



## $\phi$ -CONFORMALLY FLAT $C$ -MANIFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we have studied  $\phi$ -conformally flat,  $\phi$ -conharmonically flat and  $\phi$ -projectively flat  $C$ -manifolds.

### 1. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $(M^n, g)$ ,  $n = \dim M$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , be a connected Riemannian manifold of class  $C^\infty$  and  $\nabla$  be its Riemannian connection. The Riemannian-Christoffel curvature tensor  $R$ , the Weyl conformal curvature tensor  $C$  (see [8]), the conharmonic curvature tensor  $K$  (see [13]) and the projective curvature tensor  $P$  (see [8]) of  $(M^n, g)$  are defined by

$$(1.1) \quad R(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]}Z,$$

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

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{aligned} K(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-2} [S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y \\ &+ g(Y, Z)SX - g(X, Z)SY] \end{aligned}$$

$$(1.4) \quad P(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-1} [g(Y, Z)SX - g(X, Z)SY]$$

respectively, where  $S$  is the Ricci operator, defined by  $S(X, Y) = g(SX, Y)$ ,  $S$  is the Ricci tensor,  $\tau = \text{tr}(S)$  is the scalar curvature and  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ ,  $\chi(M)$  being the vector fields of  $M$ .

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In this paper, we have studied  $\phi$ -conformally flat  $C$ - manifolds. We show that there are no exist  $\phi$ -conformally flat and  $\phi$ -projectively flat  $C$ -manifolds unless the dimension of structure vector field  $s$  is 1. Similarly, we obtain that there is no exist  $\phi$ -conharmonically flat  $C$ -manifolds unless  $s = 4$ .

## 2. $C$ -MANIFOLDS

We need the following definition which is given in [4].

Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold with  $dim(M) = 2m + s$ . Then  $M$  is said to be an  $C$ -manifold if there exist on  $M$  an  $\phi$ -structure  $\phi$  [16] of rank  $2m$  and  $s$  global vector fields  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$  (structure vector fields) such that [4]

(i) If  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_s$  are dual 1-forms of  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s$ , then:

$$(2.1) \quad \phi\xi_i = 0, \quad \eta_i \circ \phi = 0, \quad \eta_i(\xi_i) = 1, \quad \phi^2 = -I + \sum_{i=1}^s \xi_i \otimes \eta_i$$

$$(2.2) \quad g(X, Y) = g(\phi X, \phi Y) + \sum_{i=1}^s \eta_i(X) \eta_i(Y)$$

$$(2.3) \quad g(\xi_i, X) = \eta_i(X)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$  and  $i = 1, \dots, s$ .

(ii) The  $\phi$ -structure  $\phi$  is normal, that is

$$[\phi, \phi] + 2 \sum_{i=1}^s \xi_i \otimes d\eta_i = 0$$

where  $[\phi, \phi]$  is the Nijenhuis torsion of  $\phi$ .

(iii)  $\eta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \eta_s \wedge (d\eta_i)^n \neq 0$  and  $d\eta_i = 0$ , for any  $i$ . Examples of  $C$ -manifolds are given in [4].

In a  $C$ -manifold  $M$ , besides the relations (1.1) and (1.2) the following also hold [9] :

$$(\nabla_X \phi) Y = 0$$

$$\nabla_X \xi_i = 0$$

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} R(\xi_i, X)Y &= 0 \\ R(\xi_i, X)\xi_\beta &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.5) \quad S(\xi_i, X) = 2m \sum_{\beta=1}^s \eta_\beta(X)$$

$$(2.6) \quad S(\phi X, \phi Y) = S(X, Y)$$

An  $C$ -manifold  $M$  is said to be  $\eta$ -Einstein if its Ricci tensor  $S$  is of the form

$$(2.7) \quad S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + b \sum_{i=1}^s \eta_i(X)\eta_i(Y)$$

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ , where,  $a, b$  are functions on  $M^n$

## 3. MAIN RESULTS

In this section we consider  $\phi$ -conformally flat,  $\phi$ -conharmonically flat and  $\phi$ -projectively flat  $C$ -manifolds.

