

**ON WEAKLY  $\phi$ -RICCI SYMMETRIC  
KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS**

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**Abstract:** The object of the present paper is to introduce the notion of weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds and study characteristic properties of locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric and  $\phi$ -recurrent spaces.

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**1. Introduction**

The notion of Kenmotsu manifolds was defined by K. Kenmotsu [8]. In [8], it is showed (1) that a locally Kenmotsu manifold is a warped product  $I \times_f N$  of an interval  $I$  and Kähler manifold  $N$  with warping function  $f(t) = se^t$ , where  $s$  is a non-zero constant; and (2) that a Kenmotsu manifold of constant  $\phi$  - sectional curvature is a space of constant curvature - 1, and so it is locally hyperbolic surface. Kenmotsu manifolds have been studied by many authors. For example see [1, 4, 7, 10].

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In 1992, the notion of weakly symmetric and weakly Ricci symmetric manifolds were introduced by L. Tamássy and T.Q. Binh ([14] and [15]). These type manifolds were studied with different structures by several authors (see [3], [9] and [11]).

As a weaker notion of locally symmetric manifolds, T. Takahashi [13] introduced the notion of locally  $\phi$ -Symmetric Sasakian manifolds. In [5], U.C. De studied  $\phi$ -Symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds with several examples. Recently, U. C. De and A. Sarkar [6] introduced the notion of  $\phi$ -Ricci Symmetric Sasakian manifolds and obtained some interesting results of this manifold. This notion of  $\phi$ -Ricci Symmetry was studied by S.S. Shukla and M.K. Shukla [12] in the context of Kenmotsu manifolds.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 is concerned with preliminary results of Kenmotsu manifolds which are needed in the rest of Sections. In Section 3, we introduce the notion of weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds and studied the characteristic properties of locally  $\phi$ -symmetric and  $\phi$ -recurrent spaces. Here, it is proved that, if the weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold is locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric then the sum of the associated 1-forms  $A, B$  and  $D$  is zero everywhere. Also it is shown that, if the weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold is  $\phi$ -Ricci recurrent then the associated 1-forms  $B$  and  $D$  are in the opposite directions.

## 2. Preliminaries

A smooth manifold  $(M^n, g)$  ( $n = 2m + 1 > 3$ ) is said to be an almost contact metric manifold [2] if it admits a  $(1, 1)$  tensor field  $\phi$ , a vector field  $\xi$ , an 1-form  $\eta$  and a Riemannian metric  $g$  which satisfy

$$\phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad \phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad (1)$$

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

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

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

An almost contact metric manifold  $M^n(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be Kenmotsu manifold if the following condition holds [8]:

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

$$(\nabla_X \phi)(Y) = g(\phi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi X, \quad (5)$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the Riemannian connection of  $g$ .

In a Kenmotsu manifold, the following relations hold [8]:

$$(\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{6}$$

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X, \tag{7}$$

$$S(X, \xi) = -(n - 1)\eta(X), \tag{8}$$

$$S(\xi, \xi) = -(n - 1), \text{ i.e., } Q\xi = -(n - 1)\xi, \tag{9}$$

$$S(\phi X, \phi Y) = S(X, Y) + (n - 1)\eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{10}$$

for any vector field  $X, Y$  on  $M$ . Here  $R, S$  and  $Q$  are the Riemannian curvature tensor, the Ricci tensor of type  $(0,2)$  such that  $g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y)$  and Ricci operator, respectively.

### 3. Weakly $\phi$ -Ricci Symmetric Kenmotsu Manifolds

In this section, we introduce the notion of weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds.

**Definition 1.** A Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  ( $n > 2$ ) is said to be weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric if the non-zero Ricci curvature  $Q$  of type  $(1, 1)$  satisfies the condition

$$\phi^2(\nabla_X Q)(Y) = A(X)Q(Y) + B(Y)Q(X) + g(QX, Y)\rho \tag{11}$$

where the vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ ,  $\rho$  is a vector field such that  $g(\rho, X) = D(X)$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  are associated vector fields (not simultaneously zero).

