

## ON A CLASSIFICATION OF PARA-SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS

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**Abstract.** We consider para-Sasakian manifolds satisfying the curvature conditions  $P \cdot R = 0$ ,  $P \cdot Q = 0$  and  $Q \cdot P = 0$ , where  $R$  is the Riemannian curvature tensor,  $P$  is the projective curvature tensor and  $Q$  is the Ricci operator.

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### 1. Introduction

In [14] Kaneyuki and Kozai defined the almost paracontact structure on a pseudo-Riemannian manifold  $M$  of dimension  $(2n + 1)$  and constructed the almost para-complex structure on  $M^{(2n+1)} \times \mathbb{R}$ . In 2009, Zamkovoy [24] defined para-Sasakian manifolds as a normal paracontact metric manifold. Thus a para-Sasakian manifold is a subclass of paracontact metric manifolds. In [24], the author obtains a necessary and sufficient condition for a paracontact metric manifold to be a para-Sasakian manifold. Also D-homothetic transformations have been studied in para-Sasakian manifolds in [24]. In the present paper, we characterize para-Sasakian manifolds satisfying certain curvature conditions. Para-Sasakian manifolds have been studied by several authors such as I. Mihai et al. ([19], [20], [21]) and De et al. ([11], [12], [13], [16]) and many others.

In a Riemannian manifold, if there exists a one-to-one correspondence between each coordinate neighborhood of  $M$  and a domain in Euclidean space such that any geodesic of the Riemannian manifold corresponds to a straight line in the Euclidean space, then  $M$  is said to be locally projectively flat. For  $n \geq 1$ ,  $M$  is locally projectively flat if and only if the well known projective curvature tensor  $P$  vanishes. Here  $P$  is defined by [22]

$$(1.1) \quad P(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{2n}[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y],$$

for all  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ , where  $R$  is the curvature tensor and  $S$  is the Ricci tensor of type  $(0, 2)$ . In fact,  $M$  is projectively flat if and only if it is of constant curvature.

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Thus the projective curvature tensor is the measure of the failure of a Riemannian manifold to be of constant curvature.

The paper is organized as follows:

Section 2 is equipped with some prerequisites about para-Sasakian manifolds. In Section 3, we prove that if a para-Sasakian manifold satisfies  $P \cdot R = 0$  then the manifold is an Einstein manifold. Next in Section 4, it is shown that if a para-Sasakian manifold satisfies the curvature condition  $P \cdot Q = 0$ , then the square of the Ricci tensor  $S^2$  is the linear combination of the Ricci tensor  $S$  and the metric tensor  $g$ . Finally, we prove that if a para-Sasakian manifold satisfies the curvature condition  $Q \cdot P = 0$ , then the trace of the square of the Ricci operator of a para-Sasakian manifold is equal to  $-2n$  times of the trace Ricci operator.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be an  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold. If there exists a triplet  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  of a tensor field  $\phi$  of type  $(1, 1)$ , a vector field  $\xi$  and a 1-form  $\eta$  on  $M^{2n+1}$  which satisfies the relation [1, 2, 14]

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

then we say the triplet  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  is an almost paracontact structure and the manifold is an almost paracontact manifold.

If an almost paracontact manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  with an almost paracontact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  admits a pseudo-Riemannian metric  $g$  such that [24]

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

then we say that  $M^{2n+1}$  is an almost paracontact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  and such a metric  $g$  is called compatible metric. Any compatible metric  $g$  is necessarily of signature  $(n + 1, n)$ . The fundamental 2-form of  $M^{2n+1}$  is defined by

$$(2.3) \quad \Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y).$$

An almost paracontact metric structure becomes a paracontact metric structure if

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

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ , where

$$(2.5) \quad d\eta(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2}[X\eta(Y) - Y\eta(X) - \eta([X, Y])].$$

Paracontact manifolds have been studied by several authors such as Kaneyuki and Williams [15], Calvaruso [4, 5], Cappelletti-Montano et al. [7, 8, 9], Martin-Molina [18], Zamkovoy et al. [25] and many others.

