

On Contact Metric Three-Manifolds Satisfying Certain Curvature Conditions

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ABSTRACT

In this article we study the contact metric three-manifolds M^3 satisfying certain curvature conditions especially $\xi(\lambda) = \text{const}$. In section 3–2 we find four conditions such that every one is necessary and sufficient for a contact metric three-manifold satisfying

$$(*) \quad \xi(\lambda) = A = B = 0, \quad \lambda^2 - 1 + 2a\lambda = 0$$

to be semi-symmetric. In section 3–4 we prove that if a contact metric three-manifold M^3 satisfies (*) then either $a = 0$ and M^3 is semi-symmetric or $a \neq 0$ and in this case a is constant and M^3 cannot be semi-symmetric. In section 3–5 we prove that if a semi-symmetric contact metric three-manifold satisfies

$$\xi(\lambda) = \text{const}, \quad A = \text{const}, \quad B = \text{const}.$$

(in section 3-6 if $\xi(\lambda) = \text{const}$. $e(\lambda) = \text{const}$. $\varphi e(\lambda) \neq 0$.)

then $a = \xi(\lambda) = A = B = 0$

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1. Introduction

A Riemannian manifold (M, g) is called semi-symmetric if its curvature tensor R satisfies the condition

$$R(X, Y) \cdot R = 0$$

for all vector fields X, Y on M , where $R(X, Y)$ acts as a derivation on R :

$$(R(X, Y) \cdot R)(U, V, W) = R(X, Y)(R(U, V)W) - R(R(X, Y)U, V)W - R(U, R(X, Y)V)W - R(U, V)(R(X, Y)W)$$

G. Calvaruso and D. Perrone in [3] have studied the semi-symmetric contact metric three-manifold with Ricci curvature $\rho(\xi, \xi)$ constant, which means $\xi(\lambda) = 0$.

In this article we study the contact metric three-manifold M^3 satisfying certain curvature conditions especially $\xi(\lambda) = const$.

2. Preliminaries

A contact metric manifold is a $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold M^{2n+1} which carries a global differential 1-form η such that $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^n \neq 0$ everywhere on M^{2n+1} . Every contact metric manifold has an underlying contact Riemannian structure (φ, ξ, η, g) , where ξ is a global vector field (called the characteristic vector field or Reeb vector field), φ a global tensor field of type $(1,1)$ and g a Riemannian metric (called associated metric).

These structure tensors satisfy :

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(\xi) &= 1, \quad \varphi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \eta(X) = g(\xi, X) \\ d\eta(X, Y) &= g(X, \varphi Y), \quad g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y) \\ d\eta(\xi, X) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

We denote by ∇ the Riemannian connection of g , and by R the corresponding Riemannian curvature tensor given by :

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

The Ricci tensor of type $(0,2)$, the corresponding Ricci operator and the scalar curvature are respectively indicated by ρ, Q , and r . If r is constant then M^{2n+1} is said to be conformally flat.

In the theory of contact metric manifolds the tensor fields

$$h = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}_\xi \varphi \quad \text{and} \quad \ell = R(\cdot, \xi)\xi$$

where \mathcal{L} is the Lie derivation, play a fundamental role. On every contact metric manifold M^{2n+1} the following relations hold [4]

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi \xi &= h\xi = \ell \xi = 0 & \eta \circ \varphi &= \eta \circ h = 0 \\ \nabla_X \xi &= -\varphi X - \varphi h X & h\varphi &= -\varphi h \\ \nabla_\xi h &= \varphi - \varphi \ell - \varphi h^2 & \varphi \ell \varphi - \ell &= 2(\varphi^2 + h^2) \\ tr h &= tr h \varphi = 0 & tr \ell &= g(Q\xi, \xi) = 2n - tr h^2 \\ \nabla_\xi \varphi &= 0 & \nabla_\xi \xi &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

If f is a real function and the almost complex structure J on $M^{2n+1} \times R$ defined by :

$$J(Y, f \frac{d}{dt}) = (\varphi Y - f\xi, \eta(Y) \frac{d}{dt})$$

is integrable, then the structure is said to be normal and the manifold is called Sasakian.

