

Some considerations on various curvature tensors

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K. Yano has introduced the notion of complex conformal connections in Kählerian spaces and showed

THEOREM A ([12]). *In a Kählerian space of real dimension ≥ 4 , if there exists a complex conformal connection with zero curvature, then the Bochner curvature tensor of the space vanishes.*

K. Yano has also introduced the notion of contact conformal connections in Sasakian spaces corresponding to complex conformal connections in Kählerian spaces and had

THEOREM B ([13]). *In a Sasakian space of dimension ≥ 5 , if there exists a contact conformal connection with zero curvature, then the contact Bochner curvature tensor of the space vanishes.*

In the present paper, we consider the converses of Theorem A and Theorem B.

We give algebraic preliminaries and notations in §§ 1 and 2. § 3 is devoted to the proof of Theorem 1, which asserts that if there exists a non-constant solution of a certain partial differential equation, the converse of Theorem A is true. In § 4, from a viewpoint of the notions of K -curvature and F -invariant curvature tensors, we define the Bochner curvature tensor of a K -space. Theorem 2 gives a characterization of the vanishing of the Bochner curvature tensor of a K -space. Lemma 10 shows that the converse of Theorem B is true, if there exists a non-constant function satisfying a certain system of partial differential equations.

We remark that a Sasakian space satisfying the assumptions in Lemma 10 admits another Sasakian structure of constant ϕ -holomorphic sectional -3 . The latter part of § 5 is devoted to the study of a system of partial differential equations in Lemma 10. Theorem 3 and Theorem 4 give a characterization of the Sasakian structure of constant ϕ -holomorphic sectional curvature -3 .

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Throughout this paper, our arguments are local and sometimes pointwise.

§ 1. Algebraic considerations.

Let V be a d -dimensional real vector space with an inner product g . A tensor L of type $(1, 3)$ over V can be considered as a bilinear mapping

$$(x, y) \in V \times V \longrightarrow L(x, y) \in \text{Hom}(V, V).$$

Such a tensor L is called a curvature tensor on V ([6]) if it has the following properties ;

- (a) $L(x, y) = -L(y, x)$;
- (b) $g(L(x, y)z, w) + g(L(x, y)w, z) = 0$;
- (c) $L(x, y)z + L(y, z)x + L(z, x)y = 0$ (*the first Bianchi identity*).

We denote by $\mathcal{L}_0(V)$ the vector space of all curvature tensors on V . It is a subspace of the tensor space of type $(1, 3)$ over V and has a natural inner product induced from that in V .

For $L \in \mathcal{L}_0(V)$, the Ricci tensor S_L of type $(1, 1)$ is a symmetric endomorphism of V given by

$$S_L(x) = \text{trace of the bilinear map : } (y, z) \in V \times V \rightarrow L(x, y)z \in V.$$

1.1. K -curvature tensors.

Consider the case when d is even, say $2n$, and V has a complex structure F and Hermitian inner product g . Then, a tensor $L \in \mathcal{L}_0(V)$ is said to be F -invariant ([11]) if it satisfies

$$(d) \quad g(L(x, y)z, w) = g(L(Fx, Fy)Fz, Fw),$$

and L is called a K -curvature tensor ([5]) if it satisfies

$$(e) \quad L(x, y) \circ F = F \circ L(x, y).$$

And we call an F -invariant curvature tensor L a K^* -curvature one if it satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} &g(L(Fx, y)z, w) + g(L(x, Fy)z, w) + g(L(x, y)Fz, w) \\ &+ g(L(x, y)z, Fw) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

If we denote by $\mathcal{L}(V)^*$, $\mathcal{L}^*(V)$ and $\mathcal{L}(V)$ the vector spaces of all F -invariant curvature, of all K^* -curvature and of all K -curvature tensors, respectively, then we have $\mathcal{L}_0(V) \supset \mathcal{L}(V)^* \supset \mathcal{L}^*(V) \supset \mathcal{L}(V)$. The projections of $\mathcal{L}_0(V)$ onto $\mathcal{L}(V)^*$, of $\mathcal{L}(V)^*$ onto $\mathcal{L}^*(V)$ and of $\mathcal{L}^*(V)$ onto $\mathcal{L}(V)$ are respectively given by