An almost paracontact structure is said to be normal if and only if the tensor  $N_\phi - 2d\eta \otimes \xi$  vanishes identically, where  $N_\phi$  is the Nijenhuis tensor of  $\phi : N_\phi(X, Y) =$

$[\phi, \phi](X, Y) = \phi^2[X, Y] + [\phi X, \phi Y] - \phi[\phi X, Y] - \phi[X, \phi Y]$  [24]. A normal paracontact metric manifold is known as para-Sasakian manifold. It is known [14, 24] that an almost paracontact manifold is para-Sasakian manifold if and only if

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

for all vectors field  $X, Y$ , where  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection of the pseudo-Riemannian metric. From the above equation it follows that

$$(2.7) \quad \nabla_X \xi = -\phi X.$$

Moreover, in a para-Sasakian manifold the curvature tensor  $R$ , the Ricci tensor  $S$  and the Ricci operator  $Q$  satisfy [24]

$$(2.8) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = -(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y),$$

$$(2.9) \quad R(\xi, X)Y = -g(X, Y) + \eta(Y)X,$$

$$(2.10) \quad S(X, \xi) = -2n\eta(X),$$

$$(2.11) \quad Q\xi = -2n\xi,$$

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

$$(2.13) \quad \eta(R(X, Y)Z) = -(g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)).$$

Para-Sasakian manifolds have been studied by several authors such as Zamkovoy [24], Martin-Molina [17], Cappelletti Montano et al [6] and many others.

A para-Sasakian manifold is said to be Einstein if [23]

$$(2.14) \quad S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y),$$

where  $S$  is the Ricci tensor of type  $(0, 2)$  and  $a$  is a constant.

### 3. Para-Sasakian manifolds satisfying $P \cdot R = 0$

In this section we characterize para-Sasakian metric manifold satisfying  $P \cdot R = 0$ . Suppose the manifold satisfies

$$(3.1) \quad (P(X, Y) \cdot R)(U, V)W = 0,$$

for all smooth vector fields  $X, Y, U, V$  and  $W$  then we have

$$(3.2) \quad P(X, Y)R(U, V)W - R(P(X, Y)U, V)W - R(U, P(X, Y)V)W - R(U, V)P(X, Y)W = 0.$$

Substituting  $X = U = \xi$  in (3.2) implies

$$(3.3) \quad P(\xi, Y)R(\xi, V)W - R(P(\xi, Y)\xi, V)W - R(\xi, P(\xi, Y)V)W - R(\xi, V)P(\xi, Y)W = 0.$$

Using (1.1), (2.9) and (2.10) we have

$$(3.4) \quad P(\xi, Y)R(\xi, V)W = -\eta(W)g(Y, V)\xi - \frac{1}{2n}S(Y, V)\eta(W)\xi.$$

Again using (1.1), (2.9) and (2.10) we obtain

$$(3.5) \quad R(P(\xi, Y)\xi, V)W = 0,$$

$$(3.6) \quad R(\xi, P(\xi, Y)V)W = 0.$$

Finally, using (1.1), (2.9) and (2.10) we get

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} & R(\xi, V)P(\xi, Y)W \\ &= g(Y, W)\eta(V)\xi - g(Y, W)V + \frac{1}{2n}S(Y, W)\eta(V)\xi - \frac{1}{2n}S(Y, W)V. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting (3.4)-(3.7) in (3.3) yields

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} & -\eta(W)g(Y, V)\xi - \frac{1}{2n}S(Y, V)\eta(W)\xi - g(Y, W)\eta(V)\xi + g(Y, W)V \\ & - \frac{1}{2n}S(Y, W)\eta(V)\xi + \frac{1}{2n}S(Y, W)V = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $W$  by  $\xi$  in (3.8) we have

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & -g(Y, V)\xi - \frac{1}{2n}S(Y, V)\xi - \eta(Y)\eta(V)\xi + \eta(Y)V \\ & - \frac{1}{2n}S(Y, \xi)\eta(V)\xi + \frac{1}{2n}S(Y, \xi)V = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.10) in (3.9) and then taking inner product with  $\xi$  implies

$$(3.10) \quad S(Y, V) = -2ng(Y, V),$$

which implies the manifold is an Einstein manifold.

Therefore, we can state the following:

**Theorem 3.1.** *If a para-Sasakian manifold satisfies  $P \cdot R = 0$  then the manifold is an Einstein manifold.*

#### 4. Para-Sasakian manifolds satisfying $P \cdot Q = 0$

Suppose the para-Sasakian manifold satisfies  $P \cdot Q = 0$ , which implies

$$(4.1) \quad P(X, Y)QZ - Q(P(X, Y)Z) = 0,$$

for all smooth vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ . Putting  $Y = \xi$  in (4.1) we have

$$(4.2) \quad P(X, \xi)QZ - Q(P(X, \xi)Z) = 0.$$

Using (1.1), (2.9) and (2.10) we have

$$(4.3) \quad P(X, \xi)QZ = g(X, QZ)\xi + \frac{1}{2n}S(X, QZ)\xi.$$

Similarly using (1.1), (2.9) and (2.10) we obtain

$$(4.4) \quad Q(P(X, \xi)Z) = -2ng(X, Z)\xi - S(X, Z)\xi.$$

Making use of (4.3) and (4.4) in (4.2) yields

$$(4.5) \quad g(X, QZ)\xi + \frac{1}{2n}S(X, QZ)\xi + 2ng(X, Z)\xi + S(X, Z)\xi = 0.$$

Taking inner product with  $\xi$  in (4.5) we have

$$(4.6) \quad S^2(X, Z) = -4nS(X, Z) - 4n^2g(X, Z),$$

where  $S^2(X, Z) = S(QX, Z)$ .

