# A Note on Nearly Sasakian and Nearly Cosymplictic Structures of 5-Dimensional Spheres

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#### ABSTRACT

In this paper, we show that with the nearly Sasakian structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  on the 5-dimensional sphere  $S^5(2)$  of constant curvature 2 (cf. [2]), there are naturally associated two additional structures  $(\varphi_1, \xi, \eta, g), (\varphi_2, \xi, \eta, g)$  on  $S^5(2)$ , where  $S^5(2)(\varphi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  is homothetic to a Sasakian manifold and  $S^5(2)(\varphi_2, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a nearly cosymplectic manifold. Similarly, we show that on the unit sphere  $S^5$ , which is known to have a nearly cosymplectic structure  $(\psi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  (cf. [2]), there are two additional structures  $(\psi_2, \xi, \eta, g), (\psi_3, \xi, \eta, g)$  on  $S^5$  such that  $S^5(\psi_2, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a Sasakian manifold and  $S^5(\psi_3, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a nearly cosymplectic manifold and the last nearly cosymplectic structure is independent of the nearly cosymplectic structure  $(\psi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$ , in the sense that these three structures satisfy  $\psi_1\psi_2 = -\psi_2\psi_1 = \psi_3, \psi_2\psi_3 = -\psi_3\psi_2 = \psi_1$  and  $\psi_3\psi_1 = -\psi_1\psi_3 = \psi_2$ .

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#### 1. Introduction

Recall that, as an odd dimensional analogue of the nearly Kaehler structure on the unit sphere  $S^6$ , which is not Kaehler [4], in [2,3], nearly Sasakian structure was introduced on the 5-dimensional sphere  $S^5(2)$  of constant curvature 2 as totally umbilical hypersurface of  $S^6$ , which is not a Sasakian structure. However, the nearly Kaehler structure on  $S^6$  is not related to any Kaehler structure as there are no known Kaehler structures on the six dimensional sphere  $S^6$ . Though, in case of the 5-dimensional sphere  $S^5(2)$ , which is a nearly Sasakian manifold, it does not admit any Sasakian structure owing to the fact that  $S^5(2)$  has constant sectional curvature 2 and a Sasakian structure requires sectional curvatures of the plane sections containing Reeb vector field  $\xi$  to be the constant 1. However, in this paper, it is shown that the nearly structure ( $\varphi, \xi, \eta, g$ ) on  $S^5(2)$  naturally induces two more structures ( $\varphi_1, \xi, \eta, g$ ), ( $\varphi_2, \xi, \eta, g$ ) on  $S^5(2)$  such that  $S^5(2)(\varphi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  is homothetic to a Sasakian manifold and  $S^5(2)(\varphi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a nearly cosymplectic manifold. Thus the link that nearly nearly Kaehler structure of  $S^6$  is not related to any Kaehler structure is broken in case of the nearly Sasakian structure of  $S^5(2)$ .

Similarly, it is known that the unit sphere  $S^5$  as totally geodesic hypersurface of the nearly Kaehler 6-sphere  $S^6$  inherits a nearly cosymplectic structure  $(\psi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  [2], which is not cosymplectic. In this paper, we show that there are two additional structures  $(\psi_i, \xi, \eta, g)$ , i = 2, 3 associated to the nearly cosymplectic structure  $(\psi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  on  $S^5$  of which  $(\psi_2, \xi, \eta, g)$  is Sasakian and  $(\psi_3, \xi, \eta, g)$  is nearly cosymplectic structure and these structures satisfy

$$\psi_1\psi_2 = -\psi_2\psi_1 = \psi_3, \quad \psi_2\psi_3 = -\psi_3\psi_2 = \psi_1, \quad \psi_3\psi_1 = -\psi_1\psi_3 = \psi_2,$$

that is, the new nearly cosymplectic structure  $(\psi_3, \xi, \eta, g)$  on  $S^5$  is independent of the original nearly cosymplectic structure  $(\psi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  of  $S^5$ .

