

On the existence of η -Einstein contact metric structures

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Introduction

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- ♣ The so-called Goldberg conjecture asserts that any compact *almost* Kähler-Einstein manifold is necessarily Kähler-Einstein.
- ♣ This conjecture was established by in the particular case of Einstein metrics having nonnegative scalar curvature¹.
- ♣ Odd-dimensional analogues of almost Kähler and Kähler structures are K -contact and Sasakian structures, respectively.
- ♣ A formulation of an analogue of Goldberg conjecture for odd-dimensional manifolds is that any compact K -contact manifold M having an Einstein metric is necessarily Sasakian-Einstein see²

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- ♣ It is known that any K -contact structure on a closed manifold can be approximated by quasi-regular K -contact structures whose characteristic orbit spaces are symplectic orbifolds³.
- ♣ Boyer and Galicki adapt Sekigawa's proof to symplectic orbifolds and use it to prove a contact metric analogue of Goldberg conjecture⁴. They essentially prove that every compact K -contact-Einstein manifold is Sasakian-Einstein.

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- ♣ A naive extension of Goldberg's conjecture would state that every compact Einstein contact metric manifold is Sasakian-Einstein. However, such a statement is false in general since **Blair and Sharma**⁵ give a counter-example on the flat torus \mathbb{T}^3 by presenting a contact metric structure on \mathbb{T}^3 which is not K -contact (thus not Sasakian).
- ♣ Observe that this counter-example cannot be extended to higher dimension since no contact manifold of dimension ≥ 5 admits a flat contact metric structure⁶.

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- ♣ Motivated by Blair and Sharma counter-example, we attempt to find criteria for the non-existence of Sasakian-Einstein structures on compact contact metric manifolds.
- ♣ In this talk, we give results that are analogous to those obtained by **Banyaga and Massamba**⁷ in their work on the non-existence of Einstein metrics on some symplectic manifolds.
- ♣ First, from a Riemannian metric g_0 on a contact manifold (M, η) , we construct a contact metric g called η -compatible metric.
- ♣ Secondly, we find a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a transverse Einstein metric on a contact manifold (M, η) .
- ♣ Finally, we use this result to recover a result by **Boyer and Galicki** where they extended the Goldberg's conjecture to η -Einstein metrics on K -contact manifolds.

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Contact structures

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Definition

A contact manifold is a $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional smooth manifold M endowed with a 1-form η such that $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^n \neq 0$ everywhere in M .

- ♣ There exist a unique vector field ξ associated with η satisfying : $d\eta(\xi, X) = 0$ and $\eta(\xi) = 1$. Such a vector field ξ is called the Reeb vector field of (M, η) .
- ♣ By the characteristic foliation of (M, η) , we mean the 1-dimensional foliation \mathcal{F}_ξ generated by ξ .

Quasi-regular contact form

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Definition

η is called *quasi-regular* if there is a positive integer k such that each point $x \in M$ admits a coordinate chart $(U, x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n, t)$ such that each leaf of \mathcal{F}_ξ passes through U at most k times.

When $k = 1$, η is simply called *regular*. We say that η is *irregular* if it is not *quasi-regular*.

Contact metric structure

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Definition

A *contact metric structure* on M is defined by a contact form η with its Reeb vector field, a Riemannian metric g and a $(1,1)$ -tensor field ϕ such that :

$$\phi^2 X + X = \eta(X)\xi, \quad (1)$$

$$d\eta(X, Y) = 2g(X, \phi Y), \quad (2)$$

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad (3)$$

for all vector fields X, Y on M , where $d\eta(X, Y) = X\eta(Y) - Y\eta(X) - \eta([X, Y])$.

Notice that identity (1) implies that $\phi\xi = 0$ and $\eta \circ \phi = 0$.

We say that (M, η, ξ, g, ϕ) is *K-contact manifold* if the Reeb field ξ is Killing, i.e. $L_\xi g = 0$.

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Proposition (Boyer-Galicki)

Let (M, η) be a compact quasi-regular contact manifold. Then there exists a Riemannian metric g and a $(1, 1)$ -tensor field ϕ such that (M, η, ξ, g, ϕ) is K -contact manifold.

- ♣ A *Sasakian* manifold is a K -contact manifold (M, η, ξ, g, ϕ) satisfying :

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X, \quad (4)$$

for arbitrary vector fields X and Y on M , where ∇ denotes the Levi-Civita connection of the metric g .

- ♣ In dimension 3, K -contact structures are the same as Sasakian ones but, in dimensions $d \geq 5$, K -contact structures can be viewed as bridges between contact metric and Sasakian structures.

