

## ON $\phi$ -SYMMETRIC KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. The object of the present paper is to study  $\phi$ -symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds.

### 1. Introduction

The notion of local symmetry of Riemannian manifolds have been weakened by many authors in several ways to a different extent. As a weaker version of local symmetry, Takahashi [10] introduced the notion of locally  $\phi$ -symmetry on Sasakian manifolds. Generalizing the notion of locally  $\phi$ -symmetry, one of the authors, De, [4] introduced the notion of  $\phi$ -recurrent Sasakian manifolds. In the context of contact Geometry the notion of  $\phi$ -symmetry is introduced and studied by Boeckx, Buecken and Vanhecke [3] with several examples. On the other hand Kenmotsu [6] defined a type of contact metric manifold which is called nowadays Kenmotsu manifold. It may be mentioned that a Kenmotsu manifold is not a Sasakian manifold. Also a Kenmotsu manifold is not compact because of  $div\xi = 2n$ . In [6], Kenmotsu showed that locally a Kenmotsu manifold is a warped product  $I \times_f N$  of an interval  $I$  and Kahler manifold  $N$  with warping function  $f(t) = se^t$ , where  $s$  is a nonzero constant. The present paper is organized as follows:

Section 2 is devoted to preliminaries. In section 3 we prove that a  $\phi$ -symmetric Kenmotsu manifold is an Einstein manifold. In the next section it is proved that a three-dimensional Kenmotsu manifold is locally  $\phi$ -symmetric if and only if the scalar curvature is constant. Finally we give some examples of  $\phi$ -symmetric and locally  $\phi$ -symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds.

### 2. Preliminaries

Let  $M^{2n+1}(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be an almost contact Riemannian manifold, where  $\phi$  is a (1,1) tensor field,  $\eta$  is a 1-form and  $g$  is the Riemannian metric. It is well known that

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

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$$(2.2) \quad \phi^2(X) = -X + \eta(X)\xi,$$

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

$$(2.4) \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$  [1]. If, moreover,

$$(2.5) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = -\eta(Y)\phi(X) - g(X, \phi Y)\xi, \quad X, Y \in \chi(M),$$

$$(2.6) \quad \nabla_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi,$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the Riemannian connection of  $g$ , then  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called an almost Kenmotsu manifold [6].

Kenmotsu manifolds have been studied by many authors such as De and Pathak [4], Jun, De and Pathak [5], Binh, Tamassy, De and Tarafdar [2], Özgür and De [9], Özgür [7], [8] and many others. In Kenmotsu manifolds the following relations hold [6]:

$$(2.7) \quad (\nabla_X \eta)Y = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

$$(2.8) \quad \eta(R(X, Y)Z) = \eta(Y)g(X, Z) - \eta(X)g(Y, Z),$$

$$(2.9) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X,$$

$$(2.10) \quad R(\xi, X)Y = \eta(Y)X - g(X, Y)\xi,$$

$$(2.11) \quad S(X, \xi) = -2n\eta(X),$$

$$(2.12) \quad (\nabla_Z R)(X, Y)\xi = g(Z, X)Y - g(Z, Y)X - R(X, Y)Z,$$

for every vector fields  $X, Y, Z$ , where  $R$  is the Riemannian curvature tensor and  $S$  is the Ricci tensor.

**Definition 2.1.** A Kenmotsu manifold is said to be locally  $\phi$ -symmetric if

$$(2.13) \quad \phi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z) = 0,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ . This notion was introduced for Sasakian manifold by Takahashi[10].

**Definition 2.2.** A Kenmotsu manifold is said to be  $\phi$ -symmetric if

$$(2.14) \quad \phi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z) = 0,$$

for arbitrary vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W$ .

