



## $K$ -contact generalized square Finsler manifolds

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**ABSTRACT:** We study almost contact generalized square Finsler manifolds and introduce the notion of  $K$ -contact Finsler structures. Then, we characterize generalized square  $K$ -contact almost contact manifolds. As an application, we show that every 3-dimensional Lie group admits a left-invariant generalized square Finsler structure.

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## 1. Introduction

Contact geometry was first defined in 1872 by the well-known mathematician Sophus Lie while solving partial differential equations. It has been used in thermodynamics, mechanics, optics, control theory, and low-dimensional topology [4]. Contact structure corresponds to the symplectic structure. Contact geometry and Riemannian geometry are related by considering the compatibility metric condition. In other words, the contact manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, \eta)$  is equipped with the Riemannian metric  $g$  if it satisfies  $d\eta(S, T) = g(S, \varphi T)$ , where  $\varphi$  is a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field. Contact geometry with a compatible Riemannian metric is called Riemannian contact geometry [1, 9, 10].

In [12], Tabatabaeifar, Najafi, and Rafie-Rad introduced almost contact Finsler manifolds (briefly, ACF-manifolds). They characterized almost contact Randers metrics. Generalized square Finsler manifolds are a natural generalization of two important classes of Finsler manifolds, namely, Randers manifolds and square Finsler manifolds [11]. First, we characterize ACF-generalized square manifolds.

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**Theorem 1.1.** Suppose  $N$  is a manifold with an AC-structure  $(\xi, \eta, \varphi)$  and  $F = \alpha + \varepsilon\beta + \kappa\beta^2/\alpha$  is a generalized square Finsler metric on  $N$ , where  $\varepsilon$  and  $\kappa$  are constants. Then  $(N, F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACF-manifold if and merely if  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACR-manifold and  $\beta = \lambda\eta$ , where  $\lambda(x)$  is determined by

$$\forall x \in N, \quad \kappa\lambda^2(x) + \varepsilon\lambda(x) + 1 - F(x, \xi(x)) = 0. \tag{1}$$

In [12], the authors considered an important class of ACF-manifolds, i. e., cosymplectic Finsler manifold and proved that such a manifold of constant flag curvature has vanishing flag curvature. It is natural to think of studying other classes of almost contact Riemannian manifolds (briefly, ACR-manifolds) and developing these classes in the setting of ACF-manifolds.

Let  $N$  be an odd-dimensional manifold. The AC-structure consists of a triplet  $(\xi, \eta, \varphi)$ , where  $\xi$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\varphi$ , are a vector field, a 1-form and a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor on  $N$ , respectively, such that they satisfy the specific conditions. Two important classes of ACR-manifolds are the class of Sasakian manifolds and the class of  $K$ -contact manifolds. It is known that the former class is a proper subclass of the latter one. These two classes are the same on 3-dimensional manifolds [5]. Due to this generality of the class of  $K$ -contact ACR-manifolds, we decide to generalize this notion to the setting of ACF-manifolds in this paper.

In Section 4, we first define  $K$ -contact ACF-manifolds. Then, we characterize  $K$ -contact generalized square Finsler metrics as follows.

**Theorem 1.2.** Suppose  $(N, F = \alpha + \varepsilon\beta + \kappa\beta^2/\alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a ACF-manifold, where  $\varepsilon$  and  $\kappa$  are constants. Then  $(N, F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a  $K$ -contact ACF-manifold if and merely if  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a  $K$ -contact ACR-manifold and  $\lambda$  given by (1) is constant along the integral curves of  $\xi$ .

D. Perrone proved that every 3-dimensional simply connected non-compact homogeneous contact Riemannian manifold is a Lie group with a left-invariant contact Riemannian structure [8]. Milnor classified Riemannian contact structures [6]. Milnor’s classification does not include all ACR- manifolds. G. Calvaruso replaced the condition  $\eta \wedge d\eta^n \neq 0$ , which is used in Milnor’s classification, by  $d\eta(\cdot, \xi) = 0$  and extended Milnor’s classification to all ACR-manifolds [2].

In Section 5, we consider left-invariant ACF-square structures  $(F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  on 3-dimensional Lie groups, where the 1-form  $\eta$  is not contact. Then, we classify all 3-dimensional left-invariant ACF-generalized square Lie groups in both cases unimodular or non-unimodular.

