RICCI CURVATURES OF CONTACT RIEMANNIAN MANIFOLDS

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1. Introduction. Let $(M, \eta, g) = (M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ be a contact Riemannian manifold of dimension 2n+1. If ξ is a Killing vector field, then it is called a K-contact Riemannian manifold. Further, if the covariant derivative $\nabla \phi$ of ϕ satisfies some relation, then it is called a Sasakian manifold. The model spaces of contact metric structure are complete and simply connected Sasakian manifolds of constant ϕ -sectional curvature H. These Sasakian manifolds admit the maximal dimensional automorphism groups (Tanno [6]). The Riemannian curvature tensor R of a Sasakian manifold of constant ϕ -sectional curvature is determined (Ogiue [3]). However, we know almost nothing about geometry on contact Riemannian manifolds of constant ϕ -sectional curvature. One good result is due to Olszak [4], who showed an inequality on H and the scalar curvature S of a contact Riemannian manifold of constant ϕ -sectional curvature H. Generalizing this inequality, we obtain the following.

Theorem 3.1. Let (M, η, g) be a contact Riemannian manifold of constant ϕ -sectional curvature H. Then the Ricci curvatures satisfy

$$\operatorname{Ric}(X, X) + \operatorname{Ric}(\phi X, \phi X) \leq 3n - 1 + (n + 1)H$$

for each unit vector $X \in T_xM$, $x \in M$, such that $\eta(X) = 0$. Equality holds for any $x \in M$ and for any unit vector $X \in T_xM$ such that $\eta(X) = 0$, if and only if (M, η, g) is Sasakian.

Generalizing the theorem of Blair [1], Olszak [4] proved that any contact Riemannian manifold of constant curvature k and of dimension $2n+1\geq 5$ is a Sasakian manifold of constant curvature k=1. We generalize this by replacing the constancy of sectional curvature by the conditions on the Ricci tensor and the k-nullity distribution. Namely, we obtain the following.

THEOREM 5.2. Let (M, η, g) be an Einstein contact Riemannian manifold of dimension $2n + 1 \ge 5$. If ξ belongs to the k-nullity distribution, then k = 1 and (M, η, g) is Sasakian.

2. Preliminaries. Let (M, η, g) be a contact Riemannian manifold

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of dimension 2n+1. Following Blair [1], we define $h=(h_i^i)$ by $h=(1/2)L_{\epsilon}\phi$, where L_{ξ} denotes the Lie derivation by ξ . Then the structure tensors of (M, η, g) satisfy the following relations:

$$egin{align} \eta_{ au} \xi^{ au} &= 1 \;, \quad \phi_{ au}^i \xi^{ au} &= 0 \;, \quad \eta_{ au} \phi_{ au}^{ au} &= 0 \;, \ \phi_{ au}^i \phi_{ au}^{ au} &= -\delta_{ au}^i + \xi^i \eta_{ au} \;, \ g_{ au s} \phi_{ au}^{ au} \phi_{ au}^{ as} &= g_{jk} - \eta_{j} \eta_{k} \;, \quad g_{jr} \xi^{ au} &= \eta_{j} \;, \
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abla_{ij} -
abla_{ji} &= 2g_{ij} = 2g_{ir} \phi_{ au}^{ au} \;, \end{array}$$

$$abla_r\phi_j^r=-2n\eta_j$$
 , $\ \ \xi^r
abla_r\phi_j^i=0$,

h=0 is equivalent to the condition that (M, η, g) is a K-contact Riemannian manifold. We prepare some relations which hold on a contact Riemannian manifold. By (2.2) we obtain

$$\nabla_r \eta_i \nabla^r \eta_i = h_{ir} h_i^r - 2h_{ij} + g_{ij} - \eta_i \eta_i.$$

The next two relations are obtained by Blair [1], [2].

$$(2.4) R_{irjs}\xi^{r}\xi^{s} + R_{arbs}\xi^{r}\xi^{s}\phi_{i}^{a}\phi_{j}^{b} = -2h_{ir}h_{j}^{r} + 2g_{ij} - 2\eta_{i}\eta_{j},$$

(2.5)
$$\mathrm{Ric}(\xi,\,\xi)=2n-\|h\|^2$$
 ,

where $||T||^2 = g^{ir}g^{js}T_{ij}T_{rs}$ for $T = (T_{ij})$.

