

# Some Semisymmetry Curvature Conditions on Paracontact Metric $(k, \mu)$ -Manifolds

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**Abstract:** The aim of the article is to study paracontact metric  $(k, \mu)$ -manifolds satisfying some semisymmetry curvature conditions. Also, we show that if a paracontact metric  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold is Ricci pseudo-symmetric then it is an Einstein manifold provided  $k \neq 1$ .

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#### 1. Introduction

Paracontact metric structures have been examined in [5], as a natural odd-dimensional counterpart to para-Hermitian structures, like contact metric structures correspond to the Hermitian ones. Paracontact metric manifolds have been characterized by many authors, particularly since the appearance of [13]. An important class among this manifolds is that of the paracontact  $(k, \mu)$ -manifolds, which satisfy [1]

$$R(X,Y)\xi = k(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + \mu(\eta(Y)hX - \eta(X)hY) \tag{1}$$

for all X, Y vector fields on M, where k and  $\mu$  are constants and  $h = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_{\xi}\phi$ . This class includes the para-Sasakian manifolds [5, 13], the paracontact metric manifolds satisfying  $R(X,Y)\xi = 0$  for all X, Y [14].

Among the geometric properties of manifolds symmetry is an important one. From the local point view it was introduced by Shirokov as a Riemannian manifold with covariant constant curvature tensor R, that is, with  $\nabla R = 0$ , where  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection [7]. A wide theory of symmetric Riemannian manifolds was introduced by Cartan [3]. A manifold is called semisymmetric if the curvature tensor R satisfies  $R(X,Y) \cdot R = 0$ , where R(X,Y) is considered to

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be a derivation of the tensor algebra for the tangent vectors X, Y. Semisymmetric manifolds were locally introduced by Szabó [9]. A manifold is said to be  $Ricci\ semisymmetric$  if  $R(X,Y)\cdot S=0$ , where S denotes the Ricci tensor. Also, in [11] Yıldız and De studied h-Weyl semisymmetric,  $\phi$ -Weyl semisymmetric, h-projectively semisymmetric and  $\phi$ -projectively semisymmetric non-Sasakian  $(k,\mu)$ -contact metric manifolds. Recently, Mandal and De studied certain curvature conditions on paracontact  $(k,\mu)$ -spaces [6].

In [1], the authors have studied a new type of paracontact manifold, so-called paracontact metric  $(k,\mu)$ -spaces, where that the values of k and  $\mu$  in (1) remains unchanged under  $\mathcal{D}$ -homothetic deformation. Namely, unlike in the contact Riemannian status, a paracontact  $(k,\mu)$ -manifold with k=-1 in general is not para-Sasakian. In fact, there are paracontact  $(k,\mu)$ -manifolds such that  $h^2=0$  (which is equal to take k=-1) but with  $h\neq 0$ . Montano and Terlizzi gave the first example of paracontact metric (-1,2)-space  $(M^{2n+1},\phi,\xi,\eta,g)$  with  $h^2=0$  but  $h\neq 0$  for 5-dimensional in [2] and then Montano et al. gave the first paracontact metric structures defined on the tangent sphere bundle and constructed an example with arbitrary n in [1]. Later, in [4] for 3-dimensional, the first numerical example was given. Another important difference with the contact Riemannian status, due to the non-positive definiteness of the metric, is that while for contact metric  $(k,\mu)$ -spaces the constant k can not be greater than 1, paracontact metric  $(k,\mu)$ -space has no limitation for k and  $\mu$ . Also, in [12] Yıldız and De studied some curvature conditions paracontact metric  $(k,\mu)$ -manifolds provided  $k\neq 1$ .

