

## ON ENDO CURVATURE TENSOR OF A CONTACT METRIC MANIFOLD

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**Abstract.** We prove that a  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold with vanishing Endo curvature tensor is a Sasakian manifold. We find a necessary and sufficient condition for a non-Sasakian  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold whose Endo curvature tensor  $B^{es}$  satisfies  $B^{es}(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$ , where  $S$  is the Ricci tensor. Using  $\mathcal{D}$ -homothetic deformation we obtain an example of an  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold on which  $B^{es}(\xi, X) \cdot S \neq 0$ .

### 1. Introduction

In [2], Blair, Koufogiorgos and Papantoniou introduced the class of contact metric manifolds  $M$  with contact metric structures  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , in which the curvature tensor  $R$  satisfies the equation

$$R(X, Y)\xi = (kI + \mu h)(X \wedge Y)\xi, \quad X, Y \in TM, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $(k, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $2h$  is the Lie derivative of  $\varphi$  in the direction  $\xi$  and

$$(X \wedge Y)Z = g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y, \quad X, Y, Z \in TM.$$

A contact metric manifold belonging to this class is called a  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold. A  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold becomes a Sasakian manifold if  $k = 1$ . Characteristic examples of non-Sasakian  $(k, \mu)$ -manifolds are the tangent sphere bundles of Riemannian manifolds of constant sectional curvature not equal to one and certain Lie groups.

On the other hand, Bochner introduced a Kähler analogue of the Weyl conformal curvature tensor, which is now well known as the Bochner curvature tensor [3]. By using the Boothby-Wang's fibration, Matsumoto and Chūman constructed *C-Bochner curvature tensor* [9] from the Bochner curvature tensor and studied in the context of Sasakian geometry. In a Sasakian manifold, the Ricci operator  $Q$  commutes with the structure tensor  $\varphi$ , but in general  $Q\varphi \neq \varphi Q$ . Thus the definition of *C-Bochner curvature tensor* seems not to include all the non-Sasakian cases. Perhaps keeping this view in mind, Endo [6] defined a curvature tensor  $B^{es}$  on a contact metric manifold, which coincides with the *C-Bochner curvature tensor* when the manifold is Sasakian.

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In this paper, we recognize the curvature tensor  $B^{es}$  as *Endo curvature tensor*. In Section 2, we give necessary details about contact metric manifolds and Sasakian manifolds. In Section 3, we prove that an  $\xi$ -Endo flat  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold is a Sasakian manifold. In particular, an Endo flat  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold is a Sasakian manifold. We also prove that if the Endo curvature tensor vanishes on the unit tangent sphere bundle  $T_1M(c)$  of a manifold of constant curvature  $c$ , then  $c = 1$ . In [13], [14] and [17], contact metric manifolds satisfying  $R(X, \xi) \cdot S = 0$  are studied. Motivated by these studies, in Section 4, we prove that in a non-Sasakian  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold the Endo curvature tensor  $B^{es}$  satisfies  $B^{es}(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$  if and only if the manifold is 3-dimensional and flat. In last, we also give an example of an  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold, on which  $B^{es}(\xi, X) \cdot S \neq 0$ .

## 2. Contact metric manifolds

A  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold  $M$  is called an almost contact manifold if there is an almost contact structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta)$  consisting of a  $(1, 1)$  tensor field  $\varphi$ , a vector field  $\xi$ , and a 1-form  $\eta$  satisfying

$$\varphi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \text{and (one of)} \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \varphi\xi = 0, \quad \eta \circ \varphi = 0. \quad (2.1)$$

Let  $g$  be a compatible Riemannian metric with  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta)$ , that is,

$$g(X, Y) = g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y) \quad (2.2)$$

or equivalently,

$$g(X, \varphi Y) = -g(\varphi X, Y) \quad \text{and} \quad g(X, \xi) = \eta(X) \quad (2.3)$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$ . Then,  $M$  becomes an *almost contact metric manifold* equipped with an almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ .

