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ON SOME  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  STRUCTURE MANIFOLDS1. Introduction

In 1964, Hashimoto defined and studied  $(F, G)$  structures on a differentiable manifold [1]. In this paper we have obtained some interesting results connecting the structure tensor of an  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  structure manifold [3]. Few special structures have been defined and certain results which bring out the interrelationship are proved.

Let  $M^n$  be a  $C^\infty$  real differentiable manifold and  $f_1, f_2$  be two non null  $(1,1)$  tensor fields of constant rank  $r$  ( $r \leq n$ ,  $n$  is dimension of  $M^n$ ), satisfying [3]

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} f_1^3 - \epsilon_1 f_1 = 0, & f_2^3 - \epsilon_2 f_2 = 0 \\ \epsilon_1 f_1^2 = \epsilon_2 f_2^2, & f_1 f_2 = \epsilon f_2 f_1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\epsilon_1^2 = \epsilon_2^2 = 1$  and  $\epsilon = \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \epsilon_3$  and  $\epsilon_3 = \pm 1$ . Then if we put

$$f_1 f_2 = -\epsilon f_2$$

we get

$$f_3^3 - \epsilon_3 f_3 = 0.$$

**Theorem 1.1.** The following relations hold on  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  structure manifolds

$$(1.2) \quad f_3^3 - \epsilon_3 f_3 = 0,$$

$$(1.3) \quad f_1 f_2 = \epsilon f_2 f_1 = -\epsilon f_3,$$

$$(1.4) \quad f_2 f_3 = \epsilon f_3 f_2 = -\epsilon_2 f_1,$$

$$(1.5) \quad f_3 f_1 = \epsilon f_1 f_3 = -\epsilon_1 f_2,$$

$$(1.6) \quad \epsilon_1 f_1^2 = \epsilon_2 f_2^2 = \epsilon_3 f_3^2.$$

Let  $\ell$  and  $m$  be two projection operators defined by

$$(1.7) \quad \ell \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \epsilon_k f_k^2, \quad m = 1 - \epsilon_k f_k^2, \quad k = 1, 2, 3.$$

Then we note that

$$(1.8) \quad \ell + m = 1, \quad m\ell = \ell m = 0, \quad \ell^2 = \ell \quad \text{and} \quad m^2 = m$$

and further

$$(1.9) \quad \begin{cases} \ell f_k = f_k \ell = f_k, & m f_k = f_k m = 0 \\ \ell f_k^2 = \epsilon_k \ell, & m f_k^2 = f_k^2 m = 0. \end{cases}$$

Thus we obtain, corresponding to  $\ell$  and  $m$  the two distributions  $L$  and  $M$  respectively.

**Remarks.** 1) If  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = \epsilon_3 = -1$ , then  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  structure acts as an almost quaternion structure on the horizontal distribution, consequently in this case the dimension of  $L$  is a multiple of 4.

2) If  $\epsilon_1 = -1$ ,  $\epsilon_2 = \epsilon_3 = 1$  then  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  structure is an almost complex structure of first kind on horizontal distribution [4].

3) If  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = -1$ ,  $\epsilon_3 = 1$  then  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  structure acts as an almost complex structure of second kind [4].

4) If  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = \epsilon_3 = 1$  then each of the tensor fields  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$  and  $f_3$  of  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  structure is an almost product structure on the horizontal distribution.

If we take rank  $(f_k) = n$ , then the above remarks from (1) to (4) hold for the entire manifold.

Since  $M^n$  always admits a positive definite Riemannian metric "g" defined by

$$(2.0) \quad g_k(X, Y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g(f_k X, f_k Y) + g(mX, Y), \quad k = 1, 2, 3,$$

hence we have

$$(2.1) \quad g_k(f_k X, Y) = g_k(f_k^2 X, f_k Y).$$

A two co-tensor  $F_k$  defined by [3]

$$(2.2) \quad F_k(X, Y) = g_k(f_k X, Y)$$

always satisfies

$$(2.3) \quad F_k(X, Y) = \epsilon_k F_k(Y, X).$$

For the tensor fields  $f_1, f_2$  the Nijenhuis tensor is defined by [3]

$$(2.4) \quad [f_1, f_2](X, Y) = [f_1 X, f_2 Y] - f_1[f_2 X, Y] - f_2[X, f_1 Y] + \\ + [f_2 X, f_1 Y] - f_2[f_1 X, Y] - f_1[X, f_2 Y] + \\ + (f_1 f_2 + f_2 f_1)[X, Y].$$

Let  $\nabla$  be the Riemannian connection on  $M^n$ . Then the following equalities hold.

