



On generalized pseudo quasi-Einstein manifolds

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Abstract

The object of the present paper is to introduce a type of non-flat Riemannian manifolds called generalized pseudo quasi-Einstein manifold and to study some geometric properties of such a manifold. It is shown that a generalized pseudo quasi-Einstein manifold can be expressed as a product manifold. Also the existence of such a manifold is ensured by a proper example.

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1. Introduction

Let (M^n, g) , $n \geq 3$, be a connected Riemannian or semi-Riemannian manifold. Let

$U_{S_1} = \left\{ x \in M : S \neq \frac{r}{n} g \text{ at } x \right\}$. Then the manifold (M^n, g) is said to be a quasi-Einstein manifold

(Chen *et al.*, 1972, Deszes *et al.*, 1998, Deszes *et al.*, 2001, Deszes *et al.*, 2001, Deszes *et al.*, 1996, Ferus, 1991, Gonzalez *et al.*, 2001, Hicks, 1969, Koufogiorgos *et al.*, 2003, Koufogiorgos *et al.*, 2003, Perrone, 2004) if on $U_{S_1} \subset M$, we have

$$S - \alpha g = \beta A \otimes A, \quad (1.1)$$

where A is an 1-form on U_{S_1} and α, β are some smooth functions on U_{S_1} . It is clear that the function β and the 1-form A is non-zero at every point of U_{S_1} . The scalars α, β are known as the associated scalars of the manifold. Also the 1-form A is called the associated 1-form of the manifold defined by $g(X, U) = A(X)$ for any vector field X ; U being a unit vector field called generator of the manifold.

Such an n -dimensional quasi-Einstein manifold is denoted by QE_n .

Generalizing the notion of quasi-Einstein manifold, recently the first author (Shaikh, 2009) introduced the notion of pseudo quasi-Einstein manifold and studied its geometric properties with the existence of such notion by several non-trivial examples. Let (M^n, g) , $n \geq 3$, be a semi-Riemannian manifold. Let

$U_{S_2} = \{x \in M : S - \alpha g \neq \beta A \otimes A \text{ at } x\}$. Then the manifold (M^n, g) is said to be a pseudo quasi-Einstein manifold (Watanabe 1968) if on $U_{S_2} \subset M$, we have

$$S - \alpha g - \beta A \otimes A = \gamma D, \quad (1.2)$$

where A is an 1-form on U_{S_2} such that $g(.,U) = A(.)$ and α, β, γ are some smooth functions on U_{S_2} and D is a trace free symmetric tensor of type $(0, 2)$ such that $D(X, U) = 0$ for any vector field X . Such an n -dimensional manifold is denoted by PQE_n . It follows that every QE_n is a PQE_n , but not conversely as follows by various examples given in (Watanabe, 1968).

It is known that the outer product of two covariant vectors is a tensor of type $(0, 2)$ but the converse is not true, in general (De *et al.*, 1981). Consequently, the tensor D can not be decomposed into product of two 1-forms. In particular, if $D = B \otimes B$, B being a non-zero 1-form, then a PQE_n reduces to generalized quasi-Einstein manifold by De and Ghosh (Desezez *et al.*, 2001). Again, if $D = A \otimes B + B \otimes A$, then a PQE_n turns into a generalized quasi-Einstein manifold by Chaki. The object of the present paper is to generalize the notion of PQE_n and is said to be generalized pseudo quasi-Einstein manifold. Let $(M^n, g), n \geq 3$, be a Riemannian or semi-Riemannian manifold. Let $U_S = \{x \in M : S - \alpha g - \beta A \otimes A \neq \gamma D \text{ at } x\}$. Then the manifold (M^n, g) is said to be a generalized pseudo quasi-Einstein manifold if on $U_S \subset M$, we have

$$S - \alpha g - \beta A \otimes A - \gamma D = \delta E, \quad (1.3)$$

where A is an 1-form on U_S and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ are some smooth functions on U_S and D, E are two trace free symmetric tensors of type $(0, 2)$ such that $D(X, U) = 0, E(X, U) = 0$ for any vector field X . Such an n -dimensional manifold will be denoted by $GPQE_n$. It follows that every QE_n as well as PQE_n is a $GPQE_n$ but not conversely as shown by the example in section 5. We note that if $D = B \otimes B$, B being a non-zero 1-form, then a $GPQE_n$ turns into a pseudo generalized quasi-Einstein manifold by Shaikh and Jana. Also, if $D = A \otimes B + B \otimes A$ and $E = A \otimes C + C \otimes A$, C being a non-zero 1-form, then a $GPQE_n$ turns into a hyper generalized quasi-Einstein manifold.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 deals with some geometric properties of $GPQE_n$. Section 3 is concerned with conformally flat $GPQE_n$ and obtained various interesting geometric properties of such a manifold. It is shown that a $GPQE_n$ with certain condition is a product manifold. Section 4 is devoted to the study of global properties of $GPQE_n$ and it is shown that in such a manifold under certain conditions there exists no non-zero Killing, projective Killing and conformal Killing vector fields. Also the harmonic vector field in such a manifold reduces to a parallel vector field. The last section deals with an example of $GPQE_n$ which is neither QE_n nor PQE_n .

