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We study (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric 3-manifolds (a notion introduced by Koufogiorgos, Markellos and Papantoniou) that are Ricci flat, or are Einstein but not Sasakian, or satisfy $\nabla Z = 0$, where Z is the concircular curvature tensor, or satisfy $Z(\xi, X) \cdot Z = 0$, where ξ is the Reeb field, or satisfy $Z(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$, where S is the Ricci tensor, or finally satisfy $R(\xi, X) \cdot Z = 0$, where R is the Riemannian curvature tensor.

1. Introduction

A contact metric manifold (M, ξ) is Sasakian if and only if

(1-1)
$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y = R_0(X, Y)\xi,$$

where

(1-2)
$$R_0(X, Y)U = g(Y, U)X - g(X, U)Y, \quad X, Y, U \in \mathcal{X}(M).$$

There exist contact metric manifolds that satisfy the condition $R(X, Y)\xi = 0$; for example, the tangent sphere bundle of a flat Riemannian manifold admits a contact metric satisfying this condition. D. E. Blair, Th. Koufogiorgos and B. Papantoniou [Blair et al. 1995] generalized both this condition and the Sasakian case introducing the (κ , μ)-nullity distribution on a contact metric manifold

$$N(\kappa,\mu): p \to N_p(\kappa,\mu) = \{U \in T_pM \mid R(X,Y)U = (\kappa I + \mu h)R_0(X,Y)U\}$$

for all $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$, and $(\kappa, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. A contact metric manifold M^{2n+1} with $\xi \in N(\kappa, \mu)$ is called a (κ, μ) -contact metric manifold. In particular we have

(1-3)
$$R(X,Y)\xi = (\kappa I + \mu h)R_0(X,Y)\xi, \quad X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M),$$

with $\kappa \leq 1$ and if $\kappa = 1$ the structure is Sasakian. The full classification of these manifolds was given by E. Boeckx [2000]. If $\mu = 0$ we have the κ -nullity distribution and if $\xi \in N(\kappa)$ we have a $N(\kappa)$ -contact metric manifold. Koufogiorgos

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and Ch. Tsichlias [2000] introduced the generalized (κ, μ) -contact metric manifolds, where κ and μ are real functions, and they gave several examples. Finally, the (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric manifolds have been introduced by Koufogiorgos, M. Markellos and V. Papantoniou [Koufogiorgos et al. 2008] where κ, μ, ν are smooth functions and the curvature tensor satisfies, for every $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$, the condition

(1-4)
$$R(X,Y)\xi = \kappa \left(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\right) + \mu \left(\eta(Y)hX - \eta(X)hY\right) + \nu \left(\eta(Y)\phi hX - \eta(X)\phi hY\right).$$

D. Perrone defined a *H*-contact metric manifold as a (2n+1)-dimensional contact metric manifold *M* whose characteristic vector field (or the Reeb vector field) ξ is a harmonic vector field. In [Perrone 2004], it was proved that $M(\eta, \xi, \phi, g)$ is an *H*-contact metric manifold if and only if ξ is an eigenvector of the Ricci operator *Q*. The class of *H*-contact metric manifolds includes several classes of contact metric manifolds such as Sasakian, η -Einstein, or even generalized (κ, μ)-contact metric manifolds. Perrone [2003] also showed that a contact metric 3-manifold *M* is a generalized (κ, μ)-contact metric manifold on an everywhere dense open subset of *M* if and only if its Reeb vector field ξ determines a harmonic map. In turn, Koufogiorgos, Markellos and Papantoniou proved that the (κ, μ, ν)-condition on a 3-dimensional contact metric manifold is equivalent to the Reeb vector field ξ being a harmonic vector field, at least on an open dense subset of the manifold [Koufogiorgos et al. 2008]. They proved also that these manifolds exist only in the dimension 3, whereas such a manifold does not exist in dimension greater than 3; hence, we restrict ourselves to dimension 3.

On the other hand, many geometers have studied the contact manifolds of constant curvature and their generalizations like the locally symmetric spaces ($\nabla R = 0$), Einstein spaces, the semisymmetric spaces ($R(\xi, X) \cdot R = 0$), Ricci semisymmetric spaces ($R(X, Y) \cdot S = 0$), Weyl semisymmetric spaces ($R(X, Y) \cdot C = 0$), where R(X, Y) acts as a derivation respectively on R, S, C etc. For example, a contact metric manifold of constant curvature is necessarily a Sasakian manifold of constant curvature +1 or is 3-dimensional and flat [Blair 2002, pages 98–99; Olszak 1979]. S. Tanno [1969] showed that a semisymmetric K-contact manifold M^{2n+1} is locally isometric to the unit sphere $S^{2n+1}(1)$, and that for a K-contact manifold M^{2n+1} the following conditions are equivalent: (i) M is an Einstein manifold; (ii) M is Ricci-symmetric, that is, its Ricci tensor is parallel; (iii) M is Ricci semisymmetric, i.e., it satisfies the condition $R(X, Y) \cdot S = 0$; (iv) M is ξ -Ricci semisymmetric, that is, $R(\xi, Y) \cdot S = 0$.

Perrone [1992] showed that if ξ belongs to the κ -nullity distribution and if $R(\xi, Y) \cdot S = 0$, then the contact metric manifold is locally isometric to $E^{n+1} \times S^n(4)$ or is Sasaki–Einstein. M. M. Tripathi [2006] proved that a contact metric manifold

 M^{2n+1} such that ξ belongs to the (κ, μ) -nullity distribution and $R(\xi, Y) \cdot S$ vanishes is either flat and 3-dimensional, or is locally isometric to $E^{n+1} \times S^n(4)$, or is a Sasaki–Einstein manifold. Finally, we studied in [Gouli-Andreou et al. 2012], together with Ph. J. Xenos, the (κ, μ, ν) -contact 3-manifolds in which certain curvature conditions are satisfied; for instance the Ricci tensor *S* is cyclic parallel, or η -parallel or $R(\xi, Y) \cdot S = 0$.

After the curvature tensor R and the Weyl conformal curvature tensor C, the *concircular curvature tensor* Z is the next most important (1,3)-type curvature tensor. It is defined on a Riemannian manifold (M^n, g) by Yano [1940a] (see also [Yano and Bochner 1953]) as

(1-5)
$$Z = R - \frac{r}{n(n-1)}R_0,$$

where *R* is the curvature tensor, R_0 is given by (1-2) and *r* the scalar curvature. We remark that Riemannian manifolds with vanishing *Z* are of constant curvature; thus the concircular curvature tensor is a measure of the failure of a Riemannian manifold to be of constant curvature. *Z* is an invariant of concircular transformations, which have important geometric and algebraic applications; see [Yano 1940a; 1940b; 1940c; 1940d; 1942; Vanhecke 1977]. Hence, Blair, J. S. Kim and Tripathi [Blair et al. 2005] started a study of the concircular curvature tensor on M^{2n+1} contact metric manifolds. They classified $N(\kappa)$ -contact metric manifolds satisfying $Z(\xi, X) \cdot Z = 0$, $Z(\xi, X) \cdot R = 0$ or $R(\xi, X) \cdot Z = 0$. Similarly, Tripathi and Kim [2004] classified $M^{2n+1}(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact manifolds with $Z(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$.

