

On vanishing contact Bochner curvature tensor

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Recently T. Kashiwada [2]¹⁾ has given various necessary and sufficient conditions in order that a Kählerian space has vanishing Bochner curvature tensor. In the present paper, we study some conditions in order that a Sasakian space has vanishing contact Bochner curvature tensor and also give some applications of our results.

In §1 state fundamental identities for the contact Bochner curvature tensor in a Sasakian space.

§2 is devoted to the study of conditions in order that a Sasakian space has vanishing contact Bochner curvature tensor and we give two theorems which are analogous to the results due to T. Kashiwada [2].

T. Sakaguchi [4] has introduced the concept of a complex semi-symmetric metric F -connection in a Kählerian space and in terms of certain properties of the connection he has given a sufficient condition in order that a Kählerian space has vanishing Bochner curvature tensor. On the other hand, in a Sasakian space the concept of a contact conformal connection has been introduced by K. Yano [5]. Corresponding to the study of T. Sakaguchi [4], in §3 we consider a Sasakian space admitting a contact conformal connection. Then, as an application of our first theorem in §2, we get a sufficient condition in order that a Sasakian space with a contact conformal connection has vanishing contact Bochner curvature tensor.

M. Matsumoto and G. Chuman [3] have studied a compact Sasakian space with vanishing contact Bochner curvature tensor and have given various conditions for the second Betti number to be zero. In §4, making use of our second theorem in §2, we show that the theorem of M. Matsumoto and G. Chuman is valid even if one of the conditions in it is replaced by a weaker one.

§1. Preliminaries.

Let M be a m -dimensional Riemannian space covered by a system of coordinate neighborhoods $\{(U; y^h)\}$, where here and in the sequel, the indices

1) Numbers in brackets refer to references at the end of the paper.

h, i, j, k, \dots run over the range $\{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$, and g_{ji} a positive definite Riemannian metric tensor of M . Moreover, let $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} h \\ j \ i \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$, ∇_j , K_{kji}^h , K_{ji} and K be the Christoffel symbols formed with g_{ji} , the operator of covariant differentiation induced from $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} h \\ j \ i \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$, the curvature tensor with respect to ∇_j , the Ricci tensor and the scalar curvature, respectively.

M is called Sasakian if there exists a unit Killing vector field η^h such that

$$(1.1) \quad \nabla_k \nabla_j \eta_i = \eta_j g_{ki} - \eta_i g_{kj}.$$

Throughout this paper we only consider a Sasakian space $M(\eta^h, g_{ji})$.

If we put $\varphi_i^h = \nabla_i \eta^h$, $(\varphi_i^h, \eta_i, g_{ji})$ give an almost contact metric structure to M and hence M is orientable and m is odd: $m = 2n + 1$.

Applying the Ricci identity to η_i we have

$$\nabla_k \nabla_j \eta_i - \nabla_j \nabla_k \eta_i = -K_{kji}^h \eta_h,$$

from which it follows that

$$K_{kji}^h \eta_h = \eta_k g_{ji} - \eta_j g_{ki}, \quad K_k^h \eta_h = (m-1)\eta_k.$$

As (1.1) becomes

$$(1.2) \quad \nabla_j \varphi_i^h = \eta_i \delta_j^h - g_{ji} \eta^h,$$

applying the Ricci identity to φ_i^h we have

$$\nabla_k \nabla_j \varphi_i^h - \nabla_j \nabla_k \varphi_i^h = K_{kjl}^h \varphi_i^l - K_{kji}^l \varphi_l^h,$$

from which we can get the following formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} K_{kjlh} \varphi_j^l + K_{kji}^l \varphi_h^l &= \varphi_{ki} g_{jh} - \varphi_{ji} g_{kh} + \varphi_{jh} g_{ki}, \\ \frac{1}{2} K_{kjih} \varphi^{ih} &= K_{ki} \varphi_j^i + (m-2) \varphi_{kj}, \quad K_{ki} \varphi_j^i = -K_{ji} \varphi_k^i. \end{aligned}$$