$$(2.5) \quad X(g(Y,Z)) = g(\nabla_X Y, Z) + g(Y, \nabla_X Z)$$

$$(2.6) \quad [X, Y] = \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X$$

$$(2.7) \quad \nabla_X(f_k)(Y) = \nabla_X(f_k Y) - f_k \nabla_X Y$$

$$(2.8) \quad \nabla_X F_k(Y, Z) = g_k(\nabla_X(f_k)(Y), Z).$$

**Theorem 1.2.** The following results hold in an  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  structure manifold.

$$(2.9) \quad f_1 \nabla_X(f_2)(f_3 Y) = \epsilon_2 \nabla_X(f_1)(f_1 Y) - \epsilon \nabla_X(f_3)(f_3 Y),$$

$$(3.0) \quad f_2 \nabla_X(f_3)(f_1 Y) = \epsilon_1 \nabla_X(f_2)(f_2 Y) - \epsilon_2 \nabla_X(f_1)(f_1 Y),$$

$$(3.1) \quad f_3 \nabla_X(f_1)(f_2 Y) = \epsilon \nabla_X(f_3)(f_3 Y) - \epsilon_1 \nabla_X(f_2)(f_2 Y),$$

$$(3.2) \quad f_1 \nabla_X(f_3)(f_2 Y) = \epsilon_1 \epsilon_3 \nabla_X(f_1)(f_1 Y) - \epsilon_2 \epsilon_3 \nabla_X(f_2)(f_2 Y),$$

$$(3.3) \quad f_2 \nabla_X(f_1)(f_3 Y) = \epsilon_2 \epsilon_3 \nabla_X(f_2)(f_2 Y) - \nabla_X(f_3)(f_3 Y),$$

$$(3.4) \quad f_3 \nabla_X(f_2)(f_1 Y) = \nabla_X(f_3)(f_3 Y) - \epsilon_1 \epsilon_3 \nabla_X(f_1)(f_1 Y).$$

**Theorem 1.3.** In an  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  structure manifold the following hold

$$(3.5) \quad f_1 \nabla_X(f_j)(f_k Y) = -\epsilon f_k \nabla_X(f_j)(f_1 Y),$$

$$(3.6) \quad f_1 \nabla_X(f_j)(f_k Y) + f_j \nabla_X(f_k)(f_1 Y) + f_k \nabla_X(f_1)(f_j Y) = 0,$$

$$(3.7) \quad \nabla_X(F_k)(f_1 Y, f_j Z) = -\epsilon_k \nabla_X(F_k)(f_j Y, f_1 Z)$$

$1, j, k$  being all possible different permutations of  $1, 2, 3$  ( $1 \neq j \neq k$ ).

**Theorem 1.4.** In an  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  structure manifold the following equalities always hold

$$(3.8) \quad f_1 \nabla_X(f_2)(X) + \nabla_X(f_1)(f_2 Y) = -\epsilon \nabla_X(f_3)(Y),$$

$$(3.9) \quad f_2 \nabla_X(f_3)(Y) + \nabla_X(f_2)(f_3 Y) = -\epsilon_2 \nabla_X(f_1)(Y),$$

$$(4.0) \quad f_3 \nabla_X(f_1)(Y) + \nabla_X(f_3)(f_1 Y) = -\epsilon_1 \nabla_X(f_2)(Y).$$

**Theorem 1.5.** In an  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  structure manifold the 2-co-tensor  $F_k$  with respect to the Riemannian connection  $\nabla_X$ , always satisfies the identity

$$(4.1) \quad \epsilon_k \nabla_X(F_i)(f_j Y, f_k Z) + \epsilon_i \nabla_X(F_j)(f_k Y, f_i Z) + \\ + \epsilon_j \nabla_X(F_k)(f_i Y, f_j Z) = 0$$

for all possible permutations of  $i, j, k$ .

**Theorem 1.6.** In an  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  structure manifold the following hold

$$(4.2) \quad \frac{1}{2} [f_1, f_1] (X, Y) = \nabla_{f_1 X}(f_1)(Y) - \nabla_{f_1 Y}(f_1)(X) + \\ + f_1 \nabla_Y(f_1)(X) - f_1 \nabla_X(f_1)(Y),$$

$$(4.3) \quad [f_1, f_j] (X, Y) = \nabla_{f_1 X}(f_j)(Y) + \nabla_{f_j X}(f_1)(Y) - \\ - f_1 \nabla_X(f_j)(Y) - f_j \nabla_X(f_1)(Y) - \\ - \nabla_{f_1 Y}(f_j)(X) - \nabla_{f_j Y}(f_1)(X) + \\ + f_1 \nabla_Y(f_1)(X) + f_j \nabla_Y(f_1)(X).$$

**Definition:** We shall call an  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  structure manifold to be an  $f_{ijk}$ -K-manifold iff

$$(4.4) \quad f_1 \nabla_X(f_j)(f_k Y) = 0;$$

$f_{ijk}$ -AK-manifold iff

$$(4.5) \quad \tau_{X,Y,Z} \nabla_X(f_1)(f_j Y, f_k Z) = 0,$$

where  $\tau$  denotes the cyclic sum over  $X, Y, Z$ ;

