

## On Quasi-Conformally Flat Generalized Sasakian-Space Forms

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we classify quasi-conformally flat generalized Sasakian-space forms under the assumption that the characteristic vector field is Killing. Also, we classify quasi-conformally Weyl-symmetric generalized Sasakian-space forms.

**Keywords:** Generalized Sasakian-space forms, quasi-conformally flat, quasi-conformally Weyl-symmetric.

### 1. Introduction

In Riemannian geometry, many authors have studied curvature properties and to what extent they determined the manifold itself. Two important curvature properties are quasi-conformal flatness and Weyl-symmetry.

In [1], Alegre, Blair and Carriazo introduced and studied generalized Sasakian-space forms. These spaces are defined as follows: Given an almost contact metric manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , they say that  $M$  is a generalized Sasakian-space form if there exist three functions  $f_1, f_2$  and  $f_3$  on  $M$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(X, Y)Z &= f_1\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \\
 &+ f_2\{g(X, \phi Z)\phi Y - g(Y, \phi Z)\phi X + 2g(X, \phi Y)\phi Z\} \\
 &+ f_3\{\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi\},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1}$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$ , where  $R$  denotes the curvature tensor of  $M$ . In such a case, we will write  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$ .

Then, Kim studied conformally flat generalized Sasakian space forms [5].

In this paper, we study quasi-conformally flat generalized Sasakian-space forms and quasi-conformally Weyl-symmetric generalized Sasakian-space forms.

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## 2. Preliminaries

An odd-dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is said to be an almost contact metric manifold if it admits a tensor field  $\phi$  of type  $(1, 1)$ , a vector field  $\xi$  and a 1-form  $\eta$  such that

$$\eta(\xi) = 1, \tag{2}$$

$$\phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \tag{3}$$

and

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y) \tag{4}$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$  [2]. Also,

$$\phi\xi = 0 \tag{5}$$

and

$$\eta \circ \phi = 0 \tag{6}$$

are deducible from these conditions. We define the fundamental 2-form  $\Phi$  on  $M$  by  $\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y)$ . An almost contact metric manifold  $M$  is said to be a contact metric manifold if  $g(X, \phi Y) = d\eta(X, Y)$ . If  $\xi$  is a Killing vector field, then the contact metric manifold is said to be a  $K$ -contact manifold. The almost contact metric structure of  $M$  is said to be normal if  $[\phi, \phi](X, Y) = -2d\eta(X, Y)\xi$ , for any  $X, Y$ , where  $[\phi, \phi]$  denotes the Nijenhuis torsion tensor of  $\phi$ . A normal contact metric manifold is called a Sasakian manifold. A normal almost contact metric manifold  $M$  with closed forms  $\eta$  and  $\Phi$  is called a cosymplectic manifold. Cosymplectic manifolds are characterized by  $\nabla_X \xi = 0$  and  $(\nabla_X \phi)Y = 0$  for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ . Given an almost contact metric manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , a  $\phi$ -section of  $M$  at  $p \in M$  is a plane section  $\pi \subseteq T_p M$  spanned by a unit vector  $X_p$  orthogonal to  $\xi_p$  and  $\phi X_p$ . The  $\phi$ -sectional curvature of  $\pi$  is defined by  $g(R(X, \phi X)\phi X, X)$ . A cosymplectic space-form, i.e., a cosymplectic manifold with constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature  $c$ , is a generalized Sasakian space-form with  $f_1 = f_2 = f_3 = \frac{c}{4}$  [6]. It is known that the  $\phi$ -sectional curvature of a generalized Sasakian-space form  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  is  $f_1 + 3f_2$  [1].