LEMMA 2.1. The Ricci tensor satisfies the following.

$$(2.6) R_{ir}\xi^r = \nabla_r \nabla_i \xi^r = \nabla^r \nabla_r \eta_i + 4n\eta_i,$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} (2.7) & \phi_{j}^{s}\nabla^{r}\nabla_{r}\phi_{ks} + \phi_{k}^{s}\nabla^{r}\nabla_{r}\phi_{js} = 2\nabla_{r}\phi_{sj}\nabla^{r}\phi_{k}^{s} + R_{jr}\xi^{r}\eta_{k} + R_{kr}\xi^{r}\eta_{j} \\ & + 2h_{jr}h_{r}^{r} - 4h_{jk} + 2g_{ij} - 2(4n+1)\eta_{j}\eta_{k} \; . \end{array}$$

PROOF. Contracting $R_{rkl}^i \xi^r = \nabla_k \nabla_l \xi^i - \nabla_l \nabla_k \xi^i$ with respect to i and k, we obtain the first equality of (2.6). To verify the second equality we rewrite $\nabla^r \nabla_r \eta_j$ as $\nabla^r \nabla_r \eta_j = \nabla^r (2\phi_{rj}) + \nabla^r \nabla_j \eta_r$. Then, applying (2.1), we get (2.6). Next, operating $\nabla^r \nabla_r$ to $\phi_j^s \phi_{ks} = -g_{jk} + \eta_j \eta_k$, we obtain

$$\phi_j^s \nabla^r \nabla_r \phi_{ks} + \phi_k^s \nabla^r \nabla_r \phi_{js} - 2 \nabla_r \phi_{sj} \nabla^r \phi_k^s = \nabla^r \nabla_r \eta_j \eta_k + \eta_j \nabla^r \nabla_r \eta_k + 2 \nabla_r \eta_j \nabla^r \eta_k \ .$$

Applying (2.3) and (2.6) to the last equation, we get (2.7). q.e.d.

We define $P = (P_{rsi})$ on a contact Riemannian manifold by

$$P_{rsi} = \nabla_r \phi_{si} - \eta_s g_{ri} + \eta_i g_{rs} .$$

LEMMA 2.2. $P_{rsi}P^{rs}_{i}$ is given by

$$(2.9) P_{rsi}P^{rs}{}_{j} = \nabla_{r}\phi_{si}\nabla^{r}\phi_{j}^{s} - 2h_{ij} - g_{ij} - (2n-1)\eta_{i}\eta_{j}.$$

PROOF. First we get

$$P_{rsi}P^{rs}{}_j = \nabla_r\phi_{si}\nabla^r\phi_j^s - \eta_s\nabla_i\phi_j^s - \eta_s\nabla_j\phi_i^s + g_{ij} - (2n+1)\eta_i\eta_j \; .$$

Since $\eta_s \nabla_i \phi_j^s = -\nabla_i \eta_s \phi_j^s$, applying (2.2) to the last equation, we obtain (2.9).

We define R_{ij}^* by the same way as in the Kählerian case:

$$2R_{ii}^* = -R_{irkl}\phi_i^r\phi_i^{kl}$$
.

By the Bianchi identity R_{ij}^* is written also as

$$R_{ii}^* = -R_{ikrl}\phi_i^r\phi^{kl}$$
.

We define S^* by $S^* = R_{ij}^* g^{ij}$.

LEMMA 2.3. R_{ij}^* satisfies the following.

$$(2.10) \quad R_{ij}^* + R_{ii}^* = R_{ij} + R_{rs}\phi_i^r\phi_j^s - 2(2n-1)g_{ij} + 2(n-1)\eta_i\eta_j + P_{rsi}P^{rs}_{j} + h_{ir}h_j^r.$$

PROOF. By the Ricci identity for ϕ , we obtain

$$abla_l
abla_k \phi_j^i -
abla_k
abla_l \phi_j^i = -R_{skl}^i \phi_j^s + R_{jkl}^s \phi_s^i$$
 .

