

A THEOREM ON  $\alpha$ -DISTRIBUTION  
FOR NORMAL MANIFOLDS OF THE KILLING TYPE

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Presently, the geometry of almost contact metric manifolds ( $A\mathcal{C}$ -manifolds) is actively studied. The  $A\mathcal{C}$ -manifolds endowed with additional structures are of a significant interest for differential-geometric investigations. For example, the  $A\mathcal{C}$ -manifolds endowed with normal structures of the Killing type ( $\mathcal{CNK}$ -manifolds) are generalizations of the Sasakian, quasi-Sasakian, cosymplectic, and exactly cosymplectic manifolds. Those  $\mathcal{CNK}$ -manifolds, which are locally conformal to almost contact metric manifolds with closed fundamental 2-form ( $\mathcal{LCC}$ -manifolds), are of a particular interest. For this case we obtain a contact analog of the locally conformal Kähler manifolds (see, e. g., [1]–[4]), which find applications in modern Mathematical Physics (see [5]).

In this article we study the properties of an involutive distribution contained in the  $\alpha$ -distribution of an  $\mathcal{LCC}$ -manifold. The notion of an  $\alpha$ -distribution (Kähler distribution) for the locally conformal Kähler manifolds was introduced by K. Ikuta in [6]. Studying an involutive distribution, which is contained in the Kähler distribution under condition that the Lee form of the manifold is covariantly constant (i. e., when the manifold is a generalized Hopf manifold, see [7]), he established that 1) under the condition that such a distribution is anti-invariant, its dimension can be at most  $m - 1$  ( $m$  is the complex dimension of the manifold), 2) each involutive distribution contained in the Kähler distribution is anti-invariant. Later this problem was studied by N.N. Shchipkova for the Vaisman–Gray manifolds. For these manifolds a generalization for the last of the above results by K. Ikuta was obtained. The theorem proved in this article is both a contact analog and a generalization of the results obtained by K. Ikuta and N.N. Shchipkova. We also prove that, if the Lee form of an  $\mathcal{LCC}$ -manifold is covariantly constant, then any involutive distribution contained in its  $\alpha$ -distribution is anti-invariant.

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold endowed with an  $A\mathcal{C}$ -structure, i. e., a collection  $\{\eta, \xi, \Phi, g = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\}$  of tensor fields on  $M$ , where  $\xi$  is a vector,  $\eta$  a covector,  $\Phi$  an endomorphism of the module  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  of smooth vector fields on  $M$ ,  $g$  a Riemannian metric, related to each other as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \Phi(\xi) = 0, \quad \Phi^2 = -\text{id} + \xi \otimes \eta, \quad \eta \circ \Phi = 0, \\ \langle \Phi X, \Phi Y \rangle = \langle X, Y \rangle - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\nabla$  be the Riemannian connection on  $M$ ,  $d$  the operator of the exterior differentiation,  $\delta$  the operator of the codifferentiation,  $C^\infty(M)$  the algebra of smooth functions on  $M$ ,  $\Omega(X, Y) = \langle X, \Phi Y \rangle$  the fundamental 2-form of the structure, and  $\Theta = \frac{1}{n-1} \delta \Omega \circ \Phi$  the Lee form. In what follows we assume that the Lee form  $\Theta$  is nonzero at each point of  $M$ . A manifold admitting an  $A\mathcal{C}$ -structure is called an  $A\mathcal{C}$ -manifold. It is well-known (see [8]) that an  $A\mathcal{C}$ -manifold is odd-dimensional and orientable. The formulas  $m = \xi \otimes \eta$ ,  $l = \text{id} - \xi \otimes \eta$  determine the two complementary projectors onto the  $C^\infty(M)$ -module  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  of an  $A\mathcal{C}$ -manifold  $M$ . Let  $\text{Im } m = \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $\text{Im } l = \mathfrak{L}$ , then  $\mathfrak{X}(M) = \mathfrak{M} \oplus \mathfrak{L}$ .

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