**Theorem 1.3.** Suppose  $(F = \alpha + \varepsilon\beta + \kappa\frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a left-invariant generalized square ACF-structure on a unimodular Lie group  $G$  described by (21) with  $\sigma_1 = 0$ . If  $d\eta(\cdot, \xi) = 0$ , then  $G$  is one of the following

- (a) If  $I > 0$ , then  $G$  is  $\tilde{E}(2)$ ,
- (b) If  $I < 0$ , then  $G$  is  $E(1, 1)$ ,
- (c) If  $I = 0$  and  $\mathfrak{g}$  is not abelian, then  $G$  is  $H$ ,
- (d) If  $I = 0$  and  $\mathfrak{g}$  is abelian, then  $G$  is  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,

where  $I = \sigma_2\sigma_3$ , and  $\tilde{E}(2)$ ,  $E(1, 1)$ , and  $H$  are the universal covering group of rigid motions of Euclidean 2-space, the group of rigid motions of Minkowski 2-space and the Heisenberg group, respectively.

As a result, any 3-dimensional unimodular Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  admits a left-invariant generalized square ACF-structure  $(F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  with  $d\eta(\cdot, \xi) = 0$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $N$  be an  $n$ -dimensional  $C^\infty$  manifold,  $TN = \bigcup_{x \in N} T_x N$  the tangent bundle and  $TN_0 := TN - \{0\}$  the slit tangent bundle. Let  $(N, F)$  be a Finsler manifold. The following quadratic form  $\mathbf{g}_y : T_x N \times T_x N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called the fundamental tensor of  $F$

$$\mathbf{g}_y(u, v) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} \left[ F^2(y + su + tv) \right]_{s=t=0}, \quad u, v \in T_x N.$$

Let  $x \in N$  and  $F_x := F|_{T_x N}$ . Non-Euclidean feature of  $F_x$  is measured by  $\mathbf{C}_y : T_x N \times T_x N \times T_x N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\mathbf{C}_y(u, v, w) := \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \mathbf{g}_{y+tw}(u, v) \right]_{t=0}, \quad u, v, w \in T_x N.$$

The family  $\mathbf{C} := \{\mathbf{C}_y\}_{y \in TN_0}$  is called the Cartan torsion.

Assume  $N$  is a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional manifold. The AC-structure consists of a triplet  $(\xi, \eta, \varphi)$ , where  $\xi$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\varphi$ , are a 1-form, a vector field, and a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor on  $N$ , respectively, with the following conditions:

$$\varphi(\xi) = 0, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \varphi^2(S) = -S + \eta(S)\xi,$$

where  $S \in T_x N$ . The manifold  $N$  with AC-structure  $(\xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an AC-manifold. For any AC-structure, conditions are established

- a)  $\eta(\varphi) = 0$ ,
- b) The rank of linear mapping  $\varphi$  is equal to  $2n$ ,
- c)  $\varphi^3 = -\varphi$ ,

An AC-manifold  $(N, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is said to be compatible with a Riemannian metric  $\alpha$  on  $N$  if the following holds good

$$a(\varphi S, \varphi T) = a(S, T) - \eta(S)\eta(T), \quad S, T \in T_x N, \quad x \in N, \tag{2}$$

where  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  is the fundamental tensor of  $\alpha$ . In this case,  $(\alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is named an ACR-structure on  $N$ . If we replace  $\varphi S$  with  $S$  in equation (2), we obtain

$$a(\varphi(S), S) = 0.$$

Moreover, if we put  $S = T = \xi$  in (2), we have  $\alpha(\xi) = 1$ , or equivalently  $\xi$  is a unit vector field.

Let  $(N, F)$  be a Finsler manifold and AC-structure  $(\xi, \eta, \varphi)$  on  $N$  and  $\mathbb{S}^1$  be the unit circle in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and define

$$\begin{cases} \psi : \mathbb{S}^1 \times T_x N \longrightarrow T_x N \\ (\theta, y) \longmapsto \theta \cdot y, \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta \cdot y := \sin(\theta)\varphi_x(y) + \cos(\theta)y$ .

In [12], the authors define almost contact Finsler manifolds (briefly ACF-manifolds) as follows.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(\xi, \eta, \varphi)$  be an AC-structure and  $F$  be a Finsler metric on a manifold  $N$ . Then the quadruplet  $(F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is called an ACF-structure on  $N$  if  $F$  is a compatible Finsler metric, i.e.,

$$\forall \theta \in \mathbb{S}^1, \forall y \in \ker(\eta_x), \quad F(x, \theta \cdot y) = F(x, y), \tag{3}$$

$$\forall S \in T_x N, \quad g_\xi(\xi, S) = F^2(\xi)\eta(S). \tag{4}$$

In this case, the quintuple  $(N, F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is called an ACF-manifold.

In [12], the authors proved the following.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $(F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  be an ACF-structure on a manifold  $N$ . Then for every  $y \in \ker(\eta_x)$  and  $S, T \in T_x N$ , the following statements are equivalent.