For a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional almost contact metric manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , its Schouten tensor  $L$  is defined by

$$L = -\frac{1}{2n-1}Q + \frac{\tau}{4n(2n-1)}I, \tag{7}$$

where  $Q$  denotes the Ricci operator and  $\tau$  is the scalar curvature of  $M$ . The Weyl conformal

curvature tensor is given by

$$C(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - [g(LX, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)LX - g(LY, Z)X + g(X, Z)LY]. \quad (8)$$

In dimension  $> 3$ , that is  $n > 1$ ,  $M$  is conformally flat if and only if  $C = 0$ , and in this case,  $L$  satisfies  $(\nabla_X L)Y - (\nabla_Y L)X = 0$  for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ . In dimension 3, that is  $n = 1$ ,  $C = 0$  is automatically satisfied and  $M$  is conformally flat if and only if  $L$  satisfies  $(\nabla_X L)Y - (\nabla_Y L)X = 0$  for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ .

A symmetric tensor field  $T$  of type  $(1, 1)$  is a Codazzi tensor if it satisfies

$$(\nabla_X T)Y - (\nabla_Y T)X = 0.$$

For the later use, we give the following lemma which was proved Derdzinski.

**Lemma 2.1** [3, 4] *Let  $T$  be a Codazzi tensor on a Riemannian manifold  $M$ . Then, we have the following:*

*If  $T$  has more than one eigenvalue, then the eigenspaces for each eigenvalue  $v$  form an integrable subbundle  $V_v$  of constant multiplicity on open sets: If the multiplicity is greater than 1, then the integral submanifolds are umbilical submanifolds and each eigenfunction is constant along the integral submanifolds of its subbundle. Moreover, if  $v$  is constant on  $M$ , then the integral submanifolds of  $V_v$  are totally geodesic.*

Let  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  be a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional generalized Sasakian-space form. Then, the curvature tensor  $R$  of  $M$  is given by (1). From (1), we can easily see that

$$QX = \{2nf_1 + 3f_2 - f_3\}X - \{3f_2 + (2n - 1)f_3\}\eta(X)\xi, \quad (9)$$

$$\tau = 2n(2n + 1)f_1 + 6nf_2 - 4nf_3. \quad (10)$$

Moreover, we can see that

$$LX = \left\{-\frac{1}{2}f_1 - \frac{3}{2(2n - 1)}f_2\right\}X + \left\{\frac{3}{2n - 1}f_2 + f_3\right\}\eta(X)\xi. \quad (11)$$

Therefore, the Weyl conformal curvature tensor  $C$  can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} C(X, Y)Z &= \frac{-3}{2n - 1}f_2\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \\ &+ f_2\{g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X - g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y + 2g(X, \phi Y)\phi Z\} \\ &- \frac{3}{2n - 1}\{\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi\}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The notion of the quasi-conformal curvature tensor was defined by Yano and Sawaki [8]. According to them a quasi-conformal curvature tensor is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}(X, Y)Z &= aR(X, Y)Z \\ &+ b[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY] \\ &- \frac{\tau}{2n+1} \left[ \frac{a}{2n} + 2b \right] [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y], \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants,  $S$  is the Ricci tensor,  $Q$  is the Ricci operator and  $\tau$  is the scalar curvature of the manifold  $M^{2n+1}$ . A Riemannian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$ , ( $n > 1$ ), is called quasi-conformally flat if the quasi-conformal curvature tensor  $\tilde{C} = 0$ . If  $a = 1$  and  $b = \frac{-1}{2n-1}$ , then the quasi-conformal curvature tensor is reduced to the Weyl conformal curvature tensor.

A Riemannian manifold is said to be quasi-conformally Weyl-symmetric manifold if

$$R(X, Y) \cdot \tilde{C} = 0,$$

where  $\tilde{C}$  is the quasi-conformal curvature tensor.

