

## Some types of trans-Sasakian manifolds

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### Abstract

In this paper pseudo projectively flat and conharmonically flat trans-Sasakian manifold satisfying  $R(X, Y).S = 0$  with vector  $\xi$  belonging to k-nullity distribution have been studied.

Further we have studied Legendre curves in trans-Sasakian manifold.

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### 1. Introduction

A  $(2n + 1)$  dimensional,  $(n \geq 1)$  almost contact metric manifold  $M$  with almost contact structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , where  $\varphi$  is a  $(1, 1)$  tensor field,  $\xi$  is a vector field,  $\eta$  is a 1-form and  $g$  is a compatible Riemannian metric such that

$$\varphi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \varphi(\xi) = 0, \quad \eta \circ \varphi = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

$$g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y) \quad (1.2)$$

$$g(X, \varphi Y) = -g(\varphi X, Y), \quad g(X, \xi) = \eta(X) \quad (1.3)$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$ ,

is called trans-Sasakian manifold [4] if and only if

$$(\nabla_X \varphi)Y = \alpha(g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X) + \beta(g(\varphi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi X) \quad (1.4)$$

for some smooth functions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  on  $M$  and  $\nabla_X$  is covariant differentiation along  $X$ .

In trans-Sasakian manifold the following results hold [7]

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\alpha \varphi X + \beta(X - \eta(X)\xi) \quad (1.5)$$

$$(\nabla_X \eta)Y = -\alpha g(\varphi X, Y) + \beta g(\varphi X, \varphi Y). \quad (1.6)$$

We will use the following results of [7] in the next sections.

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)\xi &= (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + 2\alpha\beta(\eta(Y)\varphi X - \eta(X)\varphi Y) \\ &+ (Y\alpha)\varphi X - (X\alpha)\varphi Y + (Y\beta)\varphi^2 X - (X\beta)\varphi^2 Y \end{aligned} \quad (1.7)$$

$$R(\xi, X)\xi = (\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)(\eta(X)\xi - X) \quad (1.8)$$

$$2\alpha\beta + \xi\alpha = 0 \quad (1.9)$$

$$S(X, \xi) = (2n(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - \xi\beta)\eta(X) - (2n - 1)X\beta - (\varphi X)\alpha \quad (1.10)$$

$$Q\xi = (2n(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - \xi\beta)\xi - (2n - 1)\text{grad } \beta + \varphi(\text{grad } \alpha) \quad (1.11)$$

where  $R$  is the curvature tensor,  $S$  is the Ricci-tensor and  $r$  is the scalar curvature. Also,

$$g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y) \quad (1.12)$$

$Q$  being the symmetric endomorphism of the tangent space at each point corresponding to the Ricci-tensor  $S$ .

When

$$\varphi(\text{grad } \alpha) = (2n - 1)\text{grad } \beta, \quad (1.13)$$

(1.10) and (1.11) reduces to

$$S(X, \xi) = 2n(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\eta(X) \quad (1.14)$$

and

$$Q\xi = 2n(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\xi. \quad (1.15)$$

Again a trans-Sasakian manifold is said to be locally  $\varphi$ -symmetric [10] if

$$\varphi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z) = 0 \quad (1.16)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ . The  $k$ -nullity distribution [9] of a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ , for a real number  $k$ , is a distribution

$$N(k) : p \rightarrow N_p(k) = [Z \in T_p M : R(X, Y)Z = k\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}] \quad (1.17)$$

for all  $X, Y \in T_p M$ . Hence if the characteristic vector field  $\xi$  of the contact metric manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  belongs to the  $k$ -nullity distribution then we have

$$R(X, Y)\xi = k\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\} \quad (1.18)$$

$$S(X, \xi) = 2nk\eta(X). \quad (1.19)$$

We can define k-nullity distribution in a trans-Sasakian manifold by

$$\begin{aligned} N(k) : p \rightarrow N_p(k) &= [Z \in T_p M : R(X, Y)Z \\ &= k[(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)(g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y) \\ &\quad + 2\alpha\beta(g(Y, Z)\varphi X - g(X, Z)\varphi Y) \\ &\quad + (Y\alpha)\varphi X - (X\alpha)\varphi Y + (Y\beta)\varphi^2 X - (X\beta)\varphi^2 Y]]. \end{aligned} \quad (1.20)$$