2. Some geometric properties of $GPQE_n$

From (1.3) it follows that

$$r = n\alpha + \beta, \quad (2.1)$$

where r is the scalar curvature of the manifold,

$$S(X, U) = (\alpha + \beta) A(X), \quad (2.2)$$

$$S(U, U) = \alpha + \beta. \quad (2.3)$$

We now prove the following:

Theorem 2.1- Let $(M^n, g), n > 2$, be a connected orientable Riemannian manifold which is either non-compact or compact with vanishing Euler number. If the Ricci tensor S of type $(0, 2)$ of a Riemannian manifold is of rank > 1 which satisfies the relation

$$S(Y, Z)S(X, W) - S(X, Z)S(Y, W) = p_1 [g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)] \\ + p_2 g(LX, W)g(Y, Z) + p_3 g(TX, W)g(Y, Z), \quad (2.4)$$

where p_1, p_2, p_3 are non-zero scalars and L, T are the symmetric endomorphisms, with vanishing trace, of the tangent space at any point of the manifold corresponding to the tensors of type $(0, 2)$ such that LX and TX are orthogonal to a unit vector field U , then the manifold is a generalized pseudo quasi-Einstein manifold.

Proof: To prove the theorem we first state a well-known result (Shaikh *et al.*, 2006) as follows:

Proposition 2.1. For a connected orientable manifold M^n the following assertions are equivalent:

There is a nowhere vanishing vector field V on M^n .

Either M^n is non-compact, or M^n is compact and has Euler number $\chi(M^n) = 0$.

From the Proposition 2.1, it follows that there is a nowhere vanishing vector field U on the manifold (M^n, g) under consideration such that $g(X, U) = A(X)$ for any vector field X . We also assume that $g(U, U) = 1$. Then setting $Y = Z = U$ in (2.4), we get

$$S(U, U)S(X, W) - S(X, U)S(W, U) = p_1 [g(U, U)g(X, W) - g(X, U)g(W, U)] \\ + p_2 g(LX, W)g(U, U) + p_3 g(TX, W)g(U, U),$$

which can be written as

$$aS(X, W) - A(QX)A(QW) = p_1 g(X, W) - p_1 A(X)A(W) \\ + p_2 g(LX, W) + p_3 g(TX, W), \quad (2.5)$$

where $a = S(U, U)$ and $A(QX) = g(QX, U) = S(X, U)$. Since U is a unit vector field and the Ricci tensor is nowhere vanishing, we have $a \neq 0$. From (2.5) it follows that

$$S(X, W) = \alpha_1 g(X, W) + \alpha_2 A(X)A(W) \\ + \alpha_3 F(X)F(W) + \alpha_4 D(X, W) + \alpha_5 E(X, W), \quad (2.6)$$

where $\alpha_1 = \frac{p_1}{a}$, $\alpha_2 = -\frac{p_1}{a}$, $\alpha_3 = \frac{1}{a}$, $\alpha_4 = \frac{p_2}{a}$, $\alpha_5 = \frac{p_3}{a}$; $F(X) = A(QX)$, $D(X, W) = g(LX, W)$ and $E(X, W) = g(TX, W)$ for all vector fields X and W . Since LX and TX are orthogonal to U , we have $D(X, U) = 0$ and $E(X, U) = 0$ for all X . Since U is nowhere vanishing, $S \neq 0$, p_1, p_2 and p_3 are non-zero scalars, it follows that $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5$ are non-zero scalars.

Again putting $Y = U$ in (2.4) we obtain

$$S(U, Z)S(X, W) - S(X, Z)S(U, W) = p_1 [g(U, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(U, W)] \\ + p_2 g(LX, W)g(U, Z) + p_3 g(TX, W)g(U, Z),$$

which implies

$$F(Z)S(X, W) - S(X, Z)F(W) = p_1 [A(Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)A(W)] \\ + p_2 g(LX, W)A(Z) + p_3 g(TX, W)A(Z),$$

which yields by virtue of (2.6) that

$$\alpha_1 [F(Z)g(X, W) - F(W)g(X, Z)] + \alpha_2 [A(X)F(Z)A(W) - A(X)A(Z)F(W)] \\ + \alpha_4 [F(Z)g(LX, W) - F(W)g(LX, Z)] + \alpha_5 [F(Z)g(TX, W) - F(W)g(TX, Z)] \\ = p_1 [A(Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)A(W)] + p_2 g(LX, W)A(Z) + p_3 g(TX, W)A(Z). \quad (2.7)$$

Setting $X = W = U$ in (2.7), we obtain

$$F(Z) = aA(Z) \text{ for all } Z. \quad (2.8)$$

Using (2.8) in (2.6) we obtain

$$S(X, W) = \alpha g(X, W) + \beta A(X)A(W) + \gamma D(X, W) + \delta E(X, W),$$

where $\alpha = \alpha_1$, $\beta = \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 a^2$, $\gamma = \alpha_4$ and $\delta = \alpha_5$. Thus the manifold under consideration is a $GPQE_n$.

Proposition 2.2- In a Ricci semi-symmetric $GPQE_n$, $n > 2$, the relation $\gamma A(R(X, Y)LZ) + \delta A(R(X, Y)TZ) = \beta A(R(X, Y)Z)$ holds for all X, Y .