On the other hand, from (1), we have

$$R(X, Y)\xi = (f_1 - f_3)\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\} \quad (14)$$

and

$$R(\xi, X)Y = (f_1 - f_3)\{g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X\}. \quad (15)$$

### 3. Quasi-Conformally Flat Generalized Sasakian-Space Forms

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  be a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional generalized Sasakian-space form. Then, we have the following: (i) If  $n > 1$ , then  $M$  is quasi-conformally flat if and only if  $f_2 = -\frac{(a+(2n-1)b)}{3(an+b)}f_3$ , (ii) If  $M$  is quasi-conformally flat and  $\xi$  is a Killing vector field, then it is flat, or of constant curvature, or locally the product  $N^1 \times N^{2n}$ , where  $N^1$  is a 1-dimensional manifold and  $N^{2n}$  is a  $2n$ -dimensional almost Hermitian manifold of constant curvature. In any case,  $M$  is locally symmetric and has constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature.*

**Proof** Assume that  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  be a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional generalized Sasakian-space form. Using (1), (9), (10) and equation  $S(X, Y) = g(QX, Y)$  in (13), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}(X, Y)Z &= \frac{1}{2n+1} [(-3a+6b)f_2 + (2a+2(2n-1)b)f_3] \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \\ &+ af_2 \{g(X, \phi Z)\phi Y - g(Y, \phi Z)\phi X + 2g(X, \phi Y)\phi Z\} \\ &+ [(a+(2n-1)b)f_3 + 3bf_2] \{\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X \\ &+ g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi\}. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

If  $a = 1$  and  $b = -\frac{1}{2n-1}$ , then we obtain (13), that is, the quasi-conformal curvature tensor is reduced to the conformal curvature tensor.

Suppose that  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  is quasi-conformally flat and  $n > 1$ . Then, we have  $\tilde{C} = 0$ .

If we put  $X = \phi Y$  in (16), then we find

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2n+1} [3(2b-a)f_2 + 2(a+(2n-1)b)f_3] \{g(Y, Z)\phi Y - g(\phi Y, Z)Y\} \\ & + af_2 \{g(\phi Y, \phi Z)\phi Y - g(Y, \phi Z)\phi^2 Y + 2g(\phi Y, \phi Y)\phi Z\} \\ & + [(a+(2n-1)b)f_3 + 3bf_2] \{\eta(\phi Y)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\phi Y \\ & + g(\phi Y, Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(Y, Z)\eta(\phi Y)\xi\} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

or using (3) and (4) in (17), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2n+1} [3(2b-a)f_2 + a(2n+1)f_2 \\ & + 2(a+(2n-1)b)f_3] \{g(Y, Z)\phi Y - g(\phi Y, Z)Y\} \\ & + [af_2 + (a+(2n-1)b)f_3 + 3bf_2] \{-\eta(Y)\eta(Z)\phi Y - g(Y, \phi Z)\eta(Y)\xi\} \\ & + af_2 \{2g(Y, Y)\phi Z - 2\eta(Y)\eta(Y)\phi Z\} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

If we choose a unit vector  $U$  such that  $g(U, \xi) = 0$  and put  $Y = U$  in (18), then we have

$$\frac{1}{2n+1} [\{(2(n-1)a+6b)f_2 + 2(a+(2n-1)b)f_3\} \{g(U, Z)\phi U - g(\phi U, Z)U\} + 2(2n+1)af_2\phi Z] = 0. \quad (19)$$

Putting  $Z = U$  in (19), we get

$$\{(2(n-1)a+6b+2(2n+1)a)f_2 + 2(a+(2n-1)b)f_3\}\phi U = 0.$$

Thus, we have

$$(2(n-1)a+6b+2(2n+1)a)f_2 + 2(a+(2n-1)b)f_3 = 0.$$

From this equation, we get

$$f_2 = -\frac{(a+(2n-1)b)}{3(an+b)}f_3. \quad (20)$$

Conversely, if  $f_2 = -\frac{(a+(2n-1)b)}{3(an+b)}f_3$ , then from (16), we have  $\tilde{C}(X, Y)Z = 0$  and hence,  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  is quasi-conformally flat. Therefore, when  $n > 1$ ,  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  is conformally flat if and only if  $f_2 = -\frac{(a+(2n-1)b)}{3(an+b)}f_3$ . Thus, the first part (i) of the Theorem 3.1 is proved.

