

# Constancy of $\varphi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature of an indefinite Sasaki-like almost contact manifold with $B$ -metric

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**Abstract:** The aim of the present paper is to establish a criterion for an indefinite Sasaki-like almost contact manifold with  $B$ -metric to reduce to a space of  $\varphi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature.

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## 1 Introduction

Ganchev et al. [3] defined the odd-dimensional version of almost complex manifolds with Norden metric [8,4,2] known as the almost contact manifolds with  $B$ -metric (Norden metric). Later, Ivanov et al. [5] introduced a new class of almost contact manifolds with  $B$ -metric namely Sasaki-like almost contact Complex Riemannian manifolds with  $B$ -metric, which is analogue to indefinite Sasakian manifold.

Tanno [9] proved the following result for an almost Hermitian manifold  $(M^{2n}, g, J)$  to reduce to a space of constant holomorphic sectional curvature.

**Theorem 1.** [9] *Let dimension  $(2n \geq 4)$ , assume that almost Hermitian manifold  $(M^{2n}, g, J)$  satisfies*

$$R(JX, JY, JZ, JX) = R(X, Y, Z, X), \quad (1)$$

for every tangent vectors  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ . Then  $(M^{2n}, g, J)$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature at  $x$ , if and only if,

$$R(X, JX)X \text{ is proportional to } JX, \quad (2)$$

for every tangent vector  $X$  at  $x$  in  $M$ .

Tanno [9] also extended the above Theorem 1 for the Sasakian manifolds as follows.

**Theorem 2.** [9] *A Sasakian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \eta, \xi, g)$  of dimension  $\geq 5$ , is of constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature if and only if*

$$R(X, \phi X)X \text{ is proportional to } \phi X \quad (3)$$

for every vector field  $X$  such that  $g(X, \xi) = 0$ , where  $\xi$  is a characteristic vector field of  $M$ .

Further, Nagaich [7] generalized the Theorem 1 for an *indefinite almost Hermitian manifold* and provided the following characterization.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $(M^{2n}, g, J)$  of dimension  $2n$ , where  $(n \geq 2)$  be an *indefinite almost Hermitian manifold* satisfying (1). Then  $M$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature at  $p$ , if and only if,

$$R(X, JX)X \text{ is proportional to } JX, \quad (4)$$

for every tangent vector  $X$  at  $p \in M$ .

And later, Kumar et al.[6] proved the generalized version of the Theorem 2 for an *indefinite Sasakian manifold* as follows.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \eta, \xi, g)$   $(2n \geq 4)$  be an *indefinite Sasakian manifold*. Then  $M$  is of constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature if and only if

$$R(X, \phi X)X \text{ is proportional to } \phi X \quad (5)$$

for every tangent vector field  $X$  such that  $g(X, \xi) = 0$ , where  $\xi$  is a characteristic vector field of  $M$ .

Recently, we have generalized the Theorem 3 to the setting of an *almost complex manifold with Norden metric* as

**Theorem 5.** [1] Let  $(M^{2n}, g, J)$   $(2n \geq 4)$  be an *indefinite almost complex manifold with Norden metric* satisfying (1). Then  $(M^{2n}, g, J)$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature at  $p$  if and only if

$$R(X, JX)X \text{ is proportional to } \alpha X + \beta JX, \quad (6)$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the functions of holomorphic sectional curvature  $H(X)$ , for every tangent vector  $X$  at  $p \in M$ .

In this paper, we have extended the Theorem 5 to the setting of a *Sasaki-like almost contact manifold with B-metric* to reduce to a space of constant  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $(\bar{M}^{2n+1}, \phi, \zeta, \eta)$  be an *indefinite Sasaki-like almost contact manifold with B-metric*. Then  $\bar{M}$  is of constant  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature if and only if

$$R(X, \phi X)X \text{ is proportional to } \gamma X + \delta \phi X, \quad (7)$$

where  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  are the functions of  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature  $H(X)$ , for every tangent vector  $X$  such that  $g(X, \zeta) = 0$ , where  $\zeta$  is a characteristic vector field of  $\bar{M}$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Almost contact manifold with B-metric

