

## Invariant and Anti-Invariant Submanifolds of a Conformal Kenmotsu Manifold

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce conformal Kenmotsu manifolds which are not Kenmotsu. Some results on such manifolds and their associated submanifolds are provided.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $(M^{2n}, J, g)$  be a Hermitian manifold of complex dimension  $n$ , where  $J$  denotes its complex structure and  $g$  is its Hermitian metric. Then  $(M^{2n}, J, g)$  is a locally conformal Kähler manifold if there is an open cover  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $M^{2n}$  and a family  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $C^\infty$  functions  $f_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that each local metric  $g_i = \exp(-f_i)g|_{U_i}$  is Kählerian. Here  $g|_{U_i} = \iota_i^*g$  where  $\iota_i : U_i \rightarrow M^{2n}$  is the inclusion. Also  $(M^{2n}, J, g)$  is globally conformal Kähler if there is a  $C^\infty$  function  $f : M^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that the metric  $\exp(f)g$  is Kählerian [5]. The first study on locally conformal Kähler manifolds was done by Libermann in 1955 [8]. Visman [10], put down some geometrical conditions for locally conformal Kähler manifold and in 1982 Tricerri mentioned different examples of locally conformal Kähler manifold [9]. In 2001, Banaru [2] succeeded to classify the sixteen classes of almost Hermitian manifolds by using the two tensors of Kirichenko, which are called Kirichenko tensors. Abood studied the properties of these tensors [1]. The locally conformal Kähler manifold is one of the sixteen classes of almost Hermitian manifolds. In 1972, K. Kenmotsu introduced a class of contact metric manifolds, called Kenmotsu manifolds, which are not Sasakian [7]. In this paper we get the idea of constructing conformal Kähler manifolds and introduce conformal Kenmotsu manifolds which are not Kenmotsu. There are a few differences between the geometry of invariant (anti-invariant) submanifolds of a Kenmotsu manifold and a conformal Kenmotsu manifold. For example, we show that any invariant submanifold  $M'$  of a Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  is minimal, but

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if  $M$  is a conformal Kenmotsu manifold, then  $\acute{M}$  is minimal if and only if the Lee vector field of  $M$  is tangent to  $\acute{M}$ . Moreover, it is proved in [6] that if  $\acute{M}$  is an anti-invariant submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold, then  $\acute{M}$  has the flat normal curvature tensor if and only if  $\acute{M}$  is flat, but in this paper we show that if  $\acute{M}$  is an anti-invariant submanifold of a conformal Kenmotsu manifold with flat normal curvature tensor then  $\acute{M}$  is not flat. The present paper is organized as follows:

In Section 2 we recall some definitions on almost contact metric manifolds. We introduce conformal Kenmotsu manifolds in Section 3 and establish a relation between the curvature tensor on a conformal Kenmotsu manifold and a Kenmotsu manifold. According to this relation, we give the Gauss and Ricci equations between a conformal Kenmotsu manifold and its submanifolds. In Sections 4 and 5, we study invariant submanifolds and anti-invariant submanifolds of a conformal Kenmotsu manifold and prove some theorems about the mean curvature vector field, the connection of the normal bundle and the curvature tensor of the submanifolds.

## 2. Preliminaries

A  $2n+1$ -dimensional differentiable manifold  $M$  is said to be an almost contact metric manifold if it admits an almost contact metric structure  $(\tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{g})$  where  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is a tensor field of type  $(1,1)$ ,  $\tilde{\xi}$  is a vector field,  $\tilde{\eta}$  is a 1-form and  $\tilde{g}$  is the Riemannian metric on  $M$  satisfying

$$\tilde{\varphi}^2 = -Id + \tilde{\eta} \otimes \tilde{\xi}, \quad \tilde{\eta}(\tilde{\xi}) = 1, \quad \tilde{\varphi}\tilde{\xi} = 0, \quad \tilde{\eta}\circ\tilde{\varphi} = 0,$$

$$\tilde{g}(\tilde{\varphi}X, \tilde{\varphi}Y) = \tilde{g}(X, Y) - \tilde{\eta}(X)\tilde{\eta}(Y), \quad \tilde{\eta}(X) = \tilde{g}(X, \tilde{\xi}),$$

