## ON THE EXISTENCE OF A NEW CLASS OF CONTACT METRIC MANIFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. A new class of 3-dimensional contact metric manifolds is found. Moreover it is proved that there are no such manifolds in dimensions greater than 3.

1. Introduction. Let M be a Riemannian manifold. The tangent sphere bundle  $T_1M$  admits a contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  and so  $T_1M$  together with this structure is a contact metric manifold [1]. If M is of constant sectional curvature, then the curvature tensor R of  $T_1M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  satisfies the condition

(\*) 
$$R(x,y)\xi = \kappa[\eta(y)x - \eta(x)y] + \mu[\eta(y)hx - \eta(x)hy]$$

for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}(T_1M)$ , where 2h is the Lie derivative of  $\phi$  with respect to  $\xi$  and  $\kappa, \mu$  are constant. Moreover, the converse is also true [3]. This class of contact metric manifolds is especially interesting, because apart from its other characteristics, it contains the well known Sasakian manifolds. In [5],[6],[7] are studied contact metric manifolds satisfying (\*) but with  $\kappa, \mu$  smooth functions not necessarily constant. In these papers it is proved that, with an extra assumption, the functions  $\kappa, \mu$  must be constant. On the other hand, up to now, we didn't know any example of a contact metric manifold satisfying (\*) and with  $\kappa, \mu$  non constant smooth functions. The following question comes up naturally. Do there exist contact metric manifolds satisfying (\*) with  $\kappa, \mu$  non-constant smooth functions, independent of the choice of vector fields x, y? In this paper we give a negative answer to the above question for dimensions > 3. For dimension 3 we give an affirmative answer, through the construction of examples.

2. Preliminaries. A differentiable (2m+1)-dimensional manifold  $M^{2m+1}$  is called a contact manifold if it carries a global differential 1-form  $\eta$  such that  $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^m \neq 0$  everywhere on  $M^{2m+1}$ . It is known that a contact manifold admits an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , i.e. a global vector field  $\xi$ , which will be called the characteristic vector field, a (1,1) tensor field  $\phi$  and a Riemannian metric g such that

(2.1) 
$$\phi^2 = -Id + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1,$$

$$(2.2) g(\phi x, \phi y) = g(x, y) - \eta(x)\eta(y),$$

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for all vector fields x, y on  $M^{2m+1}$ . Moreover,  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  can be chosen such that  $d\eta(x, y) = g(x, \phi y)$  and thus the structure is called a contact metric structure and the manifold  $M^{2m+1}$  a contact metric manifold. Equations (2.1) and (2.2) imply

(2.3) 
$$\phi \xi = 0, \quad \eta \circ \phi = 0, \quad d\eta(\xi, x) = 0.$$

Denoting by  $\mathcal{L}$  and R, Lie differentiantion and the curvature tensor respectively, the operators l and h are defined by

(2.4) 
$$lx = R(x,\xi)\xi, \quad hx = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{L}_{\xi}\phi)x.$$

The (1,1) tensors h and l are self-adjoint and satisfy

(2.5) 
$$h\xi = 0, \quad l\xi = 0, \quad h\phi + \phi h = 0.$$

If  $\nabla$  is the Riemannian connection of g, equations (2.1)-(2.5) imply

$$(2.6) \nabla_x \xi = -\phi x - \phi h x,$$

(2.7) 
$$\phi l\phi - l = 2(\phi^2 + h^2),$$

$$(2.8) \nabla_{\xi} \phi = 0,$$

$$\nabla_{\xi} h = \phi - \phi l - \phi h^2.$$

A contact structure on  $M^{2m+1}$  gives rise to an almost complex structure on the product  $M^{2m+1} \times R$ . If this structure is integrable, then the contact metric manifold is said to be Sasakian. Equivalently, a contact metric manifold is Sasakian if and only if

$$(2.10) R(x,y)\xi = \eta(y)x - \eta(x)y.$$

For more details concerning contact manifolds the reader is referred to [1].

3. Main results. Let  $M^{2m+1}(\phi,\xi,\eta,g)$  be a contact metric manifold. We suppose that

(3.1) 
$$R(x,y)\dot{\xi} = \kappa[\eta(y)x - \eta(x)y] + \mu[\eta(y)hx - \eta(x)hy],$$

for some smooth functions  $\kappa$  and  $\mu$  on M independent of the choice of vector fields x and y. We call such a manifold M, a generalized  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold. In the special case  $\kappa, \mu = \text{constant}$ , the manifold will be called simply a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold.

