

## ON $\xi$ -CONFORMALLY FLAT CONTACT METRIC MANIFOLDS

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In this paper, the notion of  $\xi$ -conformally flat on a contact metric structure is introduced and it is proved that any  $K$ -contact metric manifold is  $\xi$ -conformally flat if and only if it is an  $\eta$ -Einstein Sasakian manifold. Finally, some applications are given.

### INTRODUCTION

Let  $M$  be a Riemannian manifold with metric  $g$  and let  $T(M)$  be the Lie Algebra of differentiable vector fields in  $M$ . The Ricci operator  $Q$  of  $(M, g)$  is defined by  $g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y)$ , where  $S$  denotes the Ricci tensor of type  $(0, 2)$  on  $M$  and  $X, Y \in T(M)$ . Weyl<sup>7, 8</sup> constructed a generalized curvature tensor on a Riemannian manifold which vanishes whenever the metric is (locally) conformally equivalent to a flat metric; for this reason he called it the conformal curvature tensor of the metric. The Weyl conformal curvature tensor is defined as a map

$$C : T(M) \times T(M) \times T(M) \rightarrow T(M)$$

such that

$$C(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{m-2} [g(QY, Z)X + g(Y, Z)QX - g(QX, Z)Y \\ - g(X, Z)QY] + \frac{r}{(m-1)(m-2)} [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y],$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in T(M)$ , where  $R, r$  are denoting the Riemann curvature tensor and the scalar curvature of  $M$ , respectively.

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In the case of contact metric manifolds, to characterize them via Weyl conformal curvature tensor, Okumura<sup>6</sup> proved that a conformally flat Sasakian manifold is locally isometric to the unit sphere. Later, Miyazawa and Yamaguchi<sup>5</sup> proved that a conformally symmetric Sasakian manifold is also locally isometric to the unit sphere. Chaki and Tarafdar<sup>3</sup> obtained the same result for a Sasakian manifold satisfying the condition  $R(X, Y)C = 0$ , for any  $X, Y \in T(M)$ .

On the other hand, it is well known that any Sasakian manifold is a  $K$ -contact metric manifold, but the converse holds only if the manifold is 3-dimensional.  $K$ -contact metric manifolds are not too well known, because there is not such a simple expression for the curvature tensor as in the case of Sasakian manifold. In this paper we continue to investigate them.

If  $\phi$  and  $\xi$  denote the  $(1, 1)$ -structure tensor and the contact vector field of a contact metric manifold  $M$ , respectively, then  $T(M)$  can be decomposed into the direct sum  $T(M) = \phi(T(M)) \oplus \mathcal{L}$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  is the 1-dimensional distribution generated by  $\xi$ . Thus, we have a map :

$$C : T(M) \times T(M) \times T(M) \rightarrow \phi(T(M)) \oplus \mathcal{L}.$$

The case of being the projection of the image of  $C$  in  $\phi(T_p(M))$  zero was studied by the first author Zhen<sup>4</sup>, proving that  $M$  is locally isometric to the unit sphere. In this paper, we study the case of being the projection of the image of  $C$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  zero, introducing  $\xi$ -conformally flat contact metric manifolds. At last, we prove the main theorem : "A  $K$ -contact metric manifold is  $\xi$ -conformally flat if and only if it is an  $\eta$ -Einstein Sasakian manifold" and we give some applications. In particular, if the manifold  $M$  is of dimension 3, a  $K$ -contact metric structure is  $\xi$ -conformally flat and Sasakian and, therefore, it is  $\eta$ -Einstein, which was obtained by Blair, Koufogiorgos and Sharma<sup>2</sup>.