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### 2. Preliminaries

Let *M* be a real hypersurface of the nearly Kaehler 6-sphere  $(S^6, J, \overline{g})$  with unit normal vector field *N*. Then the hypersurface *M* admits an almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , where *g* is the induced metric and

$$JX = \varphi X + \eta(X)N, \quad J\xi = N, \quad X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M),$$

where  $\eta$  is the smooth 1-form dual to the unit vector field  $\xi$ ,  $\varphi X$  is the tangential component of JX and  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  is the Lie algebra of smooth vector fields on the hypersurface M. The almost contact metric structure ( $\varphi$ ,  $\xi$ ,  $\eta$ , g) satisfies

$$\varphi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \, \varphi(\xi) = 0, \, \eta \circ \varphi = 0,$$

and

$$g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

In [3], it is shown that the 5-dimensional sphere  $S^5(2)$  of constant curvature 2 as totally umbilical hypersurface of the nearly Kaehler 6-sphere  $(S^6, J, \overline{g})$  is a nearly nearly Sasakian manifold, that is, it admits an almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  that satisfies

$$(\nabla\varphi)(X,Y) + (\nabla\varphi)(Y,X) = \eta(Y)X + \eta(X)Y - 2g(X,Y)\xi, \quad X \in \mathfrak{X}(S^{5}(2)),$$
(2.1)

where  $(\nabla \varphi)(X, Y) = \nabla_X \varphi Y - \varphi(\nabla_X Y)$ ,  $\nabla$  is covariant derivative operator with respect to the induced metric *g* (see also [2], [6], [7]).

Also, in ([2], [3]), it is shown that the unit 5-sphere  $S^5$  as totally geodesic hypersurface of the nearly Kaehler 6-sphere  $(S^6, J, \overline{g})$  is a nearly cosymplectic manifold, that is, it admits an almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  that satisfies

$$(\nabla\varphi)(X,Y) + (\nabla\varphi)(Y,X) = 0, \quad X \in \mathfrak{X}(S^5).$$
(2.2)

An almost contact metric manifold  $M(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be a Sasakian manifold if the following holds

$$(\nabla\varphi)(X,Y) = \eta(Y)X - g(X,Y)\xi, \quad X \in \mathfrak{X}(M).$$
(2.3)

It follows from above equation that a Sasakian manifold is a nearly Sasakian manifold but the converse is not true. In particular, the nearly Sasakian manifold  $S^5(2)(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is not a Sasakian manifold as a Sasakian manifold requires sectional curvatures of the plane sections containing the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  to be constant 1.

A smooth vector field  $\xi$  on a Riemannian manifold (M, g) is said to be a Killing vector field if its flow consists of isometries of the Riemannian manifold (M, g) or equivalently

$$\pounds_{\xi}g=0,$$

where  $\pounds_{\xi}$  is the Lie derivative with respect to  $\xi$ . If  $\eta$  is a smooth 1-form dual to the Killing vector field  $\xi$  and if we define a skew-symmetric (1,1) tensor field  $\psi$  on M by  $d\eta(X,Y) = 2g(\psi X,Y)$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , then using Koszul's formula (cf [1]), we get

$$\nabla_X \xi = \psi X, \quad X \in \mathfrak{X}(M). \tag{2.4}$$

The above equation, immediately gives the following expression

$$R(X,Y)\xi = (\nabla\psi)(X,Y) - (\nabla\psi)(Y,X), \quad X,Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M),$$
(2.5)

where *R* is the curvature tensor of the Riemannian manifold (M, g). Also, as the smooth 2-form  $\Omega(X, Y) = g(\psi X, Y)$  is closed, we have

$$g((\nabla\psi)(X,Y),Z) + g((\nabla\psi)(Y,Z),X) + g((\nabla\psi)(Z,X),Y) = 0,$$

which together with skew-symmetry of  $\psi$  and the equation (2.5), gives

$$(\nabla\psi)(X,Y) = R(X,\xi)Y, \quad X,Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M).$$
(2.6)

## **3. Nearly Sasakian manifold** $S^5(2)(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$

In this section, we investigate the existence of other structures on the nearly Sasakian manifold  $S^5(2)(\varphi,\xi,\eta,g)$ . Recall that the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  on the nearly Sasakian manifold  $S^5(2)(\varphi,\xi,\eta,g)$ , is Killing [2,3] and hence there exists a skew-symmetric tensor field  $\varphi_1$  on  $S^5(2)$  satisfying

$$\nabla_X \xi = \varphi_1 X, \quad X \in \mathfrak{X}(S^5(2)) \tag{3.1}$$

and by equation (2.6), we have

$$(\nabla\varphi_1)(X,Y) = R(X,\xi)Y = 2(g(Y,\xi)X - g(X,Y)\xi), \quad X,Y \in \mathfrak{X}(S^5(2)).$$
(3.2)

