

# On Generalized Concircular $\phi$ -Recurrent $N(k)$ -Contact Metric Manifold

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**Abstract:** The object of the present paper is to study generalized concircular  $\phi$ -recurrent  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold and obtained some important results.

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## 1. Introduction

In 1988, S. Tanno [12] introduced the notion of  $k$ -nullity distribution of a Contact metric manifold as a distribution such that the characteristic vector field  $\xi$  of the Contact metric manifold belongs to the distribution. The Contact metric manifold with  $\xi$  belonging to the  $k$ -nullity distribution is called  $N(k)$ -Contact metric manifold and such a manifold is also studied by various authors. In 2008, De, Gazi [6] studied  $\phi$ -recurrent  $N(k)$ -Contact metric manifold.

In this paper we study Generalized Concircular  $\phi$ -recurrent  $N(k)$ -Contact metric manifold. Here we show that Generalized Concircular  $\phi$ -recurrent  $N(k)$ -Contact metric manifold is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold, and we find a relation between the associated 1-forms A and B. We also prove that the characteristic vector field  $\xi$  and the vector field  $\rho$  associated to the 1-forms A and B are co-directional. Finally we prove that a generalized Concircular  $\phi$ -recurrent  $N(k)$ -Contact metric manifold is of constant curvature.

## 2. Contact Metric Manifold

A  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  is said to admit an almost Contact structure if it admits a tensor field  $\phi$  of type  $(1,1)$ , a vector field  $\xi$  and a 1-form  $\eta$  satisfying

$$(2.1) \quad (a) \phi^2(X) = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad (b) \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad (c) \eta \circ \phi = 0, \quad (d) \phi\xi = 0.$$

An almost contact metric structure is said to be normal if the induced almost complex structure  $J$  on the product manifold  $M^{2n+1} \times \mathbf{R}$  defined by

$$J(X, f \frac{d}{dt}) = (\phi X - f\xi, \eta(X) \frac{d}{dt})$$

is integrable, where  $X$  is tangent to  $M$ ,  $t$  is the coordinate of  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $f$  is a smooth function on  $M \times \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $g$  be a compatible Riemannian metric with almost contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$ , that is

$$(2.2) \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

then  $M$  becomes an almost contact metric manifold equipped with an almost contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ . From (2.1) it can be easily seen that

$$(2.3) \quad (a) g(X, \phi Y) = -g(\phi X, Y), (b) g(X, \xi) = \eta(X),$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ . An almost contact metric structure becomes a contact metric structure if

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

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ . The 1-form  $\eta$  is then a contact form and  $\xi$  is its characteristic vector field. The  $k$ -nullity distribution  $N(k)$  of a Riemannian manifold  $M$  is defined by [12]

$$N(k): p \rightarrow Np(k) = \{Z \in TpM : R(X, Y)Z = g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\},$$

$k$  being a constant. If the characteristic vector  $\xi \in N(k)$ , then we call a Contact metric manifold an  $N(k)$ -Contact metric manifold.

In  $N(k)$ -Contact metric manifold the following relations hold [6]:

$$(2.5) \quad h^2 = (k - 1)\phi^2, \quad k \leq 1,$$

$$(2.6) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)(Y) = g(X + hX, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)(X + hX),$$

$$(2.7) \quad R(\xi, X)Y = k[g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X],$$

$$(2.8) \quad S(X, \xi) = 2nk\eta(X),$$

$$(2.9) \quad S(X, Y) = 2(n - 1)g(X, Y) + 2(n - 1)g(hX, Y) + [2(1 - n) + 2nk]\eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad n \geq 1, \\ r = 2n(2n - 2 + k),$$

$$(2.10) \quad \nabla_X \xi = -\phi X - \phi hX,$$

$$(2.11) \quad S(\phi X, \phi Y) = S(X, Y) - 2nk\eta(X)\eta(Y) - 4(n - 1)g(hX, Y),$$

$$(2.12) \quad (\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = g(X + hX, \phi Y),$$

$$(2.13) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = k[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y],$$

$$(2.14) \quad \eta(R(X, Y)Z) = k(g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)).$$

**Definition 2.1.** ([6]) A  $N(k)$ -Contact metric manifold is said to be locally concircular  $\phi$ -symmetric if

$$(2.15) \quad \phi^2((\nabla_W \bar{C})(X, Y)Z) = 0,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ .

**Definition 2.2.** ([6]) A  $N(k)$ -Contact metric manifold is said to be concircular  $\phi$ -recurrent if there exists a non-zero 1-form  $A$  such that

$$(2.16) \quad \phi^2((\nabla_W \bar{C})(X, Y)Z) = A(W)\bar{C}(X, Y)Z,$$

for arbitrary vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  and  $W$ , where  $\bar{C}$  is a Concircular curvature tensor given by[4]

$$(2.17) \quad \bar{C}(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y],$$

where  $R$  is the curvature tensor, and  $r$  is the scalar curvature.

If the 1-form  $A$  vanishes, then the manifold reduces to locally concircular  $\phi$ -symmetric manifold.