## 1. $K$ -CONTACT METRIC MANIFOLDS

A contact manifold is a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  equipped with a global 1-form  $\eta$  such that  $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^n \neq 0$  everywhere on  $M^{2n+1}$ . Given a contact form  $\eta$ , there exists an unique vector field  $\xi$  on  $M^{2n+1}$  that satisfies  $\eta(\xi) = 1$  and  $d\eta(\xi, X) = 0$ , for any vector field  $X$  on  $M^{2n+1}$ . Furthermore, given the contact form  $\eta$ , there exist a tensor field  $\phi$  of type  $(1, 1)$  and a Riemannian metric  $g$  such that  $g(X, \phi Y) = d\eta(X, Y)$ ,  $\eta(X) = g(X, \xi)$  and  $\phi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi$ , for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M^{2n+1}$ . The structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  on  $M^{2n+1}$  is called a contact metric structure and  $M^{2n+1}$  equipped with this structure is said to be a contact metric manifold. If  $\xi$  is a Killing vector field, then  $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called a  $K$ -contact metric manifold. We refer the reader to Blair<sup>1</sup> and Yano and Kon<sup>9</sup> for the backgrounds of contact structures.

Let  $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a  $K$ -contact metric manifold. Then we have :

$$d\eta(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y) \quad \dots (1.1)$$

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad \dots (1.2)$$

$$g(X, \nabla_Y \xi) + g(Y, \nabla_X \xi) = (L_{\xi}g)(X, Y) = 0 \quad \dots (1.3)$$

and  $R(X, \xi)Y = \nabla_X \nabla_Y \xi - \nabla_{\nabla_X Y} \xi. \quad \dots (1.4)$

Then, (1.1) and (1.3) imply

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\phi X; \quad \nabla_{\xi} \xi = 0. \quad \dots (1.5)$$

Now, from (1.3) and (1.4) we also have

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y = -R(X, \xi)Y \quad \dots (1.6)$$

and  $(\nabla_X \phi)\phi Y + \phi(\nabla_X \phi)Y = -g(\phi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi X. \quad \dots (1.7)$

Thus,

$$\phi R(X, \xi)Y + R(X, \xi)\phi Y = g(Y, \phi X)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi X \quad \dots (1.8)$$

and, in particular,

$$R(X, \xi)\xi = X - \eta(X)\xi \quad \dots (1.9)$$

and  $g(Q\xi, \xi) = 2n, \quad \dots (1.10)$

where  $Q$  is the Ricci operator, defined by  $QX = \sum_i R(X, e_i)e_i$ , for any local orthonormal basis of vector fields in  $M$ ,  $\{e_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq 2n+1}$ . Notice that if we take this local basis in such a way that  $e_{2n+1} = \xi$ , then  $\{\phi e_i, \xi\}_{1 \leq i \leq 2n}$  is another local orthonormal basis.

To study  $K$ -contact metric manifolds, we need the following lemmas.

*Lemma 1.1* — Let  $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  a  $K$ -contact metric manifold. Then

$$g((\nabla_{\xi} Q)X - (\nabla_X Q)\xi - 3Q\phi X, \xi) = 0,$$

for any vector field  $X \in T(M)$ .

PROOF : Derivating (1.9) and using (1.5) we get :

$$(\nabla_Y R)(X, \xi)\xi = R(X, \phi Y)\xi + R(X, \xi)\phi Y + g(X, \phi Y)\xi + \eta(X)\phi Y.$$

Let  $\{e_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq 2n+1}$  be any local orthonormal basis of vector fields in  $M$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i g((\nabla_{e_i} R)(X, \xi)\xi, e_i) &= \sum_i g(\phi R(e_i, \xi)X + R(X, \xi)\phi e_i, e_i) \\ &= \sum_i g(\phi R(e_i, \xi)X, e_i) + Tr\phi R(X, \xi), \quad \dots (1.11) \end{aligned}$$

where  $Tr\phi R(X, Y) = \sum_i g(\phi R(X, Y)e_i, e_i)$ , for any vector fields  $X, Y \in T(M)$ . From (1.8) we have :

$$\sum_i g(\phi R(e_i, \xi)X, e_i) = - \sum_i g(R(e_i, \xi)\phi X, e_i) = -g(Q\phi X, \xi). \quad \dots (1.12)$$

From the second Bianchi identity, we see that :

$$g((\nabla_{\xi}Q)X - (\nabla_XQ)\xi, \xi) = - \sum_i g((\nabla_{e_i}R)(X, \xi)\xi, e_i). \quad \dots (1.13)$$

