

## GEOMETRY OF MANIFOLDS WITH STRUCTURAL GROUP $\mathcal{U}(n) \times \mathcal{O}(s)$

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K. Yano [12], [13] has introduced the notion of an  $f$ -structure on a  $C^\infty$  manifold  $M^{2n+s}$ , i.e., a tensor field  $f$  of type  $(1, 1)$  and rank  $2n$  satisfying  $f^3 + f = 0$ , the existence of which is equivalent to a reduction of the structural group of the tangent bundle to  $\mathcal{U}(n) \times \mathcal{O}(s)$ . Almost complex ( $s = 0$ ) and almost contact ( $s = 1$ ) structures are well-known examples of  $f$ -structures. An  $f$ -structure with  $s = 2$  has arisen in the study of hypersurfaces in almost contact spaces [3]; this structure has been studied further by S. I. Goldberg and K. Yano [4].

The purpose of the present paper is to introduce for manifolds with an  $f$ -structure the analogue of the Kaehler structure in the almost complex case and of the quasi-Sasakian structure [2] in the almost contact case, and to begin the study of the geometry of manifolds with such a structure. In § 1 we introduce the Kaehler analogue and its geometry and in § 2 we study  $f$ -sectional curvature. § 3 discusses principal toroidal bundles and § 4 generalizes the Hopf-fibration to give a canonical example of a manifold with an  $f$ -structure playing the role of complex projective space in Kaehler geometry and the odd-dimensional sphere in Sasakian geometry.

1. Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be a manifold with an  $f$ -structure of rank  $2n$ . If there exists on  $M^{2n+s}$  vector fields  $\xi_x, x = 1, \dots, s$  such that if  $\eta_x$  are dual 1-forms, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_x(\xi_y) &= \delta_{xy}, \\
 f\xi_x &= 0, \quad \eta_x \circ f = 0, \\
 f^2 &= -I + \sum \xi_x \otimes \eta_x,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{*}$$

we say that the  $f$ -structure has *complemented frames*. If  $M^{2n+s}$  has an  $f$ -structure with complemented frames, then there exists on  $M^{2n+s}$  a Riemannian metric  $g$  such that

$$g(X, Y) = g(fX, fY) + \sum \eta_x(X)\eta_x(Y),$$

where  $X, Y$  are vector fields on  $M^{2n+s}$  [13], and we say  $M^{2n+s}$  has a *metric  $f$ -structure*. Define the *fundamental 2-form*  $F$  by

$$F(X, Y) = g(X, fY).$$

Further we say an  $f$ -structure is *normal* if it has complemented frames and

$$[f, f] + \sum \xi_x \otimes d\eta_x = 0 ,$$

where  $[f, f]$  is the Nijenhuis torsion of  $f$  [9]. Finally a metric  $f$ -structure which is normal and has closed fundamental 2-form will be called a  $\mathcal{K}$ -structure and  $M^{2n+s}$  a  $\mathcal{K}$ -manifold,

It should be noted that since  $\eta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_s \wedge F^n \neq 0$ , a  $\mathcal{K}$ -manifold is orientable.

Two cases will be of special interest.

1) Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be a Riemannian manifold with global linearly independent 1-forms  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_s$  such that  $d\eta_1 = \dots = d\eta_s$  and

$$\eta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_s \wedge (d\eta_x)^n \neq 0 .$$

Let  $\mathcal{L}(m) = \{X \in M_m^{2n+s}, m \in M^{2n+s} | \eta_x(X) = 0, x = 1, \dots, s\}$ ; then  $\mathcal{L}$  determines a distribution which together with its complement reduces the structural group to  $\mathcal{O}(2n) \times \mathcal{O}(s)$ . Now if  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$  are vector fields dual to  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_s$  and  $X_1, \dots, X_{2n}$  linearly independent vector fields in  $\mathcal{L}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & (\eta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_s \wedge (d\eta_x)^n)(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s, X_1, \dots, X_{2n}) \\ &= (d\eta_x)^n(X_1, \dots, X_{2n}) \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

giving  $\mathcal{L}$  a symplectic structure. Thus the structural group can be reduced to  $\mathcal{U}(n) \times \mathcal{O}(s)$  and  $M^{2n+s}$  has a metric  $f$ -structure with complemented frames  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_s$  and fundamental 2-form  $F = d\eta_x$ . If this structure is a  $\mathcal{K}$ -structure, we will call it an  $\mathcal{S}$ -structure.

2) Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be a manifold with a  $\mathcal{K}$ -structure with  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_s$  denoting the complemented frames. If  $d\eta_x = 0, x = 1, \dots, s$ , we call it a  $\mathcal{C}$ -structure.