An almost contact metric structure becomes a *contact metric structure* if

$$g(X, \varphi Y) = d\eta(X, Y), \quad X, Y \in TM. \quad (2.4)$$

In a contact metric manifold, the  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $h$  is symmetric and satisfies

$$h\xi = 0, \quad h\varphi + \varphi h = 0, \quad \text{trace}(h) = \text{trace}(\varphi h) = 0. \quad (2.5)$$

A contact metric manifold  $M$  is Sasakian if and only if

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

The  $(k, \mu)$ -nullity distribution  $N(k, \mu)$  ([2],[13]) of a contact metric manifold  $M$  is defined by

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

for all  $X, Y, Z \in TM$ , where  $(k, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . A contact metric manifold with  $\xi \in N(k, \mu)$  is called a  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold. For a  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold, it follows that  $h^2 = (k - 1)\varphi^2$ . This class contains

Sasakian manifolds for  $k = 1$ . In fact, for a  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold, the conditions of being Sasakian manifold,  $k = 1$  and  $h = 0$  are all equivalent. If  $\mu = 0$ , the  $(k, \mu)$ -nullity distribution  $N(k, \mu)$  is reduced to the  $k$ -nullity distribution  $N(k)$  [15]. If  $\xi \in N(k)$ , then we call a contact metric manifold  $M$  an  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold. For more details we refer to [1].

### 3. $(k, \mu)$ -manifolds with vanishing Endo curvature tensor

In [6], Endo defined a tensor in a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional contact metric manifold  $M$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 B^{es}(X, Y) = & R(X, Y) + h\varphi X \wedge h\varphi Y \\
 & + \frac{1}{4(n+2)} \left\{ QY \wedge X - \varphi Q\varphi Y \wedge X \right. \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{2} \{ \eta(Y) Q\xi \wedge X + \eta(QY) \xi \wedge X \} \\
 & \quad - QX \wedge Y + \varphi Q\varphi X \wedge Y \\
 & \quad - \frac{1}{2} \{ \eta(X) Q\xi \wedge Y + \eta(QX) \xi \wedge Y \} \\
 & \quad + Q\varphi Y \wedge \varphi X + \varphi QY \wedge \varphi X \\
 & \quad - Q\varphi X \wedge \varphi Y - \varphi QX \wedge \varphi Y \\
 & \quad + 2g(Q\varphi X, Y)\varphi + 2g(\varphi QX, Y)\varphi \\
 & \quad + 2g(\varphi X, Y)\varphi Q + 2g(\varphi X, Y)Q\varphi \\
 & \quad - \eta(X)QY \wedge \xi + \eta(X)(\varphi Q\varphi Y) \wedge \xi \\
 & \quad \left. + \eta(Y)QX \wedge \xi - \eta(Y)(\varphi Q\varphi X) \wedge \xi \right\} \\
 & - \frac{r + 4n^2 + 6n}{4(n+1)(n+2)} \{ \varphi Y \wedge \varphi X + 2g(\varphi X, Y)\varphi \} \\
 & - \frac{r - 6n - 8}{4(n+1)(n+2)} Y \wedge X \\
 & + \frac{r + 2n}{4(n+1)(n+2)} \{ \eta(Y)\xi \wedge X + \eta(X)Y \wedge \xi \} \\
 & - \frac{1}{4(n+1)(n+2)} \text{trace}(h^2) \{ \varphi Y \wedge \varphi X + 2g(\varphi X, Y)\varphi \\
 & \quad + Y \wedge X + \eta(Y)X \wedge \xi + \eta(X)\xi \wedge Y \}, \tag{3.1}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $X, Y \in TM$ ,  $Q$  is the Ricci operator and  $r$  is the scalar curvature. The tensor  $B^{es}$  will be called the *Endo curvature tensor*.