This article is motivated by these studies, and is organized in the following way. In Section 2 we give some preliminaries on contact manifolds and the concircular curvature tensor. In Section 3 we present a brief account of (κ, μ, ν) -contact 3manifolds while Section 4 contains some basic results. Finally, in Section 5 we study (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric 3-manifolds *M* satisfying any of these conditions:

- (i) *M* is Ricci flat.
- (ii) *M* is Einstein but not Sasakian.
- (iii) $\nabla Z = 0$, where Z is the concircular curvature tensor.
- (iv) $Z(\xi, X) \cdot Z = 0$, where $Z(\xi, X)$ acts as a derivation on Z.
- (v) $Z(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$, where $Z(\xi, X)$ acts as a derivation on S.
- (vi) $R(\xi, X) \cdot Z = 0$, where $R(\xi, X)$ acts as a derivation on Z.

2. Preliminaries

By a *contact manifold* we mean a smooth manifold M^{2n+1} , endowed with a global 1-form η such that $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^n \neq 0$ everywhere. Then there is an underlying *contact*

metric structure (η, ξ, ϕ, g) where g is a Riemannian metric (the *associated metric*), ϕ a global tensor of type (1,1) and ξ a unique global vector field (the *characteristic* or *Reeb vector field*). These structure tensors satisfy the equations

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

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

for all $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$. The associated metrics can be constructed by the polarization of $d\eta$ on the contact subbundle defined by $\eta = 0$. Denoting Lie differentiation by \mathcal{L} , we define for all $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$ the (1,1)-tensor field

$$hX = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{L}_{\xi}\phi)X.$$

We give some basic equations for these tensor fields:

(2-3)
$$\phi \xi = h \xi = 0, \quad \eta \circ \phi = \eta \circ h = 0, \quad \nabla_{\xi} \phi = 0,$$
$$\operatorname{Tr} h = \operatorname{Tr}(h\phi) = 0, \quad h\phi = -\phi h.$$

If *X* is an eigenvector of *h* corresponding to the eigenvalue λ , then ϕX is also an eigenvector of *h* corresponding to the eigenvalue $-\lambda$ since *h* anticommutes with ϕ :

(2-4) $hX = \lambda X \implies h\phi X = -\lambda\phi X,$

(2-5)
$$\nabla_X \xi = -\phi X - \phi h X,$$

(2-6)
$$(\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = -g(\phi X + \phi h X, Y),$$

where ∇ is the Levi-Civita connection of g. We also denote by R the corresponding Riemann curvature tensor field given by $R(X, Y) = [\nabla_X, \nabla_Y] - \nabla_{[X,Y]}$, by S the Ricci tensor field of type (0, 2), by Q the Ricci operator, which is the corresponding endomorphism field, by r the scalar curvature and by H the ϕ -sectional curvature.

A contact metric manifold for which ξ is a Killing field is called a *K*-contact manifold. A contact metric manifold is K-contact if and only if h = 0. A contact structure on M^{2n+1} implies an almost complex structure on the product manifold $M^{2n+1} \times \mathbb{R}$. If this structure is integrable, then the contact metric manifold is said to be *Sasakian*. A K-contact structure is Sasakian only in dimension 3, and this fails in higher dimensions. More details on contact manifolds can be found in [Blair 2002].

We restrict ourselves to the 3-dimensional case. Let (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) be a 3dimensional contact metric manifold and U the open subset of points $p \in M$ where $h \neq 0$ in a neighborhood of p and U_0 the open subset of points $p \in M$ such that h = 0in a neighborhood of p. For any point $p \in U \cup U_0$ there exists a local orthonormal basis $\{e, \phi e, \xi\}$ of smooth eigenvectors of h in a neighborhood of p. On U we put $he = \lambda e$, where λ is a nonvanishing smooth function which is supposed positive. From (2-4) we have $h\phi e = -\lambda \phi e$. Lemma 2.1 [Gouli-Andreou and Xenos 1998]. On U we have

$$\begin{split} \nabla_{\xi} e &= a \phi e, & \nabla_{e} e = b \phi e, & \nabla_{\phi e} e = -c \phi e + (\lambda - 1) \xi, \\ \nabla_{\xi} \phi e &= -a e, & \nabla_{e} \phi e = -b e + (1 + \lambda) \xi, & \nabla_{\phi e} \phi e = c e, \\ \nabla_{\xi} \xi &= 0, & \nabla_{e} \xi = -(1 + \lambda) \phi e, & \nabla_{\phi e} \xi = (1 - \lambda) e, \end{split}$$

where a is a smooth function and

(2-7)
$$b = \frac{1}{2\lambda} [(\phi e \cdot \lambda) + A] \quad with \quad A = S(\xi, e),$$
$$c = \frac{1}{2\lambda} [(e \cdot \lambda) + B] \quad with \quad B = S(\xi, \phi e).$$

Lemma 2.1 and the formula $[X, Y] = \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X$ yield

$$[e, \phi e] = \nabla_e \phi e - \nabla_{\phi e} e = -be + c\phi e + 2\xi,$$

$$[e, \xi] = \nabla_e \xi - \nabla_\xi e = -(a + \lambda + 1)\phi e,$$

$$[\phi e, \xi] = \nabla_{\phi e} \xi - \nabla_\xi \phi e = (a - \lambda + 1)e.$$

Definition 2.2. Let M^3 be a 3-dimensional contact metric manifold and let $h = \lambda h^+ - \lambda h^-$ be the spectral decomposition of h on U. If

$$\nabla_{h^- X} h^- X = [\xi, h^+ X]$$

for all vector fields X on M^3 and all points of an open subset W of U, and if h = 0 on the points of M^3 which do not belong to W, then the manifold is said to be a *semi-K contact* manifold.

From Lemma 2.1 and the relations (2-8), the condition above leads to $[\xi, e] = 0$ when X = e and to $\nabla_{\phi e} \phi e = 0$ when $X = \phi e$. Hence on a semi-K contact manifold we have $a + \lambda + 1 = c = 0$. If we apply the deformation $e \rightarrow \phi e$, $\phi e \rightarrow e$, $\xi \rightarrow -\xi$, $\lambda \rightarrow -\lambda$, $b \rightarrow c$ and $c \rightarrow b$ then the contact metric structure remains the same. Hence the condition for a 3-dimensional contact metric manifold to be semi-K contact is equivalent to $a - \lambda + 1 = b = 0$.

Definition 2.3 [Blair 2002, page 105; Okumura 1962]. A contact metric manifold *M* is said to be η -*Einstein* if the Ricci tensor *S* satisfies the condition $S = \alpha g + \beta \eta \otimes \eta$, where α and β are smooth functions on *M*. In particular, if $\beta = 0$, then *M* becomes an *Einstein manifold*.

