



A Note on Two Classes of ξ -Conformally Flat Almost Kenmotsu Manifolds

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Abstract

The object of the present paper is to characterize ξ -conformally flat (k, μ) -almost Kenmotsu manifolds and $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds. It is proved that a (k, μ) -almost Kenmotsu manifold is ξ -conformally flat if and only if the manifold is an Einstein manifold. Further it is shown that a $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifold is ξ -conformally flat if and only if it is conformally flat. As a consequence of the main results we obtain several corollaries. Finally, we give an example to verify our result.

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1. Introduction

Let M be a $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold with metric g and let $T(M)$ be the Lie algebra of differentiable vector fields in M . The Ricci operator Q of (M, g) is defined by

$$g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y), \quad (1.1)$$

where S denotes the Ricci tensor of type $(0, 2)$ on M and $X, Y \in T(M)$. The Weyl conformal curvature tensor C is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} C(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{2n-1} [S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)QX \\ &\quad - g(X, Z)QY] + \frac{r}{2n(2n-1)} [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y], \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

for $X, Y, Z \in T(M)$, where R and r denote the Riemannian curvature tensor and the scalar curvature of M respectively.

In the present time the study of nullity distributions is a very interesting topic on almost contact metric manifolds. The notion of k -nullity distribution was introduced by Gray [9] and Tanno [14] in the study of Riemannian manifolds (M, g) , which is defined for any $p \in M$ and $k \in \mathbb{R}$ as follows:

$$N_p(k) = \{Z \in T_p(M) : R(X, Y)Z = k[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]\}, \quad (1.3)$$

for any $X, Y \in T_p(M)$, where $T_p(M)$ denotes the tangent space of M at any point $p \in M$ and R denotes the Riemannian curvature tensor of type $(1, 3)$. Blair, Koufogiorgos and Papantoniou [1] introduced the generalized notion of the k -nullity distribution, named the (k, μ) -nullity distribution on a contact metric manifold (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) , which is defined for any $p \in M$ and $k, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} N_p(k, \mu) = \{Z \in T_p(M) : R(X, Y)Z &= k[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] \\ &\quad + \mu[g(Y, Z)hX - g(X, Z)hY]\}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

where $h = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_\xi \phi$ and \mathcal{L} denotes the Lie differentiation.

In [4], Dileo and Pastore introduced the notion of $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution, another generalized notion of the k -nullity distribution, on an almost Kenmotsu manifold (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) , which is defined for any $p \in M$ and $k, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} N_p(k, \mu)' = \{Z \in T_p(M) : R(X, Y)Z &= k[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] \\ &\quad + \mu[g(Y, Z)h'X - g(X, Z)h'Y]\}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

where $h' = h \circ \phi$.

A $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold M is said to have a (ϕ, ξ, η) -structure or an almost contact structure, if it admits a $(1, 1)$ tensor field ϕ , a characteristic vector field ξ and a 1-form η satisfying ([2], [3]),

$$\phi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \tag{1.6}$$

where I denote the identity endomorphism. Here also $\phi \xi = 0$ and $\eta \circ \phi = 0$; both can be derived from (1.6) easily.

If a manifold M with a (ϕ, ξ, η) -structure admits a Riemannian metric g such that

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

for any vector fields $X, Y \in T(M)$, then M is said to be an almost contact metric manifold. The fundamental 2-form Φ on an almost contact metric manifold is defined by $\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y)$ for any $X, Y \in T(M)$. The condition for an almost contact metric manifold being normal is equivalent to vanishing of the $(1, 2)$ -type torsion tensor N_ϕ , defined by $N_\phi = [\phi, \phi] + 2d\eta \otimes \xi$, where $[\phi, \phi]$ is the Nijenhuis tensor of ϕ [2]. Recently in ([4],[5],[6],[12],[13]), almost contact metric manifold such that η is closed and $d\Phi = 2\eta \wedge \Phi$ are studied and they are called almost Kenmotsu manifolds. Obviously, a normal almost Kenmotsu manifold is a Kenmotsu manifold. Also Kenmotsu manifolds can be characterized by $(\nabla_X \phi)Y = g(\phi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi X$, for any vector fields $X, Y \in T(M)$. It is well known [10] that a $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional Kenmotsu manifold M is locally a warped product $I \times_f N^{2n}$ where N^{2n} is a Kähler manifold, I is an open interval with coordinate t and the warping function f , defined by $f = ce^t$ for some positive constant c . Let us denote the distribution orthogonal to ξ by \mathcal{D} and defined by $\mathcal{D} = Ker(\eta) = Im(\phi)$. In an almost Kenmotsu manifold, since η is closed, \mathcal{D} is an integrable distribution.