In a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold  $M$ , (1.1) is equivalent to

$$R(\xi, X) = \xi \wedge (kI + \mu h)X = -R(X, \xi), \quad X \in TM. \tag{3.2}$$

From (3.1), (1.1) and (3.2), it follows that

$$B^{es}(X, Y)\xi = \left( \frac{2(k-1)}{n+2}I + \mu h \right) (X \wedge Y)\xi, \tag{3.3}$$

$$B^{es}(\xi, X) = \xi \wedge \left( \frac{2(k-1)}{n+2} I + \mu h \right) X = -B^{es}(X, \xi) \quad (3.4)$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$ . Consequently, we have

$$B^{es}(\xi, X)\xi = \frac{2(k-1)}{n+2} (\eta(X)\xi - X) - \mu hX = -B^{es}(X, \xi)\xi. \quad (3.5)$$

$$\eta(B^{es}(X, Y)\xi) = 0, \quad (3.6)$$

$$\eta(B^{es}(\xi, X)Y) = \frac{2(k-1)}{n+2} (g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)) + \mu g(hX, Y). \quad (3.7)$$

Now, we need the following definition.

**Definition 3.1.** A  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold  $M$  is said to be  $\xi$ -Endo flat if

$$B^{es}(X, Y)\xi = 0, \quad X, Y \in TM.$$

In particular, if  $B^{es} = 0$  then  $M$  will be said to be *Endo flat*.

Now, we prove the following

**Theorem 3.2.** An  $\xi$ -Endo flat  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold is a Sasakian manifold.

**Proof.** Let  $M^{2n+1}$  be an  $\xi$ -Endo flat  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold. Then in view of (3.5), we get

$$0 = \frac{2(k-1)}{n+2} (\eta(X)\xi - X) - \mu hX,$$

which, in view of  $h^2 = (k-1)\varphi^2$ , implies that

$$\frac{(n+2)\mu}{2} h = h^2. \quad (3.8)$$

Taking the trace of (3.8), we obtain

$$0 = \text{trace}(h^2) = 2n(1-k). \quad (3.9)$$

From (3.9), we have  $k = 1$ . Thus,  $M^{2n+1}$  becomes Sasakian.

**Corollary 3.3.** An Endo flat  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold is a Sasakian manifold.

A contact metric manifold  $M$  is said to be  $\eta$ -Einstein [10] if the Ricci tensor  $S$  satisfies

$$S = ag + b\eta \otimes \eta, \quad (3.10)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are smooth functions on the manifold. In particular, if  $b = 0$  then  $M$  is an *Einstein manifold*.

The Endo curvature tensor reduces to C-Bochner curvature tensor in a Sasakian manifold. A number of results for Sasakian manifolds with vanishing C-Bochner curvature tensor can be found in [5], [7], [8], [11], [12] etc.. Here, we list some known results for Sasakian manifolds with vanishing C-Bochner curvature tensor in the following two Theorems.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $M^{2n+1}$  be a Sasakian manifold with vanishing C-Bochner curvature tensor. Then the following statements are true:*

1. ([11]) *If the scalar curvature  $r$  is constant and the Ricci tensor is positive semi-definite, then  $M^{2n+1}$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein.*
2. (Theorem 1, [12]) *If the scalar curvature  $r$  is constant and the square of the length of the Ricci tensor is less than  $r^2/2n$ , then  $M^{2n+1}$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein.*
3. (Theorem 1, [7]) *If (i)  $n \geq 3$ , (ii) the scalar curvature  $r$  is constant and (iii) the square of the length of the  $\eta$ -Einstein tensor*

$$S_{ij} = \left(\frac{r}{2n} - 1\right) g_{ij} - \left(\frac{r}{2n} - 2n - 1\right) \eta_i \eta_j$$

*is less than  $\frac{(n-1)(n+2)^2(r+2n)^2}{2n(n+1)^2(n-2)^2}$ ; then  $M^{2n+1}$  is a Sasakian space form.*

4. (Theorem 2, [7]) *If  $n = 2$  and the scalar curvature is a constant  $r \neq -4$ , then  $M^{2n+1}$  is a Sasakian space form.*
5. (Theorem B, [5]) *If (i)  $n \geq 2$ , (ii) the scalar curvature is constant and (iii) the Ricci tensor is positive semi-definite; then  $M^{2n+1}$  is a Sasakian space form.*