Proof. We consider a $GPQE_n$ which is Ricci semi-symmetric. Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} (R(X, Y).S)(Z, W) &= -S(R(X, Y)Z, W) - S(R(X, Y)W, Z) \\ &= -\alpha [g(R(X, Y)Z, W) + g(R(X, Y)W, Z)] \\ &\quad -\beta [A(R(X, Y)Z)A(W) + A(R(X, Y)W)A(Z)] \\ &\quad -\gamma [D(R(X, Y)Z, W) + D(R(X, Y)W, Z)] \\ &\quad -\delta [E(R(X, Y)Z, W) + E(R(X, Y)W, Z)] \\ &= -\beta [A(R(X, Y)Z)A(W) + A(R(X, Y)W)A(Z)] \\ &\quad -\gamma [D(R(X, Y)Z, W) + D(R(X, Y)W, Z)] \\ &\quad -\delta [E(R(X, Y)Z, W) + E(R(X, Y)W, Z)]. \end{aligned}$$

The above relation implies by virtue of $R(X, Y).S = 0$, that

$$\begin{aligned} &\beta [A(R(X, Y)Z)A(W) + A(R(X, Y)W)A(Z)] \\ &+ \gamma [D(R(X, Y)Z, W) + D(R(X, Y)W, Z)] \\ &+ \delta [E(R(X, Y)Z, W) + E(R(X, Y)W, Z)] = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Setting $W = U$ in (2.9) we get

$$\gamma A(R(X, Y)LZ) + \delta A(R(X, Y)TZ) = \beta A(R(X, Y)Z) \text{ for all } X, Y, Z. \quad (2.10)$$

This proves the result.

Theorem 2.2- A Ricci semi-symmetric $GPQE_n$ satisfying the relation

$$R(X, Y)U = A(Y)X - A(X)Y \quad (2.11)$$

for all X, Y is an Einstein manifold.

Proof. From (2.11) we get

$$S(Y, U) = (n-1)g(Y, U).$$

Also from (1.2) we have

$$S(Y, U) = (\alpha + \beta)g(Y, U).$$

Comparing the last two relations we obtain

$$\alpha + \beta = n-1 \text{ (as } A \text{ is a non-zero 1-form).}$$

By virtue of (2.11), the relation (2.10) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} &\gamma [A(Y)D(X, Z) - A(X)D(Y, Z)] + \delta [A(Y)E(X, Z) - A(X)E(Y, Z)] \\ &= \beta [A(Y)g(X, Z) - A(X)g(Y, Z)]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Setting $Y = U$ in (2.12) and noting that $D(X, U) = E(X, U) = 0$ for all X , we get

$$\gamma D(X, Z) + \delta E(X, Z) = \beta [g(X, Z) - A(X)A(Z)],$$

which yields, on contraction, $\beta = 0$ (since $\text{Tr}.D = \text{Tr}.E = 0$).

Hence $\alpha = n-1$ and $\gamma D(X, Z) + \delta E(X, Z) = 0$ for all X, Z . Consequently, (1.3) takes the form

$$S(X, Y) = (n-1)g(X, Y) \text{ for all } X, Y$$

and hence the manifold under consideration is Einstein. This proves the theorem.

3. Conformally flat $GPQE_n$

The Kulkarni-Nomizu product $E \wedge F$ of two $(0, 2)$ tensors E and F is defined by

$$(E \wedge F)(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = E(X_1, X_4) F(X_2, X_3) + E(X_2, X_3) F(X_1, X_4) \\ - E(X_1, X_3) F(X_2, X_4) - E(X_2, X_4) F(X_1, X_3),$$

for all vector fields $X_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$. Let $G = \frac{1}{2}(g \wedge g)$.

Definition 3.1. A Riemannian manifold (M^n, g) , $n > 3$, is said to be of pseudo quasi-constant curvature if it is conformally flat and its curvature tensor R of type $(0, 4)$ satisfies the condition (Deszez *et al.*, 1999)

$$R = a_1 G + a_2 g \wedge V + a_3 g \wedge D,$$

where a_1, a_2, a_3 are non-zero scalars, D is a symmetric tensor of type $(0, 2)$ and $V = A \otimes A$.

In particular, if $a_3 = 0$, the manifold reduces to the notion of a manifold of quasi-constant curvature introduced by Chen and Yano (Deszez *et al.*, 1999); and if $a_2 = a_3 = 0$, then the manifold turns into a manifold of constant curvature.

Generalizing this notion of pseudo quasi-constant curvature we define the notion of a manifold of generalized pseudo quasi-constant curvature.

Definition 3.2- A Riemannian manifold (M^n, g) , $n > 3$, is said to be of generalized pseudo quasi-constant curvature if it is conformally flat and its curvature tensor R of type $(0, 4)$ satisfies the condition

$$R = a_1 G + a_2 g \wedge V + a_3 g \wedge D + a_4 g \wedge E, \quad (3.1)$$

where a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 are non-zero scalars and D, E are symmetric tensors of type $(0, 2)$.

Especially, if $a_4 = 0$, then the notion reduces to the manifold of pseudo quasi-constant curvature. We now prove the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1- A conformally flat $GPQE_n$, $n > 3$, is a manifold of generalized pseudo quasi-constant curvature.

Proof. If a $GPQE_n$, $n > 3$, is conformally flat, then its curvature tensor R of type $(0, 4)$ takes the following form

$$R = \frac{1}{n-2} g \wedge S - \frac{r}{(n-1)(n-2)} G. \quad (3.2)$$

Using (1.3) and (2.1) in (3.2) we obtain

$$R = \frac{\alpha(n-2) - \beta}{(n-1)(n-2)} G + \frac{\beta}{n-2} g \wedge V + \frac{\gamma}{n-2} g \wedge D + \frac{\delta}{n-2} g \wedge E. \quad (3.3)$$

Now the relation (3.3) can be written as

$$R = b_1 G + b_2 g \wedge V + b_3 g \wedge D + b_4 g \wedge E, \quad (3.4)$$

where $b_1 = \frac{\alpha(n-2) - \beta}{(n-1)(n-2)}$, $b_2 = \frac{\beta}{n-2}$, $b_3 = \frac{\gamma}{n-2}$ and $b_4 = \frac{\delta}{n-2}$ are non-zero scalars. Comparing

(3.1) and (3.4), it follows that the manifold is of generalized pseudo quasi-constant curvature.