The 3-dimensional case, (m=1). Now, we are going to construct examples of 3-dimensional generalized  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifolds, which are not  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifolds.

Example 1. We consider the 3-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | x_3 \neq 0\}$ , where  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  are the standard coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . The vector fields

$$e_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \quad e_2 = -2x_2x_3\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \frac{2x_1}{x_3^3}\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} - \frac{1}{x_3^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}, \quad e_3 = \frac{1}{x_3}\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}$$

are linearly independent at each point of M. Let g be the Riemannian metric defined by  $g(e_i, e_j) = \delta_{ij}, i, j = 1, 2, 3$ . Let  $\nabla$  be the Riemannian connection and R the curvature tensor of g. We easily get

$$[e_1, e_2] = \frac{2}{x_3^2} e_3, \quad [e_2, e_3] = 2e_1 + \frac{1}{x_3^3} e_3, \quad [e_3, e_1] = 0.$$

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(z) = g(z, e_1)$  for any  $z \in \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{M})$ . Because  $\eta \wedge d\eta \neq 0$  everywhere on M,  $\eta$  is a contact form. Let  $\phi$  be the (1,1)-tensor field, defined by  $\phi e_1 = 0$ ,  $\phi e_2 = e_3$ ,  $\phi e_3 = -e_2$ . Using the linearity of  $\phi$ ,  $d\eta$  and g we find  $\eta(e_1) = 1$ ,  $\phi^2 z = -z + \eta(z)e_1$ ,  $d\eta(z,w) = g(z,\phi w)$  and  $g(\phi z,\phi w) = g(z,w) - \eta(z)\eta(w)$  for any  $z,w \in \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{M})$ . Hence  $(\phi,e_1,\eta,g)$  defines a contact metric structure on M and so M together with this structure is a contact metric manifold.

Putting  $\xi = e_1, x = e_2, \phi x = e_3$  and using the well known formula

$$2g(\nabla_y z, w) = yg(z, w) + zg(w, y) - wg(y, z) - g(y, [z, w]) - g(z, [y, w]) + g(w, [y, z])$$

we calculate

$$\nabla_x \xi = -(1 + \frac{1}{x_3^2})\phi x, \ \nabla_{\phi x} \xi = (1 - \frac{1}{x_3^2})x, \ \nabla_{\xi} x = (-1 + \frac{1}{x_3^2})\phi x, \ \nabla_{\xi} \phi x = (1 - \frac{1}{x_3^2})x$$

$$\nabla_x x = 0, \ \nabla_x \phi x = (1 + \frac{1}{x_3^2})\xi, \ \nabla_{\phi x} x = (-1 + \frac{1}{x_3^2})\xi - \frac{1}{x_3^3}\phi x, \ \nabla_{\phi x} \phi x = \frac{1}{x_3^3}x.$$

Therefore for the tensor field h we get  $h\xi = 0$ ,  $hx = \lambda x$ ,  $h\phi x = -\lambda \phi x$ , where  $\lambda = \frac{1}{x_3^2}$ . Now, putting  $\mu = 2(1 - \frac{1}{x_2^2})$  and  $\kappa = \frac{x_3^4 - 1}{x_3^4}$  we finally get

$$\begin{split} R(x,\xi)\xi &= \kappa(\eta(\xi)x - \eta(x)\xi) + \mu(\eta(\xi)hx - \eta(x)h\xi) \\ R(\phi x,\xi)\xi &= \kappa(\eta(\xi)\phi x - \eta(\phi x)\xi) + \mu(\eta(\xi)h\phi x - \eta(\phi x)h\xi) \\ R(x,\phi x)\xi &= \kappa(\eta(\phi x)x - \eta(x)\phi x) + \mu(\eta(\phi x)hx - \eta(x)h\phi x). \end{split}$$

These relations yield the following, by a straightforward calculation,

$$R(z, w)\xi = \kappa(\eta(w)z - \eta(z)w) + \mu(\eta(w)hz - \eta(z)hw),$$

where  $\kappa$  and  $\mu$  are non-constant smooth functions. Hence M is a generalized  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold.