η -Einstein contact metric

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Definition

A contact metric manifold (M, η, ξ, ϕ, g) is called η -Einstein if its Ricci tensor Ric_g can be written as :

$$Ric_g(X, Y) = \alpha g(X, Y) + \beta \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad (5)$$

for some real numbers α and β . When $\beta = 0$, g is simply called an Einstein metric.

Construction of contact metric structures

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- ♣ Starting from an arbitrary metric g_0 a contact manifold (M, η) , one can construct a contact metric g , i.e. g satisfies the conditions (1)–(3).
- ♣ Let (M, η) be a contact manifold with its Reeb vector field ξ and set $D = \text{Ker}(\eta)$. Pick a Riemannian metric g_0 such that $g_0(\xi, X) = \eta(X)$, for all vector fields X on M . Notice that $g_0(\xi, \cdot) = \eta$ is the only requirement on the metric g_0 .
- ♣ Since $d\eta$ is nondegenerate on D , we can define a (1,1) tensor field $A : D \rightarrow D$ by setting :

$$d\eta(X, Y) = 2g_0(X, AY), \quad (6)$$

for all smooth sections X, Y of D .

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By construction A is skew-symmetric, that is $A^* = -A$ with A^* being the adjoint of A with respect to g_0 . Moreover, A^*A is symmetric and positive definite :

$$g_0(X, A^*AX) = g_0(AX, AX) > 0, \quad (7)$$

for any nonzero section X of D .

♣ We set

$$B := \sqrt{A^*A}, \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = B^{-1}A : D \rightarrow D.$$

On the one hand, B commutes with both A and A^* . On the other hand, ϕ is an isometry with respect to g_0 (by definition).

Moreover $\phi^*\phi = I$ since

$$\phi^* = A^*(B^{-1})^* = -AB^{-1} = -B^{-1}A = -\phi.$$

So we have $\phi^2 = -Id$ on D .

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Next, we extend ϕ and B on TM by setting $\phi(\xi) = 0$ and $B\xi = 0$. Then, we obtain :

$$\phi^2 X = \phi^2(X - \eta(X)\xi + \eta(X)\xi) = \phi^2(X - \eta(X)\xi) = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad (8)$$

for all $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$.

We also get $\eta \circ B = 0$. Finally, define the metric g by setting :

$$g(X, Y) := g_0(X, BY) + \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad (9)$$

$\forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$.

In particular, for $X = \xi$ we get

$$g(\xi, Y) = \eta(BY) + \eta(Y) = \eta(Y),$$

for all $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$. Thus $g(\xi, \cdot) = \eta$.

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Proposition (2)

Under the above notations, (η, ξ, g, ϕ) is a contact metric structure on M .

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Démonstration.

First of all, since $g(\xi, X) = \eta(X)$ for all $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ we get :

$$2g(\xi, \phi X) = 2\eta(\phi X) = 0 = d\eta(\xi, X). \quad (10)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} 2g(X, \phi Y) &= 2g((X - \eta(X)\xi + \eta(X)\xi, \phi Y) \\ &= 2g(X - \eta(X)\xi, \phi Y) \end{aligned}$$

for all $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$. We deduce :

$$\begin{aligned} 2g(X, \phi Y) &= 2g_0((X - \eta(X)\xi, B\phi Y) \\ &= 2g_0(X - \eta(X)\xi, AY) \\ &= d\eta(X - \eta(X)\xi, Y) \\ &= d\eta(X, Y), \end{aligned}$$

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Démonstration.

for all $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$. Hence (2) is satisfied. Moreover, for all $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$, we have :

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g_0(\phi X, B\phi Y) = g_0(\phi^2 X, \phi B\phi Y)$$

since ϕ is an isometry with respect to g_0 .

Furthermore,

$$\phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad \eta \circ \phi = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \phi B\phi Y = \phi^2 BY = -BY,$$

it follows

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g_0(X, BY) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

This completes the proof. □

Construction of contact metric structures

- Given a metric g_0 on a contact manifold (M, η) , we call g_0^T , its associated transverse metric, that is, the restriction of g_0 to $D = \ker \eta$.
- Using the Levi Civita connection ∇^0 of g_0 , we define a connection $(\nabla^0)^T$ on D as follows :

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla^0)^T_X Y &= \nabla^0_X Y - \eta(\nabla^0_X Y)\xi, \quad \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(D) \\ (\nabla^0)^T_\xi Y &= [\xi, Y] - \eta([\xi, Y])\xi, \quad \forall Y \in \Gamma(D) \end{aligned}$$

- The connection $(\nabla^0)^T$ is called the *transverse connection* associated with g_0 . Define its *transverse curvature tensor* $(R^0)^T$ as follows :

$$(R^0)^T(X, Y)Z = (\nabla^0)^T_X \circ (\nabla^0)^T_Y Z - (\nabla^0)^T_Y \circ (\nabla^0)^T_X Z - (\nabla^0)^T_{[X, Y]} Z,$$

for all $Z \in \Gamma(D)$.