$$L_0 \in \mathcal{L}_0(V) \longrightarrow L^* \in \mathcal{L}^*(V),$$

where $2g(L^*(x, y)z, w) = g(L_0(x, y)z, w) + g(L_0(Fx, Fy)Fz, Fw)$,

$$L^* \in \mathcal{L}(V)^* \longrightarrow *L \in \mathcal{L}^*(V),$$

where $4g(*L(x, y)z, w) = 3g(L^*(x, y)z, w) + 3g(L^*(x, y)Fz, Fw) + g(L^*(x, Fy)z, Fw) + g(L^*(x, Fy)Fz, w)$,

and $*L \in \mathcal{L}^*(V) \longrightarrow L \in \mathcal{L}(V)$,

where $4g(L(x, y)z, w) = g(*L(x, y)z, w) + 2g(*L(x, y)Fz, Fw) - g(*L(x, w)Fy, Fz) + g(*L(y, w)Fx, Fz)$.

For an $L \in \mathcal{L}(V)^*$, its Ricci tensor commutes with F .

Let $\{x, y\}$ be an orthonormal basis for a 2-dimensional subspace P of V . Then for $L \in \mathcal{L}_0(V)$ we put

$$H(P) = H_L(P) = H_L(x, y) = g(L(x, y)y, x)$$

and call $H_L(P)$ the sectional curvature of L for P . It is well-known that $H_L(P)$ is independent on the choice of x and y in P . In particular, if the 2-dimensional subspace P is holomorphic, *i. e.*, invariant by the complex structure F and x is a unit vector in P , then $\{x, Fx\}$ is an orthonormal basis for P and for L we have

$$H_L(P) = g(L(x, Fx)Fx, x).$$

We call such $H_L(P)$ the holomorphic sectional curvature of L for holomorphic plane P .

For $x, y \in V$, we denote by $x \wedge y$ the skew-symmetric endomorphism of V defined by

$$(x \wedge y)z = g(y, z)x - g(x, z)y.$$

Let A and B be two symmetric endomorphisms of V which commute with F . We define $L = L_{A, B}$ by

$$L(x, y) = Ax \wedge By + Bx \wedge Ay + FAx \wedge FBy + FBx \wedge FAy + 2g(Ax, Fy)FB - 2g(Fx, By)FA.$$

Then the L is a K -curvature tensor.

In particular, if we take $A = cI/8$ and $B = I$, where I is the identity transformation of V and c is a constant, then the L becomes

$$L(x, y) = c/4 \cdot (x \wedge y + Fx \wedge Fy + 2g(x, Fy)F).$$

In this case the holomorphic sectional curvature $H_L(P)$ for every holomorphic plane P in V is identically equal to c . It is well-known that if $L \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ has constant holomorphic sectional curvature, say c , then it is of the above form. Hence, if $L \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ has constant holomorphic sectional curvature 0, then we have $L=0$.

Now, we define the Bochner tensor L_B associated to $L \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ ([5]) by

$$L_B = L - \frac{I}{2(n+2)} \left(L_{S_L, I} - \frac{\text{tr} S_L}{4(n+1)} L_{I, I} \right).$$

LEMMA 1. *Two K-curvature tensors L_1 and L_2 have the same Bochner tensor if and only if there exists a symmetric endomorphism A which commutes with F and satisfies*

$$L_1 - L_2 = L_{A, I}.$$

We call an orthonormal basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_n, Fe_1, \dots, Fe_n\}$ for V an F -basis.

LEMMA 2. *If $n \geq 2$ and $L_B = 0$ for an $L \in \mathcal{L}(V)$, then we have*

$$H_L(e_i, Fe_i) + H_L(e_j, Fe_j) = 8H_L(e_i, e_j), \quad (i \neq j)$$

for every F -basis for V , where $i, j=1, 2, \dots, n$.

For the proofs of Lemmas 1 and 2, see [5] and [4], respectively.