Contracting the last equation with respect to i and k, we get

$$(2.11) -2n\nabla_i\eta_i - \nabla_i\nabla_l\phi_i^i = -R_{sl}\phi_i^s + R_{sirl}\phi^{rs}.$$

Transvecting (2.11) by $-\phi_k^l$, we obtain

$$(2.12) 2n\nabla_l\eta_j\phi_k^l + \phi_k^l\nabla_i\nabla_l\phi_j^i = R_{sl}\phi_j^s\phi_k^l - R_{jk}^*.$$

Transvecting (2.11) by ϕ_k^j , we obtain

$$(2.13) -2n\nabla_l\eta_j\phi_k^j - \phi_k^j\nabla_l\nabla_l\phi_j^i = R_{kl} - R_{ls}\xi^s\eta_k - R_{lk}^*.$$

Change l to j in (2.13). Then the result and (2.12) imply

$$4n\phi_{rj}\phi_k^r+\phi_k^r
abla^i(
abla_{r\phi_{ij}}-
abla_{j\phi_{ir}})=R_{jk}+R_{rs}\phi_j^r\phi_k^s-R_{js}\xi^s\eta_k-2R_{jk}^*$$
 .

Since $\nabla_r \phi_{ij} + \nabla_i \phi_{jr} + \nabla_j \phi_{ri} = 0$, the above is written as

$$4n(g_{jk}-\eta_j\eta_k)-\phi_k^r
abla^i
abla_i\phi_{jr}=R_{jk}+R_{rs}\phi_j^r\phi_k^s-R_{js}\xi^s\eta_k-2R_{jk}^*$$
.

Taking the symmetric part of the last equation and using (2.7) and (2.9), we obtain (2.10). q.e.d.

We define P(X) for a vector field (or tangent vector) X by $P(X) = (P_{rsi}X^i)$. Then we get $||P(X)||^2 = (P_{rsi}P^{rs}{}_jX^iX^j)$. By (2.9) it is easy to verify

$$\|P(\xi)\| = \|h\|$$
 .

Therefore, (M, η, g) is a K-contact Riemannian manifold, if and only if $P(\xi) = 0$. A contact Riemannian manifold (M, η, g) satisfying P = 0 is called Sasakian.

By Lemma 2.3 we obtain the following.

PROPOSITION 2.4. A contact Riemannian manifold (M, η, g) is Sasakian, if and only if

$$R_{ij}^* + R_{ji}^* = R_{ij} + R_{rs}\phi_i^r\phi_j^s - 2(2n-1)g_{ij} + 2(n-1)\eta_i\eta_j$$
 .

REMARK. (2.5) and (2.10) give the Olszak's inequality;

$$S^*-S+4n^2=(1/2)(\|
abla\phi\|^2-4n)+\|h\|^2\geqq 0$$
 ,

where $||P||^2 = ||\nabla \phi||^2 - 4n$ (cf.[4]). $S^* - S + 4n^2 = 0$ is a necessary and sufficient condition for (M, η, g) to be Sasakian.

3. Constant ϕ -sectional curvature. By D we denote the contact distribution of a contact Riemannian manifold (M, η, g) defined $\eta = 0$. (M, η, g) is said to be of constant ϕ -sectional curvature if at any point $x \in M$ the sectional curvature $K(X, \phi X)$ is independent of the choice of non-zero $X \in D_x$. In this case, the ϕ -sectional curvature H is a function on M.

THEOREM 3.1. Let (M, η, g) be a (2n+1)-dimensional contact Riemannian manifold of constant ϕ -sectional curvature H. Then the Ricci curvatures satisfy the following inequality

(3.1)
$$\operatorname{Ric}(X, X) + \operatorname{Ric}(\phi X, \phi X) \leq 3n - 1 + (n+1)H$$

for each unit $X \in D_x$, $x \in M$. Equality holds for any point $x \in M$ and for any unit $X \in D_x$, if and only if (M, η, g) is Sasakian.