This leads to the following:

**Theorem 4.1.** *If a para-Sasakian manifold satisfies the curvature condition  $P \cdot Q = 0$ , then the square of the Ricci tensor  $S^2$  is the linear combination of the Ricci tensor  $S$  and the metric tensor  $g$ .*

For symmetric  $(0, 2)$ -tensor fields  $A$  and  $B$  on  $M$  define Kulkarni-Nomizu product  $A \bar{\wedge} B$  of  $A$  and  $B$  by ([3], p-47)

$$A \bar{\wedge} B(X_1, \dots, X_4) = A(X_1, X_4)B(X_2, X_3) - A(X_1, X_3)B(X_2, X_4) + A(X_2, X_3)B(X_1, X_4) - A(X_2, X_4)B(X_1, X_3).$$

Here we recall the following lemma:

**Lemma 4.1.** *[10] Let  $A$  be symmetric  $(0, 2)$ -tensor at point  $x$  of a semi Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ ,  $\dim M \geq 3$ , and let  $T = g \bar{\wedge} A$  be the Kulkarni-Nomizu product of  $g$  and  $A$ . Then the relation*

$$(4.7) \quad T \cdot T = \alpha Q(g, T), \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

*is satisfied at  $x$  if and only if the condition*

$$A^2 = \alpha A + \lambda g, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

*holds at  $x$ .*

Hence we have the following corollary:

**Corollary 4.1.** *Let  $M$  be a para-Sasakian manifold satisfying the condition  $P \cdot Q = 0$  then  $T \cdot T = \alpha Q(g, T)$ , where  $T = g \bar{\wedge} S$  and  $\alpha = -4n$ .*

### 5. Para-Sasakian manifolds satisfying $Q \cdot P = 0$

Suppose para-Sasakian manifolds satisfying  $Q \cdot P = 0$ . Therefore

$$(5.1) \quad (Q \cdot P)(X, Y)Z = 0,$$

which implies

$$(5.2) \quad Q(P(X, Y)Z) - P(QX, Y)Z - P(X, QY)Z - P(X, Y)QZ = 0,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ .

Substituting  $Y = \xi$  in (5.2) implies

$$(5.3) \quad Q(P(X, \xi)Z) - P(QX, \xi)Z - P(X, Q\xi)Z - P(X, \xi)QZ = 0.$$

Using (1.1) and (2.10) in (2.11) we have

$$(5.4) \quad Q(P(X, \xi)Z) = \left[ \frac{1}{2n}S(X, Z) + g(X, Z) \right] Q\xi.$$

Using (1.1) and (2.9) we obtain

$$(5.5) \quad P(QX, \xi)Z = \left[ \frac{1}{2n}S(QX, Z) + g(QX, Z) \right] \xi$$

Again using (1.1), (2.9) and (2.11) yields

$$(5.6) \quad P(X, Q\xi)Z = -[S(X, Z) + 2ng(X, Z)]\xi.$$

Finally, using (1.1) and (2.9) we have

$$(5.7) \quad P(X, \xi)QZ = \left[ \frac{1}{2n}S(X, QZ) + g(X, QZ) \right] \xi.$$

Substituting (5.4)-(5.7) in (5.3) yields

$$(5.8) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left[ \frac{1}{2n}S(X, Z) + g(X, Z) \right] Q\xi - \left[ \frac{1}{2n}S(QX, Z) + g(QX, Z) \right] \xi \\ & + [S(X, Z) + 2ng(X, Z)]\xi - \left[ \frac{1}{2n}S(X, QZ) + g(X, QZ) \right] \xi = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Taking inner product with  $\xi$  in (5.8) and using (2.11) we have

$$(5.9) \quad g(Q^2X, Z) = -2ng(QX, Z).$$

Let  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{2n+1}\}$  be a local orthonormal basis of the tangent space at a point of the manifold  $M$ . Then by putting  $X = Z = e_i$  and taking summation over  $i, 1 \leq i \leq (2n+1)$  we have

$$(5.10) \quad Tr(Q^2) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} g(Q^2e_i, e_i) = -2n \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} g(Qe_i, e_i) = -2nTr(Q).$$

This leads to the following:

**Theorem 5.1.** *If a para-Sasakian manifold satisfies the curvature condition  $Q \cdot P = 0$ , then the trace of square of the Ricci operator of a para-Sasakian manifold is equal to  $-2n$  times trace of the Ricci operator.*

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