LEMMA 3. *Let $L_B = 0$ for $L \in \mathcal{L}(V)$ and $n \geq 2$. If there exists on V a nonzero vector v such that $L(v, x) = 0$ for all $x \in V$, then we have $L = 0$.*

PROOF. Let e_1 be a unit vector in the direction of v . Then by means of properties of L and our assumption we have

$$L(e_1, x) = L(x, e_1) = L(Fe_1, x) = L(x, Fe_1) = 0$$

for all $x \in V$. For any unit vector x of V , take an F -basis $\{e_i, Fe_i\}$ in such a way that

$$x = ae_1 + bFe_1 + ce_2,$$

where a, b and c are constants. Then, by virtue of Lemma 2, we have

$$H_L(e_1, Fe_1) + H_L(e_i, Fe_i) = 8H_L(e_1, e_i), \quad (i \neq 1)$$

and hence

$$H_L(e_i, Fe_i) = 0, \quad (i=2, \dots, n).$$

Therefore we have

$$H_L(x, Fx) = c^4 H_L(e_2, Fe_2) = 0.$$

Since x is arbitrarily taken, L has constant holomorphic sectional curvature 0 and we have $L=0$.

LEMMA 4. *The Bochner tensor associated to a K-curvature tensor L vanishes if and only if there exists a symmetric endomorphism A of V which commutes with F and satisfies*

$$H_L(x, Fx) = -8g(Ax, x),$$

for any unit vector $x \in V$.

For the proof, see [2].

For $L \in \mathcal{L}(V)^*$, the Bochner tensor associated to L means $(\pi L)_B$, where π is the projection map of $\mathcal{L}(V)^*$ onto $\mathcal{L}(V)$.

LEMMA 5. *The Bochner tensor associated to an F -invariant curvature tensor L vanishes if and only if there exists a symmetric endomorphism A which commutes with F and satisfies*

$$H_L(x, Fx) = -8g(Ax, x),$$

for any unit vector $x \in V$.

PROOF. Taking account of Lemma 4, we can get Lemma 5 by

$$H_L(x, Fx) = H_{\pi L}(x, Fx).$$

1.2. S -curvature-like tensors.

Consider the case when d is odd and V has a (ϕ, ξ, η, g) -structure. An $L_0 \in \mathcal{L}_0(V)$ is called an S -curvature tensor over V ([15]) if it has the properties ;

$$\begin{aligned} L_0(x, y) \phi z &= \phi L_0(x, y) z + g(\phi x, z) y - g(\phi y, z) x - g(y, z) \phi x \\ &\quad + g(x, z) \phi y ; \end{aligned}$$

$$L_0(\xi, x) y = g(x, y) \xi - \eta(y) x.$$

A curvature tensor L is called an S -curvature-like tensor over V ([15]) if it satisfies

$$L(x, y) \circ \phi = \phi \circ L(x, y) ;$$

$$L(\xi, x) = 0.$$

To each S -curvature tensor L_0 , we assign an S -curvature-like tensor L by the relation

$$\begin{aligned} L(x, y) z &= L_0(x, y) z + \eta(x) (\eta(z) y - g(y, z) \xi) \\ (\alpha) \quad &\quad - \eta(y) (\eta(z) x - g(x, z) \xi - g(\phi x, z) \phi y \\ &\quad + g(\phi y, z) \phi x - 2g(\phi x, y) \phi z). \end{aligned}$$

We define an even dimensional subspace D of V by

$$\eta = 0,$$

and put $g_0(x, y) = g(x, y) - \eta(x)\eta(y)$. Then (ϕ, g_0) can be considered as the Hermitian structure on D . When we restrict ourselves to D , every S -curvature-like tensor over V can be regarded as a K -curvature tensor on D with respect to the Hermitian structure (ϕ, g_0) . Hence, we can introduce some quantities corresponding to those in 1.1. In particular, we can define the contact Bochner tensor L_B associated to each S -curvature-like tensor L . L_B may be regarded as the contact Bochner tensor associated to an S -curvature tensor L_0 if L and L_0 are related by the relation (α) . We have a ϕ -holomorphic sectional curvature corresponding to the holomorphic sectional curvature.

Then we easily see

LEMMA 6 (cf. [7]). *Let L and L_0 be an S -curvature-like tensor and an S -curvature tensor, respectively, which are related by (α) . Then $L=0$ if and only if L_0 is of constant ϕ -holomorphic sectional curvature -3 .*

§ 2. Notations.

Let M be a d -dimensional Riemannian manifold with a positive definite Riemannian metric g . Since the tangent vector space $T_m(M)$ of M at each point m of M has an inner product $g(m)$, we may consider curvature tensors over $T_m(M)$. A (differentiable) tensor field L of type $(1, 3)$ on M is called a generalized curvature tensor ([6]) if for each m the tensor $L(m)$ is a curvature tensor over $T_m(M)$. Similarly, we define a generalized K -curvature tensor, etc., in an almost Hermitian space, and a generalized S -curvature-like tensor, etc., in an almost contact metric space. For details, see [6], [5] and [15].

