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## Abstract

The object of the present paper is to study weakly  $\phi$ -symmetric and weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds. It is shown that weakly  $\phi$ -symmetric and weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds are  $\eta$ -Einstein.

**Key words:** weakly  $\phi$ -symmetric, weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric, Kenmotsu manifold, Einstein manifold,  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold

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## 1 Introduction

In [29] 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  $\mathbb{R} \times_f \mathbb{C}^n$  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 [9] 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 [14] 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.

The study of Riemann symmetric manifolds began with the work of Cartan [2]. A Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  is said to be locally symmetric due to Cartan [2] if its curvature tensor  $R$  satisfies the relation  $\nabla R = 0$ , where  $\nabla$  denotes the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the metric tensor  $g$ .

During the last five decades the notion of locally symmetric manifolds has been weakened by many authors in several ways to a different extent such as recurrent manifold by Walker [33], semisymmetric manifold by Sinyukov [27] and Szabó [28], pseudosymmetric manifold in the sense of Mikeš ([11],[12]) and Deszcz [7], pseudosymmetric manifold in the sense of Chaki [3], generalized pseudosymmetric manifold by Chaki [4], weakly symmetric manifold by Selberg [18] and weakly symmetric manifold by Támassy and Binh [31]. It may be noted that the notion of weakly symmetric Riemannian manifolds by Selberg [18] is different and are not equivalent to that of Támassy and Binh [31]. In this connection it is mentioned that Mikeš [10] studied projective-symmetric and projective-recurrent affinely connected spaces. Also in [13] Mikeš and Tolobaev studied symmetric and projectively symmetric affinely connected spaces and it is shown that [13] there exist projectively  $m$ -symmetric spaces, the differ from  $k$ -symmetric spaces and projectively  $k$ -symmetric spaces ( $k < m$ ).

A non-flat Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  ( $n > 2$ ) is called a weakly symmetric manifold [31] if its curvature tensor  $R$  of type  $(0,4)$  satisfies the condition

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

for all vector fields  $W, X, Y, Z, U \in \chi(M^n)$ , 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  $(WS)_n$ . The existence of a  $(WS)_n$  is proved by Prvanović [16]. Then De and Bandyopadhyay [6] gave an example of a  $(WS)_n$  by a metric of Roter [17] and proved that in a  $(WS)_n$ ,  $B = H$  and  $D = E$  [6]. Hence the defining condition of a  $(WS)_n$  reduces to the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_W R)(X, Y, Z, U) &= A(W)R(X, Y, Z, U) + B(X)R(W, Y, Z, U) \\ &+ B(Y)R(X, W, Z, U) + D(Z)R(X, Y, W, U) \\ &+ D(U)R(X, Y, Z, W), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z &= A(W)R(X, Y)Z + B(X)R(W, Y)Z \\ &+ B(Y)R(X, W)Z + D(Z)R(X, Y)W \\ &+ g(R(X, Y)Z, W)\rho, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $D$  are 1-forms (not simultaneously zero) and  $\rho$  is the vector field associated to the 1-form  $D$  such that  $D(Z) = g(Z, \rho)$ .

The  $(WS)_n$  is also studied by Shaikh and Hui ([8], [19], [20], [21], [22], [23]), Shaikh and Jana ([24], [25]) and many others.

In 1993, Tamássy and Binh [32] introduced the notion of weakly Ricci symmetric manifolds. A Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  ( $n > 2$ ) is called weakly Ricci symmetric if its Ricci tensor  $S$  of type  $(0,2)$  is not identically zero and satisfies the condition

$$(\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) = A(X)S(Y, Z) + B(Y)S(Z, X) + D(Z)S(Y, X), \quad (4)$$

where  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $D$  are 1-forms (not simultaneously zero). Such an  $n$ -dimensional manifold is denoted by  $(WRS)_n$ .

The relation (4) can be written as

$$(\nabla_X Q)(Y) = A(X)Q(Y) + B(Y)Q(X) + S(Y, X)\rho, \quad (5)$$

where  $\rho$  is the vector field associated to the 1-form  $D$  such that  $D(Z) = g(Z, \rho)$  and  $Q$  is the Ricci operator, i.e.,  $g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y)$  for all  $X, Y$ .

