

## ON THE AC-CONTACT BOCHNER CURVATURE TENSOR FIELD ON ALMOST COSYMPLECTIC MANIFOLDS

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**Abstract.** On an almost cosymplectic manifold we define a new modified contact Bochner curvature tensor field which is invariant with respect to  $D$ -homothetic deformation. Then we generalize a theorem of Olszak [5] and describe some manifolds with vanishing its new modified contact Bochner curvature tensor field.

**1. Introduction.** Olszak [5, Theorem 6.2] got the necessary and sufficient condition for a conformally flat almost cosymplectic manifold to be cosymplectic. On the other hand, Matsumoto and Chuman [4] defined contact Bochner curvature tensor in Sasakian manifolds (see also Yano [8]). This tensor is invariant with respect to  $D$ -homothetic deformations (see Tanno [7] about  $D$ -homothetic deformations). In this paper we modify contact Bochner curvature tensor and define a new modified contact Bochner curvature tensor field which is invariant with respect to  $D$ -homothetic deformations of an almost cosymplectic manifold. We call it  $AC$ -contact Bochner curvature tensor. Then, by using  $AC$ -contact Bochner curvature, we get a generalization of an Olszak's theorem [5, Theorem 6.2]. Moreover, we consider an almost cosymplectic manifold with constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature and another one with vanishing  $AC$ -contact Bochner curvature.

**2. Preliminaries.** Let  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional almost contact Riemannian manifold, that is, let  $M$  be a differentiable manifold and  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  an almost contact Riemannian structure on  $M$ , formed by tensor fields  $\phi, \xi, \eta$ , of type  $(1,1)$ ,  $(1,0)$  and  $(0,1)$ , respectively, and a Riemannian metric  $g$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^2 &= -I + \eta \otimes \xi, & \phi\xi &= 0, & \eta \cdot \phi &= 0, & \eta(\xi) &= 1, \\ \eta(X) &= g(X, \xi), & g(\phi X, \phi Y) &= g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y). \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

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On such a manifold we may always define 2-form  $\Phi$  by  $\Phi(X, Y) = g(\phi X, Y)$ . Then  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be an almost cosymplectic manifold if the forms  $\Phi$  and  $\eta$  are closed, i.e., if  $d\Phi = 0, d\eta = 0$ , where  $d$  is a exterior differentiation. On an almost cosymplectic manifold we define an operator  $h$  by  $h = -\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_\xi\phi$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  denotes the Lie differentiation. Then we see that  $h$  is symmetric,  $h$  anti-commutes with  $\phi$  (i.e.,  $\phi h + h\phi = 0$ ),  $h\xi = 0, \nabla_X\xi = \phi hX$  and  $\text{Tr} h = 0$ , where  $\nabla$  is the covariant differentiation with respect to  $g$  and  $\text{Tr} h$  is the trace of  $h$  (see [2]). From  $\phi h\xi = 0$ , we notice

$$(\nabla_Y(\phi h))\xi = -h^2Y \tag{2.2}$$

$$(\nabla_\xi(\phi h))X = R(\xi, X)\xi - h^2X, \tag{2.3}$$

where  $R$  is the curvature tensor ( $R(X, Y) = [\nabla_X, \nabla_Y] - \nabla_{[X, Y]}$ ). Furthermore, the following are satisfied [2]:

$$g(R(Y, \xi)\xi, Z) + g(R(\phi Y, \xi)\xi, \phi Z) + 2g(hY, hZ) = 0 \tag{2.4}$$

$$g(Q\xi, \xi) = -\text{Tr} h^2, \tag{2.5}$$

where  $Q$  is the Ricci operator. If an almost contact structure of an almost cosymplectic manifold is normal, then it is said to be a cosymplectic manifold. As it is known, an almost contact metric structure is cosymplectic if and only if both  $\nabla\eta$  and  $\nabla\phi$  vanish ([3]; see also [2] and [5]). However, if we have  $\nabla\phi = 0$ , then, we can easily get  $\nabla\eta = 0$  by taking the covariant differentiation of  $\phi\xi = 0$ . In a cosymplectic manifold  $M$  with structure tensor  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , from  $\nabla\xi = 0$  we have

$$R(X, Y)\xi = 0 \tag{2.6}$$

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ , wherefrom

$$Q\xi = 0. \tag{2.7}$$

Using  $\nabla\phi = 0$  and  $R(X, Y)\phi Z = \nabla_X\nabla_Y(\phi Z) - \nabla_Y\nabla_X(\phi Z) - \nabla_{[X, Y]}\phi Z$ , we find

$$R(X, Y)\phi Z = \phi R(X, Y)Z. \tag{2.8}$$

Thus, using the property of the curvature tensor, we get

$$R(\phi X, \phi Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z. \tag{2.9}$$