For the proof of the second part (ii), we assume that  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  is quasi-conformally flat and  $\xi$  is Killing. Then, the Schouten tensor  $L$  of the manifold is a Codazzi tensor, that is,

$$(\nabla_X L)Y - (\nabla_Y L)X = 0 \quad (21)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ . Also, if  $n > 1$ , then we have  $f_2 = -\frac{(a+(2n-1)b)}{3(an+b)}f_3$  by the first part (i) and hence from (12), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} LX &= \left[-\frac{1}{2}f_1 + \frac{1}{2(na+b)}\left(\frac{a}{2n-1} + b\right)f_3\right]X \\ &\quad + \left[\frac{(2n+1)(n-1)}{(2n-1)(na+b)}\right]af_3\eta(X)\xi. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Using (7), from (13), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}(X, Y)Z &= aR(X, Y)Z - (2n-1)b[g(LY, Z)X - g(LX, Z)Y \\ &\quad + g(Y, Z)LX - g(X, Z)LY] \\ &\quad - \frac{\tau}{2n(2n+1)}(a + (2n-1)b)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

If  $n = 1$ , then from (23), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}(X, Y)Z &= aR(X, Y)Z - b[g(LY, Z)X - g(LX, Z)Y \\ &\quad + g(Y, Z)LX - g(X, Z)LY] \\ &\quad - \frac{\tau}{6}(a+b)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Since  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  is quasi-conformally flat, we can write  $\tilde{C}(X, Y)Z = 0$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= \frac{b}{a}[g(LY, Z)X - g(LX, Z)Y \\ &\quad + g(Y, Z)LX - g(X, Z)LY] \\ &\quad + \frac{\tau}{6}\frac{(a+b)}{a}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$ . In the 3-dimensional manifold  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$ , the Schouten tensor is given by (11),

$$LX = -\frac{1}{2}(f_1 + 3f_2)X + (3f_2 + f_3)\eta(X)\xi. \quad (26)$$

From (25) and (26), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= \left[f_1 + \left(\frac{a-2b}{a}\right)f_2 - \frac{2}{3}\left(\frac{a+b}{a}\right)f_3\right]\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \\ &\quad + \frac{b}{a}(3f_2 + f_3)\{\eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y \\ &\quad + g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi\}. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

If we take

$$\begin{cases} f_1^* = f_1 + \left(\frac{a-2b}{a}\right)f_2 - \frac{2}{3}\left(\frac{a+b}{a}\right)f_3, \\ f_3^* = \frac{b}{a}(3f_2 + f_3), \end{cases} \quad (28)$$

then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= f_1^* \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \\ &\quad + f_3^* \{\eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y \\ &\quad + g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi\}. \end{aligned}$$

Equation (26) gives

$$L\xi = \left(-\frac{1}{2}f_1 + \frac{3}{2}f_2 + f_3\right)\xi. \quad (29)$$

If  $X$  is a vector orthogonal to  $\xi$ , then we get

$$LX = -\frac{1}{2}(f_1 + 3f_2)X. \quad (30)$$

For  $n > 1$ , then from (22), we get

$$L\xi = -\frac{1}{2}\left[f_1 - \left\{\frac{1}{na+b}\left[\left(\frac{4n^2-2n-1}{2n-1}\right)a+b\right]\right\}f_3\right]\xi. \quad (31)$$

If  $X$  is a vector orthogonal to  $\xi$ , then we have

$$LX = \left[-\frac{1}{2}f_1 + \frac{1}{2(na+b)}\left(\frac{a}{2n-1} + b\right)f_3\right]X. \quad (32)$$