Let now $(M^3, \eta, g, \xi, \varphi)$ be a three-dimensional contact metric manifold. Let U be the open subset of M^3 where $h \neq 0$ and V the open subset of points $p \in M^3$ such that $h = 0$ in a neighborhood of p . For any point $m \in U \setminus V$ there exist a local orthonormal basis $\{\xi, e, \varphi e\}$ ([2] p34) of smooth eigen vectors of h in a neighborhood of m . On U we put $he = \lambda e$ $h\varphi e = -\lambda \varphi e$

where λ is a non-vanishing smooth function which is supposed to be positive.

2-1 PROPOSITION [5]

On U we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_\xi \xi &= 0 & \nabla_\xi e &= -a\varphi e & \nabla_\xi \varphi e &= a e \\ (2, 1) \quad \nabla_e \xi &= -(\lambda + 1)\varphi e & \nabla_e e &= -\mu\varphi e & \nabla_e \varphi e &= (\lambda + 1)\xi + \mu e \\ \nabla_{\varphi e} \xi &= -(\lambda - 1)e & \nabla_{\varphi e} e &= (\lambda - 1)\xi + \sigma\varphi e & & \\ \nabla_{\varphi e} \varphi e &= -\sigma e & \nabla_\xi h &= 2ah\varphi + \xi(\lambda)s & & \end{aligned}$$

where a is a smooth function ,

$$\mu = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \{(\varphi e)(\lambda) + A\}, \quad \sigma = -\frac{1}{2\lambda} \{e(\lambda) + B\}$$

$A = \rho(\xi, e)$, $B = \rho(\xi, \varphi e)$ and s is the (1,1)-tensor defined
by $s\xi = 0$, $se = e$, $s\varphi e = -\varphi e$

2-2 **PROPOSITION** [3]

The components of the Ricci operator Q with respect to $\{\xi, e, \varphi e\}$, are given by

$$Q\xi = 2(1 - \lambda^2)\xi + Ae + B\varphi e$$

$$Qe = A\xi + \left(\frac{r}{2} - 1 + \lambda^2 + 2a\lambda\right)e + \xi(\lambda)\varphi e$$

$$Q\varphi e = B\xi + \xi(\lambda)e + \left(\frac{r}{2} - 1 + \lambda^2 - 2a\lambda\right)\varphi e$$

From which it follows :

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_{\xi} Q)\xi &= -4\lambda\xi(\lambda)\xi + \{\xi(A) + aB\}e + \{\xi(B) - aA\}\varphi e \\ (\nabla_e Q)e &= \{e(A) + (\lambda + 1)\xi(\lambda) + B\mu\}\xi + \\ &\quad + \{e(\alpha + 2a\lambda) + 2\mu\xi(\lambda)\}e + \\ (2, 2) \quad &+ \{e\xi(\lambda) + 2a(\varphi e)(\lambda) + (2a - \lambda - 1)A\}\varphi e \\ (\nabla_{\varphi e} Q)\varphi e &= \{(\varphi e)(B) + (\lambda - 1)\xi(\lambda) + A\sigma\}\xi + \\ &\quad + \{(\varphi e)\xi(\lambda) - 2ae(\lambda) + (1 - \lambda - 2a)B\}e + \\ &\quad + \{(\varphi e)(\alpha - 2a\lambda) + 2\sigma\xi(\lambda)\}\varphi e \end{aligned}$$

where : $\alpha = \frac{r}{2} - 1 + \lambda^2$

2-3 **PROPOSITION** [3]

