

## ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS FOR A $K$ -SPACE TO BE ISOMETRIC TO A SPHERE

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### 1. Introduction.

**THEOREM A** (Yano and Nagano [11]). *If  $M$  is a complete Einstein space of dimension  $n > 2$  and  $C_0(M) \cong I_0(M)$ , then  $M$  is isometric to a sphere, where  $C_0(M)$  is the largest connected group of conformal transformations of a Riemannian manifold  $M$  and  $I_0(M)$  the largest connected group of isometries of  $M$ .*

**THEOREM B** (Lichnerowicz [3], Yano and Obata [12]). *If a compact Riemannian manifold  $M$  with  $R = \text{const.}$  of dimension  $n > 2$  admits an infinitesimal conformal transformation  $v^h$  which is not an isometry:  $\mathcal{L} g_{ji} = 2\rho g_{ji}$ ,  $\rho \neq \text{const.}$ , and if one of the following conditions is satisfied, then  $M$  is isometric to a sphere.*

- (1) *The vector  $v^h$  is a gradient of a scalar.*
- (2)  *$R_i^h \rho^h = k \rho^h$ ,  $k$  being a constant.*
- (3)  *$\mathcal{L} R_{ji} = \alpha g_{ji}$ ,  $\alpha$  being a scalar field, where  $\mathcal{L}$  is the operator of Lie derivation with respect to  $v^h$ ,  $g_{ji}$  the fundamental metric tensor,  $R_{ji}$  the Ricci tensor of  $M$ ,  $R = g^{ji} R_{ji}$  and  $\rho^h$  the gradient of the scalar  $\rho$ .*

These theorems support the following well known conjecture, that is, a compact Riemannian manifold with constant scalar curvature admitting a one-parameter group of conformal transformations which is not that of isometries is isometric to a sphere.

The purpose of the present paper is to obtain certain conditions for a  $K$ -space with constant scalar curvature to be isometric to a sphere. First let  $M$  be a connected Riemannian manifold of dimension  $n$  and  $\nabla_i$  the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the Levi-Civita connection. Indices run over the range  $1, 2, \dots, n$ .

If  $M$  admits an infinitesimal conformal transformation  $v^h$ , then we have

$$(1.1) \quad \mathcal{L} g_{ji} = \nabla_j v_i + \nabla_i v_j = 2\rho g_{ji}, \quad \mathcal{L} g^{ji} = -2\rho g^{ji}$$

for a certain scalar field  $\rho$ .

For an infinitesimal conformal transformation  $v^h$  in  $M$ , we have

$$(1.2) \quad \mathcal{L} R_{kji}^h = -\delta_k^h \nabla_j \rho_i + \delta_j^h \nabla_k \rho_i - \nabla_k \rho^h \cdot g_{ji} + \nabla_j \rho^h \cdot g_{ki},$$

$$(1.3) \quad \mathcal{L} R_{ji} = -(n-2) \nabla_j \rho_i - \Delta \rho \cdot g_{ji},$$

$$(1.4) \quad \mathcal{L} R = -2(n-1) \Delta \rho - 2\rho R,$$

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where  $R_{kji}{}^h$  is Riemannian curvature tensor and  $\Delta\rho = g^{ji}\nabla_j\nabla_i\rho$ .

Thus in  $M$  with  $R = \text{const.}$ , we have

$$(1.5) \quad \Delta\rho = -\frac{R}{n-1}\rho.$$

We also have

$$(1.6) \quad \mathfrak{L} G_{ji} = -(n-2)\left(\nabla_j\rho_i - \frac{1}{n}\Delta\rho \cdot g_{ji}\right)$$

where  $G_{ji} = R_{ji} - (R/n)g_{ji}$ .

Hence in  $M$  with  $R = \text{const.}$ , we have

$$(1.7) \quad \mathfrak{L} G_{ji} = -(n-2)\left(\nabla_j\rho_i + \frac{R}{n(n-1)}\rho g_{ji}\right).$$

In this paper we need the following theorem and integral formula.