Let $\{U; (x^i)\}$ be a system of coordinate neighborhoods in M , where and in the sequel the Latin indices run over the range $\{1, 2, \dots, d\}$. We denote by $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} h \\ j \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$, ∇_j , K_{kji}^h , K_{ji} and K the Riemann-Christoffel symbols, the covariant differentiation, the Riemannian curvature tensor, the Ricci tensor and the scalar curvature with respect to the metric $g=(g_{ji})$, respectively. Then K_{kji}^h is a generalized curvature tensor.

§ 3. Complex conformal connections.

In §§ 3 and 4, we consider the case when d is even, say $2n$, and M has an almost Hermitian structure (F_i^h, g_{ji}) .

Let M be a Kählerian space of real dimension ≥ 4 . In a Kählerian space M , the Riemannian curvature tensor $K_{kji}{}^h$ is a generalized K -curvature tensor and we call the Bochner tensor associated to $K_{kji}{}^h$ the Bochner curvature tensor of M .

An affine connection $\bar{\nabla}$ is called a complex conformal connection ([13]) if its components $\Gamma_{ji}{}^h$ is given by

$$\Gamma_{ji}{}^h = \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ j \ i \end{matrix} \right\} + \delta_j{}^h p_i + \delta_i{}^h p_j - g_{ji} p^h + F_j{}^h q_i + F_i{}^h q_j - F_{ji} q^h,$$

where $(p_i) = dp$ for a certain function p on M , and $q_i = -F_i{}^j p_j$. The curvature tensor of the complex conformal connection is given by

$$\begin{aligned} R_{kji}{}^h &= K_{kji}{}^h - \delta_k{}^h P_{ji} + \delta_j{}^h P_{ki} - P_k{}^h g_{ji} + P_j{}^h g_{ki} - F_k{}^h Q_{ji} \\ &\quad + F_j{}^h Q_{ki} - Q_k{}^h F_{ji} + Q_j{}^h F_{ki} + Q_k{}^h F_{ji} + (\nabla_k g_j - \nabla_j g_k) F_i{}^h \\ &\quad - 2F_{kj} (p_i q^h - q_i p^h), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P_{ji} &= \nabla_j p_i - p_j p_i + q_j q_i + 1/2 \cdot \lambda g_{ji}, \\ Q_{ji} &= -P_{jt} F_i{}^t, \end{aligned}$$

and $\lambda = g^{ji} p_j p_i$.

Since we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_{kji}{}^h + R_{jik}{}^h + R_{ikj}{}^h &= 2F_{ij} (\nabla_k q^h - 2q_k p^h + \lambda F_k{}^h) \\ &\quad + 2F_{ki} (\nabla_j q^h - 2q_j p^h + \lambda F_j{}^h) + 2F_{jk} (\nabla_i q^h - 2q_i p^h + \lambda F_i{}^h), \end{aligned}$$

in order that

$$R_{kji}{}^h + R_{jik}{}^h + R_{ikj}{}^h = 0,$$

it is necessary and sufficient that

$$\nabla_j q_i - 2q_j p_i + \lambda F_{ji} = 0,$$

or

$$(*) \quad \nabla_j p_i + 2q_j q_i + \lambda g_{ji} = 0.$$

In particular, if we get $R_{kji}{}^h = 0$, then we have (*) and by Theorem A the Bochner curvature tensor of M vanishes.

We consider the converse.

We suppose the existence of a nonconstant function p satisfying (*). Then a complex conformal connection $\bar{\nabla}$ is defined corresponding to the function p and its curvature tensor $R_{kji}{}^h$ is a generalized K -curvature tensor. Since it is easily verified that the two generalized K -curvature tensors $R_{kji}{}^h$

and $R_{kji}{}^h$ are related by the relation stated in Lemma 1, we have

LEMMA 7. *If there exists a nonconstant function p satisfying (*), then two generalized K -curvature tensors $K_{kji}{}^h$ and $R_{kji}{}^h$ have the same Bochner tensor. In particular, the Bochner tensor associated to $K_{kji}{}^h$ vanishes if and only if that to $R_{kji}{}^h$ vanishes.*