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $M^{2n+1}$  be a compact Sasakian manifold with vanishing C-Bochner curvature tensor. Then the following statements are true:*

1. (Theorem 2, [12]) *If the square of the length of the Ricci tensor is constant and less than  $r^2/2n$ , where  $r$  is the scalar curvature; then  $M^{2n+1}$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein.*
2. (Theorem 4.1, [9]) *If (i)  $n \geq 2$ , (ii) the scalar curvature is constant and (iii) the smallest eigenvalue of the Ricci tensor is greater than  $-2$ , then  $M^{2n+1}$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein.*
3. (Theorem C, [5]) *If (i)  $n \geq 3$ , (ii) the length of the Ricci tensor is constant and (iii) the length of the  $\eta$ -Einstein tensor*

$$S_{ij} = \left(\frac{r}{2n} - 1\right) g_{ij} - \left(\frac{r}{2n} - 2n - 1\right) \eta_i \eta_j$$

*is less than  $\frac{\sqrt{2}(r-n+1)}{\sqrt{(n-1)(n-3)}}$ , then  $M^{2n+1}$  is a Sasakian space form.*

**Remark 3.6.** In view of Corollary 3.3, the consequences of Theorem 3.4 and Theorem 3.5 are still true if Sasakian manifolds with vanishing  $C$ -Bochner curvature tensor are replaced by Endo-flat  $(k, \mu)$ -manifolds.

The unit tangent sphere bundle  $T_1M$  equipped with the standard contact metric structure is a  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold if and only if the base manifold  $M$  is of constant curvature  $c$  with  $k = c(2 - c)$  and  $\mu = -2c$  [2]. In case of  $c \neq 1$ , the unit tangent sphere bundle is non-Sasakian [16]. Then, applying Theorem 3.2 to  $T_1M(c)$ , we have

**Corollary 3.7.** *If the unit tangent sphere bundle  $T_1M(c)$  of a space of constant curvature  $c$  is Endo flat then  $c = 1$ .*

#### 4. $(k, \mu)$ -manifolds satisfying $B^{es}(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$

In a non-Sasakian  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  the Ricci tensor  $S$  is given by [2]

$$S(X, Y) = (2(n-1) - n\mu)g(X, Y) + (2(n-1) + \mu)g(hX, Y) + (2(1-n) + n(2k + \mu))\eta(X)\eta(Y) \quad (4.1)$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$ .

We also recall the following result for later use.

**Theorem 4.1.** (Theorem 1.2, [18]) *A non-Sasakian Einstein  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold is flat and 3-dimensional.*

Now we prove the main result of this section as follows:

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $M$  be a non-Sasakian  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold. Then the Endo curvature tensor  $B^{es}$  satisfies  $B^{es}(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$  if and only if  $M$  is flat and 3-dimensional.*

**Proof.** Let  $M^{2n+1}$  be a non-Sasakian  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold. Then the condition  $B^{es}(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$  gives

$$S(B^{es}(\xi, X)Y, \xi) + S(Y, B^{es}(\xi, X)\xi) = 0. \quad (4.2)$$

In view of  $Q\xi = 2nk\xi$ , we get

$$S(X, \xi) = 2nk\eta(X), \quad (4.3)$$

which implies that

$$S(B^{es}(\xi, X)Y, \xi) = 2nk\eta(B^{es}(\xi, X)Y). \quad (4.4)$$

Using (3.7) in (4.4), we obtain

$$S(B^{es}(\xi, X)Y, \xi) = 2nk\mu g(hX, Y) + \frac{4nk(k-1)}{n+2}(g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)). \quad (4.5)$$

In view of (3.5) and (4.3) we have

$$S(B^{es}(\xi, X)\xi, Y) = \frac{4nk(k-1)}{n+2}\eta(X)\eta(Y) - \frac{2(k-1)}{n+2}S(X, Y) - \mu S(hX, Y). \quad (4.6)$$