At each point $p \in M$, we have

$$T_p(M) = \phi(T_p(M)) \oplus \{\xi_p\},$$

where $\{\xi_p\}$ is 1-dimensional linear subspace of $T_p(M)$ generated by ξ_p . Then the Weyl conformal curvature tensor C is a map:

$$C : T_p(M) \times T_p(M) \times T_p(M) \rightarrow \phi(T_p(M)) \oplus \{\xi\}.$$

Three particular cases can be considered as follows :

- (1) $C : T_p(M) \times T_p(M) \times T_p(M) \rightarrow \{\xi\}$, that is, the projection of the image of C in $\phi(T_p(M))$ is zero.
- (2) $C : T_p(M) \times T_p(M) \times T_p(M) \rightarrow \phi(T_p(M))$, that is, the projection of the image of C in $\{\xi\}$ is zero.
- (3) $C : T_p(M) \times T_p(M) \times T_p(M) \rightarrow \{\xi\}$, that is, when C is restricted to $\phi(T_p(M)) \times \phi(T_p(M))$, the projection of the image of C in $\phi(T_p(M))$ is zero, which is equivalent to $\phi^2 C(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z = 0$.

Definition 1.1. [17] A contact metric manifold (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) is said to be ξ -conformally flat if the linear operator $C(X, Y)$ is an endomorphism of $\phi(T(M))$, that is, if

$$C(X, Y)\phi(T(M)) \subset \phi(T(M)).$$

Then it is immediately follows that

Proposition 1.2. [17] On a contact metric manifold (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) , the following conditions are equivalent.

- (a) M is ξ -conformally flat,
- (b) $\eta(C(X, Y)Z) = 0$,
- (c) $\phi^2 C(X, Y)Z = -C(X, Y)Z$,
- (d) $C(X, Y)\xi = 0$,

where $X, Y, Z \in T(M)$.

Almost Kenmotsu manifolds have been studied by several authors such as Dileo and Pastore ([4], [5], [6]), De and Mandal ([7], [8], [11]) and many others. In the present paper we like to study ξ -conformally flat almost Kenmotsu manifolds with (k, μ) and $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distributions respectively.

The paper is organized as follows:

In Section 2, we give a brief account on almost Kenmotsu manifolds with ξ belonging to the (k, μ) -nullity distribution and ξ belonging to the $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution. Section 3 deals with ξ -conformally flat almost Kenmotsu manifolds with the characteristic vector field ξ belonging to the (k, μ) -nullity distribution. As a consequence of the main result we obtain several corollaries. Section 4 is devoted to study ξ -conformally flat almost Kenmotsu manifolds with the characteristic vector field ξ belonging to the $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution. Finally, we present an example to verify our results.

2. Almost Kenmotsu manifolds

Let M be a $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional almost Kenmotsu manifold. We denote by $h = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_\xi \phi$ and $l = R(\cdot, \xi)\xi$ on M . The tensor fields l and h are symmetric operators and satisfy the following relations [12]:

$$h\xi = 0, \quad l\xi = 0, \quad tr(h) = 0, \quad tr(h\phi) = 0, \quad h\phi + \phi h = 0, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\nabla_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi - \phi hX (\Rightarrow \nabla_\xi \xi = 0), \tag{2.2}$$

