

## ON WEAK CONCIRCULAR SYMMETRIES OF KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS

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**ABSTRACT.** The object of the present paper is to study weakly concircular symmetric and weakly concircular Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of weakly symmetric manifolds were introduced by Tamássy and Binh [10]. A non-flat Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  ( $n > 2$ ) is called a weakly symmetric manifold if its curvature tensor  $R$  of type (0,4) satisfies the condition

$$\begin{aligned}(\nabla_X R)(Y, Z, U, V) &= A(X)R(Y, Z, U, V) + B(Y)R(X, Z, U, V) & (1) \\ &+ H(Z)R(Y, X, U, V) + D(U)R(Y, Z, X, V) \\ &+ E(V)R(Y, Z, U, X)\end{aligned}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, U, V \in \chi(M^n)$ , where  $A, B, H, D$  and  $E$  are 1-forms (not simultaneously zero) and  $\nabla$  denotes the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the Riemannian metric  $g$ . The 1-forms are called the associated 1-forms of the manifold and an  $n$ -dimensional manifold of this kind is denoted by  $(WS)_n$ . In 1999 De and Bandyopadhyay [3] studied a  $(WS)_n$  and proved that in such a manifold the associated 1-forms  $B = H$  and  $D = E$ . Hence (1) reduces to the following:

$$\begin{aligned}(\nabla_X R)(Y, Z, U, V) &= A(X)R(Y, Z, U, V) + B(Y)R(X, Z, U, V) & (2) \\ &+ B(Z)R(Y, X, U, V) + D(U)R(Y, Z, X, V) \\ &+ D(V)R(Y, Z, U, X).\end{aligned}$$

A transformation of an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $M$ , which transforms every geodesic circle of  $M$  into a geodesic circle, is called a concircular transformation [13]. The interesting invariant of a concircular transformation is the concircular curvature tensor  $\tilde{C}$ , which is defined by [13]

$$\tilde{C}(Y, Z, U, V) = R(Y, Z, U, V) - \frac{r}{n(n-1)} [g(Z, U)g(Y, V) - g(Y, U)g(Z, V)], \quad (3)$$

where  $r$  is the scalar curvature of the manifold.

Recently Shaikh and Hui [8] introduced the notion of weakly concircular symmetric manifolds. A Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  ( $n > 2$ ) is called weakly concircular symmetric manifold if its concircular curvature tensor  $\tilde{C}$  of type (0,4) is not identically zero and satisfies the condition

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X \tilde{C})(Y, Z, U, V) &= A(X)\tilde{C}(Y, Z, U, V) + B(Y)\tilde{C}(X, Z, U, V) & (4) \\ &+ H(Z)\tilde{C}(Y, X, U, V) + D(U)\tilde{C}(Y, Z, X, V) \\ &+ E(V)\tilde{C}(Y, Z, U, X) \end{aligned}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, U, V \in \chi(M^n)$ , where  $A, B, H, D$  and  $E$  are 1-forms (not simultaneously zero) and an  $n$ -dimensional manifold of this kind is denoted by  $(W\tilde{C}S)_n$ . Also it is shown that [8], in a  $(W\tilde{C}S)_n$  the associated 1-forms  $B = H$  and  $D = E$ , and hence the defining condition (4) of a  $(W\tilde{C}S)_n$  reduces to the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X \tilde{C})(Y, Z, U, V) &= A(X)\tilde{C}(Y, Z, U, V) + B(Y)\tilde{C}(X, Z, U, V) & (5) \\ &+ B(Z)\tilde{C}(Y, X, U, V) + D(U)\tilde{C}(Y, Z, X, V) \\ &+ D(V)\tilde{C}(Y, Z, U, X), \end{aligned}$$

where  $A, B$  and  $D$  are 1-forms (not simultaneously zero).