The projective curvature tensor is a significant tensor from the differential geometric point of view. Let M be a (2n+1)-dimensional semi-Riemannian manifold with the metric g. The Ricci operator Q is defined by g(QX,Y) = S(X,Y). For  $n \ge 1$ , M is locally projectively flat if and only if projective curvature tensor P vanishes which is defined by [8]

$$P(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)Z - \frac{1}{2n} \{ S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y \}$$
 (2)

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

In fact M is projectively flat if and only if it is of constant curvature [10]. Thus the projective curvature tensor is the measure of the failure of a semi-Riemannian manifold to be of constant curvature.

A paracontact metric  $(k,\mu)$ -manifold is called to be an Einstein manifold if satisfies  $S = \lambda_1 g$ , and  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold if satisfies  $S = \lambda_1 g + \lambda_2 \eta \otimes \eta$ , where  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are constants.

In this paper, we study some curvature properties of a paracontact metric  $(k, \mu)$ -space. The outline of the paper goes as follows: After introduction, in Section 2, we give basic facts which we will use throughout the paper. Section 3 deals with some basic results of paracontact metric

manifolds with characteristic vector field  $\xi$  belonging to the  $(k,\mu)$ -nullity distribution. In section 4, we introduce h-projectively semisymmetric and  $\phi$ -projectively semisymmetric paracontact metric  $(k,\mu)$ -manifolds provided  $k \neq 1$ . In the last section, we show that if a paracontact metric  $(k,\mu)$ -manifold is Ricci pseudo-symmetric, then it is an Einstein manifold provided  $k \neq 1$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

For more information about paracontact metric geometry, we may refer to [5], [13] and references therein.

A (2n+1)-dimensional manifold M is said to have an almost paracontact structure if it admits a (1,1)-tensor field  $\phi$ , a vector field  $\xi$  and a 1-form  $\eta$  satisfying the following equations:

- (i)  $\eta(\xi) = 1$ ,  $\phi^2 = I \eta \otimes \xi$ ,
- (ii) The tensor field  $\phi$  induces an almost paracomplex structure on each fibre of  $\mathcal{D} = \ker(\eta)$ , i.e., the  $\pm 1$ -eigendistributions,  $\mathcal{D}^{\pm} = \mathcal{D}_{\phi}(\pm 1)$  of  $\phi$  have equal dimension n.

From the definition, we have  $\phi \xi = 0$ ,  $\eta \circ \phi = 0$  and the endomorphism  $\phi$  has rank 2n. The Nijenhius torsion tensor field  $[\phi, \phi]$  is given by

$$[\phi, \phi](X, Y) = \phi^2[X, Y] + [\phi X, \phi Y] - \phi[\phi X, Y] - \phi[X, \phi Y].$$

When the tensor field  $N_{\phi} = [\phi, \phi] - 2d\eta \otimes \xi$  vanishes identically the almost paracontact manifold is said to be *normal*. If an almost paracontact manifold admits a pseudo-Riemannian metric g such that

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = -g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y) \tag{3}$$

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , then we say that  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an almost paracontact metric manifold. Such a pseudo-Riemannian metric is necessarily of signature (n+1,n). For an almost paracontact metric manifold, there exists an orthogonal basis  $\{X_1, \ldots, X_n, Y_1, \ldots, Y_n, \xi\}$ , such that  $g(X_i, X_j) = \delta_{ij}$ ,  $g(Y_i, Y_j) = -\delta_{ij}$ ,  $g(X_i, Y_j) = 0$ ,  $g(\xi, X_i) = g(\xi, Y_j) = 0$  and  $Y_i = \phi X_i$  for any  $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ , which is called a  $\phi$ -basis.

