

On certain infinitesimal conformal transformations of contact metric spaces

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0. Introduction

In the previous paper [3], we have considered an infinitesimal transformation which leaves φ_j^i invariant in a contact metric space and obtained the following

THEOREM 0.1. *In a contact metric space, an infinitesimal transformation which leaves φ_j^i invariant satisfies*

$$(0.1) \quad \mathcal{L}_v g_{ji} = \rho(g_{ji} + \eta_j \eta_i)$$

$$(0.2) \quad \mathcal{L}_v \eta_i = \rho \eta_i$$

where ρ is a constant. Conversely if v^i satisfies (0.1) and (0.2), then v^i leaves φ_j^i invariant and consequently ρ is a constant.

The condition (0.1) is a formal generalization of an infinitesimal conformal transformation in a Riemannian space. Therefore it is natural that we consider a infinitesimal transformation satisfying (0.1) only where ρ is a scalar function. We shall call such a transformation an infinitesimal η -conformal transformation. In this paper we shall discuss such a transformation in a contact, a K-contact or a normal contact metric space.

1. Preliminaries

An almost contact metric space means an odd dimensional ($n=2m+1$) differentiable manifold with structure tensors φ_j^i , ξ^i , η_i and g_{ji} satisfying the following relations

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} \xi^i \eta_i = 1, & \text{rank}(\varphi_j^i) = n-1, & \varphi_j^i \eta_i = 0, & \varphi_j^i \xi^j = 0, \\ \varphi_j^r \varphi_r^i = -\delta_j^i + \xi^i \eta_j, & g_{ji} \xi^j = \eta_i, & g_{ji} \varphi_k^j \varphi_h^i = g_{kh} - \eta_h \eta_k. \end{cases}$$

[6.7]. On the other hand if the condition

$$(1.2) \quad 2g_{ir} \varphi_j^r = 2\varphi_{ji} = \partial_j \eta_i - \partial_i \eta_j$$

hold in an almost contact metric space, the space is called a contact metric space. A contact metric space with a Killing vector ξ^i is called a K-contact metric space. By a normal contact metric space we mean a contact metric space satisfying

$$(1.3) \quad \nabla_k \varphi_{ji} = \eta_j g_{ki} - \eta_i g_{kj}$$

from which we can deduce that ξ^i is a Killing vector, where ∇_k denotes the covariant differentiation with respect to the Riemannian connection [1].

Let $R_{kji}{}^h$, R_{ji} be the Riemannian curvature tensor and the Ricci tensor respectively and put

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{cases} H_{ji} = \varphi^{kh} R_{kji}{}^h = -\frac{1}{2} \varphi^{kh} R_{khji}, \\ \tilde{R}_{ji} = \varphi_j{}^r R_{ri}. \end{cases}$$

In a contact metric space, φ_{ji} is a skew symmetric closed tensor and

$$(1.5) \quad \nabla_r \varphi_j{}^r = (n-1)\eta_j$$

holds good.

In a K-contact metric space the following identities are valid

$$(1.6) \quad \nabla_j \eta_i = \varphi_{ji}$$

$$(1.7) \quad \nabla_k \varphi_{ji} + R_{rkji} \xi^r = 0,$$

$$(1.8) \quad H_{ir} \xi^r = 0,$$

$$(1.9) \quad R_{ir} \xi^r = (n-1)\eta_i.$$

In a normal contact metric space

$$(1.10) \quad \nabla_k \varphi_{ji} = \eta_j g_{ki} - \eta_i g_{kj},$$

$$(1.11) \quad \eta_r R_{kji}{}^r = \eta_k g_{ji} - \eta_j g_{ki}$$

hold. Operating ∇_i to (1.10) and making use of Ricci's identity and (1.4), we obtain

$$(1.12) \quad \tilde{R}_{ji} - H_{ji} = (n-2)\varphi_{ji}.$$

A vector field v^i is called a Killing vector or an infinitesimal isometry if $\mathcal{L}_v g_{ji} = 0$, where \mathcal{L}_v denotes the Lie derivative with respect to a vector v^i ; an infinitesimal conformal transformation if $\mathcal{L}_v g_{ji} = 2\rho g_{ji}$ where ρ is a scalar (homothetic, if ρ is a constant); an infinitesimal contact transformation if $\mathcal{L}_v \eta_i = \sigma \eta_i$ where σ is a scalar; an infinitesimal projective transformation if $\mathcal{L}_v \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} h \\ ji \end{smallmatrix} \right\} = \partial_i{}^j \rho_i + \partial_i{}^h \rho_j$.

A vector field v^i is called an automorphism if v^i leaves four structure tensors invariant.