So when  $\xi, Z \in N(k)$  we have,

$$\eta(R(X, Y)Z) = k(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\{g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\} \quad (1.21)$$

$$S(X, Z) = (2nk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - \xi\beta)g(X, Z) - (2n - 1)X\beta - (\varphi X)\alpha \quad (1.22)$$

$$S(X, \xi) = (2nk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - \xi\beta)\eta(X) - (2n - 1)X\beta - (\varphi X)\alpha. \quad (1.23)$$

From (1.13) we get

$$S(X, \xi) = 2nk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\eta(X) \quad (1.24)$$

and

$$Q\xi = 2nk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\xi \quad \text{when } \xi \in N(k). \quad (1.25)$$

A pseudo projective curvature tensor in a Riemannian manifold is defined [5] as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}(X, Y)Z &= aR(X, Y)Z + b[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y] \\ &\quad - \frac{r}{2n + 1} \left[ \frac{a}{2n} + b \right] [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] \end{aligned} \quad (1.26)$$

where  $a, b$  are constants such that  $a, b \neq 0$ .

A conharmonic curvature tensor in a Riemannian manifold is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} H(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{2n - 1} [S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y \\ &\quad + g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY]. \end{aligned} \quad (1.27)$$

From [2] we know that, a 1-dimensional integral sub manifold in the contact subbundle is called a Legendre curve. If  $\gamma(s)$  be a curve in a Riemannian manifold parametrized by the arc length then it is called Frenet curve of osculating order  $r$  if there exist orthogonal vector fields  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_r$  along  $\gamma$  such that

$$\dot{\gamma} = E_1, \quad \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} E_1 = k_1 E_2, \quad \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} E_2 = -k_1 E_1 + k_2 E_3, \quad \dots, \quad \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} E_r = -k_{r-1} E_{r-1} \quad (1.28)$$

where  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{r-1}$  are positive smooth functions of  $s$  and  $\nabla$  is Levi-Civita connection of  $M$ .

Also a Frenet curve of osculating order 2 with  $k_1$  is constant is called a circle.

In this paper we have studied Legendre curve in a trans-Sasakian manifold.

## 2. Pseudo projectively flat trans-Sasakian manifold with $\xi \in N(k)$ satisfying $\varphi(\text{grad } \alpha) = (2n - 1)\text{grad } \beta$

Let us consider a trans-Sasakian manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  with  $\xi \in N(k)$ . Since the manifold is pseudo projectively flat, we have,  $\tilde{P}(X, Y)Z = 0$  for all  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ .

Hence from (1.26)

$$\begin{aligned} aR(X, Y)Z &= b[S(X, Z)Y - S(Y, Z)X] \\ &\quad - \frac{r}{2n+1} \left[ \frac{a}{2n} + b \right] [g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

Taking inner product on both sides of (2.1) by  $\xi$  and using (1.3) and (1.24) we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \{ak(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)}[a + 2nb]\}[(g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y))] \\ + b[S(Y, Z)\eta(X) - S(X, Z)\eta(Y)] = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Substituting  $X$  by  $\xi$  in (2.2) we get by virtue of (1.1), (1.3), (1.13) and (1.24) that

$$\begin{aligned} -bS(Y, Z) &= \{ak(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)}(a + 2nb)\}g(Y, Z) \\ &\quad - \{ak(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)}(a + 2nb) + 2nbk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\}\eta(Y)\eta(Z). \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Putting  $Y = Z = e_i$ , where  $\{e_i\}$  be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at any point of the manifold, in (2.3) and taking summation over  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 2n+1$ , we get

$$r = 2nk(2n+1)(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) \quad \text{provided } a \neq b. \quad (2.4)$$

Now from (2.3) on using (2.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} -bS(Y, Z) &= \left\{ ak(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - \frac{2nk(2n+1)(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)}{2n(2n+1)}(a + 2nb) \right\} g(Y, Z) \\ &\quad - \left\{ ak(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - \frac{2nk(2n+1)(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)}{2n(2n+1)}(a + 2nb) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2nbk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) \right\} \eta(Z)\eta(Y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

i.e.  $S(Y, Z) = 2nk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)g(Y, Z)$

i.e. the manifold is a  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.