**Theorem 1.1.** *On a  $\mathcal{K}$ -manifold the vector fields  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$  are Killing.*

*Proof.* Denoting Lie differentiation by  $\mathcal{L}$  we

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x} F)(X, Y) &= \xi_x F(X, Y) - F([\xi_x, X], Y) - F(X, [\xi_x, Y]) \\ &= \xi_x g(X, fY) - g([\xi_x, X], fY) - g(X, [\xi_x, fY]) \\ &= (\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x} g)(X, fY) , \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x} f = 0$  (see [9]). But  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x} F = di_{\xi_x} F + i_{\xi_x} dF = 0$  since  $(i_{\xi_x} F)X = F(\xi_x, X) = 0$ . On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x} g)(X, \eta_y(Y)\xi_y) &= \xi_x(\eta_y(Y)\eta_y(X)) - \eta_y(Y)\eta_y([\xi_x, X]) \\ &\quad - \eta_y(Y)g(X, [\xi_x, \xi_y]) - \xi_x(\eta_y(Y))\eta_y(X) \\ &= \eta_y(Y)\xi_x\eta_y(X) - \eta_y(Y)\eta_y([\xi_x, X]) \\ &\quad - \eta_y(Y)g(X, [\xi_x, \xi_y]) = 0 , \end{aligned}$$

since  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x}\eta_y = 0$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x}\xi_y = 0$  (see [9]). Therefore

$$(\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x}g)(X, fY + \sum \eta_y(Y)\xi_y) = 0 ,$$

but  $f + \sum \xi_y \otimes \eta_y$  is non-singular, hence  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x}g = 0$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** *On a  $\mathcal{K}$ -manifold  $d\eta_x(X, Y) = -2(\nabla_Y\eta_x)(X)$  where  $\nabla$  denotes covariant differentiation with respect to the Riemannian connexion. In the case of an  $\mathcal{S}$ -structure*

$$\nabla_Y\xi_x = -\frac{1}{2}fY ,$$

and in the case of a  $\mathcal{C}$ -structure

$$\nabla_Y\xi_x = 0 .$$

*Proof.*  $d\eta_x(X, Y) = (\nabla_X\eta_x)(Y) - (\nabla_Y\eta_x)(X) = -2(\nabla_Y\eta_x)(X)$  since  $\eta_x$  is Killing. In the case of an  $\mathcal{S}$ -structure we have  $F = d\eta_x$  and hence  $g(X, fY) = -2g(X, \nabla_Y\xi_x)$ , whereas in the case of a  $\mathcal{C}$ -structure  $0 = d\eta_x(X, Y) = -2g(X, \nabla_Y\xi_x)$ .

We now discuss the meaning of  $\nabla_X F$  for  $\mathcal{K}$ -structures.

**Proposition 1.3.** *On a  $\mathcal{K}$ -manifold*

$$(\nabla_X F)(Y, Z) = \frac{1}{2} \sum (\eta_x(Y)d\eta_x(fZ, X) + \eta_x(Z)d\eta_x(X, fY)) .$$

The proof is a very lengthy computation but similar to that given by Sasaki and Hatakeyama [10] for a Sasakian manifold.

**Proposition 1.4.** *On an  $\mathcal{S}$ -manifold*

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X F)(Y, Z) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum (\eta_x(Y)g(X, Z) - \eta_x(Z)g(X, Y)) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x,y} \eta_y(X)(\eta_x(Y)\eta_y(Z) - \eta_x(Z)\eta_y(Y)) . \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* In this case  $F = d\eta_x, x = 1, \dots, s$ , hence Proposition 1.3 becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X F)(Y, Z) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum (\eta_x(Y)g(fZ, fX) - \eta_x(Z)g(fX, fY)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_x (\eta_x(Y)g(X, Z) - \eta_x(Y) \sum_y \eta_y(X)\eta_y(Z)) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_x (\eta_x(Z)g(X, Y) - \eta_x(Z) \sum_y \eta_y(X)\eta_y(Y)) , \end{aligned}$$

which except for arrangement of terms is the desired formula.

**Theorem 1.5.** *A  $\mathcal{K}$ -structure is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -structure if and only if  $\nabla F = 0$ .*

*Proof.*  $\nabla F = 0$  implies  $[f, f] = 0$  and hence by normality  $\sum d\eta_x(X, Y)\xi_x = 0$ , but  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$  are linearly independent therefore  $d\eta_x = 0, x = 1, \dots, s$  giving us a  $\mathcal{C}$ -structure. Conversely if  $d\eta_x = 0, x = 1, \dots, s$ , then by Proposition 1.3 it is clear that  $\nabla F = 0$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  denote the distribution determined by  $-f^2$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  the complement

distribution;  $\mathcal{M}$  is determined by  $f^2 + I$  and spanned by  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$ . Let  $p = 2f^2 + I$  be the difference of the projection maps  $f^2 + I$  and  $-f^2$ .

**Theorem 1.6.** *A  $\mathcal{C}$ -manifold  $M^{2n+s}$  is a locally decomposable Riemannian manifold which is locally the product of a Kaehler manifold  $M_1^{2n}$  and an Abelian Lie group  $M_2^s$ .*

*Proof.*  $\nabla_X f = 0$  implies  $\nabla_X f^2 = 0$  and hence  $\nabla_X p = 0$  which is the condition for  $M^{2n+s}$  to be locally decomposable [14, p. 221] and in turn locally the product of Riemannian manifolds  $M_1^{2n}$  and  $M_2^s$ . Now restricting  $f, g$  to  $M_1^{2n}$  and again denoting them by  $f, g$  we have  $f^2 = -I$  and  $g(fX, fY) = g(X, Y)$ . Further since  $\nabla_X f = 0$  we have  $[f, f] = 0$ , and from  $dF = 0$  on  $M^{2n+s}$  we have on  $M_1^{2n}$ ,  $dF = 0, F^n \neq 0$  where  $F$  also denotes the fundamental 2-form on  $M_1^{2n}$ . Thus  $M_1^{2n}$  is Kaehlerian.