Let $\bar{\nabla}_j$ denote the covariant differentiation for the complex conformal connection $\bar{\nabla}$. Then from (*), we have

$$\bar{\nabla}_j p_i = -p_j p_i.$$

The Ricci identity for $\bar{\nabla}$ gives

$$\bar{\nabla}_k \bar{\nabla}_j p_i - \bar{\nabla}_j \bar{\nabla}_k p_i = -R_{kji}{}^h p_h - T_{kj}{}^h \bar{\nabla}_h p_i,$$

where $T_{kj}{}^h$ is the torsion tensor of $\bar{\nabla}$, from which we obtain

$$R_{kji}{}^h p_h = 0.$$

Taking account of Lemmas 3 and 7, we have

THEOREM 1. *In a Kählerian space of real dimension ≥ 4 , with the vanishing Bochner curvature tensor, if there exists a nonconstant function p satisfying (*), then we have a complex conformal connection with zero curvature.*

The Bochner curvature tensor $B_{kji}{}^h$ of M is rewritten as follows ([9]);

$$\begin{aligned} B_{kji}{}^h &= K_{kji}{}^h + \delta_k{}^h L_{ji} - \delta_j{}^h L_{ki} + L_k{}^h g_{ji} - L_j{}^h g_{ki} \\ (\beta) \quad &+ F_k{}^h M_{ji} - F_j{}^h M_{ki} + M_k{}^h F_{ji} - M_j{}^h F_{ki} \\ &- 2(M_k{}^j F_i{}^h + F_{kj} M_i{}^h) \end{aligned}$$

where $L_{ji} = -\frac{1}{2(n+2)} \left(K_{ji} - \frac{1}{4(n+1)} K g_{ji} \right)$,

$$M_{ji} = -L_{jt} F_i{}^t.$$

§ 4. Bochner curvature tensor in a K -space.

M is a K -space if the associated almost Hermitian structure $(F_i{}^h, g_{ji})$ satisfies

$$\nabla_j F_i{}^h + \nabla_i F_j{}^h = 0.$$

PROPOSITION 1. *In a K -space, if the tensor $B_{kji}{}^h$ given by (β) vanishes, the space is Kählerian.*

PROOF. In general, we have

$$B_{tji}{}^t = \frac{3}{n+4} (K_{ji} - K_{ts} F_j{}^t F_i{}^s),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_k \nabla_j F_i^h - \nabla_j \nabla_k F_i^h &= K_{kjt}{}^h F_i^t - K_{kji}{}^t F_t^h \\ &= B_{kjt}{}^h F_i^t - B_{kji}{}^t F_t^h \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{n+4} F_{kj} (K_{ia} - K_{ts} F_i^t F_a^s) g^{ah}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, if $B_{kji}{}^h = 0$, we get

$$(\gamma) \quad \nabla_k \nabla_j F_i^h - \nabla_j \nabla_k F_i^h = 0.$$

It is well-known that if a K -space has the property (γ) , then the space is Kählerian.

Proposition 1 tells us that it is meaningless to consider a K -space with $B_{kji}{}^h = 0$. Therefore we should go to the meaningful direction.

LEMMA 8 ([3]). *In a K -space, we have*

$$K_{kjih} = K_{dcba} F_k^d F_j^c F_i^b F_h^a,$$

that is, $K_{kji}{}^h$ is F -invariant.

By the argument in 1.1 and Lemma 8, we have the Bochner curvature tensor $B_{kji}{}^h$ of a K -space, that is, the Bochner tensor associated to $K_{kji}{}^h$. However, since by Lemma 9 below we see that $K_{kji}{}^h$ in a K -space is a generalized K^* -curvature tensor we here give the Bochner one in this sense;

$$\begin{aligned} B_{kji}{}^h &= 1/4 \cdot (K_{kji}{}^h - 2K_{kjt}{}^s F_i^t F_s^h - K_k{}^h{}_{ts} F_j^t F_i^s + K_j{}^h{}_{ts} F_k^t F_i^s) \\ &\quad + \delta_k{}^h L_{ji}^* - \delta_j{}^h L_{ki}^* + L_k{}^{*h} g_{ji} - L_j{}^{*h} g_{ki} + F_k{}^h M_{ji}^* - F_j{}^h M_{ki}^* \\ &\quad + M_k{}^{*h} F_{ji} - M_j{}^{*h} F_{ki} - 2(M_{kj}^* F_i^h + F_{kj} M_i^{*h}), \end{aligned}$$

