

ON A CURVATURE TENSOR OF KÄHLER TYPE IN AN ALMOST HERMITIAN AND ALMOST PARA-HERMITIAN MANIFOLD

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Abstract. We find a tensor of Kähler type for an almost Hermitian and almost para-Hermitian manifold. We show that this tensor is closely related with the problem of almost Hermitian and almost para-Hermitian manifold with pointwise constant holomorphic sectional curvature.

1. Preliminaries

Let (M, J, g) be an n ($= 2m$)-dimensional Riemannian manifold endowed with endomorphism J satisfying

$$J^2 = \varepsilon I, \quad g(Jx, Jy) = -\varepsilon g(x, y), \quad (1.1)$$

where g is the metric of the manifold, $\varepsilon = \pm 1$, I indicates the identity mapping, $x, y \in T_p$ and T_p is the tangent space to M at $p \in M$. If $\varepsilon = -1$, (M, J, g) is an almost Hermitian manifold. If $\varepsilon = +1$, (M, J, g) is an almost para-Hermitian manifold [1]. In both cases

$$F(x, y) = g(Jx, y) \quad (1.2)$$

satisfies

$$F(x, y) = -F(y, x). \quad (1.3)$$

It is worth to mention that an almost para-Hermitian manifold is a semi-Riemannian manifold of signature (m, m) .

In both cases, the vectors x and Jx are mutually orthogonal. This, in the case $\varepsilon = -1$ implies that x and Jx are linearly independent. In the case of almost para-Hermitian manifold, there exist vectors satisfying $Jx = x$ or $Jx = -x$. Such vector is a null vector and each null vector x satisfies $Jx = x$ or $Jx = -x$. For non-null vector x , x and Jx are linearly independent, too.

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2. Curvature tensor of Kähler type

We denote by ∇ and R the Riemannian connection and the curvature tensor of (M, J, g) , respectively. An almost Hermitian (almost para-Hermitian) manifold satisfying $\nabla J = 0$ is a Kähler (para-Kähler) manifold. It is well known that the Riemannian curvature tensor of a Kähler (para-Kähler) manifold satisfies the condition

$$R(x, y, z, w) = -\varepsilon R(x, y, Jz, Jw). \quad (2.1)$$

Thus, we say that, in an almost Hermitian (almost para-Hermitian) manifold, the tensor $Q(x, y, z, w)$ is a curvature tensor of Kähler type, if it satisfies the conditions

$$Q(x, y, z, w) = -Q(x, y, w, z), \quad (2.2)$$

$$Q(x, y, z, w) = -Q(y, x, z, w), \quad (2.3)$$

$$Q(x, y, z, w) = Q(z, w, x, y), \quad (2.4)$$

$$Q(x, y, z, w) + Q(x, z, w, y) + Q(x, w, y, z) = 0, \quad (2.5)$$

$$Q(x, y, z, w) = -\varepsilon Q(x, y, Jz, Jw). \quad (2.6)$$

For a general almost Hermitian (almost para-Hermitian) manifold, the Riemannian curvature tensor $R(x, y, z, w)$ does not satisfy (2.6). Thus, we shall try to construct a new tensor satisfying (2.2)–(2.6). The construction that follows is inspired by the paper [4].

We start with the tensor

$$\begin{aligned} H(x, y, z, w) = \\ = 4[R(x, y, z, w) - \varepsilon R(x, y, Jz, Jw) - \varepsilon R(Jx, Jy, z, w) + R(Jx, Jy, Jz, Jw)]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

It is easy to see that this tensor satisfies identities (2.2), (2.3), (2.4) and (2.6). If it satisfies (2.5), too, it must be

$$\begin{aligned} R(x, y, Jz, Jw) + R(Jx, Jy, z, w) + R(x, z, Jw, Jy) + \\ + R(Jx, Jz, w, y) + R(x, w, Jy, Jz) + R(Jx, Jw, y, z) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