To show that  $M_2^s$  is an Abelian Lie group we show that  $M^{2n+s}$  is locally the product of  $M_1^{2n}$  and  $s$  1-dimensional manifolds. The integrability condition for such a structure is  $h = 0$  [11] where in our case

$$h = \frac{1}{2} \sum (\xi_x \otimes \eta_x)[\xi_x \otimes \eta_x, \xi_x \otimes \eta_x] - \frac{1}{2} f^2[f^2, f^2].$$

Since  $[f^2, f^2] = 0$ , from  $\nabla_X f^2 = 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(X, Y) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum \eta_x(\eta_x([X, Y])\xi_x + [\eta_x(X)\xi_x, \eta_x(Y)\xi_x] \\ &\quad - \eta_x([\eta_x(X)\xi_x, Y])\xi_x - \eta_x([X, \eta_x(Y)\xi_x])\xi_x)\xi_x. \end{aligned}$$

Now if  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}$ , then  $[X, Y] \in \mathcal{L}$  since the distribution  $\mathcal{L}$  determined by  $-f^2$  is integrable, and it is easy to see that  $h(X, Y) = 0$ . If  $X, Y \in \mathcal{M}$  it suffices to take  $X = \xi_y, Y = \xi_z$  since  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$  can be taken as part of a basis, but  $[\xi_y, \xi_z] = 0$  and  $h(\xi_y, \xi_z) = 0$  follow easily. Finally if  $X = \xi_y$  and  $Y \in \mathcal{L}$ , we have

$$h(\xi_y, Y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_x (\eta_x([\xi_y, Y])\xi_x - \eta_x(\eta_x(\xi_y)[\xi_x, Y])\xi_x),$$

but from the coboundary formula  $d\eta_x(X, Y) = X\eta_x(Y) - Y\eta_x(X) - \eta([X, Y])$  we have  $\eta_x([\xi_y, Y]) = 0$ ; hence  $h(\xi_y, Y) = 0$ .

Theorems 1.5, 1.6 should be compared with the corresponding results for for cosymplectic manifolds ( $s = 1$ ) [2].

We close this section with some results on the curvature of  $\mathcal{K}$ -manifolds.

**Theorem 1.7.** *In both the  $\mathcal{S}$ -structure and  $\mathcal{C}$ -structure cases the distribution  $\mathcal{M}$  is flat, i.e., all sectional curvatures  $K(X, Y)$  for sections spanned by  $X, Y \in \mathcal{M}$  vanish. In the  $\mathcal{S}$ -structure case sectional curvatures  $K(X, Y)$  with  $X \in \mathcal{L}, Y = \xi_x$  have value  $1/4$ . In the  $\mathcal{C}$ -structure case sectional curvatures with  $X \in \mathcal{L}, Y \in \mathcal{M}$  vanish.*

*Proof.* In the  $\mathcal{S}$ -structure case using Lemma 1.2 and  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi_x} f = 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{\xi_x X \xi_y} &= \nabla_{[\xi_x, X]} \xi_y + \nabla_X \nabla_{\xi_x} \xi_y - \nabla_{\xi_x} \nabla_X \xi_y \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} f[\xi_x, X] + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\xi_x} fX \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} f[\xi_x, X] + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_{fX} \xi_x + \frac{1}{2} [\xi_x, fX] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{4} f^2 X = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} X, X \in \mathcal{L} , \\ 0, X \in \mathcal{M} , \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

from which the results for this case follow. For the  $\mathcal{C}$ -structure case,  $\nabla_Y \xi_x = 0$  for every  $Y$  gives  $R_{\xi_x X \xi_y} = 0$  immediately.

**Corollary 1.8.** *A  $\mathcal{C}$ -manifold  $M^{2n+s}$ ,  $s \geq 2$ , of constant curvature is locally flat.*

**Corollary 1.9.** *There are no  $\mathcal{S}$ -manifolds  $M^{2n+s}$ ,  $s \geq 2$  of constant curvature of strictly positive curvature.*

These results should be compared with those in the cases of  $s = 0$ ,  $s = 1$  (see e.g. [1], [2], [5]).

**2.** A plane section is called an *f-section* if it is determined by a vector  $X \in \mathcal{L}(m)$ ,  $m \in M^{2n+s}$  such that  $\{X, fX\}$  is an orthonormal pair spanning the section. The sectional curvature  $K(X, fX)$ , denoted  $H(X)$ , is called an *f-sectional curvature*.

Define a tensor  $P$  of type  $(0, 4)$  as follows (cf. [8]):

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X, Y; Z, W) &= F(X, Z)g(Y, W) - F(X, W)g(Y, Z) \\
 &\quad - F(Y, Z)g(X, W) + F(Y, W)g(X, Z) .
 \end{aligned}$$

The following properties of  $P$  follow directly from the definition.