Taking *Y* =  $\xi$ , we have

$$\varphi_1^2 X = 2 \left( -X + \eta(X) \xi \right), \tag{3.3}$$

and as  $\xi$  is a unit vector field, the equation (3.1) gives  $\varphi_1(\xi) = \nabla_{\xi} \xi = 0$ . Moreover, equations (3.1) and (3.2), give

$$\nabla_X \nabla_Y \xi - \nabla_{\nabla_X Y} \xi = (\nabla \varphi_1) (X, Y) = 2 (g(Y, \xi) X - g(X, Y) \xi),$$

which by a result in [5], implies that  $S^5(2)(\varphi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  is homothetic to a Sasakian manifold. Indeed, this new Sasakian structure  $(\varphi'_1, \xi', \eta', g')$  on  $S^5(2)$  is given by

$$\varphi_1 = \sqrt{2}\varphi'_1, \xi = \sqrt{2}\xi', \eta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\eta', g = \frac{1}{2}g'.$$

Now, define a (1,1) tensor field  $\varphi_2$  on the nearly Sasakian manifold  $S^5(2)(\varphi,\xi,\eta,g)$  by

$$\varphi_2(X) = (\nabla \varphi)(\xi, X), \quad X \in \mathfrak{X}(S^5(2)),$$

then by equation (2.1), it follows that  $\varphi_2(\xi) = 0$  and that  $\varphi_2$  is a skew-symmetric tensor. First, we investigate the relations between these three operators  $\varphi$ ,  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  in the following:

**Lemma 3.1.** The operators  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  on the nearly Sasakian manifold  $S^5(2)(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  satisfy

$$\varphi_1 X = \varphi \varphi_1 \varphi X + 2\varphi X, \quad \frac{1}{2} \left( \varphi \left( \varphi_1 X \right) + \varphi_1 (\varphi X) \right) \right) = -X + \eta(X) \xi,$$
  
$$\varphi_2 X = \frac{1}{2} \left( \varphi \varphi_1 X - \varphi_1 \varphi X \right), \quad X, Y \in X \left( S^5(2) \right).$$

*Proof.* Taking  $Y = \xi$  in equation (2.1), we get

$$-\varphi\left(\nabla_X\xi\right) + \left(\nabla\varphi\right)\left(X,Y\right) = X - \eta(X)\xi,$$

which gives,

$$\varphi_1 X = \varphi X - \varphi \varphi_2 X, \tag{3.4}$$

that is,

$$\varphi\varphi_1 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi + \varphi_2 X, \tag{3.5}$$

where we used  $\varphi_2(\xi) = 0$ . Now, replacing X by  $\varphi X$  in (3.4), we conclude

$$\varphi_1 \varphi X = -X + \eta(X)\xi - \varphi \varphi_2 \varphi X. \tag{3.6}$$

We have

$$\begin{split} \varphi\varphi_{2}\varphi X &= \varphi\left(\nabla\varphi\right)\left(\xi,\varphi X\right) = \varphi\left[-\nabla_{\xi}X + \eta\left(\nabla_{\xi}X\right)\xi - \varphi\left(\nabla_{\xi}\varphi X\right)\right] \\ &= \varphi\left[-\nabla_{\xi}X - \varphi\left(\left(\nabla\varphi\right)\left(\xi,X\right) + \varphi\left(\nabla_{\xi}X\right)\right)\right] \\ &= \varphi\left[-\nabla_{\xi}X - \varphi\varphi_{2}X + -\nabla_{\xi}X + \eta\left(\nabla_{\xi}X\right)\xi\right] \\ &= \varphi_{2}X, \end{split}$$

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consequently, equation (3.6) takes the form

$$\varphi_1 \varphi X = -X + \eta(X)\xi - \varphi_2 X. \tag{3.7}$$

Then equations (3.5) and (3.7), give

$$\varphi_2 X = \frac{1}{2} \left( \varphi \varphi_1 X \right) - \varphi_1 \varphi X \right) \text{ and } \frac{1}{2} \left( \varphi \left( \varphi_1 X \right) + \varphi_1 (\varphi X) \right) = -X + \eta(X) \xi, \tag{3.8}$$

which on substituting  $\varphi_2 X$  in equation (3.4) proves the Lemma.