PROOF. We define A and B by

$$\begin{split} A_{ijkl} &= R_{arbs} \phi_c^r \phi_a^s (\delta_i^a - \xi^a \eta_i) (\delta_j^c - \xi^c \eta_j) (\delta_k^b - \xi^b \eta_k) (\delta_l^i - \xi^d \eta_l) \\ &= R_{irks} \phi_j^r \phi_l^s + R_{arbs} \xi^a \xi^b \phi_j^r \phi_l^s \eta_i \eta_k - R_{arks} \xi^a \phi_j^r \phi_l^s \eta_i - R_{irbs} \xi^b \phi_j^r \phi_l^s \eta_k \ , \\ B_{ijkl} &= H(g_{ik} - \eta_i \eta_k) (g_{jl} - \eta_j \eta_l) \ . \end{split}$$

Then $K(X, \phi X) = H$ for any non-zero $X \in D_x$ is equivalent to

$$(3.2) (A_{ijkl} - B_{ijkl}) Y^i Y^j Y^k Y^l = 0$$

for any $Y \in T_xM$. Put Q = A - B. Then (3.2) is equivalent to

$$egin{split} Q_{ijkl} + Q_{ijlk} + Q_{ikll} + Q_{iklj} + Q_{ilkj} + Q_{iljk} + Q_{jikl} + Q_{jilk} \ & + Q_{kijl} + Q_{kilj} + Q_{likj} + Q_{lijk} = 0 \; . \end{split}$$

Transvecting the last equation by g^{il} , we obtain

$$\begin{split} R_{ik} + R_{rs}\phi_i^r\phi_k^s - R_{aibk}\xi^a\xi^b - R_{arbs}\xi^a\xi^b\phi_i^r\phi_k^s + 3R_{ik}^* + 3R_{ki}^* - R_{ir}\xi^r\eta_k - R_{kr}\xi^r\eta_i \\ - 3R_{ri}^*\xi^r\eta_k - 3R_{rk}^*\xi^r\eta_i + R_{rs}\xi^r\xi^s\eta_i\eta_k - 4(n+1)H(g_{ik} - \eta_i\eta_k) = 0 \; . \end{split}$$

Let $X \in D_x$ such that ||X|| = 1. Transvecting the last equation by $X^i X^k$ and applying (2.4) and (2.10), we obtain

(3.3)
$$4\operatorname{Ric}(X, X) + 4\operatorname{Ric}(\phi X, \phi X) = 12n - 4 + 4(n+1)H - 3||P(X)||^2 - 5||hX||^2.$$

Therefore we obtain (3.1). Equality of (3.1) for any $X \in D$ implies P(X) = 0 and hX = 0 for any $X \in D$. Since $h\xi = 0$, hX = 0 for any $X \in D$ implies h = 0. Thus, we obtain $P(\xi) = 0$ by (2.14). Therefore, P(X) = 0 for any $X \in D$ implies P = 0, and (M, η, g) is Sasakian.

REMARK. Let $\{e_{\alpha}, \phi e_{\alpha}, \xi; 1 \leq \alpha \leq n\}$ be an adapted frame of T_xM of a contact Riemannian manifold of constant ϕ -sectional curvature H. Since $\|h\phi X\| = \|\phi hX\| = \|hX\|$, (3.3) gives $\|P(\phi X)\| = \|P(X)\|$. Thus, we obtain $\|P\|^2 = 2\sum_{\alpha} \|P(e_{\alpha})\|^2 + \|h\|^2$ and $\|h\|^2 = 2\sum_{\alpha} \|he_{\alpha}\|^2$. Then, by (2.5) and (3.3), the scalar curvature S is given by

$$\begin{split} S &= \mathrm{Ric}(\xi,\,\xi) + \sum_\alpha \mathrm{Ric}(e_\alpha,\,e_\alpha) + \sum_\alpha \mathrm{Ric}(\phi e_\alpha,\,\phi e_\alpha) \\ &= 3n^2 + n + n(n+1)H - \|h\|^2 - (3/4)\sum_\alpha \|P(e_\alpha)\|^2 - (5/4)\sum_\alpha \|he_\alpha\|^2 \\ &= 3n^2 + n + n(n+1)H - (3/8)\|P\|^2 - (5/4)\|h\|^2 \leqq 3n^2 + n + n(n+1)H \;. \end{split}$$
 The last inequality is due to Olszak [4].

REMARK. Let (M, η, g) be a K-contact Riemannian manifold of constant ϕ -sectional curvature H. If H is constant on M, then H can be deformed by a D-homothetic deformation of the structure tensors. For example, if H > -3, then choosing a constant $\theta = (H+3)/4$, we get a K-contact Riemannian manifold

$$(M, \phi, (1/\theta)\xi, \theta\eta, \theta g + (\theta^2 - \theta)\eta \otimes \eta)$$

of constant φ-sectional curvature 1 (cf. (2.14) of Tanno [5]).