**Lemma 2.1.** a)  $P(X, Y; Z, W) = -P(Z, W; X, Y)$ . b) Let  $\{X, Y\}$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}$ , be an orthonormal pair, and set  $g(X, fY) = \cos \theta$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ . Then  $P(X, Y; X, fY) = -\sin^2 \theta$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *On an  $\mathcal{S}$ -manifold  $M^{2n+s}$ ,*

a)  $g(R_{XY}Z, fW) + g(R_{XY}fZ, W) = (s/4)P(X, Y; Z, W) + Q(X, Y; Z, W)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q(X, Y; Z, W) &= \frac{1}{4}g(W, fY)(s \sum \eta_x(X)\eta_x(Z) - \sum_{x,y} \eta_x(Z)\eta_y(X)) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{4}g(W, fX)(s \sum \eta_x(Y)\eta_x(Z) - \sum_{x,y} \eta_x(Z)\eta_y(Y)) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{4}g(Z, fY)(s \sum \eta_x(X)\eta_x(W) - \sum_{x,y} \eta_x(W)\eta_y(X)) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4}g(Z, fX)(s \sum \eta_x(Y)\eta_x(W) - \sum_{x,y} \eta_x(W)\eta_y(Y)) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Also if  $X, Y, Z, W \in \mathcal{L}$ , then  $Q(X, Y; Z, W) = 0$  and

- b)  $g(R_{fXfY}fZ, fW) = g(R_{XY}Z, W)$ ,
- c)  $g(R_{XfX}Y, fY) = g(R_{XY}X, Y) + g(R_{XfY}X, fY) + (s/2)P(X, Y; X, fY)$ ,
- d)  $g(R_{fXY}fX, Y) = g(R_{XY}X, fY)$ .

*Proof.* A direct computation shows that

$$(\nabla_{[X,Y]}F + \nabla_Y\nabla_XF - \nabla_X\nabla_YF)(Z, W) = -g(R_{XY}Z, fW) - g(R_{XY}fZ, W).$$

On the other hand using Proposition 1.4 and Lemma 1.2 to compute this we obtain a). Using a) twice and equations (\*) we obtain b). Writing  $g(R_{XfX}Y, fY) = -g(R_{XY}fY, X) - g(R_{XfY}X, Y)$  c) follows from a) and Lemma 2.1. Finally applying a) twice and the definition of  $P$  we get d).

**Lemma 2.3.** *On a  $\mathcal{C}$ -manifold a)  $g(R_{XY}Z, fW) + g(R_{XY}fZ, W) = 0$ . Also if  $X, Y, Z, W \in \mathcal{L}$ , then b)  $g(R_{fXfY}fZ, fW) = g(R_{XY}Z, W)$ , c)  $g(R_{XfX}Y, fY) = g(R_{XY}X, Y) + g(R_{XfY}X, fY)$ , d)  $g(R_{fXY}fX, Y) = g(R_{XfY}X, fY)$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Lemma 2.2 but in the case of a) is much easier due to Theorem 1.5

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $B(X, Y) = g(R_{XY}X, Y)$  and for  $X \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $D(X) = B(X, fX)$ . On an  $\mathcal{L}$ -manifold for  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}$  we have*

$$B(X, Y) = \frac{1}{32}[3D(X + fY) + 3D(X - fY) - D(X + Y) - D(X - Y) - 4D(X) - 4D(Y) - 6sP(X, Y; X, fX)].$$

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*Proof.* A direct expansion gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{32}[3D(X + fY) + 3D(X - fY) - D(X + Y) - D(X - Y) \\ & \quad - 4D(X) - 4D(Y) - 6sP(X, Y; X, fY)] \\ &= \frac{1}{32}[6g(R_{XY}X, Y) + 6g(R_{fX,fY}fX, fY) + 8g(R_{XfX}Y, fY) \\ & \quad + 12g((R_{XY}fX, fY) - 2g(R_{XfY}X, fY) - 2g(R_{fXY}fX, Y) \\ & \quad + 4g(R_{XfY}fX, Y) - 6sP(X, Y; X, fY)]. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 2.2 this becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{32}[6g(R_{XY}X, Y) + 6g(R_{XY}X, Y) + 8g(R_{XY}X, Y) + 8g(R_{XfY}X, fY) \\ & \quad + 4sP(X, Y; X, fY) + 12g(R_{XY}X, Y) + 3sP(X, Y; X, fY) \\ & \quad - 2g(R_{XfY}X, fY) - 2g(R_{XfY}X, fY) - 4g(R_{XfY}X, fY) \\ & \quad + sP(X, fY; X, Y) - 6sP(X, Y; X, fY)] \\ &= g(R_{XY}X, Y). \end{aligned}$$

The proof in the case of a  $\mathcal{C}$ -manifold is similar by using Lemma 2.3.

If now  $\{X, Y\}$  is an orthonormal pair in  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $g(X, fY) = \cos\theta, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ , then  $K(X, Y) = B(X, Y)$  and, by straightforward computation,  $D(X) = H(X), D(Y) = H(Y), D(X + fY) = 4(1 + \cos\theta)^2 H(X + fY), D(X - fY) = 4(1 - \cos\theta)^2 H(X - fY), D(X + Y) = 4H(X + Y), D(X - Y) = 4H(X - Y)$ . Using Lemma 2.1, Lemma 2.4 now becomes

**Proposition 2.5.** *On an  $\mathcal{S}$ -manifold for an orthonormal pair  $\{X, Y\}$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  we have*

$$K(X, Y) = \frac{1}{8} \left[ 3(1 + \cos\theta)^2 H(X + fY) + 3(1 - \cos\theta)^2 H(X - fY) - H(X + Y) - H(X - Y) - H(X) - H(Y) + \frac{3s}{2} \sin^2 \theta \right].$$

In the case of a  $\mathcal{C}$ -manifold the formula is the same except that the last term is not present.