Again Tamásy and Binh [11] introduced the notion of weakly Ricci symmetric manifolds. A Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  ( $n > 2$ ) is called weakly Ricci symmetric manifold if its Ricci tensor  $S$  of type (0,2) is not identically zero and satisfies the condition

$$(\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) = A(X)S(Y, Z) + B(Y)S(X, Z) + D(Z)S(Y, X), \quad (6)$$

where  $A, B$  and  $D$  are three non-zero 1-forms, called the associated 1-forms of the manifold, and  $\nabla$  denotes the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the metric tensor  $g$ . Such an  $n$ -dimensional manifold is denoted by  $(WRS)_n$ .

Let  $\{e_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at each point of the manifold and let

$$P(Y, V) = \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{C}(Y, e_i, e_i, V), \quad (7)$$

then from (3), we get

$$P(Y, V) = S(Y, V) - \frac{r}{n}g(Y, V). \quad (8)$$

The tensor  $P$  is called the concircular Ricci symmetric tensor [4], which is a symmetric tensor of type (0,2). In [4] De and Ghosh introduced the notion of weakly concircular Ricci symmetric manifolds. A Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)(n > 2)$  is called weakly concircular Ricci symmetric manifold [4] if its concircular Ricci tensor  $P$  of type (0,2) is not identically zero and satisfies the condition

$$(\nabla_X P)(Y, Z) = A(X)P(Y, Z) + B(Y)P(X, Z) + D(Z)P(Y, X), \quad (9)$$

where  $A, B$  and  $D$  are three 1-forms (not simultaneously zero).

In [12] Tanno classified connected almost contact metric manifolds whose automorphism groups possess the maximum dimension. For such a manifold, the sectional curvature of plane sections containing  $\xi$  is a constant, say  $c$ . He proved that they could be divided into three classes: (i) homogeneous normal contact Riemannian manifolds with  $c > 0$ , (ii) global Riemannian products of a line or a circle with a Kähler manifold of constant holomorphic sectional curvature if  $c = 0$  and (iii) a warped product space  $R \times_f C^n$  if  $c < 0$ . It is known that the manifolds of class (i) are characterized by admitting a Sasakian structure. The manifolds of class (ii) are characterized by a tensorial relation admitting a cosymplectic structure. Kenmotsu [5] characterized the differential geometric properties of the manifolds of class (iii) which are nowadays called Kenmotsu manifolds and later studied by several authors.

As a generalization of both Sasakian and Kenmotsu manifolds, Oubiña [6] introduced the notion of trans-Sasakian manifolds, which are closely related to the locally conformal Kähler manifolds. A trans-Sasakian manifold of type  $(0,0)$ ,  $(\alpha, 0)$  and  $(0, \beta)$  are called the cosymplectic,  $\alpha$ -Sasakian and  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifolds respectively,  $\alpha, \beta$  being scalar functions. In particular, if  $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$ ; and  $\alpha = 1, \beta = 0$  then a trans-Sasakian manifold will be a Kenmotsu and Sasakian manifold respectively.

Tamássy and Binh [11] studied weakly symmetric and weakly Ricci symmetric Sasakian manifolds and proved that in such a manifold the sum of the associated 1-forms vanishes everywhere. Again Özgür [7] studied weakly symmetric and weakly Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds and proved that in such a manifold the sum of the associated 1-forms is zero everywhere and hence such a manifold does not

exist unless the sum of the associated 1-forms is everywhere zero. In this connection Shaikh and Hui [9] studied weakly symmetric and weakly Ricci symmetric trans-Sasakian manifolds and proved that the sum of the associated 1-forms of a weakly symmetric and also of a weakly Ricci symmetric trans-Sasakian manifold of non-vanishing  $\xi$ -sectional curvature are non-zero everywhere and hence such two structure exists, provided that the manifold is of non-vanishing  $\xi$ -sectional curvature.