$f_{ij}$ -NK manifold iff

$$(4.6) \quad \nabla_{f_j X}(f_1)(Y) - \epsilon_j \nabla_Y(f_1)(f_j X) = 0$$

and

$$\nabla_X(f_1)(f_j Y) + \nabla_Y(f_1)(f_j X) = 0;$$

$f_{ij}$ -QK manifold iff

$$(4.7) \quad \nabla_{f_j X}(f_1 Y) + \nabla_{f_j^2 X}(f_1)(f_j Y) = 0;$$

$f_{ijk}$ -H manifold iff

$$(4.8) \quad [f_i, f_j](f_k X, f_k Y) = 0.$$

**Theorem 1.7.** An  $f_{ijk}$ -K-manifold is also an  $f_{kji}$ -K-manifold.

The proof follows from (3.8) and (4.4).

**Theorem 1.8.** If an  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  structure manifold is any two of the six types  $f_{123}$ -K,  $f_{132}$ -K,  $f_{231}$ -K,  $f_{213}$ -K,  $f_{312}$ -K and  $f_{321}$ -K then it is also of the remaining types.

**Proof.** If the manifold is  $f_{ijk}$ -K and  $f_{jki}$ -K then  $f_i \nabla_X(f_j)(f_k Y) = 0$  and  $f_j \nabla_X(f_k)(f_i Y) = 0$ . Now using (3.6) we obtain

$$f_k \nabla_X(f_1)(f_j Y) = 0$$

and therefore manifold is  $f_{kij}$ -K. Moreover using Theorem 1.7 the proof follows.

**T h e o r e m 1.9.** An  $f_{ijk}$ -AK manifold is also an  $f_{kji}$ -AK manifold.

**T h e o r e m 1.10.** If  $(\epsilon f_1, \epsilon f_2)$  structure manifold is any two of the six types  $f_{123}$ -AK,  $f_{132}$ -AK,  $f_{231}$ -AK,  $f_{213}$ -AK,  $f_{312}$ -AK,  $f_{321}$ -AK then it is essentially of the remaining types.

**P r o o f .** Let  $M^n$  be  $f_{123}$ -AK and  $f_{231}$ -AK then from (4.5) we have

$$(4.9) \quad \nabla_X(F_1)(f_2Y, f_3Z) + \nabla_Y(F_1)(f_2Z, f_3X) + \nabla_Z(F_1)(f_2X, f_3Y) = 0,$$

$$(5.0) \quad \nabla_X(F_2)(f_3Y, f_1Z) + \nabla_Y(F_2)(f_3Z, f_1X) + \nabla_Z(F_2)(f_3X, f_1Y) = 0.$$

Now adding (4.9) and (5.0) after multiplying them by  $\epsilon_3$  and  $\epsilon_1$  respectively, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \epsilon_3 \nabla_X(F_1)(f_2Y, f_3Z) + \epsilon_1 \nabla_X(F_2)(f_3Y, f_1Z) + \\ & + \epsilon_3 \nabla_Y(F_1)(f_2Z, f_3X) + \epsilon_1 \nabla_Y(F_2)(f_3Z, f_1X) + \\ & + \epsilon_3 \nabla_Z(F_1)(f_2X, f_3Y) + \epsilon_1 \nabla_Z(F_2)(f_3X, f_1Y) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

And using the identity (4.1) we obtain

$$\nabla_X(F_3)(f_1Y, f_2Z) + \nabla_Y(F_3)(f_1Z, f_2X) + \nabla_Z(F_3)(f_1X, f_2Y) = 0$$

i.e. the manifold is  $f_{312}$ -AK. Now with the help of Theorem 1.9 the theorem is completely established.

**T h e o r e m 1.11.** An  $f_{ij}$ -NK manifold is also  $f_{ij}$ -QK manifold.

**P r o o f .** If  $M^n$  is  $f_{ij}$ -NK then

$$(5.1) \quad \nabla_{f_j X}(f_i)(Y) - \epsilon_j \nabla_X(f_i)(f_j X) = 0,$$

$$(5.2) \quad \nabla_X(f_i)(f_j Y) + \nabla_Y(f_i)(f_k X) = 0.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{f_j X}(f_i)(Y) + \nabla_{f_j^2 X}(f_i)(f_j Y) &= \nabla_{f_j X}(f_i)(Y) - \nabla_Y(f_i)(f_j^3 Y) = \\ &= \nabla_{f_j X}(f_i)(Y) - \epsilon_j \nabla_Y(f_i)(f_j X) = 0\end{aligned}$$

consequently  $M^n$  is  $f_{ij}$ -QK.

**Theorem 1.12.** An  $f_{ijk}$ -H manifold is also an  $f_{jik}$ -H manifold.

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