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

An almost contact metric manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{g})$  is said to be a Kenmotsu manifold [7] if the relation

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{\varphi})Y = -\tilde{g}(X, \tilde{\varphi}Y)\tilde{\xi} - \tilde{\eta}(Y)\tilde{\varphi}X, \quad (1)$$

holds on  $M$ , where  $\tilde{\nabla}$  denotes the Riemannian connection of  $\tilde{g}$ . From the above equation, for a Kenmotsu manifold we also have

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{\xi} = X - \tilde{\eta}(X)\tilde{\xi}. \quad (2)$$

Assume  $\acute{M}$  is a submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $M$ . Let  $\acute{g}$  and  $\acute{\nabla}$  be the induced metric and Riemannian connections of  $\acute{M}$ , respectively. Then the Gauss and Weingarten formulas of  $\acute{M}$  are given, respectively, by

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \acute{\nabla}_X Y + h(X, Y), \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X N = -A_N X + \acute{\nabla}_X^\perp N,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $\acute{M}$ , where  $\acute{\nabla}^\perp$  is the normal connection and  $A$  is the shape operator of  $\acute{M}$  with respect to the unit normal vector field  $N$ . Let  $\acute{R}$  is the curvature tensor

of  $\acute{M}$ , the Gauss and Ricci equations of  $\acute{M}$  are given, respectively, by

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{g}(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z, W) &= \acute{g}(\acute{R}(X, Y)Z, W) - \tilde{g}(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)) \\ &\quad + \tilde{g}(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)), \\ \tilde{g}(\tilde{R}(X, Y)N_1, N_2) &= \tilde{g}(\acute{R}^\perp(X, Y)N_1, N_2) - \acute{g}([A_1, A_2]X, Y),\end{aligned}$$

for all  $X, Y, Z, W \in T\acute{M}$  and  $N_1, N_2 \in T\acute{M}^\perp$ .

A submanifold  $\acute{M}^m$  of a Kenmotsu manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{g})$  is called an invariant submanifold if  $\tilde{\varphi}T_p\acute{M} \subseteq T_p\acute{M}$  for any  $p \in \acute{M}$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\acute{M}^m$  be an invariant submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  tangent to  $\tilde{\xi}$ . Then  $\acute{M}$  is minimal.*

*Proof.* From the Gauss formula and (1) we have

$$h(X, \tilde{\varphi}Y) = \tilde{\varphi}h(X, Y) - (\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{\varphi})Y - \tilde{g}(X, \tilde{\varphi}Y)\tilde{\xi} - \tilde{\eta}(Y)\tilde{\varphi}X,$$

for all  $X, Y$  on  $\acute{M}$ . Since  $\acute{M}$  is invariant, taking the tangent and normal parts, we have

$$h(X, \tilde{\varphi}Y) = \tilde{\varphi}h(X, Y). \quad (3)$$

Let  $\{E_\alpha, \tilde{\varphi}E_\alpha, \xi, \alpha : 1, \dots, \frac{m-1}{2}\}$  be an orthonormal basis on  $\acute{M}$  and suppose  $H$  is the mean curvature vector field of  $\acute{M}$ . From the Gauss formula and (2) it follows that  $h(\xi, \xi) = 0$ . Hence, using (3) we have

$$H = \frac{1}{m} \left\{ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\frac{m-1}{2}} (h(E_\alpha, E_\alpha) + h(\tilde{\varphi}E_\alpha, \tilde{\varphi}E_\alpha)) + h(\xi, \xi) \right\} = 0. \blacktriangleleft$$

### 3. Conformal Kenmotsu Manifolds

A smooth manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  with almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \eta, \xi, g)$  is called a conformal Kenmotsu manifold if there is a positive smooth function  $f : M^{2n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  so that

$$\tilde{g} = \exp(f)g, \quad \tilde{\xi} = \exp(-f)^{\frac{1}{2}}\xi, \quad \tilde{\eta} = \exp(f)^{\frac{1}{2}}\eta, \quad \tilde{\varphi} = \varphi,$$

is a Kenmotsu structure on  $M$ .

