

# On Pseudo Ricci-Symmetric $N(k)$ –Contact Metric Manifold

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**Abstract:** The present paper deals with the study of pseudo Ricci-symmetric  $N(k)$ –contact metric manifold. Here we consider generalized pseudo-Ricci symmetric, almost pseudo Ricci-symmetric and  $\phi$ -pseudo Ricci-symmetric  $N(k)$ –contact metric manifold and obtained some interesting results.

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## 1. Introduction

The study of Riemann symmetric manifolds began with the work of Cartan [8]. According to Cartan, a Riemannian manifold is said to be locally symmetric if its curvature tensor  $R$  satisfies the relation  $DR = 0$ , where  $D$  is the covariant differentiation operator with respect to the metric tensor  $g$ . During the last five decades the notion of locally symmetric manifolds has been weakened by many authors in several ways to a different extent such as recurrent manifold [25], semi symmetric manifold [21], pseudo symmetric manifold [9, 12] etc.,

If the Ricci tensor  $S$  of type  $(0,2)$  in a Riemannian manifold  $M$  satisfies the relation  $DS = 0$ , then  $S$  is said to be Ricci symmetric. The notion of Ricci symmetry has been studied extensively by many authors in several ways to a different extent viz., Ricci recurrent manifold [18], Ricci semi symmetric manifold [21], Ricci pseudo symmetric manifold [10, 13], weakly Ricci symmetric manifold [23].

A  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional non-flat Riemannian manifold  $M$  is said to be pseudo Ricci symmetric if its Ricci tensor  $S$  of type  $(0,2)$  is not identically zero and satisfies the relation

$$(D_X S)(Y, Z) = 2A(X)S(Y, Z) + A(Y)S(X, Z) + A(Z)S(X, Y),$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ , where  $A$  is a nowhere vanishing 1-form on  $M$ . The pseudo Ricci symmetric manifolds have also been studied by Arslan et. al [1], De and Mazumder [14], De et. al [15] and many others. According to Tamassy and Binh [23], weakly symmetric and weakly Ricci-symmetric manifolds are generalization of pseudo symmetric and pseudo Ricci-symmetric manifolds respectively. This type of manifolds were studied extensively by several authors with different structures viz., [17,19,16,20] etc.,

We organized the paper as follows: In Section 2, we recall some definitions and basic facts concerning  $N(k)$ –contact metric manifolds which were used throughout the paper. In Section 3, we study generalized pseudo-Ricci symmetric  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold and it is shown that the relation  $2A + B + C$  is always zero. And in Section 4, we describe almost pseudo Ricci symmetric  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold and obtain that the sum  $3A + B$  is everywhere zero and there exists no proper pseudo Ricci-symmetric  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold. Finally, in Section 5, we consider  $\phi$ -pseudo Ricci-symmetric  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold. We prove that a  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold is  $\eta$ -Einstein and that the Sasakian manifold reduces to Einstein.

## 2. Preliminaries

A  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional smooth manifold  $M$  is said to be Contact manifold if it carries a global differentiable 1-form  $\eta$  which satisfies the condition  $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^n \neq 0$  everywhere on  $M$ . Also a Contact manifold admits an almost Contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$ , where  $\phi$  is a  $(1,1)$ -tensor field,  $\xi$  is a characteristic vector field and  $\eta$  is a global 1-form such that

$$\phi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \phi\xi = 0, \eta(\phi) = 0. \quad (2.1)$$

An almost Contact structure is said to be normal if the induced almost complex structure  $J$  on the product manifold  $M \otimes R$  defined by

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

is integrable, where  $X$  is tangent to  $M$ ,  $t$  is the coordinate of  $R$  and  $\lambda$  is a smooth function on  $M \times R$ . The condition of almost contact metric structure being normal is equivalent to vanishing of the torsion tensor  $[\phi, \phi] + 2d\eta \otimes \xi$ , where  $[\phi, \phi]$  the Nijenhuis tensor of is  $\phi$ . Let  $g$  be the compatible Riemannian metric with almost Contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  that is,

$$\begin{aligned} g(\phi X, \phi Y) &= g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \\ g(X, \xi) &= \eta(X) \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ . A manifold  $M$  together with this almost Contact metric structure is said to be almost Contact metric manifold and it is denoted by  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ . An almost Contact metric structure reduces to a contact metric structure if  $g(X, \phi Y) = d\eta(X, Y)$ . Moreover, if  $D$  denotes the Riemannian connection of  $g$ , then the following relation holds:

$$D_X \xi = -\phi X - \phi hX. \quad (2.3)$$

Blair, Koufogiorgos and Papantoniou [5] introduced the  $(k, \mu)$ -nullity distribution of a Contact metric manifold  $M$  and is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} N(k, \mu): p \rightarrow Np(k, \mu) \{U \in TpM \mid R(X, Y)U \\ = (kI + \mu h)g(Y, U)X - g(X, U)Y\}, \end{aligned}$$

$k$  being a constant. If the characteristic vector field  $\xi \in N(k)$ , then we call a contact metric manifold as  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold [4]. If  $k = 1$ , then the manifold is Sasakian and if  $k = 0$ , then the manifold is locally isometric to the product  $E^{n+1}(0) \times S^n(4)$  for  $n > 1$  and flat for  $n = 1$  [3].