Definition 2.4. A Riemannian manifold (M^n, g) is called *Ricci flat* if its Ricci tensor vanishes identically.

Since the Ricci operator Q in dimension 3 determines completely the curvature of the contact manifold, the vanishing of Q implies the vanishing of the Riemannian curvature tensor. Hence, the class of Ricci flat manifolds is a hyperclass of the flat

manifolds, or equivalently a flat manifold is certainly *Ricci flat*, while a *Ricci flat* manifold is an Einstein manifold.

Definition 2.5. A Riemannian manifold $(M^m, g), m \ge 3$, is called *pseudosymmetric* in the sense of R. Deszcz [1992] if at every point of M the curvature tensor R satisfies the equation $R(X, Y) \cdot R = L\{(X \land Y) \cdot R\}$ where $(X \land Y)Z = g(Y, Z)X - g(Z, X)Y$ for all vectors fields X, Y, Z on M, the dot means that R(X, Y) and $X \land Y$ act as derivations on R, and L is a smooth function.

If L is constant, then M is a pseudosymmetric manifold of constant type while if L = 0 then M is a *semisymmetric* manifold.

Definition 2.6. A Riemannian manifold (M^n, g) is called *concircularly symmetric* if the concircular tensor Z satisfies the condition $\nabla Z = 0$.

All manifolds are assumed connected and all manifolds and maps are assumed smooth (class C^{∞}) unless otherwise stated. Finally, differentiation will be denoted by "()".

3. (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric manifolds

A (κ , μ , ν)-contact metric manifold is defined in [Koufogiorgos et al. 2008] by (1-4) where κ , μ , ν are smooth functions on M. If $\nu = 0$ we have a generalized (κ , μ)contact metric manifold [Koufogiorgos and Tsichlias 2000] and if additionally κ , μ are constants then the manifold is a contact metric (κ , μ)-space [Blair et al. 1995; Boeckx 2000]. Moreover in [Koufogiorgos et al. 2008] and [Koufogiorgos and Tsichlias 2000] it is proved respectively that for a (κ , μ , ν) or a generalized (κ , μ)-contact metric manifold M^{2n+1} of dimension greater than 3, the functions κ , μ are constants and ν is the zero function. We recall some lemmas and equations:

Lemma 3.1 [Koufogiorgos et al. 2008]. For every point p of a (κ , μ , ν)-contact metric manifold M^{2n+1} with $\kappa(p) < 1$, there exists an open neighborhood U of p and orthonormal local vector fields X_i , ϕX_i , ξ , i = 1, ..., n, defined on U such that

$$hX_i = \lambda X_i, \qquad h\phi X_i = -\lambda\phi X_i, \qquad h\xi = 0$$

for $i = 1, \ldots, n$, where $\lambda = \sqrt{1-\kappa}$.

From now on, we will call the vector fields of Lemma 3.1 a local *h*-basis.

On any (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold we have

- (3-1) $h^2 = (\kappa 1)\phi^2, \quad \kappa \le 1,$
- (3-2) $(\xi \cdot \kappa) = 2\nu(\kappa 1).$

For the 3-dimensional case we have for the Ricci operator Q

(3-3)
$$Q = \left(\frac{1}{2}r - \kappa\right)I + \left(-\frac{1}{2}r + 3\kappa\right)\eta \otimes \xi + \mu h + \nu \phi h,$$

$$(3-4) \qquad \qquad Q\phi - \phi Q = 2\nu h - 2\mu \phi h,$$

$$(3-5) r = 4\kappa + 2H,$$

where *r* is the scalar curvature and *H* is the ϕ -sectional curvature. From now on, we suppose $\kappa < 1$ everywhere on M^3 and we use *X*, *Y*, *U* to denote arbitrary elements of $\mathcal{X}(M)$. We have

(3-6)
$$r = \frac{1}{\lambda} \Delta \lambda - (\xi \cdot \nu) - \frac{\|\operatorname{grad} \lambda\|^2}{\lambda^2} + 2(\kappa - \mu),$$

where Δ is the Laplace operator and for the gradient of a function f we have

(3-7)
$$g(\operatorname{grad} f, X) = X(f) = df(X),$$

(3-8) $(\xi \cdot r) = 2(\xi \cdot \kappa), \quad (\xi \cdot H) = -(\xi \cdot \kappa).$

For a 3-dimensional (κ , μ)-contact metric manifold, that is, for constant κ , μ we have (see [Blair et al. 1995] and [Markellos 2009])

$$(3-9) r = 2(\kappa - \mu),$$

$$\begin{split} R(X,Y)U &= \mu[g(Y,U)hX - g(X,U)hY + g(hY,U)X - g(hX,U)Y] \\ &+ \nu[g(Y,U)\phi hX - g(X,U)\phi hY + g(\phi hY,U)X - g(\phi hX,U)Y] \\ &+ (\kappa - H)[g(Y,U)\eta(X) - g(X,U)\eta(Y)]\xi \\ &+ (\kappa - H)[\eta(Y)\eta(U)X - \eta(X)\eta(U)Y] \\ &+ H[g(Y,U)X - g(X,U)Y], \end{split}$$

(3-11)
$$(\nabla_X h)Y = -\frac{1}{2(1-\kappa)}g(hX,Y)\operatorname{grad}\kappa - \frac{1}{2(1-\kappa)}g(hX,\phi Y)\phi(\operatorname{grad}\kappa) + [(1-\kappa)g(X,\phi Y) + g(hX,\phi Y) - \nu g(hX,Y)]\xi + \eta(Y)[(\kappa-1)\phi X + h\phi X] + \eta(X)[\mu h\phi Y + \nu hY],$$

(3-12)
$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y = g(X + hX, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)(X + hX),$$

while $(\nabla_X \phi h)Y = (\nabla_X \phi)hY + \phi(\nabla_X h)Y$ is calculated from (3-11) and (3-12):

$$(3-13) \qquad (\nabla_X \phi h)Y = [g(X + hX, hY) + \nu g(hX, \phi Y)]\xi$$
$$-\frac{1}{2(1-\kappa)}g(hX, Y)\phi(\operatorname{grad} \kappa) + \frac{1}{2(1-\kappa)}g(hX, \phi Y)\operatorname{grad} \kappa$$
$$+\eta(Y)[(\kappa - 1)\phi^2 X + hX] + \eta(X)[\mu hY + \nu \phi hY].$$

From (3-3) and (3-5) we calculate the Ricci tensor S(X, Y) = g(QX, Y):

(3-14)
$$S(X, Y) = (\kappa + H)g(X, Y) + (\kappa - H)\eta(X)\eta(Y) + \mu g(hX, Y) + \nu g(\phi hX, Y);$$

hence,

(3-15)
$$S(hX, Y) = (\kappa + H)g(hX, Y) - \mu(\kappa - 1)[g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)] + \nu(\kappa - 1)g(X, \phi Y),$$

(3-16)
$$S(\phi hX, Y) = (\kappa + H)g(\phi hX, Y) - \nu(\kappa - 1)[g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)] + \mu(\kappa - 1)g(\phi X, Y).$$