The contact Bochner curvature tensor B_{kji}^h is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} B_{kji}^h &= K_{kji}^h + (\delta_k^h - \eta_k \eta^h) L_{ji} - (\delta_j^h - \eta_j \eta^h) L_{ki} + L_k^h (g_{ji} - \eta_j \eta_i) \\ &\quad - L_j^h (g_{ki} - \eta_k \eta_i) + \varphi_k^h M_{ji} - \varphi_j^h M_{ki} + M_k^h \varphi_{ji} - M_j^h \varphi_{ki} \\ &\quad - 2(M_{kj} \varphi_i^h + \varphi_{kj} M_i^h) + (\varphi_k^h \varphi_{ji} - \varphi_j^h \varphi_{ki} - 2\varphi_{kj} \varphi_i^h), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} L_{ji} &= -\frac{1}{m+3} (K_{ji} + (L+3) g_{ji} - (L-1) \eta_j \eta_i), \\ M_{ji} &= -L_{jk} \varphi_i^k \\ &= \frac{1}{m+3} (K_{jk} \varphi_i^k - (L+3) \varphi_{ji}), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$L = g^{ji} L_{ji} = -\frac{K+3m+1}{2(m+1)}.$$

The contact Bochner curvature tensor satisfies the following identities :

$$(1.3) \quad B_{kjih} = B_{ihkj} = -B_{jkih} = -B_{kjhi}, \quad B_{kjih} + B_{jikh} + B_{ikjh} = 0,$$

and

$$(1.4) \quad B_{kjih}\eta^k = 0.$$

§ 2. Main theorems.

In the following, by the word ‘ φ -basis’ we mean an orthonormal basis $\{e_i\}$ such that $e_0 = \eta$, $e_{\lambda^*} = e_{\lambda+n} = \varphi e_\lambda$ ($\lambda = 1, \dots, n$). First of all, we state

LEMMA 2.1. *In an m -dimensional Sasakian space M , the contact Bochner curvature tensor vanishes if and only if $B(e_i, e_j, e_i, e_j) = 0$ for every φ -basis.*

PROOF. Since the contact Bochner curvature tensor B satisfies the relations (1.3), we have the following equation (cf. Bishop and Goldberg [1]) :

$$B(X, Y, X, Y) = \frac{1}{32} \left(3P(X + \varphi Y) + 3P(X - \varphi Y) - P(X + Y) - P(X - Y) - 4P(X) - 4P(Y) \right),$$

for any vectors X and Y orthogonal to the vector η , where $P(X) = B(X, \varphi X, X, \varphi X)$. Then, taking account of (1.4), we obtain the result of Lemma 2.1.

With respect to a φ -basis $\{\eta, e_\lambda, e_{\lambda^*}\}$, g_{ji} , φ_{ji} , K_{kjih} and K_{ji} have the numerical values as follows :

$$\begin{aligned} g_{ji} &= \delta_{ji}, \\ \varphi_{\lambda\lambda^*} &= -\varphi_{\lambda^*\lambda} = 1, \quad \varphi_{j\lambda} = 0 \quad (j \neq \lambda^*), \quad \varphi_{00} = 0, \\ K_{kj\lambda\mu^*} + K_{kj\lambda^*\mu} &= \varphi_{k\lambda} \delta_{j\mu} - \varphi_{k\mu} \delta_{j\lambda} - \varphi_{j\lambda} \delta_{k\mu} + \varphi_{j\mu} \delta_{k\lambda}, \quad K_{\lambda 0 0 \lambda} = K_{\lambda^* 0 0 \lambda^*} = 1, \\ K_{\lambda^* \mu^*} &= K_{\lambda \mu}, \quad K_{\lambda \mu^*} = -K_{\lambda^* \mu}, \quad K_{00} = m - 1, \quad K_{\lambda 0} = K_{\lambda^* 0} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Putting

$$B_{kjih} = K_{kjih} + \frac{1}{m+3} U_{kjih},$$

we have

$$B_{abba} = K_{abba} + \frac{1}{m+3} U_{abba},$$

where

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} U_{abba} &= -(K_{aa} + K_{bb} - k + 4), \\ (|a| \neq |b|, |a| = \lambda \text{ for } a = \lambda \text{ or } \lambda^*; a, b = 1, 2, \dots, 2n) \\ U_{\lambda\lambda^*\lambda^*\lambda} &= -8K_{\lambda\lambda} + 4k + 3m - 7, \end{aligned}$$

k being $(K + m - 1)/(m + 1)$.

