$

Transvecting again (2.30) with W^c , we find

$$(2.32) l_c W^c = h_{cb} U^c V^b.$$

Now, transvecting (2. 24) with V^b and using (2. 31), we find

$$(2.33) F_c{}^e h_e{}^a - h_c{}^e F_e{}^a - l_c U^a = -h_b{}^e V^b G_e{}^a u_c + (h_e{}^a W^e - h_b{}^e V^b F_e{}^a) v_c.$$

Transvecting (2. 33) with u_a and using (2. 31), we find

$$(2.34) F_c^e h_e^a u_a - l_c = -h_{ba} V^b W^a u_c$$

from which, transvecting with U^c ,

$$l_c U^c = h_{cb} V^c W^b$$
,

and consequently, from (2.27) and this equation, we have

(2. 35)
$$h_{cb} V^c W^b = 0$$
, $l_c U^c = 0$.

Thus we have, from (2.34),

$$(2.36) l_c = F_c^e h_e^a u_a,$$

from which, transvecting W^c ,

$$l_c W^c = -h_{cb} U^c V^b$$
.

Thus (2.32) and this give

(2. 37)
$$h_{cb}U^cV^b=0$$
, $l_cW^c=0$.

Summing up, we have

$$h_{cb} V^c W^b = 0$$
, $h_{cb} W^c U^b = 0$, $h_{cb} U^c V^b = 0$,

$$l_c U^c = 0, \qquad l_c V^c = 0, \qquad l_c W^c = 0.$$

On the other hand, transvecting (2.29) with W^c and taking account of (1.14), (1.15) and (2.38),

$$h_e{}^a U^e - h_c{}^e W^c G_e{}^a = 0$$

from which, transvecting G_a^b ,

$$h_e{}^a U^e G_a{}^b - h_c{}^e W^c (-\delta_e^b + v_e V^b) = 0$$
,

or

$$(2.39) h_e^d U^e G_d^a + h_c^a W^c = 0.$$

Thus, (2.29) becomes

$$G_c^e h_e^a - h_c^e G_e^a - l_c V^a = -h_b^e F_e^a U^b v_c$$

that is,

(2. 40)
$$G_c^e h_e^a - h_c^e G_e^a - l_c V^a = \beta^a v_c,$$

 β^a being a certain vector field.

In the same way, from (2.33) we can deduce

$$(2.41) F_c^e h_e^a - h_c^e F_e^a - l_c U^a = \alpha^a u_c,$$

 α^a being a certain vector field.

Substituting (2.41) into (2.7), we find

$$[F, F] + du \otimes U = 0$$

and substituting (2.40) into (2.8), we find

$$[G, G] + dv \otimes V = 0$$
,

that is, the almost contact affine structures (F, U, u) and (G, V, v) are both normal. Thus, we have proved

THEOREM 2.1. On a hypersurface of an almost quaternion manifold, the condition

$$[F, F] + du \otimes U = 0$$
 and $[G, G] + dv \otimes V = 0$

and the condition

$$[F, G] + du \otimes V + dv \otimes U = 0$$

are equivalent.

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