Now, we are in position to prove the following:

**Theorem 3.1.** There are two structures  $(\varphi_i, \xi, \eta, g)$ , i = 1, 2 associated to the nearly Sasakian structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  on the 5-sphere  $S^5(2)$  such that  $S^5(2)(\varphi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  is homothetic to a Sasakian manifold and  $S^5(2)(\varphi_2, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a nearly cosymplectic manifold.

*Proof.* It remains to prove that  $(\varphi_2, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a nearly cosymplectic structure on  $S^5(2)$ . We use equation (2.1), to compute

$$\begin{split} \varphi_2^2 X &= (\nabla \varphi) \left( \xi, (\nabla \varphi) \left( \xi, X \right) \right) \\ &= -(\nabla \varphi) \left( (\nabla \varphi) \left( \xi, X \right), \xi \right) + (\nabla \varphi) \left( \xi, X \right), \end{split}$$

where we used  $\eta((\nabla \varphi)(\xi, X)) = g((\nabla \varphi)(\xi, X), \xi) = -g(X, (\nabla \varphi)(\xi, \xi)) = 0$ . Thus, again on using equation (2.1),

$$\begin{split} \varphi_2^2 X &= -(\nabla \varphi) \left( -(\nabla \varphi) \left( X, \xi \right) - \eta(X) \xi + X, \xi \right) - (\nabla \varphi) \left( X, \xi \right) - \eta(X) \xi + X \\ &= -(\nabla \varphi) \varphi(\nabla_X \xi), \xi \right) - 2 \left( \nabla \varphi \right) \left( X, \xi \right) - \eta(X) \xi + X \\ &= \varphi \left( \nabla_{\varphi(\nabla_X \xi)} \xi \right) + 2\varphi \left( \nabla_X \xi \right) - \eta(X) \xi + X \\ &= \varphi \varphi_1 \varphi \varphi_1 X + 2\varphi \varphi_1 X - \eta(X) \xi + X \\ &= (\varphi \varphi_1 \varphi + 2\varphi) \varphi_1 X - \eta(X) \xi + X, \end{split}$$

which by Lemma 3.1, gives

$$\varphi_2^2 X = \varphi_1^2 X - \eta(X)\xi + X = -X + \eta(X)\xi,$$

where we used equation (3.3). Also, as  $\varphi_2$  is skew symmetric, we have

$$g(\varphi_2 X, \varphi_2 Y) = -g(\varphi_2^2 X, Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

Hence,  $(\varphi_2, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an almost contact metric structure on  $S^5(2)$ . Finally, on using equations (2.1), (3.1) and Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\nabla\varphi_{2}\right)\left(X,Y\right) &= \nabla_{X}\left(\nabla\varphi\right)\left(\xi,Y\right) - \left(\nabla\varphi\right)\left(\xi,\nabla_{X}Y\right) \\ &= \nabla_{X}\left(-\left(\nabla\varphi\right)\left(Y,\xi\right) - \eta(Y)\xi + Y\right) + \left(\nabla\varphi\right)\left(\nabla_{X}Y,\xi\right) + \eta(\nabla_{X}Y)\xi - \nabla_{X}Y \\ &= \nabla_{X}\left(\varphi\varphi_{1}Y\right) - X\left(\eta(Y)\right)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi_{1}X - \varphi\varphi_{1}\left(\nabla_{X}Y\right) + \eta(\nabla_{X}Y)\xi \\ &= \nabla_{X}\left(-\varphi_{1}\varphi Y - 2Y + 2\eta(Y)\xi\right) - X\left(\eta(Y)\right)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi_{1}X + \varphi_{1}\varphi\left(\nabla_{X}Y\right) \\ &+ 2\nabla_{X}Y - 2\eta(\nabla_{X}Y)\xi + \eta(\nabla_{X}Y)\xi \\ &= -\left[\left(\nabla\varphi_{1}\right)\left(X,\varphi Y\right) + \varphi_{1}\left(\nabla\varphi\right)\left(X,Y\right) + \varphi_{1}\varphi\nabla_{X}Y\right] + X\left(\eta(Y)\right)\xi \\ &+ \eta(Y)\varphi_{1}X - \eta(\nabla_{X}Y)\xi + \varphi_{1}\varphi\left(\nabla_{X}Y\right) \\ &= -\left(\nabla\varphi_{1}\right)\left(X,\varphi Y\right) - \varphi_{1}\left(\nabla\varphi\right)\left(X,Y\right) + g(Y,\varphi_{1}X)\xi + \eta(Y)\varphi_{1}X. \end{aligned}$$