A K-contact metric space in which the Ricci tensor takes the form

$$(1.13) \quad R_{ji} = a g_{ji} + b \eta_j \eta_i$$

is called a K-contact η -Einstein space, where a and b become constant ($n > 3$) [4].

2. Infinitesimal η -conformal transformation

It is well known that in a compact Kählerian space, an infinitesimal conformal transformation becomes an infinitesimal isometry [2]. Corresponding theorem to a compact normal contact metric space has not been known. However we can prove the following

THEOREM 2.1. *In a compact normal contact metric space ($n > 3$), an infinitesimal η -conformal transformation is necessarily an infinitesimal isometry.*

PROOF. For an infinitesimal η -conformal transformation v^i , we put

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{L}_v g_{ji} = \rho(g_{ji} + \eta_j \eta_i)$$

where ρ is a scalar function. If we substitute (2.1) into the identity

$$\mathcal{L}_v \{^h_{ji}\} = \frac{1}{2} g^{hr} (\nabla_j \mathcal{L}_v g_{ri} + \nabla_i \mathcal{L}_v g_{rj} - \nabla_r \mathcal{L}_v g_{ji}),$$

then we have

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{L}_v \{^h_{ji}\} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_j (\delta_i^h + \xi^h \eta_i) + \rho_i (\delta_i^h + \xi^h \eta_j) \\ -\rho_h (g_{ji} + \eta_j \eta_i) + 2\rho (\varphi_j^h \eta_i + \varphi_i^h \eta_j) \end{array} \right\}, \quad \rho_j = \partial_j \rho.$$

According to the identity

$$(2.3) \quad \mathcal{L}_v R_{kji}^h = \nabla_k \mathcal{L}_v \{^h_{ji}\} - \nabla_j \mathcal{L}_v \{^h_{ki}\}$$

and (2.2), we get

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \eta_r \mathcal{L}_v R_{kji}^r &= \frac{1}{2} [2\eta_j \nabla_k \rho_i - 2\eta_k \nabla_j \rho_i - \eta_r \nabla_k \rho^r (g_{ji} + \eta_j \eta_i) \\ &+ \eta_r \nabla_j \rho^r (g_{ki} + \eta_k \eta_i) + \varphi_{ki} \rho_j - \varphi_{ji} \rho_k + 2\varphi_{ki} \rho_i - \eta_r \rho^r (\varphi_{ki} \eta_j \\ &- \varphi_{ji} \eta_k + 2\varphi_{kj} \rho_i) + 2\rho (g_{ji} \eta_k - g_{ki} \eta_j)] \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, from (1.11) we have

$$(2.5) \quad R_{kji}^r \mathcal{L}_v \eta_r + \eta_r \mathcal{L}_v R_{kji}^r = \rho (g_{ji} \eta_k - g_{ki} \eta_j) + g_{ji} \mathcal{L}_v \eta_k - g_{ki} \mathcal{L}_v \eta_j.$$

From (2.4) and (2.5), we get

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} R_{kji}^r \mathcal{L}_v \eta_r + \frac{1}{2} [2\eta_j \nabla_k \rho_i - 2\eta_k \nabla_j \rho_i - \eta_r \nabla_k \rho^r (g_{ji} + \eta_j \eta_i) \\ + \eta_r \nabla_j \rho^r (g_{ki} + \eta_k \eta_i) + \varphi_{ki} \rho_j - \varphi_{ji} \rho_k + 2\varphi_{kj} \rho_i - \eta_r \rho^r (\varphi_{ki} \eta_j \\ - \varphi_{ji} \eta_k + 2\varphi_{kj} \rho_i)] = g_{ji} \mathcal{L}_v \eta_k - g_{ki} \mathcal{L}_v \eta_j. \end{aligned}$$

Transvecting (2.6) with φ^{ji} and $\varphi_h{}^k g^{ji}$ respectively, we have

$$(2.7) \quad H_k{}^r \mathcal{L}_v \eta_r + \frac{1}{2} (-\eta_r \varphi_k{}^j \nabla_j \rho^r - n\rho_k + n\eta_r \rho^r \eta_k) = \varphi_k{}^r \mathcal{L}_v \eta_r,$$

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{R}_k{}^r \mathcal{L}_v \eta_r + \frac{1}{2} (- (n-2) \eta_r \varphi_k{}^j \nabla_j \rho^r - 3\rho_k + 3\eta_r \rho^r \eta_k) \\ = (n-1) \varphi_k{}^r \mathcal{L}_v \eta_r. \end{aligned}$$