4. Some auxiliary results

Equation (1-5) gives for the 3-dimensional case and for all $X, Y, U \in \mathcal{X}(M)$

(4-1)
$$Z(X, Y)U = R(X, Y)U - \frac{1}{6}rR_0(X, Y)U,$$

where R_0 is given by (1-2) and hence

(4-2)
$$R_0(\xi, X)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X,$$

while (1-4) for a (κ , μ , ν)-contact metric manifold is written in the form

(4-3)
$$R(X,Y)\xi = (\kappa I + \mu h + \nu \phi h)R_0(X,Y)\xi,$$

which is equivalent to

(4-4)
$$R(\xi, X) = R_0(\xi, (\kappa I + \mu h + \nu \phi h)X).$$

From (4-3) we get

(4-5)
$$R(\xi, X)\xi = \kappa(\eta(X)\xi - X) - \mu hX - \nu \phi hX.$$

Proposition 4.1. In a (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold M^3 , the concircular curvature tensor Z satisfies

(4-6)
$$Z(X, Y)\xi = \left(\left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right)I + \mu h + \nu\phi h\right)R_0(X, Y)\xi,$$

(4-7)
$$Z(\xi, X) = \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right)R_0(\xi, X) + \mu R_0(\xi, hX) + \nu R_0(\xi, \phi hX).$$

Consequently, we have

(4-8)
$$Z(\xi, X)\xi = \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right)(\eta(X)\xi - X) - \mu hX - \nu \phi hX,$$

(4-9)
$$\eta(Z(X, Y)\xi) = 0,$$

(4-10) $\eta(Z(\xi, X)Y) = (\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r)(g(X,Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)) + \mu g(hX,Y) + \nu g(\phi hX,Y).$

Proof. Equations (4-1), (4-3), (4-4) lead us to conclude equations (4-6) and (4-7). Equation (4-7) implies (4-8) while (4-6) and (4-7) imply (4-9) and (4-10) respectively by virtue of (2-3). \Box

Proposition 4.2. In a (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold M^3 we have

(4-11)
$$S(Z(\xi, X)Y, \xi) = 2\kappa \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right) (g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)) + 2\kappa \mu g(hX, Y) + 2\kappa \nu g(\phi hX, Y),$$

(4-12)
$$S(Z(\xi, X)\xi, Y) = 2\kappa \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right)\eta(X)\eta(Y) - \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right)S(X, Y) - \mu S(hX, Y) - \nu S(\phi hX, Y).$$

Proof. For a (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold M^3 we obtain from (3-14)

(4-13)
$$S(X,\xi) = 2\kappa \eta(X).$$

From (4-7), (4-10), (4-13) we get (4-11), while (4-8) and (4-13) yield (4-12).

Proposition 4.3. Let M^3 be a non-Sasakian (κ , μ , ν)-contact metric manifold. (i) If M^3 satisfies

(4-14)
$$\nu(\kappa - H) = 0$$

$$(4-15) \qquad \qquad \mu(\kappa - H) = 0.$$

(4-16)
$$\frac{1}{3}(\kappa - H)^2 + (\kappa - 1)(\mu^2 + \nu^2) = 0.$$

then the manifold is either flat or locally isometric to SU(2) or SL(2, R), where these two Lie groups are equipped with a left invariant metric.

(ii) If M^3 satisfies

(4-17)
$$vH = 0$$

(4-18)
$$\mu H = 0$$

(4-19)
$$\kappa(\kappa - H) + (\kappa - 1)(\mu^2 + \nu^2) = 0,$$

then the manifold is a generalized (κ, μ) -contact metric manifold with $(\xi \cdot \mu) = 0$.

Proof. (i) Let *M* be a 3-dimensional (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold with $\kappa < 1$ everywhere. We suppose that there is a point $p \in M$ where $\nu \neq 0$. The continuity of this function implies that there is a neighborhood $F_p \subseteq M$ of p, where $\nu \neq 0$ everywhere in F_p or by virtue of (4-14), $\kappa - H = 0$. Differentiating this equation with respect to ξ and using (3-8) and (3-2) we conclude that $\kappa = 1$ everywhere in F_p , which is a contradiction since $F_p \subseteq M$. Hence, $\nu = 0$ everywhere in *M* and *M* is a generalized (κ, μ)-contact metric manifold.

Similarly we suppose that there is a point $p \in M$ where $\kappa - H \neq 0$. There is a neighborhood $F_p \subseteq M$ of p, where $\kappa - H \neq 0$ everywhere in F_p or by virtue of

(4-15), $\mu = 0$. Setting $\mu = \nu = 0$ in (4-16) we are led to $\frac{1}{3}(\kappa - H)^2 = 0$ which is a contradiction in F_p . Hence $\kappa - H = 0$ everywhere in M and from (4-16), $\mu = 0$. Since in a generalized (κ , μ)-contact metric manifold the constancy of one of the κ or μ implies the constancy of the other [Koufogiorgos and Tsichlias 2000], we can conclude that κ is constant in this $N(\kappa)$ -contact metric manifold. From (3-4) and because $\mu = \nu = 0$ we get $Q\phi = \phi Q$; by [Blair et al. 1990, Theorem 3.3] and the main theorem of [Blair and Chen 1992] such a manifold is either Sasakian, flat, locally isometric to a left invariant metric on the Lie group SU(2) with $\kappa > 0$, or SL(2, R) with $\kappa < 0$. Finally, we can remark that the equations $\kappa - H = 0$ and (3-5) give $r = 6\kappa$, $\kappa < 1$, and hence r is constant.

(ii) We suppose that there is a point $p \in M$ where $\nu \neq 0$. Then there is a neighborhood $F_p \subseteq M$ of p, where $\nu \neq 0$ everywhere in F_p or by virtue of (4-17), H = 0. Differentiating this equation with respect to ξ and using (3-8) and (3-2) we conclude that $\kappa = 1$ everywhere in F_p , which is a contradiction since $F_p \subseteq M$. Hence, $\nu = 0$ everywhere in M and M is a generalized (κ, μ) -contact metric manifold.

For (4-18), we suppose that there is a point $p \in M$ where $H \neq 0$. There is a neighborhood $F_p \subseteq M$ of p, where $H \neq 0$ everywhere in F_p or by virtue of (4-18), $\mu = 0$. Since μ is constant, κ is also constant and hence from (3-5) and (3-9), $H = -\kappa - \mu$ or more explicitly $H = -\kappa$. From (4-19) and because $\mu = \nu = 0$ we get $\kappa = 0$ and obviously H = 0, which is a contradiction in F_p . Hence H = 0everywhere in M and from (4-19), $\kappa^2 + (\kappa - 1)\mu^2 = 0$. Differentiating this equation with respect to ξ and by virtue of (3-2) and $\nu = 0$ we conclude $(\xi \cdot \mu) = 0$, while (3-5) implies $r = 4\kappa$ with $\kappa < 1$.