Let  $C$  be the Weyl conformal curvature tensor of  $M^n$ . Since at each point  $p \in M^n$  the tangent space  $T_p(M^n)$  can be decomposed into the direct sum  $T_p(M^n) = \phi(T_p(M^n)) \oplus L(\xi_p)$ , where  $L(\xi_p)$  is a 1-dimensional linear subspace of  $T_p(M^n)$  generated by  $\xi_p$ , we have a map:

$$C : T_p(M^n) \times T_p(M^n) \times T_p(M^n) \rightarrow \phi(T_p(M^n)) \oplus L(\xi_p).$$

It may be natural to consider the following particular cases:

(1)  $C : T_p(M^n) \times T_p(M^n) \times T_p(M^n) \rightarrow L(\xi_p)$ , that is, the projection of the image of  $C$  in  $\phi(T_p(M^n))$  is zero.

(2)  $C : T_p(M^n) \times T_p(M^n) \times T_p(M^n) \rightarrow \phi(T_p(M^n))$ , that is, the projection of the image of  $C$  in  $L(\xi_p)$  is zero.

(3)  $C : \phi(T_p(M^n)) \times \phi(T_p(M^n)) \times \phi(T_p(M^n)) \rightarrow L(\xi_p)$ , that is, when  $C$  is restricted to  $(T_p(M^n)) \times \phi(T_p(M^n)) \times \phi(T_p(M^n))$ , the projection of the image of  $C$  in  $\phi(T_p(M^n))$  is zero. This condition is equivalent to

$$(3.1) \quad \phi^2 C(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z = 0$$

(see [8]).

**Definition 3.1.** A differentiable manifold  $(M^n, g)$ ,  $n > 3$ , satisfying the condition (3.1) is called  $\phi$ -conformally flat.

The cases (1) and (2) were considered in ([18]) and ([19]) respectively. The case (3) was considered in ([8]) for the case  $M^n$  is a  $K$ -contact manifold.

Furthermore in [1], the authors studied  $(k, \mu)$ -contact metric manifolds satisfying (3.1). Now our aim is to find the characterization of  $C$ -manifolds satisfying the condition (3.1).

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $M$  be an  $2m + s$ -dimensional, ( $s > 1$ ),  $C$ -manifold. Then there is no exist  $\phi$ -conformally flat  $C$ -manifolds.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $(M, g)$ , ( $s > 1$ ), is a  $\phi$ -conformally flat  $C$ -manifold. It is easy to see that  $\phi^2 C(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z = 0$  holds if and only if

$$g(C(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi W) = 0,$$

for any  $X, Y, Z, W \in \chi(M)$ . So by the use of (1.2)  $\phi$ -conformally flat means

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} g(R(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi W) &= \frac{1}{2m + s - 2} [g(\phi Y, \phi Z)S(\phi X, \phi W) \\ &\quad - g(\phi X, \phi Z)S(\phi Y, \phi W) + g(\phi X, \phi W)S(\phi Y, \phi Z) \\ &\quad - g(\phi Y, \phi W)S(\phi X, \phi Z)] \\ &\quad - \frac{\tau}{(2m + s - 1)(2m + s - 2)} [g(\phi Y, \phi Z)g(\phi X, \phi W) \\ &\quad - g(\phi X, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, \phi W)] \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\{w_1, \dots, w_{2m}, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_s\}$  be a local orthonormal basis of vector fields in  $M$ . Using that  $\{\phi w_1, \dots, \phi w_{2m}, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_s\}$  is also a local orthonormal basis, if we put  $X = W = w_i$  in (3.2) and sum up with respect to  $i$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=1}^{2m} g(R(\phi w_i, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi w_i) &= \frac{1}{2m+s-2} \sum_{i=1}^{2m} [g(\phi Y, \phi Z)S(\phi w_i, \phi w_i) \\
 &\quad -g(\phi w_i, \phi Z)S(\phi Y, \phi w_i) + g(\phi w_i, \phi w_i)S(\phi Y, \phi Z) \\
 &\quad -g(\phi Y, \phi w_i)S(\phi w_i, \phi Z)] \\
 (3.3) \qquad \qquad \qquad &\quad -\frac{\tau}{(2m+s-1)(2m+s-2)} \sum_{i=1}^{2m} [g(\phi Y, \phi Z)g(\phi w_i, \phi w_i) \\
 &\quad -g(\phi w_i, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, \phi w_i)]
 \end{aligned}$$