Then we get the following first main theorem which has analogy to the theorem due to Kashiwada [2]:

THEOREM 2.2. *In an $m (\geq 9)$ -dimensional Sasakian space, if*

$$K_{abcd} = 0, \quad (|a|, |b|, |c|, |d| \neq)$$

holds for every φ -basis, then the contact Bochner curvature tensor vanishes. The converse is true. (By ' $|a|, |b|, |c|, |d| \neq$ ' we mean that $|a|, |b|, |c|, |d|$ differ from one another.)

PROOF. Let

$$(2.2) \quad K_{abcd} = 0 \quad (|a|, |b|, |c|, |d| \neq)$$

for a φ -basis $\{\eta, e_\lambda, \varphi e_\lambda\}$.

We take another φ -basis

$$(*) \quad \begin{aligned} e'_\lambda &= te_\lambda + se_\mu \\ e'_\mu &= -se_\lambda + te_\mu \\ e'_a &= e_a \quad (|a| \neq \lambda, \mu) \quad (e'_0 = e_0) \end{aligned}$$

where t and s are real numbers such that $t^2 + s^2 = 1$ and $ts \neq 0$. As (2.2) holds for this φ -basis, we have

$$0 = g(K(e'_\lambda, e_a) e'_\mu, e_b) = -ts(K_{\lambda a \lambda b} - K_{\mu a \mu b}),$$

i. e.
$$K_{a \lambda \lambda b} = K_{a \mu \mu b} \quad (|a|, |b|, \lambda, \mu \neq).$$

By replacing e_λ with e_{λ^*} , we have

$$K_{a \lambda^* \lambda^* b} = K_{a \mu \mu b} \quad (|a|, |b|, \lambda, \mu \neq).$$

So we get

$$(2.3) \quad K_{a \lambda \lambda b} = K_{a \lambda^* \lambda^* b} \quad (|a|, |b|, \lambda \neq).$$

Since (2.3) is true for every φ -basis, for φ -basis (*) we know

$$g(K(e'_\lambda, e_{\nu^*}) e_{\nu^*}, e'_\mu) = g(K(e'_\lambda, e_\nu) e_\nu, e'_\mu) \quad (\lambda, \mu, \nu \neq)$$

which implies

$$(2.4) \quad K_{\lambda\nu^*\nu^*\lambda} - K_{\mu\nu^*\nu^*\mu} = K_{\lambda\nu\nu\lambda} - K_{\mu\nu\nu\mu} \quad (\lambda, \mu, \nu \neq).$$

Replacing e_μ with e_{μ^*} and adding it to (2.4), by virtue of (2.3) we have

$$(2.5) \quad K_{\lambda\nu^*\nu^*\lambda} = K_{\lambda\nu\nu\lambda} \quad (\lambda \neq \nu).$$

Since (2.5) is true for every φ -basis, computing (2.5) with respect to the φ -basis (*), we have

$$g(K(e'_\lambda, e'_{\mu^*}) e'_{\mu^*}, e'_\lambda) = g(K(e'_\lambda, e'_\mu) e'_\mu, e'_\lambda),$$