Subtracting (2.7) from (2.8) and making use of (1.12), it follows that

$$(2.9) \quad \rho_k - \eta_r \rho^r \eta_k - \varphi_k{}^r \eta_s \nabla_r \rho^s = 0, \quad (n > 3)$$

from which we have

$$(2.10) \quad \eta_r \nabla_j \rho^r = a \eta_j - \tilde{\nu}_j$$

where we have put

$$a = \xi^r \xi^s \nabla_r \rho_s, \quad \tilde{\nu}_j = \varphi_j{}^r \rho_r.$$

Next, if we transvect (2.6) with ξ^k and using (1.11) and (2.10), we get

$$(2.11) \quad 2 \nabla_j \rho_i = a(-g_{ji} + 3 \eta_j \eta_i) - 2(\tilde{\nu}_j \eta_i + \tilde{\nu}_i \eta_j).$$

Differentiating (2.11) covariantly and then transvecting with φ^{kj} , we have from (1.4)

$$2 H_i{}^r \rho_r = \varphi_i{}^r \nabla_r a + (3n - 5)a \eta_i - 2n \tilde{\nu}_j + 2(\nabla_r \rho^r) \eta_i.$$

Transvecting with ξ^i and taking account of (1.8), we get

$$(2.12) \quad 2 \nabla_r \rho^r + (3n - 5)a = 0.$$

On the other hand, transvecting (2.11) with g_{ji} , we get

$$(2.13) \quad 2 \nabla_r \rho^r + (n - 3)a = 0.$$

Comparing (2.12) and (2.13), we have $\nabla_r \rho^r = 0$.

Consequently by Green's theorem we see that $\rho = 0$, $\rho = \text{const.}$

Lastly from (2.1) we get $\nabla_r \rho^r = \frac{n+1}{2} \rho$, by Green's theorem we get $\rho = 0$. q. e. d.

In an η -Einstein space, it is known that if $\mathcal{L}_v g_{ji} = 0$, then $\mathcal{L}_v \eta_i = 0$ holds good [5]. In this case by means of Theorem 0.1, $\mathcal{L}_v \varphi_j{}^i = 0$ also holds.

Thus we have the following

COROLLARY. *In a compact normal contact η -Einstein space with $b \neq 0$ ($n > 3$), an infinitesimal η -conformal transformation is an automorphism.*

When the associated function ρ of an η -conformal transformation is a constant, (2.2) becomes

$$\mathcal{L}_v \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} h \\ ji \end{smallmatrix} \right\} = \rho(\varphi_j{}^h \eta_i + \varphi_i{}^h \eta_j).$$

By the identity (2.3), it follows that

$$(2.14) \quad \mathcal{L}_v R_{ji} = \rho \nabla_r (\varphi_j{}^r \eta_i + \varphi_i{}^r \eta_j),$$

$$(2.15) \quad \mathcal{L}_v R = g^{ji} \mathcal{L}_v R_{ji} + R_{ji} \mathcal{L}_v g^{ji} = -\rho(R + R_{ji} \xi^j \xi^i).$$

If we assume that the space be Einstein that is $R_{ji} = \frac{R}{n} g_{ji}$, we have

$$\mathcal{L}_v R = -\frac{n+1}{n} \rho R = 0,$$

from which we get $\rho=0$. Thus we have

THEOREM 2.2. *In an Einstein contact metric space, an infinitesimal η -conformal transformation with $\rho = \text{constant}$ is necessarily an infinitesimal isometry.*

If we assume that the space under consideration be K-contact, then (2.15) turns to

$$\mathcal{L}_v R = -\rho(R+n-1)$$

because of (1.9). Thus

COROLLARY. *In a K-contact metric space with constant scalar curvature $R = -(n-1)$, an infinitesimal η -conformal transformation with $\rho = \text{constant}$ is an infinitesimal isometry.*

COROLLARY. *In a K-contact η -Einstein space with $b \neq 0$ ($n > 3$), an infinitesimal η -conformal transformation with $\rho = \text{constant}$ is an automorphism.*

THEOREM 2.3. *In a contact metric space, if an infinitesimal η -conformal transformation v^i satisfies one of the the following conditions, then v^i is an automorphism.*

$$(i) \quad \mathcal{L}_v \eta_i = 0, \quad (ii) \quad \mathcal{L}_v \xi^i = 0, \quad (iii) \quad \mathcal{L}_v \varphi_{ji} = 0.$$

PROOF. (i). From the well known identity

$$\nabla_j \mathcal{L}_v \omega_i - \mathcal{L}_v \nabla_j \omega_i = \omega_r \mathcal{L}_v \{r_i\},$$

we have

$$-\mathcal{L}_v \nabla_j \eta_i = \eta_r \mathcal{L}_v \{r_i\}$$

from which $\mathcal{L}_v \varphi_{ji} = 0$ follows. Hence (i) reduces to (iii).

