

# Almost Contact Lagrangian Submanifolds of Nearly Kaehler 6-Sphere

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**Abstract.** For a Lagrangian submanifold  $M$  of  $S^6$  with nearly Kaehler structure, we provide conditions for a canonically induced almost contact metric structure on  $M$  by a unit vector field, to be Sasakian. Assuming  $M$  contact metric, we show that it is Sasakian if and only if the second fundamental form annihilates the Reeb vector field  $\xi$ , furthermore, if the Sasakian submanifold  $M$  is parallel along  $\xi$ , then it is the totally geodesic 3-sphere. We conclude with a condition that reduces the normal canonical almost contact metric structure on  $M$  to Sasakian or cosymplectic structure.

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## 1. Introduction

In [8], Ejiri Showed that a Lagrangian submanifold of the nearly Kaehler 6-dimensional unit sphere  $S^6$  is orientable and minimal. Lagrangian submanifolds of the nearly Kaehler unit 6-sphere were studied by Dillen and Vrancken [6], Dillen et al. [7] and others. Deshmukh and Hadi [5] proved the following result.

**Theorem (D–H).** *Let  $M$  be a compact 3-dimensional Lagrangian submanifold of  $S^6$  with nearly Kaehler structure  $(g, J)$ . Then there exists a global unit vector field  $\xi$  on  $M$ , and if  $J\xi$  is parallel in the normal bundle, then  $M$  is a Sasakian manifold.*

Their proof is based on the fact (see Martinet [9]) that a compact orientable 3-dimensional manifold does carry a contact structure, and the construction of a canonical almost contact metric structure defined by

$\varphi X = G(X, J\xi)$  where  $J$  is the almost complex structure and  $G$  is the covariant derivative of  $J$  and  $X$  an arbitrary vector field tangent to  $M$ . Intrigued by this result, Vrancken [12] showed that the second fundamental form of a Sasakian Lagrangian submanifold  $M$  of the nearly Kaehler unit 6-sphere annihilates the Reeb vector field, and provided a complete classification of such submanifolds. In this context, as the second fundamental form annihilates  $\xi$ , Chen’s basic equality (see [3]) is satisfied (see [6]).

In this paper, we examine the more general situation when  $M$  (not necessarily compact) admits a global unit vector field  $\xi$ , and show that this induces a canonical almost contact metric structure on  $M$  with the metric induced by embedding, and an underlying (1,1)-tensor field  $F$  on  $M$ . We will consider two cases when the canonical structure is (i) contact metric, and (ii) normal almost contact metric; and show that the structure reduces to Sasakian in case (i) and Sasakian or Cosymplectic in case (ii), under the assumption that  $F$  is divergence-free.

Let us briefly review the Lagrangian submanifolds of the nearly Kaehler 6-sphere. Let  $J$  be the almost complex structure defined on  $S^6$  inherited from the Cayley division algebra [8]. Then  $(S^6, J, g)$  is a nearly Kaehler manifold, where  $g$  is the standard metric on  $S^6$  of constant curvature 1. Define a tensor field  $G$  of type (1,2) on  $S^6$  by  $G(X, Y) = (\bar{\nabla}_X J)(Y)$ , where  $X, Y$  are arbitrary vector fields on  $S^6$ , and  $\bar{\nabla}$  the Riemannian connection on  $S^6$  with respect to the Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $S^6$ .  $G$  satisfies the following properties (see [7, 8]):

$$G(X, Y) = -G(Y, X) \tag{1}$$

$$G(X, JY) = -JG(X, Y) \tag{2}$$

$$g(G(X, Y), Z) = -g(G(X, Z), Y) \tag{3}$$

$$g(G(X, Y), G(Z, W)) = g(X, Z)g(Y, W) - g(X, W)g(Y, Z) + g(JX, Z)g(Y, JW) - g(JX, W)g(Y, JZ) \tag{4}$$

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X G)(Y, Z) = g(Y, JZ)X + g(X, Z)JY - g(X, Y)JZ \tag{5}$$

where  $X, Y, Z$  are arbitrary vector fields on  $S^6$ .