**THEOREM C** (Obata [4]). *If a complete Riemannian manifold of dimension  $n \geq 2$  admits a nonconstant function  $\rho$  such that*

$$(1.8) \quad \nabla_j\nabla_i\rho = -c^2\rho g_{ji}$$

*where  $c$  is a positive constant, then  $M$  is isometric to a sphere of radius  $1/c$  in  $(n+1)$ -dimensional Euclidean space.*

For a vector field  $v^h$  in a compact orientable Riemannian manifold  $M$  of dimension  $n \geq 2$ , we have the following known integral formula which is verified by a straightforward computation:

$$(1.9) \quad \int_M \left( g^{ji}\nabla_j\nabla_i v^h + R_i{}^h v^i + \frac{n-2}{n}\nabla^h\nabla_i v^i \right) v_h dV \\ + \frac{1}{2} \int_M \left( \nabla^j v^i + \nabla^i v^j - \frac{2}{n}\nabla_i v^i g^{ji} \right) \left( \nabla_j v_i + \nabla_i v_j - \frac{2}{n}\nabla_s v^s g_{ji} \right) dV = 0^{1)}$$

where  $dV$  is the volume element of  $M$ .

## 2. Identities and lemmas in a $K$ -space.

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional almost-Hermitian manifold which admits an almost complex structure tensor  $\varphi_j{}^i$  and a positive definite Riemannian metric tensor  $g_{ji}$  satisfying

$$(2.1) \quad \varphi_j{}^i\varphi_i{}^k = -\delta_j{}^k,$$

$$(2.2) \quad g_{ab}\varphi_j{}^a\varphi_i{}^b = g_{ji}.$$

Then from (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$(2.3) \quad \varphi_{ji} = -\varphi_{ij}$$

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1) See Yano [13].

where  $\varphi_{ji} = g_{li}\varphi_j^l$ .

An almost-Hermitian manifold is called a  $K$ -space if it satisfies

$$(2.4) \quad \nabla_j \varphi_{ih} + \nabla_i \varphi_{jh} = 0$$

from which we have easily

$$(2.5) \quad \nabla_j \varphi_{i^j} = 0.$$

In a  $K$ -space, we know the following identities obtained by Tachibana [10]:

$$(2.6) \quad R_{ji}^* = R_{ij}^*,$$

$$(2.7) \quad R_{ji} - R_{ji}^* = (\nabla_j \varphi_{rs}) \nabla_i \varphi^{rs},$$

$$(2.8) \quad R - R^* = \text{constant} \geq 0$$

where  $R_{ji}^* = (1/2)\varphi^{ab} R_{abst} \varphi_j^s$ ,  $R^* = g^{ji} R_{ji}^*$ ,

$$(2.9) \quad \nabla^h N(v)_h = 0 \quad \text{for any vector } v$$

where  $N(v)_h = \varphi_h^s (\nabla_s \varphi_{rt}) \nabla^r v^t$ .

In a Riemannian manifold, we have

$$(2.10) \quad \nabla^i R_{ji} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_j R$$

and in a  $K$ -space

$$(2.11) \quad \nabla^i R_{ji}^* = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_j R^{*,2)}$$

Thus from (2.8), (2.10) and (2.11), we have

$$(2.12) \quad \nabla^i R_{ji} = \nabla^i R_{ji}^*.$$

Putting

$$T_{ji} = \nabla_j \xi_i + \nabla_i \xi_j + \varphi_j^a \varphi_i^b (\nabla_a \xi_b + \nabla_b \xi_a)$$

for any vector  $\xi^i$ , we have the following

LEMMA 2.1.<sup>3)</sup> *In a compact  $K$ -space  $M$  with constant scalar curvature, if  $T_{ji} = 0$  and  $\eta_i$  is a vector field such that  $\eta_i = \nabla_i \eta$  for a certain scalar  $\eta$ , then we have*

$$(2.13) \quad \int_M \xi^j \eta^i R_{ji} dV = 0.$$

LEMMA 2.2.<sup>4)</sup> *In a compact  $K$ -space  $M$ , we have*

$$(2.14) \quad \int_M \left[ \frac{1}{4} T_{ji} T^{ji} + \xi^j \{ \nabla^i (\nabla_j \xi_i + \nabla_i \xi_j) + \varphi_j^a \varphi_i^b \nabla^i (\nabla_a \xi_b + \nabla_b \xi_a) \} \right] dV = 0.$$

2) See Sawaki [5].