The notion of locally  $\phi$ -symmetric Sasakian manifolds was introduced by Takahashi [30]. In this connection De [5] introduced and studied  $\phi$ -symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds. Recently Shukla and Shukla [26] introduced and studied  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds. Again Özgür [15] 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.

The object of the present paper is to study weakly  $\phi$ -symmetric and weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds. The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 is concerned with preliminaries. Section 3 is devoted to the study of weakly  $\phi$ -symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds and it is shown that a weakly  $\phi$ -symmetric Kenmotsu manifold is  $\eta$ -Einstein and hence such a structure is always exist. In section 4, we have studied weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds. It is proved that a weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold is  $\eta$ -Einstein and consequently such a structure is always exist.

## 2 Preliminaries

A smooth manifold  $(M^n, g)$  ( $n = 2m + 1 > 1$ ) 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

$$\phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad \phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad (6)$$

$$g(\phi X, Y) = -g(X, \phi Y), \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi), \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad (7)$$

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y) \quad (8)$$

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

An almost contact metric manifold  $M^n(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be Kenmotsu manifold if the following condition holds [9]:

$$\nabla_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi, \quad (9)$$

$$(\nabla_X \phi)(Y) = g(\phi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi X, \quad (10)$$

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

In a Kenmotsu manifold, the following relations hold [9]:

$$(\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad (11)$$

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X, \quad (12)$$

$$R(\xi, X)Y = \eta(Y)X - g(X, Y)\xi, \quad (13)$$

$$\eta(R(X, Y)Z) = \eta(Y)g(X, Z) - \eta(X)g(Y, Z), \quad (14)$$

$$S(X, \xi) = -(n-1)\eta(X), \quad (15)$$

$$S(\xi, \xi) = -(n-1), \quad \text{i.e., } Q\xi = -(n-1)\xi, \quad (16)$$

$$S(\phi X, \phi Y) = S(X, Y) + (n-1)\eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad (17)$$

$$(\nabla_W R)(X, Y)\xi = g(X, W)Y - g(Y, W)X - R(X, Y)W \quad (18)$$

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  $g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y)$ .

**Definition 2.1** A Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  is said to be  $\eta$ -Einstein if its Ricci tensor  $S$  of type (0,2) is of the form

$$S = ag + b\eta \otimes \eta, \quad (19)$$

where  $a, b$  are smooth functions on  $M$ .

### 3 Weakly $\phi$ -symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds

**Definition 3.1** A Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  ( $n = 2m + 1 > 1$ ) is said to be weakly  $\phi$ -symmetric if the curvature tensor  $R$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z) &= A(W)\phi^2(R(X, Y)Z) + B(X)\phi^2(R(W, Y)Z) \\ &\quad + B(Y)\phi^2(R(X, W)Z) + D(Z)\phi^2(R(X, Y)W) \\ &\quad + g(R(X, Y)Z, W)\phi^2(\rho), \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where  $A, B$  and  $D$  are 1-forms (not simultaneously zero). If, in particular,  $A = B = D = 0$  then the manifold is said to be  $\phi$ -symmetric [5].

We now consider a Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  ( $n = 2m + 1 > 1$ ), which is weakly  $\phi$ -symmetric. Then by virtue of (6), it follows from (20) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& -(\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z + \eta((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z)\xi \\
& = A(W)[-R(X, Y)Z + \eta(R(X, Y)Z)\xi] \\
& + B(X)[-R(W, Y)Z + \eta(R(W, Y)Z)\xi] \\
& + B(Y)[-R(X, W)Z + \eta(R(X, W)Z)\xi] \\
& + D(Z)[-R(X, Y)W + \eta(R(X, Y)W)\xi] \\
& + g(R(X, Y)Z, W)[- \rho + \eta(\rho)\xi].
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Setting  $Z = \xi$  in (21) and using (12), (14) and (18), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \{1 + D(\xi)\}R(X, Y)W = g(X, W)Y - g(Y, W)X \\
& + A(W)[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] + B(X)[\eta(Y)W - \eta(W)Y] \\
& + B(Y)[\eta(W)X - \eta(X)W] \\
& + [\eta(Y)g(X, W) - \eta(X)g(Y, W)]\rho.
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