where $L_{ji}^* = -\frac{1}{8(n+2)} \left(K_{ji} + 3K_{ji}^* - \frac{1}{4(n+1)} (K + 3K^*) g_{ji} \right)$,

$$M_{ji}^* = -L_{jt}^* F_i^t,$$

and $K_{ji}^* = -1/2 \cdot K_{jcba} F_i^c F^{ba}$, $K^* = g^{ji} K_{ji}^*$. $B_{kji}{}^h$ is the Bochner tensor associated to a generalized K^* -curvature tensor $K_{kji}{}^h$, and in a K -space we can rewrite $B_{kji}{}^h$ more precisely. To do this we need

LEMMA 9 ([3]). *In a K -space we have*

$$K_{kjih} - K_{kjt}{}^s F_i^t F_h^s = -\nabla_k F_{jt} \nabla_i F_h^t.$$

(Therefore, $K_{kji}{}^h$ in a K -space is a generalized K^* -curvature tensor.)

By Lemma 9 we get

$$\begin{aligned} &1/4 \cdot (K_{kjih} + 2K_{kjt}{}^s F_i^t F_h^s - K_{kht}{}^s F_j^t F_i^s + K_{jht}{}^s F_k^t F_i^s) \\ &= K_{kjih} - 1/4 \cdot (3K_{kjih} - 2K_{kjt}{}^s F_i^t F_h^s + K_{kht}{}^s F_j^t F_i^s - K_{jht}{}^s F_k^t F_i^s) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= K_{kjih} - 1/4 \cdot \left(2(K_{kjih} - K_{kjts} F_i^t F_h^s) - (K_{khji} - K_{khts} F_j^t F_i^s) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (K_{jhki} - K_{jhst} F_k^t F_i^s) \right) \\
&= K_{kjih} - 1/4 \cdot (\nabla_k F_{ht} \nabla_j F_i^t - \nabla_k F_{it} \nabla_j F_h^t - 2\nabla_k F_{jt} \nabla_i F_h^t),
\end{aligned}$$

by virtue of the first Bianchi identity for K_{kji}^h , and

$$\begin{aligned}
B_{kji}^{*h} &= \delta_k^h L_{ji}^* - \delta_j^h L_{ki}^* + L_k^{*h} g_{ji} - L_j^{*h} g_{ki} + F_k^h M_{ji}^* - F_j^h M_{ki}^* \\
&\quad + M_k^{*h} F_{ji} - M_j^{*h} F_{ki} - 2(M_{kj}^* F_i^h + F_{kj} M_i^{*h}) + K_{kji}^h \\
&\quad + 1/4 \cdot (\nabla_k F_i^h \nabla_j F_i^t - \nabla_k F_i^t \nabla_j F_i^h - 2\nabla_k F_j^t \nabla_i F_t^h).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

THEOREM 2 (cf. [2], [8]). *Let M be a K -space. M has the vanishing Bochner curvature tensor if and only if there exists a symmetric and hybrid $(0, 2)$ -tensor A_{ji} satisfying*

$$H(x^h) = -8A_{ji} x^j x^i,$$

for any unit vector x^h , where H denotes the holomorphic sectional curvature for K_{kji}^h . In this case we have

$$A_{ji} = L_{ji}^*.$$

PROOF. By Lemma 5 the proof is easy.

§ 5. Contact conformal connections.

In this section, we consider the case when d is odd, and M has a Sasakian structure.

5.1. Sasakian structure.

Let (ϕ, ξ, η, g) be an almost contact metric structure on M . Then the following four tensors are well-known ;

$$N^{(1)}(x, y) = \phi^2[x, y] + [\phi x, \phi y] - \phi[\phi x, y] + \phi[\phi x, \phi y] + d\eta(x, y)\xi,$$

$$N^{(2)}(x, y) = (\mathcal{L}_{\phi x}\phi)y - (\mathcal{L}_{\phi y}\phi)x.$$

$$N^{(3)}(x) = (\mathcal{L}_{\xi}\phi)x,$$

$$N^{(4)}(x) = (\mathcal{L}_{\xi}\eta)(x),$$

for any vectors x and y on M , where \mathcal{L} denotes the Lie differentiation. We define a distribution D on M by the equation $\eta=0$.