3) See Takamatsu [8], p. 76.

4) See Takamatsu [8], p. 77.

LEMMA 2.3. *In a compact  $K$ -space  $M$  with constant scalar curvature, a conformal Killing vector  $v^s$  can be decomposed as*

$$(2.15) \quad v^s = p^s + \eta^s$$

where  $\nabla_i p^i = 0$  and  $\eta^i = \nabla^i \eta$  for a certain scalar function  $\eta$ , and

$$(2.16) \quad \int_M \left[ \frac{1}{4} T_{ji} T^{ji} + 2(R_{ji} - R_{js}^*) \eta^j \eta^i - \frac{2}{n} (R - R^*) \eta_i \eta^i \right] dV = 0$$

where

$$T_{ji} = \nabla_j p_i + \nabla_i p_j + \varphi_j^a \varphi_i^b (\nabla_a p_b + \nabla_b p_a).$$

*Proof.* According to the theory of harmonic integrals, we have (2.15). Next we consider (2.14) in which  $\xi^s = p^s$ , that is,

$$(2.17) \quad \int_M \left[ \frac{1}{4} T_{ji} T^{ji} + p^j \{ \nabla^i (\nabla_j p_i + \nabla_i p_j) + \varphi_j^a \varphi_i^b \nabla^i (\nabla_a p_b + \nabla_b p_a) \} \right] dV = 0.$$

By (2.15) and (1.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} p^j \nabla^i (\nabla_j p_i + \nabla_i p_j) &= p^j \nabla^i (\nabla_j v_i + \nabla_i v_j - 2\nabla_j \eta_i) \\ &= p^j \nabla^i (2\rho g_{ji} - 2\nabla_j \eta_i) \\ &= 2p^j (\rho_j - \nabla^i \nabla_j \eta_i), \end{aligned}$$

or by Ricci's identity,

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} p^j \nabla^i (\nabla_j p_i + \nabla_i p_j) &= 2p^j (\rho_j - \nabla_j \nabla^i \eta_i - R_j^s \eta_s) \\ &= 2\nabla_j (\rho p^j - p^j \nabla^i \eta_i) - 2R_{js} p^j \eta^s. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_j^a \varphi_i^b \nabla^i (\nabla_a p_b + \nabla_b p_a) &= \varphi_j^a \varphi_i^b \nabla^i (\nabla_a v_b + \nabla_b v_a - 2\nabla_a \eta_b) \\ &= 2\varphi_j^a \varphi_i^b \rho^s g_{ab} - 2\varphi_j^a \varphi_i^b \nabla^i \nabla_a \eta_b \\ &= 2\rho_j - \varphi_j^a \varphi^{ib} (\nabla_i \nabla_b \eta_a - \nabla_b \nabla_i \eta_a) \\ &= 2\rho_j + \varphi_j^a \varphi^{ib} R_{iba}^s \eta_s \\ &= 2\rho_j + 2R^*_{js} \eta^s \end{aligned}$$

from which we have

$$(2.19) \quad p^j \varphi_j^a \varphi_i^b \nabla^i (\nabla_a p_b + \nabla_b p_a) = 2\nabla_j (\rho p^j) + 2R_{js}^* p^j \eta^s.$$

By (2.18) and (2.19), (2.17) turns to

$$\int_M \left[ \frac{1}{4} T_{ji} T^{ji} - 2(R_{js} - R_{js}^*) p^j \eta^s \right] dV = 0$$

or by (2.15)

$$(2.20) \quad \int_M \left[ \frac{1}{4} T_{ji} T^{ji} + 2(R_{js} - R_{js}^*) \eta^j \eta^s - 2(R_{js} - R_{js}^*) v^j \eta^s \right] dV = 0.$$