Let  $\xi, E_1, E_2, \dots, E_{2n}$  be local orthonormal vector fields on  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$ . Then from (21), (22) and (32), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_{E_i}L)E_j - (\nabla_{E_j}L)E_i &= -\frac{1}{2}(E_i f_1)E_j + \frac{1}{2}(E_j f_1)E_i \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2(na+b)}\left(\frac{a}{2n-1} + b\right)[(E_i f_3)E_j - (E_j f_3)E_i] \\ &\quad + \frac{(2n+1)(n-1)}{(2n-1)(na+b)}af_3\eta(\nabla_{E_i}E_j - \nabla_{E_j}E_i)\xi = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Taking inner product with  $E_j$  in (33), we have

$$(E_j f_1) = \frac{1}{(na+b)}\left(\frac{a}{2n-1} + b\right)(E_j f_3). \quad (34)$$

Using (31), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\nabla_{E_j} L)\xi + L \nabla_{E_j} \xi &= -\frac{1}{2}\left\{f_1 - \frac{1}{(na+b)}\left[\left(\frac{4n^2-2n-1}{2n-1}\right)a+b\right]f_3\right\} \nabla_{E_j} \xi \\
 &\quad -\frac{1}{2}(E_j f_1)\xi + \frac{1}{2(na+b)}\left[\left(\frac{4n^2-2n-1}{2n-1}\right)a+b\right](E_j f_3)\xi.
 \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

If we use (34) in (35), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\nabla_{E_j} L)\xi + L \nabla_{E_j} \xi &= -\frac{1}{2}\left\{f_1 - \frac{1}{(na+b)}\left[\left(\frac{4n^2-2n-1}{2n-1}\right)a+b\right]f_3\right\} \nabla_{E_j} \xi \\
 &\quad + \frac{(2n+1)(n-1)}{(2n-1)(na+b)}a(E_j f_3)\xi.
 \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

Since  $\nabla_{E_j}\xi$  is orthogonal to  $\xi$ , using (32), we get

$$L(\nabla_{E_j}\xi) = \left[-\frac{1}{2}f_1 + \frac{1}{2(na+b)}\left(\frac{a}{2n-1} + b\right)f_3\right] \nabla_{E_j} \xi. \tag{37}$$

Thus from (36), we obtain

$$(\nabla_{E_j} L)\xi = \left[\frac{(2n+1)(n-1)}{(2n-1)(na+b)}a\right]((E_j f_3)\xi + f_3 \nabla_{E_j} \xi). \tag{38}$$

Since  $\xi$  is Killing, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\nabla_{\xi} L)E_j + L(\nabla_{\xi} E_j) &= \left[-\frac{1}{2}\xi(f_1) + \frac{1}{2(na+b)}\left(\frac{a}{2n-1} + b\right)\xi(f_3)\right]E_j \\
 &\quad + \left[-\frac{1}{2}f_1 + \frac{1}{2(na+b)}\left(\frac{a}{2n-1} + b\right)f_3\right] \nabla_{\xi} E_j,
 \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

where

$$L(\nabla_{\xi} E_j) = -\frac{1}{2}f_1 \nabla_{\xi} E_j + \frac{1}{2(na+b)}\left(\frac{a}{2n-1} + b\right)f_3 \nabla_{\xi} E_j. \tag{40}$$

Thus from (36), we have

$$(\nabla_{\xi} L)E_j = \left[-\frac{1}{2}\xi(f_1) + \frac{1}{2(na+b)}\left(\frac{a}{2n-1} + b\right)\xi(f_3)\right]E_j. \tag{41}$$

Since  $(\nabla_{E_j} L)\xi = (\nabla_{\xi} L)E_j$ , from (38) and (41), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left[\frac{(2n+1)(n-1)}{(2n-1)(na+b)}a\right]((E_j f_3)\xi + f_3 \nabla_{E_j} \xi) \\
 &= \left[-\frac{1}{2}\xi(f_1) + \frac{1}{2(na+b)}\left(\frac{a}{2n-1} + b\right)\xi(f_3)\right]E_j.
 \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$



Taking inner product with  $E_j$  in (42), we obtain

$$\xi(f_1) = \frac{1}{(na+b)} \left( \frac{a}{2n-1} + b \right) \xi(f_3). \quad (43)$$