Examples

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In our second example, we take the 3-dimensional Lie group Sol_3 , that is, the space \mathbb{R}^3 with coordinates (x, y, z) and the group multiplication :

$$(x, y, z) \cdot (a, b, c) = (x + e^{-z}a, y + e^z b, z + c).$$

It can also be viewed as the closed subgroup of $\text{GL}(3, \mathbb{R})$ consisting of matrices of the form :

$$\begin{pmatrix} e^{-z} & 0 & x \\ 0 & e^z & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Consider the metric of Sol_3 defined by :

$$g_0 = e^{2z} dx^2 + e^{-2z} dy^2 + dz^2. \quad (11)$$

Examples

The following left invariant vector fields form an orthonormal basis with respect to g_0 .

$$e_1 = e^{-z} \partial_x, \quad e_2 = e^z \partial_y, \quad e_3 = \partial_z.$$

Define the skew symmetric operator A by setting :

$$g_0(X, AY) = \frac{1}{2} d\eta(X, Y)$$

where η is the left invariant contact form on Sol_3 defined by :

$$\eta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (e^z dx + e^{-z} dy). \quad (12)$$

We obtain that

$$A = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Examples

By using $B = \sqrt{A^t A}$ in our construction we get

$$B = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

in the basis $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$. We have $\ker \eta = \text{Vect}\{e_3, e_1 - e_2\}$ and the Reeb field is given by :

$$\xi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (e^{-z} \partial_x + e^z \partial_y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (e_1 + e_2). \quad (14)$$

Examples

From the relation :

$$g(X, Y) = g_0(X, BY) + \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

for all $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(Sol_3)$, it follows

$$g(e_3, e_3) = g_0(e_3, Be_3) = \sqrt{2}.$$

By similar computations, we get :

$$g(e_1, e_1) = g(e_2, e_2) = \frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{2}}, \quad g(e_1, e_2) = g(e_2, e_1) = \frac{-2 + \sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{2}},$$

$$g(e_1, e_3) = g(e_3, e_1) = g(e_2, e_3) = g(e_3, e_2) = 0.$$

Then the metric g is given by the matrix

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-2+\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{-2+\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (15)$$

Examples

The almost complex structure ϕ on $\text{Ker}(\eta)$, which is extended on $\mathfrak{X}(\text{Sol}_3)$, is defined by :

$$\phi(e_1) = -e_3, \quad \phi(e_2) = e_3, \quad 2\phi(e_3) = e_2 - e_1.$$

Proposition 6 ensures that (η, ξ, g, ϕ) is a contact metric structure on Sol_3 .

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Proposition (3)

Let g_0 be a Riemannian metric on a contact manifold (M, η) with $g_0(\xi, \cdot) = \eta$. Let B be its $(1, 1)$ -tensor field defined as above and let g the η -compatible metric derived from g_0 , i.e.

$$g(X, Y) := g_0(X, BY) + \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

$\forall X$ and Y . Denote by ∇^0 and ∇ the Levi Civita connections of g_0 and g , respectively and R^0, R the curvature tensors of g_0, g , respectively. If $\nabla^0 B = 0$ then we have

$$\nabla_X^T Y = (\nabla^0)_X^T Y, \quad (16)$$

$$B(R^T(X, Y)Z) = (R^0)^T(X, Y)BZ \quad (17)$$

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To prove Relation (16), it is enough to show that :

$$g(\nabla_X^T Y, Z) = g((\nabla^0)_X^T Y, Z) \quad (18)$$

for all $X, Y \in \Gamma(D)$ and for all $Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$.