But (1.11), (1.12) and (1.13) give :

$$g((\nabla_{\xi}Q)X - (\nabla_XQ)\xi, \xi) = g(Q\phi X, \xi) - Tr\phi R(X, \xi). \quad \dots (1.14)$$

On the other hand, if we choose the local orthonormal basis such that  $e_{2n+1} = \xi$ , thus, since  $\{\phi e_i, \xi\}_{1 \leq i \leq 2n}$  is another local orthonormal basis and using (1.8), (1.9) and the first Bianchi identity, we have :

$$\begin{aligned} g(QX, \xi) &= \sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(R(\phi e_i, X)\xi, \phi e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(R(\phi e_i, \xi)\phi X, e_i) + 2n\eta(X) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(R(e_i, \xi)\phi X, \phi e_i) + Tr\phi R(\phi X, \xi) + 2n\eta(X). \end{aligned}$$

But, from (1.8) again, we see that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(R(e_i, \xi)\phi X, \phi e_i) = 2n\eta(X) - g(QX, \xi).$$

So we obtain :

$$Tr\phi R(\phi X, \xi) = 2g(QX, \xi) - 4n\eta(X). \quad \dots (1.15)$$

Replacing  $X$  by  $\phi X$  in (1.15), we have  $Tr\phi R(X, \xi) = -2g(Q\phi X, \xi)$ . This equation and (1.14) show that the lemma holds.

*Lemma 1.2* — Let  $M^{2n+1}$  be a  $K$ -contact metric manifold. If there exists on  $M^{2n+1}$  a function  $u$  such that

$$g(Q\phi X, \phi Y) = ug(\phi X, \phi Y), \quad \dots (1.16)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y \in T(M)$ , then

$$Q\xi = 2n\xi + \frac{n-1}{12n} \phi \nabla r, \quad \dots (1.17)$$

where  $\nabla r$  is the gradient field of scalar curvature  $r$ .

**PROOF :** Taking a local orthonormal basis for vector fields in  $M$ ,  $\{e_i, \xi\}_{1 \leq i \leq 2n}$ , since  $\{\phi e_i, \xi\}_{1 \leq i \leq 2n}$  is also a local orthonormal basis, the scalar curvature is given by :

$$r = g(Q\xi, \xi) + \sum_i g(Q\phi e_i, \phi e_i).$$

Now, from (1.10) and (1.16), we obtain

$$u = -1 + \frac{r}{2n} \quad \dots (1.18)$$

and, replacing  $X$  by  $\phi X$  in (1.16) we have :

$$g(QX, \phi Y) = ug(X, \phi Y) + \eta(X) g(Q\xi, \phi Y). \quad \dots (1.19)$$

Derivating (1.16) and then using (1.19), we get :

$$g((\nabla_Z Q)\phi X, \phi Y) = (Zu) g(\phi X, \phi Y) - g((\nabla_Z \phi)X, \xi) g(Q\xi, \phi Y) - g((\nabla_Z \phi)Y, \xi) g(Q\xi, \phi X). \quad \dots (1.20)$$

Next, replacing (1.6) and (1.9) into (1.20), we obtain

$$\sum_i g((\nabla_{\phi e_i} Q) \phi e_i, \phi Y) = \nabla_{\phi Y} u + g(Q\xi, \phi^2 Y). \quad \dots (1.21)$$

Now, a straightforward computation gives

$$\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\phi Y} r = \sum_i g((\nabla_{e_i} Q)e_i, \phi Y) = \sum_i g((\nabla_{\phi e_i} Q) \phi e_i, \phi Y) + g((\nabla_{\xi} Q)\xi, \phi Y),$$

and so, from (1.18) and (1.21), we have :

$$\frac{n-1}{2n} \nabla_{\phi Y} r = g((Q\phi^2 + (\nabla_{\xi} Q)\phi)Y, \xi). \quad \dots (1.22)$$

On the other hand, (1.5) and (1.10) show that  $g((\nabla_Y Q)\xi, \xi) = 2g(Q\phi Y, \xi)$ , so, Lemma 1.1 implies :

$$g((\nabla_{\xi} Q)Y, \xi) = 5g(Q\phi Y, \xi). \quad \dots (1.23)$$

Finally, replacing (1.23) into (1.22) we get (1.17).

