

## On $N(k)$ -contact metric manifolds satisfying certain conditions

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**Abstract.** We classify  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifolds satisfying the conditions  $\mathcal{Z}(\xi, X) \cdot C_0 = 0$ ,  $C_0(\xi, X) \cdot \mathcal{Z} = 0$  and  $C_e(\xi, X) \cdot \mathcal{Z} = 0$ , where  $\mathcal{Z}$ ,  $C_0$  and  $C_e$  denote the concircular curvature tensor, the contact conformal curvature tensor and the extended contact conformal curvature tensor, respectively.

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### Introduction

A transformation of an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $M$ , which transforms every geodesic circle of  $M$  into a geodesic circle, is called a *concircular transformation* [15]. An invariant of a concircular transformation is the *concircular curvature tensor*  $\mathcal{Z}$ . It is defined by [15]

$$(0.1) \quad \mathcal{Z} = R - \frac{r}{n(n-1)}R_0,$$

where  $R$  is the curvature tensor,  $r$  is the scalar curvature and

$$R_0(X, Y)W = g(Y, W)X - g(X, W)Y, \quad X, Y, W \in TM.$$

It is easy to see that Riemannian manifolds with vanishing concircular curvature tensor are of constant curvature.

In [4], the classification of  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifolds satisfying the condition  $\mathcal{Z}(\xi, X) \cdot \mathcal{Z} = 0$  was given by Blair, Kim and Tripathi (see also [3]). In [14], Tripathi and Kim studied the concircular curvature tensor of a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold and they classified  $(k, \mu)$ -contact metric manifolds

satisfying the condition  $\mathcal{Z}(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$ . Contact Riemannian manifolds satisfying  $R(\xi, X) \cdot R = 0$  and  $\xi \in (k, \mu)$ -nullity distribution was studied by Papantoniou in [5].

In [9], Kitahara, Matsuo and Pak defined a tensor field  $B_0$  on a Hermitian manifold which is conformally invariant and studied some of its properties. They called this tensor field the *conformal invariant curvature tensor*. By using the Boothby-Wang fibration [7], Jeong, Lee, Oh and Pak constructed a *contact conformal curvature tensor*  $C_0$  [10] on a Sasakian manifold from the conformal invariant curvature tensor. In a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional contact metric manifold  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , it is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
(0.2) \quad C_0(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z \\
&+ \frac{1}{2n} \{-g(QY, Z)\varphi^2 X + g(QX, Z)\varphi^2 Y \\
&+ g(\varphi Y, \varphi Z)QX - g(\varphi X, \varphi Z)QY \\
&+ g(Q\varphi X, Z)\varphi Y - g(Q\varphi Y, Z)\varphi X + 2g(Q\varphi X, Y)\varphi Z \\
&+ g(\varphi X, Z)QY - g(\varphi Y, Z)QX + 2g(\varphi X, Y)QZ\} \\
&+ \frac{1}{2n(n+1)} \left( 2n^2 - n - 2 + \frac{(n+2)r}{2n} \right) \times \\
&\times \{g(\varphi Y, Z)\varphi X - g(\varphi X, Z)\varphi Y - 2g(\varphi X, Y)\varphi Z\} \\
&+ \frac{1}{2n(n+1)} \left( n + 2 - \frac{(3n+2)r}{2n} \right) (g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y) \\
&- \frac{1}{2n(n+1)} \left( 4n^2 + 5n + 2 - \frac{(3n+2)r}{2n} \right) \times \\
&\times \{\eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y \\
&+ \eta(X)g(Y, Z)\xi - \eta(Y)g(X, Z)\xi\},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $R, Q, r$  are the curvature tensor, the Ricci operator and the scalar curvature, respectively. In [11], Pak and Shin showed that every contact metric manifold with vanishing contact conformal curvature tensor is a Sasakian space form. In [8], Kim, Choi, the first author and Tripathi extended the concept of contact conformal curvature tensor to an *extended contact conformal curvature tensor*  $C_e$ . It is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
(0.3) \quad C_e(X, Y)Z &= C_0(X, Y)Z - \eta(X)C_0(\xi, Y)Z \\
&- \eta(Y)C_0(X, \xi)Z - \eta(Z)C_0(X, Y)\xi.
\end{aligned}$$

In [8], it was proved that an  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold with vanishing extended contact conformal curvature tensor is a Sasakian manifold.

