

## ON SOME RIEMANNIAN PRODUCT MANIFOLDS

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**Abstract.** A four-parametric family of 4-dimensional Riemannian product manifolds is constructed on a Lie group. This family is characterized geometrically. The form of the curvature tensor on the manifolds is obtained.

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### 1. Preliminaries

Let  $(M, P, g)$  be a  $2n$ -dimensional Riemannian almost product manifold, i.e.  $P$  is an almost product structure and  $g$  is a metric on  $M$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad P^2X = X, \quad g(PX, PY) = g(X, Y)$$

for all differentiable vector fields  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

Further,  $X, Y, Z, W$  ( $x, y, z, w$ , respectively) will stand for arbitrary differentiable vector fields on  $M$  (vectors in  $T_pM$ ,  $p \in M$ , respectively).

Let  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection of the metric  $g$ . Then, the tensor field  $F$  of type  $(0, 3)$  on  $M$  is defined by

$$(1.2) \quad F(X, Y, Z) = g((\nabla_X P)Y, Z) .$$

It has the following symmetries

$$(1.3) \quad F(X, Y, Z) = F(X, Z, Y) = -F(X, PY, PZ).$$

Let  $\{e_i\}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$ ) be an arbitrary basis of  $T_pM$  at a point  $p$  of  $M$ . The components of the inverse matrix of  $g$  are denoted by  $g^{ij}$  with respect to the basis  $\{e_i\}$ . The Lie form  $\alpha$  associated with  $F$  is defined by

$$(1.4) \quad \alpha(z) = g^{ij}F(e_i, e_j, z).$$

The Nijenhuis tensor field  $N$  of the manifold is given by

$$(1.5) \quad N(X, Y) = [PX, PY] + [X, Y] - P[PX, Y] - P[X, PY].$$

It is known [4] that the almost product structure  $P$  is product if and only if  $N = 0$ .

A classification of the Riemannian almost product manifolds is introduced in [4], where six classes of these manifolds are characterized according to the properties of  $F$ . The most general class  $\mathcal{W}_2 \oplus \mathcal{W}_3 \oplus \mathcal{W}_5 \oplus \mathcal{W}_6$  of Riemannian product manifold with  $\text{tr } P = 0$  is characterized by the condition [5]:

$$(1.6) \quad \mathcal{W}_2 \oplus \mathcal{W}_3 \oplus \mathcal{W}_5 \oplus \mathcal{W}_6 : N(X, Y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow F(X, Y, PZ) + F(Y, Z, PX) + F(Z, X, PY) = 0.$$

Let  $R$  be the curvature tensor of  $\nabla$ , i.e.  $R(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]}Z$ . The corresponding tensor of type  $(0, 4)$  is denoted by the same letter and it is given by  $R(X, Y, Z, W) = g(R(X, Y)Z, W)$ .

The Ricci tensor  $\rho$  and the scalar curvatures  $\tau$  and  $\tau^*$  of  $R$  are defined by:

$$(1.7) \quad \rho(y, z) = g^{ij}R(e_i, y, z, e_j), \quad \tau = g^{ij}\rho(e_i, e_j), \quad \tau^* = g^{ij}\rho(e_i, Pe_j).$$

**Definition 1.1.** A tensor  $L$  of type  $(0, 4)$  is called a *curvature-like tensor* if it satisfies the following conditions for any  $X, Y, Z, W \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ :

$$(1.8) \quad \begin{aligned} L(X, Y, Z, W) &= -L(Y, X, Z, W) = -L(X, Y, W, Z); \\ L(X, Y, Z, W) &+ L(Y, Z, X, W) + L(Z, X, Y, W) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 1.2.** [5] A curvature-like tensor  $L$  is called a *Kähler tensor* if it satisfies the following condition:

$$(1.9) \quad L(X, Y, PZ, PW) = L(X, Y, Z, W), \quad X, Y, Z, W \in \mathfrak{X}(M).$$

Further, we consider  $2n$ -dimensional Riemannian product manifolds with  $\text{tr } P = 0$ .