### 3. $\phi$ -symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds

Let us consider a  $\phi$ -symmetric Kenmotsu manifold. Then by virtue of (2.2) and (2.14) we have

$$(3.1) \quad -(\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z + \eta((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z)\xi = 0,$$

from which it follows that

$$(3.2) \quad -g((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z, U) + \eta((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z)g(\xi, U) = 0.$$

Let  $\{e_i\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, (2n + 1)$ , be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at any point of the manifold. Then putting  $X = U = e_i$  in (3.2) and taking summation over  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1$ , we get

$$(3.3) \quad -(\nabla_W S)(Y, Z) + \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} \eta((\nabla_W R)(e_i, Y)Z)\eta(e_i) = 0.$$

The second term of (3.3) by putting  $Z = \xi$  takes the form

$$(3.4) \quad \eta((\nabla_W R)(e_i, Y)\xi)\eta(e_i) = g((\nabla_W R)(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi)g(e_i, \xi),$$

which is denoted by  $E$ . In this case  $E$  vanishes. Namely we have

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} g((\nabla_W R)(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) &= g(\nabla_W R(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) - g(R(\nabla_W e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) \\ &\quad - g(R(e_i, \nabla_W Y)\xi, \xi) - g(R(e_i, Y)\nabla_W \xi, \xi) \end{aligned}$$

at  $p \in M$ . Since  $\{e_i\}$  is an orthonormal basis,  $\nabla_X e_i = 0$  at  $P$ . Using (2.9) we have

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} g(R(e_i, \nabla_W Y)\xi, \xi) &= g(\eta(e_i)\nabla_W Y - \eta(\nabla_W Y)e_i, \xi) \\ &= \eta(e_i)g(\nabla_W Y, \xi) - \eta(\nabla_W Y)g(e_i, \xi) \\ &= g(e_i, \xi)g(\nabla_W Y, \xi)g(e_i, \xi) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.6) in (3.5) we obtain

$$(3.7) \quad g((\nabla_W R)(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) = g(\nabla_W R(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) - g(R(e_i, Y)\nabla_W \xi, \xi).$$

Since  $g(R(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) = -g(R(\xi, \xi)Y, e_i) = 0$  we have

$$(3.8) \quad g(\nabla_W R(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) + g(R(e_i, Y)\xi, \nabla_W \xi) = 0.$$

By using (3.8) in (3.7) we get

$$g((\nabla_W R)(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) = -g(R(e_i, Y)\xi, \nabla_W \xi) - g(R(e_i, Y)\nabla_W \xi, \xi).$$

Using (2.6) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g((\nabla_W R)(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) &= -g(R(e_i, Y)\xi, W) + \eta(W)g(R(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) \\ &\quad + g(R(e_i, Y)W, \xi) - \eta(W)g(R(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$(3.9) \quad g((\nabla_W R)(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) = 0.$$

Using (3.9) from (3.3) we get

$$(3.10) \quad (\nabla_W S)(Y, \xi) = 0.$$

We know that

$$(\nabla_W S)(Y, \xi) = \nabla_W(S(Y, \xi)) - S(\nabla_W Y, \xi) - S(Y, \nabla_W \xi).$$

Using (2.6), (2.7), and (2.11) we get

$$(3.11) \quad (\nabla_W S)(Y, \xi) = -2ng(W, Y) - S(Y, W).$$

Using (3.11) in (3.10) we obtain

$$(3.12) \quad S(Y, W) = -2ng(W, Y).$$

This leads to the following:

**Theorem 3.1.** *A  $\phi$ -symmetric Kenmotsu manifold is an Einstein manifold.*

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

It is known [4] that in a three dimensional Kenmotsu manifold the curvature tensor has the following form

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= \frac{r+4}{2}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] \\ &- \frac{r+6}{2}[g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y]. \end{aligned}$$

Taking covariant differentiation of (4.1) we have

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z &= \frac{dr(W)}{2}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] \\ &- \frac{dr(W)}{2}[g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi \\ &+ \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y] \\ &- \frac{r+6}{2}[g(Y, Z)(\nabla_W \eta)(X)\xi + g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\nabla_W \xi \\ &- g(X, Z)(\nabla_W \eta)(Y)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\nabla_W \xi + (\nabla_W \eta)(Y)\eta(Z)X \\ &+ \eta(Y)(\nabla_W \eta)(Z)X - (\nabla_W \eta)(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(X)(\nabla_W \eta)(Z)Y]. \end{aligned}$$