Since every $V \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ can be written as $V = \eta(V)\xi + Z$ and $Z \in \Gamma(D)$. We will distinguish two cases :

♣ We assume $V = \xi$.

$$g((\nabla^0)_X^T Y, \xi) = \eta((\nabla^0)_X Y) - \eta((\nabla^0)_X Y) = 0. \quad (19)$$

and we show that

$$g(\nabla_X^T Y, \xi) = g((\nabla^0)_X Y, \xi) = 0. \quad (20)$$

♣ Now we assume $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(D)$. Notice that, in this case,

$$g(\nabla_X^T Y, Z) = g((\nabla^0)_X^T Y, Z) \iff g(\nabla_X Y, Z) = g_0(B\nabla_X^0 Y, Z). \quad (21)$$

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We only have to show that

$$g(\nabla_X Y, Z) = g_0(B\nabla_X^0 Y, Z). \quad (22)$$

To do so, we start by writing a Koszul type formula for both g_0 and g , and we subtract $2g(\nabla_X Y, Z)$ from $2g(\nabla_X^0 Y, Z)$ with the use of the hypothesis $\nabla^0 B = 0$ we get the result.

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For the second relation we obtain :

$$\begin{aligned} B(R^T(X, Y)Z) &= B(\nabla_X^T \circ \nabla_Y^T Z - \nabla_Y^T \circ \nabla_X^T Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]}^T Z) \\ &= B((\nabla^0)_X^T \circ (\nabla^0)_Y^T Z) - B((\nabla^0)_Y^T \circ (\nabla^0)_X^T Z) - B((\nabla^0)_{[X, Y]}^T Z). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\nabla^0 B = 0$, Equation $(\nabla_X^0 B Y = B \nabla_X^0 Y + (\nabla_X^0 B) Y = B \nabla_X^0 Y)$ implies,

$$\begin{aligned} B(R^T(X, Y)Z) &= (\nabla^0)_X^T \circ (\nabla^0)_Y^T BZ - (\nabla^0)_Y^T \circ (\nabla^0)_X^T BZ - (\nabla^0)_{[X, Y]}^T BZ \\ &= (R^0)^T(X, Y)BZ. \end{aligned}$$

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Proposition (4)

Let g_0 be a Riemannian metric on a contact manifold (M, η) such that $g_0(\xi, \cdot) = \eta$, where ξ is the Reeb field. Let (η, ξ, g, ϕ) be the associated contact metric defined as in Proposition 2, i.e.,

$$g(X, Y) := g_0(X, BY) + \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

for all vector fields X and Y on M . Assume $(\nabla^0)^T B = 0$ and there is a smooth function α such that $\text{Ric}_{g_0^T} = \alpha g_0^T$ then $\text{Ric}_{g^T} = \alpha g^T$.
If in addition (η, ξ, g, ϕ) is K -contact then g is η -Einstein.

Where $\text{Ric}_{g_0^T}$ be the Ricci curvature of the transverse metric associated with g_0 .

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Proof :

For each $x \in M$, there is a coordinate neighborhood U around x and a local orthonormal basis $(e_1, \dots, e_{2n}, \xi)_x$ of $T_x M$ with respect to both g and g_0 .

$$\begin{aligned}
 Ric_{g^T}(X, Y) &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^{2n} g^T(R^T(e_i, X)Y, e_i) \right) \\
 &= \left(\sum_{j=1}^{2n} g_0^T(BR^T(e_j, X)Y, e_j) \right) \\
 &= \left(\sum_{j=1}^{2n} g_0^T((R^0)^T(e_j, X)BY, e_j) \right) \\
 &= Ric_{g_0^T}(X, BY),
 \end{aligned}$$

for any X, Y vector fields tangent to D .

So using the assumption we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Ric}_{g^\tau}(X, Y) &= \operatorname{Ric}_{g_0^\tau}(X, BY) \\ &= \alpha g_0^\tau(X, BY) \\ &= \alpha g^\tau(X, Y), \end{aligned}$$

for all $X, Y \in \Gamma(D)$.

Now, assume (η, ξ, g, ϕ) is K -contact then, by a result of **Boyer-Galicki**⁸ (see Theorem 7.3.12), the Ricci curvature Ric_g of g satisfies :

$$\operatorname{Ric}_g(X, Y) = \operatorname{Ric}_{g^\tau}(X, Y) - 2g(X, Y) \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Ric}_g(Z, \xi) = 2m\eta(Z), \quad (23)$$

for all $X, Y \in \Gamma(D)$ and for all $Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$.

Relations (23) imply that g is η -Einstein if and only if g^τ is Einstein.

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Theorem (1)

Consider a contact manifold (M, η) . The existence of a contact metric structure g on (M, η) whose associated transverse metric g^T is Einstein is equivalent to the existence of a Riemannian metric g_0 such that $\text{Ric}_{g_0^T} = \alpha g_0^T$ for some constant α and

$$(\nabla^0)^T B(g_0) = 0 \quad (24)$$

where ∇^0 is the Levi Civita connection of g_0 .

