

## SOME RESULTS ON $(\epsilon)$ -KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS

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**Abstract.** We have studied curvature symmetries in  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifolds. Next, we have proved the non-existence of a non-zero parallel 2-form in an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold. Moreover, we have characterised  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifolds and finally, we have proved that under certain restriction on the scalar curvature  $divR=0$  and  $divC=0$  are equivalent, where ‘*div*’ denotes divergence.

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### 1. Introduction

The basic difference between Riemannian and semi-Riemannian geometry is the existence of a null vector. In a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ , the signature of the metric tensor is positive definite, whereas the signature of a semi-Riemannian manifold is indefinite. With the help of indefinite metric Bejancu and Duggal [1] introduced  $(\epsilon)$ -Sasakian manifolds. Then Xufeng and Xiaoli [16] proved that every  $(\epsilon)$ -Sasakian manifold must be a real hyperface of some indefinite Kähler manifolds. Since Sasakian manifolds with indefinite metric have applications in Physics [4], we are interested to study various contact manifolds with indefinite metric. Geometry of Kenmotsu manifolds originated from Kenmotsu [10]. In [3] De and Sarkar introduced the notion of  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifolds with indefinite metric. On the other hand, in [6] Eisenhart proved that if a Riemannian manifold admits a second order parallel symmetric covariant tensor other than a constant multiple of the metric tensor, then it is reducible. Later on, several authors investigated the Eisenhart problem on various spaces and obtained some fruitful results. Recently, Haseeb and De [7] have studied  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons in  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifolds.  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifolds have also been studied by several authors such as ([2],[8],[9],[13],[15]) and many others. So far, our knowledge about curvature symmetries have not been studied in semi-Riemannian manifolds. In this paper, we are going to study curvature symmetries in  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifolds. For curvature symmetries we refer

the book of Duggal and Sharma [5].

In [7] Haseeb and De proved the following:

**Theorem 1.** Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold. If the manifold has a symmetric parallel second order covariant tensor  $\alpha$ , then  $\alpha$  is a constant multiple of the metric tensor  $g$ .

Using the above theorem, we obtained the following statements.

**Proposition 1.1.** If a vector field  $X$  is an affine Killing in an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold, then the vector field  $X$  is homothetic.

**Proposition 1.2.** An affine conformal vector field in an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold is reduced to a conformal vector field.

Sharma[12] characterised a class of contact manifold admitting a vector field keeping the curvature tensor invariant.

In this paper, we have considered the same problem in  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifolds and proved the following:

**Theorem 2.** In an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold a curvature collineation is Killing.

The nature of a parallel 2-form has been considered by several authors in contact manifolds. In the present paper we consider a parallel 2-form in the context of  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifolds and prove the following:

**Theorem 3.** There is no non-zero parallel 2-form in an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold.

As for example  $d\eta$  is a 2-form in an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold which is zero.

Next we prove:

**Theorem 4.** An  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold is  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric if and only if it is an Einstein manifold.

In a Riemannian or semi-Riemannian manifold of dimension  $n$ ,  $divR$  is obtained from the Bianchi identity and given by

$$(divR)(U, V)W = (\nabla_U S)(V, W) - (\nabla_V S)(U, W),$$

where  $R$  denotes the curvature tensor,  $S$  is the Ricci tensor,  $\nabla$  is the Riemannian connection and 'div' denotes the divergence.

Also it is known that

$$(divC)(U, V)W = \frac{n-2}{n-3} \{(\nabla_U S)(V, W) - (\nabla_V S)(U, W)\} + \frac{1}{2(n-1)} \{dr(U)g(V, W) - dr(V)g(U, W)\},$$

where  $C$  is the Weyl curvature tensor of type (1,3),  $r$  is the scalar curvature.

From the above definitions, it follows that  $divR = 0$  implies  $divC = 0$ . However the converse, is not necessarily true. We address

**Theorem 5.** In an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $divR = 0$  and  $divC = 0$  are equivalent provided the scalar curvature  $r$  is invariant under the characteristic vector field  $\xi$ .

## 2. $(\epsilon)$ -KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS

Duggal [4] introduced a larger class of contact metric manifolds.