Corollary 3.1- A $GPQE_3$ is a manifold of pseudo quasi-constant curvature.

Corollary 3.2- A manifold (M^n, g) , $n > 2$, of generalized pseudo quasi-constant curvature is a $GPQE_n$.

Proof. If the manifold is of generalized pseudo quasi-constant curvature, then we have (3.1), which yields on contraction over X and W that

$$S(Y, Z) = \bar{\alpha} g(Y, Z) + \bar{\beta} A(Y) A(Z) + \bar{\gamma} D(Y, Z) + \bar{\delta} E(Y, Z)$$

for all Y, Z , where $\bar{\alpha} = (n-1)a_1 + a_2$, $\bar{\beta} = (n-2)a_2$, $\bar{\gamma} = (n-2)a_3$ and $\bar{\delta} = (n-2)a_4$ are non-zero scalars. Hence the result.

Lemma 3.1- In a conformally flat $GPQE_n$, $n > 3$, the curvature tensor R of type (1, 3) satisfies the following:

$$R(X, Y)Z = \frac{\alpha(n-2) - \beta}{(n-1)(n-2)} [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] + \frac{\gamma}{n-2} [D(Y, Z)X - D(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)LX - g(X, Z)LX] + \frac{\delta}{n-2} [E(Y, Z)X - E(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)TX - g(X, Z)TY] \quad (3.5)$$

$$R(X, U)Z = -\frac{\alpha(n-2) - \beta}{(n-1)(n-2)} g(X, Z)U - \frac{\gamma}{n-2} D(X, Z)U - \frac{\delta}{n-2} E(X, Z)U \quad (3.6)$$

and

$$R(X, U)U = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{(n-1)} X + \frac{\gamma}{n-2} LX + \frac{\delta}{n-2} TX \quad (3.7)$$

for all $X, Y, Z \in U^\perp$, the $(n-1)$ -dimensional distribution orthogonal to the generator U .

Proof. In a conformally flat $GPQE_n$ we have the relation (3.3). Since U^\perp is the $(n-1)$ -dimensional distribution orthogonal to the generator U we have $g(X, U) = 0$ if and only if $X \in U^\perp$. Hence (3.3) yields the relations (3.5)-(3.7) for all $X, Y, Z \in U^\perp$. This proves the theorem.

Theorem 3.2- If a conformally flat $GPQE_n$, $n > 3$, is homogenous with respect to the structure tensors D, E in the direction of X as well as Y , then the sectional curvature of all planes determined by $X, Y \in U^\perp$ is $\frac{\alpha(n-2) - \beta + 2(n-1)(\gamma c + d\delta)}{(n-1)(n-2)}$, δ being a scalar.

Proof. Let κ_1 be the sectional curvature of the plane determined by X and Y , where $X, Y \in U^\perp$. If the manifold is homogenous with respect to the structure tensors D, E in the direction of X, Y , then we have

$$D(X, X) = cg(X, X), D(X, Y) = cg(X, Y), \text{ and } D(Y, Y) = cg(Y, Y), c \text{ being a scalar.}$$

$$E(X, X) = dg(X, X), E(X, Y) = dg(X, Y), \text{ and } E(Y, Y) = dg(Y, Y), d \text{ being a scalar.}$$

Thus by virtue of (3.5) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_1 &= \frac{g(R(X, Y)Y, X)}{g(X, X)g(Y, Y) - \{g(X, Y)\}^2} \\ &= \frac{\alpha(n-2) - \beta + 2(n-1)(\gamma c + d\delta)}{(n-1)(n-2)}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the theorem.

We note that $\kappa_1 = 0$ (resp. constant, non-constant) according as $\alpha(n-2) - \beta + 2(n-1)(\gamma c + d\delta) = 0$ (resp. $\alpha(n-2) - \beta + 2(n-1)(\gamma c + d\delta) = \text{constant}$, $\alpha(n-2) - \beta + 2(n-1)(\gamma c + d\delta) \neq \text{constant}$). This leads to the following:

Corollary 3.3- If a conformally flat $GPQE_n$, $n > 3$, is homogenous with respect to the structure tensor D, E in the direction of X as well as Y , the sectional curvature of all planes determined by X and Y is zero (resp. constant) if and only if $\alpha(n-2) - \beta + 2(n-1)(\gamma c + d\delta) = 0$ (resp. constant).

Theorem 3.3- If a conformally flat $GPQE_n$, $n > 3$, is homogenous with respect to the structure tensors D , E in the direction of X , the sectional curvature of all planes determined by X and U is $\frac{\alpha(n-2) + \beta(n-2) + (\gamma c + \delta d)(n-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)}$, c, d being scalars, for all $X \in U^\perp$.

Proof. Let κ_2 be the sectional curvature of the plane determined by X and U , where $X \in U^\perp$.

