

GEOMETRY AND TOPOLOGY OF ANTI-QUASI-SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS

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An almost contact manifold is a smooth manifold M^{2n+1} endowed with a (1,1)-tensor field φ , a vector field ξ , and a 1-form η such that

$$\varphi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \qquad \eta(\xi) = 1.$$

It follows that $\varphi \xi = 0, \ \eta \circ \varphi = 0$ and

$$TM = \mathcal{H} \oplus \langle \xi \rangle, \qquad J_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = -I,$$

where $\mathcal{H} := \operatorname{Ker} \eta = \operatorname{Im} \varphi$ is a distribution of rank 2n and $J_{\mathcal{H}} := \varphi|_{\mathcal{H}}$.

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$$J \text{ is integrable } \Leftrightarrow [J,J] = 0 \ \Leftrightarrow \ N_{\varphi} := [\varphi,\varphi] + 2d\eta \otimes \xi = 0.$$

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Examples (Quasi-Sasakian)

- Orientable hypersurfaces of Kähler manifolds with $A_{\nu}\varphi = \varphi A_{\nu}$.
- Riemannian product of (quasi-)Sasakian and Kähler manifolds.
- Heisenberg Lie groups H^{2n+1}

- Cokähler manifolds
 - are formal \rightsquigarrow compact nilmanifolds $\cong T^{2n+1}$
 - satisfy a version of the Hard Lefschetz property
 - all the Betti numbers are non-zero
 - $b_0 \le b_1 \le \dots \le b_n = b_{n+1} \ge b_{n+2} \ge \dots \ge b_{2n+1}$
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- b_p is even for odd $1 \le p \le n$ and even $n+1 \le p \le 2n+1$.
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- Quasi-Sasakian manifolds
 - have an almost formal model \leadsto compact nilmanifolds $\cong (H^{2l+1}\times \mathbb{R}^{2(n-l)})/\Gamma$

Objective

Define a new class of almost contact metric manifolds such that the transverse geometry with respect to ξ is given by a Kähler structure endowed with a closed 2-form ω of type (2,0).

Given an almost complex manifold (B, J), consider the canonical splitting

$$\Lambda^2_{\mathbb{C}}(B) = \Lambda^{2,0}(B) \oplus \Lambda^{1,1}(B) \oplus \Lambda^{0,2}(B).$$

Then, there is a one-to-one correspondence between complex (2, 0)-forms and real *J*-anti-invariant 2-forms. In particular:

$$\{\omega_{\mathbb{C}} \in \Lambda^{2,0}(B), \ d\omega_{\mathbb{C}} = 0\} \stackrel{\text{(11)}}{\longleftrightarrow} \{\omega \in \Lambda^{2}(B), \ \omega(JX, JY) = -\omega(X, Y), \ d\omega = 0\}.$$

In the nondegenrate case, (B, J, ω) is a complex symplectic manifold and $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} B = 4n$.

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Hyperkähler manifolds are special complex symplectic manifolds.

Anti-quasi-Sasakian manifolds

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We refer to $N_{\varphi} = 2d\eta \otimes \xi$ as the anti-normality condition.

Remark:

For an anti-quasi-Sasakian manifold

normality $\Leftrightarrow d\eta = 0$ (i.e. $\operatorname{rk} \eta = 1$) $\Leftrightarrow M$ is cokähler,

that is

 $qS \cap aqS = \{cok\ddot{a}hler\}.$

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This provides a method to construct examples of aqS manifolds.

Examples

• Let (B^{4n}, J, k) be a Kähler manifold, U a coordinate neighborhood such that $J\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}$ and $J\frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$, $i = 1, \dots, 2n$. Consider

$$\omega = \sum_{i=1}^{p} (dx_i \wedge dx_{n+i} - dy_i \wedge dy_{n+i}), \qquad 1 \le p \le n,$$

 $\omega = d\beta$ is an exact 2-form of type (2,0) and rank 4p.

The trivial bundle ${\pmb U}\times \mathbb{S}^1$ is endowed with an aqS structure $(\varphi,\xi,\eta,g),$ where

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This follows from the following

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$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathbb{R}\xi, \quad [X,\xi] = 0, \quad [X,Y] = -\omega(X,Y)\xi$$

for every $X, Y \in \mathfrak{a}$ and for some 2-cocycle ω on \mathfrak{a} .

Geometric and topological obstructions

In the spirit of the Kanemaki's characterization of quasi-Sasakian manifold, we have the following:

Theorem

An almost contact metric manifold $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ is anti-quasi-Sasakian if and only if for every $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$

$$(\nabla_X^g \varphi)Y = 2\eta(X)AY + \eta(Y)AX + g(X, AY)\xi,$$

for some (1,1)-tensor field A such that g(AX,Y) = -g(X,AY) and $A\varphi = -\varphi A$. In this case A is uniquely determined by $A = -\varphi \circ \nabla^g \xi$.

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Remark: In general A, ψ are <u>not</u> almost contact structures, i.e. $A|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = \psi|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \neq -I$.

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Furthermore, if one of the above condition holds, then M is transversely hyperkähler, hence transversely Ricci-flat.

Owing to $d\mathcal{A} = 0$, we have the following:

Proposition

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3.
$$\operatorname{Ric}(X,Y) = \operatorname{Ric}^{T}(X',Y') - 2g(\psi X,\psi Y),$$

where Ric^T is the Ricci tensor field of the base space of the local Riemannian submersion $\pi: M \to M/\xi$, and $X, Y \in \mathcal{H}$ are basic vector fields projecting on X', Y'.

The scalar curvatures of M and M/ξ are related by

$$s = s^T - \|\nabla \xi\|^2 = s^T - \|\psi\|^2.$$

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Proof (\Rightarrow): Apply the homothetic deformation:

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Thus the metric g is transversely Ricci-flat ($\operatorname{Ric}^T = 0$), being homothetic to g', and by the previous theorem one gets the result.

These results give obstructions to the existence of anti-quasi-Sasakian structures.

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If $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ is an anti-quasi-Sasakian manifold with constant sectional curvature, then it is flat and cokähler.

Proof: If (M,g) has constat sectional curvature κ , then M is Einstein and

$$R(X,Y)Z = \kappa(g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y).$$

Hence,

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Remark: Notice that Sasakian manifolds with positive curvature have $b_2 = 0$.

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