Motivated by the studies of the above authors, in this study, we consider  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifolds satisfying the conditions  $\mathcal{Z}(\xi, X) \cdot C_0 = 0$ ,  $C_0(\xi, X) \cdot \mathcal{Z} = 0$  and  $C_e(\xi, X) \cdot \mathcal{Z} = 0$ .

### §1. Preliminaries

An odd-dimensional differentiable manifold  $M$  is called an *almost contact manifold* [2] if there is an almost contact structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta)$  consisting of a tensor field  $\varphi$  type  $(1, 1)$ , a vector field  $\xi$ , and a 1-form  $\eta$  satisfying

$$(1.1) \quad \varphi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \text{and (one of)} \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \varphi\xi = 0, \quad \eta \circ \varphi = 0.$$

If the induced almost complex structure  $J$  on the product manifold  $M^{2n+1} \times \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$J \left( X, f \frac{d}{dt} \right) = \left( \varphi X - f\xi, \eta(X) \frac{d}{dt} \right)$$

is integrable then the structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta)$  is said to be normal, where  $X$  is tangent to  $M$ ,  $t$  is the coordinate of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f$  is a smooth function on  $M^{2n+1} \times \mathbb{R}$ .  $M$  becomes an *almost contact metric manifold* with an almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , if

$$g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)$$

or equivalently

$$g(X, \varphi Y) = -g(\varphi X, Y) \quad \text{and} \quad g(X, \xi) = \eta(X)$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$ , where  $g$  is a Riemannian metric tensor of  $M$ .

An almost contact metric structure is called a *contact metric structure* if

$$g(X, \varphi Y) = d\eta(X, Y)$$

holds on  $M$  for  $X, Y \in TM$ .

A normal contact metric manifold is a *Sasakian manifold*. However an almost contact metric manifold is Sasakian if and only if

$$\nabla_X \varphi = R_0(\xi, X), \quad X \in TM,$$

where  $\nabla$  is Levi-Civita connection. Also a contact metric manifold  $M$  is Sasakian if and only if the curvature tensor  $R$  satisfies

$$R(X, Y)\xi = R_0(X, Y)\xi, \quad X, Y \in TM,$$

(see [2], Proposition 7.6).

The tangent sphere bundle of a flat Riemannian manifold admits a contact metric structure satisfying  $R(X, Y)\xi = 0$  [2]. The  $(k, \mu)$ -nullity condition on a contact metric manifold is considered as a generalization of both  $R(X, Y)\xi = 0$  and the Sasakian case. The  $(k, \mu)$ -nullity distribution  $N(k, \mu)$  [5] of a contact metric manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  is defined by

$$N(k, \mu) : p \rightarrow N_p(k, \mu) = \{W \in T_p M \mid R(X, Y)W = (kI + \mu h)R_0(X, Y)W\},$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$  where  $(k, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and the tensor field  $h$  is defined by  $h = \frac{1}{2}L_\xi\varphi$ , here  $L_\xi$  denotes Lie differentiation in the direction of  $\xi$ . If  $\xi$  belongs to  $(k, \mu)$ -nullity distribution  $N(k, \mu)$  then a contact metric manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  is called a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold. In particular the condition

$$R(X, Y)\xi = k(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + \mu(\eta(Y)hX - \eta(X)hY)$$

holds on a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold. On a  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold  $k \leq 1$ . If  $k = 1$ , the structure is Sasakian and if  $k < 1$ , the  $(k, \mu)$ -nullity condition determines the curvature of  $M^{2n+1}$  completely [5]. For a  $(k, \mu)$  contact metric manifold, the conditions of being a Sasakian manifold, a  $K$ -contact manifold,  $k = 1$  and  $h = 0$  are all equivalent. Also  $h$  and  $\varphi$  are related by

$$h^2 = (k - 1)\varphi^2.$$

If  $\mu = 0$ , the  $(k, \mu)$ -nullity distribution  $N(k, \mu)$  is reduced to the  $k$ -nullity distribution  $N(k)$  [13], where the  $k$ -nullity distribution  $N(k)$  of a Riemannian manifold  $M$  is defined by

$$N(k) : p \rightarrow N_p(k) = \{W \in T_pM \mid R(X, Y)W = kR_0(X, Y)W\};$$

$k$  being a constant. If  $\xi \in N(k)$ , then we call a contact metric manifold  $M$  an  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold. If  $k = 1$ , an  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold is Sasakian. If  $k < 1$ , the scalar curvature is  $r = 2n(2n - 2 + k)$ . Also in an  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold the following conditions hold:

$$(1.2) \quad S(X, \xi) = 2nk\eta(X), \quad Q\xi = 2nk\xi,$$

$$(1.3) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = k(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y)$$

and

$$(1.4) \quad R(\xi, X)Y = k(g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X),$$