Let  $(\bar{M}^{2n+1}, \phi, \zeta, \eta)$  be an almost contact manifold with  $B$ -metric  $\bar{g}$ , i.e.,  $\bar{M}$  is a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional smooth manifold endowed with an almost contact structure  $(\phi, \zeta, \eta)$  and equipped with a pseudo-Riemannian metric  $\bar{g}$ , such that the following relations are satisfied [3],

$$\phi \zeta = 0, \quad \eta(\zeta) = 1, \quad (8)$$

$$\eta(X) = \bar{g}(X, \zeta), \quad \eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$\bar{g}(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = -\bar{g}(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{10}$$

$$\bar{g}(\varphi X, Y) = \bar{g}(X, \varphi Y), \tag{11}$$

$$\bar{\bar{g}}(X, Y) = \bar{g}(\varphi X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{12}$$

for arbitrary tangent vector fields  $X, Y \in T\bar{M}$ , where  $\bar{\bar{g}}$  is called the associated metric of  $\bar{g}$  on  $\bar{M}$  and is also a  $B$ -metric on  $\bar{M}$ . Moreover, the manifold  $(\bar{M}, \varphi, \zeta, \eta, \bar{\bar{g}})$  is also called an almost contact manifold with  $B$ -metric. Infact, both  $\bar{g}$  and  $\bar{\bar{g}}$  are indefinite metrics having signature  $(n + 1, n)$ .

Let  $\bar{\nabla}$  and  $\bar{\bar{\nabla}}$  be the Levi-Civita connections of  $\bar{g}$  and  $\bar{\bar{g}}$ , respectively on  $\bar{M}$ . In [3], the tensor field  $F$  of type  $(0, 3)$  is defined on  $\bar{M}$  as follows

$$F(X, Y, Z) = \bar{g}((\bar{\nabla}_X \varphi)Y, Z)$$

and the following properties hold in general [3] :

$$F(X, Y, Z) = F(X, Z, Y) = F(X, \varphi Y, \varphi Z) + \eta(Y)F(X, \zeta, Z) + \eta(Z)F(X, Y, \zeta), \tag{13}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in T\bar{M}$ . The relations of  $F$  with  $\bar{\nabla}\zeta$  and  $\bar{\nabla}\eta$  are given by :

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X \eta)Y = g(\bar{\nabla}_X \zeta, Y) = F(X, \varphi Y, \zeta), \quad \eta(\bar{\nabla}_X \zeta) = 0, \quad \varphi(\bar{\nabla}_X \varphi)\zeta = \bar{\nabla}_X \zeta \tag{14}$$

In [3], Ganchev et al. defined eleven basic classes  $F_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, 11)$  of almost contact manifolds with  $B$ -metric and classified the almost contact manifolds with  $B$ -metric in terms of the tensor  $F$ . The intersection of these basic classes is the class  $F_0$ , which is analogue to Kaehler manifold with Norden metric and is determined by the condition

$$F(X, Y, Z) = 0 (\bar{\nabla}\varphi = \bar{\nabla}\eta = \bar{\nabla}\zeta = 0).$$

**Definition 1.** [5] An almost contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \varphi, \zeta, \eta, \bar{g})$  with  $B$ - metric is called Sasaki-like if the structure tensors  $(\varphi, \zeta, \eta, \bar{g})$  satisfy the following equalities

$$F(X, Y, Z) = F(\zeta, Y, Z) = F(\zeta, \zeta, Z) = 0, \tag{15}$$

$$F(X, Y, \zeta) = -\bar{g}(X, Y). \tag{16}$$

Also, the covariant derivative  $\bar{\nabla}\varphi$  satisfies the following equality

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X \varphi)Y = -\bar{g}(X, Y)\zeta - \eta(Y)X + 2\eta(X)\eta(Y)\zeta. \tag{17}$$

A non-zero tangent vector field  $U$  is classified in the following types

- (i) spacelike if  $\bar{g}(U, U) > 0$ ,
- (ii) timelike if  $\bar{g}(U, U) < 0$ ,
- (iii) null (lightlike) if  $\bar{g}(U, U) = 0, U \neq 0$ .