If the manifold is homogenous with respect to the structure tensor D in the direction of X , then we have

$$D(X, X) = cg(X, X), E(X, X) = dg(X, X) \quad c, d \text{ being scalars.}$$

Thus by virtue of (3.7) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_2 &= \frac{g(R(X, U)U, X)}{g(X, X)g(U, U) - \{g(X, U)\}^2} \\ &= \frac{\alpha(n-2) + \beta(n-2) + (\gamma c + \delta d)(n-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the theorem.

We note that $\kappa_2 = 0$ (resp. constant, non-constant) according as $(\alpha + \beta)(n-2) + (c\gamma + d\delta)(n-1) = 0$ (resp. $(\alpha + \beta)(n-2) + (c\gamma + d\delta)(n-1) = \text{constant}$, $(\alpha + \beta)(n-2) + (c\gamma + d\delta)(n-1) \neq \text{constant}$). This leads to the following:

Corollary 3.4- If a conformally flat $GPQE_n$, $n > 3$, is homogenous with respect to the structure tensors D , E in the direction of X , the sectional curvature of all planes determined by X and U is zero (resp. constant) if and only if $(\alpha + \beta)(n-2) + (c\gamma + d\delta)(n-1) = 0$ (resp. constant).

Definition 3.3- A Riemannian manifold (M^n, g) , $n > 3$, is said to be conformally con-servative if the divergence of the conformal curvature tensor vanishes (Schouten, 1934)

From the definition of conformal curvature tensor C , it can be easily seen that

$$\text{div } C(X, Y)Z = \frac{n-3}{n-2} \left[(\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Z S)(Y, X) - \frac{1}{2(n-1)} [dr(X)g(Y, Z) - dr(Z)g(Y, X)] \right] \quad (3.8)$$

Then we prove the following:

Theorem 3.4- If in a $GPQE_n$, $n > 3$, the associated scalars are constants, the structure tensors are of Codazzi type and the generator U is a recurrent vector field with the associated 1-form A not being the 1-form of recurrence, then the manifold is conformally conservative.

Proof. If the associated scalars α, β, γ and δ are constants, then (2.1) yields that the scalar curvature is constant and hence $dr(X) = 0$ for all X . Consequently (3.8) takes the form

$$\text{div } C(X, Y)Z = \frac{n-3}{n-2} [(\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Z S)(Y, X)]. \quad (3.9)$$

From (1.3) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) &= d\alpha(X)g(Y, Z) + \beta[(\nabla_X A)(Y)A(Z) + (\nabla_X A)(Z)A(Y)] \\ &\quad + d\beta(X)A(Y)A(Z) + d\gamma(X)D(Y, Z) + \gamma(\nabla_X D)(Y, Z) \\ &\quad + d\delta(X)E(Y, Z) + \delta(\nabla_X E)(Y, Z). \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Since α, β, γ and δ are constants, (3.10) reduces to

$$(\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) = \beta[(\nabla_X A)(Y)A(Z) + (\nabla_X A)(Z)A(Y)] + \gamma(\nabla_X D)(Y, Z) + \delta(\nabla_X E)(Y, Z) \quad (3.11)$$

We now assume that the structure tensors D, E of $GPQE_n$ are of Codazzi type (Neill, 2003). Then for all vector fields X, Y, Z , we have

$$(\nabla_X D)(Y, Z) = (\nabla_Z D)(Y, X); \quad (\nabla_X E)(Y, Z) = (\nabla_Z E)(Y, X). \quad (3.12)$$

In view of (3.11), (3.9) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} C(X, Y)Z = & \frac{n-3}{n-2} \left[\beta \left[(\nabla_X A)(Y)A(Z) + (\nabla_X A)(Z)A(Y) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. - (\nabla_Z A)(Y)A(X) - (\nabla_Z A)(X)A(Y) \right] + \gamma \left[(\nabla_X D)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Z D)(Y, X) \right] \right. \\ & \left. + \delta \left[(\nabla_X E)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Z E)(Y, X) \right] \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

By virtue of (3.12), (3.13) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} C(X, Y)Z = & \frac{n-3}{n-2} \left[\beta \left[(\nabla_X A)(Y)A(Z) + (\nabla_X A)(Z)A(Y) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. - (\nabla_Z A)(Y)A(X) - (\nabla_Z A)(X)A(Y) \right] \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

Next, if the generator U of the manifold under consideration is a recurrent vector field (Tanno, 1988), then we have $\nabla_X U = \pi(X)U$, where π is called the 1-form of recurrence such that π is different from A . Consequently we get

$$g(\nabla_X U, Y) = g(\pi(X)U, Y) \text{ and hence } (\nabla_X A)(Y) = \pi(X)A(Y). \quad (3.15)$$

In view of (3.15), (3.14) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n-2}{n-3} \operatorname{div} C(X, Y)Z = & \beta \left[\pi(X)A(Y)A(Z) + \pi(X)A(Z)A(Y) \right. \\ & \left. - \pi(Z)A(Y)A(X) - \pi(Z)A(X)A(Y) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

Also since $g(U, U) = 1$, it follows that $(\nabla_X A)(U) = g(\nabla_X U, U) = 0$ and hence (3.15) yields

$\pi(X) = 0$ for all X . Therefore from (3.16), we have $\operatorname{div} C(X, Y)Z = 0$. This proves the theorem.

Theorem 3.5- If in a $GPQE_n$, $n > 3$, the associated scalars are non-constants but their sum vanishes, the structure tensor is of Codazzi type and the generator U satisfy the conditions (3.20) and (3.21), then the manifold is conformally conservative.