Taking inner product with  $\xi$ , from (42), we get

$$\left[ \frac{(2n+1)(n-1)}{(2n-1)(na+b)} a \right] ((E_j f_3) \xi + f_3 \nabla_{E_j} \xi) = 0, \quad (44)$$

this gives  $E_j f_3 = 0$  and  $f_3 \nabla_{E_j} \xi = 0$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$ ). Combining this with  $\nabla_\xi \xi = 0$  gives

$$f_3(\nabla_X \xi) = 0 \quad (45)$$

for any vector field  $X$ . From (45), we get

$$(Y f_3)(\nabla_X \xi) + f_3 \nabla_Y \nabla_X \xi = 0.$$

This equation and (45) give

$$(X f_3) \nabla_Y \xi - (Y f_3) \nabla_X \xi + f_3 [\nabla_X \nabla_Y \xi - \nabla_Y \nabla_X \xi - \nabla_{[X,Y]} \xi] = 0.$$

Multiplying this equation with  $f_3$  and using (45), we get

$$f_3^2 R(X, Y) \xi = 0.$$

This equation and (14) give

$$f_3^2 (f_1 - f_3) [\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] = 0$$

from which we obtain  $f_3(f_1 - f_3) = 0$ .

Consider the case  $f_1 = 0$ . In this case, we have  $f_3 = 0$  on  $M$  and hence,  $f_2 = 0$ . Thus,  $M$  is flat.

Next consider the case  $f_1 \neq 0$ . Differentiating  $f_3(f_1 - f_3) = 0$  with  $\xi$  gives  $\{f_1 + [\frac{1}{(na+b)} (\frac{a}{2n-1} + b) - 2] f_3\} \xi(f_3) = 0$ . If  $f_3(p) = 0$  at a point  $p \in M$ , then  $f_1(p) \xi(f_3)(p) = 0$ , where since  $f_1 \neq 0$ , we get  $\xi(f_3) = 0$  at  $p$ . If  $f_3(p) \neq 0$ , then  $f_3 = f_1$  in an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $p$ . Thus,  $\{ \frac{a(1+n-2n^2)}{(na+b)(2n-1)} f_3 \} \xi(f_3) = 0$ . For  $n > 1$ , since  $1 + n - 2n^2 \neq 0$ , we get  $\xi(f_3) = 0$  on  $U$ . Thus, we have  $\xi(f_3) = 0$  on  $M$ . Since  $E_j f_3 = 0$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$ ),  $f_3$  is constant on  $M$ . Hence, we have:

(a) If  $f_3 = 0$ , then  $M$  is of constant curvature  $f_1$ .

(b) If  $f_3 \neq 0$ , then we have  $f_1 = f_3$  and  $\nabla_X \xi = 0$  for any vector  $X$  on  $M$ . Hence, the Schouten tensor  $L$  has two distinct constant eigenvalues  $\frac{1}{2} f_1$  with multiplicity 1 and  $-\frac{1}{2} f_1$  with multiplicity  $2n$ . Therefore, we have the decomposition  $\mathcal{D} \oplus [\xi]$ , where  $\mathcal{D}$  is the distribution defined

by  $\eta = 0$  and  $[\xi]$  is the distribution spanned by the vector  $\xi$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $\mathcal{D}$  is integrable. Hence,  $M$  is locally product of an integral submanifold  $N^1$  of  $[\xi]$  and an integral submanifold  $N^{2n}$  of  $\mathcal{D}$ . Since the eigenvalue is constant on  $M$ ,  $N^{2n}$  is a totally geodesic submanifold of  $M$  by Lemma 2.1. If we denote the restriction of  $\phi$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  by  $J$ , then

$$J^2X = \phi^2X = -X + \eta(X)\xi = -X$$

for any  $X \in \mathcal{D}$ . Hence,  $J$  defines an almost complex structure on  $N^{2n}$ .