This leads to the following:

**Theorem 3.2** *In a weakly  $\phi$ -symmetric Kenmotsu manifold, the curvature tensor is of the form (22).*

From (22), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \{1 + D(\xi)\}S(Y, W) = -[(n - 1) + D(\xi)]g(Y, W) + (n - 1)A(W)\eta(Y) \\
& + (n - 2)B(Y)\eta(W) + \{B(W) + D(W)\}\eta(Y).
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Replacing  $Y$  by  $\phi Y$  and  $W$  by  $\phi W$  in (23), we get

$$\{1 + D(\xi)\}S(\phi Y, \phi W) = -[(n - 1) + D(\xi)]g(\phi Y, \phi W). \tag{24}$$

By virtue of (8) and (17), we have from (24) that

$$S(Y, W) = \alpha g(Y, W) + \beta \eta(Y)\eta(W), \tag{25}$$

where

$$\alpha = -\frac{n - 1 + D(\xi)}{1 + D(\xi)} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = -\frac{(n - 2)D(\xi)}{1 + D(\xi)},$$

provided  $1 + D(\xi) \neq 0$ .

This leads to the following:

**Theorem 3.3** *A weakly  $\phi$ -symmetric Kenmotsu manifold is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.*

**Corollary 3.4** [5] *A  $\phi$ -symmetric Kenmotsu manifold is an Einstein manifold.*

#### 4 Weakly $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds

**Definition 4.1** A Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  ( $n = 2m + 1 > 1$ ) is said to be weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric if the Ricci operator satisfies

$$\phi^2((\nabla_X Q)(Y)) = A(X)\phi^2(Q(Y)) + B(Y)\phi^2(Q(X)) + S(Y, X)\phi^2(\rho). \quad (26)$$

Especially, if the 1-forms  $A = B = D = 0$ , then (26) turns into the notion of  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric introduced by Shukla and Shukla [26].

Let us take a Kenmotsu manifold  $M^n(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  ( $n = 2m + 1 > 1$ ), which is weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric. Then by virtue of (6) it follows from (26) that

$$\begin{aligned} -(\nabla_X Q)(Y) + \eta((\nabla_X Q)(Y))\xi &= A(X)[-QY + \eta(QY)\xi] \\ &+ B(Y)[-QX + \eta(QX)\xi] + S(Y, X)[- \rho + \eta(\rho)\xi] \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} -g(\nabla_X Q(Y), Z) + S(\nabla_X Y, Z) + \eta((\nabla_X Q)(Y))\eta(Z) \\ = A(X)[-S(Y, Z) + \eta(QY)\eta(Z)] + B(Y)[-S(X, Z) + \eta(QX)\eta(Z)] \\ + S(Y, X)[-D(Z) + \eta(\rho)\eta(Z)]. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Putting  $Y = \xi$  in (27) and using (9), (15) and (16), we get

$$\begin{aligned} [1 + B(\xi)]S(X, Z) &= -(n-1)[g(X, Z) - \eta(X)D(Z)] \\ &+ \{B(\xi) + \eta(\rho)\}\eta(X)\eta(Z). \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Replacing  $X$  by  $\phi X$  and  $Z$  by  $\phi Z$  in (28), we have

$$[1 + B(\xi)]S(\phi X, \phi Z) = -(n-1)g(\phi X, \phi Z). \quad (29)$$

By virtue of (8) and (17), we have from (29) that

$$S(X, Z) = \gamma g(X, Z) + \delta \eta(X)\eta(Z), \quad (30)$$

where

$$\gamma = -\frac{n-1}{1+B(\xi)} \quad \text{and} \quad \delta = -\frac{(n-1)B(\xi)}{1+B(\xi)},$$

provided  $1 + B(\xi) \neq 0$ .

Thus we can state the following:

**Theorem 4.2** *A weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.*

**Corollary 4.3** [26] *A  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold is an Einstein manifold.*

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