Now using (2.5) in (2.1) we get

$$R(X, Y)Z = k(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y], \quad (\text{Since } a \neq 0) \quad (2.6)$$

Thus we can state the theorem

**Theorem 1.** A pseudo projectively flat trans-Sasakian manifold with  $\xi \in N(k)$ , satisfying  $\varphi(\text{grad } \alpha) = (2n - 1)\text{grad } \beta$ , is a space of constant curvature.

### 3. Conharmonically flat trans-Sasakian manifold with $\xi \in N(k)$ satisfying $R(X, Y).S = 0$

First we consider that the manifold is conharmonically flat. Then from (1.27) it follows that

$$R(X, Y)Z = \frac{1}{2n-1}[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY]. \quad (3.1)$$

Next we consider in a trans Sasakian manifold with  $\xi$  belonging to k-nullity distribution satisfying  $R(X, Y).S = 0$

which gives

$$S(R(X, Y)Z, W) + S(Z, R(X, Y)W) = 0. \quad (3.2)$$

Taking  $Y = Z$  and using (3.1) and (3.2) we get

$$\begin{aligned} g(Z, Z)S(QX, W) - g(X, Z)S(QZ, W) \\ + g(Z, W)S(QX, Z) - g(X, W)S(QY, Z) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Taking  $Z = \xi$  in (3.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(\xi, \xi)S(QX, W) - g(X, \xi)S(Q\xi, W) \\ + g(\xi, W)S(QX, \xi) - g(X, W)S(QY, \xi) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

Considering  $\varphi(\text{grad } \alpha) = (2n - 1)\text{grad } \beta$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(QX, W) - 4n^2k^2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^2\eta(X)\eta(W) \\ + \eta(W)S(QX, \xi) - 4k^2n^2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^2g(X, W) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Let  $\lambda$  be the eigen value of the endomorphism  $Q$  corresponding to an eigen vector  $X$ . Then

$$QX = \lambda X. \quad (3.6)$$

Now, putting (3.6) in (3.5) and using (1.12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^2g(X, W) - 4n^2k^2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^2\eta(X)\eta(W) \\ + 2nk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\lambda\eta(X)\eta(W) - 4k^2n^2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^2g(X, W) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Putting  $W = \xi$  in (3.7) and using (1.1) and (1.3)

$$[\lambda^2 - 8n^2k^2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^2 + 2nk\lambda(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)]\eta(X) = 0. \quad (3.8)$$

As  $\eta(X) \neq 0$ , we have

$$[\lambda^2 - 8n^2k^2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^2 + 2nk\lambda(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)] = 0 \quad (3.9)$$

i.e.

$$\lambda_1 = -4nk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_2 = 2nk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) \quad (3.10)$$

and

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = -2nk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2). \quad (3.11)$$

Again from (3.1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (2n - 1)g(R(X, Y)Z, W) = g(Y, Z)g(QX, W) - g(X, Z)g(QY, W) \\ + S(Y, Z)g(X, W) - S(X, Z)g(Y, W). \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Putting  $X = W$  in (3.12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2n - 1)g(R(W, Y)Z, W) = g(Y, Z)g(QW, W) - g(W, Z)g(QY, W) \\ + S(Y, Z)g(W, W) - S(W, Z)g(Y, W). \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

The sum for  $1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1$  of the above expression for  $W = e_i$  yields

$$rg(Y, Z) = 0 \quad (3.14)$$

where  $r$  is the scalar curvature of the manifold and  $\{e_i\}$  is an orthonormal basis of the tangent space of  $M$ . So

$$r = 0. \quad (3.15)$$

Since the scalar curvature is trace  $Q$ , we get

$$r = m\lambda_1 + (2n - m + 1)\lambda_2 \quad (3.16)$$

where  $m$  is a positive integer which is the multiplicity of  $\lambda_1$  and  $(2n - m + 1)$  is the multiplicity of  $\lambda_2$ .