Also,  $g'(JX, JY) = g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y) = g'(X, Y)$  for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{D}$ , where  $g'$  is the induced metric on  $N^{2n}$  from  $g$ . Hence,  $(N^{2n}, J, g')$  is an almost Hermitian manifold. Since  $N^{2n}$  is a totally geodesic hypersurface of  $M$ , the equation of Gauss is given by

$$R(X, Y)Z = R'(X, Y)Z$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  tangent to  $N^{2n}$ , where  $R'$  is the curvature tensor of  $N^{2n}$ . Thus, we get

$$R'(X, Y)Z = f_1[g'(Y, Z)X - g'(X, Z)Y]$$

and hence,  $N^{2n}$  is a space of constant curvature  $f_1$ . In any case, from the above arguments, we can easily see that  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  is locally symmetric. Since  $f_1$  and  $f_3$  are constants, we can see that  $M$  is of constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature. This completes the proof of the Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

The above theorem was proved in another ways by Kim [5] and Sarkar and De [7].

**Remark 3.2** *In the Theorem 1, the condition "ξ is Killing vector field" cannot be removed. For example, given  $(N, J, g)$  with constant curvature  $c$ , say, a 6-dimensional sphere with nearly Kaehler structure [6], the warped product  $M = \mathbb{R} \times_f N$ , where  $f > 0$  is a nonconstant function on  $\mathbb{R}$ , can be endowed with an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g_f)$ .*

#### 4. Quasi-Conformally Weyl-Symmetric Generalized Sasakian-Space Forms

Let us consider a quasi-conformally Weyl-symmetric generalized Sasakian-space form  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$ . Then, the condition

$$R(X, Y) \cdot \tilde{C} = 0$$

holds on  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  for every vector fields  $X, Y$ . Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (R(X, Y) \cdot \tilde{C})(U, V)W &= R(X, Y)\tilde{C}(U, V)W - \tilde{C}(R(X, Y)U, V)W \\ &\quad - \tilde{C}(U, R(X, Y)V)W - \tilde{C}(U, V)R(X, Y)W = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

So, for  $X = \xi$  in (46), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & R(\xi, Y)\tilde{C}(U, V)W - \tilde{C}(R(\xi, Y)U, V)W \\ & - \tilde{C}(U, R(\xi, Y)V)W - \tilde{C}(U, V)R(\xi, Y)W = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

From (15), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (f_1 - f_3)\{g(Y, \tilde{C}(U, V)W)\xi - \eta(\tilde{C}(U, V)W)Y - g(Y, U)\tilde{C}(\xi, V)W \\ & + \eta(U)\tilde{C}(Y, V)W - g(Y, V)\tilde{C}(U, \xi)W + \eta(V)\tilde{C}(U, Y)W \\ & - g(Y, W)\tilde{C}(U, V)\xi + \eta(W)\tilde{C}(U, V)Y\} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

Taking the inner product of (48) with  $\xi$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & (f_1 - f_3)\{g(Y, \tilde{C}(U, V)W) - \eta(\tilde{C}(U, V)W)\eta(Y) - g(Y, U)\eta(\tilde{C}(\xi, V)W) \\ & + \eta(U)\eta(\tilde{C}(Y, V)W) - g(Y, V)\eta(\tilde{C}(U, \xi)W) + \eta(V)\eta(\tilde{C}(U, Y)W) \\ & + \eta(W)\eta(\tilde{C}(U, V)Y)\} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

Putting  $Y = U$  in (49), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (f_1 - f_3)\{g(U, \tilde{C}(U, V)W) - \eta(\tilde{C}(U, V)W)\eta(U) - g(U, U)\eta(\tilde{C}(\xi, V)W) \\ & + \eta(U)\eta(\tilde{C}(U, V)W) - g(U, V)\eta(\tilde{C}(U, \xi)W) + \eta(V)\eta(\tilde{C}(U, U)W) \\ & + \eta(W)\eta(\tilde{C}(U, V)U)\} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