We can now define the fundamental form of the almost paracontact metric manifold by  $\Phi(X,Y) = g(X,\phi Y)$ . If  $d\eta(X,Y) = g(X,\phi Y)$ , then  $(M,\phi,\xi,\eta,g)$  is said to be paracontact metric manifold. In a paracontact metric manifold one defines a symmetric, trace-free operator  $h = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_{\xi}\phi$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi}$ , denotes the Lie derivative. It is known [13] that h anti-commutes with  $\phi$  and satisfies  $h\xi = 0$ ,  $\operatorname{tr} h = \operatorname{tr} h\phi = 0$  and

$$\nabla \xi = -\phi + \phi h,\tag{4}$$

$$\phi h + h\phi = 0. \tag{5}$$

Also, h = 0 if and only if  $\xi$  is Killing vector field. Then  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be a K-paracontact manifold. A normal paracontact metric manifold is called a para-Sasakian manifold. Also, the para-Sasakian case implies the K-paracontact case and the converse holds only in dimension 3. Moreover, any para-Sasakian manifold satisfies

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

#### 3. Paracontact Metric $(k, \mu)$ -Manifolds

Let  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a paracontact manifold. The  $(k, \mu)$ -nullity distribution of a  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  for the pair  $(k, \mu)$  is a distribution

$$N(k,\mu): p \to N_p(k,\mu) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} Z \in T_pM \mid R(X,Y)Z = k(g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y) \\ +\mu(g(Y,Z)hX - g(X,Z)hY) \end{array} \right\}$$
(6)

for some real constants k and  $\mu$ . If the characteristic vector field  $\xi$  belongs to the  $(k, \mu)$ -nullity distribution we have (6). [1] is a complete study of paracontact metric manifolds for which the Reeb vector field of the underlying contact structure satisfies a nullity condition (namely the condition (6) for some real numbers k and  $\mu$ ).

In a (2n + 1)-dimensional paracontact metric  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold for  $k \neq -1$ , the following relations hold [1]:

$$h^2 = (k+1)\phi^2 \tag{7}$$

and

$$(\nabla_X \phi) Y = -g(X - hX, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)(X - hX). \tag{8}$$

**Lemma 3.1** [1] Let  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a paracontact metric  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold of dimension 2n + 1. Then

$$(\nabla_X h)Y - (\nabla_Y h)X = -(1+k)(2g(X,\phi Y)\xi + \eta(X)\phi Y - \eta(Y)\phi X)$$
$$+(1-\mu)(\eta(X)\phi hY - \eta(Y)\phi hX)$$

for any vector fields X, Y on M.

**Lemma 3.2** [1] In any (2n + 1)-dimensional paracontact metric  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  with  $k \neq -1$ , the Ricci operator Q is given by

$$Q = (2(n-1) + \mu)h + (2(1-n) + n\mu)I + (2(n-1) + n(2k-\mu))\eta \otimes \xi.$$
(9)

From (9), we have

$$S(X,\xi) = 2nk\eta(X),\tag{10}$$

$$Q\xi = 2nk\xi. \tag{11}$$

#### 4. Main Results on Paracontact Metric $(k,\mu)$ -Manifolds

**Definition 4.1** A semi-Riemannian manifold  $(M^{2n+1},g)$ , n > 1, is said to be h-projectively semisymmetric if

$$(P(X,Y) \cdot h)Z = 0$$

holds on M.

However if we consider three-dimensional paracontact metric  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold, then the manifold is either a paracontact metric N(k)-manifold or a para-Sasakian manifold.

Now let M be a h-projectively semisymmetric paracontact metric  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold with  $k \neq -1$ . Then above equation is equivalent to

$$P(X,Y)hZ - hP(X,Y)Z = 0$$

for  $k \neq -1$ . Firstly, we get

$$R(X,Y)hZ - hR(X,Y)Z = \mu(k+1)\{g(Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X\}$$

$$+k\{g(hY,Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(hX,Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(X)\eta(Z)hY - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)hX + g(\phi Y,Z)\phi hX - g(\phi X,Z)\phi hY\}$$

$$+(\mu+k)\{g(\phi hX,Z)\phi Y - g(\phi hY,Z)\phi X\}$$

$$+2\mu q(\phi X,Y)\phi hZ.$$

$$(12)$$

Then we can write

$$P(X,Y)hZ - hP(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)hZ - hR(X,Y)Z$$

$$-\frac{1}{2n} \{ S(Y,hZ)X - S(X,hZ)Y - S(Y,Z)hX + S(X,Z)hY \} = 0.$$
(13)