Now applying  $\phi^2$  to both sides of (4.2) we obtain

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \phi^2(\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z &= -\frac{dr(W)}{2}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi \\ &+ g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X] \\ &+ \frac{r+6}{2}[(\nabla_W \eta)(Y)\eta(Z)X + \eta(Y)(\nabla_W \eta)(Z)X \\ &- (\nabla_W \eta)(X)\eta(Z)Y - (\nabla_W \eta)(Z)\eta(X)Y \\ &- (\nabla_W \eta)(Y)\eta(Z)\eta(X)\xi + \eta(Z)(\nabla_W \eta)(X)\eta(Y)\xi]. \end{aligned}$$

Now taking  $X, Y, Z$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  and using (2.14), we finally get

$$(4.4) \quad \frac{dr(W)}{2}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] = 0.$$

Thus we can state the following:

**Theorem 4.1.** *A three-dimensional Kenmotsu manifold is locally  $\phi$ -symmetric if and only if the scalar curvature is constant.*

## 5. Examples

In this section we give some examples of  $\phi$ -symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds.

**Example 5.1.** It is known that [6] a conformally flat Kenmotsu manifold of dimension greater than three is a space of constant curvature  $-1$ .

Hence the conformally flat Kenmotsu manifold of dimension greater than three is  $\phi$ -symmetric.

**Example 5.2.** Kenmotsu [6] proved that if a Kenmotsu manifold is a space of constant  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature, then the manifold is a space of constant curvature.

Therefore a Kenmotsu manifold of constant  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature is  $\phi$ -symmetric.

**Example 5.3.** We consider the three-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in R^3\}$ , where  $(x, y, z)$  are the standard coordinates in  $R^3$ . The vector fields

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

are linearly independent at each point of  $M$ . Let  $g$  be the Riemannian metric defined by

$$g(e_1, e_3) = g(e_2, e_3) = g(e_1, e_2) = 0, \quad g(e_1, e_1) = g(e_2, e_2) = g(e_3, e_3) = 1.$$

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(Z) = g(Z, e_3)$  for any  $Z \in \chi(M)$ . Let  $\phi$  be the (1,1) tensor field defined by  $\phi(e_1) = -e_2$ ,  $\phi(e_2) = e_1$ ,  $\phi(e_3) = 0$ . Then using the linearity of  $\phi$  and  $g$  we have

$$\eta(e_3) = 1, \quad \phi^2 Z = -Z + \eta(Z)e_3, \quad g(\phi Z, \phi W) = g(Z, W) - \eta(Z)\eta(W),$$

for any  $Z, W \in \chi(M)$ . Thus for  $e_3 = \xi$ ,  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defines an almost contact metric structure on  $M$ .

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

$$[e_1, e_2] = 0, \quad [e_1, e_3] = e_1, \quad [e_2, e_3] = e_2.$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} 2g(\nabla_X Y, Z) &= Xg(Y, Z) + Yg(Z, X) - Zg(X, Y) \\ &\quad - g(X, [Y, Z]) - g(Y, [X, Z]) + g(Z, [X, Y]), \end{aligned}$$

which is known as Koszul's formula.

Koszul's formula yields

$$\begin{array}{lll} \nabla_{e_1} e_3 = e_1, & \nabla_{e_1} e_2 = 0, & \nabla_{e_1} e_1 = -e_3, \\ \nabla_{e_2} e_3 = e_2, & \nabla_{e_2} e_2 = e_3, & \nabla_{e_2} e_1 = 0, \\ \nabla_{e_3} e_3 = 0, & \nabla_{e_3} e_2 = 0, & \nabla_{e_3} e_1 = 0. \end{array}$$

From the above it follows that the manifold satisfies  $\nabla_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi$ , for  $\xi = e_3$ . Hence the manifold is Kenmotsu Manifold. With the help of the above results we can verify the following results.

$$\begin{array}{lll} R(e_1, e_2)e_2 = -e_1, & R(e_1, e_3)e_3 = -e_1, & R(e_2, e_1)e_1 = -e_2, \\ R(e_2, e_3)e_3 = -e_2, & R(e_3, e_1)e_1 = -e_3, & R(e_3, e_2)e_2 = -e_3. \end{array}$$

From the above expressions of the curvature tensor we obtain that the manifold under consideration is locally  $\phi$ -symmetric. Also it follows that the scalar curvature  $r$  of the manifold is equal to  $-6$ .

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