From (2.9), we find  $R(\phi X, Y)Z = -R(X, \phi Y)Z$ . Moreover we have

$$\phi Q = Q\phi, \tag{2.10}$$

where we used

$$\begin{aligned} g(Q\phi Y, \phi Z) &= \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} g(R(E_i, \phi Y)\phi Z, E_i) = - \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} g(R(\phi E_i, Y)\phi Z, E_i) \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} g(\phi R(\phi E_i, Y)Z, E_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} g(R(\phi E_i, Y)Z, \phi E_i) = g(QY, Z), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{E_i, 1 \leq i \leq 2n+1\}$  is a  $\phi$ -basis ( $E_{n+t} = \phi E_t, 1 \leq t \leq n; E_{2n+1} = \xi$ ).

By  $D$  we denote the distribution of an almost contact metric manifold  $M$  defined by  $\eta = 0$ .  $M$  is said to be of pointwise constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature if at any point  $x \in M$ , the sectional curvature  $K(X, \phi X)$  is independent of the choice of non-zero  $X \in D_x$ . In this case, the  $\phi$ -sectional curvature  $K$  is a function on  $M$ .

An almost contact metric manifold is said to be  $\eta$ -Einstein if  $Q = aI + b\eta \otimes \xi$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are smooth functions on  $M$ . Especially if  $b = 0$ , then  $M$  is said to be Einstein.

On a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional almost cosymplectic manifold  $M$  the Weyl conformal curvature tensor of  $M$  is the tensor field  $C$  of type (1,3) defined by

$$\begin{aligned} C(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z \\ &+ \frac{1}{2n-1}(g(QX, Z)Y - g(QY, Z)X + g(X, Z)QY - g(Y, Z)QX) \\ &- \frac{S}{2n(2n-1)}(g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X) \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  on  $M$  (where  $S$  is the scalar curvature). Moreover we put

$$c(X, Y) = (\nabla_X Q)Y - (\nabla_Y Q)X - \frac{1}{2(2n-1)}((\nabla_X S)Y - (\nabla_Y S)X). \quad (2.12)$$

Then it is well-known that a necessary and sufficient condition for  $M$  to be conformally flat is that  $C = 0$  for  $n > 3$  and  $c = 0$  for  $n = 3$  ( $C$  vanishes identically for  $n = 3$ ).

**3. D-homothetic deformations.** Let  $M$  be an  $(m+1)$ -dimensional ( $m = 2n$ ) almost cosymplectic manifold. Now we define a tensor field  $B^{ac}$  on  $M$  by

$$\begin{aligned} B^{ac}(X, Y) &= R(X, Y) + \phi hX \wedge \phi hY \\ &+ \frac{1}{2(m+4)}(QY \wedge X - (\phi Q \phi Y) \wedge X + \frac{1}{2}(\eta(Y)Q\xi \wedge X + \eta(QY)\xi \wedge X) \\ &- QX \wedge Y + (\phi Q \phi X) \wedge Y - \frac{1}{2}(\eta(X)Q\xi \wedge Y + \eta(QX)\xi \wedge Y) + (Q\phi Y) \wedge \phi X \\ &+ (\phi Q Y) \wedge \phi X - (Q\phi X) \wedge \phi Y - (\phi Q X) \wedge \phi Y + 2g(Q\phi X, Y)\phi \\ &+ 2g(\phi Q X, Y)\phi + 2g(\phi X, Y)\phi Q + 2g(\phi X, Y)Q\phi - \eta(X)QY \wedge \xi \\ &+ \eta(X)(\phi Q \phi Y) \wedge \xi + \eta(Y)QX \wedge \xi - \eta(Y)(\phi Q \phi X) \wedge \xi), \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

where  $(X \wedge Y)Z = g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y$  (c.f. [4]). Using (3.1),  $B^{ac}$  satisfies the following identities in an almost cosymplectic manifold  $M$ .