and we obtain after all,

$$(2.6) \quad K_{\lambda\lambda^*\lambda^*\lambda} + K_{\mu\mu^*\mu^*\mu} = 8K_{\lambda\mu\mu\lambda} - 6 \quad (\lambda \neq \mu).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\mu(\neq\lambda)}^n (K_{\lambda\lambda^*\lambda^*\lambda} + K_{\mu\mu^*\mu^*\mu}) &= 8 \sum_{\mu=1}^n K_{\lambda\mu\mu\lambda} - 6(n-1) \\ (n-2) K_{\lambda\lambda^*\lambda^*\lambda} + u &= 4 \left(\sum_{\mu=1}^n K_{\lambda\mu\mu\lambda} + \sum_{\mu(\neq\lambda)}^n K_{\lambda^*\mu^*\mu\lambda} \right) - 6(n-1), \end{aligned}$$

or

$$(n+2) K_{\lambda\lambda^*\lambda^*\lambda} + u = 4K_{\lambda\lambda} - 3m + 5,$$

i. e.

$$(2.7) \quad K_{\lambda\lambda^*\lambda^*\lambda} = (4K_{\lambda\lambda} - 3m + 5 - u)/(n+2),$$

where we put $u = \sum_{\mu=1}^n K_{\mu\mu^*\mu^*\mu}$ and take account of $K_{\lambda\mu\mu\lambda} = K_{\lambda\mu^*\mu^*\lambda}$ and $K_{\lambda 00\lambda} = 1$.

Taking sum of (2.7) from $\lambda=1$ to $\lambda=n$, we have

$$(2.8) \quad u = (2K - (1/2)(m-1)(3m-1))/(m+1).$$

So from (2.7) and (2.8) we get

$$(2.9) \quad K_{\lambda\lambda^*\lambda^*\lambda} = (8K_{\lambda\lambda} - 4k - 3m + 7)/(m+3).$$

On the other hand, as

$$(2.10) \quad K_{\lambda\mu\mu\lambda} = (K_{\lambda\lambda} + K_{\mu\mu} - k + 4)/(m+3),$$

$$(2.11) \quad K_{\lambda^*\mu^*\mu^*\lambda^*} = K_{\lambda\mu\mu\lambda},$$

we obtain from (2.1), (2.5) and (2.9)~(2.11)

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} B_{abba} &= K_{abba} + \frac{1}{m+3} U_{abba} = 0 \quad (|a| \neq |b|) \\ B_{\lambda\lambda^*\lambda^*\lambda} &= K_{\lambda\lambda^*\lambda^*\lambda} + \frac{1}{m+3} U_{\lambda\lambda^*\lambda^*\lambda} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So by Lemma 2.1, we get

$$B = 0.$$

The converse is trivial since $U_{abcd} = 0$ for $|a|, |b|, |c|, |d| \neq$.

REMARK: In this proof, we know the property (2.12) depends only on the property (2.6).

Next we have several necessary and sufficient conditions to be $B = 0$ in terms of the sectional curvature which is an analogous to that of Kashiwada [2].

THEOREM 2.3. *Let M be an $m (\geq 9)$ -dimensional Sasakian space. Then, the followings are equivalent to one another at every point P of M .*

- (1) *The contact Bochner curvature tensor $B(P) = 0$.*
- (2) *For every φ -basis at P ,*

$$H(e_\lambda, e_{\lambda^*}) + H(e_\mu, e_{\mu^*}) = 8H(e_\lambda, e_\mu) - 6 \quad (\lambda \neq \mu),$$

where $H(X, Y)$ means the sectional curvature with respect to the plane spanned by X and Y .

- (3) *For each φ -holomorphic 8-plane $W \subset T_P(M)$,*

$$k_P(W, b) = H(e_1, e_2) + H(e_3, e_4)$$

is independent of φ -basis $b = \{e_1, \dots, e_4, \varphi e_1, \dots, \varphi e_4\}$ of W .

- (4) *For every orthogonal 8 vectors $\{e_1, \dots, e_4, \varphi e_1, \dots, \varphi e_4\}$ of $T_P(M)$,*

$$H(e_1, e_2) + H(e_3, e_4) = H(e_1, e_4) + H(e_2, e_3).$$

PROOF. (2) \Rightarrow (1) is noted at the last of proof of Theorem 2.2. (1) \Rightarrow (2) is trivial since (2.1) and

$$K_{abba} = -\frac{1}{m+3} U_{abba}.$$

(3) \Rightarrow (4) is trivial.