Example 2. We consider the 3-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | x_3 \neq 0\}$  and the vector fields

$$e_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \quad e_2 = \frac{1}{x_3^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \quad e_3 = 2x_2 x_3^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \frac{2x_1}{x_3^6} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \frac{1}{x_3^6} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}.$$

We define  $\xi$ , g,  $\eta$ ,  $\phi$  by  $\xi = e_1$ ,  $g(e_i, e_j) = \delta_{ij}$ , (i, j = 1, 2, 3) and  $\phi e_1 = 0$ ,  $\phi e_2 = e_3$ ,  $\phi e_3 = -e_2$ . Working as in the previous example we finally get that  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a generalized  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold with  $\kappa = 1 - \frac{1}{x_3^8}$ ,  $\mu = 2(1 + \frac{1}{x_3^4})$ .

Let us give some more examples. Starting with the examples given previously we will now construct new 3- dimensional generalized  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifolds for any positive real number.

Let  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a 3-dimensional generalized  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold. By a  $D_a$ -homothetic deformation [8] we mean a change of structure tensors of the form  $\bar{\eta} = a\eta$ ,  $\bar{\xi} = \frac{1}{a}\xi$ ,  $\bar{\phi} = \phi$ ,  $\bar{g} = ag + a(a-1)\eta \otimes \eta$ , where a is a positive constant. It is well known that  $M(\bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  is also a contact metric manifold. Moreover the curvature tensor R and the tensor h transform in the following manner [3],  $\bar{h} = \frac{1}{a}h$  and

$$a\bar{R}(x,y)\bar{\xi} = R(x,y)\xi + (a-1)^{2}(\eta(y)x - \eta(x)y) -(a-1)\{(\nabla_{x}\phi)y - (\nabla_{y}\phi)x + \eta(x)(y+hy) - \eta(y)(x+hx)\},$$

for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{M})$ .

Additionally it is well known [9, pp. 446-447], that any 3-dimensional contact metric manifold satisfies  $(\nabla_x \phi)y = g(x+hx,y)\xi - \eta(y)(x+hx)$ . Using the above relations we finally obtain

$$\bar{R}(x,y)\bar{\xi} = \frac{\kappa + a^2 - 1}{a^2}(\bar{\eta}(y)x - \bar{\eta}(x)y) + \frac{\mu + 2(a-1)}{a}(\bar{\eta}(y)\bar{h}x - \bar{\eta}(x)\bar{h}y)$$

for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{M})$ . So we have proved the following Theorem.

THEOREM 3.1. For any positive number, there exists a 3-dimensional generalized  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold.

The case m > 1. Let  $M^{2m+1}(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a generalized  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold and  $B = \{p \in M/\kappa(p) = 1\}$ . The set N = M - B is an open subset of M and thus  $N^{2m+1}(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a contact metric manifold, which satisfies the equation (3.1) with  $\kappa \neq 1$  everywhere.

LEMMA 3.2. The following relations are valid on  $N^{2m+1}(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ 

$$(3.2) l\phi - \phi l = 2\mu h\phi,$$

(3.3) 
$$h^2 = (\kappa - 1)\phi^2, \quad \kappa < 1$$

(3.4) 
$$R(\xi, x)y = \kappa[g(x, y)\xi - \eta(y)x] + \mu[g(hx, y)\xi - \eta(y)hx],$$

$$(\nabla_x h)y - (\nabla_y h)x = (1 - \kappa)[2g(x, \phi y)\xi + \eta(x)\phi y - \eta(y)\phi x + (1 - \mu)[\eta(x)\phi hy - \eta(y)\phi hx],$$

$$(3.5) + (1-\mu)[\eta(x)\phi ny -$$

for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}(N)$ .

PROOF. The proof of (3.2)-(3.5) is similar to that of Lemma 3.1 of [3] and hence we omit it. To prove (3.6), we operate (3.2) by  $\phi$  and use (2.7) and (3.3) we get  $l = -\kappa \phi^2 + \mu h$  and so through (2.8) we find

(3.7) 
$$\nabla_{\xi} l = -(\xi \kappa) \phi^2 + (\xi \mu) h + \mu (\nabla_{\xi} h).$$

Moreover from (2.9), (3.3) and  $l = -\kappa \phi^2 + \mu h$  we obtain

$$(3.8) \nabla_{\xi} h = \mu h \phi.$$

The use of (3.8) in (3.7) shows

(3.9) 
$$\nabla_{\xi} l = -(\xi \kappa) \phi^2 + (\xi \mu) h + \mu^2 h \phi.$$

Differentiating (2.7) along  $\xi$  and using (3.8) we get  $\phi(\nabla_{\xi}l)\phi - \nabla_{\xi}l = 0$ . This together with (3.9) complete the proof of the Lemma.

