

Some remarks on f –structures with parallelizable kernel

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Abstract

We consider a (k, μ) –type curvature condition on metric f –structures with parallelizable kernel. Under some additional assumptions it imposes some restrictions on the manifold, particularly some integrable distributions arise in the tangent bundle. We provide a class of examples

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1 Introduction

The study of the curvature of metric f –structures with parallelizable kernel, viewed as generalizations of almost contact manifolds is our interest in the present paper. In recent years, a very extensive research has been done in contact geometry, see [1] and references therein, almost S-structures [8], [5], [12], almost C-structures [6], [11]. In particular almost S-structures satisfying the (k, μ) –nullity condition were defined and studied in [5], [12].

2 Preliminaries

Let M^{2n+s} be a smooth manifold equipped with a $(1-1)$ tensor φ of the tangent bundle such that $\varphi^3 + \varphi = 0$, see [7], with $\dim \text{Im} \varphi_x \equiv 2n, \forall x \in M$. Suppose further that there exist s global vectorfields ξ_1, \dots, ξ_s and s 1–forms η_1, \dots, η_s s.t. $\varphi(\xi_j) = 0$, $\eta_j \circ \varphi = 0$, $\varphi^2 = -id + \sum_{r=1}^s \eta_r \otimes \xi_r$, $\eta_j(\xi_i) = \delta_{ji}, (j, i = \overline{1, s})$.

One says that $M^{2n+s}(\xi_j, \eta_j, \varphi)$ is a f –structure with parallelizable kernel, see [8]. There are then compatible metrics on M , i.e. verifying $g(\varphi A, \varphi B) = g(A, B) - \sum \eta_j(A)\eta_j(B)$. A 2–form is given by $\Phi(A, B) = g(A, \varphi B)$, where A, B are arbitrary vectorfields on M . Denote by D the distribution orthogonal to the ξ 's; $h_i := -\frac{1}{2}L_{\xi_i}(\varphi)$.

Lemma 2.1. *Let M be a Riemannian manifold with a f -structure with parallelizable kernel. For $X, Y \in \Gamma D$, for $i, j, r, \theta \in \{1, \dots, s\}$ one gets*

$$g(h_j(X), Y) = g(X, h_j(Y)) \Leftrightarrow d\Phi(\xi_j, X, Y) = d\Phi(\xi_j, \varphi X, \varphi Y) \quad (1)$$

$$h_j(\xi_i) = 0 \Leftrightarrow d\Phi(\xi_i, \xi_j, \cdot) \equiv 0 \quad (2)$$

$$d\Phi(\xi_i, \xi_j, \xi_\theta) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$g(h_j(\xi_r), C) = g(h_j(C), \xi_r) \quad (4)$$

if and only if each term in the following 2 identities is equal to another

$$g((L_{\xi_j} \varphi)(\xi_r), C) = g([\xi_j, \xi_r], \varphi C) = -d\Phi(\xi_j, \xi_r, C)$$

$$g((L_{\xi_j} \varphi)(C), \xi_r) = g([\xi_j, \varphi C], \xi_r) = -\eta_r(\xi_j, \varphi C) = -d\eta_r(\xi_j, \varphi C)$$

$$g(h_i(\xi_r), \xi_i) = g(h_i(\xi_i), \xi_r) = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$(h_j \varphi + \varphi h_r)(\xi_\theta) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \varphi^2 [\xi_\theta, \xi_r] = 0 \Leftrightarrow \varphi [\xi_\theta, \xi_r] = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$(h_j \varphi + \varphi h_\theta)(X) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d\eta_r(X, \xi_j) = 0 \forall r = \overline{1, s} \\ g([\xi_j - \xi_\theta, X], Y) = \\ g([\xi_j - \xi_\theta, \varphi X], \varphi Y) \forall Y \in \Gamma D \end{array} \right\} \quad (7)$$

Proof: These are straightforward, for some detailed calculations see [9]. \square

3 The generalized (k, μ) -nullity condition

Suppose that on the manifold there exist functions $k_{\theta j}, \mu_{\theta j} \in F(M)$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} R(A, B)\xi_j &= \sum_{\theta} k_{\theta j}(\eta_{\theta}(A)\varphi^2(B) - \eta_{\theta}(B)\varphi^2(A)) + \\ &+ \sum_{\theta} \mu_{\theta j}(\eta_{\theta}(B)h_{\theta}(A) - \eta_{\theta}(A)h_{\theta}(B))(*) \end{aligned}$$

with Riemannian curvature tensor

$$R(A, B)C = \nabla_A \nabla_B C - \nabla_B \nabla_A C - \nabla_{[A, B]} C;$$

A, B, C are any vectorfields on M . We say then that M satisfies on the generalized (k, μ) -nullity condition. Conditions of this type were considered and studied by Blair, Koufogiorgos, Papantoniou [10], Boeckx [3] for contact metric manifolds and more recently by Cappelletti Montano, di Terlizzi [5] for almost S-manifolds; see also Cabrerizo, Fernandez, Fernandez [4].