(4) \Rightarrow (1): Let $\{\eta, e_1, \dots, e_n, \varphi e_1, \dots, \varphi e_n\}$ be arbitrary φ -basis of $T_P(M)$. For $\{e_\kappa, e_\lambda, e_\mu, e_\nu, \varphi e_\kappa, \varphi e_\lambda, \varphi e_\mu, \varphi e_\nu\}$, by assumption,

$$K_{\kappa\lambda\lambda\kappa} + K_{\mu\nu\nu\mu} = K_{\kappa\nu\nu\kappa} + K_{\lambda\mu\mu\lambda}.$$

We take another orthonormal vectors $\{e_\kappa, e'_\lambda, e'_\mu, e_\nu, \varphi e_\kappa, \varphi e'_\lambda, \varphi e'_\mu, \varphi e_\nu\}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} e'_\lambda &= te_\lambda + se_\mu \\ e'_\mu &= -se_\lambda + te_\mu, \quad (t^2 + s^2 = 1, ts \neq 0). \end{aligned}$$

Since $H(e_\kappa, e'_\lambda) + H(e'_\mu, e_\nu) = H(e_\kappa, e_\nu) + H(e'_\lambda, e'_\mu)$, it follows

$$(2.13) \quad K_{\lambda\kappa\mu} = K_{\lambda\nu\mu}.$$

Since (2.13) is true for every φ -basis, for the above basis,

$$g(K(e_\kappa, e'_\lambda) e'_\mu, e_\nu) = g(K(e_\kappa, e'_\mu) e'_\nu, e_\lambda)$$

which implies

$$K_{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu} + K_{\kappa\mu\lambda\nu} = 0.$$

Then by Bianchi identity, we get $K_{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu} = 0$. Replacing $e_\kappa \rightarrow e_{\kappa^*}$, $e_\lambda \rightarrow e_{\lambda^*}$, \dots etc, we obtain $K_{abcd} = 0$ ($|a|, |b|, |c|, |d| \neq$). So, by Theorem 2.2, the contact Bochner curvature tensor vanishes.

(1) \Rightarrow (3): Let $B=0$. Then, for a φ -basis, it follows

$$K_{abba} = \frac{1}{m+3} (K_{aa} + K_{bb} - k + 4) \quad (|a| \neq |b|).$$

Let $b = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, \varphi e_1, \varphi e_2, \varphi e_3, \varphi e_4\}$, $b' = \{e'_1, e'_2, e'_3, e'_4, \varphi e'_1, \varphi e'_2, \varphi e'_3, \varphi e'_4\}$, be basis of $W \subset T_P(M)$. We construct two basis of $T_P(M)$ such that

$$f = \{\eta, e_1, \dots, e_n, \varphi e_1, \dots, \varphi e_n\}$$

$$f' = \{\eta, e'_1, \dots, e'_4, e_5, \dots, e_n, \varphi e'_1, \dots, \varphi e'_4, \varphi e_5, \dots, \varphi e_n\}.$$

Then we have

$$(2.14) \quad H(e_1, e_2) + H(e_3, e_4) = \frac{1}{m+3} \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^4 K_{\alpha\alpha} - 2k + 8 \right).$$

Let K_{ii} , K'_{ii} be components of Ricci tensor with respect to the basis f and f' , respectively. So, as $K = \sum K_{ii} = \sum K'_{ii}$ and $K_{00} = K'_{00}$, $K_{\lambda\lambda} = K'_{\lambda\lambda}$ and $K_{\lambda^*\lambda^*} = K'_{\lambda^*\lambda^*}$ ($\lambda > 4$), we have

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^4 K_{\alpha\alpha} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^4 K'_{\alpha\alpha}.$$

Then by virtue of (2.14), we know that $k_P(W, b)$ is independent of b .

We note that the proof of (1) \Rightarrow (2) in the above is true too in the case of $m \geq 5$.

