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## ON THREE-DIMENSIONAL LOCALLY $\phi$ -RECURRENT QUASI-SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS

**Abstract.** The object of the present paper is to study three-dimensional locally  $\phi$ -recurrent quasi-Sasakian manifolds.

### 1. Introduction

On a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold, the structure function  $\beta$  was defined by Z. Olszak [4] and with the help of this function he has obtained necessary and sufficient conditions for the manifold to be conformally flat [5]. Next he has proved that if the manifold is additionally conformally flat with  $\beta = \text{constant}$ , then (a) the manifold is locally a product of  $R$  and a 2-dimensional Kahlerian space of constant Gauss curvature (the cosymplectic case), or, (b) the manifold is of constant positive curvature (the non-cosymplectic case, here the quasi-Sasakian structure is homothetic to a Sasakian structure). An example of a three-dimensional quasi-Sasakian structure being conformally flat with non-constant structure function is also described in [5].

In 1977, T. Takahashi [6] introduced the notion of locally  $\phi$ -symmetric Sasakian manifolds and studied their interesting properties. In [3] the notion of local  $\phi$ -symmetry has been generalized as the notion of locally  $\phi$ -recurrent. In the present paper we wish to apply the concept of locally  $\phi$ -recurrent on three dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds. The present paper is organized as follows. Section 1 is the introductory section. Section 2 contains some basic and preliminary results related with three dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds. In Section 3 we investigate the nature of the characteristic vector field of the manifolds. The nature of the curvature tensor of a three-dimensional locally  $\phi$ -recurrent quasi-Sasakian manifold have been studied

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in Section 6. In the last section we have constructed an example to illustrate the results obtained in Section 4.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional connected differentiable manifold endowed with an almost contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , where  $\phi$  is a tensor field of type  $(1,1)$ ,  $\xi$  is a vector field,  $\eta$  is a 1-form and  $g$  is the Riemannian metric on  $M$  such that [1], [2]

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

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

Then also

$$(2.3) \quad \phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi).$$

Let  $\Phi$  be a fundamental 2-form defined by

$$\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y), \quad X, Y \in T(M).$$

$M$  is said to be quasi-Sasakian if the almost contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is normal and the fundamental 2-form  $\Phi$  is closed ( $d\Phi = 0$ ), which was first introduced by Blair [2]. The normality condition gives that the induced almost contact structure on  $M \times R$  is integrable or equivalently, the torsion tensor field  $N[\phi, \phi] + 2\xi \otimes d\eta$  vanishes identically on  $M$ . The rank of a quasi Sasakian structure is always odd [2], it is equal to 1 if the structure is cosymplectic and it is equal to  $(2n + 1)$  if the structure is Sasakian.

An almost contact metric manifold  $M$  of dimension three is quasi-Sasakian if and only if [4]

$$(2.4) \quad \nabla_X \xi = -\beta \phi X, \quad X \in T(M),$$

for a certain function  $\beta$  on  $M$  such that  $\xi\beta = 0$ ,  $\nabla$  being the operator of the covariant differentiation with respect to the Levi-Civita connection of  $M$ . Clearly such a quasi-Sasakian manifold is cosymplectic if and only if  $\beta = 0$ . As a consequence of (2.4) we have [4]

$$(2.5) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)(Y) = \beta(g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X), \quad X, Y \in T(M),$$

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

Let  $M$  be a three-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold. The Ricci tensor  $S$  of  $M$  is given by [5]

$$(2.7) \quad S(Y, Z) = \left(\frac{r}{2} - \beta^2\right)g(Y, Z) + \left(3\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2}\right)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - \eta(Y)d\beta(\phi Z) - \eta(Z)d\beta(\phi Y),$$

where  $r$  is the scalar curvature of  $M$ .