## 2.2 Curvature properties

Let the curvature tensor  $R$  of  $\bar{\nabla}$  on  $\bar{M}$  is given by

$$R(X, Y)Z = \bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_Y Z - \bar{\nabla}_Y \bar{\nabla}_X Z - \bar{\nabla}_{[X, Y]} Z.$$

The corresponding curvature  $(0, 4)$ -tensor with respect to  $\bar{g}$  is given by

$$R(X, Y, Z, W) = \bar{g}(R(X, Y)Z, W)$$

and satisfies the following properties

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y, Z, W) &= -R(Y, X, Z, W) = -R(X, Y, W, Z), \\ R(X, Y, Z, W) + R(Y, Z, X, W) + R(Z, X, Y, W) &= 0, \\ R(X, Y, Z, W) &= -R(X, Y, \phi Z, \phi W), \end{aligned}$$

for all tangent vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  and  $W$  on  $\bar{M}$ .

The associated curvature tensor  $\tilde{R}$  of  $\tilde{\nabla}$  on  $\bar{M}$  is defined as

$$\tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = R(X, Y, Z, \phi W).$$

Thus, for the curvature tensor  $R$ , we have

$$R(X, Y, Z, \phi W) = R(X, Y, \phi Z, W). \quad (18)$$

Let  $\alpha$  denote a non-degenerate 2-plane in the tangent space  $T_p \bar{M}$ . Then the sectional curvature for  $\alpha$  with respect to  $\bar{g}$  and  $R$  is given by

$$K(\alpha, p) = \frac{R(U, V, U, V)}{\bar{g}(U, U)\bar{g}(V, V) - \bar{g}(U, V)^2}. \quad (19)$$

where  $\{U, V\}$  is an orthogonal basis of  $\alpha$  and  $p \in \bar{M}$ .

**Definition 2.** A 2-plane  $\alpha = \{U, \phi U\}$ , where  $U$  is orthonormal to  $\zeta$  is known as  $\phi$ -holomorphic section (respectively, a  $\zeta$ -section) if  $\alpha = \phi\alpha$  (respectively,  $\zeta \in \alpha$ ) and the curvature associated with this is said to be  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature, denoted by  $H(U)$  and given as

$$H(U) = \frac{R(U, \phi U, U, \phi U)}{\bar{g}(U, U)\bar{g}(\phi U, \phi U) - \bar{g}(U, \phi U)^2}. \quad (20)$$

Moreover, if  $H(U)$  is always constant with respect to every unit tangent vector  $U \in T\bar{M}$ , then  $\bar{M}$  is said to be of constant  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature or a Sasakian space form.

## 2.3 Sasaki-like almost contact manifold with B-metric

In [5], Ivanov defined the odd dimensional version of an indefinite Kaehler manifold known as Sasaki-like almost contact manifold with  $B$ -metric and proved the following result.

**Lemma 1.** [5] For a Sasaki-like almost contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \varphi, \zeta, \eta, \bar{g})$  with B-metric the next formula holds

$$R(X, Y, \varphi Z, \varphi U) - R(X, Y, Z, \varphi U) = \{\bar{g}(Y, Z) - 2\eta(Y)\eta(Z)\}\bar{g}(X, \varphi U) + \{\bar{g}(Y, U) - 2\eta(Y)\eta(U)\}\bar{g}(X, \varphi Z) - \{\bar{g}(X, Z) - 2\eta(X)\eta(Z)\}\bar{g}(Y, \varphi U) - \{\bar{g}(X, U) - 2\eta(X)\eta(U)\}\bar{g}(Y, \varphi Z). \tag{21}$$

In particular, we have

$$R(X, Y)\zeta = \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y \tag{22}$$

and

$$R(\zeta, X)\zeta = -X$$

The equation (21) further implies

$$R(X, Y)\varphi Z = \varphi R(X, Y)Z - 2\varphi\eta(Z)R(X, Y)\zeta - \bar{g}(X, Z)\varphi Y + \bar{g}(X, \varphi Z)Y - \bar{g}(Y, \varphi Z)X + 2\{\bar{g}(Y, \varphi Z)\eta(X) - \bar{g}(X, \varphi Z)\eta(Y)\}\zeta. \tag{23}$$

Replacing  $Y$  by  $\varphi X$  and  $Z$  by  $\varphi X$  in above equation (23) and use of (22) yields,

$$R(X, \varphi X)X = -\{R(X, \varphi X)\varphi X + (\eta(X))^2\varphi X + 2\bar{g}(X, \varphi X)X + 2\bar{g}(\varphi X, \varphi X)\varphi X - 3\bar{g}(X, \varphi X)\eta(X)\}\zeta \tag{24}$$

### 3 Constancy of $\varphi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature

Now we will prove the main result.