Then it follows at once $R(\xi_r, \xi_i)\xi_j = -\frac{1}{2}(\mu_{ij} + \mu_{rj})\varphi[\xi_r, \xi_i]$, $R(X, Y)\xi_j = 0$; $g(R(\xi_j, \xi_r)X, Y) = g(R(\xi_r, \xi_i)\xi_j, \xi_\theta) = 0$, $R(X, \xi_r)\xi_j = k_{rj}X + \mu_{rj}h_r(X)(**)$ where X, Y are any sections in the distribution D .

The symmetry $g(R(X, \xi_r)\xi_j, \xi_\theta) = -g(R(\xi_j, \xi_\theta)\xi_r, X)$ gives

$$\frac{1}{2}\mu_{rj}d\eta_\theta(\varphi X, \xi_r) = \frac{1}{2}(\mu_{jr} + \mu_{\theta r})g(\varphi[\xi_j, \xi_\theta], X), \mu_{rj}d\eta_j(\varphi X, \xi_r) = 0$$

The symmetry $g(R(X, \xi_j)Y, \xi_r) = g(R(Y, \xi_r)X, \xi_j)$ gives

$$g(k_{jr}X + \mu_{jr}h_j(X), Y) = g(k_{rj}Y + \mu_{rj}h_r(Y), X)$$

Bianchi identity $g(R(X, \xi_r)\xi_j, Y) + g(R(\xi_j, X)\xi_r, Y) = 0$ gives

$$g(k_{rj}X + \mu_{rj}h_r(X), Y) = g(k_{jr}X + \mu_{jr}h_j(X), Y), \mu_{rj}g(h_r(X), Y) = \mu_{rj}(h_r(Y), X)$$

From now on assume that $\mu_{jr} + \mu_{\theta r} \neq 0 \forall j, r, \theta \in \{1, \dots, s\}$. It follows that $d\eta_j(\varphi X, \xi_r) = g(h_r(X), \xi_j) = g([\xi_r, \varphi X], \xi_j) = g(\varphi[\xi_j, \xi_\theta], X) = 0$:

Proposition 3.1. *Let M be a Riemannian manifold with compatible f -structure with parallelizable kernel satisfying the generalized (k, μ) -condition, as above. Suppose that $\mu_{jr} + \mu_{\theta r} \neq 0 \forall j, r, \theta \in \{1, \dots, s\}$. Then the distribution $\ker \varphi$ generated by the vectorfields ξ is integrable.*

Now, $g(h_r(X), \xi_j) = g(h_r(\xi_j), X)$, $g(h_r(Y), X) = g(h_r(X), Y)$, $X, Y \in \Gamma D$ so that, using the Lemma, (1)-(7), h_i 's are symmetric endomorphisms and $h_r\varphi + \varphi h_r = 0$. Finally, $R(\xi_r, \xi_i)\xi_j = 0$, so that the leaves of the foliation $\ker \varphi$ are totally geodesic and flat; $L_X g(\xi_j, \xi_r) = 0$ is essentially required. Moreover $R(X, \xi_i)\xi_j = R(X, \xi_j)\xi_i$, from Bianchi identity, since now $g(R(\xi_i, \xi_j)X, A) = 0$. From $R(X, \xi_i)\xi_j = k_{ij}X + \mu_{ij}h_i(X)$ one further gets $\varphi R(\varphi X, \xi_i)\xi_j = -k_{ij}X + \mu_{ij}h_i(X)$; $k_{ji} = k_{ij}$; $\mu_{ij}h_i = \mu_{ji}h_j$.