## 2. ξ-CONFORMALLY FLAT CONTACT MANIFOLDS

Let  $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a contact metric manifold. Then,

$$\eta(\phi T(M)) = d\eta(\xi, T(M)) = 0.$$

Conversely, if  $\eta(X) = 0$ , then  $X = -\phi^2 X \in \phi T(M)$ . The Weyl conformal curvature tensor with respect to the metric  $g$  is the tensor field of type (1, 3) defined by :

$$C(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{2n-1} \{g(QY, Z)X + g(Y, Z)QX - g(QX, Z)Y - g(X, Z)QY\} + \frac{r}{2n(2n-1)} \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}, \quad \dots (2.1)$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in T(M)$ .

On the other hand, the Lie algebra  $T(M)$  can be decomposed in a direct sum

$$T(M) = \phi T(M) \oplus \mathcal{L},$$

where  $\mathcal{L}$  is the 1-dimensional distribution on  $M$  generated by the structure vector field  $\xi$ .

*Definition 2.1* — A contact metric manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be  $\xi$ -conformally flat if the linear operator  $C(X, Y)$  is an endomorphism of  $\phi T(M)$ , that is, if :

$$C(X, Y) \phi T(M) \subset \phi T(M).$$

Equivalently,  $\xi$ -conformally flat means that the projection of  $C(X, Y) \phi T(M)$  onto  $\mathcal{L}$  is zero.

We can see that any 3-dimensional contact metric manifold is  $\xi$ -conformally flat. One can prove that if  $C(X, Y)Z \in \mathcal{L}$ , for any  $X, Y, Z$ , then  $C = 0$ . In this case, a  $K$ -contact metric manifold is locally isometric to the unit sphere<sup>4</sup>.

It is easy to prove the following proposition.

*Proposition 2.2* — On a contact metric manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , the following conditions are equivalent :

- (i)  $M$  is  $\xi$ -conformally flat;
- (ii)  $\eta(C(X, Y)Z) = 0$ ;
- (iii)  $\phi^2 C(X, Y)Z = -C(X, Y)Z$ ;

and (iv)  $C(X, Y)\xi = 0$ ,

where  $X, Y, Z \in T(M)$ .

From (iv) in Proposition 2.2 we see that a contact metric manifold is  $\xi$ -conformally flat if and only if :

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \frac{1}{2n-1} \{g(QY, \xi)X + \eta(Y)QX - g(QX, \xi)Y - \eta(X)QY\} + \frac{r}{2n(2n-1)} \{\eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X\}. \quad \dots (2.2)$$

*Proposition 2.3* — Let  $M^{2n+1}$  be an  $\eta$ -Einstein Sasakian manifold. Then  $M^{2n+1}$  is  $\xi$ -conformally flat.\*

**PROOF :** It is well known that the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a Sasakian structure if and only if the curvature tensor  $R$  satisfies

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y \quad \dots (2.3)$$

and so, we have

$$Q\xi = 2n\xi. \quad \dots (2.4)$$

Since  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein, there exist functions  $a$  and  $b$  such that

$$g(QX, Y) = ag(X, Y) + b\eta(X)\eta(Y). \quad \dots (2.5)$$

But, from (2.4) and (2.5) we also have

$$a + b = 2n. \tag{2.6}$$

On the other hand, the scalar curvature satisfies :

$$r = Tr(Q) = (2n + 1)a + b. \tag{2.7}$$

Now, if we replace (2.3), (2.4), (2.5), (2.6) and (2.7) in formula (2.1), we get :

$$\begin{aligned} C(X, Y)\xi &= R(X, Y)\xi - \frac{1}{2n-1} \left( 2a + b - \frac{r}{2n} \right) (\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) \\ &= R(X, Y)\xi - (\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and this completes the proof.