**Theorem 2.6.** *The  $f$ -sectional curvatures determine the curvature of an  $\mathcal{S}$ -manifold or a  $\mathcal{C}$ -manifold completely.*

*Proof.* In addition to Theorem 1.7 some other curvature formulas are needed. It follows easily from Theorem 1.7 that in both cases  $R_{\xi_x \xi_y} X = 0$  for all  $X$ . In the  $\mathcal{S}$ -manifold case, if  $X \in \mathcal{L}$  is a unit vector then  $g(R_{X \xi_x} X, \xi_y) = g(R_{\xi_x X} \xi_y, X) = 1/4$  and hence  $R_{X \xi_x} X = (1/4) \sum \xi_z + Y, Y \in \mathcal{L}$ ; but

$$\begin{aligned} g(R_{X \xi_x} X, Y) &= -g(R_{XY} f^2 X, \xi_x) \\ &= g(R_{XY} fX, f\xi_x) - \frac{s}{4} P(X, Y; fX, \xi_x) \\ &\quad - Q(X, Y; fX, \xi_x) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

so that  $R_{X \xi_x} X = (1/4) \sum \xi_z$ . In the  $\mathcal{C}$ -manifold case  $R_{X \xi_x} X$  is easily checked.

Now let  $\{X, Y\}$  be orthonormal pair, and write  $X = aZ + \sum \eta_x(X) \xi_x, Y = bW + \sum \eta_x(Y) \xi_x$  where  $a^2 + \sum \eta_x(X)^2 = 1, b^2 + \sum \eta_x(Y)^2 = 1$  and  $Z, W$  are unit vectors in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Then after using the above curvature formulas the lengthy expansion of  $K(X, Y) = g(R_{XY} X, Y)$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} K(X, Y) &= \frac{b^2}{4} \left( \sum_{x,y} \eta_x(X) \eta_y(X) \right) + \frac{a^2}{4} \left( \sum_{x,y} \eta_x(Y) \eta_y(Y) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{x,y} \eta_x(X) \eta_y(Y) \right) \left( \sum \eta_z(X) \eta_z(Y) \right) \\ &\quad + (a^2 b^2 - (\sum \eta_x(X) \eta_x(Y))^2) K(Z, W) \end{aligned}$$

in the  $\mathcal{S}$ -manifold case and

$$K(X, Y) = (a^2 b^2 - (\sum \eta_x(X) \eta_x(Y))^2) KZ, W$$

in the  $\mathcal{C}$ -manifold case.  $K(Z, W)$  is known however by Proposition 2.5, and the proof is complete.

The above development should be compared to that in the Kaehler case [1] and the Sasakian case [8].

We now give a number of geometric results which are consequences of Proposition 2.5.

**Theorem 2.7.** *The sectional curvatures  $K(X, Y)$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}$ , on an  $\mathcal{S}$ -manifold of constant  $f$ -sectional curvature  $c < s/4$  satisfy*

$$c \leq K(X, Y) \leq \frac{1}{4} \left( c + \frac{3s}{4} \right)$$

with the lower limit attained for an  $f$ -section. If  $c > s/4$ ,

$$\frac{1}{4} \left( c + \frac{3s}{4} \right) \leq K(X, Y) \leq c$$

with the upper limit attained for an  $f$ -section. If  $c = s/4$ ,  $K(X, Y) = c$ .

*Proof.* Proposition 2.5 gives

$$\begin{aligned} K(X, Y) &= \frac{1}{4} \left( c(1 + 3 \cos^2 \theta) + \frac{3s}{4} \sin^2 \theta \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \left( c + \frac{3s}{4} \right) + 3 \left( c - \frac{s}{4} \right) \cos^2 \theta \right). \end{aligned}$$

One need only find the maximum and minimum of this with respect to  $\theta$  and note that for an  $f$ -section  $\theta = \pi$  to obtain the result.

**Corollary 2.8.** *A Sasakian manifold ( $s = 1$ ) with constant  $f$ -sectional curvature equal to  $1/4$  has constant curvature.*

*Proof.* By the theorem  $s = 1$ ,  $c = 1/4$  gives  $K(X, Y) = 1/4$  for  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}$ . Now for any orthonormal pair  $\{X, Y\}$  the proof of Theorem 2.6 yields

$$K(X, Y) = \frac{1}{4} \eta_1(X)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \eta_1(Y)^2 + (1 - \eta_1(X)^2 - \eta_1(Y)^2)K(Z, W),$$

$Z, W \in \mathcal{L}$ , and hence  $K(X, Y) = 1/4$  since  $K(Z, W) = 1/4$ ,

**Theorem 2.9.** *The sectional curvatures  $K(X, Y)$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}$ , on a  $\mathcal{C}$ -manifold of constant  $f$ -sectional curvature  $c$  are  $(1/4)$ -pinched that is  $c/4 \leq K(X, Y) \leq c$  for  $c > 0$  and  $c \leq K(X, Y) \leq c/4$  for  $c < 0$ . For  $c = 0$ , the manifold is locally flat (cf. Corollary 1.8).*

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.5,  $K(X, Y) = (c/4)(1 + 3 \cos^2 \theta)$  from which the result follows.

