

ON PARA-SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS

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In this paper certain results on almost paracontact manifolds and its curvature tensors have been obtained. Para-Einstein manifold, which may be considered as analogous to Einstein manifold have been defined and studied.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional differentiable manifold in which there are given a tensor field  $\phi$  of type  $(1, 1)$ , a vector field  $\xi$  and a 1-form  $\eta$  satisfying

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \phi^2 X &= X - \eta(X) \xi; \phi(\xi) = 0; \eta(\xi) = 1, \\ \eta(\phi X) &= 0; \text{rank } \phi = n - 1. \end{aligned} \right\} \dots(1.1)$$

Then  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  is called an almost paracontact structure and  $M$  an almost paracontact manifold. Further, if there is a Riemannian metric  $g$  in  $M$  such that

$$g(X, \xi) = \eta(X); g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X) \eta(Y) \dots(1.2)$$

then  $M$  is called an almost paracontact metric manifold (Sato 1977).

An almost paracontact manifold is said to be normal (Sharfuddin 1977) if

$$N(X, Y) \stackrel{def}{=} [\phi, \phi](X, Y) - d\eta(X, Y) \xi = 0 \dots(1.3)$$

where  $[\phi, \phi](X, Y) = \phi^2[X, Y] + [\phi X, \phi Y] - \phi[\phi X, Y] - \phi[X, \phi Y]$ .

The 2-form  $F$  defined as  $F(X, Y) = g(\phi X, Y)$  is symmetric.

If, in an almost paracontact metric manifold

$$(D_x \phi)(Y) = \eta(Y) X - 2\eta(X) \eta(Y) \xi + g(X, Y) \xi, \dots(1.4)$$

then it is called a para-Sasakian manifold (Sharfuddin 1977, Sato 1977). In a para-Sasakian manifold (Sharfuddin and\*Husain 1978)

$$R(X, Y, \xi) = \eta(X) Y - \eta(Y) X \dots(1.5)$$

$$R(\xi, X, Y) = \eta(Y) X - g(X, Y) \xi \dots(1.6)$$

$$R_1(X, \xi) = (1 - n) \eta(X) \dots(1.7)$$

where  $R$  and  $R_1$  are the Riemannian and Ricci curvature tensors respectively.

Projective curvature tensor  $W$  is given by

$$W(X, Y, Z) = R(X, Y, Z) - \frac{1}{n-1} \{R_1(Y, Z) X - R_1(X, Z) Y\} \dots(1.8)$$

Concircular curvature tensor  $V$  is given by

$$V(X, Y, Z) = R(X, Y, Z) - \frac{r}{n(n-1)} \{g(Y, Z) X - g(X, Z) Y\} \dots(1.9)$$

### 2. SOME RESULTS

Let  $M$  and  $\bar{M}$  be two almost paracontact manifolds with the almost paracontact structures  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  and  $(\bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta})$  respectively. Consider the product manifold  $M \times \bar{M}$  and let  $M_m \times \bar{M}_{\bar{m}}$  be the tangent space of  $M \times \bar{M}$  at  $(m, \bar{m})$ ,  $m \in M$  and  $\bar{m} \in \bar{M}$ . We define

$$J_{(m, \bar{m})}(X_m, \bar{X}_{\bar{m}}) = (\phi X_m - \bar{\eta}(\bar{X}_{\bar{m}}) \xi_m, \bar{\phi} \bar{X}_{\bar{m}} - \eta(X_m) \bar{\xi}_{\bar{m}})$$

Then we can easily show that  $J$  is an almost product structure on  $M \times \bar{M}$ . Hence we have

*Theorem 2.1* — Let  $M$  and  $\bar{M}$  be almost paracontact manifolds. Then the product manifold  $M \times \bar{M}$  has an almost product structure induced by the almost paracontact structures of  $M$  and  $\bar{M}$ .

*Remark* : The result is also true in case we define  $J$  as

$$J_{(m, \bar{m})}(X_m, \bar{X}_{\bar{m}}) = (\phi X_m + \bar{\eta}(\bar{X}_{\bar{m}}) \xi_m, \bar{\phi} \bar{X}_{\bar{m}} + \eta(X_m) \bar{\xi}_{\bar{m}}).$$

*Theorem 2.2* — In a normal almost paracontact manifold

$$(\mathcal{L}_\xi \eta)(X) = 0 \dots(2.1)$$

$$(\mathcal{L}_\xi \phi)(X) = 0 \dots(2.2)$$

PROOF : Since the manifold is normal, putting  $Y = \xi$  in (1.3), we get

$$-\phi[\phi X, \xi] + \phi^2[X, \xi] - d\eta(X, \xi)\xi = 0 \dots(2.3)$$

Applying  $\eta$  to the above equation we get (2.1). Further, (2.3) gives

$$\phi(\mathcal{L}_\xi \phi)(X) = 0.$$

Therefore

$$(\mathcal{L}_\xi \phi)(X) = \mu(X)\xi \dots(2.4)$$

for some function  $\mu(X)$  and consequently

$$\eta((\mathcal{L}_\xi \phi)(X)) = \mu(X) \dots(2.5)$$

Now,  $(\mathcal{L}_\xi(\eta \circ \phi))(X) = 0,$

that is

$$((\mathcal{L}_\xi \eta) \phi)(X) + \eta((\mathcal{L}_\xi \phi)(X)) = 0$$

which, in consequence of (2.1) and (2.5) give that  $\mu(X) = 0.$  Then, (2.4) shows that (2.2) hold which completes the proof.