In a  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold the following relations hold:

$$h^2 = (k - 1)\phi^2 \quad (2.4)$$

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y \quad (2.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S(X, Y) &= [2(n - 1) - n\mu]g(X, Y) \\ &+ [2(n - 1) + \mu]g(hX, Y) \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S(\phi X, \phi Y) &= S(X, Y) - 2nk\eta(X)\eta(Y) \\ &- 4(n - 1)g(hX, Y), \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

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

$$(D_X \eta)(Y) = g(X + hX, \square Y). \quad (2.9)$$

**Definition 2.1.** A  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold  $M$  is said to be  $\eta$ -Einstein if its Ricci tensor  $S$  is of the form

$$S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + b\eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

For any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants. If  $b = 0$  then the manifold  $M$  is an Einstein manifold.

### 3. Generalized pseudo-Ricci symmetric $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold

Let  $M$  be a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional generalized pseudo-Ricci symmetric  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold. Then by definition, we have  $(D_X S)(Y, Z) = 2A(X)S(Y, Z)$

$$+ B(Y)S(X, Z) + C(Z)S(X, Y) \quad (3.1)$$

where  $A, B$  and  $C$  are three non-zero 1-forms.

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (3.1) and using (2.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2nkg(X, \phi Y) + 2nkg(hX, \phi Y) \\ + S(Y, \phi X) + S(Y, \phi hX) = 4nkA(X)\eta(Y) \\ + 2nkB(Y)\eta(X) + C(\xi)S(X, Y) \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Again putting  $X = Y = \xi$  in (3.2), yields

$$2A(\xi) + B(\xi) + C(\xi) = 0 \quad (3.3)$$

Taking  $X = \xi$  in (3.2), we have

$$\eta(Y)[2A(\xi) + C(\xi)] + B(Y) = 0 \quad (3.4)$$

By virtue of (3.3), equation (3.4) becomes

$$B(Y) = \eta(Y)B(\xi). \quad (3.5)$$

Similarly by taking  $Y = \xi$  in (3.2) and using (3.3), we get

$$A(X) = \eta(X)A(\xi). \quad (3.6)$$

Substituting  $X = Y = \xi$  in (3.1) and by virtue of (3.3), we obtain

$$C(Z) = C(\xi)\eta(Z). \quad (3.7)$$

In view of (3.5), (3.6) and (3.7), we have

$$2A(X) + B(X) + C(X) = 0 \text{ for all } X..$$

Hence we can state the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.1.** A  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold is generalized pseudo Ricci-symmetric, unless the sum of  $2A, B$  and  $C$  is everywhere zero.

### 4. Almost pseudo Ricci-symmetric $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold

In 2007, Chaki and Kawaguchi [11] introduced a type of non-flat Riemannian manifold whose Ricci tensor  $S$  of type  $(0, 2)$  satisfies the condition

$$\begin{aligned} (D_X S)(Y, Z) &= [A(X) + B(X)]S(Y, Z) \\ &+ A(Y)S(X, Z) + A(Z)S(X, Y). \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

Where  $A, B$  non-zero 1-forms are called the associated 1-forms and  $D$  denotes the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the metric  $g$ . Such a manifold is called an almost pseudo Ricci symmetric manifold. If in particular  $A = B$  then the manifold becomes a pseudo Ricci symmetric manifold introduced by Chaki [10].

Let us consider an almost pseudo Ricci-symmetric  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold  $M$ . Now putting  $Z = \xi$  in (4.1), we get

$$(D_X S)(Y, \xi) = [A(X) + B(X)]S(Y, \xi)$$

$$+ A(Y)S(X, \xi) + A(\xi)S(X, Y) \quad (4.2)$$

By using (2.3) and (2.9) in (2.8), we have

$$(D_X S)(Y, \xi) = -2nk g(\phi X + \phi hX, Y) + S(\phi X + \phi hX, Y). \quad (4.3)$$

By virtue of (2.8) and (4.3), (4.2) becomes

$$-2nk g(\phi X + \phi hX, Y) + S(\phi X + \phi h) = 2nk[A(X) + B(X)]\eta(Y) + 2nkA(Y) + A(\xi)\eta(Y). \quad (4.4)$$