**3.** In this section we start with  $M^{2n+s}$  as the bundle space of a principal

toroidal bundle over a Kaehler manifold  $N^{2n}$ ; in the case  $s = 1$  these are principal circle bundles (see e.g. [2], [7]).

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be the bundle space of a principal toroidal bundle over a Kaehler manifold  $N^{2n}$  and let  $\gamma = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_s)$  be a Lie algebra valued connexion form on  $M^{2n+s}$  such that  $d\eta_x = \pi^*\Omega$ ,  $x = 1, \dots, s$ , where  $\pi$  is the projection map and  $\Omega$  the fundamental 2-form on  $N^{2n}$ . Then  $M^{2n+s}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -manifold.*

*Proof.* Let  $J$  be the almost complex structure tensor and  $G$  the Hermitian metric on  $N^{2n}$ . Then define  $f$  and  $g$  on  $M^{2n+s}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} fX_m &= \tilde{\pi}J\pi_*X_m, \\ g(X, Y) &= G(\pi_*X, \pi_*Y) + \sum \eta_x(X)\eta_x(Y), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{\pi}$  denotes the horizontal lift. Let  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$  be vector fields dual to  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_s$ , i.e.,  $\eta_x(X) = g(X, \xi_x)$ . Then  $\eta_x(\xi_y) = \delta_{xy}$ ,  $f\xi_x = 0$ ,  $\eta_x \circ f = 0$  are immediate. Now

$$f^2X = \tilde{\pi}J\pi_*\tilde{\pi}J\pi_*X = \tilde{\pi}J^2\pi_*X = -X + \sum \eta_x(X)\xi_x,$$

from which  $f^3 + f = 0$  and we see that  $M^{2n+s}$  has an  $f$ -structure with complemented frames. Further

$$\begin{aligned} g(fX, fY) &= G(J\pi_*X, J\pi_*Y) + \sum \eta_x(\tilde{\pi}J\pi_*X)\eta_x(\tilde{\pi}J\pi_*Y) \\ &= G(\pi_*X, \pi_*Y) = g(X, Y) - \sum \eta_x(X)\eta_x(Y). \end{aligned}$$

Now  $F(X, Y) = g(X, fY) = G(\pi_*X, J\pi_*Y) = \Omega(\pi_*X, \pi_*Y)$ , i.e.,  $F = \pi^*\Omega = d\eta_x$  from which we see that the fundamental 2-form  $F$  is closed and that  $\eta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_s \wedge (d\eta_x)^n \neq 0$ . Finally

$$\begin{aligned} [f, f](X, Y) + \sum d\eta_x(X, Y)\xi_x &= f^2[X, Y] + [fX, fY] - f[fX, Y] \\ &\quad - f[X, fY] + \sum d\eta_x(X, Y)\xi_x \\ &= \tilde{\pi}J^2\pi_*[X, Y] + [\tilde{\pi}J\pi_*X, \tilde{\pi}J\pi_*Y] - \tilde{\pi}J\pi_*[\tilde{\pi}J\pi_*X, Y] \\ &\quad - \tilde{\pi}J\pi_*[X, \tilde{\pi}J\pi_*Y] + \sum d\eta_x(X, Y)\xi_x \\ &= \tilde{\pi}J^2[\pi_*X, \pi_*Y] + \tilde{\pi}[J\pi_*X, J\pi_*Y] + \sum \eta_x([\tilde{\pi}J\pi_*X, \tilde{\pi}J\pi_*Y])\xi_x \\ &\quad - \tilde{\pi}J[\pi_*X, \pi_*Y] - \tilde{\pi}J[\pi_*X, J\pi_*Y] + \sum d\eta_x(X, Y)\xi_x \\ &= -\sum d\eta_x(\tilde{\pi}J\pi_*X, \tilde{\pi}J\pi_*Y)\xi_x + \sum d\eta_x(X, Y)\xi_x \\ &= \sum (-\Omega(J\pi_*X, J\pi_*Y) + \Omega(\pi_*X, \pi_*Y))\xi_x = 0, \end{aligned}$$

since  $[J, J] = 0$  and  $\Omega$  is of bidegree  $(1, 1)$ .

Now let  $U$  be a neighborhood on  $N^{2n}$  and suppose that  $G$  is given by  $ds^2 = \sum (\theta^A)^2$ , where the  $\theta^A$ 's,  $A = 1, \dots, 2n$  are 1-forms on  $U$ . Suppose that the Riemannian connexion is given by 1-forms  $\theta_B^A$  on  $U$  so that the structural equations become

$$\begin{aligned}d\theta^A &= -\theta_B^A \wedge \theta^B, \\d\theta_B^A &= -\theta_C^A \wedge \theta_B^C + \Theta_B^A,\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Theta_B^A = \frac{1}{2}S_{ABCD}\theta^C \wedge \theta^D$  and  $S_{ABCD}$  is the curvature tensor on  $N^{2n}$ .

