

## A NOTE ON F-SECTIONAL CURVATURES OF S-MANIFOLDS

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This paper presents some characterizations of S-manifolds whose invariant f-sectional curvature is constant. The antiinvariant f-sectional curvature, the axiom of invariant f-planes and the axiom of antiinvariant f-planes are used in order to get the results.

0.- INTRODUCTION. For manifolds with an f-structure, David E. Blair (Blair, [1]) has introduced the analogue of Kaehler structure in the almost complex case and of quasi-Sasakian structure in the almost contact case, thus defining S-manifolds. He has also proved that the invariant f-sectional curvature determines the curvature of an S-manifold completely.

In this paper, we shall present some characterizations of S-manifolds whose invariant f-sectional curvature is constant. In section 1, we shall give a brief summary of basic formulas on S-manifolds. In section 2, we shall use the antiinvariant f-sectional curvature to characterize S-manifolds with constant invariant f-sectional curvature. In the last section, we shall prove that if an S-manifold satisfies the axiom of invariant f-planes, then it is of constant invariant f-sectional curvature. The same result is obtained, under certain restrictions on the dimension of the S-manifold, using the axiom of antiinvariant f-planes.



1.- PRELIMINARIES. Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be an S-manifold of dimension  $2n+s$ , with structure tensors  $(f, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_s, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_s, g)$ . Let  $T(M)$  be the Lie Algebra of vector fields in  $M^{2n+s}$ . Then, the structure tensors satisfy the following equations (Blair, [1]):

$$(1.1) \quad \eta_\alpha(\xi_\beta) = \delta_{\alpha\beta}; \quad f\xi_\alpha = 0; \quad \eta_\alpha(fX) = 0;$$

$$f^2 = -I + \sum_{\alpha} \xi_\alpha \otimes \eta_\alpha;$$

$$g(X, Y) = g(fX, fY) + \phi(X, Y), \quad X, Y \in T(M), \quad \alpha, \beta \in \{1, \dots, s\},$$

where  $\phi(X, Y) = \sum_{\alpha} \eta_\alpha(X) \eta_\alpha(Y)$ . Thus, the tensor  $f$  is an  $f$ -structure (Yano, [7]) of rank  $2n$  and the metric  $g$  is compatible with  $f$ . Moreover,  $f$  is normal and so:

$$(1.2) \quad [f, f] + 2 \sum_{\alpha} \xi_\alpha \otimes d\eta_\alpha = 0$$

where  $[f, f]$  is the Nijenhuis torsion of  $f$ . The covariant differentiation  $\nabla$  of  $M^{2n+s}$  satisfies (Blair, [1]), if  $X, Y \in T(M)$ ,  $\alpha \in \{1, \dots, s\}$ :

$$(1.3) \quad \nabla_X \xi_\alpha = -fX.$$

$$(1.4) \quad (\nabla_X f)Y = \sum_{\alpha} [g(fX, fY) \xi_\alpha + \eta_\alpha(Y) f^2 X].$$

Furthermore, on an S-manifold we have  $F = d\eta_\alpha, \alpha = 1, \dots, s$ , where  $F$  is the fundamental 2-form defined by  $F(X, Y) = g(X, fY)$ ,  $X, Y \in T(M)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  denote the distribution determined by  $-f^2$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  the complement distribution.  $\mathcal{M}$  is determined by  $f^2 + I$  and spanned by  $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_s\}$ . If  $X \in \mathcal{L}$ , then  $\eta_\alpha(X) = 0$  for any  $\alpha$  and if  $X \in \mathcal{M}$ , then  $fX = 0$ .

Examples of S-manifolds are given in (Blair, [1]), (Blair, [2]), (Blair, Ludden and Yano, [3]). Thus, the bundle space of a principal toroidal bundle over a Kaehler manifold with certain conditions is an S-manifold. In this way, a generalization of the Hopf Fibration  $\pi': S^{2n+1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}\mathbb{C}^n$  is introduced as a canonical example of an S-manifold (playing the role of complex space in Kaehler geometry and the odd-dimensional sphere in Sasakian geometry) as follows:

Let  $\Delta$  denote the diagonal map. We define a principal toroidal bundle over  $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{C}^n$  by the following diagram:



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H^{2n+s} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\Delta}} & S^{2n+1} \times \dots \times S^{2n+1} \\
 \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \pi' \times \dots \times \pi' \\
 \mathbb{P}\mathbb{C}^n & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & \mathbb{P}\mathbb{C}^n \times \dots \times \mathbb{P}\mathbb{C}^n
 \end{array}$$

that is:

$$H^{2n+s} = \{ (p_1, \dots, p_s) \in S^{2n+1} \times \dots \times S^{2n+1} / \pi'(p_1) = \dots = \pi'(p_s) \}.$$

By virtue of Theorem 3.1 in (Blair, [1]),  $H^{2n+s}$  is an S-manifold.