Let us consider a weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $(M, g)(n > 2)$ . Since the manifold is weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric, we have (11) which, by virtue of (1) yields

$$-(\nabla_X Q)(Y) + \eta((\nabla_X Q)(Y))\xi = A(X)QY + B(Y)QX + S(Y, X)\rho,$$

from which it follows that,

$$\begin{aligned} & -g(\nabla_X Q(Y), Z) + S(\nabla_X Y, Z) + \eta((\nabla_X Q)(Y))\eta(Z) \\ & = A(X)S(Y, Z) + B(Y)S(X, Z) + S(Y, X)D(Z). \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Putting  $Y = \xi$  in (12) and so using (4), (8) and (9) we have

$$[B(\xi) - 1]S(X, Z) = (n - 1)[g(X, Z) + A(X)\eta(Z) + D(Z)\eta(X)]. \tag{13}$$

Setting  $X = Z = \xi$  in (13) we obtain

$$A(\xi) + B(\xi) + D(\xi) = 0. \quad (14)$$

**Claim.**  $A + B + D = 0$  holds for all vector fields on  $M$ .

Next, setting  $Z = \xi$  in (13) we get,

$$A(X) = -[B(\xi) + D(\xi)]\eta(X). \quad (15)$$

In view of (13), the relation (15) reduces to

$$A(X) = A(\xi)\eta(X). \quad (16)$$

In a similar manner we can obtain

$$B(X) = B(\xi)\eta(X) \quad (17)$$

and

$$D(X) = D(\xi)\eta(X). \quad (18)$$

Adding (16), (17), (18) and then using (14) we obtain

$$A(X) + B(X) + D(X) = 0, \quad (19)$$

for all  $X$ . Hence from (19) we can state the following:

**Theorem 2.** *In a weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  ( $n > 2$ ) the sum of associated 1-forms  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $D$  is zero everywhere.*

In view of (16) and (18), the relation (13) yields

$$[B(\xi) - 1]S(X, Z) = (n - 1)[g(X, Z) + A(\xi) + D(\xi)\eta(X)\eta(Z)]. \quad (20)$$

Using (14) in (20) we obtain

$$S(X, Z) = \gamma g(X, Z) + \delta \eta(X)\eta(Z), \quad (21)$$

where

$$\gamma = \frac{n - 1}{B(\xi) - 1}$$

and

$$\delta = \frac{(1 - n)B(\xi)}{B(\xi) - 1}$$

are smooth functions such that  $B(\xi) \neq 1$ . Hence we state the following:

**Theorem 3.** *A weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M(n > 2)$  is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold provided that  $B(\xi) \neq 1$ .*

**Definition 4.** A weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M(n > 2)$  is said to be locally  $\phi$ -symmetric if

$$\phi^2(\nabla Q) = 0. \quad (22)$$

**Definition 5.** A weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M(n > 2)$  is said to be  $\phi$ -Ricci recurrent if it satisfies the condition

$$\phi^2(\nabla_X Q)(Y) = A(X)Q(Y). \quad (23)$$

Next, we proceed with the above definitions.

Suppose a weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M(n > 2)$  is locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric. Then from (11) and Definition 4, we have

$$A(X)Q(Y) + B(Y)Q(X) + g(QX, Y)\rho. \quad (24)$$

Taking inner product with  $\xi$  in (24) we obtain

$$A(X)S(Y, Z) + B(Y)S(X, Z) + D(Z)S(X, Y)\rho. \quad (25)$$

Setting  $X = Y = \xi$  in (25) and then taking inner product with  $\xi$ , we find (14).

Putting  $Y = Z = \xi$  in (25), we get

$$A(X)S(\xi, \xi) = -B(\xi) + D(\xi)S(X, \xi).$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} B(Y)S(\xi, \xi) &= -A(\xi) + D(\xi)S(Y, \xi), \\ D(V)S(\xi, \xi) &= -A(\xi) + B(\xi)S(V, \xi). \end{aligned}$$

Adding above equations by taking  $X = Y = Z$  and using (14), we get

$$A(X) + B(X) + D(X) = 0.$$

for any vector field  $X$  on  $M$  so that  $A + B + D = 0$ . Hence we state

**Theorem 6.** *If a weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M(n > 2)$  is locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric, then the sum of the associated 1-forms  $A, B$  and  $D$  is zero everywhere.*

On the other hand, if a weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  is  $\phi$ -Ricci recurrent, then from (11) and Definition 5, we find

$$B(Y)S(X, Z) + S(X, Y)D(Z) = 0. \quad (26)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  on  $M$ .

Next putting  $X = Y = Z = \xi$  in (26) and then using (9), we obtain

$$B(\xi) + D(\xi) = 0. \quad (27)$$

Further proceeding as in the proof of Theorem 6, using the fact that  $B(\xi) + D(\xi) = 0$ , obviously, one can get  $B(X) + D(X) = 0$  for any vector field  $X$  on  $M$ , so that  $B + D = 0$  everywhere on  $M$ . Hence we state

**Theorem 7.** *If a weakly  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  ( $n > 2$ ) is  $\phi$ -Ricci recurrent, then the 1-forms  $B$  and  $D$  are in the opposite directions.*

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