- (a)  $g_{ij}\varphi_k^i y^k y^j = 0$ , or  $\mathbf{g}_y(y, \varphi(y)) = 0$ ,
- (b)  $g_{im}\varphi_j^m + g_{jm}\varphi_i^m + 2C_{ijm}\varphi_r^m y^r = 0$ , or  $\mathbf{g}_y(\varphi S, T) + \mathbf{g}_y(\varphi T, S) + 2C_y(\varphi(y), S, T) = 0$ .

### 3. Generalized square ACF-metrics

Let  $N$  be a manifold. An  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric is a scalar function on the tangent space  $TN$  defined by  $F := \alpha \varrho(s)$ ,  $s = \beta/\alpha$ , in which  $\varrho = \varrho(s)$  is  $C^\infty$  on  $(-b_0, b_0)$  with certain regularity,  $\alpha = \sqrt{a_{ij}y^i y^j}$  is a Riemannian metric,  $\beta = b_i(x)y^i$  is a 1-form on a manifold  $N$ . Here, we consider the class of the generalized square metrics given by  $\varrho(s) = 1 + \varepsilon s + \kappa s^2$ , i.e.,

$$F = \alpha + \varepsilon\beta + \kappa \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}, \tag{5}$$

where  $\varepsilon$  and  $\kappa$  are constants. First, we characterize generalized square ACF-manifolds.

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose  $(\xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an AC-structure and  $F$  is a generalized square metric on a manifold  $N$  given by (5). Then,  $(N, F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACF-manifold if and merely if  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an almost contact Riemannian manifold (briefly ACR-manifold) and  $\beta = \lambda\eta$ , where  $\lambda(x)$  is determined by

$$\kappa\lambda^2(x) + \varepsilon\lambda(x) + 1 - F(\xi(x)) = 0, \tag{6}$$

for all  $x \in N$ .

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be an ACF-metric. By (3) for every tangent vector  $y \in \ker(\eta_x)$  and every  $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^1$ , we have

$$\alpha(x, \theta \cdot y) + \varepsilon\beta(\theta \cdot y) + \kappa \frac{\beta^2(\theta \cdot y)}{\alpha(x, \theta \cdot y)} = \alpha(x, y) + \varepsilon\beta(y) + \kappa \frac{\beta^2(y)}{\alpha(x, y)}. \tag{7}$$

Taking the irrational and rational parts of (7), we get

$$\alpha(x, \theta \cdot y) + \kappa \frac{\beta^2(\theta \cdot y)}{\alpha(x, \theta \cdot y)} = \alpha(x, y) + \kappa \frac{\beta^2(y)}{\alpha(x, y)}, \tag{8}$$

and

$$\beta(\theta \cdot y) = \beta(y). \tag{9}$$

Letting  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  in (9), we obtain

$$\beta(\varphi_x(y)) = \beta(y). \tag{10}$$

Applying  $\frac{d}{d\theta}$  on (9), we get

$$-\sin \theta \beta(y) + \cos \theta \beta(\varphi_x(y)) = 0. \tag{11}$$

By putting  $\theta = 0$  in (11) and using (10), one can conclude  $\beta(y) = 0$  for every  $y \in \ker(\eta_x)$ . Thus  $\ker(\eta) = \ker(\beta)$ , which implies that  $\eta$  and  $\beta$  are linearly dependent at each point. Thus, for some scalar function  $\lambda = \lambda(x)$  on  $N$ , we have

$$\beta = \lambda\eta. \tag{12}$$

It follows from (8), (10), and (12) that

$$\alpha(x, \theta \cdot y) = \alpha(x, y), \quad \forall y \in \ker(\eta_x).$$

It is well-known that the fundamental tensor of a generalized square metric  $F$  given by (5) is in the following form [11]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{g}_y(S, T) = & \frac{(\alpha^2(y) - \kappa\beta^2(y)) F(y)}{\alpha^3(y)} a(S, T) + \frac{6\kappa F(y) + (\varepsilon^2 - 4\kappa) \alpha(y)}{\alpha(y)} \beta(S)\beta(T) \\ & + \frac{\varepsilon\alpha^3(y) - 3\varepsilon\kappa\alpha(y)\beta^2(y) - 4\kappa^2\beta^3(y)}{\alpha^4(y)} \left\{ \beta(S)a(y, T) + \beta(T)a(y, S) - \frac{\beta(y)}{\alpha^2(y)} a(y, S)a(y, T) \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Putting  $y = S = T = \xi(x)$  in (13) infer