Let  $M^{2n+1}$  be a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold of class  $C^\infty$ . Then a quadruple  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defined on  $M^{2n+1}$  satisfying

$$(2.1) \quad \phi^2(U) = -U + \eta(U)\xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1,$$

$$(2.2) \quad g(\xi, \xi) = \epsilon, \quad \eta(U) = \epsilon g(U, \xi),$$

$$(2.3) \quad g(\phi U, \phi V) = g(U, V) - \epsilon \eta(U)\eta(V),$$

where  $\phi$  is a tensor field of type  $(1,1)$ ,  $\eta$  a tensor field of type  $(0,1)$ , the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  and  $\epsilon$  is 1 or -1 according as  $\xi$  is space like or time like vector field, is called an  $(\epsilon)$ -almost contact metric manifold. If  $d\eta(U, V) = g(U, \phi V)$ , for every  $U, V \in \chi(M)$ , then we say that  $M$  is an  $(\epsilon)$ -contact metric manifold. It can be easily seen that  $\phi\xi = 0$ ,  $\eta\phi = 0$ .

Moreover, if the manifold satisfies

$$(2.4) \quad (\nabla_U \phi)V = -g(U, \phi V) - \epsilon \eta(V)\phi U,$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the Riemannian connection of  $g$ , then we shall call the manifold an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold.

In an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold the following relations hold([3],[7]) :

$$(2.5) \quad \nabla_U \xi = \epsilon(U - \eta(U)\xi),$$

$$(2.6) \quad (\nabla_U \eta)V = g(U, V) - \epsilon \eta(U)\eta(V),$$

$$(2.7) \quad R(U, V)\xi = \eta(U)V - \eta(V)U,$$

$$(2.8) \quad (U, \xi) = -2n\eta(U).$$

**Example.** Let us consider  $M^5 = \{(u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, w) : u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, w \text{ belongs to } \mathbb{R} \text{ and } w \neq 0\}$  and take the basis vector field  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5\}$ , where

$$e_1 = w \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}, e_2 = w \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}, e_3 = w \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3}, e_4 = w \frac{\partial}{\partial u_4}, e_5 = -\epsilon w \frac{\partial}{\partial w} = \xi.$$

Let us define  $g$  as follows :

$$g(e_i, e_j) = 0, i \neq j, i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$$

and

$$g(e_1, e_1) = g(e_2, e_2) = g(e_3, e_3) = g(e_4, e_4) = 1, g(e_5, e_5) = \epsilon.$$

Then we obtain

$$[e_1, e_2] = [e_1, e_3] = [e_1, e_4] = [e_2, e_3] = [e_2, e_4] = [e_3, e_4] = 0,$$

$$[e_1, e_5] = \epsilon e_1, [e_2, e_5] = \epsilon e_2, [e_3, e_5] = \epsilon e_3, [e_4, e_5] = \epsilon e_4.$$

By Koszul's formula we have

$$\nabla_{e_1} e_1 = -e_5, \nabla_{e_1} e_2 = 0, \nabla_{e_1} e_3 = 0, \nabla_{e_1} e_4 = 0, \nabla_{e_1} e_5 = \epsilon e_1,$$

$$\nabla_{e_2} e_1 = 0, \nabla_{e_2} e_2 = -e_5, \nabla_{e_2} e_3 = 0, \nabla_{e_2} e_4 = 0, \nabla_{e_2} e_5 = \epsilon e_2,$$

$$\nabla_{e_3} e_1 = 0, \nabla_{e_3} e_2 = 0, \nabla_{e_3} e_3 = -e_5, \nabla_{e_3} e_4 = 0, \nabla_{e_3} e_5 = \epsilon e_3,$$

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We can easily verify that  $(M^5, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  satisfies all the properties of  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifolds.

**Definition 2.1.** A vector field  $X$  is said to be an affine Killing vector field if it satisfies

$$\mathcal{L}_X \nabla = 0,$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_X$  denotes the Lie differentiation along the vector field  $X$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A vector field  $X$  that leaves the Riemann curvature tensor invariant, that is,

$$(\mathcal{L}_X R)(U, V)W = 0$$

is called curvature collineation.

**Definition 2.3.** A conformal vector field  $X$  in a Riemannian or semi-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is defined by

$$(2.9) \quad \mathcal{L}_X g = 2\rho g,$$

for a smooth function  $\rho$  on  $M$ . If  $\rho = \text{constant}$ , then the vector field  $X$  is called homothetic. If  $\rho$  vanishes identically, then  $X$  is Killing vector field.