The components of R , with respect to the basis $\{\xi, e, \varphi e\}$ are given by:

$$R(\xi, e)\xi = -(\lambda^2 - 1 - 2a\lambda)e + \xi(\lambda)\varphi e$$

$$R(\xi, \varphi e)\xi = \xi(\lambda)e - (\lambda^2 - 1 + 2a\lambda)\varphi e$$

$$R(e, \varphi e)\xi = -Be + A\varphi e$$

$$R(\xi, e)e = (\lambda^2 - 1 - 2a\lambda)e - B\varphi e$$

$$R(\xi, \varphi e)e = -\xi(\lambda)\xi + A\varphi e$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2, 3) \quad R(e, \varphi e)e &= B\xi + \left(\frac{r}{2} + 2\lambda^2 - 2\right)\varphi e \\
 R(\xi, e)\varphi e &= -\xi(\lambda)\xi + B e \\
 R(\xi, \varphi e)\varphi e &= (\lambda^2 - 1 + 2a\lambda)\xi - A e \\
 R(e, \varphi e)\varphi e &= -A\xi - \left(\frac{r}{2} + 2\lambda^2 - 2\right)e
 \end{aligned}$$

where :

$$R(e_i, e_j)e_k = -R(e_j, e_i)e_k, \quad i, j, k = 1, 2, 3$$

$$e_1 = \xi, \quad e_2 = e, \quad e_3 = \varphi e$$

2-4 **PROPOSITION** [3]

Let $(M^3, \eta, g, \varphi, \xi)$ be a non-Sasakian contact metric three-manifold . Then M^3 is semi-symmetric if and only if

$$B(\lambda^2 - 1 + 2a\lambda) = A\xi(\lambda)$$

$$A(\lambda^2 - 1 - 2a\lambda) = B\xi(\lambda)$$

$$(2, 4) \quad AB + \xi(\lambda)\left(\frac{r}{2} + 2\lambda^2 - 2\right) = 0$$

$$B^2 - [\xi(\lambda)]^2 + (\lambda^2 - 1 - 2a\lambda)\left(\frac{r}{2} + 3\lambda^2 - 3 + 2a\lambda\right) = 0$$

$$A^2 - [\xi(\lambda)]^2 + (\lambda^2 - 1 + 2a\lambda)\left(\frac{r}{2} + 3\lambda^2 - 3 - 2a\lambda\right) = 0$$

3. Some classes of Semi-symmetric contact metric manifolds

3-1 **LEMMA**

Let $(M^3, \eta, g, \varphi, \xi)$ be a contact metric three-manifold . Then the following formulas hold

$$\rho(\xi, \xi) = 2(1 - \lambda^2)$$

$$\rho(e, e) = 2a\lambda - \mu^2 - \sigma^2 - 2a - e(\sigma) - (\varphi e)(\mu) =$$

$$(3, 1) \quad = \frac{r}{2} + \lambda^2 - 1 + 2a\lambda$$

$$\rho(\varphi e, \varphi e) = -2a\lambda - \mu^2 - \sigma^2 - 2a - e(\sigma) - (\varphi e)(\mu) =$$

$$= \frac{r}{2} + \lambda^2 - 1 - 2a\lambda$$

$$r = 2(1 - \lambda^2 + \gamma)$$

where : $\gamma = -\mu^2 - \sigma^2 - 2a - e(\sigma) - (\varphi e)(\mu)$

Proof :

We have

$$\rho(\xi, \xi) = g(R(\xi, \xi)\xi, \xi) + g(R(\xi, e)\xi, e) + g(R(\xi, \varphi e)\xi, \varphi e)$$

And if we use (2,3) we obtain:

$$\rho(\xi, \xi) = 2(1 - \lambda^2)$$

We have also :

$$\rho(e, e) = g(R(e, \xi)e, \xi) + g(R(e, e)e, e) + g(R(e, \varphi e)e, \varphi e)$$