It can be easily verify that

$$(3.4) \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{2m} g(R(\phi w_i, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi w_i) = S(\phi Y, \phi Z),$$

$$(3.5) \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{2m} S(\phi w_i, \phi w_i) = \tau$$

$$(3.6) \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{2m} g(\phi w_i, \phi Z)S(\phi Y, \phi w_i) = S(\phi Y, \phi Z)$$

$$(3.7) \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{2m} g(\phi w_i, \phi w_i) = 2m$$

and

$$(3.8) \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{2m} g(\phi w_i, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, \phi w_i) = g(\phi Y, \phi Z)$$

So by virtue of (3.4)–(3.8) the equation (3.3) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 S(\phi Y, \phi Z) &= \frac{1}{2m+s-2} [\tau g(\phi Y, \phi Z) - 2S(\phi Y, \phi Z) + 2mS(\phi Y, \phi Z)] \\
 &\quad -\frac{\tau}{(2m+s-1)(2m+s-2)} [2mg(\phi Y, \phi Z) - g(\phi Y, \phi Z)] \\
 (3.9) \qquad \qquad \qquad S(\phi Y, \phi Z) &= \frac{\tau}{2m+s-1} g(\phi Y, \phi Z).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then by making use of (2.2) and (2.6), the equation (3.9) takes the form

$$(3.10) \qquad S(Y, Z) = \frac{\tau}{2m+s-1} g(Y, Z) - \frac{\tau}{2m+s-1} \sum_{i=1}^s \eta_i(Y) \eta_i(Z).$$

Therefore from (3.10), by contraction, we obtain  $s = 1$  which is a contradiction. This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

From Theorem 3.1, we have following corollary.

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be an  $(2m + 1)$  – dimensional  $\phi$ –conformally flat  $C$ –manifold. Then  $M$  is an  $\eta$ –Einstein manifold.*

**Definition 3.2.** A differentiable manifold  $(M^n, g)$ ,  $n > 3$ , satisfying the condition

$$(3.11) \quad \phi^2 K(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z = 0$$

is called  $\phi$ -conharmonically flat.

In [2], the authors considered  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifolds satisfying (3.11). Now we will study the condition (3.11) on  $C$ -manifolds.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be an  $(2m + s)$ -dimensional,  $(s > 4)$ ,  $C$ -manifold. There is no exist  $\phi$ -conharmonically flat  $C$ -manifold.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $(M, g)$ ,  $(s > 4)$ , is a  $\phi$ -conharmonically flat  $C$ -manifold. It can be easily seen that  $\phi^2 K(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z = 0$  holds if and only if

$$g(K(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi W) = 0,$$

for any  $X, Y, Z, W \in \chi(M)$ . Using (1.3)  $\phi$ -conformally flat means

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} g(R(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi W) &= \frac{1}{2m + s - 2} [g(\phi Y, \phi Z)S(\phi X, \phi W) - g(\phi X, \phi Z)S(\phi Y, \phi W) \\ &+ g(\phi X, \phi W)S(\phi Y, \phi Z) - g(\phi Y, \phi W)S(\phi X, \phi Z)]. \end{aligned}$$