LEMMA 3.3 For any vector fields x, y on a (2m + 1)-dimensional generalized  $(\kappa, \mu)$ contact metric manifold the following differential equation is valid

$$(3.10) (y\kappa)\phi^2x - (x\kappa)\phi^2y + (x\mu)hy - (y\mu)hx + (\xi\mu)[\eta(y)hx - \eta(x)hy] = 0.$$

PROOF. Differentiating (3.1) along an arbitrary vector field z and using (2.6) we find

$$\begin{split} &\nabla_z R(x,y)\xi = (z\kappa)[\eta(y)x - \eta(x)y] + (z\mu)[\eta(y)hx + \eta(x)hy] \\ &+ \kappa[(\eta(\nabla_z y) - g(y,\phi z) - g(y,\phi hz))x + \eta(y)\nabla_z x \\ &- (\eta(\nabla_z x) - g(x,\phi z) - g(x,\phi hz))y + \eta(x)\nabla_z y] \\ &+ \mu[(\eta(\nabla_z y) - g(y,\phi z) - g(y,\phi hz))hx + \eta(y)\nabla_z hx \\ &- (\eta(\nabla_z x) - g(x,\phi z) - g(x,\phi hz))hy + \eta(x)\nabla_z hy]. \end{split}$$

The use of the last relation, (3.1) and (2.6) in Bianchi second identity yield to the following relation, by a direct calculation,

$$\begin{split} & \oplus_{\{x,y,z\}} \{ (z\kappa) [\eta(y)x - \eta(x)y] + (z\mu) [\eta(y)hx + \eta(x)hy] \\ & + \kappa [(\eta(\nabla_z y) - g(y,\phi z) - g(y,\phi hz))x + \eta(y)\nabla_z x \\ & - (\eta(\nabla_z x) - g(x,\phi z) - g(x,\phi hz))y + \eta(x)\nabla_z y] \\ & + \mu [\eta(\nabla_z y) - g(y,\phi z) - g(y,\phi hz))hx + \eta(y)\nabla_z hx \\ & - (\eta(\nabla_z x) - g(x,\phi z) - g(x,\phi hz))hy + \eta(x)\nabla_z hy] \\ & - \kappa [\eta(y)\nabla_z x - \eta(\nabla_z x)y] - \mu [\eta(y)h\nabla_z x - \eta(\nabla_z x)hy] \\ & - \kappa [\eta(\nabla_x z)y - \eta(y)\nabla_x z] - \mu [\eta(\nabla_x z)hy - \eta(y)h\nabla_x z] \\ & + R(x,y)\phi z + R(x,y)\phi hz \} = 0, \end{split}$$

where  $\bigoplus_{\{x,y,z\}}$  denotes the cyclic sum of x,y,z. Putting  $\xi$  instead of z in the last relation and using (3.4) and (3.6) we obtain

$$\begin{split} &-(y\kappa)x + (x\kappa)y + [(\xi\mu)\eta(y) - (y\mu)]hx + [-(\xi\mu)\eta(x) + (x\mu)]hy \\ &+ \eta(y)(\nabla_{\xi}h)x - \mu\eta(x)(\nabla_{\xi}h)y + \mu(\nabla_{x}h)y - \mu(\nabla_{y}h)x \\ &+ [-(x\kappa)\eta(y) + (y\kappa)\eta(x) + \kappa(g(y,\phi hx) - g(x,\phi hy)) \\ &+ \mu(g(hx,\phi hy) - g(hy,\phi hx) - g(hy,\phi x) + g(hx,\phi y))]\xi \\ &- \mu\eta(x)h\nabla_{y}\xi - \mu\eta(y)h\nabla_{x}\xi = 0. \end{split}$$

Substituting (2.1), (2.5) and (3.5) in the last relation we finally get (3.10) and it completes the proof of the Lemma.

LEMMA 3.4. For any  $P \in N$  there exist an open neighbourhood U of P and orthonormal local vector fields  $x_i, \phi x_i, \xi, i = 1, \dots, m$ , defined on U, such as

(3.11) 
$$hx_i = \lambda x_i, \quad h\phi x_i = -\lambda \phi x_i, \quad h\xi = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m,$$

where  $\lambda = \sqrt{1 - \kappa}$ .