$$\begin{aligned} B^{ac}(X, Y)Z &= -B^{ac}(Y, X)Z, \\ B^{ac}(X, Y)Z + B^{ac}(Y, Z)X + B^{ac}(Z, X)Y &= 0 \\ g(B^{ac}(X, Y)Z, W) &= -g(Z, B^{ac}(X, Y)W), \\ g(B^{ac}(X, Y)Z, W) &= g(B^{ac}(Z, W)X, Y). \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

If  $M$  is a cosymplectic manifold, then  $B^{ac}$  turns into the following  $B^c$  because of (2.7), (2.10) and (3.1).

$$B^c(X, Y) = R(X, Y) + \frac{1}{m+4}(QY \wedge X - QX \wedge Y + Q\phi Y \wedge \phi X - Q\phi X \wedge \phi Y) \\ + 2g(Q\phi X, Y)\phi + 2g(\phi X, Y)Q\phi + \eta(Y)QX \wedge \xi + \eta(X)\xi \wedge QY.$$

$B^c$  is the main part of the contact Bochner curvature tensor (Matsumoto and Chuman [4]). Moreover, the following are satisfied in a cosymplectic manifold  $M$ .

$$B^{ac}(\xi, Y)Z = B^c(\xi, Y)Z = B^c(X, Y)\xi = B^{ac}(X, Y)\xi = 0 \\ B^{ac}(\phi X, \phi Y)Z = B^c(\phi X, \phi Y)Z = B^c(X, Y)Z = B^{ac}(X, Y)Z, \quad (3.3)$$

where we used (2.4), (2.6), (2.8) and (2.9).

We consider a  $D$ -homothetic deformation  $g^* = \alpha g + \alpha(\alpha - 1)\eta \otimes \eta$ ,  $\phi^* = \phi$ ,  $\xi^* = \alpha^{-1}\xi$ ,  $\eta^* = \alpha\eta$  on an almost cosymplectic manifold  $M$ , where  $\alpha$  is a positive constant. For a  $D$ -homothetic deformation we say that  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is  $D$ -homothetic to  $M(\phi^*, \xi^*, \eta^*, g^*)$ . It is easy to see that if an almost cosymplectic manifold  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is  $D$ -homothetic to  $M(\phi^*, \xi^*, \eta^*, g^*)$ , then  $M(\phi^*, \xi^*, \eta^*, g^*)$  is an almost cosymplectic manifold. Moreover if  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a cosymplectic manifold, then  $M(\phi^*, \xi^*, \eta^*, g^*)$  is also a cosymplectic manifold. Denoting by  $W_{jk}^i$  the difference  $\Gamma_{jk}^{*i} - \Gamma_{jk}^i$  of Christoffel symbols, by  $\nabla_X \xi = \phi hX$  (hence  $(\nabla_X \eta)Y = (\nabla_Y \eta)X$ ) we have in an almost cosymplectic manifold  $M$  [6]

$$W(X, Y) = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}(\nabla_X \eta)(Y)\xi = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}g(\phi hX, Y)\xi.$$

Putting this into

$$R^*(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z + (\nabla_X W)(Z, Y) - (\nabla_Y W)(Z, X) \\ + W(W(Z, Y), X) - W(W(Z, X), Y)$$

and using  $\nabla_X \xi = \phi hX$ , we find

$$R^*(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z + \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}(g(Y, (\nabla_X(\phi h))Z)\xi \\ - g(X, (\nabla_Y(\phi h))Z)\xi + g(Y, \phi hZ)\phi hX - g(X, \phi hZ)\phi hY). \quad (3.4)$$

Here, choosing  $\phi^*$ -basis with respect to  $g^*$  and using (2.2) and (2.3), we get

$$\text{Ric}^*(Y, Z) = \text{Ric}(Y, Z) - \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}(g(R(Z, \xi)\xi, Y) + g(h^2Y, Z)), \quad (3.5)$$

where  $\text{Ric}$  is the Ricci curvature of  $M$ . From (3.5) we have

$$Q^*Y = \frac{1}{\alpha}QY - \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha^2}\eta(QY)\xi - \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha^2}(h^2Y - R(\xi, Y)\xi), \quad (3.6)$$

where we used  $\eta(Q^*Y) = \alpha^{-2}\eta(QY)$ . By virtue of (3.5) we find

$$S^* = \frac{1}{\alpha}S - 2\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha^2}\text{Ric}(\xi, \xi). \quad (3.7)$$