In a three-dimensional Riemannian manifold we always have

$$(2.8) \quad R(X, Y)Z = g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY + S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y \\ - \frac{r}{2}(g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y)$$

where  $Q$  is the Ricci operator, i.e.,  $g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y)$  and  $r$  is the scalar curvature of the manifold. Now as a consequence of (2.7), we get for the Ricci operator  $Q$

$$(2.9) \quad QY = \left(\frac{r}{2} - \beta^2\right)Y + \left(3\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2}\right)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)(\phi \text{grad} \beta) - d\beta(\phi Y)\xi,$$

where the gradient of a function  $f$  is related to the exterior derivative  $df$  by the formula  $df(X) = g(\text{grad} f, X)$ . From (2.7) we have

$$(2.10) \quad S(Y, \xi) = 2\beta^2\eta(Y) - d\beta(\phi Y).$$

Moreover, as a consequence of (2.8) – (2.10) we find

$$(2.11) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = \beta^2(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + d\beta(\phi X)Y - d\beta(\phi Y)X,$$

for  $X, Y \in T(M)$ . From (2.8)

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(R(X, Y)Z) &= g(Y, Z)\eta(QX) - g(X, Z)\eta(QY) \\ &\quad + S(Y, Z)\eta(X) - S(X, Z)\eta(Y) \\ &\quad - \frac{r}{2}(g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)). \end{aligned}$$

For  $X, Y, Z$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  we obtain from above

$$(2.12) \quad \eta(R(X, Y)Z) = g(Y, Z)\eta(QX) - g(X, Z)\eta(QY).$$

### 3. Nature of the characteristic vector field of locally $\phi$ -recurrent three-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds

DEFINITION 3.1. A quasi-Sasakian manifold is said to be locally  $\phi$ -recurrent if there exists a non zero 1-form  $A$  such that

$$(3.1) \quad \phi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z) = A(W)R(X, Y)Z,$$

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

If the 1-form vanishes, then the manifold reduces to a locally  $\phi$ -symmetric manifold. From (3.1) and (2.1) we obtain

$$(3.2) \quad (\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z = \eta((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z)\xi - A(W)R(X, Y)Z.$$

From (3.2) and second Bianchi identity we get

$$(3.3) \quad A(W)\eta(R(X, Y)Z) + A(X)\eta(R(Y, W)Z) + A(Y)\eta(R(W, X)Z) = 0.$$

By virtue of (2.12) we obtain from (3.3)

$$(3.4) \quad A(W)[g(Y, Z)\eta(QX) - g(X, Z)\eta(QY)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + A(X)[g(W, Z)\eta(QY) - g(Y, Z)\eta(QW)] \\
& + A(Y)[g(X, Z)\eta(QW) - g(W, Z)\eta(QX)] = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Putting  $Y = Z = e_i$  in (4.3) and taking summation over  $i$ , where  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $\{e_i\}$  is an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at each point of the manifold  $M$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.5) \quad A(W)[3\eta(QX) - g(X, e_i)\eta(Qe_i)] \\
+ A(X)[g(W, e_i)\eta(Qe_i) - 3\eta(QW)] \\
+ A(e_i)[g(X, e_i)\eta(QW) - g(W, e_i)\eta(QX)] = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Now the Ricci operator  $Q$  is symmetric. So

$$(3.6) \quad g(X, e_i)\eta(Qe_i) = \eta(QX).$$

Similarly

$$(3.7) \quad g(W, e_i)\eta(Qe_i) = \eta(QW).$$

Again

$$(3.8) \quad A(e_i)g(X, e_i)\eta(QW) = A(X)\eta(QW).$$

Similarly,

$$(3.9) \quad A(e_i)g(W, e_i)\eta(QX) = A(W)\eta(QX).$$

Using (3.6)-(3.9) in (3.5) we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.10) \quad A(W)[3\eta(QX) - \eta(QY)] + A(X)[\eta(QW) - 3\eta(QW)] \\
+ A(X)[\eta(QW) - A(W)\eta(QX)] = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

or,

$$A(X)\eta(QW) - A(W)\eta(QX) = 0.$$

Putting  $X = \xi$  we get from the above

$$A(\xi)S(W, \xi) - A(W)S(\xi, \xi) = 0.$$

Using (2.10) we have from the above

$$A(\xi)S(W, \xi) - 2\beta^2 A(W) = 0.$$

Again using (2.10) we see that

$$A(\xi)[2\beta^2\eta(W) - d\beta(\phi W)] = 2\beta^2 A(W),$$

or,

$$-A(\xi)d\beta(\phi W) = 2\beta^2 A(W),$$

where  $W$  is orthogonal to  $\xi$ . Putting  $W = \xi$  from above we obtain,  $2\beta^2 A(\xi) = 0$  which implies that  $g(\xi, \rho) = 0$ .