The object of the present paper is to study *weakly concircular symmetric and weakly concircular Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds*. Section 2 deals with preliminaries of Kenmotsu manifolds. In section 3 of the paper we have obtained all the 1-forms of a weakly concircular symmetric Kenmotsu manifold and hence such a structure exist, provided that  $r \neq -n(n-1)$ . Again in section 4 we study weakly concircular Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds and obtained all the 1-forms of a weakly concircular Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold and consequently such a structure exist, provided that  $r \neq -n(n-1)$ . Also it is proved that the sum of the associated 1-forms of a weakly concircular Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold is non-vanishing, provided that  $r \neq -n(n-1)$ .

## 2. KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS

A smooth manifold  $(M^n, g)$  (where  $n = 2m + 1, m > 1$ ) is said to be an almost contact metric manifold [1] if it admits a (1,1) tensor field  $\phi$ , a vector field  $\xi$ , an 1-form  $\eta$  and a Riemannian metric  $g$  which satisfy

$$\phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad \phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad (10)$$

$$g(\phi X, Y) = -g(X, \phi Y), \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi), \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad (11)$$

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y) \quad (12)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ .

An almost contact metric manifold  $M^n(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  (where  $n = 2m + 1, m > 1$ ) is said to be Kenmotsu manifold if the following condition holds [5]:

$$\nabla_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi \quad (13)$$

and

$$(\nabla_X \phi)(Y) = g(\phi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi X, \quad (14)$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the Riemannian connection of  $g$ .

In a Kenmotsu manifold, the following relations hold [5]:

$$(\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad (15)$$

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X, \quad (16)$$

$$R(\xi, X)Y = \eta(Y)X - g(X, Y)\xi, \quad (17)$$

$$\eta(R(X, Y)Z) = \eta(Y)g(X, Z) - \eta(X)g(Y, Z), \quad (18)$$

$$S(X, \xi) = -(n-1)\eta(X), \quad (19)$$

$$S(\xi, \xi) = -(n-1), \text{ i.e., } Q\xi = -(n-1)\xi \quad (20)$$

for any vector field  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$  and  $R$  is the Riemannian curvature tensor and  $S$  is the Ricci tensor of type  $(0, 2)$  such that  $g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y)$ .

### 3. WEAKLY CONCIRCULAR SYMMETRIC KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS

**Definition 1.** A Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  (where  $n = 2m + 1, m > 1$ ) is said to be weakly concircular symmetric if its concircular curvature tensor  $\tilde{C}$  of type  $(0,4)$  satisfies (5).

Setting  $Y = V = e_i$  in (5) and taking summation over  $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla_X S)(Z, U) - \frac{dr(X)}{n}g(Z, U) \quad (21) \\ &= A(X) \left[ S(Z, U) - \frac{r}{n}g(Z, U) \right] + B(Z) \left[ S(X, U) - \frac{r}{n}g(X, U) \right] \\ &+ D(U) \left[ S(X, Z) - \frac{r}{n}g(X, Z) \right] + B(R(X, Z)U) + D(R(X, U)Z) \\ &- \frac{r}{n(n-1)} \left[ \{B(X) + D(X)\}g(Z, U) - B(Z)g(X, U) - D(U)g(Z, X) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Plugging  $X = Z = U = \xi$  in (21) and then using (16) and (20), we obtain

$$A(\xi) + B(\xi) + D(\xi) = \frac{dr(\xi)}{r + n(n-1)}, \quad r + n(n-1) \neq 0. \quad (22)$$

This leads to the following:

**Theorem 1.** In a weakly concircular symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  (where  $n = 2m + 1, m > 1$ ), the relation (22) holds.