### 3. PARA-SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS

Para-Sasakian manifolds correspond in certain sense to Sasakian manifolds on one hand and to almost product almost decomposable manifolds on the other. In this section we prove a result which gives the condition for a Riemannian manifold to be a para-Sasakian manifold.

*Theorem 3.1* — Let  $M$  be a Riemannian manifold which admits a unit vector field  $\xi^i$  such that the 1-form  $\eta_i = g_{ih}\xi^h$  satisfy

$$\eta \text{ is closed} \tag{3.1}$$

$$\eta_{i,jk} = 2\eta_i\eta_j\eta_k - \eta_i g_{jk} - \eta_j g_{ik}. \tag{3.2}$$

Then  $M$  admits a para-Sasakian structure.

PROOF : We have  $\xi^i\eta_i = 1.$  Differentiating it covariantly, we get

$$\xi^i\eta_{i,j} = 0$$

and  $\xi^i\eta_{i,jk} = -\xi^i_{,k}\eta_{i,j} \tag{3.3}$

Using (3.2), this reduces to

$$\xi^i_{,k}\eta_{i,j} = g_{jk} - \eta_j\eta_k. \tag{3.4}$$

We put  $\phi_{ij} = -\eta_{i,j}.$  Then (3.4) reduces to

$$\xi^i_{,k}\phi_{ij} = g_{jk} - \eta_j\eta_k. \tag{3.5}$$

Putting  $\phi_{ij} = g_{ij}\phi^k_j,$  we get

$$\phi^i_j\phi^j_k = \delta^i_k - \xi^i\eta_k. \tag{3.6}$$

Therefore,  $\phi^i_j, \xi^i, \eta_j$  and  $g_{ij}$  are structure tensors of an almost paracontact metric manifold. By using the fact that the 1-form is closed we get that  $\phi_{ij}$  is symmetric. Hence  $M$  admits an almost paracontact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g).$  Further,

$$\phi_{i,jk} = -\eta_{i,jk}$$

and therefore, eqn. (3.2) becomes

$$\phi_{it,k} = \eta_i g_{ik} + \eta_i g_{ik} - 2\eta_i \eta_j \eta_k. \quad \dots(3.7)$$

This completes the proof.

The following can easily be obtained.

*Theorem 3.2* — In a para-Sasakian manifold

$$D_X \phi = -\phi X \quad \dots(3.8)$$

$$N(X, Y) = 0. \quad \dots(3.9)$$

#### 4. CURVATURE TENSORS

*Theorem 4.1* — In a para-Sasakian manifold, we have

$$R(X, Y, \phi Z, W) - R(X, Y, Z, \phi W) = P(X, Y, Z, W) \quad \dots(4.1)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P(X, Y, Z, W) &= g(X, W) F(Y, Z) + g(X, Z) F(Y, W) - g(Y, W) F(X, Z) \\ &\quad - g(Y, Z) F(X, W) + 2 \{ \eta(Y) \eta(Z) F(W, X) + \eta(W) \eta(Y) F(Z, X) \\ &\quad - \eta(X) \eta(Z) F(W, Y) - \eta(W) \eta(X) F(Z, Y) \}. \end{aligned} \quad \dots(4.2)$$

PROOF — From (1.4), we have

$$(D_X F)(Y, Z) = \eta(Y) g(\phi X, \phi Z) + \eta(Z) g(\phi X, \phi Y). \quad \dots(4.3)$$

From the above equation, we get after some calculation

$$\begin{aligned} (D_X D_Y F)(Z, W) &= \eta(Z) \{ X \cdot g(\phi Y, \phi W) - g(\phi Y, \phi D_X W) \} \\ &\quad + \eta(W) \{ X \cdot g(\phi Y, \phi Z) - g(\phi Y \cdot \phi D_X Z) \} \\ &\quad - g(\phi Y, \phi W) F(X, Z) - g(\phi Y, \phi Z) F(X, W). \end{aligned} \quad \dots(4.4)$$

Using (4.3), (4.4) and the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} (D_X D_Y F)(Z, W) - (D_Y D_X F)(Z, W) &= (D_{[X, Y]} F)(Z, W) \\ &= R(X, Y, \phi Z, W) - R(X, Y, Z, \phi W) \end{aligned}$$

we get the required result.

