

# On weakly symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds

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**Abstract.** We consider weakly symmetric and weakly Ricci-symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds. We show that there exist no weakly symmetric and weakly Ricci-symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds unless  $\alpha + \sigma + \gamma$  and  $\rho + \mu + \nu$  are everywhere zero, respectively.

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## 1 Introduction

The notions of weakly symmetric and weakly Ricci-symmetric manifolds were introduced by L. Tamássy and T. Q. Binh in [8] and [9].

A non-flat  $n$ -dimensional differentiable manifold  $(M, g)$ ,  $n > 3$ , is called *pseudosymmetric* if there exists a 1-form  $\alpha$  on  $M$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}(\nabla_X R)(Y, Z, V) &= 2\alpha(X)R(Y, Z)V + \alpha(Y)R(X, Z)V \\ &+ \alpha(Z)R(Y, X)V + \alpha(V)R(Y, Z)X + g(R(Y, Z)V, X)A,\end{aligned}$$

where  $X, Y, Z, V \in \chi(M)$  are arbitrary vector fields and  $\alpha$  is a 1-form on  $M$ .  $A \in \chi(M)$  is the vector field corresponding through  $g$  to the 1-form  $\alpha$  which is given by  $g(X, A) = \alpha(X)$  (see [2]).

A non-flat  $n$ -dimensional differentiable manifold  $(M, g)$ ,  $n > 3$ , is called *weakly symmetric* (see [8] and [9]) if there exist 1-forms  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\sigma$  such that the condition

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned}(\nabla_X R)(Y, Z, V) &= \alpha(X)R(Y, Z)V + \beta(Y)R(X, Z)V \\ &+ \gamma(Z)R(Y, X)V + \sigma(V)R(Y, Z)X + g(R(Y, Z)V, X)P\end{aligned}$$

holds for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, V \in \chi(M)$ . A weakly symmetric manifold  $(M, g)$  is pseudosymmetric if  $\beta = \gamma = \sigma = \frac{1}{2}\alpha$  and  $P = A$ , locally symmetric if  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = \sigma = 0$  and  $P = 0$ . A weakly symmetric manifold is said to be *proper* if at least one of the 1-forms  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\sigma$  is not zero or  $P \neq 0$ .

A non-flat  $n$ -dimensional differentiable manifold  $(M, g)$ ,  $n > 3$ , is called *weakly Ricci-symmetric* (see [8] and [9]) if there exist 1-forms  $\rho, \mu, \nu$  such that the condition

$$(1.2) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) = \rho(X)S(Y, Z) + \mu(Y)S(X, Z) + \nu(Z)S(X, Y),$$

holds for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ . If  $\rho = \mu = \nu$  then  $M$  is called pseudo Ricci-symmetric (see [3]).

If  $M$  is weakly symmetric, from (1.1), we have

$$(1.3) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Z, V) = \alpha(X)S(Z, V) + \beta(R(X, Z)V) + \gamma(Z)S(X, V) + \sigma(V)S(X, Z) + p(R(X, V)Z),$$

where  $p$  is defined by  $p(X) = g(X, P)$  for all  $X \in \chi(M)$  (see [9]). In [9], it was considered weakly symmetric and weakly Ricci-symmetric Einstein and Sasakian manifolds. In [5] and [7], the authors studied weakly symmetric and weakly Ricci-symmetric  $K$ -contact manifolds and Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifolds, respectively.

In this study, we consider weakly symmetric and weakly Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional almost contact metric manifold, where  $\varphi$  is a (1,1) tensor field,  $\xi$  is the structure vector field,  $\eta$  is a 1-form and  $g$  is the Riemannian metric. It is well-known that  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  satisfy

$$(2.1) \quad \eta(\xi) = 1 \quad , \quad \varphi\xi = 0,$$

$$(2.2) \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi), \quad \varphi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi,$$

$$(2.3) \quad \eta(\varphi X) = 0, \quad g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$  (see [1]).