Remark 4.4. The generalized (κ, μ) -contact metric manifolds in dimension 3 with $\kappa < 1$ (equivalently $\lambda \neq 0$) and $(\xi \cdot \mu) = 0$ have been studied by T. Koufogiorgos and C. Tsichlias [2008]. They proved in [2008, Theorem 4.1] that at any point of $P \in M$, precisely one of the following relations is valid: $\mu = 2(1 + \sqrt{1 - \kappa})$, or $\mu = 2(1 - \sqrt{1 - \kappa})$, while there exists a chart (U,(x,y,z)) with $P \in U \subseteq M$ such that the functions κ , μ depend only on z and the tensors fields η , ξ , ϕ , g take a suitable form. We can also add that such a manifold according to Definition 2.2 is a semi-K contact manifold.

Theorem 4.5 [Blair 2002, page 101]. Let M^{2n+1} be a contact metric manifold satisfying the condition $R(X, Y)\xi = 0$. Then M^{2n+1} is locally isometric to $E^{n+1} \times S^n(4)$ for n > 1 and flat for n = 1.

5. Main results

Theorem 5.1. A non-Sasakian Ricci flat 3-dimensional (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold is flat.

Proof. Since the manifold M is Ricci flat, from (4-13) we have

$$0 = S(\xi, \xi) = 2\kappa,$$

or $\kappa = 0$. Then, (3-2) yields $\nu = 0$, so *M* is a generalized (κ , μ)-contact metric manifold with $\kappa = 0$. In a generalized (κ , μ)-contact metric manifold the constancy of one of κ or μ implies the constancy of the other [Koufogiorgos and Tsichlias 2000], so μ is also constant. We set $\kappa = \nu = 0$ in (3-14) and by virtue of (3-5) and (3-9) we have

(5-1)
$$S(X, Y) = \mu[g(hX, Y) - g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)]$$

for all $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$. For any point $p \in M$ we consider a local orthonormal *h*-basis as in Lemma 3.1. In the last equation we set (i) X = Y = e and (ii) $X = Y = \phi e$ and since we have a Ricci flat manifold we get respectively

$$0 = S(e, e) = \mu(\lambda - 1),$$

$$0 = S(\phi e, \phi e) = \mu(-\lambda - 1).$$

By adding these equations we see that $\mu = 0$, and Theorem 4.5 completes the proof.

Remark 5.2. For a Sasakian 3-manifold, from Equation (3-14) with $\kappa = 1$ and h = 0, setting $X = Y = \xi$ yields $S(\xi, \xi) = 2$ and hence a Sasakian manifold cannot be Ricci flat.

Theorem 5.3. A non-Sasakian Einstein 3-dimensional (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold is flat.

Proof. Since the manifold is Einstein, Equation (3-3) gives

(5-2)
$$(\frac{1}{2}r - \kappa)X + (-\frac{1}{2}r + 3\kappa)\eta(X)\xi + \mu hX + \nu\phi hX = aX.$$

For any point $p \in U$ as in Lemma 3.1 we consider a local orthonormal *h*-basis and we set in (5-2) $X = \xi$, X = e and $X = \phi e$. We obtain respectively

$$2\kappa = a, \quad \nu = 0,$$

$$\frac{1}{2}r - \kappa + \lambda\mu = a, \quad \frac{1}{2}r - \kappa - \lambda\mu = a.$$

We have a generalized (κ, μ) -contact metric manifold with $\kappa < 1$ or equivalently $\lambda \neq 0$. From the two last equations we get $\mu = 0$ and hence κ is constant [Koufogiorgos and Tsichlias 2000]. In a 3-dimensional (κ, μ) -contact metric manifold $r = 2(\kappa - \mu)$. By substituting *r* in the last equation we obtain a = 0 or equivalently $\kappa = 0$, and Theorem 4.5 completes the proof. **Remark 5.4.** According to [Yano and Kon 1984, Proposition 3.3, page 38], a 3-dimensional Einstein manifold M is a space of constant curvature. Hence, a Sasaki–Einstein 3-manifold, since it has constant curvature, must have curvature 1.

Theorem 5.5. If *M* is a 3-dimensional concircularly symmetric (κ , μ , ν)-contact metric manifold, then *M* is either flat or locally isometric to the sphere $S^3(1)$.

Proof. We consider the open subsets of *M*:

 $U_1 = \{ p \in M : \kappa = 1 \text{ in a neighborhood of } p \},\$ $U_2 = \{ p \in M : \kappa \neq 1 \text{ in a neighborhood of } p \},\$

where $U_1 \cup U_2$ is an open and dense subset of M.

In the case where $M = U_1$ the manifold is a Sasakian concircularly symmetric manifold.

Next, we assume that U_2 is not empty. Differentiating (4-1) and using (1-2), (2-1), (2-2), (2-5), (2-6), (3-7), (3-10), (3-11), (3-13), with $\kappa < 1$ everywhere, it follows that