$$\phi l\phi - l = 2(h^2 - \phi^2), \tag{2.3}$$

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(X)(Y - \phi hY) - \eta(Y)(X - \phi hX) + (\nabla_Y \phi h)X - (\nabla_X \phi h)Y, \quad (2.4)$$

for any vector fields $X, Y \in T(M)$. The $(1, 1)$ -type symmetric tensor field $h' = h \circ \phi$ is anti-commuting with ϕ and $h'\xi = 0$. Also it is clear that ([4], [16])

$$h = 0 \Leftrightarrow h' = 0, \quad h'^2 = (k+1)\phi^2 (\Leftrightarrow h^2 = (k+1)\phi^2). \quad (2.5)$$

3. ξ belonging to the (k, μ) -nullity distribution

In this section we study ξ -conformally flat almost Kenmotsu manifolds with ξ belonging to the (k, μ) -nullity distribution.

From (1.4) we obtain

$$R(X, Y)\xi = k[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] + \mu[\eta(Y)hX - \eta(X)hY], \quad (3.1)$$

where $k, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$. Before proving our main results in this section we first state the following:

Lemma 3.1. [4] *Let M be an almost Kenmotsu manifold of dimension $(2n+1)$. Suppose that the characteristic vector field ξ belonging to the (k, μ) -nullity distribution. Then $k = -1$, $h = 0$ and M is locally a warped product of an open interval and an almost Kähler manifold.*

In view of Lemma 3.1 it follows from (3.1),

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X, \quad (3.2)$$

$$R(\xi, X)Y = -g(X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)X, \quad (3.3)$$

$$S(X, \xi) = -2n\eta(X), \quad (3.4)$$

$$Q\xi = -2n\xi, \quad (3.5)$$

for any vector fields $X, Y \in T(M)$.

Let us consider the manifold M be ξ -conformally flat, that is,

$$C(X, Y)\xi = 0, \quad (3.6)$$

for any vector fields $X, Y \in T(M)$.

From (1.2) and (3.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)\xi &= \frac{1}{2n-1}[S(Y, \xi)X - S(X, \xi)Y + g(Y, \xi)QX - g(X, \xi)QY] \\ &\quad - \frac{r}{2n(2n-1)}[g(Y, \xi)X - g(X, \xi)Y]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Using (3.2) and (3.4), we have from (3.7)

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X &= \frac{1}{2n-1}[-2n\eta(Y)X + 2n\eta(X)Y + \eta(Y)QX - \eta(X)QY] \\ &\quad - \frac{r}{2n(2n-1)}[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Simplifying the above equation, we have

$$\eta(Y)QX - \eta(X)QY = (1 + \frac{r}{2n})[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y]. \quad (3.9)$$

Putting $Y = \xi$ in (3.9) and using (3.5), yields

$$QX = (1 + \frac{r}{2n})X - (1 + 2n + \frac{r}{2n})\eta(X)\xi. \quad (3.10)$$

Taking inner product of (3.10) with Y , we get

$$S(X, Y) = (1 + \frac{r}{2n})g(X, Y) - (1 + 2n + \frac{r}{2n})\eta(X)\eta(Y). \quad (3.11)$$

In [4], Dileo and Pastore prove that in an almost Kenmotsu manifold with ξ belonging to the (k, μ) -nullity distribution the sectional curvature $K(X, \xi) = -1$. From this we get in an almost Kenmotsu manifold with ξ belonging to the (k, μ) -nullity distribution the scalar curvature $r = -2n(2n+1)$.