Let  $M$  is a conformal Kenmotsu manifold. Suppose  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  denote the Riemannian connections  $M$  with respect to metrics  $\tilde{g}$  and  $g$ , respectively. Using the Koszul formula, we obtain the following relation between the connections  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + \frac{1}{2} \{ \omega(X)Y + \omega(Y)X - g(X, Y)\omega^\sharp \}, \quad (4)$$

such that  $\omega(X) = X(f)$  and  $\omega^\sharp = \text{grad}f$  is vector field metrically equivalent to 1-form  $\omega$ , that is,  $g(\omega^\sharp, X) = \omega(X)$ , that is called the Lee vector field of a conformal Kenmotsu manifold  $M$ . Let  $\tilde{R}$  and  $R$  denote the curvature tensor on  $(M^{2n+1}, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{g})$  and  $(M^{2n+1}, \varphi, \eta, \xi, g)$ , respectively. Then the relation between  $\tilde{R}$  and  $R$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(-f)\tilde{g}(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z, W) &= g(R(X, Y)Z, W) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}\{B(X, Z)g(Y, W) - B(Y, Z)g(X, W) \\ &+ B(Y, W)g(X, Z) - B(X, W)g(Y, Z)\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{4}\|\omega^\sharp\|^2\{g(X, Z)g(Y, W) - g(Y, Z)g(X, W)\}, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W$  on  $M$ , where  $B := \nabla\omega - \frac{1}{2}\omega \otimes \omega$ . Furthermore, by the relations (1), (2) and (4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X\varphi)Y &= (\exp(f))^{\frac{1}{2}}\{-g(X, \varphi Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi X\} \\ &- \frac{1}{2}\{\omega(\varphi Y)X - \omega(Y)\varphi X + g(X, Y)\varphi\omega^\sharp - g(X, \varphi Y)\omega^\sharp\}, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\nabla_X\xi = (\exp(f))^{\frac{1}{2}}\{X - \eta(X)\xi\} - \frac{1}{2}\{\omega(\xi)X - \eta(X)\omega^\sharp\}, \quad (7)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ . Assume  $\acute{M}$  is a submanifold of a conformal Kenmotsu manifold  $M$ . Let  $\acute{\nabla}$  and  $\acute{R}$  are the Riemannian connection and curvature tensor on  $\acute{M}$ , respectively, and  $\acute{g}$  is an induced metric on  $\acute{M}$ . Also let  $N$  is an unit vector field normal to  $\acute{M}$ . We put

$$\begin{aligned} PX &= \tan(\varphi X), & FX &= \text{nor}(\varphi X), \\ tN &= \tan(\varphi N), & fN &= \text{nor}(\varphi N), \end{aligned}$$

for any  $X \in T\acute{M}$  and  $N \in T\acute{M}^\perp$ . Then by the Gauss formula and (6) we obtain the following relations

$$\begin{aligned} (\acute{\nabla}_X P)Y &= A_{FY}X + th(X, Y) + (\exp(f))^{\frac{1}{2}}\{-g(X, \varphi Y)\xi - \eta(Y)PX\} \\ &- \frac{1}{2}\{\omega(\varphi Y)X - \omega(Y)PX + g(X, Y)(\varphi\omega^\sharp)^\top - g(X, \varphi Y)(\omega^\sharp)^\top\}, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\acute{\nabla}_X F)Y &= fh(X, Y) - h(X, PY) - (\exp(f))^{\frac{1}{2}}\eta(Y)FX \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}\{\omega(Y)FX - g(X, Y)(\varphi\omega^\sharp)^\perp + g(X, \varphi Y)(\omega^\sharp)^\perp\}, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\acute{\nabla}_X t)N &= A_{fN}X - PA_NX - (\exp(f))^{\frac{1}{2}}g(X, \varphi N)\xi \\ &- \frac{1}{2}\{\omega(\varphi N)X - \omega(N)PX + g(X, \varphi N)(\omega^\sharp)^\top\}, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\acute{\nabla}_X f)N &= -h(X, tN) - FA_NX \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}\{\omega(N)FX + g(X, \varphi N)(\omega^\sharp)^\perp\}, \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

for all  $X, Y \in T\hat{M}$  and  $N \in T\hat{M}^\perp$  such that  $\xi$  is tangent to  $\hat{M}$ .