If moreover

$$(2.4) \quad (\nabla_X \varphi)Y = -g(X, \varphi Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi X,$$

$$(2.5) \quad \nabla_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi,$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the Riemannian connection of  $g$ , then  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called a Kenmotsu manifold.

In a Kenmotsu manifold (see [6]), the following relations hold

$$(2.6) \quad (\nabla_X \eta)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

$$(2.7) \quad R(\xi, X)Y = \eta(Y)X - g(X, Y)\xi,$$

$$(2.8) \quad S(X, \xi) = (1 - n)\eta(X),$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  where  $R$  is the Riemannian curvature tensor and  $S$  is the Ricci tensor.

### 3 Weakly symmetric Kenmotsu Manifolds

In this chapter, we investigate weakly symmetric and weakly Ricci-symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds. Firstly we have;

**Theorem 3.1** *There is no weakly symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M$ ,  $n > 3$ , unless  $\alpha + \sigma + \gamma$  is everywhere zero.*

**Proof.** Assume that  $M$  is a weakly symmetric Kenmotsu manifold. By the covariant differentiation of the Ricci tensor  $S$  with respect to  $X$  we have

$$(3.1) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Z, V) = \nabla_X S(Z, V) - S(\nabla_X Z, V) - S(Z, \nabla_X V).$$

So replacing  $V$  with  $\xi$  in (3.1) and using (2.8), (2.5) and (2.2) we obtain

$$(3.2) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Z, \xi) = (1 - n)g(X, Z) - S(X, Z).$$

On the other hand replacing  $V$  with  $\xi$  in (1.3) and by the use of (2.7), (2.8), (2.1) and (2.2) we get

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_X S)(Z, \xi) &= (1 - n)\alpha(X)\eta(Z) + \eta(X)\beta(Z) - \eta(Z)\beta(X) \\ &\quad + (1 - n)\gamma(Z)\eta(X) + \sigma(\xi)S(X, Z) + g(X, Z)p(\xi) \\ &\quad - \eta(Z)p(X). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, comparing the right hand sides of the equations (3.2) and (3.3) we have

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} &(1 - n)g(X, Z) - S(X, Z) \\ &= (1 - n)\alpha(X)\eta(Z) + \eta(X)\beta(Z) - \eta(Z)\beta(X) \\ &\quad + (1 - n)\gamma(Z)\eta(X) + \sigma(\xi)S(X, Z) + g(X, Z)p(\xi) - \eta(Z)p(X). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore putting  $X = Z = \xi$  in (3.4) and using (2.8) and (2.1) we get

$$(1 - n)(\alpha(\xi) + \sigma(\xi) + \gamma(\xi)) = 0.$$

Since  $n > 3$ , so we obtain

$$(3.5) \quad \alpha(\xi) + \sigma(\xi) + \gamma(\xi) = 0$$

holds on  $M$ .

Now we will show that  $\alpha + \sigma + \gamma = 0$  holds for all vector fields on  $M$ . In (1.3) taking  $Z = \xi$  similar to the previous calculations it follows that

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} &(1 - n)g(X, V) - S(X, V) = (1 - n)\alpha(X)\eta(V) \\ &\quad + g(X, V)\beta(\xi) - \eta(V)\beta(X) + \gamma(\xi)S(X, V) \\ &\quad + (1 - n)\sigma(X)\eta(X) + \eta(X)p(V) - \eta(V)p(X). \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $V = \xi$  in (3.6) by virtue of (2.1) and (2.8) we get

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &= (1 - n)\alpha(X) + \eta(X)\beta(\xi) - \beta(X) + (1 - n)\gamma(\xi)\eta(X) \\ &\quad + (1 - n)\sigma(\xi)\eta(X) + \eta(X)p(\xi) - p(X). \end{aligned}$$