4 Example

Let $M = R^{2+s}$ (or possibly an open subset). For simplicity the case $s = 2$ is exhibited here. The 1-forms $\eta_j = dx_j + ydz$ and vectorfields $\xi_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$ are globally defined. Conventions on exterior differentiation are s.t., e.g. $(dy \wedge dz)(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}) = 1$; $d\eta(A, B) = A\eta(B) - B\eta(A) - \eta[A, B]$. Following [10], the tensors g, φ with respect to the frame $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ are

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -b \\ -a & -a & -b & 1 + 2a^2 + b^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -a & ab \\ 0 & 0 & -a & ab \\ 0 & 0 & -b & 1 + b^2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & b \end{pmatrix}$$

where a, b are real functions that will satisfy on some conditions (notice the conventions in [10] are different). Now, $\varphi^2 = -id + \sum \eta_j \otimes \xi_j$ is verified iff $a = -y$, which also gives compatibility with the metric. The global orthonormal frame $\xi_1, \xi_2, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \varphi(\frac{\partial}{\partial y})$ will be appropriate to calculate the curvature of the manifold. The endomorphisms h verify

$$h_j(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial b}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}; h_j(\varphi \frac{\partial}{\partial y}) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial b}{\partial x_j} \varphi \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$$

Straightforward calculations express the curvature and taking

$$b = \varepsilon(z)y + \psi_1(z)x_1 + \psi_2(z)x_2 + \nu(z); \psi_l(z) = c_l \exp(-2E),$$

E being any primitive of the function ε and c_l being constant gives a Riemannian manifold M that satisfies on the generalized (k, μ) - condition. In the original example of [10], $s = 1$ and b is to be chosen s.t. $\varepsilon(z) = \frac{1}{4(1-z)}$ in an appropriate open subset of R^3 .

5 The eigenspaces of h_i 's

It is clear from $\mu_{ij}h_i = \mu_{ji}h_j, \mu_{ij} \neq 0$ that all h_i 's have the same eigenspaces, let denote those $V^0 \oplus \ker \varphi, V^l, V^{-l} = \varphi V^l$, corresponding to eigenvalues $0, \lambda_i^l, -\lambda_i^l$ of $h_i, l \leq n$. Second Bianchi identity for $\sum (\nabla_Y R)(X, \xi_i) \xi_j$ takes into considera-

tion(**), then $g([\xi_i, Y], \xi_j) = 0, g(\nabla_{\xi_i} \xi_j, X) = 0, g(\xi_i, \nabla_Y \xi_j) = g(\xi_i, \nabla_{\xi_j} Y) = 0$, so further

$$\begin{aligned} & - \left(R \left(\nabla_Y X, \xi_i \right) \xi_j + R \left(\xi_i, \nabla_X Y \right) \xi_j \right) = - (R([Y, X], \xi_i) \xi_j) = \\ & - (k_{ij} \pi^D[Y, X] + \mu_{ij} h_i \pi^D[Y, X]) ; \\ & - \left(R \left(X, \nabla_Y \xi_i \right) \xi_j + R \left(\nabla_X \xi_i, Y \right) \xi_j + R \left(\nabla_{\xi_i} Y, X \right) \xi_j + R \left(Y, \nabla_{\xi_i} X \right) \xi_j \right) = 0; \\ & - R(X, \xi_i) \nabla_Y \xi_j - R(\xi_i, Y) \nabla_X \xi_j - R(Y, X) \nabla_{\xi_i} \xi_j = \\ & = R \left(\xi_i, \nabla_Y \xi_j \right) X - R \left(\xi_i, \nabla_X \xi_j \right) Y. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, for $Y = U, X = V$ sections in the eigendistribution D^l denoting generic $c = k_{ij} + \mu_{ij} \lambda_i^l$, second Bianchi identity called above gives

$$U(c)V - V(c)U + c[U, V] - (k_{ij}\pi^D[U, V] + \mu_{ij}h_i\pi^D[U, V]) + \\ R\left(\xi_i, \nabla_U \xi_j\right)V + R\left(\nabla_V \xi_j, \xi_i\right)U = 0$$

Taking now D -component, one gets:

$$U(c)V - V(c)U + \mu_{ij}\left(\lambda\pi^D[U, V] - h_i\pi^D[U, V]\right) = 0$$

Consequently $\lambda\pi^D[U, V] - h_i\pi^D[U, V] \in \Gamma D^l$, which actually is $\pi^D[U, V] \in \Gamma D^l$, since h are diagonalizable. Observe that if the 2-forms $d\eta_j$ are all proportional to Φ then $g([U, V], \xi_r) = 0$, for $l \neq 0$, being any two different D^l orthogonal to each other; one gets

Theorem 5.1. *Let M be a Riemannian manifold with compatible f -structure with parallelizable kernel satisfying the generalized (k, μ) -condition. Suppose that each of the 2-forms $d\eta_j$ are proportional to Φ . Then the eigendistributions D^l , $l \neq 0$ are integrable.*

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