REMARK. It seems to be an open problem if there exist contact Riemannian manifolds of constant ϕ -sectional curvature, which are not Sasakian.

4. Conformally flat contact Riemannian manifolds. Let (M, η, g) be a conformally flat contact Riemannian manifold. Then the Riemannian curvature tensor R is expressed as

$$\begin{split} R^i_{jkl} &= (1/(2n-1))(\delta^i_k R_{jl} - \delta^i_l R_{jk} + R^i_k g_{jl} - R^i_l g_{jk}) \\ &- (S/2n(2n-1))(\delta^i_k g_{jl} - \delta^i_l g_{jk}) \;. \end{split}$$

Hence, R_{ij}^* is given by

$$R_{ij}^* = (1/(2n-1))(R_{ij} + R_{rs}\phi_i^r\phi_j^s - R_{ir}\xi^r\eta_j) - (S/2n(2n-1))(g_{ij} - \eta_i\eta_j)$$
 .

Let $X \in D$ such that ||X|| = 1. Then

$$R_{ij}^*X^iX^j = (1/(2n-1))(\operatorname{Ric}(X,X) + \operatorname{Ric}(\phi X,\phi X)) - S/2n(2n-1)$$
.

On the other hand, (2.10) gives

$$2R_{ij}^*X^iX^j = \mathrm{Ric}(X, X) + \mathrm{Ric}(\phi X, \phi X) - 2n(2n-1) + \|P(X)\|^2 + \|hX\|^2$$
 .

Combining the last two equations we obtain

(4.1)
$$(2n-3)(\operatorname{Ric}(X, X) + \operatorname{Ric}(\phi X, \phi X))$$

$$= 2(2n-1)^2 - S/n - (2n-1)(\|P(X)\|^2 + \|hX\|^2) .$$

Therefore we obtain the following.

THEOREM 4.1. Let (M, η, g) be a conformally flat contact Riemannian manifold of dimension $2n + 1 \ge 5$. Then, for any unit $X \in D$,

(4.2)
$$\operatorname{Ric}(X, X) + \operatorname{Ric}(\phi X, \phi X) \leq 4n + [2n(2n+1) - S]/n(2n-3)$$

holds. Equality holds for any unit $X \in D$, if and only if (M, η, g) is Sasakian.

REMARK. Let $\{e_{\alpha}, \phi e_{\alpha}, \xi\}$ be an adapted frame of $T_{x}M$ of a conformally flat contact Riemannian manifold. Then, using (2.5) and (4.1), we can show that the scalar curvature S is given by

$$S=2n(2n+1)-((2n-1)/4(n-1))\|P\|^2-((2n-3)/2(n-1))\|h\|^2\leqq 2n(2n+1)\;.$$
 This is the inequality due to Olszak [4].

5. k-nullity distribution. Let k be a real number. By $N(k): x \to N_x(k)$ we denote the k-nullity distribution of a Riemannian manifold (M, g):

$$N_{\boldsymbol{x}}(k) = \{Z \in T_{\boldsymbol{x}}M; \, R(X,Y)Z = k(g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y), \, X,Y \in T_{\boldsymbol{x}}M\}$$
 .

Considering the second theorem of Blair [2] as k = 0 case, we prove the following.

PROPOSITION 5.1. Let (M, η, g) be a contact Riemannian manifold. If ξ belongs to the k-nullity distribution, then $k \leq 1$. If k < 1, then (M, η, g) admits three mutually orthogonal and integrable distributions D(0), $D(\lambda)$ and $D(-\lambda)$, defined by the eigenspaces of h, where $\lambda = \sqrt{1-k}$.