Using (12) in (13), we get

$$\mu(k+1)\{g(Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X\}$$

$$+k\{g(hY,Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(hX,Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(X)\eta(Z)hY - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)hX$$

$$+g(\phi Y,Z)\phi hX - g(\phi X,Z)\phi hY\} + 2\mu g(\phi X,Y)\phi hZ$$

$$+(\mu+k)\{g(\phi hX,Z)\phi Y - g(\phi hY,Z)\phi X\}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2n}\{S(Y,hZ)X - S(X,hZ)Y$$

$$-S(Y,Z)hX + S(X,Z)hY\} = 0.$$
(14)

Putting Y = hY in (14), we have

$$\mu(k+1)\{g(hY,Z)\eta(X)\xi + \eta(X)\eta(Z)hY\}$$

$$+k\{g(h^{2}Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi + \eta(X)\eta(Z)h^{2}Y$$

$$+g(\phi hY,Z)\phi hX - g(\phi X,Z)\phi h^{2}Y\}$$

$$+(\mu+k)\{g(\phi hX,Z)\phi hY - g(\phi h^{2}Y,Z)\phi X\}$$

$$+2\mu g(\phi X,Y)\phi h^{2}Z$$

$$-\frac{1}{2n}\{S(hY,hZ)X - S(X,hZ)hY\}$$

$$-S(hY,Z)hX + S(X,Z)h^{2}Y\} = 0.$$
(15)

Multiplying both sides of (15) with  $\xi$ , we obtain

$$(k+1)\mu g(hY,Z) + kg(Y,Z) - \frac{1}{2n}S(Y,Z) + k\eta(Y)\eta(Z)\eta(X) = 0.$$

Then we have

$$\mu g(hY,Z) + kg(Y,Z) + k\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - \frac{1}{2n}S(Y,Z) = 0.$$

From Lemma 3.2, we can write

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

Thus we have

$$g(hX,Y) = \frac{1}{2(n+1) + \mu} S(X,Y) - \frac{2(1-n) + n\mu}{2(n+1) + \mu} g(X,Y)$$
$$-\frac{2(n-1) + n(2k - \mu)}{2(n+1) + \mu} \eta(X) \eta(Y). \tag{16}$$

Thus from (16), we have

$$\frac{\mu}{2(n+1)+\mu}S(Y,Z) - \frac{\mu(2(1-n)+n\mu)}{2(n+1)+\mu}g(Y,Z)$$
$$-\frac{\mu(2(n-1)+n(2k-\mu))}{2(n+1)+\mu}\eta(Y)\eta(Z)$$
$$+kg(Y,Z) + k\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - \frac{1}{2n}S(Y,Z) = 0,$$

i.e.,

$$\left(\frac{\mu}{2(n+1)+\mu} - \frac{1}{2n}\right)S(Y,Z)$$

$$-\left(\frac{\mu(2(1-n)+n\mu)}{2(n+1)+\mu} - k\right)g(Y,Z)$$

$$-\left(\frac{\mu(2(n-1)+n(2k-\mu))}{2(n+1)+\mu} - k\right)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) = 0,$$

which turns to

$$S(Y,Z) = \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}g(Y,Z) + \frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_1}\eta(Y)\eta(Z),$$

where

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{\mu}{(2(n+1)+\mu)} - \frac{1}{2n},$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{\mu(2(1-n)+n\mu)}{2(n+1)+\mu} - k,$$

$$\lambda_3 = \frac{\mu(2(n-1)+n(2k-\mu))}{2(n+1)+\mu} - k.$$

So the manifold M is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold. Hence, we have the following:

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a (2n+1)-dimensional paracontact  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold with  $k \neq -1$ . If M is an h-projectively semisymmetric manifold, then M is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold provided  $\mu \neq 2(1-n)$ .