Thus from (3.11), we obtain

$$S(X, Y) = -2ng(X, Y), \quad (3.12)$$

which implies that the manifold is an Einstein manifold. Conversely, suppose that the manifold is Einstein. Then we have

$$S(X, Y) = -2ng(X, Y). \quad (3.13)$$

From above, we get

$$QX = -2nX. \quad (3.14)$$

Now putting $Z = \xi$ in (1.2) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} C(X, Y)\xi &= R(X, Y)\xi - \frac{1}{2n-1}[S(Y, \xi)X - S(X, \xi)Y + g(Y, \xi)QX \\ &\quad - g(X, \xi)QY] + \frac{r}{2n(2n-1)}[g(Y, \xi)X - g(X, \xi)Y]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

With the help of (3.4), (3.13) and (3.14), the relation (3.15) reduces to

$$C(X, Y)\xi = R(X, Y)\xi + (\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y). \quad (3.16)$$

Using (3.2) in the foregoing equation, we obtain

$$C(X, Y)\xi = 0. \quad (3.17)$$

Hence we can state the following:

Theorem 3.2. *An almost Kenmotsu manifold with ξ belonging to the (k, μ) -nullity distribution is ξ -conformally flat if and only if the manifold is an Einstein manifold.*

Since conformally flatness implies ξ -conformally flat, hence we obtain the following:

Corollary 3.3. *A conformally flat almost Kenmotsu manifold with ξ belonging to the (k, μ) -nullity distribution is an Einstein manifold.*

From (1.2), we get for a conformally flat manifold

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= \frac{1}{2n-1}[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY] \\ &\quad - \frac{r}{2n(2n-1)}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y], \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

for $X, Y, Z \in T(M)$, where R and r denote the Riemannian curvature tensor and the scalar curvature of M respectively. Now using (3.12) in the above expression we get

$$R(X, Y)Z = -[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]. \quad (3.19)$$

Conversely, if the manifold is of constant curvature -1, then obviously the manifold is conformally flat. Thus we arrive to the following:

Corollary 3.4. *An almost Kenmotsu manifold with ξ belonging to the (k, μ) -nullity distribution is conformally flat if and only if it is of constant curvature -1.*

The above corollary has been proved by De and Mandal [7].

4. ξ belonging to the $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution

In this section we study ξ -conformally flat almost Kenmotsu manifolds with ξ belonging to the $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution. Let $X \in \mathcal{D}$ be the eigen vector of h' corresponding to the eigen value λ . Then from (2.5) it is clear that $\lambda^2 = -(k+1)$, a constant. Therefore $k \leq -1$ and $\lambda = \pm\sqrt{-k-1}$. We denote by $[\lambda]'$ and $[-\lambda]'$ the corresponding eigen spaces related to the non-zero eigen value λ and $-\lambda$ of h' , respectively. Before presenting our main theorem we recall some results:

Lemma 4.1. (Prop. 4.1 and Prop. 4.3 of [4]) *Let (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) be a $(2n+1)$ -dimensional almost Kenmotsu manifold such that ξ belongs to the $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution and $h' \neq 0$. Then $k < -1$, $\mu = -2$ and $\text{Spec}(h') = \{0, \lambda, -\lambda\}$, with 0 as simple eigen value and $\lambda = \sqrt{-k-1}$. The distributions $[\xi] \oplus [\lambda]'$ and $[\xi] \oplus [-\lambda]'$ are integrable with totally geodesic leaves. The distributions $[\lambda]'$ and $[-\lambda]'$ are integrable with totally umbilical leaves. Furthermore, the sectional curvature are given by the following:*

- $K(X, \xi) = k - 2\lambda$ if $X \in [\lambda]'$ and $K(X, \xi) = k + 2\lambda$ if $X \in [-\lambda]'$,
- $K(X, Y) = k - 2\lambda$ if $X, Y \in [\lambda]'$; $K(X, Y) = k + 2\lambda$ if $X, Y \in [-\lambda]'$ and $K(X, Y) = -(k+2)$ if $X \in [\lambda]'$, $Y \in [-\lambda]'$,
- M^{2n+1} has constant negative scalar curvature $r = 2n(k-2n)$.

Lemma 4.2. (Lemma 3 of [15]) Let (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) be a $(2n+1)$ -dimensional almost Kenmotsu manifold with ξ belonging to the $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution. If $h' \neq 0$, then the Ricci operator Q of M is given by

$$Q = -2nid + 2n(k+1)\eta \otimes \xi - 2nh'. \quad (4.1)$$

Moreover, the scalar curvature of M is $2n(k-2n)$.