From (4.2), (4.5) and (4.6), we have

$$\frac{2(k-1)}{n+2}S(X, Y) = \frac{4nk(k-1)}{n+2}g(X, Y) + 2n\mu g(hX, Y) - \mu S(hX, Y). \quad (4.7)$$

From (4.1) we have

$$S(hX, Y) = (2(n-1) - n\mu)g(hX, Y) - (k-1)(2(n-1) + \mu)g(X, Y) + (k-1)(2(n-1) + \mu)\eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad (4.8)$$

where we have used  $\eta \circ h = 0$ ,  $h^2 = (k-1)\varphi^2$  and (2.2). In view of (4.1), (4.7) and (4.8) we obtain (3.10) with

$$a = \frac{(2(n-1) + \mu)(k-1)(4nk + (n+2)(2(n-1) + \mu)\mu)}{2(k-1)(2(n-1) + \mu) - \mu(n+2)(2+n\mu)} - \frac{\mu(n+2)(2+n\mu)(2(n-1) - n\mu)}{2(k-1)(2(n-1) + \mu) - \mu(n+2)(2+n\mu)}, \quad (4.9)$$

and

$$b = -\frac{\mu(n+2)((k-1)(2(n-1) + \mu)^2 + (2+n\mu)(n(2k + \mu) - 2(n-1)))}{2(k-1)(2(n-1) + \mu) - \mu(2+n\mu)(n+2)}. \quad (4.10)$$

Thus we see that  $M^{2n+1}$  becomes  $\eta$ -Einstein. From (4.1) and (3.10), we see that a non-Sasakian  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein if and only if

$$\mu = -2(n-1). \quad (4.11)$$

Using (4.11) in (4.1) we get

$$S = 2(n^2 - 1)g - 2(n^2 - nk - 1)\eta \otimes \eta. \quad (4.12)$$

It can be noted that in view of (4.9), (4.10) and (4.11), equation (3.10) also yields (4.12). From (4.12), it follows that

$$r = 2n(k + 2(n-1)(n+1)). \quad (4.13)$$

Using (4.11) in (4.8) we get

$$S(hX, Y) = 2(n^2 - 1)g(hX, Y). \quad (4.14)$$

Using (4.11) and (4.14) in (4.7) and contracting the resulting equation we obtain

$$0 = (k - 1)(2nk(2n + 1) - r), \quad (4.15)$$

where  $\text{trace}(h) = 0$  is used. In view of (4.13), (4.15) and  $k < 1$ , we obtain

$$n^2 - nk - 1 = 0. \quad (4.16)$$

Using (4.16) in (4.12) we see that  $M^{2n+1}$  is Einstein and consequently in view of Theorem 4.1,  $M^{2n+1}$  becomes flat and 3-dimensional.

The converse is straightforward.

In last, we give an example of an  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold, on which  $B^{es}(\xi, X) \cdot S \neq 0$ .

First, we recall the notion of a  $\mathcal{D}_a$ -homothetic deformation. For a given contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , this 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 or Sasakian, 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, that is

$$R(X, Y)\xi = (kI + \mu h)(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y), \quad X, Y \in TM$$

for  $k, \mu$  being real constants, is preserved under a  $\mathcal{D}_a$ -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  $M$ , Boeckx [4] introduced an invariant  $I_M = (1 - \mu/2)/\sqrt{1 - k}$  and showed that two non-Sasakian  $(k, \mu)$ -manifolds  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are locally isometric as contact metric manifolds up to a  $\mathcal{D}_a$ -homothetic deformation if and only if  $I_{M_1} = I_{M_2}$ .

Now, we present the following

**Example 4.3.** Consider the unit tangent sphere bundle of a 4-dimensional manifold of constant curvature  $(3 + 2\sqrt{2})$ . After a  $\mathcal{D}_{2(2+\sqrt{2})}$ -homothetic deformation we get an  $N(1/2)$ -contact metric manifold, on which  $B^{es}(\xi, X) \cdot S \neq 0$ .

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