(see [5]). For an extended contact conformal curvature tensor we find the following equations in an  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold:

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{aligned} C_e(X, Y)Z &= C_0(X, Y)Z - 2(k - 1)\{\eta(X)g(Y, Z) - \eta(Y)g(X, Z)\}\xi \\ &\quad - 4(k - 1)\eta(Z)\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\} \\ &\quad + k\{\eta(X)g(\varphi Y, Z) - \eta(Y)g(\varphi X, Z) - 2\eta(Z)g(\varphi X, Y)\}\xi, \end{aligned}$$

$$C_e(X, Y)\xi = -2(k - 1)\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\} = -2(k - 1)R_0(X, Y)\xi$$

and

$$C_e(\xi, X)Y = 2(k - 1)\eta(Y)\{X - \eta(X)\xi\} = -2(k - 1)\eta(Y)R_0(\xi, X)\xi.$$

Consequently we have

$$(1.6) \quad C_0(X, Y)\xi = 2(k-1)\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\} + 2kg(\varphi X, Y)\xi,$$

$$(1.7) \quad C_0(\xi, X)Y = 2(k-1)\{g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X\} - kg(\varphi X, Y)\xi = -C_0(X, \xi)Y.$$

From (1.5), in a Sasakian manifold, the extended contact conformal curvature tensor and the contact conformal curvature tensor are related by

$$(1.8) \quad \begin{aligned} C_e(X, Y)Z &= C_0(X, Y)Z + \eta(X)g(\varphi Y, Z)\xi \\ &\quad - \eta(Y)g(\varphi X, Z)\xi - 2\eta(Z)g(\varphi X, Y)\xi, \end{aligned}$$

(see [8]).

The standard contact metric structure on the tangent sphere bundle  $T_1M$  satisfies the  $(k, \mu)$ -nullity condition if and only if the base manifold  $M$  is of constant curvature. If  $M$  has constant curvature  $c$ , then  $k = c(2 - c)$  and  $\mu = -2c$ .

For a given contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$ -homothetic deformation is the structure defined by

$$\bar{\eta} = a\eta, \quad \bar{\xi} = \frac{1}{a}\xi, \quad \bar{\varphi} = \varphi, \quad \bar{g} = ag + a(a-1)\eta \otimes \eta,$$

where  $a$  is a positive constant. While such a change preserves the state of being contact metric,  $K$ -contact, Sasakian or strongly pseudo-convex  $CR$ , it destroys a condition like  $R(X, Y)\xi = 0$  or  $R(X, Y)\xi = k(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y)$ . However, the form of the  $(k, \mu)$ -nullity condition is preserved under a  $\mathcal{D}$ -homothetic deformation with

$$\bar{k} = \frac{k + a^2 - 1}{a^2}, \quad \bar{\mu} = \frac{\mu + 2a - 2}{a}.$$

Given a non-Sasakian  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold  $M$ , in [6] an invariant

$$I_M = \frac{1 - \frac{\mu}{2}}{\sqrt{1 - k}}$$

was introduced by E. Boeckx. He showed that for two non-Sasakian  $(k, \mu)$ -manifolds  $(M_i, \varphi_i, \xi_i, \eta_i, g_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , we have  $I_{M_1} = I_{M_2}$  if and only if up to a  $\mathcal{D}$ -homothetic deformation, the two manifolds are locally isometric as contact metric manifolds. Hence we know all non-Sasakian  $(k, \mu)$ -manifolds locally as soon as we have, for every odd dimension  $2n + 1$  and for every possible value of the invariant  $I$ , one  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  with  $I_M = I$ . For  $I > -1$  such examples may be found from the standard contact metric structure on the tangent sphere bundle of a manifold of constant curvature  $c$  where we have  $I = \frac{1+c}{|1-c|}$  [6].