We denote the metrics of  $S^6$  and its submanifold  $M$  by the same letter  $g$ , and the normal bundle of  $M$  by  $\nu$ . If  $JTM = \nu$ , where  $TM$  is the tangent bundle of  $M$ , then  $M$  is said to be a Lagrangian submanifold of  $S^6$ . If  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^\perp$  denote the Riemannian connection induced on  $M$ , and the connection in the normal bundle  $\nu$  respectively, then we have (see [8])

$$\nabla_X^\perp JY = J\nabla_X Y + G(X, Y) \tag{6}$$

$$\sigma(X, Y) = JA_{JY}X \tag{7}$$

$$JG(X, JG(Y, Z)) = g(X, Z)Y - g(X, Y)Z \tag{8}$$

$$-\sigma(X, JG(Y, Z)) + JG(\sigma(X, Y), Z) + JG(Y, \sigma(Z, X)) = 0 \tag{9}$$

where  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ ,  $\sigma$  is the second fundamental form and  $A_{JY}$  is the Weingarten map with respect to the normal vector field  $JY$ . Vrancken has pointed

out (private communication) that the minus sign in the first term of Eq. (9) is missing in [8] and also on p. 403 in [3]. The correct form appears in the Lemma 3.2 of the paper [13] of Schafer–Smoczyk.

Let us also review almost contact metric structures. A  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional smooth manifold  $M$  is said to be an almost contact metric manifold if carries a global 1-form  $\eta$ , a vector field  $\xi$ , a  $(1,1)$ -tensor field  $\varphi$ , and a Riemannian metric  $g$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^2 &= -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \\ g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) &= g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y) \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Obviously,  $\varphi\xi = 0, \eta \circ \varphi = 0, g(X, \xi) = \eta(X)$ , and  $\xi$  is unit. The almost contact metric structure  $(\eta, \xi, g)$  on  $M$  is called a contact metric structure if

$$(d\eta)(X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y).$$

For a contact metric manifold, following Blair [1], we define a  $(1,1)$  tensor  $h = \frac{1}{2}L_\xi\varphi$  which is known to be self-adjoint, trace-free, anti-commutes with  $\varphi$ , and annihilates  $\xi$ . We have the following formulas for a contact metric manifold:

$$\nabla_X\xi = -\varphi X - \varphi hX \tag{11}$$

$$Ric(\xi, \xi) = 2n - |h|^2. \tag{12}$$

The special case when  $h = 0$  corresponds to  $K$ -contact metrics for which  $\xi$  is  $g$ -Killing. An almost contact metric is called Sasakian if

$$(\nabla_X\varphi)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X \tag{13}$$

where  $\nabla$  is the Riemannian connection of  $g$ . A contact metric is  $K$ -contact if and only if

$$Ric(X, \xi) = 2n\eta(X). \tag{14}$$

In dimension 3,  $K$ -contact condition is equivalent to Sasakian condition.

An almost contact metric structure on  $M$  is said to be normal if the almost complex structure  $\mathcal{J}$  on  $M \times \mathcal{R}$  defined by  $\mathcal{J}(X, f\frac{d}{dt}) = (\varphi X - f\xi, \eta(X)\frac{d}{dt})$  is integrable. For a 3-dimensional almost contact metric manifold, we have the following formula (Olszak [10])

$$(\nabla_X\varphi)Y = g(\varphi\nabla_X\xi, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi\nabla_X\xi. \tag{15}$$

A 3-dimensional normal almost contact structure satisfies [10]

$$(\nabla_X\varphi)Y = a(g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X) + b(g(\varphi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi X) \tag{16}$$

$$\nabla_X\xi = -a\varphi X + b(X - \eta(X)\xi) \tag{17}$$

where  $a, b$  are smooth functions on  $M$ . Using Eq. (17) and that  $\varphi$  is anti self-adjoint with respect to  $g$ , we find

$$(L_\xi g)(X, Y) = 2b(g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)).$$