Taking account of (2. 8), (2. 12) and  $\rho=(1/n)\nabla_i\eta^i$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_M (R_{js}-R_{js}^*)v^j\eta^s dV &= -\int_M (R_{js}-R_{js}^*)\nabla^s v^j \cdot \eta dV \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2}\int_M (R_{js}-R_{js}^*)(\nabla^s v^j + \nabla^j v^s)\eta dV \\
 (2. 21) \qquad &= -\frac{1}{n}\int_M (R-R^*)\eta_i \nabla^i \eta^i dV \\
 &= \frac{1}{n}\int_M (R-R^*)\eta_i \eta^i dV.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from (2. 20) and (2. 21), we obtain (2. 16).

LEMMA 2. 4.<sup>5)</sup> *If a K-space with  $R=\text{const.}$  of dimension  $n$  admits a conformal Killing vector  $v^h$ :  $\mathfrak{L}g_{ji}=2\rho g_{ji}$ , then we have*

$$(2. 22) \qquad \left(\frac{1}{n-1}R-R^*\right)\rho=0.$$

### 3. Extended contravariant almost analytic vectors.

In an almost complex manifold  $M$ ,  $v^i$  is called an *extended contravariant almost analytic vector* if it satisfies

$$(3. 1) \qquad \mathfrak{L} \varphi_j^i + \lambda \varphi_j^r N_{ri} v^l = 0$$

where  $N_{ri}^s$  is the Nijenhuis tensor, that is,  $N_{ri}^s = \varphi_r^s(\partial_s \varphi_i^i - \partial_i \varphi_s^i) - \varphi_i^s(\partial_s \varphi_r^i - \partial_r \varphi_s^i)$  and  $\lambda$  a scalar function [7]. This extended contravariant almost analytic vector is characterized as a cross-section of the tangent bundle  $T(M)$  with a suitable almost complex structure [9].

In a K-space, since  $N_{ji}^h = 4\varphi_j^s \nabla_s \varphi_i^h$ , we have

$$v^i \varphi_j^i N_{ii}^i = 4\varphi_j^i \varphi_i^s (\nabla_s \varphi_i^i) v^i = 4v^i \nabla_i \varphi_j^i.$$

Hence, when  $\lambda = -1/4$ , (3. 1) turns to

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3. 2) \qquad \mathfrak{L} \varphi_j^i - \frac{1}{4} \varphi_j^r N_{ri} v^l &= v^r \nabla_r \varphi_j^i - \varphi_j^r \nabla_r v^i + \varphi_r^i \nabla_j v^r - \frac{1}{4} \varphi_j^r N_{ri} v^l \\
 &= -\varphi_j^r \nabla_r v^i + \varphi_r^i \nabla_j v^r = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$(3. 3) \qquad \nabla_j v_i - \varphi_j^a \varphi_i^b \nabla_a v_b = 0,$$

when  $\lambda=0$ , (3. 1) is the equation defining usual contravariant almost analytic vector. For an extended contravariant almost analytic vector, we have the following

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5) See Sawaki [6].

LEMMA 3.1.<sup>6)</sup> *In a  $K$ -space, if  $v^s$  is an extended contravariant almost analytic vector for  $\lambda = -1/4$ , then we have*

$$(3.4) \quad \nabla^r \nabla_r v_i + R_{ir}{}^* v^r = 0.$$

Recently Takamatsu [9] proved the following

LEMMA 3.2. *In a compact  $K$ -space with  $R = \text{const.}$ , if  $v^s$  is an extended contravariant almost analytic vector for a constant  $\lambda$  such that  $-3/4 \leq \lambda \leq 0$ , then  $v^s$  is decomposed into the form*

$$(3.5) \quad v^s = p^s + \eta^s$$

where  $p^s$  is a Killing vector and  $\eta^s = \nabla^i \eta$  for a certain scalar function  $\eta$ .