*Lemma 2.4* — Let  $C$  be the Weyl conformal curvature tensor on a Riemannian manifold  $(M^m, g)$ ,  $m > 3$  and let  $V$  be a vector field on  $M^m$ . If  $C(X, Y)V = 0$ , for any vector fields  $X, Y \in T(M)$ , then

$$g((\nabla_X Q)V - (\nabla_V Q)X, V) = \frac{1}{2(m-1)} (g(V, V)Xr - g(V, X)Vr). \tag{2.8}$$

PROOF : Equation  $C(X, Y)V = 0$  is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)V &= \frac{1}{m-2} \{g(QY, V)X + g(V, Y)QX - g(QX, V)Y \\ &\quad - g(V, X)QY\} - \frac{r}{(m-1)(m-2)} \{g(Y, V)X - g(X, V)Y\}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

Using the properties of the curvature tensor  $R$  and symmetry of  $Q$  with respect to  $g$ , we also have

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, V)Y &= \frac{1}{m-2} \{g(QV, Y)X + g(V, Y)QX - g(QX, Y)V \\ &\quad - g(X, Y)QV\} - \frac{r}{(m-1)(m-2)} \{g(V, Y)X - g(X, Y)V\}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

for any  $X, Y \in T(M)$ . Replacing  $Y$  by  $V$  in (2.9), derivating this equation and taking account of (2.9) and (2.10), we get :

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_W R)(X, V)V &= \frac{1}{m-2} \{g((\nabla_W Q)V, V)X + g(V, V)(\nabla_W Q)X \\ &\quad - g((\nabla_W Q)X, V)V - g(V, X)(\nabla_W Q)V\} \\ &\quad - \frac{Wr}{(m-1)(m-2)} \{g(V, V)X - g(X, V)V\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i g((\nabla_{e_i} R)(e_i, V)V, X) &= \frac{1}{m-2} \{g((\nabla_X Q)V - (\nabla_V Q)X, V)\} \\ &+ \frac{m-3}{2(m-2)(m-1)} \{g(V, V)Xr - g(X, V)Vr\}. \end{aligned} \quad \dots (2.11)$$

On the other hand, from the second Bianchi identity, we know :

$$g((\nabla_X Q)V - (\nabla_V Q)X, V) = \sum_i g((\nabla_{e_i} R)(X, V)V, e_i). \quad \dots (2.12)$$

Thus, (2.11) and (2.12) yield equation (2.8).

**Theorem 1** — A  $K$ -contact metric manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  is  $\xi$ -conformally flat if and only if it is an  $\eta$ -Einstein Sasakian manifold.

PROOF : We only have to prove that a  $\xi$ -conformally flat  $K$ -contact metric manifold is an  $\eta$ -Einstein Sasakian manifold. The converse follows from Proposition 2.3.

On a  $\xi$ -conformally flat  $K$ -contact metric manifold, (1.9) and (2.2) yield

$$\begin{aligned} QX &= \left\{ 2n-1 - g(Q\xi, \xi) + \frac{r}{2n} \right\} X \\ &+ \left\{ g(Q\xi, X) - \left( 2n-1 + \frac{r}{2n} \eta(X) \right) \right\} \xi + \eta(X) Q\xi, \dots (2.13) \end{aligned}$$

for any vector field  $X$ . Since  $g(Q\xi, \xi) = 2n$ , we have

$$g(Q\phi X, \phi Y) = \left( -1 + \frac{r}{2n} \right) g(\phi X, \phi Y)$$

and so, Lemma 1.2 shows that :

$$Q\xi = 2n\xi + \frac{n-1}{12n} \phi \nabla r. \quad \dots (2.14)$$

Replacing (2.14) into (2.13) we get

$$QX = aX + \left\{ b\eta(X) + \frac{n-1}{12n} g(\phi \nabla r, X) \right\} \xi + \frac{n-1}{12n} \eta(X) \phi \nabla r, \quad \dots (2.15)$$

where  $a = -1 + \frac{r}{2n}$  and  $b = 2n + 1 - \frac{r}{2n}$ .