Next, Lie-differentiating the relation  $\eta(X) = g(X, \xi)$  along  $\xi$  and using the foregoing equation gives  $L_\xi \eta = 0$ . Also, the use of Eqs. (16) and (17) shows that  $L_\xi \varphi = 0$ . From Eq. (17) we have  $(d\eta)(X, Y) = -2ag(X, Y)$ . Taking its Lie-derivative along  $\xi$ , noting that Lie-derivation commutes with exterior derivation, and using the values of  $L_\xi g$ ,  $L_\xi \eta$  and  $L_\xi \varphi$  computed earlier, and also that  $\eta(\varphi X) = 0$ , we obtain  $(\xi a + 2ab)g(\varphi X, Y) = 0$ . As  $\varphi$  vanishes nowhere on  $M$ , in view of the first equation in (10), it follows that

$$\xi a = -2ab \tag{18}$$

We note here that almost contact metric structure satisfying the condition (16) is known as a trans-Sasakian structure (see Oubina [11]).

A cosymplectic manifold is a normal almost contact metric manifold such that  $\eta$  and  $\Phi$  (the 2-form defined by  $\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y)$ ) are both closed. This definition is equivalent to  $\nabla \varphi = 0$  on an almost contact metric manifold. See [1].

Henceforth we will assume that  $(M, g)$  is a Lagrangian submanifold of the nearly Kaehler 6-sphere.

## 2. Canonical Almost Contact Metric Structure on M

First, we state and prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** *A unit vector field  $\xi$  on a Lagrangian submanifold  $(M, g)$  of the nearly Kaehler 6-sphere, induces a canonical almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, g, \xi)$  with structure tensor  $\varphi$  defined by  $\varphi X = G(X, J\xi)$ .*

*Proof.* We begin with the hypothesis that  $\xi$  is a global unit vector field on  $M$  with respect to the induced metric  $g$  on  $M$ , and define a 1-form  $\eta$  by  $\eta(X) = g(X, \xi)$ . We also note from Eq. (2) that, for  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ , the vector field  $G(X, J\xi) = -JG(X, \xi)$  is tangential to  $M$ , because we know from lemma 4.1 of [8] that  $G(X, Y)$  is normal to  $M$  for all vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ , and hence  $JG(X, Y)$  is tangent to  $M$ , as  $M$  is Lagrangian. Hence we define a  $(1,1)$ -tensor  $\varphi$  on  $M$  by

$$\varphi X = G(X, J\xi)$$

which shows, in view of properties (1) and (2), that  $\varphi(\xi) = 0$ . We also have that

$$\begin{aligned} g(\varphi X, Y) &= g(G(X, J\xi), Y) = -g(G(J\xi, X), Y) = g(X, G(J\xi, Y)) \\ &= -g(X, G(Y, J\xi)) = -g(X, \varphi Y). \end{aligned}$$

Further, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^2 X &= G(G(X, J\xi), J\xi) = -JG(G(X, J\xi), \xi) \\ &= -JG(-JG(X, \xi), \xi) = -JG(\xi, JG(X, \xi)). \end{aligned}$$

Using Eq. (8) in the above equation shows that

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

for any  $X \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) &= g(G(X, J\xi), G(Y, J\xi)) = g(G(X, \xi), G(Y, \xi)) \\ &= g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y). \end{aligned}$$

□

Thus  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an almost contact metric structure on  $M$ .

**Definition 1.** The structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defined by a unit vector field  $\xi$ , as defined in the above Lemma, will be called a canonical almost contact metric structure on  $M$ .

As  $M$  is Lagrangian, we can set  $\nabla_X^\perp J\xi = JFX$ , where  $F$  is a  $(1,1)$ -tensor field on  $M$ , and prove