**Definition 4.3** A semi-Riemannian manifold  $(M^{2n+1},g)$ , n > 1, is said to be  $\phi$ -projectively semisymmetric if

$$(P(X,Y)\cdot\phi)Z=0$$

holds on M.

Let M be a  $\phi$ -projectively semisymmetric paracontact metric  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold with  $k \neq -1$ . Then above equation is equivalent to

$$P(X,Y)\phi Z - \phi P(X,Y)Z = 0$$

for  $k \neq -1$ . Firstly, we get

$$R(X,Y)\phi Z - \phi R(X,Y)Z = g(X,\phi Z)Y - g(Y,\phi Z)X + g(Y,Z)\phi X$$

$$-g(X,Z)\phi Y - g(X,\phi Z)hY + g(Y,\phi Z)hX$$

$$+g(hY,\phi Z)X - g(hX,\phi Z)Y - g(Y,Z)\phi hX$$

$$+g(X,Z)\phi hY - g(hY,Z)\phi X + g(hX,Z)\phi Y \qquad (17)$$

$$+\frac{-1 - \frac{\mu}{2}}{k+1} \{g(hY,\phi Z)hX - g(hX,\phi Z)hY - g(hY,Z)\phi hX$$

$$+g(hX,Z)\phi hY\} - \frac{-k + \frac{\mu}{2}}{k+1} \{g(hX,\phi Z)\phi hY - g(hY,\phi Z)\phi hX$$

$$-g(\phi hY,Z)hX + g(\phi hX,Z)hY\}$$

$$+(k+1)\{g(\phi X,Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(\phi Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi$$

$$+\eta(X)\eta(Z)\phi Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\phi X\}$$

$$+(\mu-1)\{g(\phi hX,Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(\phi hY,Z)\eta(X)\xi$$

$$+\eta(X)\eta(Z)\phi hY - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\phi hX\}.$$

Then we have

$$P(X,Y)\phi Z - \phi P(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)\phi Z - \phi R(X,Y)Z$$
$$-\frac{1}{2n} \{S(Y,\phi Z)X - S(X,\phi Z)Y$$
$$-S(Y,Z)\phi X + S(X,Z)\phi Y\} = 0. \tag{18}$$

Using (17), putting  $X = \phi X$  and multiplying with W in (18), we obtain

$$g(\phi X, \phi Z)g(Y, W) - g(Y, \phi Z)g(\phi X, W) - g(Y, Z)g(\phi X, \phi W)$$

$$-g(\phi X, Z)g(\phi Y, W) - g(\phi X, \phi Z)g(hY, W) + g(Y, \phi Z)g(h\phi X, W)$$

$$+g(hY, \phi Z)g(\phi X, W) - g(h\phi X, \phi Z)g(Y, W) - g(Y, Z)g(\phi h\phi X, W)$$

$$+g(\phi X, Z)g(\phi hY, W) + g(hY, Z)g(\phi X, \phi W) + g(h\phi X, Z)g(\phi Y, W)$$

$$+\frac{-1 - \frac{\mu}{2}}{k+1} \{g(hY, \phi Z)g(h\phi X, W) - g(h\phi X, \phi Z)g(hY, W)$$

$$-g(hY, Z)g(\phi h\phi X, W) + g(h\phi X, Z)g(\phi hY, W)\}$$

$$-\frac{-k + \frac{\mu}{2}}{k+1} \{g(h\phi X, \phi Z)g(\phi hY, W) - g(hY, \phi Z)g(\phi h\phi X, W)$$

$$-g(\phi hY, Z)g(h\phi X, W) + g(\phi h\phi X, Z)g(hY, W)\}$$

$$-(k+1)\{g(\phi X, \phi Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W) - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)g(\phi X, \phi W)\}$$

$$-(\mu-1)\{g(h\phi X, \phi Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W) - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)g(\phi h\phi X, W)\}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2n}\{S(Y, \phi Z)g(\phi^2 X, W) + S(\phi X, Z)g(\phi Y, W)\} = 0.$$