Equation (2.9) yields

$$(2.10) \quad (\mathcal{L}_X \nabla)(U, V) = (U\rho)V + (V\rho)U - g(U, V)D\rho,$$

where  $\nabla(U, V) = \nabla_U V$  for any vector field  $U, V$  on  $M$  and  $D\rho$  is the gradient vector field of  $\rho$ .

Thus (2.9) implies (2.10), but not conversely.

The vector field  $X$  satisfying (2.10) is called conformal collineation and  $X$  is then called an affine conformal vector field.

**Definition 2.4** An  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold is said to be  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric if

$$\phi^2((\nabla_U Q)W) = 0,$$

where  $Q$  is the Ricci operator defined by  $g(QU, V) = S(U, V)$ .

$\phi$ -Ricci symmetric manifold is weaker than Ricci symmetric ( $\nabla S = 0$ ) manifold.

If  $U, W$  are orthogonal to the characteristic vector field  $\xi$ , then  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric manifold is called locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric. The notion of locally  $\phi$ -symmetric for Sasakian manifolds was introduced by Takahashi[14].

### 3. PROOFS OF THE RESULTS

**Proof of Proposition 1.1.** If  $X$  is a affine Killing vector field, then

$$\mathcal{L}_X \nabla = 0,$$

which implies that

$$\mathcal{L}_X(\nabla g) = 0.$$

That is,

$$\nabla \mathcal{L}_X g = 0.$$

Thus  $\mathcal{L}_X g$  is symmetric second order parallel tensor. Thus, from Theorem 1 we infer that

$$\mathcal{L}_X g = \lambda g,$$

where  $\lambda$  is constant. This implies  $X$  is homothetic.

**Proof of Proposition 1.2.** In [11] Sharma and Duggal prove that a vector field  $X$  on a manifold  $(M, g)$  is an affine conformal vector field if and only if

$$\mathcal{L}_X g = 2\rho g + K,$$

where  $K$  is a second order covariant constant ( $\nabla K = 0$ ) symmetric tensor field.

Hence from Theorem 1, we obtain  $K = \lambda g$ ,  $\lambda$  is constant.

Therefore,

$$\mathcal{L}_X g = 2\rho g + \lambda g.$$

This implies

$$\mathcal{L}_X g = 2\sigma g,$$

where  $2\sigma = 2\rho + \lambda$ , a smooth function. This completes the proof.

**Proof of Theorem 2.** By definition of curvature collineation, we get

$$(3.1) \quad \mathcal{L}_X R(U, V)W = 0,$$

which implies

$$(3.2) \quad (\mathcal{L}_X g)(R(Z, U)V, W) + (\mathcal{L}_X g)(R(Z, U)W, V) = 0.$$

Putting  $Z = V = W = \xi$  in (3.2), we get

$$(\mathcal{L}_X g)(R(\xi, U)\xi, \xi) + (\mathcal{L}_X g)(R(\xi, U)\xi, \xi) = 0,$$

which implies

$$(\mathcal{L}_X g)(R(\xi, U)\xi, \xi) = 0.$$

Now, using (2.7) in the foregoing equation, we get

$$(3.3) \quad (\mathcal{L}_X g)(U, \xi) = \eta(U)(\mathcal{L}_X g)(\xi, \xi).$$

Again putting  $Z = V = \xi$  in (3.2) it follows

$$(\mathcal{L}_X g)(R(\xi, U)\xi, W) + (\mathcal{L}_X g)(R(\xi, U)W, \xi) = 0.$$

Using (2.7) in the above equation we infer that

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} &(\mathcal{L}_X g)(U, W) - \eta(U)(\mathcal{L}_X g)(\xi, W) + \eta(W)(\mathcal{L}_X g)(U, \xi) \\ &- \epsilon(\mathcal{L}_X g)(\xi, \xi)g(U, W) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.3) and (3.4) we get

$$(\mathcal{L}_X g)(U, W) = \epsilon(\mathcal{L}_X g)(\xi, \xi)g(U, W).$$

This implies

$$(3.5) \quad (\mathcal{L}_X g)(U, W) = \epsilon[\mathcal{L}_X g(\xi, \xi) - 2g(\xi, \mathcal{L}_X \xi)]g(U, W).$$

Since  $(\mathcal{L}_X R)(U, V)W = 0$  implies  $(\mathcal{L}_X S)(V, W) = 0$ . Therefore,

$$(\mathcal{L}_X S)(\xi, \xi) = 0,$$

which implies

$$S(\xi, \mathcal{L}_X \xi) = 0.$$

That is,

$$g(Q\xi, \mathcal{L}_X \xi) = 0.$$

Now using (2.8) in the above equation, we obtain

$$(3.6) \quad g(\xi, \mathcal{L}_X \xi) = 0.$$

Using (3.6) in (3.5) we conclude that

$$(\mathcal{L}_X g)(U, W) = 0,$$

that is,  $X$  is Killing vector field. Therefore, the Theorem is proved.