#### 4. Theorems.

THEOREM 4.1.<sup>7)</sup> *If a complete proper  $K$ -space  $M$  with  $R = \text{const.}$  of dimension  $n > 2$  admits an infinitesimal nonhomothetic conformal transformation  $v^s$ :  $\mathfrak{L}g_{ji} = 2\rho g_{ji}$ ,  $\rho \neq 0$  and*

$$(4.1) \quad \mathfrak{L}G_{ji} = 0,$$

then  $M$  is isometric to a sphere.

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.4 and the assumption of the theorem, we have

$$\frac{1}{n-1} R - R^* = 0$$

from which it follows

$$(4.2) \quad (n-2)R = (n-1)(R - R^*).$$

From (1.7), by (4.1), we have

$$\nabla_j \rho_i + \frac{R}{n(n-1)} \rho g_{ji} = 0.$$

On the other hand, from (2.8) and (4.2), we have  $R - R^* > 0$ , that is,  $R > 0$ . Because if  $R - R^* = 0$ , then from (2.7), we have  $\nabla_j \varphi_{rs} = 0$  and therefore  $M$  becomes a Kählerian manifold [13].

Consequently, by Theorem C,  $M$  is isometric to a sphere.

REMARK 4.1. Since  $\mathfrak{L}R_{ji} = \alpha g_{ji}$  implies  $\mathfrak{L}G_{ji} = 0$  and we consider a complete space, in a proper  $K$ -space, Theorem 4.1 generalizes Theorem A and B (3).

THEOREM 4.2. *If a compact  $K$ -space  $M$  with  $R = \text{const.}$  of dimension  $n > 2$  such that*

$$(4.3) \quad R_{ji} - R_{ji}^* = k g_{ji} \quad (k = \text{const.}),$$

admits an infinitesimal nonhomothetic conformal transformation  $v^s$ :  $\mathfrak{L}g_{ji} = 2\rho g_{ji}$ ,

6) See Sawaki and Takamatsu [7].

7) Cf. Theorem A. In an Einstein space  $\mathfrak{L}G_{ji} = 0$ .

$\rho \neq 0$ , then  $M$  is isometric to a sphere.

*Proof.*  $v^i$  is decomposed into the form (2.15) and from (4.3), we see easily  $k = (1/n)(R - R^*)$ .

Hence (2.16) becomes

$$\int_M \frac{1}{4} T_{ji} T^{ji} dV = 0$$

from which it follows  $T_{ji} = 0$ . Consequently, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$(4.4) \quad \int_M p^j \eta^i R_{ji} dV = 0.$$

To prove that  $p^i$  is a Killing vector, we put

$$U_{ji} = \nabla_j p_i + \nabla_i p_j$$

and operate  $\nabla^i$  to  $p^j U_{ji}$ , then we have, by  $p_i = v_i - \eta_i$ ,

$$(4.5) \quad \nabla^i (p^j U_{ji}) = \frac{1}{2} U_{ji} U^{ji} + p^j \nabla^i (\nabla_j p_i + \nabla_i p_j).$$

For the last term, from (2.18), we have

$$p^j \nabla^i (\nabla_j p_i + \nabla_i p_j) = 2 \nabla_j (\rho p^j - p^j \nabla^i \eta_i) - 2 p^j \eta^i R_{ji}.$$

Thus integrating (4.5) and using (4.4), we have

$$\int_M \frac{1}{2} U_{ji} U^{ji} dV = 0$$

from which it follows  $U_{ji} = 0$ , i.e.,  $p^i$  is a Killing vector.

Consequently  $\eta_i = v_i - p_i$  is a gradient conformal Killing vector such that  $\rho = (1/n) \nabla^i \eta_i \neq 0$  and therefore, by Theorem B(1),  $M$  is isometric to a sphere.

REMARK 4.2. A  $K$ -space of constant curvature satisfies the condition (4.3).

The same remark applies to Theorem 4.3 and Theorem 4.4.