PROOF. Using (3.3), we see that, at any point of N the tensor h has three eigenvalues; 0 with multiplicity  $1, \sqrt{1-\kappa}$  with multiplicity m and  $-\sqrt{1-\kappa}$  with multiplicity m. The function  $\lambda = \sqrt{1-\kappa}$  is smooth on N. Let  $y_1, \dots, y_m, y_{m+1}, \dots, y_{2m}, y_{2m+1}$ , be a basis of  $T_P N$ , such that,  $hy_i = \lambda y_i, i = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $hy_j = -\lambda y_j, j = m+1, \dots, 2m$ ,  $y_{2m+1} = \xi$ . We extend  $y_k'$ s to vector fields on N and define the vector fields  $w_i = (h+\lambda I)y_i - \lambda \eta(y_i)\xi, i = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $w_j = (h-\lambda I)y_j + \lambda \eta(y_j)\xi, j = m+1, \dots, 2m$  and  $\xi$ . At P we have  $w_i = 2\lambda y_i, i = 1, \dots, m$ , and  $w_j = -2\lambda y_j, j = m+1, \dots, 2m$ . Thus  $w_1, \dots, w_m, w_{m+1}, \dots, w_{2m}, \xi$  are linearly independent at P and hence in a neighbourhood U of P. At each point of U we have

$$hw_i = h((h + \lambda I)y_i - \lambda \eta(y_i)\xi) = \lambda w_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m,$$
  

$$hw_j = h((h - \lambda I)y_j + \lambda \eta(y_j)\xi) = -\lambda w_j, \quad j = m + 1, \dots, 2m,$$
  

$$h\xi = 0.$$

The vector fields  $\xi, x_i = \frac{w_i}{|w_i|}$  and  $\phi x_i, i = 1, \dots, m$ , satisfy (3.11) and so the proof is completed.

From now on, we will call the vector fields of Lemma 3.4 a local h-basis. We suppose that  $\{x_{i}, \phi x_{i}, \xi\}, i = 1, \dots, m$ , is a local h-basis on N. Substituting  $x = x_{i}, y = \phi x_{i}$  in (3.10) we get

(3.12) 
$$\lambda x_i \mu = x_i \kappa, \quad -\lambda \phi x_i \mu = \phi x_i \kappa, \quad i = 1, \dots, m.$$

Since m > 1, replacing x, y by  $x_i, x_j (i \neq j)$  respectively, equation (3.10) gives

$$(3.13) -\lambda x_i \mu = x_i \kappa, \quad i = 1, \cdots, m.$$

Finally, substituting  $x = \phi x_i, y = \phi x_j, (i \neq j)$ , in (3.10) we have

(3.14) 
$$\lambda \phi x_i \mu = \phi x_i \kappa, \quad i = 1, \dots, m.$$

By virtue of (3.6), (3.12), (3.13) and (3.14) we obtain

$$(3.15) x_i \kappa = \phi x_i \kappa = \xi \kappa = x_i \mu = \phi x_i \mu = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m.$$

Considering the 1-form  $d\mu$  and using (3.15) we have  $d\mu = (\xi \mu)\eta$ , and so

(3.16) 
$$0 = d^{2}\mu = d(\xi\mu) \wedge \eta + (\xi\mu)d\eta.$$

Using (3.15) and (3.16) we obtain  $d(\xi\mu) = \xi(\xi\mu)\eta$  and so  $\xi\mu = 0$ . This together with (3.15) show that the functions  $\kappa$  and  $\mu$  are constant on N. Therefore by the continuity of  $\kappa, \mu$  we conclude that the functions  $\kappa, \mu$  are constant on M. If  $\kappa \equiv 1$ , then using  $h^2 = (\kappa - 1)\phi^2$ , which is valid on any  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold, we get h = 0 and so by (3.1) and (2.10) M is Sasakian manifold.

So we have proved the following Theorem.

THEOREM 3.5. On a non Sasakian, generalized  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold  $M^{2m+1}$  with m > 1, the functions  $\kappa, \mu$  are constant, i.e.  $M^{2m+1}$  is a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold.

Using Lemma 3.3, for the 3-dimentional case, and working as in the case m > 1, we easily prove the following Theorem.

THEOREM 3.6. Let M be a non Sasakian, generalized  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold. If  $\kappa$ ,  $\mu$  satisfy the condition  $a\kappa + b\mu = c$  (a, b, c, constant), then  $\kappa$ ,  $\mu$  are constant.

REMARKS. 1. If  $\kappa = \mu = 0$ , then  $R(x,y)\xi = 0$  and such a contact metric manifold  $M^{2m+1}$  is locally the product of a flat (m+1)-dimensional manifold and an m-dimensional manifold of constant curvature 4, [2].

2. Recently, we have been informed by D.E. Blair, that  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifolds have been classified, [4]. For the 3-dimensional case see also [3].

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