**Proof of Theorem 3.** Let  $\alpha$  be a parallel 2-form in an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold. This means  $\alpha$  is skew-symmetric and  $\nabla\alpha = 0$ . Therefore

$$(3.7) \quad \alpha(U, V) = -\alpha(V, U).$$

Putting  $U = V = \xi$  in (3.7) we get

$$(3.8) \quad \alpha(\xi, \xi) = 0.$$

Differentiating (3.8) along  $U$ , we get

$$\alpha(\nabla_U \xi, \xi) = 0.$$

Using (2.5) in the above gives

$$\epsilon\alpha(U, \xi) - \epsilon\eta(U)\alpha(\xi, \xi) = 0.$$

Finally, using (3.8), we obtain

$$(3.9) \quad \alpha(U, \xi) = 0.$$

Again, differentiating along  $V$  in the foregoing equation we get

$$(3.10) \quad \alpha(\nabla_V U, \xi) + \alpha(U, \nabla_V \xi) = 0.$$

Replacing  $U$  by  $\nabla_V U$  in (3.9) we get

$$(3.11) \quad \alpha(\nabla_V U, \xi) = 0.$$

Using (3.11), (2.5) in (3.10) and after some calculation we obtain

$$\alpha(U, V) = 0,$$

that is,  $\alpha = 0$ . This completes the proof.

**Proof of Theorem 4.** Let  $M$  be an  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold. Then

$$\phi^2((\nabla_U Q)V) = 0,$$

for arbitrary vector fields  $U, V$ , which implies

$$(3.12) \quad -(\nabla_U Q)V + \eta((\nabla_U Q)V)\xi = 0.$$

Putting  $V = \xi$  in (3.12) and using (2.8), we get

$$(3.13) \quad 2n\nabla_U \xi + Q(\nabla_U \xi) + \eta(-2n\nabla_U \xi - Q(\nabla_U \xi))\xi = 0.$$

Now using (2.5) in (3.13) and after some calculations, we obtain

$$S(U, V) = -2ng(U, V),$$



which implies that the manifold is an Einstein manifold.

Conversely, if the manifold is an Einstein manifold, then obviously it becomes  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric manifold. This completes the proof.

**Proof of Theorem 5.** Let us assume that  $divC = 0$ . Hence

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{aligned} & (\nabla_U S)(V, W) - (\nabla_V S)(U, W) \\ &= \frac{1}{2(n-1)} [dr(U)g(V, W) - dr(V)g(U, W)]. \end{aligned}$$

We know

$$S(U, \xi) = -2n\eta(U).$$

Then

$$(\nabla_U S)(V, \xi) = \nabla_U S(V, \xi) - S(\nabla_U V, \xi) - S(V, \nabla_U \xi).$$

Using (2.5) and (2.8) in the above equation, we get

$$(\nabla_U S)(V, \xi) - (\nabla_V S)(U, \xi) = -4nd\eta(U, V).$$

But in an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $d\eta = 0$ , therefore, the above equation implies that

$$(3.15) \quad (\nabla_U S)(V, \xi) - (\nabla_V S)(U, \xi) = 0.$$

Substituting  $W = \xi$  in (3.14) and using (3.15), we have

$$dr(U)\eta(V) - dr(V)\eta(U) = 0.$$

Replacing  $V$  by  $\xi$  in the above equation, it follows

$$(3.16) \quad dr(U) = dr(\xi)\eta(U).$$

Suppose the scalar curvature is invariant under the characteristic vector field  $\xi$ , that is,

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi r = 0,$$

which implies

$$dr(\xi) = 0.$$

Hence (3.16) gives  $r = \text{constant}$ .

Therefore from (3.14) we get

$$(\nabla_U S)(V, W) - (\nabla_V S)(U, W) = 0,$$

which implies

$$(divR)(U, V)W = 0.$$

This completes the proof.

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