From (16), we get

$$\eta(\tilde{C}(X, Y)Z) = \left(\frac{a + (2n - 1)b}{2n + 1}\right)[-3f_2 + (1 - 2n)f_3]\{g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\}. \quad (51)$$

Putting  $Z = \xi$ , the equation (51) turns into the form

$$\eta(\tilde{C}(X, Y)\xi) = 0. \quad (52)$$

Thus, using (52) in (50), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & (f_1 - f_3)\{g(U, \tilde{C}(U, V)W) - g(U, U)\eta(\tilde{C}(\xi, V)W) \\ & - g(U, V)\eta(\tilde{C}(U, \xi)W) + \eta(W)\eta(\tilde{C}(U, V)U)\} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

Let  $\{e_i\}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1$ , ( $e_{2n+1} = \xi$ ) be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at any point.

Then, the sum for  $U = e_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1$ , of the relation (53) give us

$$\begin{aligned} & (f_1 - f_3)\{g(e_i, \tilde{C}(e_i, V)W) - g(e_i, e_i)\eta(\tilde{C}(\xi, V)W) \\ & - g(e_i, V)\eta(\tilde{C}(e_i, \xi)W) + \eta(W)\eta(\tilde{C}(e_i, V)e_i)\} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

On the other hand, from (51), we have

$$\eta(\tilde{C}(\xi, V)W) = \left(\frac{a + (2n - 1)b}{2n + 1}\right)[-3f_2 + (1 - 2n)f_3]\{g(W, V) - \eta(W)\eta(V)\}. \quad (55)$$

Using (55) in (54), we get

$$(f_1 - f_3)\{g(e_i, \tilde{C}(e_i, V)W) + 2n\left(\frac{a + (2n - 1)b}{2n + 1}\right)[3f_2 + (1 - 2n)f_3]g(W, V)\} = 0. \quad (56)$$

Also, from (16), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}(e_i, V)W &= \frac{1}{2n + 1}[(-3a + 6b)f_2 + (2a + 2(2n - 1)b)f_3][g(W, V)e_i - g(W, e_i)V] \\ &\quad + af_2[g(e_i, \phi W)\phi V - g(V, \phi W)\phi e_i + 2g(e_i, \phi V)\phi W] \\ &\quad + [(a + (2n - 1)b)f_3 + 3bf_2][\eta(e_i)\eta(W)V - \eta(V)\eta(W)e_i \\ &\quad + g(e_i, W)\eta(V)\xi - g(V, W)\eta(e_i)\xi]. \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

Taking the inner product of (57) with  $e_i$ , we get

$$g(\tilde{C}(e_i, V)W, e_i) = \left(\frac{a + (2n - 1)b}{2n + 1}\right)(3f_2 + (2n - 1)f_3)[g(W, V) - (2n + 1)\eta(W)\eta(V)]. \quad (58)$$

If we use (58) in (56), we get

$$(f_1 - f_3)(a + (2n - 1)b)(3f_2 + (2n - 1)f_3)[g(W, V) - \eta(W)\eta(V)] = 0. \quad (59)$$

If  $f_1 \neq f_3$  and  $a \neq (2n - 1)b$ , then  $3f_2 + (2n - 1)f_3 = 0$ , that is,

$$f_2 = -\frac{(2n - 1)}{3}f_3. \quad (60)$$

Hence, using (60) in (10), we obtain

$$\tau = 2n(2n + 1)(f_1 - f_3) \quad (61)$$

and using (60) in (9), we get

$$QX = 2n(f_1 - f_3)X. \quad (62)$$

So, we have the following result:

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $M(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  be a generalized Sasakian-space form. Then,  $M^{2n+1}$  ( $n > 1$ ) is quasi-conformally Weyl-symmetric if and only if either  $f_1 = f_3$  or  $f_2 = -\frac{(2n-1)}{3}f_3$  (when  $f_1 \neq f_3$ ), where  $a \neq (2n - 1)b$ .*

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