Putting into (2.8) Jx and Jy instead of x and y , respectively, and taking into account (1.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} R(Jx, Jy, Jz, Jw) + R(x, y, z, w) + \varepsilon R(Jx, z, Jw, y) + \\ + \varepsilon R(x, Jz, w, Jy) + \varepsilon R(Jx, w, y, Jz) + \varepsilon R(x, Jw, Jy, z) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Subtracting (2.8) (multiplied by ε) from (2.9), we find

$$\begin{aligned} R(x, y, z, w) - \varepsilon R(x, y, Jz, Jw) - \varepsilon R(Jx, Jy, z, w) + R(Jx, Jy, Jz, Jw) = \\ = \varepsilon [R(Jx, Jz, w, y) + R(x, w, Jy, Jz) + R(x, z, Jw, Jy) + R(Jx, Jw, y, z) \\ - R(Jx, z, Jw, y) - R(x, Jz, w, Jy) - R(Jx, w, y, Jz) - R(x, Jw, Jy, z)]. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this into (2.7) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
H(x, y, z, w) &= \\
&= 3[R(x, y, z, w) - \varepsilon R(x, y, Jz, Jw) - \varepsilon R(Jx, Jy, z, w) + R(Jx, Jy, Jz, Jw)] \\
&\quad + \varepsilon[R(x, z, Jw, Jy) + R(Jx, Jz, w, y) + R(x, w, Jy, Jz) + R(Jx, Jw, y, z) \\
&\quad - R(Jx, z, Jw, y) - R(x, Jz, w, Jy) - R(Jx, w, y, Jz) - R(x, Jw, Jy, z)] \quad (2.10)
\end{aligned}$$

We can verify, by direct computation, that the tensor (2.10) satisfies all identities (2.2)–(2.6), that is, it is a curvature tensor of Kähler type.

If (M, J, g) is a Kähler (para-Kähler) manifold, then (2.1) holds good, because of which we have also

$$\begin{aligned}
R(x, y, z, w) &= -\varepsilon R(Jx, Jy, z, w), \\
R(x, y, z, w) &= R(Jx, Jy, Jz, Jw), \\
R(x, Jy, Jz, w) &= -R(x, Jy, z, Jw), \\
R(x, Jy, Jz, w) &= -R(Jx, y, Jz, w).
\end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Therefore, (2.10) reduces to

$$H(x, y, z, w) = 14R(x, y, z, w) - 2\varepsilon[R(x, Jz, w, Jy) + R(x, Jw, Jy, z)]. \quad (2.12)$$

But, in view of Bianchi identity and (2.11),

$$\begin{aligned}
R(x, Jz, w, Jy) + R(x, Jw, Jy, z) &= \\
&= -R(x, w, Jy, Jz) - R(x, Jy, Jz, w) - R(x, Jy, z, Jw) - R(x, z, Jw, Jy) \\
&= \varepsilon[R(x, w, y, z) + R(x, z, w, y)] - R(x, Jy, Jz, w) + R(x, Jy, Jz, w) \\
&= -\varepsilon R(x, y, z, w).
\end{aligned}$$

This means that (2.12) reduces to $H(x, y, z, w) = 16R(x, y, z, w)$. Thus, we can state

THEOREM 1. *For an almost Hermitian (almost para-Hermitian) manifold (M, J, g) , the tensor*

$$\begin{aligned}
A(x, y, z, w) &= \\
&= \frac{1}{16} \{3[R(x, y, z, w) - \varepsilon R(x, y, Jz, Jw) - \varepsilon R(Jx, Jy, z, w) + R(Jx, Jy, Jz, Jw)] \\
&\quad + \varepsilon[R(x, z, Jw, Jy) + R(Jx, Jz, w, y) + R(x, w, Jy, Jz) + R(Jx, Jw, y, z) \\
&\quad - R(Jx, z, Jw, y) - R(x, Jz, w, Jy) - R(Jx, w, y, Jz) - R(x, Jw, Jy, z)]\} \quad (2.13)
\end{aligned}$$

is a curvature tensor of Kähler type. If (M, J, g) is a Kähler (para-Kähler) manifold, (2.13) reduces to the Riemannian curvature tensor.