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $M$  be a Lagrangian submanifold of  $S^6$  with nearly Kaehler structure  $(g, J)$  and  $\xi$  be a global unit vector field on  $M$ , with the canonically induced almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, g, \xi)$  on  $M$ . Then the structure is Sasakian if and only if  $F = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Using formulas (5), (7) and (9), we compute the covariant derivative of  $\varphi$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X \varphi)(Y) &= \nabla_X G(Y, J\xi) - G(\nabla_X Y, J\xi) \\ &= \bar{\nabla}_X G(Y, J\xi) - \sigma(X, G(Y, J\xi)) - G(\nabla_X Y, J\xi) \\ &= (\bar{\nabla}_X G)(Y, J\xi) + G(\sigma(X, Y), J\xi) + G(Y, \nabla_X^\perp J\xi) \\ &\quad - G(Y, A_{J\xi} X) - \sigma(X, G(Y, J\xi)) \\ &= g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X - JG(\sigma(X, Y), \xi) - \sigma(X, G(Y, J\xi)) \\ &\quad - G(Y, A_{J\xi} X) + G(Y, \nabla_X^\perp J\xi) \\ &= g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X - JG(\sigma(X, Y), \xi) + \sigma(X, JG(Y, \xi)) \\ &\quad - JG(Y, \sigma(X, \xi)) + G(Y, \nabla_X^\perp J\xi) \\ &= g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X + G(Y, \nabla_X^\perp J\xi). \end{aligned}$$

As per our setting  $\nabla_X^\perp J\xi = JFX$ , the above equation becomes

$$(\nabla_X \varphi)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X + G(Y, JFX). \tag{19}$$

If  $F = 0$ , then obviously the structure is Sasakian. Conversely, if the structure is Sasakian, then (19) reduces to  $G(Y, JFX) = 0$ . Substituting  $\xi$  for  $Y$ , and using (1) and (2) gives  $\varphi FX = 0$ . Operating it by  $\varphi$  provides  $F = 0$ , because  $\eta(FX) = g(FX, \xi) = g(JFX, J\xi) = g(\nabla_X^\perp J\xi, J\xi) = 0$ . This completes the proof. □

Thus the question arises as to whether we may be able to weaken the condition on  $F$  for the canonical structure to reduce to Sasakian. In the next section, we provide an answer assuming the canonical structure to be contact metric.

### 3. Canonical Contact Metric Structure on $M$

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $M$  be a Lagrangian submanifold of  $S^6$  with nearly Kaehler structure  $(g, J)$  and  $\xi$  be a global unit vector field such that the canonically induced almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, g, \xi)$  is contact metric structure on  $M$ . Then the structure is Sasakian if and only if  $F$  is divergence-free.*

*Proof.* Substituting  $\xi$  for  $Y$  in (19) and using the property  $\varphi\xi = 0$  gives  $-\varphi\nabla_X\xi = \eta(X)\xi - X + G(\xi, JFX)$ . Using Eqs. (10) and (11) in this we get

$$\varphi^2hX = G(\xi, JFX). \tag{20}$$

Operating it by  $\varphi$  and noting that  $\varphi^3 = -\varphi$  [which follows from Eq. (10)], we get  $-\varphi hX = \varphi G(\xi, JFX)$ . As  $h\varphi = -\varphi h$  for a contact metric structure, using the definition of the canonical metric structure:  $\varphi X = G(X, J\xi)$ , and also the Eqs. (1), (2) and (8) we get

$$\begin{aligned} h\varphi X &= G(G(\xi, JFX), J\xi) = -JG(G(\xi, JFX), \xi) = -JG(-JG(\xi, FX), \xi) \\ &= -JG(\xi, JG(\xi, FX)) = -[g(\xi, FX)\xi - g(\xi, \xi)FX] = FX \end{aligned}$$

where we used  $\eta(FX) = 0$  which was shown in the proof of Proposition 1. Thus we have

$$FX = h\varphi X. \tag{21}$$

We take the divergence on both sides of this equation and use the well-known formula (see Blair and Sharma [2]):  $(div.h\varphi)(X) = Ric(\xi, X) - 2\eta(X)$  for a contact metric, in order to obtain

$$(div.F)(X) = Ric(\xi, X) - 2\eta(X). \tag{22}$$

Thus the vanishing of  $div.F$  implies  $Ric(\xi, X) = 2\eta(X)$ . Hence, from Eq. (14) we conclude that the contact metric structure is  $K$ -contact, and since the dimension of  $M$  is 3, it is Sasakian. The converse is obvious. This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 1.* The right hand side of Eq. (21) is metrically equivalent to half of the strain tensor (also known as the torsion tensor, see Chern and Hamilton [4])  $L_\xi g$ , i.e.  $(L_\xi g)(X, Y) = 2g(h\varphi X, Y)$  which follows from Eq. (11).