(ϕ, ξ, η, g) is normal if $N^{(1)}=0$ (then we also have $N^{(2)}=N^{(3)}=N^{(4)}=0$), and contact if $g(\phi x, y)=1/2 \cdot d\eta(x, y)$ for all x and y . A normal and contact

structure is called a Sasakian structure. For a Sasakian structure (ϕ, ξ, η, g) we have

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_x \phi) y &= \eta(y) x - g(x, y) \xi, \\ \nabla_x \xi &= \phi_x. \end{aligned}$$

In a Sasakian space, the Riemannian curvature tensor is a generalized S -curvature tensor, The contact Bochner tensor associated to the Riemannian curvature tensor is called a contact Bochner curvature tensor of the space.

PROPOSITION 2 ([10]). *In a Sasakian space, there exists a unique affine connection $\overset{\circ}{\nabla}$ satisfying the following conditions :*

- (i) $\overset{\circ}{\nabla} \phi = \overset{\circ}{\nabla} \xi = \overset{\circ}{\nabla} \eta = \overset{\circ}{\nabla} g = 0$;
- (ii) $\overset{\circ}{T}(x, y) = d\eta(x, y) \xi$,
 $\overset{\circ}{T}(\phi x, \xi) = -\phi \overset{\circ}{T}(x, \xi)$, for all $x, y \in D$,

where $\overset{\circ}{T}$ is the torsion tensor of $\overset{\circ}{\nabla}$. (The connection $\overset{\circ}{\nabla}$ is called the canonical affine connection of (ϕ, ξ, η, g) .)

If we denote by $\overset{\circ}{\Gamma}_{ji}^h$ the components of $\overset{\circ}{\nabla}$, then we have

$$\overset{\circ}{\Gamma}_{ji}^h = \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ j \ i \end{matrix} \right\} - \phi_j^h \eta_i - \phi_i^h \eta_j + \phi_{ji} \xi^h .$$

In this case, the curvature tensor for $\overset{\circ}{\nabla}$ is a generalized S -curvature-like tensor and corresponds to the generalized S -curvature tensor K_{kji}^h under the relation (α) .

5.2. Contact conformal connections.

In the sequel, we consider a Sasakian space $M(\phi_i^h, \xi^h, \eta_i, g_{ji})$.

An affine connection $\bar{\nabla}$ is called a contact conformal connection ([14]) if its components Γ_{ji}^h is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{ji}^h &= \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ j \ i \end{matrix} \right\} + (\delta_j^h - \eta_j \xi^h) p_i + (\delta_i^h - \eta_i \xi^h) p_j - (g_{ji} - \eta_j \eta_i) p_h \\ &\quad + \phi_j^h (q_i - \eta_i) + \phi_i^h (q_j - \eta_j) - \phi_{ji} (q^h - \xi^h) , \end{aligned}$$

where $(p_i) = dp$ for a certain function p on M satisfying $\mathcal{L}_\xi p = 0$, and $q_i = \phi_i^j p_j$.

We consider the following :

$$(**) \quad \nabla_j p_i + 2q_j q_i - q_j \eta_i - \eta_j q_i + \lambda (g_{ji} - \eta_j \eta_i) = 0 ,$$

where $\lambda = g^{ji} p_j p_i$. Then corresponding to theorem 1, we have

LEMMA 10. *In a Sasakian space of dimension ≥ 5 , with the vanishing contact Bochner curvature tensor, if there exists a nonconstant function p*

satisfying (**) and $\mathcal{L}_\xi p=0$, then we have a contact conformal connection with zero curvature.

We assume the existence of a function p satisfying (**) and $\mathcal{L}_\xi p=0$. Then, if we set

$$(\delta) \quad \begin{aligned} * \eta_i &= e^{2p} \eta_i, \quad * \xi^h = e^{-2p} (\xi^h - q^h), \quad * \phi_i^h = \phi_i^h - \eta_i p^h, \\ * g_{ji} &= e^{2p} (g_{ji} + (e^{2p} - 1 + \lambda) \eta_j \eta_i + q_j \eta_i + \eta_j q_i), \end{aligned}$$

then the structure $(*\phi, * \xi, * \eta, * g)$ is another almost contact metric structure on M . Furthermore we can be easily verify that

$$(\varepsilon) \quad \begin{aligned} d* \eta(x, y) &= d* \eta(\phi x, \phi y), \\ [* \phi x, * \phi y] - [x, y] - * \phi [* \phi x, y] - * \phi [x, * \phi y] &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in *D = D$. The second equation of (ε) is equivalent to

$$*N^{(1)}(x, y) + * \eta(x) * \phi * N^{(3)}(y) - * \eta(y) * \phi * N^{(3)}(x) = 0,$$

for all vectors x and y on M , under the first equation of (ε) .

