

ON THE GEOMETRY OF ANTI-QUASI-SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS

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Almost contact structures

Definition

An **almost contact manifold** is a smooth manifold M^{2n+1} endowed with a $(1,1)$ -tensor field φ , a vector field ξ (the *Reeb vector field*), and a 1-form η , satisfying

$$\varphi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1.$$

It follows that $\varphi\xi = 0$, $\eta \circ \varphi = 0$, and

$$TM = \mathcal{D} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle, \quad J_{\mathcal{D}}^2 = -I,$$

where $\mathcal{D} := \text{Ker } \eta = \text{Im } \varphi$ and $J_{\mathcal{D}} := \varphi|_{\mathcal{D}}$.

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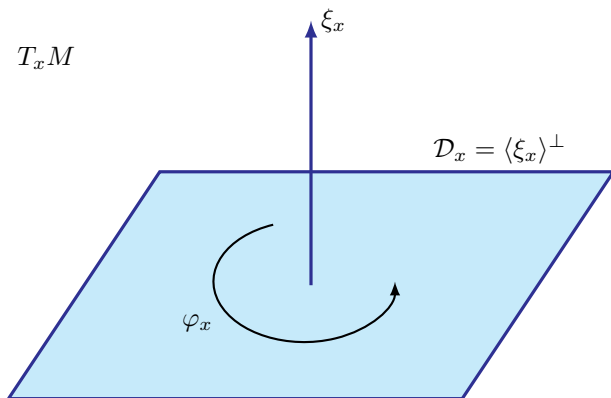
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Objective: define a new class of almost contact metric manifolds such that the transverse geometry with respect to ξ is given by a **Kähler structure** endowed with a **closed 2-form ω of type $(2, 0)$** .

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- if the φ -invariant distribution $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{D} \cap \ker(d\eta)$ has constant rank $2q$, then $\dim M = 2q + 4p + 1$, where

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We say that the structure has **rank $4p + 1$** .

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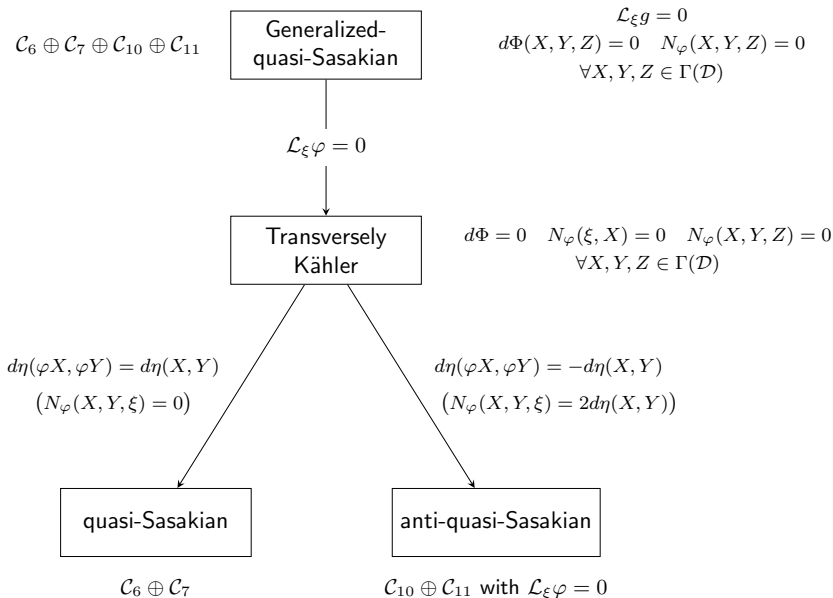
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Theorem (Converse of the B.W. type thm.)

Let (B, J, k) be a Kähler manifold endowed with a closed $(2,0)$ -form ω . If $[\omega] \in H^2(B, \mathbb{Z})$, then there exists a principal \mathbb{S}^1 -bundle M over B endowed with an anti-quasi-Sasakian structure (φ, ξ, η, g) such that η is a connection form on M whose curvature form is $d\eta = \pi^*\omega$.

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Moreover,

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- G is 2-step nilpotent. If $\lambda_r \in \mathbb{Q}$ for every $r = 1, \dots, n$, then G admits a cocompact discrete subgroup Γ , so that an aqS structure is induced on the compact nilmanifold G/Γ (Malčev)
- G is transversely flat.

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Special subclasses:

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- (c) $(A, \varphi, \psi, \xi, \eta, g)$ is a double aqS-Sasakian structure.

Remark: Up to homothetic deformations of the structure, the theorem holds true if M has constant ξ -sectional curvature $K(\xi, X) = \lambda^2 > 0$.

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$$\psi^2|_{\mathcal{D}} = -\lambda^2 I, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^* \Leftrightarrow M \text{ is } \eta\text{-Einstein}.$$

In this case M turns out to be transversely Ricci-flat, $\dim M = 4n + 1$, and

$$\text{Ric} = -2\lambda^2 g + (4n + 2)\lambda^2 \eta \otimes \eta, \quad s = -4n\lambda^2.$$

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that is

$$\psi^2|_{\mathcal{D}} = -\kappa I.$$

If $\kappa \neq 0$, M is η -Einstein, non Einstein. □

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*There exist no compact **homogeneous** aqS manifolds of **maximal rank** with $\text{Ric} \geq 0$.*

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Thank you!