At this point, we present a generalization of a result of Vrancken stated in the beginning of Section 1, by considering  $M$  as a contact metric submanifold and proving the following result.

**Theorem 2.** *Suppose that the Lagrangian submanifold  $(M, g)$  of the nearly Kaehler 6-sphere  $S^6(g, J)$  is a contact metric manifold. Then*

- (i)  *$M$  is Sasakian if and only if its second fundamental form annihilates the Reeb vector field  $\xi$ ,*
- (ii) *for Sasakian  $M$ , structure tensor  $\varphi$  is given by  $\varphi X = G(X, J\xi)$ ,*
- (iii) *if the Sasakian submanifold  $M$  is parallel along  $\xi$ , i.e. the second fundamental form  $\sigma$  is parallel along  $\xi$ , then it is the totally geodesic 3-sphere.*

*Remark 2.* We recall from (p. 40 of [3]) that an isometrically embedded submanifold  $M$  of a Riemannian manifold  $\bar{M}$  is called a parallel submanifold if the second fundamental form  $\sigma$  is parallel with respect to the van der Waerden–Bortolotti connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  as defined by the Eq. (25). Part (iii) of the above theorem considers weakening this parallelism of  $\sigma$  to parallelism along the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  (i.e.  $\bar{\nabla}_\xi \sigma = 0$ ) of the Sasakian submanifold of the nearly Kaehler  $S^6$ , and shows that  $\sigma$  vanishes.

*Proof of Theorem 2.* Contracting the Gauss equation

$$g(R(X, Y)Z, W) = g(X, W)g(Y, Z) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W) - g(\sigma(X, Z), \sigma(Y, W)) + g(\sigma(X, W), \sigma(Y, Z))$$

at  $X$  and  $W$ , with respect to a local orthonormal frame  $(e_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  on  $M$ , and using the minimality of  $M$ , we obtain

$$Ric(Y, Z) = 2g(Y, Z) - \sum_i g(\sigma(e_i, Y), \sigma(e_i, Z)). \tag{23}$$

Substituting  $\xi$  for  $Y$  and  $Z$  in the above, and using the formula (12) yields the relation

$$|h|^2 = \sum_i g(\sigma(e_i, \xi), \sigma(e_i, \xi)).$$

Now, for a 3-dimensional contact metric manifold we know (see p. 94 of [1]) that

$$(\nabla_X \varphi)Y = g(X + hX, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)(X + hX)$$

If  $h = 0$ , then the above equation reduces to the Sasakian condition (13). Conversely, if  $M$  is Sasakian, then comparing (13) with the above formula and subsequently substituting  $Y = \xi$  gives  $hX = g(hX, \xi)\xi = g(X, h\xi)\xi = 0$ , because  $h$  is self-adjoint and annihilates  $\xi$  for a contact metric structure on  $M$ . Hence the contact metric  $M$  is Sasakian if and only if  $h = 0$ . Thus we conclude from the unnumbered equation following Eq. (23) whose right hand side is the sum of the squared norms of  $\sigma(e_i, \xi)$ , that  $M$  is Sasakian, i.e.  $h = 0$  if and only if  $\sigma(X, \xi) = 0$ . Notice that for a contact metric,  $h$  is self-adjoint. This proves part (i).

For part (ii), we first note from Eq. (7) and our foregoing conclusion  $\sigma(X, \xi) = 0$  that  $A_{J\xi} = 0$ . Now let  $(g, \phi, \xi)$  be the Sasakian structure on the Lagrangian submanifold  $M$  and  $e$  be a local unit vector field. As  $\phi$  is anti

self-adjoint,  $g(\phi e, e) = -g(e, \phi e)$  and hence  $g(\phi e, e) = 0$ , i.e.  $\phi e \perp e$ . From the last equation of (10),  $\phi e$  is also unit. Further,  $g(\phi e, \xi) = -g(e, \phi \xi) = 0$ , because  $\phi \xi = 0$ . Hence  $\phi e \perp \xi$ . Thus,  $(e, \phi e, \xi)$  is a local orthonormal basis. It is known (see [8]) that

$$G(e, \phi e) = -J\xi, \quad G(\phi e, \xi) = -Je, \quad G(\xi, e) = -J\phi e.$$