From (5), the Gauss and Ricci equations of  $\hat{M}^m \subseteq (M^{2n+1}, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  are given, respectively, by

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(-f)\tilde{g}(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z, W) &= \acute{g}(\acute{R}(X, Y)Z, W) - g(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)) \\ &- g(h(Y, W), h(X, Z)) + \frac{1}{2}(B \wedge g + g \wedge B)(X, Y, Z, W) \\ &+ \frac{1}{4}\|\omega^\sharp\|^2\{g \wedge g(X, Y, Z, W)\}, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$g(R(X, Y)N_1, N_2) = g(\acute{R}^\perp(X, Y)N_1, N_2) - \acute{g}([A_1, A_2]X, Y), \quad (13)$$

for all  $X, Y, Z, W \in T\hat{M}$  and  $N_1, N_2 \in T\hat{M}^\perp$ , where the wedge product of tensor fields A and B on  $\hat{M}$  is given by

$$(A \wedge B)(X, Y, Z, W) = A(X, Z)B(Y, W) - A(Y, Z)B(X, W),$$

for all  $X, Y, Z, W \in T\hat{M}$ .

#### 4. Invariant Submanifolds

A submanifold  $\hat{M}^m$  of a conformal Kenmotsu manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called an invariant submanifold if  $\varphi T_p\hat{M} \subseteq T_p\hat{M}$  for any  $p \in \hat{M}$  then  $\varphi X = PX$  for any  $X \in T\hat{M}$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\hat{M}^m$  be an invariant submanifold of a conformal Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  tangent to  $\xi$ . Then*

$$h(X, \varphi Y) = \varphi h(X, Y) + \frac{1}{2}\{g(X, \varphi Y)(\omega^{\sharp\perp}) - g(X, Y)(\varphi\omega^\sharp)^\perp\}, \quad (14)$$

$$A_{\varphi N}X = \varphi A_N X + \frac{1}{2}\{\omega(\varphi N)X - \omega(N)\varphi X\}, \quad (15)$$

$$A_N\varphi X + \varphi A_N X = \omega(N)\varphi X, \quad (16)$$

for all  $X, Y \in T\hat{M}$  and  $N \in T\hat{M}^\perp$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\hat{M}$  is invariant, we get  $\varphi N = fN$ . Then (14) and (15) follow immediately from (9) and (10), respectively. Since  $h$  is self-adjoint, from (14) we have

$$h(\varphi X, Y) = \varphi h(X, Y) + \frac{1}{2}\{g(Y, \varphi X)\omega^{\sharp\perp} - g(X, Y)(\varphi\omega^\sharp)^\perp\}, \quad (17)$$

for all  $X, Y \in T\hat{M}$ . By using (17), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \acute{g}(A_N\varphi X, Y) &= g(h(\varphi X, Y), N) = g(\varphi h(X, Y), N) \\ &- \frac{1}{2}\{g(X, Y)g((\varphi\omega^\sharp)^\perp, N) - g(\varphi X, Y)g((\omega^\sharp)^\perp, N)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= -g(h(X, Y), \varphi N) + \frac{1}{2}\{g(X, Y)\omega(\varphi N) + g(\varphi X, Y)\omega(N)\},$$

hence we get

$$A_N \varphi X = -A_{\varphi N} X + \frac{1}{2}\{\omega(\varphi N)X + \omega(N)\varphi X\}, \quad (18)$$

for all  $X \in T\dot{M}$  and  $N \in T\dot{M}^\perp$ . Now (16) follows from (15) and (18). ◀

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\dot{M}^m$  be an invariant submanifold of a conformal Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  tangent to  $\xi$ . Then  $\dot{M}$  is minimal if and only if the Lee vector field  $\omega^\sharp$  of  $M$  is tangent to  $\dot{M}$ .*