**Definition 2.3.** A  $N(k)$ -Contact metric manifold is said to be generalized concircular  $\phi$ -recurrent if its curvature tensor  $\bar{C}$  satisfies the condition

$$(2.18) \quad \phi^2((\nabla_W \bar{C})(X, Y)Z) = A(W)\bar{C}(X, Y)Z + B(W)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y],$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are two 1-forms,  $B$  is non-zero and these are defined by

$$A(W) = g(W, \rho_1), \quad B(W) = g(W, \rho_2),$$

and  $\rho_1, \rho_2$  are vector fields associated with 1-forms  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively.

### 3. Generalized Concircular $\phi$ -Recurrent $N(k)$ -Contact Metric Manifold

Let us consider a Generalized Concircular  $\phi$ -recurrent  $N(k)$  –Contact metric manifold. Then by virtue of 2.1(a) and (2.18) we have

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & -((\nabla_W \bar{C})(X, Y)Z) + \eta((\nabla_W \bar{C})(X, Y)Z)\xi \\ & = A(W)\bar{C}(X, Y)Z + B(W)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y], \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that,

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & -g((\nabla_W \bar{C})(X, Y)Z, U) + \eta((\nabla_W \bar{C})(X, Y)Z)\eta(U) \\ & = A(W)g(\bar{C}(X, Y)Z, U) + B(W)[g(Y, Z)g(X, U) - g(X, Z)g(Y, U)]. \end{aligned}$$

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

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_W S)(Y, Z) &= \frac{dr(W)}{2n+1} g(Y, Z) - \frac{dr(W)}{2n(2n+1)} [g(Y, Z)\eta(Y)\eta(Z)] \\ &\quad - A(W) \left[ S(Y, Z) - \frac{r}{2n+1} g(Y, Z) \right] - 2nB(W)g(Y, Z). \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $Z$  by  $\xi$  in (3.3) and using (2.12), we have

$$(3.4) \quad (\nabla_W S)(Y, \xi) = \frac{dr(W)}{2n+1} \eta(Y) - A(W)\eta(Y) \left[ 2nk - \frac{r}{2n+1} \right] - 2nB(W)\eta(Y).$$

Now we have,

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

Using (2.8) and (2.10) in the above relation, it follows that

$$(3.5) \quad (\nabla_W S)(Y, \xi) = -2nkg(\phi W + \phi hW, Y) + S(Y, \phi W + \phi hW).$$

In view of (3.4) and (3.5), we have

$$(3.6) \quad S(Y, \phi W + \phi hW) = 2nkg(\phi W + \phi hW, Y) + \frac{dr(W)}{2n+1}\eta(Y) - A(W)\eta(Y) \left[ 2nk - \frac{r}{2n+1} \right] - 2nB(W)\eta(Y).$$

Replacing  $Y$  by  $\phi Y$  in (3.6), and after a brief simplification, we get

$$S(Y, W) = 2[(n + k - 1) + n(k - 1)(nk + n - 1)]g(Y, W) + 2[(n - 1)(k - 1) - n(k - 1)(nk + n - 1)]\eta(Y)\eta(W),$$

or,

$$(3.7) \quad S(Y, W) = ag(Y, W) + b\eta(Y)\eta(W),$$

Where  $a = 2[(n + k - 1)] + n(k - 1)(nk + n - 1)$ ,

$b = 2[(n - 1)(k - 1) - n(k - 1)(nk + n - 1)]$  are constants.

Therefore we state the following:

**Theorem 3.1.** A Generalized Concircular  $\phi$ -recurrent  $N(k)$ -Contact metric manifold is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.

Now putting  $Y = Z = ei$  in (3.2) and taking summation over  $i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n + 1$ , we get

$$(3.8) \quad -(\nabla_W S)(X, U) + \frac{dr(W)}{2n+1}g(X, U) + (\nabla_W S)(X, \xi)\eta(U) - \frac{dr(W)}{2n+1}\eta(X)\eta(U) = A(W)[S(X, U) - \frac{r}{2n+1}g(X, U)] + 2nB(W)g(X, U).$$

Putting  $U = \xi$  in (3.8), we have

$$(3.9) \quad A(W)\eta(X) \left[ 2nk - \frac{r}{2n+1} \right] + 2nB(W)\eta(X) = 0.$$

Putting  $X = \xi$  in (3.9) we have,

$$(3.10) \quad B(W) = \left[ \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} - k \right] A(W).$$

Hence we state the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.2.** In a generalized Concircularly  $\phi$ -recurrent  $N(k)$ -Contact metric manifold, the 1-forms  $A$  and  $B$  are related as in (3.10).