On the other hand, substituting (δ) into

$$(*N^{(3)})_i^h = \mathcal{L}_{*\xi} * \phi_i^h = * \xi^t \nabla_t * \phi_i^h + * \phi_i^h \nabla_t * \xi^t - * \phi_i^t \nabla_t * \xi^h,$$

and using (1), we have $*N^{(3)} = 0$. Consequently, the structure $(*\phi, * \xi, * \eta, * g)$ is normal. Since it is very easy to verify that the structure $(*\phi, * \xi, * \eta, * g)$ is contact, we have another Sasakian structure $(*\phi, * \xi, * \eta, * g)$. By the direct calculation, we also see that the curvature tensor for the canonical affine connection $*\overset{\circ}{\nabla}$ of the structure $(*\phi, * \xi, * \eta, * g)$ coincides with that for $\bar{\nabla}$. Hence, by Lemmas 6 and 10, we have

THEOREM 3. *In a Sasakian space of dimension ≥ 5 , with the vanishing contact Bochner curvature tensor, if there exists a nonconstant function p satisfying (**) and $\mathcal{L}_\xi p=0$, then we have another Sasakian structure of constant ϕ -holomorphic sectional curvature -3 .*

Lastly, we consider a Sasakian structure $(*\phi, * \xi, * \eta, * g)$ of constant ϕ -holomorphic sectional curvature -3 . Then the Riemannian curvature tensor $*K_{kji}^h$ has the form ([7])

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} *K_{kji}^h &= \delta_k^h * \eta_j * \eta_i - \delta_j^h * \eta_k * \eta_i + * \eta_k * \xi^h * g_{ji} \\ &\quad - * \eta_j * \xi^h * g_{ki} - * \phi_k^h * \phi_{ji} + * \phi_j^h * \phi_{ki} + 2 * \phi_{kj} * \phi_i^h. \end{aligned}$$

We consider a system of partial differential equations:

$$(***) \quad * \nabla_j p_i = -2p_j p_i + * q_j * \eta_i + * q_i * \eta_j,$$

where $*q_i = - * \phi_i^j p_j$ and $* \nabla_j$ is the covariant differentiation for $*g$. The integrability condition of (***),

$$*\nabla_k*\nabla_j p_i - *\nabla_j*\nabla_k p_i = -*K_{kji}{}^h p_h,$$

is satisfied by any p_i satisfying (***) by virtue of the form of $*K_{kji}{}^h$. Then, transvecting (***) with $*\xi^i$ and taking account of $*\nabla_j*\xi^i = *\phi_j^i$, we have

$$*\nabla_j(*\xi^i p_i) = -2*\xi^i p_i p_j,$$

and

$$*\nabla_j(*\xi^i p_i e^{2p}) = 0,$$

that is, $*\xi^i p_i e^{2p}$ is a constant, say c , where p is a (local) function satisfying $*\nabla_j p = p_j$. If we give an initial condition for p_i such that $*\xi^i p_i = 0$ at a point m of M , then we get $*\xi^i p_i = ce^{-2p} = 0$ at m and $c = 0$, that is,

$$\mathcal{L}_{*\xi} p = *\xi^i p_i = 0.$$

By the similar argument about $*g^{ji} p_j p_i$ we see that there exists a (local) non-constant function p satisfying $\mathcal{L}_{*\xi} p = 0$ and (***), $(p_i) = dp$.

Then we can easily verify that there exists a (local) Sasakian structure (ϕ, ξ, η, g) with the vanishing contact Bochner curvature tensor, which is related to the structure $(*\phi, *\xi, *\eta, *g)$ by (δ) . The function p satisfies (**) and $\mathcal{L}_{*\xi} p = 0$. Hence we have proved

THEOREM 4. *Given a Sasakian structure of constant ϕ -holomorphic sectional curvature -3 , then there exists a (local) Sasakian structure with the vanishing contact Bochner curvature tensor and a (local) non-constant function p satisfying (**) and $\mathcal{L}_{*\xi} p = 0$.*

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