§ 3. Contact conformal connection.

An affine connection $\bar{\nabla}$ is said to be contact conformal connection if its coefficients Γ_{ji}^h are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{ji}^h = & \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ j \ i \end{matrix} \right\} + (\delta_j^h - \eta_j \eta^h) p_i + (\delta_i^h - \eta_i \eta^h) p_j - (g_{ji} - \eta_j \eta_i) p^h \\ & + \varphi_j^h (q_i - \eta_i) + \varphi_i^h (q_j - \eta_j) - \varphi_{ji} (q^h - \eta^h), \end{aligned}$$

where $p_i = \partial_i p$ for a certain function p , $q_i = -\varphi_i^j p_j$ and $\mathcal{L}_\eta p = p_i \eta^i = 0$. Then we have

$$q_i \eta^i = 0, \quad p_i q^i = 0, \quad \lambda = p_i p^i = q_i q^i,$$

and

$$\bar{\nabla}_j \varphi_i^h = 0, \quad \bar{\nabla}_j \eta_i = 0, \quad \bar{\nabla}_k g_{ji} = p_k (g_{ji} - \eta_j \eta_i).$$

Now, we compute the curvature tensor of Γ_{ji}^h :

$$R_{kji}^h = \partial_k \Gamma_{ji}^h - \partial_j \Gamma_{ki}^h + \Gamma_{kl}^h \Gamma_{ji}^l - \Gamma_{jl}^h \Gamma_{ki}^l.$$

By a straightforward computation, we find ([5])

$$\begin{aligned} R_{kji}^h &= K_{kji}^h - (\delta_k^h - \eta_k \eta^h) P_{ji} + (\delta_j^h - \eta_j \eta^h) P_{ki} - P_k^h (g_{ji} - \eta_j \eta_i) \\ &+ P_j^h (g_{ki} - \eta_k \eta_i) - \varphi_k^h Q_{ji} + \varphi_j^h Q_{ki} - Q_k^h \varphi_{ji} + Q_j^h \varphi_{ki} \\ (3.1) \quad &+ (\nabla_k q_j - \nabla_j q_k) \varphi_i^h + 2\varphi_{kj} (q_i p^h - p_i q^h) \\ &+ (\varphi_k^h \varphi_{ji} - \varphi_j^h \varphi_{ki} - 2\varphi_{kj} \varphi_i^h), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$P_{ji} = \nabla_j p_i - p_j p_i + (q_j - \eta_j) (q_i - \eta_i) + \frac{1}{2} \lambda (g_{ji} - \eta_j \eta_i),$$

$$Q_{ji} = -P_{jk} \varphi_i^k = \nabla_j q_i - p_j (q_i - \eta_i) - p_i (q_j - \eta_j) + \frac{1}{2} \lambda \varphi_{ji}.$$

Then we have

$$R_{kjih} = -R_{jkih} = R_{kjhi}.$$

Now, we assume (cf. T. Sakaguchi [4]) that

$$\nabla_j q_i - 2q_j p_i + p_j \eta_i + \eta_j p_i + \lambda \varphi_{ji} = 0.$$

Then, by a direct computation we have

$$R_{kjih} + R_{jikh} + R_{ikjh} = 0,$$

from which we get

$$R_{kjih} = R_{ihkj}.$$

For any φ -holomorphic section $\sigma = (u^h, \varphi_i^h u^i)$, φ -holomorphic sectional curvature with respect to $\bar{\nabla}$ is defined by

$$H(\sigma) = H(u^h) = -(R_{kjih} \varphi_i^k u^t u^j \varphi_s^i u^s u^h) / (g_{kj} u^k u^j g_{ih} u^i u^h).$$

Then we can easily see that this $H(\sigma)$ is uniquely determined by the φ -holomorphic section σ and is independent of the choice of u^h on σ . If this

φ -holomorphic sectional curvature is independent of the φ -holomorphic section at each point of M , then a contact conformal connection is said to be of constant φ -holomorphic sectional curvature. If we assume that \bar{V} is of constant φ -holomorphic sectional curvature, then we obtain

$$(3.2) \quad R_{kjih} = c \left((g_{kh} - \eta_k \eta_h)(g_{ji} - \eta_j \eta_i) - (g_{jh} - \eta_j \eta_h)(g_{ki} - \eta_k \eta_i) + \varphi_{kh} \varphi_{ji} - \varphi_{jh} \varphi_{ki} - 2\varphi_{kj} \varphi_{ih} \right),$$

c being a scalar function.