Proof. If the associated scalars of $GPQE_n$ are not constants and $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = 0$, then (3.10) yields

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) = & d\alpha(X)[g(Y, Z) - E(Y, Z)] - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)(\nabla_X E)(Y, Z) \\ & + d\beta(X)[A(Y)A(Z) - E(Y, Z)] \\ & + \beta[(\nabla_X A)(Y)A(Z) + (\nabla_X A)(Z)A(Y)] \\ & + d\gamma(X)[D(Y, Z) - E(Y, Z)] + \gamma(\nabla_X D)(Y, Z). \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

From (2.1) we have

$$dr(X) = nd\alpha(X) + d\beta(X). \quad (3.18)$$

Using (3.17) and (3.18) in (3.8) we obtain by virtue of (3.12) that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n-2}{n-3} \operatorname{div} C(X, Y)Z = & \frac{n-2}{2(n-1)} [d\alpha(X)g(Y, Z) - d\alpha(Z)g(X, Y)] \\ & - [d\alpha(X)E(Y, Z) - d\alpha(Z)E(X, Y)] - \frac{1}{2(n-1)} [d\beta(X)g(Y, Z) - d\beta(Z)g(X, Y)] \\ & + d\beta(X)[A(Y)A(Z) - E(Y, Z)] - d\beta(Z)[A(Y)A(X) - E(Y, X)] \\ & + [d\gamma(X)D(Y, Z) - d\gamma(Z)D(Y, X)] - [d\gamma(X)E(Y, Z) - d\gamma(Z)E(Y, X)] \\ & + \beta[(\nabla_X A)(Y)A(Z) + (\nabla_X A)(Z)A(Y) - (\nabla_Z A)(Y)A(X) - (\nabla_Z A)(X)A(Y)]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

We now assume the following conditions

$$U = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \operatorname{grad} \alpha = \frac{1}{2\beta} \operatorname{grad} \beta = \frac{1}{2\gamma} \operatorname{grad} \gamma, \quad (3.20)$$

$$\beta \nabla_X U = \frac{\alpha(n-2) - \beta}{n-1} X + 2\gamma LX - 2(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)TX \quad (3.21)$$

for all X . Then (3.20) implies that

$$g(X, U) = g\left(X, \frac{1}{2\alpha} \text{grad } \alpha\right) = \frac{1}{2\alpha} g(X, \text{grad } \alpha) = \frac{1}{2\alpha} d\alpha(X), \text{ i.e.,}$$

$$d\alpha(X) = 2\alpha g(X, U) = 2\alpha A(X). \quad (3.22)$$

Similarly we have

$$d\beta(X) = 2\beta g(X, U) = 2\beta A(X) \text{ and } d\gamma(X) = 2\gamma g(X, U) = 2\gamma A(X). \quad (3.23)$$

Again from (3.21) it follows that

$$\beta(\nabla_X A)(Y) = \frac{\alpha(n-2) - \beta}{n-1} g(X, Y) + 2\gamma D(X, Y) - 2(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)E(X, Y). \quad (3.24)$$

In view of (3.22)-(3.23), the relation (3.19) reduces to $\text{div } C(X, Y)Z = 0$. This proves the theorem.

Now the geometric significance of the condition (3.21) is determined by the following:

Theorem 3.6- A $GPQE_n$, $n > 3$, satisfying the condition (3.21) is a product manifold.

Proof. For any $X, Y \in U^\perp$, $(\nabla_X g)(Y, U) = 0$ implies that

$$\beta g(\nabla_X Y, U) = -\beta g(\nabla_X U, Y),$$

which yields by virtue of (3.21) that

$$\begin{aligned} \beta g(\nabla_X Y, U) &= -\frac{\alpha(n-2) - \beta}{n-1} g(X, Y) - 2\gamma D(X, Y) \\ &\quad + 2(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)E(X, Y) = \beta g(\nabla_Y X, U). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$g(\nabla_X Y, U) = g(\nabla_Y X, U), \text{ i.e., } g(\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X, U) = 0$$

for all $X, Y \in U^\perp$. Consequently $g([X, Y], U) = 0$. Thus $[X, Y]$ is orthogonal to U and hence

$[X, Y] \in U^\perp$. Therefore the distribution U^\perp is involutive. Hence from Frobenius theorem

[2] it follows that U^\perp , the $(n-1)$ -dimensional distribution orthogonal to U , is integrable.

Consequently $GPQE_n$ is a product manifold. This completes the proof.

4. Some global properties of $GPQE_n$

This section is concerned with a compact, orientable $GPQE_n$, $n > 2$, without boundary with vanishing Euler number, and also with $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ as associated scalars, U as the generator and D, E as the structure tensors. Then we prove the following:

Theorem 4.1- If in a compact, orientable $GPQE_n$, $n > 2$, without boundary and with vanishing Euler number, the associated scalars and the structure tensor are such that $\beta > 0$, $\alpha + \beta < 0$ and $\gamma D(X, X) + \delta E(X, X) < 0$ for any X , then there exists no non-zero Killing vector field in this manifold.