On  $U$  write the fundamental 2-form  $\Omega = \frac{1}{2}\Omega_{AB}\theta^A \wedge \theta^B$ ; then we have  $d\eta_x = \pi^*(\frac{1}{2}\Omega_{AB}\theta^A \wedge \theta^B)$ . Set  $\varphi^x = \eta_x$  and  $\varphi^A = \pi^*\theta^A$ ; then  $g$  is given by  $d\sigma^2 = \sum (\varphi^\alpha)^2$ ,  $\alpha = 1, \dots, 2n + s$ . Using the techniques of Kobayashi [6] we can find the Riemannian connexion on  $M^{2n+s}$ .

**Proposition 3.2.**  $\varphi_y^x = 0, \varphi_x^A = -\varphi_A^x = -\frac{1}{2}\Omega_{AB}\varphi^B$  and

$$\varphi_B^A = \pi^*\theta_B^A - \frac{1}{2} \sum_x \Omega_{AB}\varphi^x$$

define the Riemannian connexion of  $g$  on  $M^{2n+s}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be an overlapping neighborhood on which  $ds^2 = \sum (\bar{\theta}^A)^2$ . Then  $\bar{\theta}^A = e_B^A \theta^B, e_B^A \in \mathcal{U}(n)$ . A bar above other forms will denote their components defined with respect to  $V$ . Now

$$\bar{\theta}_B^A = \sum_{C,D} e_C^A \theta_D^C e_D^B - \sum_C (de_C^A) e_C^B.$$

Let  $f_\alpha^x = f_x^\alpha = 0, \alpha \neq x, f_x^x = 1, f_B^A = e_B^A$ ; then computing we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{r,s} f_r^x \varphi_s^r f_s^y - \sum_r (df_r^x) f_r^y &= 0 = \bar{\varphi}_y^x, \\ \sum_{r,s} f_r^A \varphi_s^r f_s^x - \sum_r (df_r^A) f_r^x &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{B,C} e_B^A \Omega_{BC} \varphi^C = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{B,C,D} e_B^A \Omega_{BC} e_C^D \bar{\varphi}^D \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \bar{\Omega}_{AD} \bar{\varphi}^D = \bar{\varphi}_x^A, \\ \sum_{r,s} f_r^A \varphi_s^r f_s^B - \sum_r (df_r^A) f_r^B &= \pi^* \sum_{C,D} e_C^A \theta_D^C e_D^B - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x,C,D} e_C^A \Omega_{CD} e_D^B \varphi^x \\ &\quad - \pi^* \sum_C (de_C^A) e_C^B \\ &= \pi^* \bar{\theta}_B^A - \frac{1}{2} \sum_x \bar{\Omega}_{AB} \bar{\varphi}^x = \bar{\varphi}_B^A.\end{aligned}$$

Hence the  $\varphi_\beta^\alpha$  define a connexion on  $M^{2n+s}$ . To see that it is the Riemannian connexion we compute its torsion.

$$\begin{aligned}d\varphi^x + \varphi_r^x \wedge \varphi^r &= \pi^* \left( \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{AB} \theta^A \wedge \theta^B \right) + \frac{1}{2} \Omega_{AB} \varphi^B \wedge \varphi^A = 0, \\ d\varphi^A + \varphi_r^A \wedge \varphi^r &= \pi^* d\theta^A - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x,B} \Omega_{AB} \varphi^B \wedge \varphi^x + \left( \pi^* \theta_B^A - \frac{1}{2} \sum_x \Omega_{AB} \varphi^x \right) \wedge \varphi^B \\ &= \pi^* (d\theta^A + \theta_B^A \wedge \theta^B) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

The curvature form  $\Phi_\beta^\alpha$  of this connexion is given by the second structural equation,  $d\varphi_\beta^\alpha = -\varphi_\gamma^\alpha \wedge \varphi_\beta^\gamma + \Phi_\beta^\alpha$ . Computing  $\Phi_B^A$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_B^A &= d\varphi_B^A + \varphi_\alpha^A \wedge \varphi_B^\alpha \\ &= -\pi^*\theta_C^A \wedge \theta_B^C + \pi^*\theta_B^A - \frac{1}{2} \sum_x (\pi^*d\Omega_{AB}) \wedge \varphi^x \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_x \Omega_{AB}d\varphi^x - \frac{s}{4} \Omega_{AC}\Omega_{BD}\varphi^C \wedge \varphi^D \\ &\quad + \sum_C \left( \pi^*\theta_C^A - \frac{1}{2} \sum_x \Omega_{AC}\varphi^x \right) \wedge \left( \pi^*\theta_B^C - \frac{1}{2} \sum_y \Omega_{CB}\varphi^y \right) \\ &= \pi^*\theta_B^A - \frac{1}{2} \sum_x (\pi^*d\Omega_{AB}) \wedge \varphi^x + \frac{s}{4} \Omega_{AB}\Omega_{CD}\varphi^D \wedge \varphi^C \\ &\quad - \frac{s}{4} \Omega_{AB}\Omega_{BD}\varphi^C \wedge \varphi^D + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x,C} \pi^*(\Omega_{AC}\theta_B^C + \Omega_{CB}\theta_A^C) \wedge \varphi^x \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{x,y,C} \Omega_{AC}\Omega_{CB}\varphi^x \wedge \varphi^y \\ &= \pi^*\theta_B^A - \frac{s}{4} (\Omega_{AB}\Omega_{CD} + \Omega_{AC}\Omega_{BD})\varphi^C \wedge \varphi^D \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{x,y,C} \Omega_{AC}\Omega_{CB}\varphi^x \wedge \varphi^y, \end{aligned}$$

since  $d\Omega_{AB} - \Omega_{AC}\theta_B^C - \Omega_{CB}\theta_A^C = 0$ , i.e.,  $N^{2n}$  is Kaehlerian.