Thus we can state the following theorem:

**THEOREM 3.1.** *In a locally  $\phi$ -recurrent quasi-Sasakian manifold of dimension three the characteristic vector field  $\xi$  and the vector field  $\rho$  associated to the 1-form  $A$  are orthogonal.*

#### 4. Nature of the curvature tensor in three-dimensional locally $\phi$ -recurrent quasi-Sasakian manifold

From (2.8) we have

$$R(X, Y)Z = g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY + S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y \\ - \frac{r}{2}(g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y).$$

Putting  $Z = \xi$  and using (2.10) we have

$$R(X, Y)Z = \eta(Y)QX - \eta(X)QY + 2\beta^2\eta(Y)X - d\beta(\phi Y)X \\ - 2\beta^2\eta(X)Y + d\beta(\phi X)Y - \frac{r}{2}(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y),$$

or,

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(Y)QX - \eta(X)QY + \left(2\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2}\right)(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) \\ + d\beta(\phi X)Y - d\beta(\phi Y)X.$$

Using (2.11) we have from above

$$(4.1) \quad \beta^2(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + d\beta(\phi X)Y - d\beta(\phi Y)X \\ = \eta(Y)QX - \eta(X)QY + (2\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2})(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) \\ + d\beta(\phi X)Y - d\beta(\phi Y)X$$

or,

$$(4.2) \quad \beta^2(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) \\ = \eta(Y)QX - \eta(X)QY + \left(2\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2}\right)(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y).$$

The formula (4.2) yields

$$(4.3) \quad \left(\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2}\right)(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) = \eta(X)QY - \eta(Y)QX.$$

Putting  $Y = \xi$  in (4.3) we have

$$(4.4) \quad QX = \left(\frac{r}{2} - \beta^2\right)(X - \eta(X)\xi) + \eta(X)Q\xi.$$

Now from (2.10),  $S(\xi, \xi) = 2\beta^2$ . Hence  $g(Q\xi, \xi) = 2\beta^2g(\xi, \xi)$ . So we have

$Q\xi = 2\beta^2\xi$ . From (4.4) and (4.5), we have

$$(4.6) \quad \begin{aligned} QX &= \left(\frac{r}{2} - \beta^2\right)(X - \eta(X)\xi) + 2\beta^2\eta(X)\xi \\ &= \left(\frac{r}{2} - \beta^2\right)X + \left(3\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2}\right)\eta(X)\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, in view of (4.6) we note that

$$(4.7) \quad S(X, Y) = \left(\frac{r}{2} - \beta^2\right)g(X, Y) + \left(3\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2}\right)\eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

From (2.8), (4.6), and (4.7) we obtain

$$(4.8) \quad \begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= \left(\frac{r}{2} - 2\beta^2\right)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] \\ &\quad + \left(3\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2}\right)[g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi \\ &\quad + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y]. \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating (4.8) covariantly with respect to  $W$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z &= \left(\frac{dr(W)}{2} - 4\beta d\beta(W)\right)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] \\ &\quad + \left(6\beta d\beta(W) - \frac{dr(W)}{2}\right)[g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi \\ &\quad + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y] \\ &\quad + \left(3\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2}\right)[g(Y, Z)(\nabla_W \eta)(X)\xi + g(Y, Z)\eta(X)(\nabla_W \xi) \\ &\quad - g(X, Z)(\nabla_W \eta)(Y)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)(\nabla_W \xi) \\ &\quad + \eta(Y)(\nabla_W \eta)(Z)X + (\nabla_W \eta)(Y)\eta(Z)X \\ &\quad - (\nabla_W \eta)(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(X)(\nabla_W \eta)(Z)Y]. \end{aligned}$$

Here we take  $X, Y, Z, W$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ . Now we obtain from the above

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z &= \left(\frac{dr(W)}{2} - 4\beta d\beta(W)\right)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] \\ &\quad + \left(3\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2}\right)[g(Y, Z)(\nabla_W \eta)(X)\xi \\ &\quad - g(X, Z)(\nabla_W \eta)(Y)\xi]. \end{aligned}$$

Applying  $\phi^2$  on both sides of (4.9) we have

$$\phi^2(\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z = \left(\frac{dr(W)}{2} - 4\beta d\beta(W)\right)[g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X].$$

Assuming the manifold as locally  $\phi$ -recurrent we get from above

$$(4.10) \quad A(W)R(X, Y)Z = \left( \frac{dr(W)}{2} - 4\beta d\beta(W) \right) [g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X].$$

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

$$R(X, Y)Z = \lambda[g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X],$$

where  $\lambda = \frac{(\frac{1}{2}dr(e_i) - 4\beta d\beta(e_i))}{A(e_i)}$ .