For later use, we recall the following (Blair, [1]):

1.1.- Lemma. On an S-manifold  $M^{2n+s}$ :

$$(1.5) \quad R(X, Y, fX, fY) = R(X, Y, X, Y) + sP(X, Y, X, fY);$$

$$(1.6) \quad R(X, fY, fX, Y) = -R(X, fY, X, fY) - sP(X, Y, X, fY);$$

$$(1.7) \quad R(X, fY, fZ, W) = R(X, Y, Z, W),$$

for any  $X, Y, Z, W \in \mathcal{L}$ , where:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X, Y, Z, W) = & F(Y, Z)g(X, W) - F(X, Z)g(Y, W) - \\
 & -F(Y, W)g(X, Z) + F(X, W)g(Y, Z).
 \end{aligned}$$

2.- INVARIANT AND ANTIINVARIANT f-SECTIONAL CURVATURES OF AN S-MANIFOLD. Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be an S-manifold. By a plane section we mean a 2-dimensional lineal subspace of a tangent space. A plane section  $\pi$  is called an invariant f-section (resp. an antiinvariant f-section) if  $f\pi = \pi$  (resp. if  $f\pi$  is perpendicular to  $\pi$ ). The sectional curvature for an invariant (resp. antiinvariant) f-section is called an invariant (resp. antiinvariant) f-sectional curvature.

An invariant f-section is determined by a unit vector  $X \in \mathcal{L}(p)$ ,  $p \in M^{2n+s}$  such that  $\{X, fX\}$  is an orthonormal pair spanning the section. On the other hand, it is easy to show that orthonormal vectors  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}(p)$ ,  $p \in M^{2n+s}$ , span an antiinvariant f-section if and only if  $X, Y$  and  $fX$  are orthonormal.

We denote by  $K(X, Y)$  the sectional curvature of  $M^{2n+s}$  determined by orthonormal vectors  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}(p)$ ,  $p \in M^{2n+s}$  and by  $H(X)$  the invariant f-sectional curvature of an invariant f-section spanned by  $\{X, fX\}$ , that is,  $H(X) = K(X, fX)$ .

The fact that the invariant f-sectional curvature determines the curvature of an S-manifold completely is well known, (Blair, [1]). Moreover, in (Kobayashi and Tsuchiya, [5]) it is



proved that if an S-manifold has constant invariant f-sectional curvature  $k$ , then its curvature tensor has the form:

$$(2.1) \quad R(X, Y, Z, W) = \sum_{\alpha\beta} [g(fX, fW)\eta_\alpha(Y)\eta_\beta(Z) - g(fX, fZ)\eta_\alpha(Y)\eta_\beta(W) + g(fY, fZ)\eta_\alpha(X)\eta_\beta(W) - g(fY, fW)\eta_\alpha(X)\eta_\beta(Z)] + \frac{1}{4}(k+3s)[g(X, W)g(fY, fZ) - g(X, Z)g(fY, fW) + g(fY, fW)\phi(X, Z) - g(fY, fZ)\phi(X, W)] + \frac{1}{4}(k-s)[F(X, W)F(Y, Z) - F(X, Z)F(Y, W) - 2F(X, Y)F(Z, W)], \quad X, Y, Z, W \in T(M).$$

Now, we can prove:

2.1.- Theorem. Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be an S-manifold with  $n \geq 2$ . If the invariant f-sectional curvature at any point is independent of the choice of the invariant f-section at the point, then it is constant on the manifold and the curvature tensor is given by formula (2.1), where  $k$  is the constant invariant f-sectional curvature.

Proof: By virtue of Theorem 2.6 in (Blair, [1]), it is easy to see that the curvature tensor has the form of (2.1), with  $k$  a function on the manifold. Then, the Ricci tensor  $S$  and the scalar curvature  $\rho$  of  $M^{2n+s}$  are given by:

$$(2.2) \quad S(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2}(n(k+3s) + k-s)g(fX, fY) + 2n \sum_{\alpha\beta} \eta_\alpha(X)\eta_\beta(Y), \quad X, Y \in T(M).$$

$$(2.3) \quad \rho = \frac{1}{2}(n(2n+1)(k+3s) + n(k-s)).$$

Now, from the second Bianchi identity:

$$2\nabla_a S_j^a - \nabla_j \rho = 0,$$

where  $S_j^a$  are the components of the Ricci tensor of type (1,1).