And if we use (2,1) and (2,3) we find :

$$g(R(e, \xi)e, \xi) = -(\lambda^2 - 1 - 2a\lambda)$$

$$R(e, \varphi e)e = \nabla_{[\varphi e]}e - \nabla_e \nabla_{\varphi e}e + \nabla_{\varphi e} \nabla_e e$$

$$= \nabla_{2\xi + \mu e - \sigma \varphi e}e - \nabla_e((\lambda - 1)\xi + \sigma \varphi e) + \nabla_{\varphi e}(-\mu \varphi e)$$

$$= [-2\lambda\sigma - e(\lambda)]\xi + \{\lambda^2 - 1 - \mu^2 - \sigma^2 - 2a - e(\sigma) - (\varphi e)(\mu)\}\varphi e$$

$$= B\xi + \{\lambda^2 - 1 - \mu^2 - \sigma^2 - 2a - e(\sigma) - (\varphi e)(\mu)\}\varphi e$$

And then :

$$\rho(e, e) = 2a\lambda - \mu^2 - \sigma^2 - 2a - e(\sigma) - (\varphi e)(\mu)$$

Similarly we obtain the value of $\rho(\varphi e, \varphi e)$, and hence we have:

$$r = \rho(\xi, \xi) + \rho(e, e) + \rho(\varphi e, \varphi e)$$

$$= 2\{(1 - \lambda^2) - \mu^2 - \sigma^2 - 2a - e(\sigma) - (\varphi e)(\mu)\}$$

Now it follows easily from (2,4) and (3,1) :

3-2 COROLLARY

Let $(M^3, \eta, g, \varphi, \xi)$ be a contact metric three-manifold satisfying

$$\xi(\lambda) = A = B = 0, \quad \lambda^2 - 1 + 2a\lambda = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 1 - 2a\lambda \neq 0$$

Then M^3 is semi-symmetric if and only if one of the following conditions is satisfied :

- (I) $r = 4(1 - \lambda^2)$
- (II) $r = 8a\lambda$
- (III) $\rho(\varphi e, \varphi e) = 0$
- (IV) $\rho(e, e) = 4a\lambda$

3-3 **COROLLARY**

Let $(M^3, \eta, g, \varphi, \xi)$ be a contact metric three-manifold satisfying

$$R(\xi, \varphi e) \xi = 0, \quad R(e, \varphi e) \xi = 0, \quad R(e, \varphi e) \varphi e = 0$$

Then M^3 is semi-symmetric .

3-4 **PROPOSITION**

Let $(M^3, \eta, g, \varphi, \xi)$ be a contact metric three-manifold satisfying

$$(3-2) \quad \xi(\lambda) = 0, \quad A = B = 0, \quad \lambda^2 - 1 + 2a\lambda = 0$$

Then either $a = 0$ and M^3 is semi-symmetric or $a \neq 0$. In this case a is constant , $r = 4a(\lambda - 1)$ and M^3 cannot be semi-symmetric .

Proof .

Differentiating $\lambda^2 - 1 + 2a\lambda = 0$ with respect to ξ we get $\xi(a) = 0$.

Next differentiating with respect to e , we obtain:

$$(3-3) \quad \lambda(e(\lambda) + e(a)) = -a e(\lambda)$$

We have the well-known formula

$$(3-4) \quad \frac{1}{2} X(r) = \sum_{i=1}^n g((\nabla_{e_i} Q)e_i, X)$$

which holds for any vector field X of n -dimensional Riemannian manifold where $\{e_i\}$ is an arbitrary basis .

If we put $X = e$, $e_1 = \xi$, $e_2 = e$, $e_3 = \varphi e$

and using (2,2) and (3,2) we obtain :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} e(r) &= g((\nabla_{\xi} Q)\xi, e) + g((\nabla_e Q)e, e) + g((\nabla_{\varphi e} Q)\varphi e, e) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e(r) + 2\lambda[e(\lambda) + e(a)] \end{aligned}$$

Since $\lambda \neq 0$, it follows :

$$e(\lambda) + e(a) = 0$$

Using (3,3) we obtain :

$$ae(\lambda) = 0$$

Then either $a = 0$, and from (3,2) we find that $\lambda = 1$ and hence all the relations (2,4) are satisfied, which means that M^3 is semi-symmetric, or $a \neq 0$, $e(\lambda) = 0$ and then also $e(a) = 0$.