*Proof.* From the Gauss formula and (4) we have

$$h(X, Y) = \tilde{\nabla}_X Y - \acute{\nabla}_X Y - \frac{1}{2}\{\omega(X)Y + \omega(Y)X - g(X, Y)\omega^\sharp\}, \quad (19)$$

for all  $X, Y$  on  $\dot{M}$ . Replacing  $Y$  by  $\varphi Y$  in (19), we get

$$\begin{aligned} h(X, \varphi Y) &= \varphi h(X, Y) - (\acute{\nabla}_X \varphi)Y - (\exp(f))^{\frac{1}{2}}\{g(X, \varphi Y)\xi + \eta(Y)PX\} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}\{\omega(\varphi Y)X - \omega(Y)\varphi X + g(X, Y)\varphi\omega^\sharp - g(X, \varphi Y)\omega^\sharp\}, \end{aligned}$$

taking the tangent and normal parts, we have

$$h(X, \varphi Y) = \varphi h(X, Y) - \frac{1}{2}\{g(X, Y)(\varphi\omega^\sharp)^\perp - g(X, \varphi Y)(\omega^\sharp)^\perp\},$$

hence

$$h(\varphi X, \varphi Y) + h(X, Y) = \{g(X, Y) - \frac{1}{2}\eta(X)\eta(Y)\}(\omega^\sharp)^\perp - g(\varphi X, Y)(\varphi\omega^\sharp)^\perp. \quad (20)$$

From the Gauss formula and (7), it follows that

$$h(\xi, \xi) = \frac{1}{2}(\omega^\sharp)^\perp. \quad (21)$$

Now, let  $\{E_\alpha, \varphi E_\alpha, \xi, \alpha : 1, \dots, \frac{m-1}{2}\}$  be an orthonormal basis on  $\dot{M}$  and suppose  $H$  is the mean curvature vector field of  $\dot{M}$ . Then, using (20) and (21) we have

$$H = \frac{1}{m}\{\sum_{\alpha=1}^{\frac{m-1}{2}}(h(E_\alpha, E_\alpha) + h(\varphi E_\alpha, \varphi E_\alpha)) + h(\xi, \xi)\} = \frac{1}{2}(\omega^\sharp)^\perp.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem. ◀

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\hat{M}^m$  be an invariant submanifold of a conformal Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  tangent to  $\xi$ . Then*

$$[A_N, A_{\varphi N}] = -2\varphi T_N^2, \quad (22)$$

for any  $N \in TM^\perp$ , where

$$T_N = A_N - \frac{1}{2}\omega(N)I, \quad (23)$$

and  $I$  denotes the identity transformation.

*Proof.* Lemma 2 results from (18). ◀

Let  $Riz$  is the holomorphic bisectional curvature of a conformal Kenmotsu manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , and  $\sigma, \hat{\sigma}$  are two holomorphic 2-planes tangent to  $M$  at a point  $p \in M$ . Let  $u \in \sigma$  and  $v \in \hat{\sigma}$  such that  $\|u\| = 1, \|v\| = 1$ . Then, by definition we have

$$Riz(\sigma, \hat{\sigma}) = g(R(v, \varphi_p v)u, \varphi_p u). \quad (24)$$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $\hat{M}^m$  be an invariant submanifold of a conformal Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  tangent to  $\xi$ . If  $M$  has the negative holomorphic bisectional curvature, then the normal bundle  $TM^\perp$  admits no parallel connection.*

*Proof.* We prove this theorem by contradiction. Let the normal bundle  $TM^\perp$  admits parallel connection. Then  $\hat{R}^\perp(X, Y)N_1 = 0$  for all  $X, Y \in TM$  and  $N_1 \in TM^\perp$ . We put  $N_2 = \varphi N_1$  in the Ricci equation, hence we obtain

$$g(R(X, Y)N_1, \varphi N_1) = -\acute{g}([A_{N_1}, A_{\varphi N_1}]X, Y). \quad (25)$$