*Theorem 4.2* — Let  $M$  be a para-Sasakian manifold and let  $X, Y, Z, W$  be the tangent vectors of  $M$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  at every point  $m$  of  $M$ . Then

$$R(\phi X, \phi Y, \phi Z, \phi W) = R(X, Y, Z, W) \quad \dots(4.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, \phi X, Y, \phi Y) &= R(X, Y, X, Y) - R(X, \phi Y, X, \phi Y) \\ &\quad - 2 \{ g(X, Y) g(X, Y) - F(X, Y) F(X, Y) \}. \end{aligned} \quad \dots(4.6)$$

PROOF : We have from (4.1)

$$\begin{aligned} R(\phi X, \phi Y, \phi Z, \phi W) &= R(\phi X, \phi Y, Z, \phi W) + P(\phi X, \phi Y, Z, \phi W) \\ &= R(\phi X, \phi Y, Z, W) + P(\phi X, \phi Y, Z, \phi W) \\ &= R(Z, W, \phi X, \phi Y) + P(\phi X, \phi Y, Z, \phi W) \\ &= R(Z, W, X, \phi^2 Y) + P(Z, W, X, \phi Y) \\ &\quad + P(\phi X, \phi Y, Z, \phi W) \end{aligned}$$

which, in consequence of eqn. (4.2) and  $\eta(X) = \eta(Y) = \eta(Z) = \eta(W) = 0$  gives

$$R(\phi X, \phi Y, \phi Z, \phi W) = R(Z, W, X, Y).$$

This proves (4.5). Further, we have from Bianchi identity

$$R(X, \phi X, Y, \phi Y) = - R(X, \phi Y, \phi X, Y) + R(X, Y, \phi X, \phi Y). \quad \dots(4.7)$$

Using (4.5) in the above equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, \phi X, Y, \phi Y) &= - R(X, \phi Y, X, \phi Y) + R(X, Y, X, Y) \\ &\quad - P(X, \phi Y, X, Y) + P(X, Y, X, \phi Y) \end{aligned}$$

which in consequence of (4.2) gives (4.6). Hence the proof is complete.

Nomizu (1968) has shown that the curvature transformation  $R(X, Y)$  acts on the tensor algebra as a derivation and has discussed the condition  $R(X, Y) \cdot R = 0$  for hypersurfaces of Euclidean spaces, where as the condition  $R(X, Y) \cdot R_1 = 0$  has been discussed by Tanno (1969) for hypersurfaces of Euclidean spaces. In Sasakian manifolds these conditions were discussed by Takahashi (1969) and Tanno (1967), respectively. For a para-Sasakian manifolds, with these conditions, we prove the following results.

*Theorem 4.3* — If a para-Sasakian manifold satisfies the condition

$$(R(X, \xi) \cdot R)(Y, Z, W) = 0, \quad \dots(4.8)$$

then the manifold is of constant curvature.

PROOF : Condition (4.8) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, \xi, R(Y, Z, W)) - R(R(X, \xi, Y), Z, W) \\ - R(Y, R(X, \xi, Z), W) - R(Y, Z, R(X, \xi, W)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $Y = \xi$  in the above equation and using (1.5) and (1.6), we obtain after some calculation

$$R(X, Z, W) = g(X, W) Z - g(Z, W) X$$

which proves the statement.

**Theorem 4.4** — If a para-Sasakian manifold  $M$  of dimension  $n$  satisfies the condition

$$(R(X, \xi) \cdot R_1)(Y, Z) = 0, \quad \dots(4.9)$$

then  $M$  is an Einstein manifold.

**PROOF :** Condition (4.9) can be written as

$$R_1(R(X, \xi, Y), Z) + R_1(Y, R(X, \xi, Z)) = 0.$$

Putting  $Z = \xi$  and using (1.5), (1.6) and (1.7), we get after some calculation

$$R_1(X, Y) = -(n - 1) g(X, Y).$$

Hence, the Scalar curvature  $r = R_1(X_i, X_i) = -n(n - 1)$  which gives that

$$R_1(X, Y) = \frac{r}{n} g(X, Y),$$

whereby proving the result.

We now state the following results whose proofs are simple.

**Theorem 4.5** — If a para-Sasakian manifold is an Einstein one, the scalar curvature  $r$  has a negative constant value  $-n(n - 1)$ .

**Theorem 4.6** — If a para-Sasakian manifold is of constant sectional curvature, then it is of constant curvature  $-1$ .

**Theorem 4.7** — A projectively flat para-Sasakian manifold is of constant curvature  $-1$ .

In what follows we prove the following :

**Theorem 4.8** — If a para-Sasakian manifold  $M$  is concircularly flat, then the scalar curvature  $r$  is equal to  $-n(n - 1)$ .