Next, substituting  $X$  and  $Z$  by  $\xi$  in (21) and then using (16), (17) and (19), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & [A(\xi) + B(\xi)] \left[ \frac{r}{n} + n - 1 \right] \eta(U) \quad (23) \\ &+ \left[ \frac{r}{n(n-1)} + 1 \right] [(n-2)D(U) + \eta(U)D(\xi)] - \frac{dr(\xi)}{n} \eta(U) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of (22), it follows from (23) that

$$D(U) = \left[ D(\xi) + \frac{r + n(n-2)}{n^2(n-1)(n-2)} dr(\xi) \right] \eta(U), \quad r + n(n-1) \neq 0. \quad (24)$$

Next, setting  $X = U = \xi$  in (21) and proceeding in a similar manner as above, we get

$$B(Z) = \left[ B(\xi) + \frac{r + n(n-2)}{n^2(n-1)(n-2)} dr(\xi) \right] \eta(Z), \quad r + n(n-1) \neq 0. \quad (25)$$

Again, setting  $Z = U = \xi$  in (21) and using (16) and (20), we get

$$\begin{aligned} A(X) &= \frac{dr(X)}{r + n(n-1)} - \frac{1}{n-1} [B(X) + D(X)] \\ &\quad - \frac{n-2}{n-1} [B(\xi) + D(\xi)] \eta(X), \quad r + n(n-1) \neq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

This leads to the following:

**Theorem 2.** *In a weakly concircular symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  (where  $n = 2m + 1, m > 1$ ), the associated 1-forms  $D, B$  and  $A$  are given by (24), (25) and (26), respectively.*

#### 4. WEAKLY CONCIRCULAR RICCI SYMMETRIC KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS

**Definition 2.** *A Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  (where  $n = 2m + 1, m > 1$ ) is said to be weakly concircular Ricci symmetric if its concircular Ricci tensor  $P$  of type (0,2) satisfies (9).*

In view of (8), (9) yields

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) - \frac{dr(X)}{n} g(Y, Z) &= A(X) \left[ S(Y, Z) - \frac{r}{n} g(Y, Z) \right] \\ &\quad + B(Y) \left[ S(X, Z) - \frac{r}{n} g(X, Z) \right] \\ &\quad + D(Z) \left[ S(X, Y) - \frac{r}{n} g(X, Y) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Setting  $X = Y = Z = \xi$  in (27), we get the relation (22) and hence we can state the following:

**Theorem 3.** *In a weakly concircular Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  (where  $n = 2m + 1, m > 1$ ), the relation (22) holds.*

Next, substituting  $X$  and  $Y$  by  $\xi$  in (27) and using (19) and (22), we obtain

$$D(Z) = D(\xi) \eta(Z), \quad r + n(n-1) \neq 0. \quad (28)$$

Again putting  $X = Z = \xi$  in (27) and proceeding in a similar manner as above we get

$$B(Y) = B(\xi)\eta(Y), \quad r + n(n - 1) \neq 0. \quad (29)$$

Again, setting  $Y = Z = \xi$  in (27) and using (20) and (22), we get

$$A(X) = \frac{dr(X)}{r + n(n - 1)} + \left[ A(\xi) - \frac{dr(\xi)}{r + n(n - 1)} \right] \eta(X), \quad r + n(n - 1) \neq 0. \quad (30)$$

This leads to the following:

**Theorem 4.** *If in a weakly concircular Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  (where  $n = 2m + 1, m > 1$ ),  $r + n(n - 1) \neq 0$  then the associated 1-forms  $D, B$  and  $A$  are given by (28), (29) and (30), respectively.*

Adding (28), (29) and (30) and using (22), we get

$$A(X) + B(X) + D(X) = \frac{dr(X)}{r + n(n - 1)} \quad \forall X. \quad (31)$$

This leads to the following:

**Theorem 5.** *If in a weakly concircular Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  (where  $n = 2m + 1, m > 1$ ),  $r + n(n - 1) \neq 0$ , the sum of the associated 1-forms is given by (31).*

Also from (31), we can state the following:

**Corollary 1.** *There exist no weakly concircular Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold of constant scalar curvature, unless the sum of the associated 1-forms is everywhere zero.*

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