Using this invariant, an example of a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional  $N(1-\frac{1}{n})$ -contact metric manifold,  $n > 1$ , was constructed by Blair, Kim and Tripathi in [4] as follows:

**Example 1.** *Since the Boeckx invariant for a  $(1-\frac{1}{n}, 0)$ -manifold is  $\sqrt{n} > -1$ , we consider the tangent sphere bundle of an  $(n+1)$ -dimensional manifold of constant curvature  $c$  so chosen that the resulting  $\mathcal{D}$ -homothetic deformation will be a  $(1-\frac{1}{n}, 0)$ -manifold. That is, for  $k = c(2-c)$  and  $\mu = -2c$  we solve*

$$1 - \frac{1}{n} = \frac{k + a^2 - 1}{a^2}, \quad 0 = \frac{\mu + 2a - 2}{a}$$

for  $a$  and  $c$ . The result is

$$c = \frac{(\sqrt{n} \pm 1)^2}{n-1}, \quad a = 1 + c$$

and taking  $c$  and  $a$  to be these values it is obtained an  $N(1-\frac{1}{n})$ -contact metric manifold.

We need the following theorems in Section 2.

**Theorem 1.** *A contact metric manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  satisfying the condition  $R(X, Y)\xi = 0$  is locally isometric to  $E^{n+1} \times S^n(4)$  for  $n > 1$  and flat for  $n = 1$  ([2], Theorem 7.5).*

**Theorem 2.** *If a contact metric manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  is of constant curvature  $c$  and dimension  $\geq 5$ , then  $c = 1$  and the structure is Sasakian ([2], Theorem 7.3).*

## §2. Main Results

In this section, we give the main results of the study. Now we begin with the following:

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $M$  be a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional non-Sasakian  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold. Then  $M$  satisfies the condition  $\mathcal{Z}(\xi, X) \cdot C_0 = 0$  if and only if either  $M$  is locally isometric to the product  $E^{n+1} \times S^n(4)$  for  $n > 1$  and flat for  $n = 1$  or locally isometric to the Example 1.*

*Proof.* If  $M$  is a non-Sasakian  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold then the equation (0.1) can be written as

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{Z}(\xi, X) = \frac{2n}{2n+1} \left( k - 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) R_0(\xi, X),$$

which implies that

$$\mathcal{Z}(\xi, X) \cdot C_0 = \frac{2n}{2n+1} \left( k - 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) R_0(\xi, X) \cdot C_0.$$

Therefore  $\mathcal{Z}(\xi, X) \cdot C_0 = 0$  is equivalent to  $k = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$  or  $R_0(\xi, X) \cdot C_0 = 0$ . If  $k = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$ , then  $M$  is locally isometric to the Example 1.

If  $R_0(\xi, X) \cdot C_0 = 0$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= R_0(\xi, X)C_0(Y, V)U - C_0(R_0(\xi, X)Y, V)U \\ &\quad - C_0(Y, R_0(\xi, X)V)U - C_0(Y, V)R_0(\xi, X)U \end{aligned}$$

for all  $X, Y, V, U \in TM$ . So using the definition of  $R_0$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} (2.2) \quad 0 &= C_0(Y, V, U, X)\xi - \eta(C_0(Y, V)U)X \\ &\quad - g(X, Y)C_0(\xi, V)U + \eta(Y)C_0(X, V)U \\ &\quad - g(X, V)C_0(Y, \xi)U + \eta(V)C_0(Y, X)U \\ &\quad - g(X, U)C_0(Y, V)\xi + \eta(U)C_0(Y, V)X, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_0(Y, V, U, X) = g(C_0(Y, V)U, X)$ . Putting  $U = \xi$  in (2.2) and by the use of (1.6) and (1.7) in (2.2) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (2.3) \quad C_0(Y, V)X &= 2(k-1)[g(X, V)Y - g(X, Y)V] \\ &\quad + 2k[g(\varphi Y, V)X - \eta(Y)g(\varphi X, V)\xi \\ &\quad - \eta(V)g(\varphi Y, X)\xi]. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $Y = \xi$  in (2.3) we find

$$C_0(\xi, V)X = 2(k-1)[g(X, V)\xi - \eta(X)V] + 2kg(\varphi V, X)\xi.$$

In view of (1.7), we know that

$$C_0(\xi, V)X = 2(k-1)[g(X, V)\xi - \eta(X)V] - kg(\varphi V, X)\xi.$$

Comparing last two equations we find  $kg(\varphi V, X)\xi = 0$ . Since  $g(\varphi V, X) \neq 0$ , we get  $k = 0$ . Hence from Theorem 1,  $M$  is locally isometric to the product  $E^{n+1} \times S^n(4)$  for  $n > 1$  and flat for dimension 3. The converse statement is trivial. This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $M$  be a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional non-Sasakian  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold. If  $M$  satisfies the condition  $C_0(\xi, X) \cdot \mathcal{Z} = 0$  then either it is locally isometric to the product  $E^{n+1} \times S^n(4)$  for  $n > 1$  and flat for  $n = 1$  or locally isometric to the Example 1.*