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Proof :

Suppose (η, ξ, g, ϕ) is a contact metric structure on M , where g^T satisfies $\text{Ric}_{g^T} = \alpha g^T$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then we can take $g = g_0$, i.e. g coincides with the metric g_0 derived from it.

In this case, A would be the identity operator \mathbb{I} on D and $B(g_0) = \mathbb{I} - \eta \otimes \xi$ so that $B\xi = \xi - \xi = 0$.

Then

$$(\nabla^0)^T B = 0, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad B\left((\nabla^0)_X^T Y\right) = (\nabla^0)_X^T B Y,$$

for all $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$, $Y \in \Gamma(D)$. Indeed, $(\nabla^0)_X^T Y \in \Gamma(D)$ and since $B(g_0) = \mathbb{I}$ on $\Gamma(D)$,

we get

$$B\left((\nabla^0)_X^T Y\right) = (\nabla^0)_X^T Y \quad \text{and} \quad (\nabla^0)_X^T B Y = (\nabla^0)_X^T Y.$$

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Conversely, assume that (M, η) is a contact manifold that admits a metric g_0 satisfying Equation (24) and $\text{Ric}_{g_0^T} = \alpha g_0^T$, for some constant α then the associated quadruple (η, ξ, g, ϕ) described by Proposition 2 defines a contact metric structure on M .

As in the proof of Proposition 4, we see that the derived metric g satisfies $\text{Ric}_{g^T} = \alpha g^T$.

Application to Goldberg's conjecture

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In **Boyer-Galicki**⁹, Boyer and Galicki extend the study of an odd-dimensional analogue of Goldberg's conjecture in the more general framework of η -Einstein metrics. They prove the following result :

Theorem (Boyer-Galicki)

If (M, η, g) be a compact K -contact manifold, where g is η -Einstein with $\alpha > -2$ then (M, η, g) is Sasakian. Moreover, if we take $g' = \lambda g + \lambda(\lambda - 1)\eta \otimes \eta$, where $\lambda = \frac{\alpha+2}{2n+2}$ then (M, η, g') is Sasakian-Einstein.

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Before stating our next result, we recall the structure theorem for K -contact manifolds

Theorem (Boyer-Galicki book)

Let (M, η, ξ, g, ϕ) be a compact quasi-regular K -contact manifold. Then the following properties hold :

- 1 The leaf space $\mathcal{Z} := M/\mathcal{F}_\xi$ is an almost Kähler orbifold whose induced almost Kähler metric will be denoted by h
- 2 (M, η, ξ, g, ϕ) is Sasakian if and only if (\mathcal{Z}, ω, h) is Kähler.
- 3 The metric g is η -Einstein if and only if h is Einstein.

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Now, we will give another proof of Boyer and Galicki's result where the K -contact assumption is replaced by a condition of quasi-regularity. We have :

Theorem (2)

Let (M, η) be a compact quasi-regular contact manifold of dimension $2n + 1 > 3$. If (M, η) admits an η -Einstein metric \tilde{g} with $\alpha > -2$ then M is Sasakian.

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For the proof

- ♣ Consider a compact quasi-regular contact manifold (M, η) of dimension $2n + 1 > 3$ that admits an η -Einstein metric \tilde{g} with $\alpha > -2$.
- ♣ Then Proposition 1 ensures that there is a compatible K -contact structure (M, η, ξ, g) .
- ♣ Apply the previous Theorem to obtain its associated compact almost Kähler orbifold (\mathcal{Z}, ω, h) .
- ♣ We know that any η -Einstein metric \tilde{g} on (M, η) satisfying $\alpha > -2$ induces an Einstein metric \tilde{h} on \mathcal{Z} whose Ricci curvature $\text{Ric}_{\tilde{h}}$ is positive.

- ♣ Now assume there is no Sasakian structure on M or equivalently (\mathcal{Z}, ω) has no Kähler structure.
- ♣ Since the proof of Theorem 5.4 in **Banyaga-Massamba**¹⁰ uses only local connection computations, it can be carried over to the orbifold case.
- ♣ We deduce that there is no Einstein \tilde{h} on (\mathcal{Z}, ω) with $\text{Ric}_{\tilde{h}} > 0$.
- ♣ This contradicts our assumption that (M, η) admits an η -Einstein metric \tilde{g} such that $\alpha > -2$ because, in this case, the transverse metric \tilde{g}^T is Einstein and the almost Kähler orbifold (\mathcal{Z}, \tilde{h}) (with $\pi^*\tilde{h} = \tilde{g}$) is Kähler (where $\pi : (M, g) \rightarrow (\mathcal{Z}, h)$ is the canonical projection map). So M must be Sasakian.

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Merci pour votre attention !!!