$$\begin{split} (\nabla_W Z)(X,Y)U &= [(W \cdot H) - \frac{1}{6}(W \cdot r)][g(Y,U)X - g(X,U)Y] \\ &+ [(W \cdot \kappa) - (W \cdot H)][g(Y,U)\eta(X) - g(X,U)\eta(Y)]\xi \\ &+ [(W \cdot \kappa) - (W \cdot H)][\eta(Y)\eta(U)X - \eta(X)\eta(U)Y] \\ &+ (W \cdot \mu)[g(Y,U)hX - g(X,U)hY + g(hY,U)X - g(hX,U)Y] \\ &+ (W \cdot \nu)[g(Y,U)\phi hX - g(X,U)\phi hY + g(\phi hY,U)X - g(\phi hX,U)Y] \\ &+ (\kappa - H)\{[g(Y,U)g(W + hW,\phi X) - g(X,U)g(W + hW,\phi Y)]\xi \\ &+ [\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y]g(W + hW,\phi U) \\ &+ [g(W + hW,\phi Y)X - g(W + hW,\phi X)Y]\eta(U) \\ &- [g(Y,U)\eta(X) - g(X,U)\eta(Y)](\phi W + \phi hW)\} \\ &+ \mu\Big[\{\frac{1}{2(\kappa-1)}g(hW,X) \operatorname{grad} \kappa + \frac{1}{2(\kappa-1)}g(hW,\phi X)\phi(\operatorname{grad} \kappa) \\ &+ [(1 - \kappa)g(W,\phi X) + g(hW,\phi X) - vg(hW,X)]\xi \\ &+ \eta(X)[(\kappa - 1)\phi W + h\phi W] + \eta(W)(\mu h\phi X + vhX)\}g(Y,U) \\ &- \{\frac{1}{2(\kappa-1)}g(hW,Y) \operatorname{grad} \kappa + \frac{1}{2(\kappa-1)}g(hW,\phi Y) - vg(hW,Y)]\xi \\ &+ \eta(Y)[(\kappa - 1)\phi W + h\phi W] + \eta(W)(\mu h\phi Y + vhY)\}g(X,U) \\ &+ \{\frac{1}{2(\kappa-1)}g(hW,Y)(U \cdot \kappa) - \frac{1}{2(\kappa-1)}g(hW,\phi Y)(\phi U \cdot \kappa) \\ &+ [(1 - \kappa)g(W,\phi Y) + g(hW,\phi Y) - vg(hW,Y)]\eta(U) \\ &+ \eta(Y)g((\kappa - 1)\phi W + h\phi W,U) + \eta(W)g(\mu h\phi Y + vhY,U)\}X \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &- \Big\{ \frac{1}{2(\kappa-1)} g(hW, X)(U \cdot \kappa) - \frac{1}{2(\kappa-1)} g(hW, \phi X)(\phi U \cdot \kappa) \\ &+ [(1-\kappa)g(W, \phi X) + g(hW, \phi X) - \nu g(hW, X)]\eta(U) \\ &+ \eta(X)g((\kappa-1)\phi W + h\phi W, U) + \eta(W)g(\mu h\phi X + \nu hX, U) \Big\} Y \Big] \\ &+ \nu \Big[\Big\{ \frac{1}{2(\kappa-1)} g(hW, X)\phi(\operatorname{grad} \kappa) - \frac{1}{2(\kappa-1)} g(hW, \phi X) \operatorname{grad} \kappa \\ &+ [g(W + hW, hX) + \nu g(hW, \phi X)]\xi \\ &+ \eta(X)[(\kappa - 1)\phi^2 W + hW] + \eta(W)[\mu hX + \nu \phi hX] \Big\} g(Y, U) \\ &- \Big\{ \frac{1}{2(\kappa-1)} g(hW, Y)\phi(\operatorname{grad} \kappa) - \frac{1}{2(\kappa-1)} g(hW, \phi Y) \operatorname{grad} \kappa \\ &+ [g(W + hW, hY) + \nu g(hW, \phi Y)]\xi \\ &+ \eta(Y)[(\kappa - 1)\phi^2 W + hW] + \eta(W)[\mu hY + \nu \phi hY] \Big\} g(X, U) \\ &+ \Big\{ \frac{-1}{2(\kappa-1)} g(hW, Y)(\phi U \cdot \kappa) - \frac{1}{2(\kappa-1)} g(hW, \phi Y)(U \cdot \kappa) \\ &+ [g(W + hW, hY) + \nu g(hW, \phi Y)]\eta(U) \\ &+ \eta(Y)g((\kappa - 1)\phi^2 W + hW, U) + \eta(W)g(\mu hY + \nu \phi hY, U) \Big\} X \\ &- \Big\{ \frac{-1}{2(\kappa-1)} g(hW, X)(\phi U \cdot \kappa) - \frac{1}{2(\kappa-1)} g(hW, \phi X)(U \cdot \kappa) \\ &+ [g(W + hW, hX) + \nu g(hW, \phi X)]\eta(U) \\ &+ \eta(X)g((\kappa - 1)\phi^2 W + hW, U) + \eta(W)g(\mu hX + \nu \phi hX, U) \Big\} Y \Big]. \end{split}$$

In this equation, we set $W = \xi$ and by virtue of (2-1), (2-3), (3-8) we obtain

$$(5-3) \quad (\nabla_{\xi} Z)(X, Y)U = 2(\xi \cdot \kappa)[g(Y, U)\eta(X) - g(X, U)\eta(Y)]\xi - \frac{4}{3}(\xi \cdot \kappa)[g(Y, U)X - g(X, U)Y] + (\xi \cdot \mu)[g(Y, U)hX - g(X, U)hY + g(hY, U)X - g(hX, U)Y] + (\xi \cdot v)[g(Y, U)\phi hX - g(X, U)\phi hY + g(\phi hY, U)X - g(\phi hX, U)Y] + \mu \{g(Y, U)(\mu h\phi X + vhX) - g(X, U)(\mu h\phi Y + vhY) + g(\mu h\phi Y + vhY, U)X - g(\mu h\phi X + vhX, U)Y \} + v \{g(Y, U)(\mu hX + v\phi hX) - g(X, U)(\mu hY + v\phi hY) + g(\mu hY + v\phi hY, U)X - g(\mu hX + v\phi hX, U)Y \}.$$

For any point $p \in U_2$ we consider a local orthonormal *h*-basis as in Lemma 3.1. We set in (5-3): X = U = e, $Y = \phi e$ which yields

$$(\nabla_{\xi} Z)(e, \phi e)e = \frac{4}{3}(\xi \cdot \kappa)\phi e.$$

Since the manifold is concircularly symmetric we conclude that

$$(\boldsymbol{\xi}\cdot\boldsymbol{\kappa})=0,$$

or equivalently, by virtue of (3-2), $\nu = 0$. We set in (5-3): X = e, $Y = U = \xi$ and $\nu = 0$, and get

$$(\nabla_{\xi} Z)(e,\xi)\xi = \lambda[(\xi \cdot \mu)e - \mu^2 \phi e].$$

The manifold is concircularly symmetric and hence $\mu = 0$. The constancy of μ implies the constancy of κ [Koufogiorgos and Tsichlias 2000] and finally [Blair et al. 2005, Theorem 5.2] completes the proof.

Theorem 5.6. Let M a 3-dimensional (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold. If the concircular curvature tensor Z satisfies the condition $Z(\xi, X) \cdot Z = 0$, then M is either Sasakian ($\kappa = 1$), flat or locally isometric to either SU(2) or SL(2, R), where these two Lie groups are equipped with a left invariant metric and they have constant scalar curvature $r = 6\kappa$ ($\kappa < 1$).

Proof. We consider the open subsets of *M*:

 $U_1 = \{ p \in M : \kappa = 1 \text{ in a neighborhood of } p \},\$ $U_2 = \{ p \in M : \kappa \neq 1 \text{ in a neighborhood of } p \},\$

where $U_1 \cup U_2$ is open and dense subset of *M*.

In the case where $M = U_1$ the manifold is Sasakian and then according to [Blair et al. 2005, Theorem 4.1], it has constant curvature 1.

Next, we assume that U_2 is not empty. Note that the condition $Z(\xi, X) \cdot Z = 0$ implies $(Z(\xi, U) \cdot Z)(X, Y)\xi = 0$ or more explicitly