Putting  $X = \xi$  in (4.4) and using (2.1), we get

$$2nk[(2A(\xi) + B(\xi))\eta(Y) + A(Y)] = 0 \quad (4.5)$$

Next putting  $Y = \xi$  in (4.5) and by virtue of (2.5), we get

$$2nk[3A(\xi) + B(\xi)] = 0.$$

Since  $2nk \neq 0$ , we get from above that

$$3A(\xi) + B(\xi) = 0. \quad (4.6)$$

Again putting  $Y = \xi$  in (4.4) and then using (2.1) and (2.8) yields

$$2nk[A(X) + B(X) + 2A(\xi)\eta(X)] = 0. \quad (4.7)$$

Now replacing  $Y$  by  $X$  in (4.5) and adding with (4.7), and by virtue of (4.6), we get

$$2nk[A(\xi)\eta(X) + 2A(X) + B(X)] = 0. \quad (4.8)$$

Again replacing  $Y$  by  $X$  in (4.5) and adding with (4.8), and in view of (4.6), we get

$$2nk[3A(X) + B(X)] = 0 \quad (4.9)$$

Hence we can state the following:

**Theorem 4.2.** An  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold is almost pseudo Ricci symmetric, if the sum  $3A + B$  is everywhere zero.

If in particular  $B = A$ , then the manifold reduces to a pseudo Ricci-symmetric and from (4.9) we get  $A = 0$  which is not possible from the definition of pseudo Ricci-symmetric manifold.

Thus we have the following corollary:

**Corollary 4.1.** There exists no proper pseudo Ricci-symmetric  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold.

### 5. $\phi$ -pseudo Ricci-symmetric $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold

**Definition 5.2.** An  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold is said to be  $\phi$ -pseudo Ricci-symmetric if the Ricci operator  $Q$  satisfies

$$\phi^2((D_X Q)(Y)) = 2A(X)Q(Y) + A(Y)Q(X) + S(X, Y)\rho \quad (5.1)$$

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  and  $A$  is a non zero 1-form defined by

$$A(X) = g(X, \rho), \quad (5.2)$$

Where  $\rho$  is the vector field associated to the 1-form  $A$ .

If, in particular,  $A = 0$ , then (5.1) turns into the notion of  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold introduced by Shukla and Shukla [22].

Let us consider a  $\phi$  pseudo Ricci-symmetric  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold. Then by virtue of (2.1) we have

$$-D_X Q(Y) + QD_X Y + \eta((D_X Q)(Y))\xi = 2A(X)Q(Y) + A(Y)Q(X) + S(X, Y)\rho. \quad (5.3)$$

Taking inner product of (5.3) with respect to  $Z$ , we get

$$-g(D_X Q(Y), Z) + S(D_X Y, Z) + \eta((D_X Q)(Y))\eta(Z) = 2A(X)S(Y, Z) + A(Y)S(X, Z) + S(X, Y)A(Z) \quad (5.4)$$

Putting  $Y = \xi$  in (5.4) and using (2.3) and (2.8), we have

$$2nk g(\phi X, Z) + 2nk g(\phi hX, Z) - S(\phi X, Z) - S(\phi hX, Z) = 4nkA(X)\eta(Z) + A(\xi)S(X, Z) + 2nkA(Z)\eta(X) \quad (5.5)$$

Replacing  $X$  by  $\phi X$  in (5.5), gives

$$-2nk g(X, Z) + 2nk g(hX, Z) + S(X, Z) - S(hX, Z) = 4nkA(X)\eta(Z) + A(\xi)S(\phi X, Z) \quad (5.6)$$

In view of (2.6) and (2.8), equation (5.6) turns into

$$\frac{2nk + (n + 1)\mu}{2(n - 1) + \mu} S(X, Z) = Mg(X, Z) + [(k - 1)(2(n - 1) + \mu)]\eta(X)\eta(Z) + 4nkA(\phi X)\eta(Z) + A(\xi)S(\phi X, Z), \quad (5.7)$$

where  $M = 2nk + \frac{(2(n-1)-n\mu)[2nk-2(n-1)-n\mu]}{2(n-1+\mu)} - (k - 1)(2(n - 1) + \mu)$

This leads to the following result:

**Theorem 5.3.** In a  $\phi$ -pseudo Ricci-symmetric  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold, the Ricci tensor  $S$  is of the form (5.7). In particular if  $A = 0$ , then from (5.7) we have

$$S(X, Z) = \frac{(2(n - 1) + \mu)M}{2nk + (n + 1)\mu} g(X, Z) + \frac{(2(n - 1) + \mu)(k - 1)(2(n - 1) + \mu)}{2nk + (n + 1)\mu} \eta(X)\eta(Z). \quad (5.8)$$

Hence we can state the following Corollaries:

**Corollary 5.2.** [22] A  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.

**Corollary 5.3.** [4] If  $k = 1$  then from (5.8), a  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Sasakian manifold is reduces to Einstein manifold.

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