Moreover if we consider the  $D$ -homothetic deformation of  $\mathcal{L}_\xi\phi$ , we find

$$h^* = \frac{1}{\alpha}h, \quad (3.8)$$

wherefrom we get

$$\text{Tr } h^{*2} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \text{Tr } h^2. \quad (3.9)$$

After a clumsy computations we obtain, by means of (2.4), (3.1), (3.4), (3.5), (3.6) and (3.8), the following

$$\begin{aligned} \overset{*}{B}^{ac}(X, Y)Z &= B^{ac}(X, Y)Z + \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}(g(Y, (\nabla_X(\phi h))Z)\xi - g(X, (\nabla_Y(\phi h))Z)\xi) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}(\eta(X)g(Q\xi, \xi)g(Y, Z)\xi - \eta(Y)g(Q\xi, \xi)g(X, Z)\xi) \\ &+ \frac{3}{2}\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}(g(Y, Z)\eta(QX)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(QY)\xi) \\ &\quad + \eta(X)\eta(Z)\eta(QY)\xi - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\eta(QX)\xi \\ &+ \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}(\eta(Q\phi X)g(\phi Y, Z)\xi - \eta(Q\phi Y)g(\phi X, Z)\xi - 2\eta(Q\phi Z)g(\phi X, Y)\xi). \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Now we shall introduce the AC-contact Bochner curvature tensor in  $M$  by

$$AC(X, Y)Z = B^{ac}(X, Y)Z - \eta(B^{ac}(X, Y)Z)\xi. \quad (3.11)$$

In particular, if  $M$  is a cosymplectic manifold, by the definition of  $B^c$ , (3.2) and (3.3), we have  $AC = B^c$ .

**THEOREM 3.1.** *The AC-contact Bochner curvature tensor is invariant with respect to the D-homothetic deformation  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g) \rightarrow M(\phi^*, \xi^*, \eta^*, g^*)$  on an almost cosymplectic manifold  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Using (3.10), we find

$$\begin{aligned} \overset{*}{B}^{ac}(X, Y)Z - \eta^*(B^{ac}(X, Y)Z)\xi^* &= \overset{*}{B}^{ac}(X, Y)Z - \eta(\overset{*}{B}^{ac}(X, Y)Z)\xi \\ &= B^{ac}(X, Y)Z - \eta(B^{ac}(X, Y)Z)\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get  $AC^*(X, Y)Z = AC(X, Y)Z$ .

**4. Some results.** We define  $s^\sharp = \sum_{i,j=1}^{2n+1} g(R(E_i, E_j)\phi E_j, \phi E_i)$ , where  $\{E_i\}$  is an orthonormal frame.

**LEMMA 4.1.** [5]. *For each almost cosymplectic manifold  $M$  we have*

$$S - s^\sharp - g(Q\xi, \xi) + \frac{1}{2}\|\nabla\phi\|^2 = 0.$$

Using this lemma, we prove the following.

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $M$  be an almost cosymplectic manifold with vanishing AC-contact Bochner curvature tensor. Then  $M$  is a cosymplectic manifold and the scalar curvature of  $M$  vanishes.*

*Proof.* Since the AC-contact Bochner curvature tensor of  $M$  vanishes, we have

$$g(B^{ac}(X, Y)Z, W) = \eta(B^{ac}(X, Y)Z)\eta(W). \tag{4.1}$$

Taking  $X = E_i, Y = E_j, Z = \phi E_j, W = \phi E_i$  ( $\{E_i\}$  is a  $\phi$ -basis) into the each member of (4.1), using (3.1) and summing over  $i$  and  $j$ , we have

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{2n+1} g(B^{ac}(E_i, E_j)\phi E_j, \phi E_i) = s^\sharp - \text{Tr } h^2 - \frac{2(n+1)}{n+2}(S - g(Q\xi, \xi)) = 0. \tag{4.2}$$

On the other hand, using (3.1), (4.1) and (3.2), we find

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} g(B^{ac}(E_i, \xi)\xi, E_i) = \frac{2}{(n+2)}g(Q\xi, \xi) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} \eta(B^{ac}(E_i, \xi)\xi)\eta(E_i) = 0. \tag{4.3}$$