*Proof.* Initially assume that  $\bar{M}$  be an indefinite Sasaki-like almost contact manifold with B-metric, then using formula (20), we obtain

$$R(X, \varphi X)X = -H(X)\rho X + H(X)\varphi X. \tag{25}$$

where  $X$  denotes a unit tangent vector such that  $\bar{g}(X, \varphi X) = \rho (\neq 0)$ . By using the fact that  $\bar{M}$  is having constant  $\varphi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature and the equation (25), the necessity of the assertion follows. To prove the converse part, the following two cases have been considered.

**Case I.** For the space-like, or in other words,  $\bar{g}(X, X) = \bar{g}(Y, Y)$ . Let  $\{X, Y\}$  denote an orthonormal pair of vectors in  $\bar{M}$  such that

$$\bar{g}(X, X) = -\bar{g}(\varphi X, \varphi X) = 1,$$

$$\bar{g}(Y, Y) = -\bar{g}(\varphi Y, \varphi Y) = 1,$$

$$\bar{g}(X, \varphi X) = \bar{g}(Y, \varphi Y) = \rho (\neq 0)$$

and

$$\bar{g}(X, \varphi Y) = \bar{g}(\varphi X, Y) = 0.$$

In this case,  $X^{**}$  and  $Z^{**}$  be defined by

$$X^{**} = \cos\theta X + \sin\theta Y$$

and

$$Z^{**} = -\sin\theta X + \cos\theta Y.$$

Clearly,  $\{X^{**}, Z^{**}\}$  also form an orthonormal pair of vectors in  $\bar{M}$  and using the above relation (7), we have

$$R(X^{**}, \phi X^{**})X^{**} \sim \gamma X^{**} + \delta \phi X^{**}.$$

Taking inner product of above equation with  $\phi Z^{**}$ , we have

$$R(X^{**}, \phi X^{**}, X^{**}, \phi Z^{**}) = 0.$$

Also, by using the linear properties of Riemannian curvature tensor  $R$ , we obtain

$$\cos\theta \sin\theta \{-\cos^2\theta R(X, \phi X, X, \phi X) + \sin^2\theta R(Y, \phi Y, Y, \phi Y) + (\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta)R(Y, \phi Y, X, \phi X)\} = 0. \quad (26)$$

Considering  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$  yields,

$$H(X) = H(Y).$$

If  $\{Z, W\}$  is a  $\phi$ -holomorphic section then  $\phi Z = pZ + q\phi Z$ , for any scalars  $p$  and  $q$ . Thus,  $\{Z, \phi Z\} = \{Z, pZ + q\phi Z\} = \{Z, W\}$  and similarly  $\{W, \phi W\} = \{Z, W\}$ . therefore  $\{Z, \phi Z\} = \{W, \phi W\}$  and hence  $H(Z) = H(W)$ .

On the contrary if  $\{Z, W\}$  is not a  $\phi$ -holomorphic section then there must exist unit vectors  $X \in \{Z, \phi Z\}^\perp$  and  $Y \in \{W, \phi W\}^\perp$  that determine a  $\phi$ -holomorphic section  $\{X, Y\}$  and thus, we have

$$H(Z) = H(X) = H(Y) = H(W),$$

which proves that any  $\phi$ -holomorphic section has the same  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature.