### 1.1. Geometric properties of Riemannian product manifolds

It is known that the tensor  $P$  of type  $(1, 1)$  satisfies the identity:

$$(1.10) \quad (\nabla_X \nabla_Y P) Z - (\nabla_Y \nabla_X P) Z = R(X, Y) P Z - P R(X, Y) Z.$$

Take into account (1.2), (1.3),  $R(X, Y, Z, W) = g(R(X, Y)Z, W)$  and (1.1) we receive:

$$(1.11) \quad (\nabla_X F)(Y, Z, PW) - (\nabla_Y F)(X, Z, PW) = \\ = R(X, Y, PZ, PW) - R(X, Y, Z, W),$$

$$(1.12) \quad (\nabla_X F)(Y, PZ, W) = -(\nabla_X F)(Y, Z, PW) - \\ - g((\nabla_X P)Z, (\nabla_Y P)W) - g((\nabla_X P)W, (\nabla_Y P)Z).$$

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $(M, P, g)$  be a Riemannian product manifold. Then, the curvature tensor  $R$  satisfies:*

$$(1.13) \quad \mathfrak{S}_{X, Y, Z} \{R(PX, PY, Z, W) + R(X, Y, PZ, PW)\} + \\ \mathfrak{S}_{X, Y, Z} g(\nabla_X P)Y - (\nabla_Y P)X, (\nabla_Z P)W - (\nabla_W P)Z = 0,$$

where  $\mathfrak{S}$  is the cyclic sum by three arguments.

**Proof.** Since  $(M, P, g)$  belongs to the class  $W_2 \oplus W_3 \oplus W_5 \oplus W_6$  then the characteristic condition (1.6) holds. By covariant differentiation in (1.6) we obtain

$$(1.14) \quad (\nabla_X F)(Y, Z, PW) + (\nabla_X F)(Z, W, PY) + \\ + (\nabla_X F)(W, Y, PZ) + g((\nabla_X P)W, (\nabla_Y P)Z) + \\ + g((\nabla_X P)Y, (\nabla_Z P)W) + g((\nabla_X P)Z, (\nabla_W P)Y) = 0.$$

Taking into account the equalities (1.10), (1.11), (1.14) and after straightforward calculation we get (1.13).  $\square$

**Definition 1.3.** A curvature-like tensor  $L$  on a Riemannian product manifold with  $\text{tr } P = 0$  is said to be *anti-Kähler* if it has the property:

$$(1.15) \quad L(X, Y, PZ, PW) = -L(X, Y, Z, W), \quad X, Y, Z, W \in \mathfrak{X}(M).$$

Next, Theorem 1.1 and Definition 1.3 imply:

**Corollary 1.1.** *Let  $(M, P, g)$  be a Riemannian product manifold with  $\text{tr } P = 0$  and let  $R$  be an anti-Kähler tensor. Then, we have:*

$$(1.16) \quad \sum_{X, Y, Z} g((\nabla_X P)Y - (\nabla_Y P)X, (\nabla_Z P)W - (\nabla_W P)Z) = 0.$$

Further, let us denote:

$$(1.17) \quad K(X, Y, Z, W) = g((\nabla_X P)Y - (\nabla_Y P)X, (\nabla_Z P)W - (\nabla_W P)Z).$$

Then, because of (1.17) the tensor  $K$  has the properties:

$$(1.18) \quad K(X, Y, Z, W) = -K(Y, X, Z, W) = -K(X, Y, W, Z).$$

By (1.18), Corollary 1.1, and Definition 1.1 we establish that  $K$  is a curvature-like tensor on any Riemannian product manifold if the curvature tensor  $R$  is an anti-Kähler tensor. Moreover, by (1.5) and  $N = 0$ , it is easy to prove that

$$(1.19) \quad K(X, Y, PZ, PW) = -K(X, Y, Z, W),$$

i.e. the tensor  $K$  is an anti-Kähler tensor, too.

## 2. A Lie group as a 4-dimensional Riemannian product manifold with $\text{tr } P = 0$

Let  $V$  be a 4-dimensional real vector space and consider the structure of the Lie algebra defined by the brackets  $[E_i, E_j] = C_{ij}^k E_k$ , where  $\{E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4\}$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $C_{ij}^k \in \mathfrak{R}$ . Then, the Jacobi identity for  $C_{ij}^k$

$$(2.1) \quad C_{ij}^k C_{ks}^l + C_{js}^k C_{ki}^l + C_{si}^k C_{kj}^l = 0$$

holds. Let  $G$  be the associated real connected Lie group and  $\{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4\}$  be a global basis of left invariant vector fields induced by the basis of  $V$ . We define an almost product structure on  $G$  by the conditions

$$(2.2) \quad PX_1 = X_3, \quad PX_2 = X_4, \quad PX_3 = X_1, \quad PX_4 = X_2.$$