**PROOF :** As  $M$  is concircularly flat,  $V(X, Y, Z)$  vanishes identically and we have

$$R(\xi, Y, Z, \xi) - \frac{r}{n(n - 1)} \{g(Y, Z) - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\} = 0$$

which, in consequence of (1.6) gives

$$\left(1 + \frac{r}{n(n - 1)}\right) g(\phi Y, \phi Z) = 0.$$

Now,  $g(\phi Y, \phi Z) = 0$  is not possible in general since  $g$  is non-singular and this proves the statement.

The following is direct.

*Corollary 4.9* — A concircularly flat para-Sasakian manifold is necessarily a manifold of constant curvature  $-1$ .

We now prove

*Theorem 4.10* — If in a para-Sasakian manifold

$$R_{ij} = bg_{ij} + c\phi_{ij}, \tag{4.10}$$

then

$$b = -(n - 1) \tag{4.11}$$

$$c = \frac{1}{2(n - 1)} c_{,k}\xi^k f \tag{4.12}$$

where  $R_{ij}$  is the Ricci curvature tensor and  $f$  is the trace of  $\phi$ .

PROOF : Contracting (4.10) with  $\xi^i$ , we get  $R_{ij}\xi^i = b\eta_j$ , which, using (1.7) gives (4.11). Further, contraction of (4.10) gives

$$r = nb + cf.$$

Covariant differentiation of the above equation gives

$$r_{,k} = c_{,k}f. \tag{4.13}$$

We also have

$$r_{,k} = 2R^i_{k,i}. \tag{4.14}$$

Then (4.10), (4.13) and (4.14) give

$$\begin{aligned} c_{,k}f &= 2(bg^i_k + c\phi^i_k)_{,i} \\ &= 2c_{,i}\phi^i_k + 2c\phi^i_{k,i} \end{aligned}$$

which in view of (1.4) becomes

$$c_{,k}f = 2c_{,i}\phi^i_k + 2c(n - 1)\eta_k. \tag{4.15}$$

Contracting (4.15) with  $\xi^k$ , we get

$$c_{,k}\xi^k f = 2c(n - 1)$$

which gives (4.12) whereby proving the theorem.

*Definition* — A para-Sasakian manifold  $M$  satisfying

$$R_1(X, Y) = bg(X, Y) + cF(X, Y) \tag{4.16}$$

where  $b$  is a constant and  $c$  a function on  $M$ , is called a para-Einstein manifold.

We now prove a result which gives a necessary and sufficient condition for a para-Sasakian manifold to be a para-Einstein manifold.

*Theorem 4.11* — A para-Sasakian manifold  $M$  is para-Einstein manifold if and only if

$$(R(X, \xi) \cdot R_1)(Y, Z) = c [\eta(Y) F(X, Z) + \eta(Z) F(X, Y)] \quad \dots(4.17)$$

holds for some function  $c$  on  $M$ .

**PROOF :** We have

$$(R(X, \xi) \cdot R_1)(Y, Z) = -R_1(R(X, \xi) Y, Z) - R_1(Y, R(X, \xi) Z).$$

Now, let  $M$  be para-Einstein. Then using (4.16), we get

$$(R(X, \xi) \cdot R_1)(Y, Z) = -c [R(X, \xi, Y, \phi Z) + R(X, \xi Z, \phi Y)].$$

Using (1.5) in the above equation, we have

$$(R(X, \xi) \cdot R_1)(Y, Z) = -c [-\eta(Y) F(X, Z) - \eta(Z) F(X, Y)]$$

which gives (4.17).

Conversely, let (4.17) holds. Then putting  $Z = \xi$  in (4.18), we have from Theorem 4.4

$$R_1(X, Y) + (n - 1) g(X, Y) = cF(X, Y)$$

which shows that  $M$  is a para-Einstein manifold. Hence the theorem is proved.

**Remarks**

(1) The name “Para-Einstein” manifold given to a para-Sasakian manifold satisfying the condition

$$R_1(X, Y) = bg(X, Y) + cF(X, Y)$$

is justified by the following.

We know from Theorem 4.4 that a para-Sasakian manifold satisfying the condition

$$(R(X, \xi) \cdot R_1)(Y, Z) = 0$$

is an Einstein manifold. This condition read with Theorem 4.11 gives  $c = 0$ , and thus the para-Einstein manifold reduces to an Einstein manifold. This gives the analogy between a para-Einstein and an Einstein manifold.

(2) An alternative way of defining a manifold analogous to Einstein manifold in this setting could be by imposing the condition

$$R_1(X, Y) = bg(X, Y) + c\eta(X) \eta(Y)$$



on a para-Sasakian manifold. Such a structure has been studied by us in a different context in a paper to appear shortly.

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