Now from (3.1) we have

$$(3.11) \quad (\nabla_W \bar{C})(X, Y)Z = \eta((\nabla_W \bar{C})(X, Y)Z)\xi - A(W)\bar{C}(X, Y)Z - B(W)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y].$$

This implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z &= \eta((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z)\xi - A(W)R(X, Y)Z \\
 &+ \frac{dr(W)}{2n(2n+1)} [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi] \\
 (3.12) \quad &+ \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} A(W)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] - B(W)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y].
 \end{aligned}$$

From (3.12) and the Bianchi identity we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &A(W)\eta(R(X, Y)Z) + A(X)\eta(R(Y, W)Z) + A(Y)\eta(R(W, X)Z) \\
 &= \left[ \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} A(W) - B(W) \right] [g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)] \\
 &+ \left[ \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} A(X) - B(X) \right] [g(W, Z)\eta(Y) - g(Y, Z)\eta(W)] \\
 (3.13) \quad &+ \left[ \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} A(Y) - B(Y) \right] [g(X, Z)\eta(W) - g(W, Z)\eta(X)].
 \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of (2.14), we obtain from (3.13) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &A(W)k[g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)] + A(X)k[g(W, Z)\eta(Y) - g(Y, Z)\eta(W)] \\
 &+ A(Y)k[g(X, Z)\eta(W) - g(W, Z)\eta(X)] \\
 &= \left[ \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} A(W) - B(W) \right] [g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)] \\
 &+ \left[ \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} A(X) - B(X) \right] [g(W, Z)\eta(Y) - g(Y, Z)\eta(W)] \\
 (3.14) \quad &+ \left[ \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} A(Y) - B(Y) \right] [g(X, Z)\eta(W) - g(W, Z)\eta(X)].
 \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $Y = Z = e_i$  in (3.14) and taking summation over  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad &A(W)\eta(X) = A(X)\eta(W), \\
 (3.15) \quad (b) \quad &B(W)\eta(X) = B(X)\eta(W)
 \end{aligned}$$

for all vector fields  $X, W$ .

Replacing  $X$  by  $\xi$  in (3.15) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad &A(W) = \eta(W)\eta(\rho_1) \\
 (3.16) \quad (b) \quad &B(W) = \eta(W)\eta(\rho_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

From (3.15) and (3.16), we can state the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.3.** *In a generalized concircular  $\phi$ -recurrent  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold, the characteristic field  $\xi$  and the vector fields  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  associated to the 1-forms  $A$  and  $B$  respectively are co-directional and the 1-forms  $A$  and  $B$  are given by (3.16).*

#### 4. 3-dimensional Generalized Concircular $\phi$ -Recurrent $N(k)$ –Contact Metric Manifold

In a 3-dimensional  $N(k)$  –Contact metric Manifold  $(M^3, g)$ , we have

$$(4.1) \quad R(X, Y)Z = \left(\frac{r}{2} - 2k\right) [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] + \left(3k - \frac{r}{2}\right) [g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y],$$

and

$$(4.2) \quad S(X, Y) = \left(\frac{r}{2} - k\right) g(X, Y) + \left(3k - \frac{r}{2}\right) \eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

Using (4.1) in (2.17), we get

$$(4.3) \quad \bar{C}(X, Y)Z = \left[\frac{r}{2} - 2k - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)}\right] [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] + \left[3k - \frac{r}{2}\right] [g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y].$$

Differentiating the equation (4.3) covariantly, we get

$$(4.4) \quad (\nabla_W \bar{C})(X, Y)Z = \left[\frac{10dr(W)}{21}\right] [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] - \left[\frac{dr(W)}{2}\right] [g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y] + \left[3k - \frac{r}{2}\right] [g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)](\nabla_W \xi) + \left[3k - \frac{r}{2}\right] [\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y](\nabla_W \eta)(Z) + \left[3k - \frac{r}{2}\right] [g(Y, Z)\xi - \eta(Z)Y](\nabla_W \eta)(X) - \left[3k - \frac{r}{2}\right] [g(X, Z)\xi - \eta(Z)X](\nabla_W \eta)(Y).$$

Noting that we may assume that all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W$  are orthogonal to  $\xi$  and using (2.1), we get

$$(4.5) \quad (\nabla_W \bar{C})(X, Y)Z = \left[\frac{10dr(W)}{21}\right] [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] + \left[3k - \frac{r}{2}\right] [g(Y, Z)(\nabla_W \eta)(X) - g(X, Z)(\nabla_W \eta)(Y)]\xi.$$

Applying  $\phi^2$  on both sides of (4.5) and using (2.1), we get

$$(4.6) \quad \phi^2(\nabla_W \bar{C})(X, Y)Z = \frac{10dr(W)}{21} [g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X].$$

Using (2.18), the equation (4.6) reduces to,

$$(4.7) \quad A(W)\bar{C}(X, Y)Z + B(W)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] = \frac{10dr(W)}{21} [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y].$$

Putting  $W = \{ei\}$ , where  $\{ei\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , is an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at any point of the manifold and taking summation over  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ , we obtain

$$(4.8) \quad \bar{C}(X, Y)Z = \lambda[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y],$$

where  $\lambda = \left[ \frac{10dr(e_i)}{21A(e_i)} + \frac{B(e_i)}{A(e_i)} \right]$  is a scalar, since  $A$  and  $B$  are non-zero 1-forms. Then by Schur's theorem  $\lambda$  will be a constant on the manifold. Therefore, we state the following theorem:

**Theorem 4.4.** *A 3-dimensional Generalized Concircular  $\phi$ -recurrent  $N(k)$ -Contact metric manifold is of constant curvature.*

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