We note that, beside (2.2)–(2.6) the tensor (2.13) satisfies the identities of type (2.11), too, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
A(x, y, z, w) &= -\varepsilon A(Jx, Jy, z, w), \\
A(x, y, z, w) &= A(Jx, Jy, Jz, Jw), \\
A(x, Jy, Jz, w) &= -A(x, Jy, z, Jw), \\
A(x, Jy, Jz, w) &= -A(Jx, y, Jz, w).
\end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

3. The Ricci tensor with respect to the tensor (2.13)

Since we have $R(x, y, z, w) = g(R(z, w)y, x) = -\varepsilon g(JR(z, w)y, Jx)$, we have also

$$\begin{aligned} R(Jx, Jy, z, w) &= -g(JR(z, w)Jy, x), \\ R(Jx, Jy, Jz, Jw) &= -g(JR(Jz, Jw)Jy, x), \\ R(Jx, z, Jw, y) &= -g(JR(Jw, y)z, x), \\ R(Jx, w, y, Jz) &= -g(JR(y, Jz)w, x). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if the tensor $A(z, w)y$ is defined by $A(x, y, z, w) = g(A(z, w)y, x)$, we can rewrite (2.13) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} A(z, w)y &= \frac{1}{16} \{ 3[R(z, w)y - \varepsilon R(Jz, Jw)y + \varepsilon J(R(z, w)Jy) - J(R(Jz, Jw)Jy)] \\ &\quad + \varepsilon [R(Jw, Jy)z - J(R(w, y)Jz) + R(Jy, Jz)w - J(R(y, z)Jw) \\ &\quad + J(R(Jw, y)z) - R(w, Jy)Jz + J(R(y, Jz)w) - R(Jy, z)Jw] \}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

We recall that the Ricci tensor $\rho(x, y)$ and the Hermitian Ricci tensor $\rho^*(x, y)$ of (M, J, g) are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(y, w) &= \text{trace: } z \rightarrow R(z, w)y = \text{trace: } z \rightarrow \varepsilon J(R(Jz, w)y), \\ \rho^*(y, w) &= \text{trace: } z \rightarrow R(Jz, w)y = \text{trace: } z \rightarrow J(R(z, w)y), \end{aligned}$$

and are symmetric and skew-symmetric respectively, i.e.

$$\rho(y, w) = \rho(w, y), \quad \rho^*(y, w) = -\rho^*(w, y). \quad (3.2)$$

Now, if we define $A(y, w)$ by $A(y, w) = \text{trace: } z \rightarrow A(z, w)y$, then we get from (3.1):

$$\begin{aligned} A(y, w) &= \frac{1}{16} \{ 3[\rho(y, w) - \varepsilon \rho^*(y, Jw) - \varepsilon \rho^*(w, Jy) - \varepsilon \rho(Jy, Jw)] \\ &\quad + \varepsilon [2\rho(Jw, Jy) - \rho(Jy, Jw) - 2\varepsilon \rho(w, y) + \varepsilon \rho(y, w) \\ &\quad - 2\rho^*(w, Jy) + 2\rho^*(Jw, y) - \rho^*(y, Jw) + \rho^*(Jy, w)] \}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$A(y, w) = \frac{1}{8} [\rho(y, w) - 3\varepsilon \rho^*(y, Jw) - 3\varepsilon \rho^*(w, Jy) - \varepsilon \rho(Jy, Jw)]. \quad (3.3)$$

If (M, J, g) is a Kähler (para-Kähler) manifold, then $\rho(y, w) = -\varepsilon \rho(Jy, Jw) = -\varepsilon \rho^*(y, Jw) = -\varepsilon \rho^*(w, Jy)$, and (3.3) reduces to $A(y, w) = \rho(y, w)$. Thus, we have

THEOREM 2. *The Ricci tensor with respect to the tensor $A(x, y, z, w)$ is given by (3.3), and if (M, J, g) is a Kähler (para-Kähler) manifold, it reduces to the Ricci tensor $\rho(y, w)$.*

It is easy to see that the tensor $A(y, w)$ has the properties like the Ricci tensor $\rho(y, w)$ of a Kähler (para-Kähler) manifold, namely

$$\begin{aligned} A(x, y) &= A(y, x), \quad A(x, y) = -\varepsilon A(Jx, Jy), \quad A(x, Jy) = -A(Jx, y), \\ A(x, y) &= -\varepsilon A^*(x, Jy), \quad A^*(x, y) = -A^*(y, x), \end{aligned}$$

where $A^*(x, y) = \text{trace: } z \rightarrow A(Jz, y)x$.