$$(ii). \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_v \xi^i &= g^{ji} \mathcal{L}_v \eta_j + \eta_j \mathcal{L}_v g^{ji} = g_{ji} \mathcal{L}_v \eta_j - 2\rho \xi^j \\ 2\rho &= \xi^j \mathcal{L}_v \eta_j = -\eta_j \mathcal{L}_v \xi^j = 0 \end{aligned}$$

from which we have $\mathcal{L}_v g_{ji} = 0$ and $\mathcal{L}_v \eta_i = 0$. Hence (ii) reduces to (i).

$$(iii). \quad \mathcal{L}_v \varphi_{ji} = g_{ri} \mathcal{L}_v \varphi_j^r + \rho \varphi_{ji}$$

Transvecting this with g^{ih} , we get

$$\mathcal{L}_v \varphi_j^h = -\rho \varphi_j^h$$

Next, operating \mathcal{L}_v to

$$\varphi_j^r \varphi_r^i = -\delta_j^i + \xi^i \eta_j$$

we have

$$2\rho(\delta_j^i - \xi^i \eta_j) = \mathcal{L}_v (\xi^i \eta_j)$$

from which we have $\rho=0$.

THEOREM 2.4. *In order that a transformation in a contact metric space be an infinitesimal isometry, it is necessary and sufficient that the transformation be infinitesimal η -conformal and infinitesimal affine at the same time.*

PROOF. The necessity is evident. We shall prove the sufficiency.

From (2.2) we have

$$\mathcal{L}_v \{g_{ji}^h\} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_j (\delta_i^h + \xi^h \eta_i) + \rho_i (\delta_j^h + \xi^h \eta_j) - \rho_h (g_{ji} + \eta_j \eta_i) \\ + 2\rho (\varphi_j^h \eta_j + \varphi_i^h \eta_j) \end{array} \right\} = 0.$$

By contraction with respect to j and h , we get $\rho_i = 0$, and

$$\rho (\varphi_j^h \eta_i + \varphi_i^h \eta_j) = 0.$$

Transvecting the last equation with $\varphi_k^j \xi^i$, we find $\rho = 0$. q. e. d.

More generally, if an infinitesimal η -conformal transformation v^i is an infinitesimal projective transformation, we have $\mathcal{L}_v g_{ji} = \rho (g_{ji} + \eta_j \eta_i)$ and $\mathcal{L}_v \{g_{ji}^h\} = \delta_i^h \sigma_j + \delta_i^h \sigma_j$.

From (2.2), it follows that

$$(2.16) \quad \delta_j^h \sigma_i + \delta_i^h \sigma_j = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_j (\delta_i^h + \xi^h \eta_i) + \rho_i (\delta_j^h + \xi^h \eta_j) \\ - \rho^h (g_{ji} + \eta_j \eta_i) + 2\rho (\varphi_j^h \eta_i + \varphi_i^h \eta_j) \end{array} \right\}.$$

Contracting (2.16) with respect to j and h , we get $\rho_i = 2\sigma_i$. Next transvecting (2.16) with η_h , we get

$$\eta_j \sigma_i + \eta_i \sigma_j = (\eta_r \sigma^r) (g_{ji} + \eta_j \eta_i)$$

from which we obtain $\eta_r \sigma^r = 0$ and $\sigma_i = 0$. By virtue of Theorem (2.4), v^i is an infinitesimal isometry. Thus we have

THEOREM 2.5. *In order that a transformation in a contact metric space be an infinitesimal isometry, it is necessary and sufficient that the transformation be infinitesimal η -conformal and infinitesimal projective at the same time.*

Lastly we shall consider the case that η -conformal transformation is a contact transformation.

LEMMA. *In a contact metric space, if an infinitesimal η -conformal transformation be an infinitesimal contact transformation, that is, $\mathcal{L}_v g_{ji} = \rho (g_{ji} + \eta_j \eta_i)$ and $\mathcal{L}_v \eta_i = \sigma \eta_i$, then we have $\rho = \sigma$.*

PROOF. $\sigma = \xi^i \mathcal{L}_v \eta_i = -\eta_i \mathcal{L}_v \xi^i = -\eta_i (g^{ji} \mathcal{L}_v \eta_j + \eta_j \mathcal{L}_v g^{ji}) = 2\rho - \sigma$.

Thus taking account of Theorem 0.1, we have the following

THEOREM 2.6. *In order that an infinitesimal transformation in a contact metric space leaves φ_j^i invariant, it is necessary and sufficient that the transformation be an infinitesimal η -conformal and infinitesimal contact at the same time.*

Moreover the following theorem is known [8.3].

THEOREM. *In a compact contact metric space an infinitesimal transformation which leaves φ_j^i invariant is an automorphism.*

According to the last two theorems, we have

THEOREM 2.7. *In a compact contact metric space, if an infinitesimal η -conformal transformation be an infinitesimal contact transformation, then it is an automorphism.*

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