Proof. It is known that [34] for any vector field X in a Riemannian manifold M , the following relation holds

$$\int_M \left[S(X, X) - |\nabla X|^2 - (\text{div } X)^2 \right] dv \leq 0, \quad (4.1)$$

where dv denotes the volume element of M . If X is a Killing vector field, then $\text{div } X = 0$. Hence (4.1) takes the following form

$$\int_M \left[S(X, X) - |\nabla X|^2 \right] dv = 0. \quad (4.2)$$

Let θ be the angle between the generator U and any vector X of $GPQE_n$. Then

$\cos \theta = \frac{g(X, U)}{\sqrt{g(X, X)}} \leq 1$. Therefore $g(X, U) \leq \sqrt{g(X, X)}$, and consequently from (1.3) it follows that

$$S(X, X) \leq (\alpha + \beta)|X|^2 + \gamma D(X, X) + \delta E(X, X) \text{ for } \beta > 0. \quad (4.3)$$

Let us consider $\alpha + \beta < 0$ and $\gamma D(X, X) + \delta E(X, X) < 0$. Hence by virtue of (4.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{M=P(QE)_n} \left[(\alpha + \beta) |X|^2 + \gamma D(X, X) + \delta E(X, X) - |\nabla X|^2 \right] dv \\ \geq \int_M \left[S(X, X) - |\nabla X|^2 \right] dv, \end{aligned}$$

which yields by virtue of (4.2) that

$$\int_M \left[(\alpha + \beta) |X|^2 + \gamma D(X, X) + \delta E(X, X) - |\nabla X|^2 \right] dv \geq 0.$$

If $\alpha + \beta < 0$ and $\gamma D(X, X) + \delta E(X, X) < 0$, then the last relation reduces to

$$\int_M \left[(\alpha + \beta) |X|^2 + \gamma D(X, X) + \delta E(X, X) - |\nabla X|^2 \right] dv = 0.$$

Hence $X = 0$. This proves the theorem.

Definition 4.1- A vector field X in a Riemannian manifold (M^n, g) , $n > 2$, is said to be projective Killing vector field if it satisfies

$$(\mathcal{L}_X \nabla)(Y, Z) = \omega(Y)Z + \omega(Z)Y$$

for any vector fields Y and Z , ω being a certain 1-form and \mathcal{L} is the operator of Lie differentiation.

Theorem 4.2- If in a compact, orientable $GPQE_n$, $n > 2$, without boundary and with vanishing Euler number, the associated scalars and the structure tensors are such that $\beta > 0$, $\alpha + \beta \leq 0$ and $\gamma D(X, X) + \delta E(X, X) \leq 0$ for any X , then a projective Killing vector field has vanishing covariant derivative; and if $\beta > 0$, $\alpha + \beta < 0$ and $\gamma D(X, X) + \delta E(X, X) < 0$ for any X , then there exists no non-zero projective Killing vector field in this manifold.

Proof. We know that for any vector field X in a Riemannian manifold M , the following relation holds

$$\int_M \left[S(X, X) - \frac{1}{4} |d\xi|^2 - \frac{n-1}{2(n+1)} (div X)^2 \right] dv = 0, \quad (4.4)$$

where ξ is an 1-form corresponding to the vector field X . We now assume the conditions $\beta > 0$, $\alpha + \beta \leq 0$ and $\gamma D(X, X) + \delta E(X, X) \leq 0$ for any X . Therefore (4.3) yields $S(X, X) \leq 0$ and hence from (4.4) we obtain $d\xi = 0$ and $div X = 0$. This implies that X is harmonic as well as a Killing vector field. Consequently its covariant derivative vanishes. This proves the theorem.

Definition 4.2. A vector field X in a Riemannian manifold (M^n, g) , $n > 2$, is said to be conformal Killing vector field if it satisfies

$$\mathcal{L}_X g = 2\rho g$$

for any vector field X , where ρ is given by $\rho = -\frac{1}{n}(div X)$ and \mathcal{L} is the operator of Lie differentiation.

Theorem 4.3. If in a compact, orientable $GPQE_n$, $n > 2$, without boundary and with vanishing Euler number, the associated scalars and the structure tensors are such that $\beta > 0$, $\alpha + \beta < 0$ and $\gamma D(X, X) + \delta E(X, X) < 0$ for any X , then there exists no non-zero conformal Killing vector field in this manifold.

Proof. It is known that for any vector field X in a Riemannian manifold M , the following relation holds

$$\int_M \left[S(X, X) - |\nabla X|^2 - \frac{n-2}{n} (div X)^2 \right] dv = 0, \quad (4.5)$$

where dv denotes the volume element of M . Now we assume the conditions $\beta > 0$, $\alpha + \beta < 0$ and $\gamma D(X, X) + \delta E(X, X) < 0$ for any X . Then proceeding similarly as before we obtain

$$\nabla X = 0, \quad div X = 0.$$

This proves the theorem.

Theorem 4.4. If in a compact, orientable $GPQE_n$, $n > 2$, without boundary and with vanishing Euler number, the associated scalars and the structure tensors are such that $\beta > 0$, $\alpha |X|^2 + \gamma D(X, X) + \delta E(X, X) = 0$ for any X , then any harmonic vector field is orthogonal to the generator U and also it is a parallel vector field.

Proof. It is known that for any vector field X in a Riemannian manifold M , the following relation holds

$$\int_M [S(X, X) - |\nabla X|^2] dv = 0, \quad (4.6)$$

where dv denotes the volume element of M . Now we assume the conditions $\beta > 0$, $\alpha |X|^2 + \gamma D(X, X) + \delta E(X, X) = 0$. Then by virtue of (1.3) we obtain $S(X, X) = \beta |g(X, U)|^2$ and hence (4.6) reduces to

$$\int_M [\beta |g(X, U)|^2 - |\nabla X|^2] dv = 0,$$

which implies that

$$g(X, U) = 0, \text{ and } \nabla X = 0.$$

Hence the theorem follows.