If $m \geq 9$, then from (3.1) and (3.2) we get

$$K_{abcd} = 0, \quad (|a|, |b|, |c|, |d| \neq)$$

for every φ -basis. Thus we have by virtue of Theorem 2.2,

THEOREM 3.1. *In an $m(\geq 9)$ -dimensional Sasakian space M . If M admits a contact conformal connection \bar{V} which satisfies the following:*

- (1) $\nabla_j q_i - 2q_j p_i + p_j \eta_i + \eta_j p_i + \lambda \varphi_{ji} = 0$,
- (2) \bar{V} is of constant φ -holomorphic sectional curvature,

then the contact Bochner curvature tensor of M vanishes.

We note that by Sakaguchi's method Theorem 3.1 holds in the case of $m \geq 5$.

§ 4. The second Betti number of M .

M. Matsumoto and G. Chuman [3] have studied the contact Bochner curvature tensor and the second Betti number in a compact Sasakian space and had

THEOREM 4.1 ([3]). *Let $M(m \geq 5)$ be a compact Sasakian space with vanishing contact Bochner curvature tensor. Then the second Betti number $b_2(M)$ of M vanishes, if M satisfies one of the following conditions:*

- (1) $\theta > 2$, where θ denotes the smallest eigenvalue of the Ricci tensor,
- (2) $H(e_\lambda, e_\mu) + H(e_\lambda, e_{\mu^*}) > -3(2 - \delta_{\lambda\mu})/(m - 2)$, (especially $\sum_{\mu} (H(e_\lambda, e_\mu) + H(e_\lambda, e_{\mu^*})) > -3$),
- (3) M is μ -holomorphically pinched with $\mu > (m - 3)/(2(m - 1))$.

In this section, we show that the condition (3) in the above Theorem 4.1 may be replaced by the condition $\mu > 0$.

Now, we assume that H and L defined by

$$H = \sup \{ H(X, \varphi, X); X \in D_P, P \in M \},$$

$$L = \inf \{ H(X, \varphi, X); X \in D_P, P \in M \},$$

exist and $H+3>0$, where D is the distribution defined by the equation $\eta_i dx^i = 0$. Then M is said to be μ -holomorphically pinched, μ being $(L+3)/(H+3)$.

Let μ is positive. Then we have $H(X, \varphi X) \geq L > -3$, for any vector X orthogonal to η . Moreover, if the contact Bochner curvature tensor vanishes, by virtue of Theorem 2.3, we get the inequality

$$8H(e_\lambda, e_\mu) = H(e_\lambda, e_{\lambda^*}) + H(e_\mu, e_{\mu^*}) + 6 > 0 \quad (\lambda \neq \mu).$$

Replacing e_μ with e_{μ^*} we also get

$$8H(e_\lambda, e_{\mu^*}) > 0 \quad (\lambda \neq \mu).$$

Thus we have

$$H(e_\lambda, e_\mu) + H(e_\lambda, e_{\mu^*}) > 0 \quad (\lambda \neq \mu),$$

from which we obtain

$$\sum_{\mu} (H(e_\lambda, e_\mu) + H(e_\lambda, e_{\mu^*})) > H(e_\lambda, e_{\lambda^*}) > -3,$$

and we have the condition (2) in Theorem 4.1. Thus we have

THEOREM 4.2. *Let $M(m \geq 5)$ be a compact Sasakian space with vanishing contact Bochner curvature tensor. If M is μ -holomorphically pinched with $\mu > 0$, then the second Betti number $b_2(M) = 0$.*

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