Further, let us consider the left invariant metric defined by

$$(2.3) \quad g(X_i, X_i) = 1, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4, \quad g(X_i, X_j) = 0 \text{ for } i \neq j.$$

**Definition 2.1.** [1] An almost product structure  $P$  on a Lie group  $G$  is said to be *Abelian* if

$$(2.4) \quad [PX, PY] = -[X, Y] \quad \text{for all } X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

The conditions (1.5) and (2.4) imply  $N = 0$ , i.e.  $P$  is a product structure. Thus,  $(G, P, g)$  is a Riemannian product manifold, i.e.  $(G, P, g) \in \mathcal{W}_2 \oplus \mathcal{W}_3 \oplus \mathcal{W}_5 \oplus \mathcal{W}_6$ .

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $(G, P, g)$  be a 4-dimensional Riemannian product manifold and Abelian product structure  $P$  defined by (2.2). Then, the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of  $G$  is given as follows:*

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} [X_1, X_2] &= -[X_3, X_4], \text{ i.e. } C_{12}^k = -C_{34}^k, \\ [X_1, X_4] &= [X_2, X_3], \text{ i.e. } C_{14}^k = C_{23}^k, \\ [X_1, X_3] &= C_{13}^k X_k, \quad [X_2, X_4] = C_{24}^k X_k, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_{ij}^k \in \mathfrak{R}$  ( $i, j, k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) must satisfy the Jacobi identity.

Further, let us construct our example by setting

$$C_{12}^k = C_{34}^k = C_{14}^k = C_{23}^k = 0, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

In this case, for the non-zero Lie brackets of  $\mathfrak{g}$  the Jacobi identity (2.1) implies

$$(2.6) \quad [X_2, X_4] = aX_2 + bX_4, \quad [X_1, X_3] = cX_1 + dX_3,$$

where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathfrak{R}$ . Thus, the conditions (2.6) define a family of 4-dimensional real Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{g}$ , which is characterized by four parameters. It is known [1] that if a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  admits an Abelian product structure then  $\mathfrak{g}$  is solvable. Therefore, the above considered Lie algebras (2.6) are solvable.

Let us remark that the Killing form [3] of the considered Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$

$$(2.7) \quad B(X, Y) = \text{tr}(\text{ad } X \text{ ad } Y), \quad X, Y \in \mathfrak{g},$$

has the following form

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} d^2 & 0 & -cd & 0 \\ 0 & b^2 & 0 & -ab \\ -cd & 0 & c^2 & 0 \\ 0 & -ab & 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is easy to prove, that  $\det B = 0$ , i.e. the Killing form is degenerate. Thus, the Killing form  $B$  can not be a Riemannian metric.

### 2.1. Geometric characteristics of the constructed manifold

Let  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection of  $g$ . Then, the following well-known condition is valid

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} 2g(\nabla_X Y, Z) &= Xg(Y, Z) + Yg(X, Z) - Zg(X, Y) \\ &\quad + g([X, Y], Z) + g([Z, X], Y) + g([Z, Y], X). \end{aligned}$$

Having in mind (2.3), (2.6) and (2.8), we obtain the following non-zero components of the Levi-Civita connection of the above constructed manifold  $(G, P, g)$ :

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_{X_1} X_1 &= -cX_3, & \nabla_{X_3} X_1 &= -dX_3, & \nabla_{X_4} X_2 &= -bX_4, & \nabla_{X_2} X_2 &= -aX_4, \\ \nabla_{X_1} X_3 &= cX_1, & \nabla_{X_3} X_3 &= dX_1, & \nabla_{X_4} X_4 &= bX_2, & \nabla_{X_2} X_4 &= aX_2. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by (2.2) and (2.9) for the non-zero components of  $\nabla P$  we obtain:

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_{X_1} P)X_1 &= 2cX_1, & (\nabla_{X_3} P)X_3 &= 2dX_3, \\ (\nabla_{X_2} P)X_2 &= 2aX_2, & (\nabla_{X_4} P)X_4 &= 2bX_4, \\ (\nabla_{X_1} P)X_3 &= -2cX_3, & (\nabla_{X_3} P)X_1 &= -2dX_1, \\ (\nabla_{X_2} P)X_4 &= -2aX_4, & (\nabla_{X_4} P)X_2 &= -2bX_2. \end{aligned}$$