 $Z(\xi, U)Z(X, Y)\xi - Z(Z(\xi, U)X, Y)\xi - Z(X, Z(\xi, U)Y)\xi - Z(X, Y)Z(\xi, U)\xi = 0$ which by virtue of (1-1), (1-4), (2-3), (4-1), (4-6), (4-7), (4-8), (4-9), (4-10) yields

$$(5-4) \quad 0 = \mu \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r \right) [\eta(Y)g(hU, X) - \eta(X)g(hU, Y)]\xi \\ + \mu^{2} [\eta(Y)g(hU, hX) - \eta(X)g(hU, hY)]\xi \\ + \nu \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r \right) [\eta(Y)g(\phi hU, X) - \eta(X)g(\phi hU, Y)]\xi \\ + \nu^{2} [\eta(Y)g(\phi hU, \phi hX) - \eta(X)g(\phi hU, \phi hY)]\xi \\ + \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r \right)^{2}g(U, X)Y + \mu \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r \right)g(hU, X)Y + \nu \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r \right)g(\phi hU, X)Y \\ + \mu \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r \right)g(U, X)hY + \mu^{2}g(hU, X)hY + \mu \nu g(\phi hU, X)hY \\ + \nu \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r \right)g(U, X)\phi hY + \mu \nu g(hU, X)\phi hY + \nu^{2}g(\phi hU, X)\phi hY \\ - \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r \right)g(U, Y)X - \mu \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r \right)g(hU, Y)X - \nu \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r \right)g(\phi hU, Y)X \\ - \mu \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r \right)g(U, Y)hX - \mu^{2}g(hU, Y)hX - \mu \nu g(\phi hU, Y)hX \\ - \nu \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r \right)g(U, Y)\phi hX - \mu \nu g(hU, Y)\phi hX - \nu^{2}g(\phi hU, Y)\phi hX \\ + \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r \right)g(U, Y)\phi hX - \mu \nu g(hU, Y)\phi hX - \nu^{2}g(\phi hU, Y)\phi hX \\ + \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r \right)g(U, Y)U + \mu Z(X, Y)hU + \nu Z(X, Y)\phi hU.$$

For any point $p \in U_2$ we consider a local orthonormal *h*-basis as in Lemma 3.1. In (5-4) we set X = U = e, $Y = \phi e$, and by virtue of (2-3), (2-4) we obtain

(5-5)
$$\left[\left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right)^2 - \lambda^2(\mu^2 + \nu^2)\right]\phi e + \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right)Z(e, \phi e)e + \mu Z(e, \phi e)he + \nu Z(e, \phi e)\phi he = 0.$$

Equation (4-1) by virtue of (1-2), (2-4) and (3-10) yields

(5-6)

$$Z(e, \phi e)e = \left(-H + \frac{1}{6}r\right)\phi e,$$

$$Z(e, \phi e)he = \lambda \left(-H + \frac{1}{6}r\right)\phi e,$$

$$Z(e, \phi e)\phi he = \lambda \left(H - \frac{1}{6}r\right)e.$$

Substituting (5-6) in (5-5) we obtain

$$\nu\lambda \left(H - \frac{1}{6}r\right)e + \left[\left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right)(\kappa - H) - \lambda^2(\mu^2 + \nu^2) - \lambda\mu \left(H - \frac{1}{6}r\right)\right]\phi e = 0,$$

and hence

(5-7)
$$\nu\lambda(H - \frac{1}{6}r) = 0,$$

(5.8) $(r - \frac{1}{2}r)(r - H) = \lambda^2(\mu^2 + \nu^2) = \lambda\mu(H - \frac{1}{2}r) = 0,$

(5-8)
$$\left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right)(\kappa - H) - \lambda^2(\mu^2 + \nu^2) - \lambda\mu\left(H - \frac{1}{6}r\right) = 0.$$

In (5-4) we set X = e, $Y = U = \phi e$, and by virtue of (2-3), (2-4) we obtain

(5-9)
$$\left[-\left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right)^2 + \lambda^2(\mu^2 + \nu^2) \right] e + \left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right) Z(e, \phi e) \phi e + \mu Z(e, \phi e) h \phi e + \nu Z(e, \phi e) \phi h \phi e = 0$$

Equation (4-1) by virtue of (1-2), (2-4) and (3-10) yields

(5-10)

$$Z(e, \phi e)\phi e = \left(H - \frac{1}{6}r\right)e,$$

$$Z(e, \phi e)h\phi e = \lambda\left(-H + \frac{1}{6}r\right)e,$$

$$Z(e, \phi e)\phi h\phi e = \lambda\left(-H + \frac{1}{6}r\right)e.$$

Substituting the equations (5-10) in (5-9) we obtain

$$\left[-\left(\kappa-\frac{1}{6}r\right)(\kappa-H)+\lambda^{2}(\mu^{2}+\nu^{2})-\lambda\mu\left(H-\frac{1}{6}r\right)\right]e-\nu\lambda\left(H-\frac{1}{6}r\right)\phi e=0,$$

and hence, in addition to (5-7), we get

(5-11)
$$-\left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right)(\kappa - H) + \lambda^2(\mu^2 + \nu^2) - \lambda\mu\left(H - \frac{1}{6}r\right) = 0.$$

Since we work in U_2 where $\kappa \neq 1$ (more precisely $\kappa < 1$) or equivalently $\lambda \neq 0$, the equations (5-7), (5-8) and (5-11) by virtue of (3-5) yield the equations (4-14), (4-15) and (4-16). Finally Proposition 4.3 completes the proof.

Corollary 5.7. Let *M* be a 3-dimensional (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold. If the concircular curvature tensor *Z* satisfies the condition $Z(\xi, X) \cdot Z = 0$, then *M* is a pseudosymmetric manifold, in the sense of Deszcz, of constant type.

Proof. From [Blair et al. 1990, Proposition 3.2] this manifold is an η -Einstein and then [Cho and Inoguchi 2005, Proposition 1.2] completes the proof.

Theorem 5.8. Let *M* be a 3-dimensional (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold. If the concircular curvature tensor *Z* satisfies the condition $Z(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$, then *M* is either Sasakian ($\kappa = 1$), flat or locally isometric to either SU(2) or SL(2, *R*), where these two Lie groups are equipped with a left invariant metric and they have constant scalar curvature $r = 6\kappa$ ($\kappa < 1$).

Proof. We consider the open subsets of *M*:

 $U_1 = \{ p \in M : \kappa = 1 \text{ in a neighborhood of } p \},\$ $U_2 = \{ p \in M : \kappa \neq 1 \text{ in a neighborhood of } p \},\$

where $U_1 \cup U_2$ is an open and dense subset of M.

In the case where $M = U_1$, the manifold is Sasakian and according to [Tripathi and Kim 2004, Theorem 1.4], it has constant curvature 1.

Next, we assume that U_2 is not empty; we work in U_2 where $\kappa < 1$ everywhere. The condition $Z(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$ or equivalently

$$0 = (Z(\xi, X) \cdot S)(Y, W) = Z(\xi, X) \cdot S(Y, W) - S(Z(\xi, X)Y, W) - S(Y, Z(\xi, X)W)$$

implies

(5-12)
$$S(Z(\xi, X)Y, W) + S(Y, Z(\xi, X)W) = 0$$

which in view of (4-11) and (4-12) yields

(5-13)
$$\left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right)[S(X, Y) - 2\kappa g(X, Y)] + \mu[S(hX, Y) - 2\kappa g(hX, Y)] + \nu[S(\phi hX, Y) - 2\kappa g(\phi hX, Y)] = 0.$$

For any point $p \in U_2$ we consider an *h*-basis. In (5-13) setting (i) X = Y = e, (ii) $X = Y = \phi e$ and (iii) X = e and $Y = \phi e$, and by virtue of (3-14), (3-15) and (3-16), we obtain respectively

(5-14)
$$(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r)(H - \kappa + \lambda\mu) + \mu(\lambda H - \lambda\kappa - \mu\kappa + \mu) - \nu^2(\kappa - 1) = 0,$$

(5-15)
$$\left(\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r\right)(H - \kappa - \lambda\mu) + \mu(-\lambda H + \lambda\kappa - \mu\kappa + \mu) - \nu^2(\kappa - 1) = 0,$$

and (4-14). By virtue of (3-5) and by subtracting (5-15) from (5-14) we obtain (4-15), while by adding equations (5-14) and (5-15) we get (4-16). Proposition 4.3 completes the proof. \Box

Corollary 5.9. Let *M* be a 3-dimensional (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold. If the concircular curvature tensor *Z* satisfies the condition $Z(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$, then *M* is a pseudosymmetric manifold, in the sense of Deszcz, of constant type.