Now  $\beta$  is a scalar function and  $A$  is a non zero 1-form. Hence  $\lambda$  is a constant by Schurs' theorem. Hence we conclude the following:

**THEOREM 4.1.** *A three dimensional locally  $\phi$ -recurrent quasi-Sasakian manifold is of constant curvature.*

## 5. Example

In this section we give an example of locally  $\phi$ -recurrent quasi-Sasakian manifold of dimension three and which is of constant curvature. We take the 3-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{R}^3 : x \neq 0\}$ , where  $(x, y, z)$  are the standard coordinates in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . Let  $\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$  be linearly independent global frame on  $M$  given by

$$E_1 = \frac{2}{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad E_2 = 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{4z}{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + xy \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad E_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

Let  $g$  be the Riemannian metric defined by

$$\begin{aligned} g(E_1, E_3) &= g(E_2, E_3) = g(E_1, E_2) = 0, \\ g(E_1, E_1) &= g(E_2, E_2) = g(E_3, E_3) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(U) = g(U, E_3)$  for any  $U \in \chi(M)$ . Let  $\phi$  be the  $(1, 1)$  tensor field defined by  $\phi E_1 = E_2$ ,  $\phi E_2 = -E_1$ ,  $\phi E_3 = 0$ . Then using the linearity of  $\phi$  and  $g$  we have  $\eta(E_3) = 1$ ,  $\phi^2 U = -U + \eta(U)E_3$  and  $g(\phi U, \phi W) = g(U, W) - \eta(U)\eta(W)$  for any  $U, W \in \chi(M)$ .

Thus for  $E_3 = \xi$ ,  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defines a contact metric structure on  $M$ .

Hence we have  $[E_1, E_2] = 2E_3 + \frac{2}{x}E_1$ ,  $[E_1, E_3] = 0$ ,  $[E_2, E_3] = 2E_1$ .

The Riemannian connection  $\nabla$  of the metric  $g$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} 2g(\nabla_X Y, Z) &= Xg(Y, Z) + Yg(Z, X) - Zg(X, Y) - g(X, [Y, Z]) \\ &\quad - g(Y, [X, Z]) + g(Z, [X, Y]). \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $E_3 = \xi$  and using the above formula for Riemannian metric  $g$ , we can show that

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{E_1} E_3 &= -2E_2, \quad \nabla_{E_2} E_3 = 2E_1, \quad \nabla_{E_3} E_3 = 0, \quad \nabla_{E_3} E_1 = 2E_2, \\ \nabla_{E_1} E_2 &= \frac{2}{x}E_1, \quad \nabla_{E_2} E_1 = 0, \quad \nabla_{E_2} E_2 = 0, \quad \nabla_{E_3} E_2 = 0, \quad \nabla_{E_1} E_1 = -2E_2. \end{aligned}$$

From the above it follows that the manifold under consideration is a quasi-Sasakian manifold of dimension three. Using the above relations, we can easily calculate the non-vanishing components of the curvature tensor as follows:

$$(5.2) \quad R(E_2, E_1)E_1 = -\frac{4}{x}E_2, \quad R(E_1, E_2)E_2 = -\frac{4}{x}E_1,$$

and the components which can be obtained from these by symmetric properties. Since  $\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$  form a basis of  $M^3$ , any vector field  $W$  can be taken as

$$W = a_1E_1 + a_2E_2 + a_3E_3$$

where  $a_i \in R^+$  (the set of all positive real numbers),  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Thus the covariant derivatives of the components of the curvature tensor are given by

$$(\nabla_W R)(E_2, E_1)E_1 = -8\frac{a_1}{x^2}E_1, \quad (\nabla_W R)(E_1, E_2)E_2 = -8\frac{a_1}{x^2}E_2.$$

Now from the properties of  $g$ ,  $\phi$ , and  $R(X, Y)Z$  it follows that the manifold satisfies

$$(5.3) \quad \phi^2(\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z = A(W)R(X, Y)Z,$$

for the non-vanishing 1-form  $A(W) = \frac{2a_1}{x}$ . In view of (5.2) and (5.3) we conclude that the manifold under consideration is locally  $\phi$ -recurrent and is of constant curvature.

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