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The canonical connection

Let $(M^{2n+1}, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ be an anti-quasi-Sasakian manifold and (M^{2m}, J, h) a Kähler manifold. Then the product $M^{2n+1} \times M^{2m}$ is naturally endowed with an anti-quasi Sasakian with structure $(\tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{g})$:

$$\tilde{\varphi}X = (\varphi X_1, JX_2), \quad \tilde{\xi} = (\xi, 0), \quad \tilde{\eta}(X) = \eta(X_1),$$

$$\tilde{g}(X, Y) = g(X_1, Y_1) + h(X_2, Y_2),$$

where $X = (X_1, X_2)$, $Y = (Y_1, Y_2) \in \mathfrak{X}(M^{2n+1} \times M^{2m})$.

If M^{2n+1} has rank $4p + 1$, then $M^{2n+1} \times M^{2m}$ has the **same rank**.

Question: Is an anti-quasi-Sasakian manifold **decomposable** as Riemannian product of an anti-quasi-Sasakian manifold of **maximal rank** and a Kähler manifold?

Theorem

Let $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ be an anti-quasi-Sasakian manifold. Then, there exists a **metric connection** $\bar{\nabla}$ such that

- $\bar{\nabla}\varphi = 0, \bar{\nabla}\xi = 0,$
- the torsion \bar{T} is totally skew-symmetric on \mathcal{D} and $\bar{T}(\xi, \cdot) = 0.$

The connection $\bar{\nabla}$ is uniquely determined by $\bar{\nabla} = \nabla + H$, with

$$H(X, Y) = \eta(X)\psi Y + \eta(Y)\psi X + g(X, \psi Y)\xi,$$

and its torsion is given by

$$\bar{T}(X, Y) = d\eta(X, Y)\xi.$$

Example

For a double aqS-Sasakian manifold $(M, \varphi_i, \xi, \eta, g)$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, the canonical connections associated to the two aqS structures $(\varphi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$ and $(\varphi_2, \xi, \eta, g)$ coincide. This is the **Tanaka-Webster connection** of the Sasakian structure $(\varphi_3, \xi, \eta, g)$.

Theorem

Let $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ be an anti-quasi-Sasakian manifold with $\bar{\nabla}\psi = 0$ ($\Leftrightarrow \bar{\nabla}\bar{T} = 0$).

- The distributions

$$\mathcal{E}^{2q} = \mathcal{D} \cap \text{Ker}(d\eta), \quad \mathcal{E}^{4p+1} = \mathcal{E}^{2q\perp}$$

are integrable with totally geodesic leaves and M is locally isometric to $N^{2q} \times M^{4p+1}$, with N^{2q} Kähler manifold, M^{4p+1} aqS manifold of maximal rank.

- If M is connected, then ψ^2 has constant eigenvalues.
For every nonvanishing eigenvalue μ ,

$$\langle \xi \rangle \oplus \mathcal{D}_\mu$$

is *integrable with totally geodesic leaves*. Every leaf is endowed with a double aqS-Sasakian structure, up to a homothetic deformation.

Theorem

There exist no connected, *locally symmetric*, non cokähler, anti-quasi-Sasakian manifolds with $\bar{\nabla}\psi = 0$.

Proof:

- A double aqS-Sasakian manifold cannot be locally symmetric:
 - every locally symmetric Sasakian manifold has constant sectional curvature 1 (Okumura);
 - any double aqS-Sasakian manifold cannot have constant sectional curvature 1.
- Assume $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ locally symmetric, non cokähler, aqS manifold with $\bar{\nabla}\psi = 0$:
 - for a nonzero eigenvalue μ of ψ^2 , any maximal integral submanifold N of $\langle \xi \rangle \oplus \mathcal{D}_\mu$, is totally geodesic and hence locally symmetric;
 - up to a homothetic deformation of the structure which preserves the local symmetry, N is endowed with a double aqS-Sasakian structure, which is not possible.

Chinea-Gonzalez classification

Let V be a $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional real vector space endowed with an almost contact metric structure $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, \langle, \rangle)$.

Let $\mathcal{C}(V)$ be the space all $(0, 3)$ -tensors having the same symmetries of $\nabla\Phi$, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(X, Y, Z) &= -\alpha(X, Z, Y) = \\ &= -\alpha(X, \varphi Y, \varphi Z) + \eta(Y)\alpha(X, \xi, Z) + \eta(Z)\alpha(X, Y, \xi)\end{aligned}$$

Then one has an orthogonal decomposition

$$\mathcal{C}(V) = \mathcal{C}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{C}_{12}$$

with \mathcal{C}_i ($i = 1, \dots, 12$) irreducible under the action of $U(n) \times 1$.

This provides 2^{12} invariant subspaces.

The null subspace $\{0\}$ corresponds to the class of cokähler manifolds ($\nabla\Phi = 0$).

Definition (Puhle)

We say that an almost contact metric manifold $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ is **generalized-quasi-Sasakian (gqS)** if

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi g = 0, \quad d\Phi(X, Y, Z) = 0, \quad N_\varphi(X, Y, Z) = 0 \quad \forall X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}),$$

where $N_\varphi(X, Y, Z) = g(N_\varphi(X, Y), Z)$.

It turns out that $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ is

- generalized-quasi-Sasakian \Leftrightarrow it belongs to $\mathcal{C}_6 \oplus \mathcal{C}_7 \oplus \mathcal{C}_{10} \oplus \mathcal{C}_{11}$;
- transversely Kähler \Leftrightarrow it is gqS and $\mathcal{L}_\xi \varphi = 0$;
- quasi-Sasakian \Leftrightarrow it belongs to $\mathcal{C}_6 \oplus \mathcal{C}_7$;
- anti-quasi-Sasakian \Leftrightarrow it belongs to $\mathcal{C}_{10} \oplus \mathcal{C}_{11}$ and $\mathcal{L}_\xi \varphi = 0$.