*Proof.* Since  $M$  satisfies the condition  $C_0(\xi, X) \cdot \mathcal{Z} = 0$ , we can write

$$(2.4) \quad 0 = C_0(\xi, X)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V)U - \mathcal{Z}(C_0(\xi, X)Y, V)U \\ - \mathcal{Z}(Y, C_0(\xi, X)V)U - \mathcal{Z}(Y, V)C_0(\xi, X)U$$

for all  $X, Y, V, U \in TM$ . So using (1.7) we have

$$(2.5) \quad 0 = 2(k-1) \{ \mathcal{Z}(Y, V, U, X)\xi - \mathcal{Z}(Y, V, U, \xi)X \\ - g(X, Y)\mathcal{Z}(\xi, V)U + \eta(Y)\mathcal{Z}(X, V)U \\ - g(X, V)\mathcal{Z}(Y, \xi)U + \eta(V)\mathcal{Z}(Y, X)U \\ - g(X, U)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V)\xi + \eta(U)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V)X \} \\ + k \{ -g(\varphi X, \mathcal{Z}(Y, V)U)\xi + g(\varphi X, Y)\mathcal{Z}(\xi, V)U \\ + g(\varphi X, V)\mathcal{Z}(Y, \xi)U + g(\varphi X, U)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V)\xi \},$$

where  $\mathcal{Z}(Y, V, U, X) = g(\mathcal{Z}(Y, V)U, X)$ . Taking  $U = \xi$  in (2.5) we get

$$0 = 2(k-1) \{ \mathcal{Z}(Y, V, \xi, X)\xi - g(X, Y)\mathcal{Z}(\xi, V)\xi \\ + \eta(Y)\mathcal{Z}(X, V)\xi - g(X, V)\mathcal{Z}(Y, \xi)\xi \\ + \eta(V)\mathcal{Z}(Y, X)\xi - \eta(X)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V)\xi + \mathcal{Z}(Y, V)X \} \\ + k \{ -g(\varphi X, \mathcal{Z}(Y, V)\xi)\xi + g(\varphi X, Y)\mathcal{Z}(\xi, V)\xi \\ + g(\varphi X, V)\mathcal{Z}(Y, \xi)\xi \}.$$

Since  $M$  is a non-Sasakian  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold, using (0.1), the above equation can be written as

$$0 = \frac{2n}{2n+1} \left( k - 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) [2(k-1) \{ R_0(Y, V, \xi, X)\xi \\ - g(X, Y)R_0(\xi, V)\xi + \eta(Y)R_0(X, V)\xi \\ - g(X, V)R_0(Y, \xi)\xi + \eta(V)R_0(Y, X)\xi - \eta(X)R_0(Y, V)\xi \} \\ + k \{ -g(\varphi X, R_0(Y, V)\xi)\xi + g(\varphi X, Y)R_0(\xi, V)\xi \\ + g(\varphi X, V)R_0(Y, \xi)\xi \}] + 2(k-1)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V)X.$$

So by virtue of the definition of  $R_0$  we obtain

$$(2.6) \quad (k-1)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V)X = \frac{n}{2n+1} \left( k - 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) [2(k-1) \{ g(X, V)Y \\ - g(X, Y)V \} + k \{ g(\varphi X, Y)V - g(\varphi X, V)Y \}].$$

Putting  $Y = \xi$  in (2.6) we find

$$(k-1)\mathcal{Z}(\xi, V)X = \frac{n}{2n+1} \left( k - 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) [(2(k-1)) \{ g(X, V)\xi \\ - \eta(X)V \} - kg(\varphi X, V)\xi].$$

Hence in view of (0.1) and the definition of  $R_0$  we have

$$k \left( k - 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) g(\varphi X, V)\xi = 0.$$

Since  $g(\varphi X, V) \neq 0$  then we obtain either  $k = 0$  or  $k - 1 + \frac{1}{n} = 0$ . If  $k = 0$  from Theorem 1,  $M$  is locally isometric to the  $E^{n+1} \times S^n(4)$  for  $n > 1$  and flat for dimension 3. If  $k - 1 + \frac{1}{n} = 0$ , then  $M$  is locally isometric to the Example 1.