Making use of (2.2) and (2.3), we have:

$$(n+1)(n-1)\nabla_j k + (n+1) \sum_{\alpha} \eta_\alpha^j \xi_\alpha^a \nabla_a k = 0,$$

that is:

$$(n-1)dk + \sum (\xi_\alpha^j k) \eta_\alpha = 0.$$

Applying this to  $\xi_\beta$ ,  $\beta = 1, \dots, s$ , we get:

$$(n-1)(dk)\xi_\beta + \xi_\beta k = 0$$

and so,  $\xi_\beta k = 0$ ,  $\beta = 1, \dots, s$ . Then,  $dk = 0$ , for  $n \neq 1$  and the proof is complete.

As an example, it is well known (Blair, [1]), (Blair, [2]) and (Blair, Ludden and Yano, [3]) that  $H^{2n+s}$  has constant invariant f-sectional curvature  $1 - 3s/4$ . In general, if  $M^{2n+s}$



is the bundle space of a principal toroidal bundle over a Kaehler manifold of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $K$ , which is an  $S$ -manifold, then  $M^{2n+s}$  has constant invariant  $f$ -sectional curvature  $K - 3s/4$ .

With regard to the antiinvariant  $f$ -sectional curvature of an  $S$ -manifold, we have:

2.2.- Proposition. Let  $M^{2n+s}(k)$  be an  $S$ -manifold of constant invariant  $f$ -sectional curvature  $k$ . Then,  $M^{2n+s}(k)$  has constant antiinvariant  $f$ -sectional curvature equal to  $\frac{1}{4}(k+3s)$ .

Proof: By virtue of (2.1), if  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}$  span an antiinvariant  $f$ -section, then we have:

$$K(X, Y) = R(X, Y, Y, X) = \frac{1}{4}(k+3s)$$

as desired.

Now, we want to prove the converse. We need the following:

2.3.- Lemma. Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be an  $S$ -manifold. If  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}$  are orthonormal vectors, then:

$$(2.4) \quad K(X, Y) = K(fX, fY);$$

$$(2.5) \quad K(X, fY) = K(fX, Y).$$

Moreover, if  $X, Y$  span an antiinvariant  $f$ -section, then:

$$(2.6) \quad R(X, fX, fY, Y) = K(X, Y) + K(X, fY) - 2s.$$

Proof: (2.4) and (2.5) follow from (1.7). Now, if  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}$  span an antiinvariant  $f$ -section, from the first Bianchi identity, we get:

$$(2.7) \quad R(X, fX, fY, Y) = -R(X, Y, fX, fY) + R(X, fY, fX, Y)$$

and making use of (1.6), since  $g(X, fY) = 0 = g(Y, fX) = g(X, fX) = g(Y, fY)$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y, fX, fY) &= R(fX, fY, X, Y) = -R(X, Y, Y, X) + s = \\ &= -K(X, Y) + s \end{aligned}$$

and

$$R(X, fY, fX, Y) = -R(X, fY, X, fY) - s = K(X, fY) - s.$$

Then, replacing these into (2.7), we obtain the result.

2.4.- Theorem. Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be an  $S$ -manifold with  $n > 3$ . If  $M^{2n+s}$  has constant antiinvariant  $f$ -sectional curvature  $c$ , then  $M^{2n+s}$  has constant invariant  $f$ -sectional curvature equal to  $4c - 3s$ .

Proof: Let  $X, Y$  be orthonormal vectors fields which span an antiinvariant  $f$ -section. Then,  $(X+Y)/\sqrt{2}$  and  $(fX-fY)/\sqrt{2}$  span an antiinvariant  $f$ -section too. Then, making use of Lemma 1.1



and Lemma 2.3, we get:

$$c = \frac{1}{4}K(X+Y, fX-fY) = \frac{1}{4}R(X+Y, fX-fY, fX-fY, X+Y) = \\ = \frac{1}{4}[H(X) + H(Y) - 2K(X, Y) - 2K(X, fY) + 6s].$$