Now, using equation (3.2), we conclude

$$(\nabla\varphi_2)(X,Y) = 2g(X,\varphi Y)\xi - \varphi_1(\nabla\varphi)(X,Y) + g(Y,\varphi_1X)\xi + \eta(Y)\varphi_1X,$$

which in view of equation (2.1), gives

$$(\nabla\varphi_2) (X,Y) + (\nabla\varphi_2) (Y,X) = -\varphi_1 (\eta(Y)X + \eta(X)Y - 2g(X,Y)\xi) + \eta(Y)\varphi_1 X + \eta(X)\varphi_1 Y = 0.$$

Hence,  $(\varphi_2, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a nearly cosymplectic structure on  $S^5(2)$ .

## 4. Nearly cosymplicit manifold $S^5(\psi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$

Recall that the totally geodesic hypersphere  $S^5$  of the nearly Kaehler 6-sphere  $(S^6, J, \overline{g})$  admits an almost contact metric structure  $(\psi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  satisfying  $JX = \psi_1 X + \eta(X)N$ ,  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(S^5)$ , where  $\psi_1 X$  is the tangential component of JX and N is the unit normal vector field to  $S^5$ , which is related to the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  by  $J\xi = N$  and  $\eta$  is smooth 1-form dual to the unit vector field  $\xi$ . It follows that the almost contact metric structure  $(\psi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  on  $S^5$  is nearly cosymplectic, that is, it satisfies

$$(\nabla\psi_1)(X,Y) + (\nabla\psi_1)(Y,X) = 0, \quad X,Y \in \mathfrak{X}(S^5),$$
(4.1)

where  $(\nabla \psi_1)(X, Y) = \nabla_X \psi_1 Y - \psi_1(\nabla_X Y)$  (cf. [2], [3]). Also, it is known that the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  on the nearly cosymplectic manifold  $S^5(\psi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  is Killing (cf. [2]) and consequently, there is a (1, 1) skew-symmetric tensor field  $\psi_2$  on the nearly cosymplectic manifold  $S^5(\psi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  defined by  $d\eta(X, Y) = 2g(\psi_2 X, Y)$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(S^5)$ , which by Koszul's formula satisfies

$$\nabla_X \xi = \psi_2 X, \quad X \in \mathfrak{X}(S^5) \tag{4.2}$$

and using the fact that the smooth 2-form  $\Omega_2(X, Y) = g(\psi_2 X, Y)$  is closed, we arrive at

$$(\nabla\psi_2)(X,Y) = R(X,\xi)Y = \eta(Y)X - g(X,Y)\xi.$$
(4.3)

Since,  $\xi$  is a unit Killing vector field and  $\psi_2$  is skew-symmetric, equation (4.2) gives  $\psi_2(\xi) = \nabla_{\xi}\xi = 0$ . Taking  $Y = \xi$  in equation (4.3) and using  $\psi_2(\xi) = 0$ , we get

$$\psi_2^2(X) = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad X \in \mathfrak{X}(S^5),$$

and it follows that  $g(\psi_1(X), \psi_2(Y)) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)$ . Hence,  $(\psi_2, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an almost contact metric structure on  $S^5(\psi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  and equation (4.3) confirms that  $(\psi_2, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a Sasakian structure.