Using the above equations, formulas (1), (6), and (11) with  $h = 0$  for a Sasakian metric, we obtain the relations

$$\nabla_e^\perp J\xi = -J\phi e + G(e, \xi) = 0, \quad \nabla_{\phi e}^\perp J\xi = -J\phi^2 e + G(\phi e, \xi) = 0, \quad \nabla_\xi^\perp J\xi = 0$$

which show that  $\nabla_X^\perp J\xi = 0$ , i.e.  $J\xi$  is parallel in the normal bundle. As shown in Lemma 1, the (1,1)-tensor  $\varphi$  defined by  $\varphi X = G(X, J\xi)$  defines an almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  on  $M$ . Using the results  $A_{J\xi} = 0$  and  $\nabla_X^\perp J\xi = 0$  and the fact that  $M$  has a Sasakian structure  $(\eta, \xi, \phi, g)$  we find

$$\begin{aligned} \phi e &= -\nabla_e \xi = -\bar{\nabla}_e \xi = \bar{\nabla}_e J\xi = (\bar{\nabla}_e J)(J\xi) + J\bar{\nabla}_e J\xi \\ &= G(e, J\xi) = \varphi e. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we show that  $\phi(\phi e) = \varphi(\phi e)$ . As we already know  $\phi \xi = \varphi \xi = 0$ , it turns out that  $\varphi = \phi$ , proving part (ii). □

Finally, for part (iii), we find from the Codazzi equation that

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X \sigma)(Y, Z) = (\tilde{\nabla}_Y \sigma)(X, Z) \tag{24}$$

where  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is the van der Waerden–Bortolotti connection defined by

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X \sigma)(Y, Z) = \nabla_X^\perp \sigma(Y, Z) - \sigma(\nabla_X Y, Z) - \sigma(Y, \nabla_X Z). \tag{25}$$

Substituting  $Y = \xi$  in (24), using the hypothesis  $\tilde{\nabla}_\xi \sigma = 0$ , definition (25) and the result  $\sigma(X, \xi) = 0$ , we immediately obtain  $\sigma(\nabla_X \xi, Z) = 0$ . But, as  $M$  is Sasakian,  $\nabla_X \xi = -\varphi X$ . Thus  $\sigma(\varphi X, Z) = 0$ . As  $X$  is an arbitrary tangent vector field on  $M$ , replacing  $X$  by  $\varphi X$  in the foregoing equation, using the first equation of (10) and part (i) of this theorem, we obtain  $\sigma = 0$ , completing the proof.

### 4. Canonical Normal Almost Contact Metric Structure on M

Motivated by the condition:  $div.F = 0$ , assumed in Theorem 1, we suppose the canonical almost contact metric structure on  $M$  to be normal, and imposing  $div.F = 0$ , prove the following classification result.

**Theorem 3.** *Let the canonical almost contact metric structure on the Lagrangian submanifold  $M$  of the nearly Kaehler 6-sphere be normal. If  $F$  is divergence-free, then  $M$  is either Sasakian or Cosymplectic.*

*Proof.* By hypothesis, the canonical structure is a normal contact metric structure, and hence from Eq. (19) we have that

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\varphi X + FX. \tag{26}$$



Comparing it with Eq. (17) gives

$$FX = (1 - a)\varphi X + b(X - \eta(X)\xi). \tag{27}$$

Differentiating (27) along an arbitrary vector field  $Y$  on  $M$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_Y F)X &= -(Ya)\varphi X + (1 - a)(\nabla_Y \varphi)X + (Yb)[X - \eta(X)\xi] \\ &\quad - b((\nabla_Y \eta)X)\xi - b\eta(X)\nabla_Y \xi \end{aligned}$$