Now write  $\Phi_\beta^\alpha = \frac{1}{2}R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}\varphi^\gamma \wedge \varphi^\delta$ ; then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}R_{AB\gamma\delta}\varphi^\gamma \wedge \varphi^\delta &= \left( \frac{1}{2}S_{ABCD} - \frac{s}{4}(\Omega_{AB}\Omega_{CD} + \Omega_{AC}\Omega_{BD}) \right) \varphi^C \wedge \varphi^D \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{x,y,C} \Omega_{AC}\Omega_{CB}\varphi^x \wedge \varphi^y. \end{aligned}$$

Skew-symmetrizing gives

$$R_{ABCD} = S_{ABCD} - \frac{s}{4}(2\Omega_{AB}\Omega_{CD} + \Omega_{AC}\Omega_{BD} - \Omega_{AD}\Omega_{BC}).$$

Suppose now that  $N^{2n}$  has constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $K$ , i.e.,

$$S_{ABCD} = \frac{K}{4}(G_{AD}G_{BC} - G_{AC}G_{BD} + \Omega_{AD}\Omega_{BC} - \Omega_{AC}\Omega_{BD} - 2\Omega_{AB}\Omega_{CD}).$$

Let  $\{X, fX\}$  span an  $f$ -section on  $M^{2n+s}$  with  $X$  a unit vector; then the sectional curvature of this section is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 -R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}X^\alpha(fX)^\beta X^\gamma(fX)^\delta &= -R_{ABCD}X^A(fX)^BX^CX^D \\
 &= -\frac{K}{4}(G_{AD}G_{BC} - G_{AC}G_{BD})X^A(fX)^BX^CX^D \\
 &\quad + \left(\frac{s}{4} - \frac{K}{4}\right)(\Omega_{AD}\Omega_{BC} - \Omega_{AC}\Omega_{BD} - 2\Omega_{AB}\Omega_{CD})X^A(fX)^BX^CX^D \\
 &= \frac{K}{4} + \frac{3K}{4} - \frac{3s}{4} = K - \frac{3s}{4}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be a principal toroidal bundle over a Kaehler manifold  $N^{2n}$  as in Theorem 3.1. If  $N^{2n}$  has constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $K$ , then the  $\mathcal{S}$ -manifold  $M^{2n+s}$  has constant  $f$ -sectional curvature equal to  $K - 3s/4$ .*

Inequalities for the sectional curvature of other horizontal sections may be derived from Theorem 2.7.

4. It is well-known that the canonical example of a Sasakian manifold, the odd-dimensional sphere  $S^{2n+1}$ , is a circle bundle over complex projective space  $PC^n$  by the Hopf-fibration. Let  $\pi' : S^{2n+1} \rightarrow PC^n$  denote the Hopf-fibration; then using the diagonal map  $\Delta$  we define a principal toroidal bundle over  $PC^n$  by the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H^{2n+s} & \xrightarrow{\hat{\Delta}} & S^{2n+1} \times \dots \times S^{2n+1} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi' \times \dots \times \pi' \\
 PC^n & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & PC^n \times \dots \times PC^n
 \end{array}$$

that is,  $H^{2n+s} = \{(p_1, \dots, p_s) \in S^{2n+1} \times \dots \times S^{2n+1} | \pi'(p_1) = \dots = \pi'(p_s)\}$ .

Now let  $\eta'_x$  be the contact form on  $S_x^{2n+1}$  and define  $\eta_x$  on  $H^{2n+s}$  by  $\eta_x = \hat{\Delta}^*|_{S_x^{2n+1}} \eta'_x \equiv \hat{\Delta}_x^* \eta'_x$ . Then

$$d\eta_x = d\hat{\Delta}_x^* \eta'_x = \hat{\Delta}_x^* d\eta'_x = \hat{\Delta}_x^* \pi_x'^* \Omega_x = \pi^* \Delta_x^* \Omega_x = \pi^* \Omega,$$

where  $\Omega_x$  is the fundamental 2-form on  $PC_x^n$  and  $\Omega$  that on  $PC^n$ . Further  $\gamma = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_s)$  is equivariant and fibre preserving, hence by Theorem 3.1 the space  $H^{2n+s}$  is an  $\mathcal{S}$ -manifold.

Recall that  $PC^n$  has constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $K=1$  (Fubini-Study metric) and that  $S^{2n+1}$  (as a Sasakian manifold with the constant curvature metric) has constant curvature  $1/4$ . From Theorem 3.3 we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 4.1.**  *$H^{2n+s}$  has constant  $f$ -sectional curvature  $1 - 3s/4$ .*

Analogous to  $PC^n$  being  $(1/4)$ -pinched ( $1/4 \leq K(X, Y) \leq 1$ ) and  $S^{2n+1}$  having constant curvature  $1/4$ , from Theorems 2.7 and 4.1 we have

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}$  on  $H^{2n+s}$ ,  $s \geq 2$ . Then*

$$1 - \frac{3s}{4} \leq K(X, Y) \leq \frac{1}{4}.$$

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