Moreover, calculating  $\sum_{i,j=1}^{2n+1} g(B^{ac}(E_i, E_j)E_j, E_i)$  by means of (3.1), and using (4.1), (3.2) and (4.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j=1}^{2n+1} g(B^{ac}(E_i, E_j)E_j, E_i) &= -\frac{n}{(n+2)}S - \text{Tr } h^2 + \frac{2}{(n+2)}g(Q\xi, \xi) \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^{2n+1} \eta(B^{ac}(E_i, E_j)E_j)\eta(E_i) = \frac{2}{(n+2)}g(Q\xi, \xi) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

By Lemma 4.1, (2.5), (4.2), (4.3) and (4.4) we obtain our result.

Now, let  $M$  be a conformally flat almost cosymplectic manifold of dimension  $(2n+1) \geq 5$ . Then the following identities are known (see (3.1) in [2] and (6.4) in [5]), that is,

$$\begin{aligned} (2n-3)(\text{Ric}(X, X) + \text{Ric}(\phi X, \phi X)) \\ = -\frac{S}{n} - (2n-1)(\|\nabla\phi(X)\|^2 + \|hX\|^2) \end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

$$\frac{2n-2}{2n-1}S + \frac{2n-3}{2n-1}\|\nabla\xi\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|\nabla\phi\|^2 = 0, \tag{4.6}$$

where  $X$  is a vector such that  $X \in D_x, \|X\| = 1$ . Here, we get the following theorem.

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $M^{2n+1}$  be a conformally flat almost cosymplectic manifold of dimension  $(2n+1) \geq 5$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent: (1)  $M$  is locally flat (2) The AC-contact Bochner curvature of  $M$  vanishes (3)  $M$  is cosymplectic (4) The Ricci curvature of  $M$  is flat (5) The scalar curvature of  $M$  vanishes*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): From (4.5) we have  $S = \text{Ric}(X, X) = \text{Ric}(\phi X, \phi X) = 0$ . Thus  $M$  is cosymplectic, wherefrom  $h = 0$ , so that  $B^{ac} = 0$ . Therefore  $AC = B^c = 0$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): This follows from Theorem 4.1.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): By (4.6) we find  $S = 0$ , so that, from (4.5) we get  $g(QX, X) = g(\phi Q\phi X, X)$  for  $X \in D_x$ . However, from (2.10) and (2.7) we obtain  $g(QX, X) = 0$  for  $X \in D$ . Using the polarization identity, we have  $g(QX, Y) = 0$  for any  $X, Y \in D$ . Moreover, by (2.7) we obtain  $g(QX, Y) = 0$  for any vector field  $X$  and  $Y$ , that is, the Ricci curvature of  $M$  is flat.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): Trivial.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Using (4.6), we see that  $M$  is cosymplectic. Therefore, from (4.5) we get  $g(QX, X) = g(\phi Q\phi X, X)$  for  $X \in D_x$ , so that the Ricci curvature of  $M$  is flat. By (2.11) we get our result.

*Remark 4.1.* Theorem 4.2 is a generalization of Theorem 6 in [5].

Next, we consider an almost cosymplectic manifold with constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature  $K$ . Suppose that  $X$  is a vector such that  $X \in D_x$ ,  $\|X\| = 1$ . Then we have the following (see (2.3) and Remark 2.1 in [2]).

$$\text{Ric}(X, X) + \text{Ric}(\phi X, \phi X) = (n+1)K - \frac{3}{4}\|(\nabla\phi)(X)\|^2 - \frac{5}{4}\|hX\|^2 \quad (4.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \text{Ric}(\xi, \xi) + \sum_{\alpha} \text{Ric}(e_{\alpha}, e_{\alpha}) + \sum_{\alpha} \text{Ric}(\phi e_{\alpha}, \phi e_{\alpha}) \\ &= -\|h\|^2 + (n+1)nK - \frac{3}{4}\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \|(\nabla\phi)(e_{\alpha})\|^2 - \frac{5}{4}\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \|he_{\alpha}\|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

From (4.7) and (4.8) we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Let  $M$  be an almost cosymplectic manifold with constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature. Then a necessary and sufficient condition for  $M$  to be locally flat is that the AC-contact Bochner curvature of  $M$  vanishes.*

*Proof.* Suppose that the AC-contact Bochner curvature of  $M$  vanishes. Then, from Theorem 4.1  $M$  is cosymplectic and  $S = 0$ . This result and (4.8) lead to  $K = 0$ . Therefore, by (4.7) it follows that  $\text{Ric}(X, Y) = 0$  for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ . Considering  $B^{ac} = B^c = 0$ , we can see that  $M$  is locally flat.