Now, let the  $\dim(\bar{M}) = 5$  and using the properties of curvature tensor  $R$ , the following relations hold.

$$R(X, \phi X)X = H(X)\{-\rho X + \phi X\} \quad (27)$$

$$R(X, \phi X)Y = \frac{1}{1+\rho^2}\{R(X, \phi X, Y, \phi Y)(\rho Y - \phi Y)\}$$

$$R(X, \phi Y)X = \frac{1}{1+\rho^2}\{R(X, \phi Y, X, Y)(Y + \rho \phi Y) + R(X, \phi Y, X, \phi Y)(\rho Y - \phi Y)\}$$

$$R(Y, \phi X)X = \frac{1}{1+\rho^2}\{R(Y, \phi X, X, Y)(Y + \rho \phi Y) + R(Y, \phi X, X, \phi Y)(\rho Y - \phi Y)\}$$

$$R(X, \phi Y)Y = \frac{1}{1+\rho^2}\{R(X, \phi Y, Y, X)(X + \rho \phi X) + R(X, \phi Y, Y, \phi X)(\rho X - \phi X)\}$$

$$R(Y, \phi X)Y = \frac{1}{1+\rho^2}\{R(Y, \phi X, Y, X)(X + \rho \phi X) + R(Y, \phi X, Y, \phi X)(\rho X - \phi X)\}$$

$$R(Y, \phi Y)X = \frac{1}{1+\rho^2}\{R(Y, \phi Y, X, \phi X)(\rho X - \phi X)\}$$

$$R(Y, \phi Y)Y = H(Y)\{-\rho Y + \phi Y\}. \quad (28)$$

Now, define  $X^{**} = dX + eY$  where  $d^2 + e^2 = 1$ , then making use of the above algebraic relations (28), we have

$$R(X^{**}, \phi X^{**})X^{**} = E_1X + E_2Y + E_3\phi X + E_4\phi Y, \quad (29)$$

where

$$E_3 = d^3H(X) - \frac{de^2}{(1+\rho^2)}E_5, \quad E_4 = e^3H(X) - \frac{d^2e}{(1+\rho^2)}E_5,$$

and

$$E_5 = R(X, \varphi Y, Y, \varphi X) + R(Y, \varphi X, Y, \varphi X) + R(Y, \varphi Y, X, \varphi X).$$

On the other hand, equation (27) yields,

$$R(X^{**}, \varphi X^{**})X^{**} = H(X^{**})\{-\rho X^{**} + \varphi X^{**}\} = H(X^{**})\{\rho dX + \rho eY - d\varphi X - e\varphi Y\}. \tag{30}$$

Comparing the equations (29) and (30), we obtain

$$d^2H(X) - \frac{e^2}{(1 + \rho^2)}E_5 = H(X^{**}), \quad e^2H(X) - \frac{d^2}{(1 + \rho^2)}E_5 = H(X^{**}),$$

upon solving the above equations, we have

$$E_5 = -(1 + \rho^2)H(X)$$

and hence consequently

$$H(X^{**}) = (d^2 + e^2)H(X) = H(X).$$

Similarly, on the parallel lines, we prove that

$$H(Y^{**}) = H(Y).$$

Thus, we have proved that the manifold  $\bar{M}$  is of constant  $\varphi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature.

**Case II:** When the metric is timelike, or in other words,  $\bar{g}(X, X) = -\bar{g}(Y, Y)$ , where either  $X$  and  $Y$  are spacelike and timelike vectors, respectively or vice versa. Let  $\{X, Y\}$  denote a pair of orthonormal vectors in  $\bar{M}$  such that

$$\bar{g}(X, X) = -\bar{g}(\varphi X, \varphi X) = 1,$$

$$\bar{g}(Y, Y) = -\bar{g}(\varphi Y, \varphi Y) = -1,$$

$$\bar{g}(X, \varphi X) = -\bar{g}(Y, \varphi Y) = \rho (\neq 0)$$

and

$$\bar{g}(X, \varphi Y) = \bar{g}(\varphi X, Y) = 0.$$

Further, we define  $X''$  and  $Z''$  by

$$X'' = \cosh\theta X + \sinh\theta Y$$

and

$$Z'' = -\sinh\theta \varphi X + \cosh\theta \varphi Y$$

then  $X'', Z''$  form an orthonormal pair of vectors in  $\bar{M}$  and therefore making use of the relation (7), we have

$$R(X'', \varphi X'')X'' \sim \gamma X'' + \delta \varphi X''.$$

Taking inner product of above equation with  $Z''$ , we obtain,

$$R(X'', \varphi X'', X'', Z'') = 0,$$

further, using the linearity properties of curvature tensor, we have

$$\cosh\theta \sinh\theta \{ \cos^2 h\theta H(X) - \sin^2 h\theta H(Y) - (\cos^2 h\theta - \sin^2 h\theta)R(X, \varphi X, Y, \varphi Y) \} = 0. \tag{31}$$