Now taking  $X = \xi$  in (3.6) we have

$$(3.8) \quad 0 = (1-n)\alpha(\xi)\eta(V) + (1-n)\gamma(\xi)\eta(V) + (1-n)\sigma(V) + p(V) - \eta(V)p(\xi).$$

Replacing  $V$  with  $X$  in (3.8) and summing with (3.7), in view of (3.5), we find

$$(3.9) \quad (1-n)\alpha(X) + \eta(X)\beta(\xi) - \beta(X) + (1-n)\gamma(\xi)\eta(X) + (1-n)\sigma(X) = 0.$$

Now putting  $X = \xi$  in (3.4) we have

$$(3.10) \quad (1-n)\alpha(\xi)\eta(Z) + \beta(Z) - \eta(Z)\beta(\xi) + (1-n)\gamma(Z) + (1-n)\sigma(\xi)\eta(Z) = 0.$$

Replacing  $Z$  with  $X$  in (3.10) and taking the summation with (3.9), we have

$$0 = (1-n)\eta(X) [\alpha(\xi) + \sigma(\xi) + \gamma(\xi)] + (1-n) [\alpha(X) + \sigma(X) + \gamma(X)].$$

So in view of (3.5) we obtain  $\alpha(X) + \sigma(X) + \gamma(X)$  for all  $X$  on  $M$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2** *There is no weakly Ricci-symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M$ ,  $n > 3$ , unless  $\rho + \mu + v$  is everywhere zero.*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $M$  is a weakly Ricci-symmetric Kenmotsu manifold. Replacing  $Z$  with  $\xi$  in (1.2) and using (2.8) we have

$$(3.11) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Y, \xi) = (1-n)\rho(X)\eta(Y) + (1-n)\mu(Y)\eta(X) + v(\xi)S(X, Y).$$

So in view of (3.11) and (3.2) we obtain

$$(3.12) \quad (1-n)g(X, Y) - S(X, Y) = (1-n)\rho(X)\eta(Y) + (1-n)\mu(Y)\eta(X) + v(\xi)S(X, Y).$$

Taking  $X = Y = \xi$  in (3.12) and by the use of (2.8), (2.1) and (2.2) we get

$$(1-n)(\rho(\xi) + \mu(\xi) + v(\xi)) = 0,$$

which gives (since  $n > 3$ )

$$(3.13) \quad \rho(\xi) + \mu(\xi) + v(\xi) = 0.$$

Now putting  $X = \xi$  in (3.12) we have

$$(1-n)\eta(Y) [\rho(\xi) + v(\xi)] + (1-n)\mu(Y) = 0.$$

So by virtue of (3.13) this yields

$$(1-n) [-\mu(\xi)\eta(Y) + \mu(Y)] = 0,$$

which gives us (since  $n > 3$ )

$$(3.14) \quad \mu(Y) = \mu(\xi)\eta(Y).$$

Similarly taking  $Y = \xi$  in (3.12) we also have

$$\rho(X) + \eta(X) [\mu(\xi) + v(\xi)] = 0,$$

hence applying (3.13) into the last equation we find

$$(3.15) \quad \rho(X) = \rho(\xi)\eta(X).$$

Since  $(\nabla_\xi S)(\xi, X) = 0$ , then from (1.2) we obtain

$$\eta(X) [\rho(\xi) + \mu(\xi)] + v(X) = 0.$$

So by making use of (3.13) the last equation reduces to

$$(3.16) \quad v(X) = v(\xi)\eta(X).$$

Therefore changing  $Y$  with  $X$  in (3.14) and by the summation of the equations (3.14), (3.15) and (3.16) we obtain

$$\rho(X) + \mu(X) + v(X) = (\rho(\xi) + \mu(\xi) + v(\xi)) \eta(X)$$

and so in view of (3.13) it follows that

$$\rho(X) + \mu(X) + v(X) = 0,$$

for all  $X$ , which implies  $\rho + \mu + v = 0$  on  $M$ . Our theorem is thus proved.  $\square$

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