Conversely, suppose that  $M$  is locally flat. Then  $K = \text{Ric}(X, Y) = 0$ , so that, by (4.7) we see that  $M$  is cosymplectic, wherefrom  $B^{ac} = B^c = 0$ . Therefore  $AC = 0$ .

Last we consider an almost cosymplectic manifold with vanishing AC-contact Bochner curvature tensor. Then we obtain the following theorem.

**THEOREM 4.4.** *Let  $M^{2n+1}$  ( $n \neq 1$ ) be an almost cosymplectic manifold with vanishing AC-contact Bochner curvature tensor. Then the following conditions are*

equivalent: (1)  $M$  has a constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature 0, (2)  $M$  has a constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature, (3)  $M$  is Ricci flat, (4)  $M$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein, (5)  $M$  is locally flat (6)  $M$  is conformally flat.

*Proof.* First of all, since the AC-contact Bochner curvature tensor of  $M$  vanishes,  $M$  is cosymplectic and  $S = 0$ . Then:

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) trivial;

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) from (4.8) we have  $K = 0$ , so that, by (4.7) we get the result;

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) trivial;

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) since  $M$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein, by two definitions of  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold and  $B^c$ , (2.7) and (2.10), we get

$$\begin{aligned} g(R(X, Y)Z, W) &= -\frac{a}{2n+4}(2g(X, Z)g(Y, W) - 2g(X, W)g(Y, Z) \\ &\quad + 2g(\phi X, Z)g(\phi Y, W) - 2g(\phi X, W)g(\phi Y, Z) + 4g(\phi Z, W)g(\phi X, Y) \\ &\quad + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)g(X, W) - \eta(Y)\eta(W)g(X, Z) + \eta(X)\eta(W)g(Y, Z) \\ &\quad - \eta(X)\eta(Z)g(Y, W)) - \frac{b}{2n+4}(g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W) - g(X, W)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) \\ &\quad - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\eta(W) + g(Y, W)\eta(X)\eta(Z)). \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

Taking  $X \in T_x(M)$  such that  $\|X\| = 1$ ,  $X \perp \xi$ , and calculating  $g(R(X, \phi X)\phi X, X)$  by using (4.9), we get  $g(R(X, \phi X)\phi X, X) = \frac{4}{n+2}a$ . On the other hand, from  $\text{Ric}(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + b\eta(X)\eta(Y)$  we find  $S = (2n+1)a + b$ . We also have  $\text{Ric}(\xi, \xi) = a + b$ . However, by (2.7) we get  $b = -a$ . Thus  $S = 2na$ , wherefrom we find  $g(R(X, \phi X)\phi X, X) = \frac{2S}{n(n+2)}$ , which completes this proof;

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): trivial;

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): from (4.7) we have  $\text{Ric}(X, Y) = 0$  for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ . Considering  $B^c = 0$ , we get the result;

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (5): by (4.5) we see that  $\text{Ric}(X, Y) = 0$  for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ . Moreover  $S = 0$ . Therefore, by (2.11) we get that  $M$  is locally flat;

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6): it follows from (2.11).

*Remark 4.2.* The curvature of a Riemannian manifold is said to be harmonic if the divergence of its curvature tensor is zero. It is well known that a Riemannian manifold has harmonic curvature, if the Ricci operator  $Q$  satisfies

$$(\nabla_X Q)Y = (\nabla_Y Q)X$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  (e.g., see [1]). Theorem 4.4 is also valid for a 3-dimensional almost cosymplectic manifold  $M^3$ . At first the equivalences (1)–(5) are also valid for a 3-dimensional almost cosymplectic manifold. Here, put that (7)  $M^3$  has a harmonic curvature. Then, from (4.7) we have  $\text{Ric}(X, Y) = 0$  for any vector fields  $X, Y$ . Thus (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (7). By (4.8) we get (7)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). Moreover, from (2.12) we obtain (7)  $\iff$  (6). Therefore for an almost cosymplectic manifold  $M^3$  the equivalences (1)–(7) hold good.



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