Next, taking into account (1.2), (1.4), (2.3) and (2.10), we get the non-zero components  $F_{ijk} = F(X_i, X_j, X_k)$  of  $F$  and the components  $\alpha_i = \alpha(Z_i)$  as follows:

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} F_{111} &= -F_{133} = 2c, & F_{222} &= -F_{244} = 2a, \\ F_{311} &= -F_{333} = 2d, & F_{422} &= -F_{444} = 2b, \\ \alpha_1 &= 2c, & \alpha_2 &= 2a, & \alpha_3 &= -2d, & \alpha_4 &= -2b. \end{aligned}$$

### 2.2. Curvature properties of the constructed manifold

Let  $R$  be the curvature tensor of type  $(0, 4)$  of  $(G, P, g)$ . Having in mind (2.9), we get the non-zero components  $R_{ijks} = R(X_i, X_j, X_k, X_s)$  of  $R$ :

$$(2.12) \quad R_{1331} = -(c^2 + d^2), \quad R_{2442} = -(a^2 + b^2).$$

Then, according to (2.2), (2.12) and Definition 1.3, we obtain:

**Theorem 2.1.** *The curvature tensor  $R$  of the manifold  $(G, P, g)$  is an anti-Kähler tensor and it has the form:*

$$(2.13) \quad R(X, Y, Z, W) = \frac{1}{4}g((\nabla_X P)Y - (\nabla_Y P)X, (\nabla_Z P)W - (\nabla_W P)Z).$$

**Proof.** Let  $X = x^i X_i$ ,  $Y = y^i X_i$ ,  $Z = z^i X_i$ ,  $W = w^i X_i$ , where  $x^i, y^i, z^i, w^i \in \mathbf{R}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ), be arbitrary vectors in  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then, by (2.12) for  $R$  we have

$$(2.14) \quad R(X, Y, Z, W) = (c^2 + d^2) (x^1 y^3 - x^3 y^1) (z^1 w^3 - z^3 w^1) \\ + (a^2 + b^2) (x^2 y^4 - x^4 y^2) (z^2 w^4 - z^4 w^2).$$

Then, the equalities (1.16) and (2.10) imply that the right-hand side of (2.13) is equal to that of (2.14).  $\square$

**Proposition 2.2.** *The curvature tensor  $R$  of the manifold  $(G, P, g)$  satisfies the equation*

$$(2.15) \quad R(X, Y, Z, W) = g([X, Y], [Z, W]).$$

**Proof.** The validity of (2.15) follows from (2.6) and (2.14) by direct computation as in Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

Further, according to (2.9) and (2.12) we establish that

$$(2.16) \quad (\nabla_{X_i} R)(X_j, X_k, X_l, X_s) = 0 \text{ for all } i, j, k, l, s = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

and thus we obtain the following:

**Proposition 2.3.** *The manifold  $(G, P, g)$  is locally symmetric.*

Next, by virtue of (1.7) and (2.12), we compute the non-zero components  $\rho_{ij} = \rho(X_i, X_j)$  of the Ricci tensor and the value of scalar curvature  $\tau$  as follows:

$$(2.17) \quad \rho_{11} = \rho_{33} = -(c^2 + b^2), \quad \rho_{22} = \rho_{44} = -(a^2 + b^2), \\ \tau = -2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2).$$

Therefore, by (2.2), we establish that  $\rho$  is a hybrid tensor with respect to  $P$  and the scalar curvature  $\tau$  is constant. Further, according to (2.3) and (2.17), we prove the following:

**Theorem 2.2.** *The manifold  $(G, P, g)$  is Einsteinian if and only if  $|a| = |c|$ ,  $|b| = |d|$  hold.*

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## ВЪРХУ НЯКОИ РИМАНОВИ МНОГООБРАЗИЯ СЪС СТРУКТУРА НА ПРОИЗВЕДЕНИЕ

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**Резюме.** Върху група на Ли е конструирано четири параметрично семейство от 4-мерни риманови многообразия със структура на произведение. Намерени са геометричните характеристики на това семейство от многообразия. Получен е видът на тензора на кривина за тези многообразия.