Substituting (22) into (25) we get  $g(R(X, Y)N_1, \varphi N_1) = 2\acute{g}(\varphi T_{N_1}^2 X, Y)$ . Taking  $X = \varphi Y$  in this equation, suppose  $\sigma, \hat{\sigma}$  are holomorphic 2-planes spanned by  $\{u, \varphi_x u\}$  and  $\{v, \varphi_x v\}$ , respectively, where  $u = (\frac{Y}{\|Y\|})_p$  and  $v = (\frac{N_1}{\|N_1\|})_p$ . From (12) it follows that  $T_{N_1}$  is self-adjoint. Hence from (24) we obtain

$$0 \geq \|Y\|^2 \|N_1\|^2 Riz(\sigma, \hat{\sigma}) = 2\|T_{N_1}\|_p^2,$$

that is a contradiction. ◀

For further use, we set  $\acute{B} = \iota^* B, \acute{\omega} = \iota^* \omega$  and  $\acute{B} = \acute{\nabla} \acute{\omega} - \frac{1}{2} \acute{\omega} \otimes \acute{\omega}$ , hence

$$B(X, Y) = \acute{B}(X, Y) - \omega(h(X, Y)),$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$ . Moreover

$$B(X, Y) = g(B(X, \cdot)^\sharp, Y),$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$ .

### 5. Anti-Invariant Submanifolds

A submanifold  $\acute{M}^m$  of a conformal Kenmotsu manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called an anti-invariant submanifold if  $\varphi T_p \acute{M} \subseteq T_p \acute{M}^\perp$  for any  $p \in \acute{M}$ . Then we have  $PX = 0$  and  $fN = 0$  for any  $X \in T\acute{M}$  and  $N \in T\acute{M}^\perp$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $\acute{M}^m$  be an anti-invariant submanifold of a conformal Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  tangent to  $\xi$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{\varphi Y}X &= -\varphi h(X, Y) + \frac{1}{2}\{\omega(\varphi Y)X + g(X, Y)(\varphi\omega^\sharp)^\top\}, & (26) \\
\acute{g}([A_{\varphi Z}, A_{\varphi W}]X, Y) &= g(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)) - g(h(X, Z), h(Y, W)) \\
&- \frac{1}{2}\{g(Y, Z)\omega(h(X, W)) + g(X, W)\omega(h(Y, Z)) \\
&- g(Y, W)\omega(h(X, Z)) - g(X, Z)\omega(h(Y, W)) \\
&+ \omega(\varphi Z)\Phi(Y, h(X, W)) + \omega(\varphi W)\Phi(X, h(Y, Z)) \\
&- \omega(\varphi W)\Phi(Y, h(X, Z)) - \omega(\varphi Z)\Phi(X, h(Y, W))\} \\
&- \frac{1}{4}\{\omega(\varphi W)\omega(\varphi X)g(Y, Z) + \omega(\varphi Z)\omega(\varphi Y)g(X, W) \\
&- \omega(\varphi Z)\omega(\varphi X)g(Y, W) - \omega(\varphi W)\omega(\varphi Y)g(X, Z) \\
&+ \|\omega^\sharp\|^\perp\|^2(g(X, Z)g(Y, W) - g(X, W)g(Y, Z))\}, & (27)
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $X, Y, Z, W \in T\acute{M}$ , where the fundamental 2-form  $\Phi$  is defined by  $\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y)$  for all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\acute{M}$  is anti-invariant, (26) results from (8). Now, substituting (26) into  $\acute{g}([A_{\varphi Z}, A_{\varphi W}]X, Y) = \acute{g}(A_{\varphi W}X, A_{\varphi Z}Y) - \acute{g}(A_{\varphi Z}X, A_{\varphi W}Y)$ , we get (27). ◀

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $\acute{M}^m$  be an anti-invariant submanifold of a conformal Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  tangent to  $\xi$ . Then  $\acute{M}$  has the flat normal curvature tensor if and only if*

$$\begin{aligned}
\acute{R}(X, Y)Z &= \eta(R(X, Y)Z)\xi - \frac{1}{2}\{\acute{B}(X, Z)Y + \acute{B}(Y, Z)X \\
&+ g(X, Z)\acute{B}(Y, \cdot)^\sharp - g(Y, Z)\acute{B}(X, \cdot)^\sharp - B(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi \\
&+ B(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi + B(X, \xi)g(Y, Z)\xi - B(Y, \xi)g(X, Z)\xi\} \\
&- \frac{1}{4}\|\omega^\sharp\|^\perp\|^2\{g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X\} + (\frac{1}{4}\|\omega^\sharp\|^\perp\|^2 - \exp(f))\{g(Y, Z)X \\
&- g(X, Z)Y + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi\}, & (28)
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $X, Y, Z \in T\acute{M}$ . ◀