Now, define an operator  $\psi_3$  on the nearly cosymplectic manifold  $S^5(\psi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  by

$$\psi_3(X) = (\nabla \psi_1) \, (\xi, X), \quad X \in \mathfrak{X}(S^5),$$

which in view of equation (4.1) confirms that  $\psi_3$  is a (1, 1) skew-symmetric tensor field and it satisfies  $\psi_3(\xi) = 0$ . Also, equations (4.1) and (4.2), imply that

$$\psi_{3}(X) = -(\nabla\psi_{1})(X,\xi) = \psi_{1}(\nabla_{X}\xi) = \psi_{1}\psi_{2}(X), \quad X \in \mathfrak{X}(S^{5}),$$
(4.4)

which gives

$$\psi_2(X) = -\psi_1\psi_3(X), \quad X \in \mathfrak{X}(S^5).$$
 (4.5)

Replacing *X* by  $\psi_1 X$  in equation (4.5), we get

$$\psi_2\psi_1(X) = -\psi_1\psi_3\psi_1(X), \quad X \in \mathfrak{X}(S^5).$$
(4.6)

Also, we have

$$\begin{split} \psi_1 \psi_3 \psi_1(X) &= \psi_1 \left[ (\nabla \psi_1) \left( \xi, \psi_1 X \right) \right] = \psi_1 \left[ \nabla_{\xi} (-X + \eta(X)\xi) - \psi_1 (\nabla_{\xi} \psi_1 X) \right] \\ &= \psi_1 \left[ -\nabla_{\xi} X + \xi(\eta(X))\xi - \psi_1 \left( (\nabla \psi_1) \left( \xi, X \right) + \psi_1 \left( \nabla_{\xi} X \right) \right) \right] \\ &= \psi_1 \left[ -\nabla_{\xi} X + \xi(\eta(X))\xi - \psi_1 \psi_3 X + \nabla_{\xi} X \right] = \psi_3 X, \end{split}$$

which in view of equation (4.6) gives

$$\psi_2\psi_1(X) = -\psi_3 X, \quad X \in \mathfrak{X}(S^5).$$
 (4.7)

Thus, equations (4.4) and (4.7) lead to

$$\psi_3 = \psi_1 \psi_2 = -\psi_2 \psi_1. \tag{4.8}$$

Now, using above equation, we get

$$\psi_3^2 X = \psi_1 \psi_2 \psi_1 \psi_2(X) = -\psi_1 \psi_2^2 \psi_1(X) = \psi_1^2(X) = -X + \eta(X)\xi,$$

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and

$$g(\psi_3 X, \psi_3 Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

Hence,  $(\psi_3, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an almost contact metric structure on  $S^5(\psi_1, \xi, \eta, g)$  and the three almost contact structures  $(\psi_i, \xi, \eta, g)$ , i = 1, 2, 3 satisfy equations (4.5)-(4.8), consequently, we have the following

$$\psi_1\psi_2 = -\psi_2\psi_1 = \psi_3, \quad \psi_2\psi_3 = -\psi_3\psi_2 = \psi_1, \quad \psi_3\psi_1 = -\psi_1\psi_3 = \psi_2.$$

Thus, we have the following:

**Theorem 4.1.** There are three  $(\psi_i, \xi, \eta, g)$ , i = 1, 2, 3 almost contact metric structures on the unit sphere  $S^5$  satisfying

$$\psi_1\psi_2 = -\psi_2\psi_1 = \psi_3, \quad \psi_2\psi_3 = -\psi_3\psi_2 = \psi_1, \quad \psi_3\psi_1 = -\psi_1\psi_3 = \psi_2$$

such that  $S^5(\psi_i, \xi, \eta, g)$ , i = 1, 3 are nearly cosymplectic manifolds and  $S^5(\psi_2, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a Sasakian manifold.

*Proof.* It remains to prove that the almost contact metric structure  $(\psi_3, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a nearly cosymplectic structure on  $S^5$ . We use equations (4.8) and (4.3), to compute

$$(\nabla\psi_3) (X,Y) = -(\nabla\psi_2\psi_1) (X,Y) = -\nabla_X\psi_2\psi_1Y + \psi_2\psi_1\nabla_XY = -[(\nabla\psi_2) (X,\psi_1Y) + \psi_2 (\nabla\psi_1) (X,Y) + \psi_2\psi_1\nabla_XY] + \psi_2\psi_1\nabla_XY = g (X,\psi_1Y) - \psi_2 (\nabla\psi_1) (X,Y),$$

which in view of equation (4.1), gives

$$\left(\nabla\psi_3\right)(X,Y) + \left(\nabla\psi_3\right)(Y,X) = 0, \quad X,Y \in \mathfrak{X}(S^5).$$

Hence,  $(\psi_3, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a nearly cosymplectic structure on  $S^5$ .

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