Putting  $Y = W = \xi$  in (19), we get

$$S(\phi X, \phi Z) + 2n\mu g(\phi h X, \phi Z) + k\eta(X)\eta(Z) = 0. \tag{20}$$

Using (3) in (20), we have

$$S(X,Z) - (2n-1)k\eta(X)\eta(Z) - [2n\mu + 4n - 4 + 2\mu]g(hX,Z) = 0,$$

i.e.,

$$S(X,Z) - (2n-1)k\eta(X)\eta(Z)$$

$$-[2n\mu + 4n - 4 + 2\mu] \{ \frac{1}{2(n+1) + \mu} S(X,Z)$$

$$-\frac{2(1-n) + n\mu}{2(n+1) + \mu} g(X,Z) - \frac{2(n-1) + n(2k - \mu)}{2(n+1) + \mu} \eta(X)\eta(Z) \} = 0.$$

Hence

$$[1 - \frac{2n\mu + 4n - 4 + 2\mu}{2(n+1) + \mu}]S(X,Z)$$

$$= \frac{2(1-n) + n\mu}{2(n+1) + \mu}g(X,Z) + [(2n-1)k + \frac{2(n-1) + n(2k-\mu)}{2(n+1) + \mu}]\eta(X)\eta(Z).$$

Thus we have

$$S(X,Z) = \frac{\lambda_2'}{\lambda_1'} g(X,Z) + \frac{\lambda_3'}{\lambda_1'} \eta(X) \eta(Z),$$

where

$$\lambda_{1}' = 1 - \frac{2n\mu + 4n - 4 + 2\mu}{2(n+1) + \mu},$$

$$\lambda_{2}' = \frac{2(1-n) + n\mu}{2(n+1) + \mu},$$

$$\lambda_{3}' = (2n-1)k + \frac{2(n-1) + n(2k - \mu)}{2(n+1) + \mu}.$$

So the manifold M is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold. Hence, we have the following:

**Theorem 4.4** Let  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a (2n+1)-dimensional paracontact  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold with  $k \neq -1$ . If M is a  $\phi$ -projectively semisymmetric manifold, then M is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold provided  $\mu \neq 2(1-n)$ .

### 5. Ricci Pseudo-Symmetric Paracontact Metric $(k, \mu)$ -Manifolds

**Definition 5.1** A semi-Riemannian manifold  $(M^{2n+1},g)$ , n > 1, is said to be Ricci pseudo-symmetric if

$$(R(X,Y)\cdot S)(Z,W) = fQ(q,S)(X,Y;Z,W),$$

where

$$(R(X,Y) \cdot S)(Z,W) = R(X,Y)S(Z,W)$$
$$-S(R(X,Y)Z,W) - S(Z,R(X,Y)W)$$

and

$$fQ(g,S)(X,Y;Z,W) = f\{S((X \land Y)Z,W) + S(Z,(X \land Y)W)\}$$

hold on M, f is some function and  $(X \wedge Y)Z = g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y$ , for all  $X,Y,Z,W \in \chi(M)$ .

Let M be a Ricci pseudo-symmetric paracontact metric  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold with  $k \neq -1$ . Then we can write

$$-S(R(X,Y)Z,W) - S(Z,R(X,Y)W)$$

$$= f\{g(Y,Z)S(X,W) - g(X,Z)S(Y,W)$$

$$+g(Y,W)S(X,Z) - g(X,W)S(Y,Z)\}.$$
(21)

Putting  $X = \xi$  in (21), we get

$$S(R(\xi, Y)Z, W) + S(Z, R(\xi, Y)W)$$

$$= f\{\eta(Z)S(Y, W) - g(Y, Z)S(\xi, W)$$

$$+\eta(W)S(Y, Z) - g(Y, W)S(\xi, Z)\}.$$
(22)