We define the scalar curvature with respect to the curvature tensor $A(x, y, z, w)$ by

$$A = \text{trace}: w \rightarrow A(w), \quad (3.4)$$

where

$$A(y, w) = g(y, A(w)). \quad (3.5)$$

To obtain the expression for this scalar curvature, we consider the vectors $\rho(w)$ and $\rho^*(w)$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(y, w) &= g(y, \rho(w)) = -\varepsilon g(Jy, J\rho(w)), \\ \rho^*(y, w) &= g(y, \rho^*(w)) = -\varepsilon g(Jy, J\rho^*(w)), \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

and note that the scalar curvature τ and the Hermitian scalar curvature τ^* can be defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= \text{trace}: w \rightarrow \rho(w) = \text{trace}: w \rightarrow \varepsilon J\rho(Jw), \\ \tau^* &= \text{trace}: w \rightarrow \rho^*(w) = \text{trace}: w \rightarrow J\rho^*(w). \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Using (3.5) and (3.6), we can rewrite (3.3) in the form

$$A(w) = \frac{1}{8}[\rho(w) - 3\varepsilon\rho^*(Jw) - 3\varepsilon J\rho^*(w) + \varepsilon J\rho(Jw)],$$

from which, in view of (3.4) and (3.7), we get

$$A = \frac{1}{4}(\tau - 3\varepsilon\tau^*). \quad (3.8)$$

If (M, J, g) is a Kähler (para-Kähler) manifold, then $\tau^* = -\varepsilon\tau$ and (3.8) reduces to $A = \tau$. Thus, we can state

THEOREM 3. *The scalar curvature with respect to the tensor $A(x, y, z, w)$ is given by (3.8). If (M, J, g) is a Kähler (para-Kähler) manifold, it reduces to the scalar curvature τ with respect to the Riemannian curvature tensor.*

4. Almost Hermitian and almost para-Hermitian manifold with pointwise constant holomorphic sectional curvature

As is well known, the holomorphic sectional curvature of (M, J, g) at $p \in M$, determined by non-null vector $x \in T_p$, is given by

$$\frac{R(x, Jx, x, Jx)}{g(x, x)g(Jx, Jx) - g(x, Jx)g(x, Jx)} = -c(p),$$

i.e. by

$$\frac{R(x, Jx, x, Jx)}{-\varepsilon g(x, x)g(x, x)} = -c(p) \quad (4.1)$$

because of (1.1) and the orthogonality of vectors x and Jx .

If the scalar $c(p)$ is independent of the choice of vector $x \in T_p$, then (M, J, g) is said to be a manifold of pointwise constant holomorphic sectional curvature at $p \in M$. The almost Hermitian manifolds of pointwise constant holomorphic sectional curvature have been studied by many authors ([2], [5], [6], [7], [8]). The

purpose of this section is to show that some of these questions (paralleyly for almost Hermitian and almost para-Hermitian manifolds) can be considered with the help of the tensor (2.13).

We define the sectional curvature at the point $p \in M$, with respect to the tensor $A(x, y, z, w)$, determined by non-null vectors $x, y \in T_p$, as follows

$$\frac{A(x, y, x, y)}{g(x, x)g(y, y) - g(x, y)g(x, y)} = -c(p).$$

If $y = Jx$, we have the holomorphic sectional curvature with respect to $A(x, y, z, w)$:

$$\frac{A(x, Jx, x, Jx)}{-\varepsilon g(x, x)g(x, x)} = -c(p). \quad (4.2)$$

On the other hand, putting in (2.13) $y = Jx$, $z = x$, $w = Jx$, we find $A(x, Jx, x, Jx) = R(x, Jx, x, Jx)$. Thus, (M, J, g) is a manifold of pointwise constant holomorphic sectional curvature if and only if it has this property with respect to the tensor $A(x, y, z, w)$, too. But, $A(x, y, z, w)$ is a curvature tensor of Kähler type and we can proceed with it in the same manner as with the Riemannian curvature tensor in the case of Kähler space, e.g. [9], p. 75 or [3], pp. 165–168. Namely, we rewrite (4.2) in the form