PROOF. By $\xi \in N(k)$ we can verify $\mathrm{Ric}(\xi, \xi) = 2nk$. Then, (2.5) implies $k \leq 1$. Now we suppose k < 1. Olszak ([4], p. 250, p. 251) proved that $\xi \in N(k)$ with k < 1 implies $h^2 = (k-1)\phi^2$ and

(5.1)
$$\nabla_r \phi_s^i = (g_{rs} + h_{rs}) \xi^i - \eta_s (\delta_r^i + h_r^i) .$$

Since $h\xi=0$ and h is symmetric, $h^2=(k-1)\phi^2$ implies that the restriction $h\mid D$ of h to the contact distribution D has eigenvalues $\lambda=\sqrt{1-k}$ and $-\lambda$. By $D(\lambda)$ and $D(-\lambda)$ we denote the distributions defined by the eigenspaces of h corresponding to λ and $-\lambda$, respectively. By D(0) we denote the distribution defined by ξ . Then these three distributions are mutually orthogonal. Let $X\in D(\lambda)$. Then $hX=\lambda X$ and $\phi h=-h\phi$ imply $h(\phi X)=-\lambda(\phi X)$, and hence $\phi X\in D(-\lambda)$. This means that the dimension of $D(\lambda)$ and $D(-\lambda)$ are equal to n. We prove that $D(\lambda)$ $(D(-\lambda)$, resp.) is integrable. Let $X,Y\in D(\lambda)$ $(D(-\lambda)$, resp.). Then,

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\phi X - \phi h X = -(1 \pm \lambda)\phi X$$

and $\nabla_Y \xi = -(1 \pm \lambda) \phi Y$. Therefore, $g(\nabla_X \xi, Y) = g(\nabla_Y \xi, X) = 0$ holds. Thus, $d\eta(X,Y) = 0$ and $\eta([X,Y]) = 0$ follow. $X, Y \in D$ and $\xi \in N(k)$ imply $R(X,Y)\xi = 0$. On the other hand,

$$\begin{split} 0 &= \nabla_{X} \nabla_{Y} \xi - \nabla_{Y} \nabla_{X} \xi - \nabla_{[X,Y]} \xi \\ &= -(1 \pm \lambda) \nabla_{X} (\phi Y) + (1 \pm \lambda) \nabla_{Y} (\phi X) + \phi [X,Y] + \phi h [X,Y] \\ &= -(1 \pm \lambda) \{ (\nabla_{X} \phi) Y - (\nabla_{Y} \phi) X \} \mp \lambda \phi [X,Y] + \phi h [X,Y] . \end{split}$$

By (5.1) the first term of the last line vanishes. And so we obtain $\phi h[X,Y]=\pm \chi \phi[X,Y]$, which together with $\eta([X,Y])=0$ implies $[X,Y]\in D(\chi)$ $(D(-\chi), \text{ resp.})$.

REMARK. (i) In Proposition 5.1, if k = 0, then $D(0) + D(-\lambda)$ is also integrable ([2]).

(ii) In a Sasakian manifold, $\xi \in N(1)$ holds.

THEOREM 5.2. Let (M, η, g) be an Einstein contact Riemannian manifold of dimension $2n+1 \ge 5$. If ξ belongs to the k-nullity distribution, then k=1 and (M, η, g) is Sasakian.

PROOF. By $\xi \in N(k)$ we obtain $\|\nabla \phi\|^2 = 4n(2-k)$ (cf. [4], p. 251) and $\|h\|^2 = 2n(1-k)$. We obtain also $\mathrm{Ric}(\xi,\xi) = 2nk$. Since (M,g) is an Einstein manifold, we get $R_{ij} = 2nkg_{ij}$, and hence S = 2n(2n+1)k. Operating ∇^j to $\xi^i R_{ijkl} = k(\eta_k g_{jl} - \eta_l g_{jk})$, we get

$$\phi^{ji}R_{ijkl} + \xi^i \nabla^j R_{ijkl} = 2k\phi_{lk} \; .$$

By the second Bianchi identity and $R_{ij}=2nkg_{ij}$, we see that $\nabla^j R_{ijkl}$ vanishes. Hence, transvecting (5.2) by ϕ^{kl} , we get $S^*=2nk$. Substituting these values into (2.15), we obtain $4n^2(1-k)=4n(1-k)$. Since $n\geq 2$, we get k=1. Therefore, we get k=0 and $\|\nabla\phi\|^2=4n$, and (M,η,g) is Sasakian.

REMARK. Theorem 5.2 is a generalization of Olszak's theorem [4] that any contact Riemannian manifold of constant curvature k and of dimension $2n+1 \ge 5$ is a Sasakian manifold of constant curvature k=1.

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