Then

$$m(-4nk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)) + (2n - m + 1)(2nk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)) = 0 \quad (3.17)$$

$$\text{i.e. } n = \frac{3m - 1}{2}, [2nk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) \neq 0]$$

Now if  $m$  is odd

$$n = 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, \dots$$

and when  $m$  is even

$$n = \frac{5}{2}, \frac{11}{2}, \frac{17}{2}, \frac{23}{2}, \dots$$

But as the manifold is odd dimensional, so dimensional of these type of trans-Sasakian manifold with  $\xi \in N(k)$  will be 7, 13, 19, ...etc. which is in arithmetic progression ( $AP$ ) with first term 7 and common difference 6.

So we can state the theorem

**Theorem 2.** In a trans-Sasakian manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) satisfying  $\varphi(\text{grad } \alpha) = (2n - 1)\text{grad } \beta$  with  $\xi$  belonging to the  $k$ -nullity distribution, which is conharmonically flat together with  $R(X, Y) \cdot S = 0$ , the symmetric endomorphism  $Q$  of tangent space corresponding to  $S$  has two different non-zero eigen values  $-4nk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)$  and  $2nk(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)$ . Also dimensions of these manifolds are in  $AP$  having first term 7 and common difference 6.

#### 4. Legendre curves in trans-Sasakian manifold

By definition of Legendre curve which is integral submanifold

$$\eta(\dot{\gamma}) = 0. \quad (4.1)$$

Differentiating  $\eta(\dot{\gamma})$  along  $\dot{\gamma}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\eta(\dot{\gamma}) &= 0 \\ (\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\eta)(\dot{\gamma}) + \eta(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma}) &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

Now  $(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\eta)(\dot{\gamma}) = \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\eta(\dot{\gamma}) - \eta(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma})$ .

Using (1.3) and  $(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}g)(\dot{\gamma}, \xi) = 0$  we have

$$(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\eta)(\dot{\gamma}) = g(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\xi, \dot{\gamma}) \quad (4.3)$$

Replacing (4.3) in (4.2) we have

$$g(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\xi, \dot{\gamma}) + \eta(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma}) = 0. \quad (4.4)$$

Using (1.5) and (4.1) we get

$$g(-\alpha\varphi\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) + g(\beta\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) + \eta(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma}) = 0. \quad (4.5)$$

As  $E_1 = \dot{\gamma}$  is orthonormal basis  $g(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) = 1$ .

By (1.3) we have

$$g(\varphi\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) = 0.$$

Using (1.3) and the fact  $g(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) = 1$  we obtain

$$\beta + \eta(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma}) = 0. \quad (4.6)$$

If  $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma}$  is parallel to  $\xi$ , then

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma} = -\beta\xi. \quad (4.7)$$

Also by Frenet formula (1.28) we have

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma} = k_1E_2 \quad (4.8)$$

where  $E_1 = \dot{\gamma}$ .

From (4.7) and (4.8)

$$E_2 = -\frac{\beta}{k_1}\xi. \quad (4.9)$$

Now, differentiating along  $\dot{\gamma}$  to (4.9) and using (1.5) we get

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}E_2 = \frac{\alpha\beta}{k_1}\varphi\dot{\gamma} - \frac{\beta^2}{k_1}\dot{\gamma}. \quad (4.10)$$

Comparing with second equation of (1.28) we get curvature  $R = \frac{\beta^2}{k_1}$  and torsion  $\tau = \frac{\alpha\beta}{k_1}$  and the ratio of curvature and torsion becomes  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha}$ .

Thus we can state

**Theorem 3.** In a trans -Sasakian manifold a Legendre curve parametrized by arc length has curvature and torsion  $\frac{\beta^2}{k_1}$  and  $\frac{\alpha\beta}{k_1}$  provided  $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma}$  is parallel to  $\xi$ , and ratio of curvature to torsion is  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha}$ .



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