From (1.5), we have

$$R(X, Y)\xi = k[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] + \mu[\eta(Y)h'X - \eta(X)h'Y], \quad (4.2)$$

where $k, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$. Also we get from (4.2)

$$R(\xi, X)Y = k[g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X] + \mu[g(h'X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)h'X]. \quad (4.3)$$

Contracting (4.2) over X , we have

$$S(Y, \xi) = 2nk\eta(Y). \quad (4.4)$$

Moreover in an almost Kenmotsu manifold with $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution, we have

$$\nabla_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi + h'X, \quad (4.5)$$

$$(\nabla_X \eta)Y = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y) + g(h'X, Y). \quad (4.6)$$

Let us consider the manifold M be ξ -conformally flat, that is,

$$C(X, Y)\xi = 0, \quad (4.7)$$

for any vector fields $X, Y \in T(M)$.

From (1.2) and (4.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)\xi &= \frac{1}{2n-1}[S(Y, \xi)X - S(X, \xi)Y + g(Y, \xi)QX - g(X, \xi)QY] \\ &\quad - \frac{r}{2n(2n-1)}[g(Y, \xi)X - g(X, \xi)Y]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

Using (4.2) and (4.4), we get from (4.8)

$$\begin{aligned} &k[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] + \mu[\eta(Y)h'X - \eta(X)h'Y] \\ &= \frac{1}{2n-1}[2nk\eta(Y)X - 2nk\eta(X)Y + \eta(Y)QX - \eta(X)QY] \\ &\quad - \frac{r}{2n(2n-1)}[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

Using (4.1), we get from the foregoing equation

$$\left(\mu + \frac{2n}{2n-1}\right)[\eta(Y)h'X - \eta(X)h'Y] = 0. \quad (4.10)$$

Putting $Y = \xi$ in (4.10), we obtain

$$\left(\mu + \frac{2n}{2n-1}\right)h'X = 0. \quad (4.11)$$

Since $h' \neq 0$, we have

$$\mu + \frac{2n}{2n-1} = 0. \quad (4.12)$$

From Lemma 4.1, we have $\mu = -2$. Using the value of μ in (4.12), we get $n = 1$.

Hence we obtain the following:

Proposition 4.3. A $(2n+1)$ -dimensional ξ -conformally flat almost Kenmotsu manifold with $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution reduces to a 3-dimensional almost Kenmotsu manifold.

Since a 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold is conformally flat, therefore ξ -conformally flat almost Kenmotsu manifold with $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution is conformally flat. Conversely, conformally flatness implies ξ -conformally flat. Hence, we obtain the following:

Theorem 4.4. A $(2n+1)$ -dimensional almost Kenmotsu manifold with $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution is ξ -conformally flat if and only if it is conformally flat.

5. Example of a 5-dimensional almost Kenmotsu manifolds

In this section, we construct an example of an almost Kenmotsu manifold such that ξ belongs to the $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution and $h' \neq 0$, which is of constant curvature and is conformally flat. We consider 5-dimensional manifold $M = \{(x, y, z, u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^5\}$, where (x, y, z, u, v) are the standard coordinates in \mathbb{R}^5 . Let ξ, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5 be five vector fields in \mathbb{R}^5 which satisfies [4]

$$[\xi, e_2] = -2e_2, [\xi, e_3] = -2e_3, [\xi, e_4] = 0, [\xi, e_5] = 0,$$

$[e_i, e_j] = 0$, where $i, j = 2, 3, 4, 5$.

Let g be the Riemannian metric defined by

$$g(\xi, \xi) = g(e_2, e_2) = g(e_3, e_3) = g(e_4, e_4) = g(e_5, e_5) = 1$$

and $g(\xi, e_i) = g(e_i, e_j) = 0$ for $i \neq j; i, j = 2, 3, 4, 5$.

Let η be the 1-form defined by $\eta(Z) = g(Z, \xi)$, for any $Z \in T(M)$.