THEOREM 4.3. *If a compact  $K$ -space  $M$  of dimension  $n > 2$  such that*

$$(4.6) \quad \frac{1}{n-1} R_{ji} = R_{ji}^*$$

*admits a gradient extended contravariant almost analytic vector  $\eta^i$  for  $\lambda = -1/4$ :*

$$(4.7) \quad \nabla_j \eta_i - \varphi_j^\alpha \varphi_i^\beta \nabla_\alpha \eta_\beta = 0, \quad \nabla_i \eta^i \neq 0,$$

*then  $M$  is isometric to a sphere.*

*Proof.* Operating  $\nabla^j$  to  $\nabla_j \eta_i = \nabla_i \eta_j$  and using Ricci's identity, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^j \nabla_j \eta_i &= \nabla^j \nabla_i \eta_j \\ &= \nabla_i \nabla^j \eta_j + R_i^s \eta_s \end{aligned}$$

and substituting this equation into (3.4) in which  $v^s = \eta^s$ , we have

$$(4.8) \quad \nabla_i \nabla^r \eta_r = -(R_i{}^r + R_r^*{}^i) \eta_r.$$

Again from (3.4) in which  $v^s = \eta^s$ , we have

$$(4.9) \quad \nabla^r \nabla_r \eta^s = -R_r^*{}^s \eta^r.$$

Substituting (4.8) and (4.9) into (1.9) in which  $v^s = \eta^s$ , we have

$$\int_M \left[ (R_r^s - R_r^*{}^s) \eta^r \eta_s - \frac{n-2}{n} (R_r^s + R_r^*{}^s) \eta^r \eta_s \right] dV \\ + 2 \int_M \left( \nabla^j \eta^s - \frac{1}{n} \nabla_i \eta^t \cdot g^{ji} \right) \left( \nabla_j \eta_i - \frac{1}{n} \nabla_i \eta^t \cdot g_{ji} \right) dV = 0$$

or

$$(4.10) \quad \frac{2(n-1)}{n} \int_M \left( \frac{1}{n-1} R_{ji} - R_{ji}^* \right) \eta^j \eta^i dV \\ + 2 \int_M \left( \nabla^j \eta^s - \frac{1}{n} \nabla_i \eta^t \cdot g^{ji} \right) \left( \nabla_j \eta_i - \frac{1}{n} \nabla_i \eta^t \cdot g_{ji} \right) dV = 0$$

from which we find  $\nabla^j \eta^s = (1/n) \nabla_i \eta^t \cdot g_{ji}$ , that is,  $\eta^s$  is a gradient conformal Killing vector.

On the other hand, operating  $\nabla^j$  to (4.6) and making use of (2.10), (2.11) and (2.12), we have

$$\frac{2-n}{n-1} \nabla_j R = 0$$

that is,  $R$  is constant.

Consequently, by Theorem B(1),  $M$  is isometric to a sphere.

**THEOREM 4.4.** *Let  $M$  be a compact  $K$ -space of dimension  $n > 2$  such that*

$$\frac{1}{n-1} R_{ji} = R_{ji}^*.$$

*If  $M$  admits an extended contravariant almost analytic vector  $v^s$  for  $\lambda = -1/4$  and  $\nabla_i v^s \neq 0$ , then  $M$  is isometric to a sphere.*

*Proof.* As we have seen in the proof of Theorem 4.3,  $R$  is constant and hence by Lemma 3.2,  $v^s$  is decomposed into the form

$$v^s = p^s + \eta^s$$

where  $p^s$  is a Killing vector and  $\eta^s = \nabla^i \eta_i$ .