$$A(x, Jx, x, Jx) - \varepsilon c(p)g(x, x)g(x, x) = 0, \quad (4.3)$$

and consider the quadrilinear mapping which sends $(x, y, z, w) \in T_p \otimes T_p \otimes T_p \otimes T_p$ into

$$\begin{aligned} & A(Jx, y, Jz, w) + A(Jy, z, Jx, w) + A(Jz, x, Jy, w) \\ & - \varepsilon c(p)[g(x, y)g(z, w) + g(y, z)g(x, w) + g(x, z)g(y, w)]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

This mapping is symmetric in x, y, z and w because $A(x, y, z, w)$ satisfies the identities (2.2), (2.3), (2.4) and (2.6). For $x = y = z = w$, (4.4) reduces to $3A(Jx, x, Jx, x) - 3\varepsilon c(p)g(x, x)g(x, x)$. But this vanishes by the assumption (4.3). Thus, the mapping (4.4) vanishes identically, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} & A(Jx, y, Jz, w) + A(Jy, z, Jx, w) + A(Jz, x, Jy, w) = \\ & = \varepsilon c(p)[g(x, y)g(z, w) + g(y, z)g(x, w) + g(x, z)g(y, w)]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

Putting into (4.5) Jx and Jy instead of x and y respectively, and taking into account (1.1) and (2.14), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & A(x, y, z, w) - A(y, z, x, w) + \varepsilon A(z, Jx, Jy, w) = \\ & = \varepsilon c(p)[g(Jx, y)g(Jz, w) + g(y, Jz)g(Jx, w) - \varepsilon g(x, z)g(y, w)]. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the skew-symmetric part of this equation with respect to x and y , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & 2A(x, y, z, w) - A(y, z, x, w) + A(x, z, y, w) + \varepsilon[A(z, Jx, Jy, w) - A(z, Jy, Jx, w)] = \\ & = \varepsilon c(p)\{2g(Jx, y)g(Jz, w) + g(y, Jz)g(Jx, w) - g(x, Jz)g(Jy, w) \\ & \quad - \varepsilon[g(x, z)g(y, w) - g(x, w)g(y, z)]\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

In view of (2.2)–(2.6), we have $-A(y, z, x, w) + A(x, z, y, w) = A(x, y, z, w)$ and

$$\varepsilon[A(z, Jx, Jy, w) - A(z, Jy, Jx, w)] = -\varepsilon A(z, w, Jx, Jy) = A(x, y, z, w).$$

Therefore, and taking into account (1.2), we can rewrite (4.6) as follows:

$$A(x, y, z, w) = \frac{c(p)}{4} \{g(x, w)g(y, z) - g(x, z)g(y, w) \\ + \varepsilon[-F(x, w)F(y, z) + F(x, z)F(y, w) + 2F(x, y)F(z, w)]\}. \quad (4.7)$$

Thus, we can state

THEOREM 4. *An almost Hermitian (almost para-Hermitian) manifold is a manifold with a pointwise constant holomorphic sectional curvature if and only if the tensor $A(x, y, z, w)$ has the form (4.7).*

REMARK. We obtain the same result dealing directly with (4.1). Namely, we rewrite (4.1) in the form

$$R(x, Jx, x, Jx) - \varepsilon c(p)g(x, x)g(x, x) = 0 \quad (4.8)$$

and consider the quadrilinear mapping which sends $(x, y, z, w) \in T_p \otimes T_p \otimes T_p \otimes T_p$ into

$$\frac{1}{16} \{R(Jx, y, Jw, z) + R(Jx, z, Jw, y) + R(Jx, w, Jz, y) + R(Jx, y, Jz, w) \\ + R(Jx, z, Jy, w) + R(Jx, w, Jy, z) + R(Jy, w, Jz, x) + R(Jy, x, Jz, w) \\ + R(Jy, x, Jw, z) + R(Jy, z, Jw, x) + R(Jw, y, Jz, x) + R(Jw, x, Jz, y) \\ - 4\varepsilon c(p)[g(x, y)g(w, z) + g(x, w)g(z, y) + g(x, z)g(y, w)]\}.$$