If we apply (3,4) and (2,2) to compute $\frac{1}{2}\varphi e(r)$ we obtain :

$$(\varphi e)(\lambda) = (\varphi e)(a)$$

Differentiating the last relation of (2,2) with respect to φe and using the last equation we find: $\varphi(e)(a) \cdot (2\lambda + a) = 0$, and since

$a = \frac{1 - \lambda^2}{2\lambda}$, the last formula becomes:

$$(\varphi e)(a) \cdot (3\lambda^2 + 1) = 0$$

Thus $(\varphi e)(a) = 0$ and so $(\varphi e)(\lambda) = 0$

Now from

$$\xi(a) = e(a) = (\varphi e)(a) = 0$$

$$\xi(\lambda) = e(\lambda) = (\varphi e)(\lambda) = 0$$

We can conclude that a and λ are constants.

Using $A = B = \mu = \sigma = 0$ and from the relations (3,1) we find :

$$\rho(\xi, \xi) = 2(1 - \lambda^2)$$

$$\rho(e, e) = 2a(\lambda - 1)$$

$$\rho(\varphi e, \varphi e) = -2a(\lambda + 1)$$

$$r = 4a(\lambda - 1)$$

Finally if we assume that M^3 is semi-symmetric then according to lemma 3,3 of [3] we have $a = 0$ which contradicts our assumption.

3 – 5 **THEOREM**

Let M^3 be a semi-symmetric contact metric three-manifold satisfying :

$$(3,5) \quad \xi(\lambda) = \text{const.}, \quad A = \text{const.}, \quad B = \text{const.}$$

Then $a = \xi(\lambda) = A = B = 0$

and M^3 is either flat or sasakian .

Proof

We multiply the first relation of (2,4) by B , and the second by A , then we subtract the first product from the second product and we get

$$B^2(\lambda^2 - 1 + 2a\lambda) - A^2(\lambda^2 - 1 - 2a\lambda) = 0$$

Using (2,4) to express B^2 and A^2 we find

$$(3,6) \quad 4a\lambda\{(\lambda^2 - 1)^2 - 4a^2\lambda^2 - [\xi(\lambda)]^2\} = 0$$

Then either $a = 0$ and we shall study the case, or $a \neq 0$ and we shall prove that this case can not occur.

If $a = 0$, then the first, second, fourth and fifth relations of (2,4) become :

$$B(\lambda^2 - 1) = A\xi(\lambda)$$

$$A(\lambda^2 - 1) = B\xi(\lambda)$$

$$B^2 - [\xi(\lambda)]^2 + (\lambda^2 - 1)\left(\frac{r}{2} + 3\lambda^2 - 3\right) = 0$$

$$A^2 - [\xi(\lambda)]^2 + (\lambda^2 - 1)\left(\frac{r}{2} + 3\lambda^2 - 3\right) = 0$$

From which it follow $A = \pm B$, and the relations (2,4) are equivalent to :

$$A(\lambda^2 - 1) = \pm A\xi(\lambda)$$

$$(3,7) \quad \pm A^2 + \xi(\lambda)\left(\frac{r}{2} + 2\lambda^2 - 2\right) = 0$$

$$A^2 = B^2 = [\xi(\lambda)]^2 + (\lambda^2 - 1)\left(\frac{r}{2} + 3\lambda^2 - 3\right)$$

If $A = 0$ then [3]

$$\xi(\lambda) = A = B = a = 0$$

and M^3 either is flat or has constant curvature 1 .

We shall prove that the case $A \neq 0$ can not occur .

In fact consider $U_1 = \{p \in M^3 / A \neq 0 \text{ at } p\}$. Then from the first relation of (3,7) we get on U_1

$$const. = \xi(\lambda) = \pm(\lambda^2 - 1)$$

from which it follows that $\lambda = const.$ and hence $\xi(\lambda) = 0$, and the second relation of (3,7) now yields $A = 0$ on U_1 which can not occur . Therefore , U_1 is empty , and $A = 0$ on M^3 .