Let  $(e_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) be a local orthonormal frame on  $M$ . Substituting  $Y = e_i$  in the above equation, taking inner product with  $e_i$  and summing over  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , and using the hypothesis  $div.F = 0$ , we obtain

$$Xb - \eta(X)\xi b - (\varphi X)a = 2[a(1 - a) + b^2]\eta(X). \tag{28}$$

Substituting  $\xi$  for  $X$  immediately provides

$$a(1 - a) + b^2 = 0. \tag{29}$$

Hence (28) reduces to

$$Xb - (\varphi X)a - (\xi b)\eta(X) = 0. \tag{30}$$

Only two cases can occur: either (i)  $b = 0$  on  $M$  and hence from (29)  $a = 1$  or 0, or (ii)  $b \neq 0$  on some open part  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $M$  and hence  $a \neq 0$ ,  $a \neq 1$  on  $\mathcal{U}$ . Let us work on  $\mathcal{U}$  and rule out case (ii). Differentiating Eq. (29) along an arbitrary vector field  $X$  on  $\mathcal{U}$ , and then substituting  $X = \xi$  and also using (18) gives

$$Xb = \frac{2a - 1}{2b}Xa, \quad \xi b = a(1 - 2a). \tag{31}$$

Using the above two equations in (30) provides

$$\frac{2a - 1}{2b}Xa - (\varphi X)a + a(2a - 1)\eta(X) = 0.$$

As  $X$  is arbitrary, substituting  $\varphi X$  for  $X$ , using the first equation of (10), Eq. (18) and the property  $\eta(\varphi X) = 0$ , we obtain

$$\frac{2a - 1}{2b}(\varphi X)a + Xa + 2ab\eta(X) = 0. \tag{32}$$

Eliminating  $(\varphi X)a$  between the above two equations, and subsequently replacing  $X$  with  $\varphi X$  we get  $(\varphi X)a = 0$ . Thus, (30) becomes  $db = (\xi b)\eta$ . Applying  $d$  on it and using Poincaré lemma:  $d^2 = 0$ , we have  $d(\xi b)\wedge\eta + (\xi b)d\eta = 0$ . Operating both sides of the resulting equation on the pair  $(X, \varphi X)$ , where  $X$  is an arbitrary vector field  $\perp \xi$  on  $\mathcal{U}$ , we obtain  $(\xi b)(d\eta)(X, \varphi X) = 0$ . This can be written as  $(\xi b)[g(\nabla_X \xi, \varphi X) - g(\nabla_{\varphi X} \xi, X)] = 0$ . The use of Eq. (17) and first equation of (10) in the preceding equation provides  $a(\xi b)g(\varphi X, \varphi X) = 0$ . The use of the last equation of (10) turns the preceding equation into  $a(\xi b)g(X, X) = 0$ . As  $a \neq 0$  on  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $X$  is arbitrary, we obtain  $\xi b = 0$  on  $\mathcal{U}$ . Hence  $db = 0$ , i.e.  $b$  is constant on  $\mathcal{U}$ . So, Eq. (31) implies  $(1 - 2a)Xa = 0$ . As  $a \neq \frac{1}{2}$  anywhere on  $\mathcal{U}$ , otherwise (29) would be violated, we conclude that  $a$  is constant on  $\mathcal{U}$ . Finally, appealing to Eq. (32) provides  $ab = 0$  which contradicts the assumption for case (ii). □

Hence we conclude that  $a = 1, b = 0$  in which case Eq. (16) reduces to (13) and hence  $M$  is Sasakian, or  $a = b = 0$  in which case (16) reduces to  $\nabla\varphi = 0$ , i.e. as defined in the introduction,  $M$  is cosymplectic, completing the proof.

## 5. Concluding Remark

For the canonical contact metric structure on the Lagrangian submanifold  $M$  of the nearly Kaehler  $S^6$ , we note that Eq. (26) holds. Also, Proposition 1 asserts that  $F = 0$  if and only if the canonical structure  $M$  is Sasakian. Thus the tensor  $F$  measures the deviation of  $M$  from becoming Sasakian. More generally, Theorem 1 tells us that the condition  $F = 0$  for the canonical structure to be Sasakian, can be weakened to  $\text{div}.F = 0$ , when the canonical almost contact metric on  $M$  is a contact metric.

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