Since  $K(X, Y) = k(X, fY) = c$ , we obtain:

$$H(X) + H(Y) = 8c - 6s.$$

Now, let  $p$  be an arbitrary point of  $M^{2n+s}$  and let  $X, Y$  be unit vectors in  $\mathcal{L}(p)$ . Since  $n \geq 3$ , we can choose a unit vector  $Z \in \mathcal{L}(p)$  orthogonal to the plane sections spanned by  $\{X, fX\}$  and  $\{Y, fY\}$ . It is easy to show that the plane sections spanned by  $\{X, Z\}$  and  $\{Y, Z\}$  are antiinvariant  $f$ -sections. Then we know that  $H(X) + H(Z) = 8c - 6s = H(Y) + H(Z)$ . Thus,  $H(X) = H(Y)$ . Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are arbitrary vectors, the invariant  $f$ -sectional curvature does not depend on the choice of the invariant  $f$ -section at  $p$ . But  $p$  is an arbitrary point of  $M^{2n+s}$  too. Now, from Theorem 2.1,  $M^{2n+s}$  is of constant invariant  $f$ -sectional curvature equal to  $4c - 3s$ , by virtue of (2.8).

These results should be compared with the corresponding results for Kaehler manifolds ( $s = 0$ ), (Chen and Ogiue, [4]).

3.- THE AXIOM OF INVARIANT (ANTIINVARIANT)  $f$ -PLANES. An  $S$ -manifold  $M^{2n+s}$  is said to satisfy the axiom of invariant (resp. antiinvariant)  $f$ -planes if for each  $p \in M^{2n+s}$  and each invariant (resp. antiinvariant)  $f$ -section  $\pi$  at  $p$ , there exists a 2-dimensional totally geodesic submanifold  $N$  of  $M^{2n+s}$  such that  $p \in N$  and  $T_p(N) = \pi$ .

3.1.- Theorem. Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be an  $S$ -manifold. Then,  $M^{2n+s}$  satisfies the axiom of invariant  $f$ -planes if and only if  $M^{2n+s}$  is of constant invariant  $f$ -sectional curvature.

The proof is a very lengthy computation, but similar to that given by Ogiue (Ogiue, [6]), for Sasakian manifolds. Now, we shall prove:

3.2.- Theorem. Let  $M^{2n+s}$  be an  $S$ -manifold with  $n \geq 3$  such that  $M^{2n+s}$  satisfies the axiom of antiinvariant  $f$ -planes. Then,  $M^{2n+s}$  is of constant invariant  $f$ -sectional curvature.

Proof: Let  $p$  be an arbitrary point of  $M^{2n+s}$  and let  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}(p)$  be orthonormal vectors spanning an antiinvariant  $f$ -section  $\pi$ . Let  $N$  be a 2-dimensional totally geodesic submanifold of  $M^{2n+s}$  such that  $p \in N$  and  $T_p(N) = \pi$ . Since  $\pi$  is an antiinvariant  $f$ -section,  $fX$  is normal to  $N$ . Then, from



Weingarten's formula, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y, fX, X) &= g(\nabla_X \nabla_Y fX, X) - g(\nabla_Y \nabla_X fX, X) - \\ &- g(\nabla_{[X, Y]} fX, X) = g(\nabla_X D_Y fX, X) - g(\nabla_Y D_X fX, X) = \\ &= g(D_X D_Y fX, X) - g(D_Y D_X fX, X) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that  $N$  is totally geodesic and so,  $A_V = 0$ , for any vector field  $V$  normal to  $N$ .

Now, since  $X$  and  $Y$  span an antiinvariant  $f$ -section at  $p$ , then  $X+Y$  and  $fX-fY$  span an antiinvariant  $f$ -section too. Then:

$$R(X+Y, fX-fY, fX+fY, X+Y) = 0.$$

Using Lemma 1.1 and Lemma 2.3, a direct expansion gives:

$$(3.1) \quad H(X) = H(Y).$$

Now, let  $X$  and  $Y$  be unit arbitrary vectors in  $\mathcal{L}(p)$ . If the section  $\{X, Y\}$  is an invariant  $f$ -section, then  $H(X) = H(Y)$ . If it is not an invariant  $f$ -section, since  $n \geq 3$ , we can choose a unit vector  $Z$  in  $\mathcal{L}(p)$ , orthogonal to the sections  $\{X, fX\}$  and  $\{Y, fY\}$ . Then, from (3.1),  $H(X) = H(Z) = H(Y)$ . Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are arbitrary vectors, the invariant  $f$ -sectional curvature does not depend on the choice of the invariant  $f$ -section at  $p$ . But  $p$  is arbitrary too. So, from Theorem 2.1, we complete the proof.

This result should be compared with that in the case of  $s = 0$ , (Chen and Ogiue, [4]).

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