This mapping is symmetric in x, y, z and w and since it vanishes for $x = y = z = w$ by the assumption (4.8), it must vanish identically, i.e.

$$\frac{1}{16} [R(Jx, y, Jw, z) + R(Jx, z, Jw, y) + R(Jx, w, Jz, y) + R(Jx, y, Jz, w) \\ + R(Jx, z, Jy, w) + R(Jx, w, Jy, z) + R(Jy, w, Jz, x) + R(Jy, x, Jz, w) \\ + R(Jy, x, Jw, z) + R(Jy, z, Jw, x) + R(Jw, y, Jz, x) + R(Jw, x, Jz, y)] = \\ = \varepsilon \frac{c(p)}{4} [g(x, y)g(w, z) + g(x, w)g(z, y) + g(x, z)g(y, w)]. \quad (4.9)$$

Now, proceeding with (4.9) in a similar manner as with (4.5), we get (4.7).

5. Sato's form of the tensor $A(x, y, z, w)$

Sato proved ([5], Theorem 4.2) that the curvature tensor of an almost Hermitian manifold of pointwise constant holomorphic sectional curvature $c(p)$ is given by

$$R(x, y, z, w) = \frac{c(p)}{4} [g(x, w)g(y, z) - g(x, z)g(y, w) \\ + F(x, w)F(y, z) - F(x, z)F(y, w) - 2F(x, y)F(z, w)] \\ = \frac{1}{96} \{26[G(x, y, z, w) - G(z, w, x, y)] - 6[G(Jx, Jy, Jz, Jw) + G(Jz, Jw, Jx, Jy)] \\ + 13[G(x, z, y, w) + G(y, w, x, z) - G(x, w, y, z) - G(y, z, x, w)] \\ - 3[G(Jx, Jz, Jy, Jw) + G(Jy, Jw, Jx, Jz) - G(Jx, Jw, Jy, Jz) - G(Jy, Jz, Jx, Jw)] \\ + 4[G(x, Jy, z, Jw) + G(Jx, y, Jz, w)] \\ + 2[G(x, Jz, y, Jw) + G(Jx, z, Jy, w) - G(x, Jw, y, Jz) - G(Jx, w, Jy, z)]\},$$

where $G(x, y, z, w) = R(x, y, z, w) - R(x, y, Jz, Jw)$.

To comprise the almost para-Hermitian manifold, too, we shall consider the tensor

$$\begin{aligned} R(x, y, z, w) = & \frac{1}{96} \{ 26[G(x, y, z, w) - G(z, w, x, y)] - 6[G(Jx, Jy, Jz, Jw) \\ & + G(Jz, Jw, Jx, Jy)] + 13[G(x, z, y, w) + G(y, w, x, z) - G(x, w, y, z) - G(y, z, x, w)] \\ & - 3[G(Jx, Jz, Jy, Jw) + G(Jy, Jw, Jx, Jz) - G(Jx, Jw, Jy, Jz) - G(Jy, Jz, Jx, Jw)] \\ & - 4\varepsilon[G(x, Jy, z, Jw) + G(Jx, y, Jz, w)] - 2\varepsilon[G(x, Jz, y, Jw) \\ & + G(Jx, z, Jy, w) - G(x, Jw, y, Jz) - G(Jx, w, Jy, z)] \}, \quad (5.1) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$G(x, y, z, w) = R(x, y, z, w) + \varepsilon R(x, y, Jz, Jw). \quad (5.2)$$

Substituting (5.2) into (5.1), we obtain, after some simple but long computation, the expression on right-hand side of the relation (2.13). Thus, we can say that (5.1) is Sato's form of the tensor $A(x, y, z, w)$. Also, we see that, for an almost Hermitian manifold, Theorem 4 coincides with mentioned Sato's theorem.

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