5. A proper Example of $GPQE_n$

This section deals with a proper example of $GPQE_n$.

Example 5.1- A $(2m+1)$ -dimensional smooth manifold M is said to have a contact structure and is called a contact manifold if it carries a global 1-form η such that

$$\eta \wedge (d\eta)^m \neq 0$$

everywhere on M , where the exponent denotes the m -th exterior power. We call η a contact form on M . A Riemannian metric g is said to be an associated metric if there exists a $(1, 1)$ tensor field ϕ , and a vector field ξ such that

$$d\eta(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y), \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \\ \phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi$$

for all vector fields X, Y . A contact structure with an associated metric is called a contact metric structure and the contact manifold equipped with a contact metric structure is called a contact metric manifold.

Given a contact metric manifold, we define a $(1, 1)$ tensor field h by $h = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}_\xi \phi$, where \mathcal{L} denotes the Lie differentiation. Then h is symmetric and satisfies $h\phi = -\phi h$, $Tr.h = Tr.\phi h = 0$.

In 1998, S. Tanno introduced the notion of k -nullity distribution of a Riemannian manifold as a distribution

$$p \rightarrow N_p(k) = [Z \in T_p M : R(X, Y)Z = k \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}]$$

for any $X, Y \in T_p M$.

A contact metric manifold with ξ belonging to $N(k)$ satisfies the relation

$$R(X, Y)\xi = k[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y]$$

for all X, Y . In particular, if $k = 1$ then the manifold is Sasakian. Generalizing this notion of k -nullity distribution (Blair, *et al.*, 1995) introduced the notion of (k, μ) -nullity distribution of a contact metric manifold as a distribution

$$p \rightarrow N_p(k, \mu) = [Z \in T_p M : R(X, Y)Z = k \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}]$$

$$+ \mu \{ g(Y, Z)hX - g(X, Z)hY \}]$$

for any $X, Y \in T_p M$, k, μ are real constants. A contact metric manifold with $\xi \in N(k, \mu)$ is called a (k, μ) -contact metric manifold. If we assume k, μ as smooth functions then a (k, μ) -contact metric manifold is said to be generalized (k, μ) -contact metric manifold (Spivak, 1970). However, such a manifold exists only for dimension three (Shaikh *et al.*, 2006 and Yano, 1970).

A $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional contact metric manifold $M(\eta, \xi, \phi, g)$ whose characteristic vector field ξ is a harmonic vector field is called an H -contact metric manifold. D. Perrone (Spivak, 1970) proved that $M(\eta, \xi, \phi, g)$ is an H -contact metric manifold if and only if ξ is an eigenvector of the Ricci operator, which generalizes the results of González-Dávila and Vanhecke (Perrone, 201) for $m = 1$. It is important to mention that the class of H -contact metric manifolds includes several interesting classes of contact metric manifolds such as Sasakian and η -Einstein manifolds, K -contact manifolds, strongly ϕ -symmetric spaces, (k, μ) -contact metric manifolds, and generalized (k, μ) -contact metric manifolds. Perrone (Spain, 19995) also gave a geometric interpretation of generalized (k, μ) in terms of harmonic maps.

Again in (Shaikh, *et al.*, 2009) Koufogiorgos *et al.*, 2008 introduced the notion of (k, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold, defined as follows:

A $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional contact metric manifold $M(\eta, \xi, \phi, g)$ is said to be a (k, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold if its curvature tensor satisfies

$$R(X, Y)\xi = k[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] + \mu[\eta(Y)hX - \eta(X)hY] + \nu[\eta(Y)\phi hX - \eta(X)\phi hY]$$

for all $X, Y \in T_p M$, where k, μ, ν are smooth functions on M . Then Koufogiorgos *et al.*, 2008 and Shaiks *et al.*, 2009 proved that if a 3-dimensional contact metric manifold $M(\eta, \xi, \phi, g)$ is a (k, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold, then M is an H -contact metric manifold and conversely; if M is a 3-dimensional H -contact metric manifold, then M is a (k, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold on an everywhere open and dense subset of M . They also proved that such a manifold exists only for dimension

3. Then Koufogiorgos *et al.*, 2008 and Shaiks *et al.*, 2009 obtained the Ricci tensor of a (k, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold as follows:

$$S(Y, Z) = \alpha g(Y, Z) + \beta \eta(Y) \eta(Z) + \gamma D(Y, Z) + \delta E(Y, Z),$$

where $\alpha = \frac{r}{2} - k$, $\beta = -\frac{r}{2} + 3k$, $\gamma = \mu$, $\delta = \nu$, $D(Y, Z) = g(hY, Z)$ and $E(Y, Z) = g(\phi hY, Z)$ are symmetric tensor of type $(0, 2)$ such that $Tr.D = Tr.E = 0$. Also since in a contact metric manifold $h\xi = \phi\xi = 0$, it follows that $D(X, \xi) = 0 = E(X, \xi)$. Hence if we take $U = \xi$, then a (k, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold is a $GPQE_3$ which is neither PQE_3 nor QE_3 . Thus we can state the following:

Theorem 5.1- A 3-dimensional (k, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold is a generalized pseudo quasi-Einstein manifold, which is neither quasi-Einstein nor pseudo-quasi-Einstein.

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