Proof. From [Blair et al. 1990, Proposition 3.2] this manifold is an η -Einstein and then [Cho and Inoguchi 2005, Proposition 1.2] completes the proof.

Theorem 5.10. Let $M^3(\eta, \xi, \phi, g)$ be a 3-dimensional (κ, μ, ν) -contact metric manifold satisfying the condition $R(\xi, X) \cdot Z = 0$. Then, there are at most two open subsets of M^3 for which their union is an open and dense subset of M^3 , and each of them as an open submanifold of M^3 is either (a) a Sasakian manifold or (b) a semi-K generalized (κ, μ) -contact metric manifold with $(\xi \cdot \mu) = 0$ and $r = 4\kappa$.

Proof. We consider the open subsets of *M*:

 $U_1 = \{ p \in M : \kappa = 1 \text{ in a neighborhood of } p \},\$ $U_2 = \{ p \in M : \kappa \neq 1 \text{ in a neighborhood of } p \},\$

where $U_1 \cup U_2$ is open and dense in M.

In the case where $M = U_1$, the manifold is Sasakian and according to [Blair et al. 2005, Theorem 4.3], it has constant curvature 1.

Next, we assume that U_2 is not empty. Firstly, we remark that the condition $R(\xi, X) \cdot Z = 0$ implies $(R(\xi, U) \cdot Z)(X, Y)\xi = 0$ or more explicitly

 $R(\xi, U)Z(X, Y)\xi - Z(R(\xi, U)X, Y)\xi - Z(X, R(\xi, U)Y)\xi - Z(X, Y)R(\xi, U)\xi = 0$ which by virtue of (1-1), (1-4), (2-3), (3-10), (4-1), (4-9) yields

$$(5-16) \quad 0 = \mu \kappa [\eta(Y)g(U, hX) - \eta(X)g(U, hY)]\xi + \nu \kappa [\eta(Y)g(U, \phi hX) - \eta(X)g(U, \phi hY)]\xi + \mu^{2}[\eta(Y)g(hU, hX) - \eta(X)g(hU, hY)]\xi + \nu^{2}[\eta(Y)g(\phi hU, \phi hX) - \eta(X)g(\phi hU, \phi hY)]\xi + \kappa (\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r)g(U, X)Y + \kappa \mu g(U, X)hY + \kappa \nu g(U, X)\phi hY - \kappa (\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r)g(U, Y)X - \kappa \mu g(U, Y)hX - \kappa \nu g(U, Y)\phi hX + \mu (\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r)g(hU, X)Y + \mu^{2}g(hU, X)hY + \mu \nu g(hU, X)\phi hY - \mu (\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r)g(hU, Y)X - \mu^{2}g(hU, Y)hX - \mu \nu g(hU, Y)\phi hX + \nu (\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r)g(\phi hU, X)Y + \mu \nu g(\phi hU, X)hY + \nu^{2}g(\phi hU, X)\phi hY - \nu (\kappa - \frac{1}{6}r)g(\phi hU, Y)X - \mu \nu g(\phi hU, X)hY + \nu^{2}g(\phi hU, X)\phi hY + \kappa Z(X, Y)U + \mu Z(X, Y)hU + \nu Z(X, Y)\phi hU.$$

For any point $p \in U_2$ we consider a local orthonormal *h*-basis as in Lemma 3.1. In (5-16) we set X = U = e, $Y = \phi e$ and by virtue of (2-3), (2-4) we obtain

$$\frac{1}{6}r\nu\lambda e + \left[\kappa^2 - \frac{1}{6}r\kappa - \lambda^2(\mu^2 + \nu^2) - \frac{1}{6}r\lambda\mu\right]\phi e + \kappa Z(e, \phi e)e + \mu Z(e, \phi e)he + \nu Z(e, \phi e)\phi he = 0,$$

which by (5-6) gives

$$\nu\lambda He + [\kappa(\kappa - H) - \lambda^2(\mu^2 + \nu^2) - \lambda\mu H]\phi e = 0,$$

and hence

$$(5-17) \qquad \qquad \nu\lambda H = 0,$$

(5-18)
$$\kappa(\kappa - H) - \lambda^2(\mu^2 + \nu^2) - \lambda\mu H = 0.$$

In (5-16) we set X = e, $Y = U = \phi e$, and by virtue of (2-3), (2-4) we obtain

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\kappa^2 + \frac{1}{6}r\kappa + \lambda^2(\mu^2 + \nu^2) - \frac{1}{6}r\lambda\mu \end{bmatrix} e - \frac{1}{6}r\lambda\nu\phi e + \kappa Z(e,\phi e)\phi e + \mu Z(e,\phi e)h\phi e + \nu Z(e,\phi e)\phi h\phi e = 0$$

which by virtue of (5-10) yields

$$[-\kappa(\kappa - H) + \lambda^2(\mu^2 + \nu^2) - \lambda\mu H]e - \nu\lambda H\phi e = 0,$$

and hence, in addition from (5-17), we get

(5-19)
$$-\kappa(\kappa - H) + \lambda^2(\mu^2 + \nu^2) - \lambda\mu H = 0.$$

Since we work in U_2 where $\kappa < 1$ or equivalently $\lambda \neq 0$, the equations (5-17), (5-18) and (5-19) yield the equations (4-17), (4-18) and (4-19) and hence Proposition 4.3 completes the proof. Our open submanifold U_2 is a generalized (κ , μ)-contact metric 3-manifold with ($\xi \cdot \mu$) = 0 and according to Remark 4.4 this submanifold is a semi-K contact manifold.

We have proved:

- (a) If $M = U_1$ then M is Sasakian with $\kappa = 1$.
- (b) If $M = U_2$ then M is a semi-K generalized (κ, μ) -contact metric manifold with $\kappa < 1$, $(\xi \cdot \mu) = 0$ and $r = 4\kappa$.
- (c) If $U_1 \neq \emptyset$ and $U_2 \neq \emptyset$, the union $U_1 \cup U_2$ is open and dense in *M*; also, $\kappa = 1$ in U_1 and $\kappa < 1$ in U_2 . The function κ is continuous in U_1 and in U_2 .

Remark 5.11. According to Proposition 4.3 and [Blair 2002, Theorem 7.5, p. 101]. U_2 becomes flat when $\mu = 0$ since Equation (4-19) yields $\kappa = 0$.

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