Consequently we have

$$(4.11) \quad \nabla^j v^s + \nabla^i v^j = 2 \nabla^j \eta^s.$$



In §3, we have seen that (3.1) for  $\lambda=-1/4$  can be written as

$$(4.12) \quad \nabla_j v_k - \varphi_j^a \varphi_k^b \nabla_a v_b = 0.$$

Interchanging  $j$  and  $k$  in (4.12) and adding thus obtained to (4.12), we have

$$\nabla_j v_k + \nabla_k v_j - \varphi_j^r \varphi_k^s (\nabla_r v_i + \nabla_i v_r) = 0.$$

Substituting (4.11) into this equation, we have

$$\nabla_j \eta_k - \varphi_j^a \varphi_k^b \nabla_a \eta_b = 0$$

which shows that  $\eta^s$  is a gradient extended contravariant almost analytic vector for  $\lambda=-1/4$ .

Moreover, by the assumption of the theorem, we have  $\nabla_i v^s = \nabla_i \eta^s \neq 0$  and consequently by Theorem 4.3,  $M$  is isometric to a sphere.

REMARK 4.3. In Theorem 4.4, when  $M$  (dim.  $n > 2$ ) admits an extended contravariant almost analytic vector  $v^s$  for  $\lambda=-1/4$ , that is,

$$(4.13) \quad \mathfrak{L} \varphi_j^s - \frac{1}{4} \varphi_j^r N_r{}^i v^s = 0,$$

$M$  is isometric to a sphere.

Consequently, as is well known,  $M$  which is an almost complex manifold must be  $S^6$ .

Conversely, in the following way we can see the fact that  $S^6$  admits a vector field  $v^s$  satisfying (4.13).

Let  $S^6$  be the sphere in 7-dimensional Euclidean space  $E^7$  defined by

$$(4.14) \quad X^A = X^A(x^h), \quad \sum X^A X^A = r^2 \quad (r = \text{const.} > 0)$$

where  $h=1, 2, \dots, 6$  and  $A=1, 2, \dots, 7$ .

It is well known that on this sphere  $S^6$  there exists a non-integrable almost complex structure [1] and that it is a  $K$ -space with the natural Riemannian metric induced from  $E^7$  [2].

If we denote its almost complex structure tensor by  $\varphi_j^s$  and its metric tensor by  $g_{ji}$ , then we have

$$(4.15) \quad g_{ji} = \sum B_j^A B_i^A,$$

$$(4.16) \quad g_{ji} = \varphi_j^a \varphi_i^b g_{ab}$$

where  $B_i^A = \partial X^A / \partial x^i$ . Let  $h_{ji}$  be the second fundamental tensor, then we have

$$(4.17) \quad \nabla_j B_i^A = h_{ji} C^A$$

where  $C^A$  are components of the unit normal to the sphere.

On the other hand, operating  $\nabla_i$  to (4.14), we have

$$(4.18) \quad \sum X^A B_i^A = 0$$

and again operating  $\nabla_j$  to (4.18), we have

$$(4.19) \quad \sum X^A \nabla_j B_i^A = -\sum B_j^A B_i^A = -g_{ji}.$$

Since (4.18) shows that  $X^A$  is normal to  $S^6$  and  $C^A$  is the unit normal to  $S^6$  we have

$$(4.20) \quad C^A = \frac{X^A}{r}.$$

Substituting (4.17) into (4.19), by (4.14) and (4.20), we have

$$(4.21) \quad r h_{ji} = -g_{ji}.$$

Thus by (4.20) and (4.21), (4.17) becomes

$$(4.23) \quad \nabla_j B_i^A = -\frac{X^A}{r^2} g_{ji}.$$

Then if we put  $v_i = \nabla_i f$  where

$$f = a_1 X^1 + \dots + a_7 X^7, \quad a_1, \dots, a_7 \text{ being constants,}$$

by (4.23), we have

$$(4.24) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_j v_i &= a_1 \nabla_j B_i^1 + \dots + a_7 \nabla_j B_i^7 \\ &= -\frac{f}{r^2} g_{ji}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, from (4.16) and (4.24), we have

$$\nabla_j v_i - \varphi_j^a \varphi_i^b \nabla_a v_b = 0,$$

that is, by (3.2),

$$\mathfrak{L} \varphi_j^3 - \frac{1}{4} \varphi_j^r N_{ri}^2 v^l = 0.$$

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