Now, if  $n = 1$  then  $QX = aX + b\eta(X)\xi$ .

If  $n > 1$ , then  $\phi \nabla r = 0$ . In fact, since  $n > 1$ , we can use Lemma 2.4. From Lemmas 1.1 and 1.2, for a  $\xi$ -conformally flat  $K$ -contact metric structure, we have :



$$3g(Q\phi X, \xi) = g((\nabla_{\xi}Q)X - (\nabla_XQ)\xi, \xi) = \frac{1}{4n} (\eta(X) \xi_r - Xr) = \frac{1}{4n} (\phi^2 X)r. \quad \dots (2.16)$$

Since  $\phi^3 = -\phi$ , if we replace  $X$  by  $\phi X$  in (2.16), we obtain

$$g(QX, \xi) = \eta(X) g(Q\xi, \xi) + \frac{1}{12n} (\phi X)r$$

and, by using (1.2) and (1.10) :

$$Q\xi = 2n\xi - \frac{1}{12n} \phi \nabla r. \quad \dots (2.17)$$

Now, comparing (2.17) with (2.14), we have  $\phi \nabla r = 0$  and then, (2.15) gives :

$$QX = aX + b\eta(X) \xi. \quad \dots (2.18)$$

So, equation (2.18) holds for  $n \geq 1$  and hence (2.2) turns to

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

which means that the manifold is also a Sasakian manifold.

*Corollary 2.6* — Let  $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a  $\xi$ -conformally flat  $K$ -contact metric manifold. If there exist functions  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  on  $M^{2n+1}$  such that

$$(\nabla_XQ)Y - (\nabla_YQ)X = \lambda X + \mu Y, \quad \dots (2.19)$$

then,

$$QX = 2nX.$$

PROOF : From Theorem 1 we have  $QX = aX + b\xi$ , where  $a = -1 + \frac{r}{2n}$  and  $b = 2n + 1 - \frac{r}{2n}$ . Thus, we have :

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_XQ)Y - (\nabla_YQ)X &= (Xa)Y - (Ya)X + (Xb) \eta(Y)\xi \\ &\quad - (Yb) \eta(X)\xi - b\{2g(\phi X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y) \phi X - \eta(X) \phi(Y)\}. \end{aligned} \quad \dots (2.20)$$

Replacing  $X$  and  $Y$  by  $\phi X$  and  $\phi Y$  in (2.20) we get :

$$(\nabla_{\phi X}Q) \phi Y - (\nabla_{\phi Y}Q) \phi X = (\phi Xa) \phi Y - (\phi Ya) \phi X - 2bg(\phi^2 X, \phi Y)\xi. \quad \dots (2.21)$$

From (2.19) and (2.21) we obtain  $(\lambda + (\phi Ya)) \phi X + (\mu - (\phi Xa)) \phi Y = -2bg(\phi^2 X, \phi Y)\xi$ , which implies  $-2bg(\phi^2 X, \phi Y) = 0$ . But replacing here  $X$  by  $\phi Y$ , we obtain  $bg(\phi Y, \phi Y) = 0$  and hence  $b = 0$ .

From Corollary 2.6 we easily obtain the following applications :

*Corollary 2.7* — Any conformally flat  $K$ -contact metric manifold is locally isometric to the unit sphere.

PROOF : It is well known that on a conformally flat Riemannian manifold the following equation holds, for  $n > 1$  (Weyl<sup>7, 8</sup>) :

$$(\nabla_X Q)Y - (\nabla_Y Q)X = \frac{1}{4n} \{(Xr)Y - (Yr)X\}.$$

Then, Corollary 2.6 shows that  $QX = 2nX$  and, therefore, equation  $C(X, Y)X = 0$  yields :

$$R(X, Y)Z = g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y.$$

This completes the proof.

Corollary 2.8 — Let  $M^{2n+1}$  be a  $\xi$ -conformally flat  $K$ -contact metric manifold. If the curvature tensor is harmonic, then  $M^{2n+1}$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein.

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