Similar to the proof of Theorem 3.1, we can suppose that  $\{w_1, \dots, w_{2m}, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_s\}$  is a local orthonormal basis of vector fields in  $M$ . By using the fact that  $\{\phi w_1, \dots, \phi w_{2m}, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_s\}$  is also a local orthonormal basis, if we put  $X = W = w_i$  in (3.12) and sum up with respect to  $i$ , then

$$(3.13) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{2m} g(R(\phi w_i, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi w_i) &= \frac{1}{2m + s - 2} \sum_{i=1}^{2m} [g(\phi Y, \phi Z)S(\phi w_i, \phi w_i) - g(\phi w_i, \phi Z)S(\phi Y, \phi w_i) \\ &+ g(\phi w_i, \phi w_i)S(\phi Y, \phi Z) - g(\phi Y, \phi w_i)S(\phi w_i, \phi Z)]. \end{aligned}$$

So by the use of (3.4)-(3.7) the equation (3.13) turns into

$$(3.14) \quad S(\phi Y, \phi Z) = \frac{\tau}{2m + s - 2} g(\phi Y, \phi Z) - \frac{(2m - 2)}{2m + s - 2} S(\phi Y, \phi Z)$$

Thus applying (2.2) and (2.6) into (3.14) we get

$$(3.15) \quad S(Y, Z) = \frac{\tau}{4m + s - 4} g(Y, Z) - \frac{\tau}{4m + s - 4} \sum_{i=1}^s \eta_i(Y) \eta_i(Z)$$

from (3.10), by contraction, we obtain  $n = 4$  which is a contradiction.  $\square$

From Theorem 3.2, we have following corollary.

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be an  $(2m + 4)$ -dimensional  $\phi$ -conharmonically flat  $C$ -manifold. Then  $M$  is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.*

Similar to Definition 3.1 and Definition 3.2 we can state the following:

**Definition 3.3.** A differentiable manifold  $(M^n, g)$ ,  $n > 3$ , satisfying the condition

$$(3.16) \quad \phi^2 P(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z = 0$$

is called  $\phi$ -projectively flat.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $M$  be an  $2m + s$  dimensional,  $(s \geq 2)$ ,  $C$ -manifold. There not exist  $\phi$ -projectively flat  $C$ -manifold.*

*Proof.* We assume that  $M$  be an  $2m + s$  -dimensional, ( $s \geq 2$ ),  $\phi$ -projectively flat  $C$ -manifold. It can be easily seen that  $\phi^2 P(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z = 0$  holds if and only if

$$g(R(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi W) = 0,$$

for any  $X, Y, Z, W \in \chi(M)$ . Using ((1.1) and (1.4)  $\phi$ -projectively flat means (3.17)

$$g(R(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi W) = \frac{1}{2m + s - 2} [g(\phi Y, \phi Z)S(\phi X, \phi W) - g(\phi X, \phi Z)S(\phi Y, \phi W)].$$

In a manner similar to the method in the proof of Theorem 2, choosing  $\{w_1, \dots, w_{2m}, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_s\}$  as a local orthonormal basis of vector fields in  $M$  and using the fact that  $\{\phi w_1, \dots, \phi w_{2m}, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_s\}$  is also a local orthonormal basis, putting  $X = W = w_i$  in (3.17) and summing up with respect to  $i$ , then we have

$$(3.18) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{2m} g(R(\phi w_i, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi w_i) = \frac{1}{2m + s - 2} \sum_{i=1}^{2m} [g(\phi Y, \phi Z)S(\phi w_i, \phi w_i) - g(\phi w_i, \phi Z)S(\phi Y, \phi w_i)].$$

So applying (3.4)–(3.6) into (3.18) we get

$$S(\phi Y, \phi Z) = \frac{\tau}{2m + s - 1} g(\phi Y, \phi Z)$$

Hence by virtue of (2.2) and (2.6) we obtain

$$(3.19) \quad S(Y, Z) = \frac{\tau}{2m + s - 1} g(Y, Z) - \frac{\tau}{2m + s - 1} \sum_{i=1}^s \eta_i(Y) \eta_i(Z)$$

Therefore from (3.19), by contraction, we obtain  $s = 1$  which is a contraction. Hence, the proof is completed.  $\square$

From Theorem 3.3, we have following corollary.

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $M$  be an  $(2m + 1)$  -dimensional  $\phi$ -projectively flat  $C$ -manifold. Then  $M$  is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.*

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