Considering  $\theta = \frac{i\pi}{4}$ , we get

$$H(X) = H(Y).$$

Further, using the same argument given in **Case I**, we obtain that any holomorphic section has same sectional curvature. Now, assuming the  $\dim(\bar{M}) = 5$  and using the curvature properties of curvature tensor  $R$ , we have the following relations

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, \phi X)X &= -H(X)\{\rho X - \phi X\} \\ R(X, \phi X)Y &= \frac{1}{1+\rho^2}\{R(X, \phi X, Y, \phi Y)(-\rho Y + \phi Y)\} \\ R(X, \phi Y)X &= \frac{1}{1+\rho^2}\{R(X, \phi X, Y, \phi Y)(-\rho Y + \phi Y)\} \\ R(X, \phi Y)X &= \frac{1}{1+\rho^2}\{R(X, \phi Y, X, Y)(-Y - \rho \phi Y) + R(X, \phi Y, X, \phi Y)(-\rho Y + \phi Y)\} \\ R(Y, \phi X)X &= \frac{1}{1+\rho^2}\{R(Y, \phi X, X, Y)(-Y - \rho \phi Y) + R(Y, \phi X, X, \phi Y)(-\rho Y + \phi Y)\} \\ R(X, \phi Y)Y &= \frac{1}{1+\rho^2}\{R(X, \phi Y, Y, X)(X + \rho \phi X) + R(X, \phi Y, Y, \phi X)(\rho X - \phi X)\} \\ R(Y, \phi X)Y &= \frac{1}{1+\rho^2}\{R(Y, \phi X, Y, X)(X + \rho \phi X) + R(Y, \phi X, Y, \phi X)(\rho X - \phi X)\} \\ R(Y, \phi Y)X &= \frac{1}{1+\rho^2}\{R(Y, \phi Y, X, \phi X)(\rho X - \phi X)\} \\ R(Y, \phi Y)Y &= -H(Y)\{-\rho Y + \phi Y\}. \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

Now, define  $X'' = dX + eY$  with  $d^2 - e^2 = 1$ , then using the above relations, we have

$$R(X'', \phi X'')X'' = E_1X + E_2Y + E_3\phi X + E_4\phi Y, \tag{34}$$

where

$$E_3 = d^3H(X)(1+\rho^2) - \frac{de^2}{(1+\rho^2)}E_5, \quad E_4 = -e^3H(X)(1+\rho^2) + \frac{d^2e}{(1+\rho^2)}E_5,$$

and  $E_5 = R(X, \phi Y, Y, \phi X) + R(Y, \phi X, Y, \phi X) + R(Y, \phi Y, X, \phi X)$ . On the other hand, using (32), we have

$$R(X'', \phi X'')X'' = -H(X'')\{\rho dX + \rho eY - d\phi X - e\phi Y\}. \tag{35}$$

Comparing (34) and (35), we obtain

$$d^2H(X) - \frac{e^2}{(1+\rho^2)}E_5 = H(X''), \quad -e^2H(X) + \frac{d^2}{(1+\rho^2)}E_5 = H(X''),$$

on solving these equations, we obtain

$$E_5 = (1+\rho^2)H(X)$$

and consequently

$$H(X'') = (d^2 - e^2)H(X) = H(X).$$

Similarly, we can prove

$$H(Y'') = H(Y).$$

Thus, the manifold  $\bar{M}$  is of constant  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature.



Hence, we conclude that Theorem 2 can be derived by considering  $g(X, \varphi X) = \rho = 0$ , in Theorem 6.

Similarly, by taking  $g(X, \varphi X) = \rho = 0$ , in Theorem 6, the constancy of  $\varphi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature can be derived for an indefinite almost Sasakian manifold with some minor changes and thus, Theorem 6 provides a generalization of Theorem 4.

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