*Proof.* Since  $(\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{\varphi})Y = -\tilde{g}(X, \tilde{\varphi}Y)\tilde{\xi} - \tilde{\eta}(Y)\tilde{\varphi}X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{R}(X, Y)\tilde{\varphi}Z &= \tilde{\varphi}\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z + \tilde{g}(Y, Z)\tilde{\varphi}X \\
&- \tilde{g}(X, Z)\tilde{\varphi}Y + \tilde{g}(X, \tilde{\varphi}Z)Y - \tilde{g}(Y, \tilde{\varphi}Z)X, & (29)
\end{aligned}$$



for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on a Kenmotsu manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\eta}, \tilde{g})$  [7]. Substituting (5) into (29), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)\varphi Z &= \varphi R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{2}\{B(X, \varphi Z)Y - B(Y, \varphi Z)X + B(Y, Z)\varphi X \\ &- B(X, Z)\varphi Y + B(Y, \cdot)^\sharp g(X, \varphi Z) - B(X, \cdot)^\sharp g(Y, \varphi Z) \\ &- \varphi B(Y, \cdot)^\sharp g(X, Z) + \varphi B(X, \cdot)^\sharp g(Y, Z)\} + \frac{1}{4}(\|\omega^\sharp\|^2 - \exp(f)) \\ &\{g(X, Z)\varphi Y - g(Y, Z)\varphi X + g(Y, \varphi Z)X - g(X, \varphi Z)Y\}, \end{aligned}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$ . Taking the inner product of the above equation with the vector field  $\varphi W$  and using the Ricci and Gauss equations, we get

$$\begin{aligned} g(\hat{R}^\perp(X, Y)\varphi Z, \varphi W) &- \acute{g}([A_{\varphi Z}, A_{\varphi W}]X, Y) \\ &= \acute{g}(\hat{R}(X, Y)Z, W) - \eta(R(X, Y)Z)\eta(W) \\ &- g(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)) + g(h(Y, W), h(X, Z)) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}\{B(X, Z)g(Y, W) - B(Y, Z)g(X, W) \\ &+ B(Y, W)g(X, Z) - B(X, W)g(Y, Z) \\ &- B(X, Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W) + B(Y, Z)\eta(X)\eta(W) \\ &+ B(X, \xi)g(Y, Z)\eta(W) - B(Y, \xi)g(X, Z)\eta(W)\} \\ &- \frac{1}{4}(\|\omega^\sharp\|^2 - \exp(f))\{g(X, W)g(Y, Z) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W) \\ &+ g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W) - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\eta(W)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W \in T\dot{M}$ . From (26), we have

$$\Phi(Y, h(X, Z)) = \Phi(Z, h(X, Y)) + \frac{1}{2}\{\omega(\varphi Z)g(X, Y) - \omega(\varphi Y)g(X, Z)\}, \quad (31)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z \in T\dot{M}$ . Putting (27) in (30) and using (31), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} -\varphi \hat{R}^\perp(X, Y)\varphi Z &= \acute{R}(X, Y)Z - \eta(R(X, Y)Z)\xi + \frac{1}{2}\{\acute{B}(X, Z)Y \\ &+ \acute{B}(Y, Z)X + g(X, Z)\acute{B}(Y, \cdot)^\sharp - g(Y, Z)\acute{B}(X, \cdot)^\sharp \\ &- B(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi + B(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi + B(X, \xi)g(Y, Z)\xi \\ &- B(Y, \xi)g(X, Z)\xi\} + \frac{1}{4}\|\omega^{\sharp\perp}\|^2\{g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X\} \\ &- (\frac{1}{4}\|\omega^\sharp\|^2 - \exp(f))\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi \\ &- g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi\}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $X, Y, Z \in T\dot{M}$ . Thus  $\hat{R}^\perp = 0$  if and only if (28) holds. ◀

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