Thus the proof of the theorem is completed.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $M$  be a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold,  $n > 1$ . Then  $M$  satisfies the condition  $C_e(\xi, X) \cdot \mathcal{Z} = 0$  if and only if it is a Sasakian manifold.*

*Proof.* For all  $X, Y, V, U \in TM$ , from (0.3) and (1.5), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} (C_e(\xi, X) \cdot \mathcal{Z})(Y, V)U &= C_e(\xi, X)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V)U - \mathcal{Z}(C_e(\xi, X)Y, V)U \\ &\quad - \mathcal{Z}(Y, C_e(\xi, X)V)U - \mathcal{Z}(Y, V)C_e(\xi, X)U \\ &= 2(k-1)[- \eta(X)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V, U, \xi)\xi + \mathcal{Z}(Y, V, U, \xi)X \\ &\quad + \eta(X)\eta(Y)\mathcal{Z}(\xi, V)U - \eta(Y)\mathcal{Z}(X, V)U \\ &\quad + \eta(X)\eta(V)\mathcal{Z}(Y, \xi)U - \eta(V)\mathcal{Z}(Y, X)U \\ &\quad + \eta(U)\eta(X)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V)\xi - \eta(U)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V)X]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $C_e(\xi, X) \cdot \mathcal{Z} = 0$  is equivalent to  $k = 1$  or

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &= -\eta(X)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V, U, \xi)\xi + \mathcal{Z}(Y, V, U, \xi)X + \eta(X)\eta(Y)\mathcal{Z}(\xi, V)U \\ &\quad - \eta(Y)\mathcal{Z}(X, V)U + \eta(X)\eta(V)\mathcal{Z}(Y, \xi)U - \eta(V)\mathcal{Z}(Y, X)U \\ &\quad + \eta(U)\eta(X)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V)\xi - \eta(U)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V)X. \end{aligned}$$

If  $k = 1$ , then  $M$  is a Sasakian manifold. Putting  $U = \xi$  in (2.7) we obtain

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &= \eta(X)\eta(Y)\mathcal{Z}(\xi, V)\xi - \eta(Y)\mathcal{Z}(X, V)\xi \\ &\quad + \eta(X)\eta(V)\mathcal{Z}(Y, \xi)\xi - \eta(V)\mathcal{Z}(Y, X)\xi \\ &\quad + \eta(X)\mathcal{Z}(Y, V)\xi - \mathcal{Z}(Y, V)X. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $M$  is an  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold, using (0.1) in (2.8) we can write

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &= \left( k - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} \right) [\eta(X)\eta(Y)R_0(\xi, V)\xi - \eta(Y)R_0(X, V)\xi \\ &\quad + \eta(X)\eta(V)R_0(Y, \xi)\xi - \eta(V)R_0(Y, X)\xi + \eta(X)R_0(Y, V)\xi] - \mathcal{Z}(Y, V)X. \end{aligned}$$

So by virtue of the definition of  $R_0$  we have

$$(2.9) \quad \mathcal{Z}(Y, V)X = \left( k - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} \right) [\eta(X)\eta(V)Y - \eta(X)\eta(Y)V].$$

Then by the use of (0.1), the equation (2.9) can be written as

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} R(Y, V)X &= \left( k - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} \right) [\eta(X)\eta(V)Y - \eta(X)\eta(Y)V] \\ &+ \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} \{g(X, V)Y - g(Y, X)V\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence from (2.10), by a contraction, we obtain

$$(2.11) \quad S(X, V) = \frac{r}{2n+1}g(X, V) + \left( 2nk - \frac{r}{2n+1} \right) \eta(X)\eta(V).$$

From (2.11), by a contraction, we get

$$r = 2nk(2n+1).$$

Then putting  $r = 2nk(2n+1)$  into (2.10) we obtain

$$R(Y, V)X = k(g(X, V)Y - g(Y, X)V).$$

So  $M$  is a space of constant curvature  $k$ . Since  $n > 1$ , hence from Theorem 2, it is necessarily a Sasakian manifold of constant curvature  $+1$ ,  $n > 1$ . From (1.8), since  $C_e(\xi, X)Y = 0$  for all Sasakian manifolds, the converse statement is trivial. Hence we get the result as required.  $\square$

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