On the other hand from (6), we obtain

$$R(\xi, Y)Z = k\{g(Y, Z)\xi - \eta(Z)Y\} + \mu\{g(hY, Z)\xi - \eta(Z)hY\}.$$

Using this fact in (22), we get

$$k\{g(Y,Z)S(\xi,W) - \eta(Z)S(Y,W) + g(Y,W)S(\xi,Z) - \eta(W)S(Y,Z)\}$$

$$+\mu\{g(hY,Z)S(\xi,W) - \eta(Z)S(hY,W) + g(hY,W)S(\xi,Z) - \eta(W)\alpha(SY,Z)\}$$

$$= f\{\eta(Z)S(Y,W) - g(Y,Z)S(\xi,W) + \eta(W)S(Y,Z) - g(Y,W)S(\xi,Z)\},$$
(23)

which turns to

$$(k+f)\{g(Y,Z)S(\xi,W) - \eta(Z)S(Y,W) + g(Y,W)S(\xi,Z) - \eta(W)S(Y,Z)\}$$

$$+\mu\{g(hY,Z)S(\xi,W) - \eta(Z)S(hY,W) + g(hY,W)S(\xi,Z) - \eta(W)S(hY,Z)\} = 0.$$
(24)

Now we have three cases:

(i) 
$$k + f \neq 0$$
,  $\mu = 0$ ,

(ii) 
$$k + f = 0, \ \mu \neq 0,$$

(*iii*) 
$$k + f \neq 0$$
,  $\mu \neq 0$ .

For proof of (i), putting  $W = \xi$  in (24), we get

$$g(Y,Z)S(\xi,\xi) - S(Y,Z) = 0,$$
 (25)

which turns to

$$S(Y,Z) = 2nkq(Y,Z).$$

For proof of (ii), putting  $W = \xi$  in (24),

$$g(hY,Z)S(\xi,\xi) - S(hY,Z) = 0.$$
 (26)

Taking Y = hY in (26), we obtain

$$(k+1)\{g(Y,Z)S(\xi,\xi)-S(Y,Z)\}=0.$$

Since  $k \neq -1$ , then we get

$$S(Y,Z) = 2nkg(Y,Z).$$

For proof of (iii), putting  $W = \xi$  in (24), we have

$$(k+f)\{g(Y,Z)S(\xi,\xi) - \eta(Z)S(Y,\xi) + g(Y,\xi)S(\xi,Z) - S(Y,Z)\}$$

$$+\mu\{g(hY,Z)S(\xi,\xi) - S(hY,Z)\} = 0.$$
(27)

Taking Y = hY in (27), we obtain

$$(k+f)\{g(hY,Z)S(\xi,\xi) - S(hY,Z)\} - \mu\{g(h^2Y,Z)S(\xi,\xi) - S(h^2Y,Z)\} = 0,$$

which turns to

$$(k+f)\{g(hY,Z)S(\xi,\xi) - S(hY,Z)\}$$

$$-\mu(k+1)\{g(Y,Z)S(\xi,\xi) - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)S(\xi,\xi)$$

$$-S(Y,Z) + \eta(Y)S(Z,\xi)\} = 0.$$
(28)

Then using (26) in (28), we have

$$(k+1)\mu\{g(Y,Z)S(\xi,\xi)-S(Y,Z)\}=0.$$

Since  $k \neq -1$ , then we get

$$S(Y,Z) - g(Y,Z)S(\xi,\xi) = 0,$$

which turns to

$$S(Y,Z) = 2nkg(Y,Z).$$

Considering above facts, we state the following:

**Theorem 5.2** Let  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a (2n+1)-dimensional paracontact  $(k, \mu)$ -manifold with  $k \neq -1$ . If M is a Ricci pseudo-symmetric manifold, then the manifold is an Einstein manifold.

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