We assume now $a \neq 0$. Differentiating the third relation of (2,4) with respect to ξ we get

$$\xi(\lambda) \left[\frac{\xi(r)}{2} + 4\lambda\xi(\lambda) \right] = 0$$

If $\xi(\lambda) = 0$ on some neighbourhood U_2 , then $a = 0$ [3] , which contradicts our assumption .

$$\text{Let } \xi(\lambda) \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\xi(r)}{2} + 4\lambda\xi(\lambda) = 0 \quad .$$

Then:

$$(3,8) \quad \xi(r) = -8\lambda\xi(\lambda)$$

From (3,6) we find :

$$(3,9) \quad [\xi(\lambda)]^2 = (\lambda^2 - 1)^2 - 4a^2\lambda^2$$

We add the fourth and fifth relations of (2,4) , and we use (3,9) to express $[\xi(\lambda)]^2$.

We obtain :

$$(3,10) \quad A^2 + B^2 = r(1 - \lambda^2) - 4(1 - \lambda^2)^2$$

Differentiating (3,10) with respect to ξ we find :

$$(1 - \lambda^2)\xi(\lambda) - 2r\lambda\xi(\lambda) - 8(1 - \lambda^2)(-2\lambda)\xi(\lambda) = 0$$

We use (3,8) to express $\xi(r)$.

We get :

$$r = 4(1 - \lambda^2)$$

From (3,10) it follows that: $A^2 + B^2 = 0$

and hence $A = B = 0$ and then $a = 0$ which contradicts our assumption .

3-6 PROPOSITION

Let M^3 be a semi-symmetric contact metric three-manifold satisfying :

$$\xi(\lambda) = \text{const.}, \quad e(\lambda) = \text{const.}, \quad \varphi e(\lambda) \neq 0$$

Then $a = \xi(\lambda) = A = B = 0$ and M^3 is either flat or Sasakian .

Proof

On M^3 we have the relation (3,6)

$$4a\lambda\{(\lambda^2 - 1)^2 - 4a^2\lambda^2 - [\xi(\lambda)]^2\} = 0$$

If $a = 0$ the conclusion follows as in the proof of theorem 3-5.

We shall prove that the case $a \neq 0$ can not occur .

In fact consider $U_3 = \{p \in M^3 / a \neq 0 \text{ at } p\}$. On U_3 we have :

$$(3,11) \quad [\xi(\lambda)]^2 = (\lambda^2 - 1)^2 - 4a^2\lambda^2$$

On the other hand , using (2,1) we have:

$$[\xi, e](\lambda) = \xi e(\lambda) - e\xi(\lambda) = (\nabla_\xi e - \nabla_e \xi)(\lambda)$$

Therefore :

$$(\lambda + 1 - a)(\varphi e)(\lambda) = 0$$

and so : $a = \lambda + 1$. then (3,11) becomes

$$[\xi(\lambda)]^2 = (\lambda^2 - 1)^2 - 4\lambda^2(\lambda + 1)^2$$

Differentiating with respect to ξ we obtain :

$$(-12\lambda^3 - 24\lambda^2 - 12\lambda)\xi(\lambda) = 0$$

It is now easy to conclude that $\xi(\lambda) = 0$. In fact if we assume $\xi(\lambda) \neq 0$, then $(-12\lambda^3 - 24\lambda^2 - 12\lambda) = 0$, and differentiating with respect to ξ we get $(-36\lambda^2 - 48\lambda - 12)\xi(\lambda) = 0$ and if we continue in the same way we find at last that $\xi(\lambda) = 0$, which contradicts our assumption . Hence $\xi(\lambda) = 0$, and then $a = 0$ on U_3 , which can not occur .

Therefore U_3 is empty and $a = 0$ on M^3 .

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