Let ϕ be the $(1, 1)$ -tensor field defined by

$$\phi(\xi) = 0, \phi(e_2) = e_4, \phi(e_3) = e_5, \phi(e_4) = -e_2, \phi(e_5) = -e_3.$$

Using the linearity of ϕ and g , we have

$$\eta(\xi) = 1, \phi^2(Z) = -Z + \eta(Z)\xi, g(\phi Z, \phi U) = g(Z, U) - \eta(Z)\eta(U),$$

for any $Z, U \in T(M)$.

Moreover, $h'\xi = 0, h'e_2 = e_2, h'e_3 = e_3, h'e_4 = -e_4, h'e_5 = -e_5$.

The Levi-Civita connection ∇ of the metric tensor g is given by Koszul's formula which is given by

$$2g(\nabla_X Y, Z) = Xg(Y, Z) + Yg(Z, X) - Zg(X, Y) - g(X, [Y, Z]) - g(Y, [X, Z]) + g(Z, [X, Y]).$$

Using Koszul's formula we get the following:

$$\nabla_\xi \xi = 0, \nabla_\xi e_2 = 0, \nabla_\xi e_3 = 0, \nabla_\xi e_4 = 0, \nabla_\xi e_5 = \xi,$$

$$\nabla_{e_2} \xi = 2e_2, \nabla_{e_2} e_2 = -2\xi, \nabla_{e_2} e_3 = 0, \nabla_{e_2} e_4 = 0, \nabla_{e_2} e_5 = 0,$$

$$\nabla_{e_3} \xi = 2e_3, \nabla_{e_3} e_2 = 0, \nabla_{e_3} e_3 = -2\xi, \nabla_{e_3} e_4 = 0, \nabla_{e_3} e_5 = 0,$$

$$\nabla_{e_4} \xi = 0, \nabla_{e_4} e_2 = 0, \nabla_{e_4} e_3 = 0, \nabla_{e_4} e_4 = 0, \nabla_{e_4} e_5 = 0,$$

$$\nabla_{e_5} \xi = 0, \nabla_{e_5} e_2 = 0, \nabla_{e_5} e_3 = 0, \nabla_{e_5} e_4 = 0, \nabla_{e_5} e_5 = 0.$$

In view of the above relations we have

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\phi^2 X + h'X,$$

for any $X \in T(M)$. Therefore, the structure (ϕ, ξ, η, g) is an almost contact metric structure such that $d\eta = 0$ and $d\Phi = 2\eta \wedge \Phi$, so that M is an almost Kenmotsu manifold.

By the above results, we can easily obtain the components of the curvature tensor R as follows:

$$R(\xi, e_2)\xi = 4e_2, R(\xi, e_2)e_2 = -4\xi, R(\xi, e_3)\xi = 4e_3, R(\xi, e_3)e_3 = -4\xi,$$

$$R(\xi, e_4)\xi = R(\xi, e_4)e_4 = R(\xi, e_5)\xi = R(\xi, e_5)e_5 = 0,$$

$$R(e_2, e_3)e_2 = 4e_3, R(e_2, e_3)e_3 = -4e_2, R(e_2, e_4)e_2 = R(e_2, e_4)e_4 = 0,$$

$$R(e_2, e_5)e_2 = R(e_2, e_5)e_5 = R(e_3, e_4)e_3 = R(e_3, e_4)e_4 = 0,$$

$$R(e_3, e_5)e_3 = R(e_3, e_5)e_5 = R(e_4, e_5)e_4 = R(e_4, e_5)e_5 = 0.$$

With the help of the expressions of the curvature tensor we conclude that the characteristic vector field ξ belongs to the $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution, with $k = -2$ and $\mu = -2$.

Using the expressions of the curvature tensor R we have

$$R(X, Y)Z = -4[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y].$$

From the above equation we obtain

$$S(Y, Z) = -16g(Y, Z), \text{ which implies } r = -80.$$

Now using these values in the expression of the conformal curvature tensor C we get, $C(X, Y)Z = 0$. Hence Theorem 4.1 is verified.

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