$$\begin{aligned} F^2(\xi(x)) = & \frac{(\alpha^2(\xi(x)) - \kappa\lambda^2(x)) F(\xi(x))}{\alpha^3(\xi(x))} \alpha^2(\xi(x)) + \frac{6\kappa F(\xi(x)) + (\varepsilon^2 - 4\kappa) \alpha(\xi(x))}{\alpha(\xi(x))} \lambda^2(x) \\ & + \frac{\varepsilon\alpha^3(\xi(x)) - 3\varepsilon\kappa\lambda^2(x)\alpha(\xi(x)) - 4\kappa^2\lambda^3(x)}{\alpha^4(\xi(x))} \alpha^2(\xi(x))\lambda(x). \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Similarly, by putting  $y = \xi(x)$  and  $T = \xi(x)$  in (13), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{g}_{\xi(x)}(\xi(x), S) = & \frac{(\alpha^2(\xi(x)) - \kappa\lambda^2(x)) F(\xi(x))}{\alpha^3(\xi(x))} a(\xi(x), S) + \frac{6\kappa F(\xi(x)) + (\varepsilon^2 - 4\kappa) \alpha(\xi(x))}{\alpha(\xi(x))} \lambda^2(x)\eta(S) \\ & + \frac{\varepsilon\alpha^3(\xi(x)) - 3\varepsilon\kappa\lambda^2(x)\alpha(\xi(x)) - 4\kappa^2\lambda^3(x)}{\alpha^4(\xi(x))} \alpha^2(\xi(x))\lambda(x)\eta(S). \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

By (4), (14), and (15), we have

$$a(\xi(x), S) = \alpha^2(\xi(x))\eta(S),$$

which means that  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACR-manifold. Hence, we get

$$\alpha(x, \xi(x)) = \eta(\xi(x)) = 1. \tag{16}$$

From (14) and (16), we conclude

$$F^2(\xi(x)) = (\kappa\lambda^2(x) + \varepsilon\lambda(x) + 1)^2,$$

from which, we get (6). □

**Corollary 3.2.** Letting  $\varepsilon = 2$  and  $\kappa = 1$  in (5), we reach to the class of square Finsler metrics. Thus, a square Finsler metric  $F = \frac{(\alpha+\beta)^2}{\alpha}$  with an AC-structure  $(\xi, \eta, \varphi)$  on a manifold  $N$  is an ACF-manifold if and merely if  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACR-manifold and  $\beta = \lambda\eta$ , where  $(\lambda(x) + 1)^2 = F(\xi(x))$  for all  $x \in N$ .

If we put  $\varepsilon = 1$  and  $\kappa = 0$  in (5), then the generalized square metric  $F$  becomes a Randers metric. Consequently, we revisit Theorem 1.3 of [12] with a slight improvement.

**Theorem 3.3.** Suppose  $F = \alpha + \beta$  is a Randers metric, and  $(\xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an AC-structure on a manifold  $N$ . Then  $(N, F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACF-manifold if and merely if  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACR-manifold and  $\beta = \lambda\eta$ , where  $\lambda(x) = F(x, \xi(x)) - 1$  for all  $x \in N$ .

**Proof.** In [12], it is proved that  $(F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACF-structure on  $N$  if and only if  $(\alpha, \xi/\alpha(\xi), \alpha(\xi)\eta, \varphi)$  is an ACR-structure on  $N$ , and  $\beta = \lambda\eta$ , where  $\lambda(x) = F(x, \xi(x)) - 1$  for all  $x \in N$  (see Theorem 1.3 of [12]). By a direct calculation, we have

$$\lambda(x) = F(x, \xi(x)) - 1 = \alpha(\xi(x)) + \beta(\xi(x)) - 1 = \alpha(\xi(x)) + \lambda(x) - 1.$$

Hence, we have

$$\alpha(\xi(x)) = 1.$$

This completes the proof. □

Indeed, Theorem 3.3 proposes a way to construct more examples of ACF-structures using the standard changings in the Finslerian world, such as Randers  $\beta$ -change.

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $N$  be a manifold with an ACF-structure  $(F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$ . Then, the Randers  $\beta$ -change  $(N, \bar{F} = F + \beta, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACF-manifold provided that  $\beta = \lambda\eta$  for some scalar function on  $N$ .

**Proof.** We want to show that  $\bar{F}$  is an ACF-metric. For every tangent vector  $y \in \ker(\eta_x)$ , we have  $\bar{F}(x, y) = F(x, y)$ . Therefore,  $\bar{F}$  satisfies (3).

It suffices to prove that  $\bar{F}$  satisfies (4). By Theorem 2.2, for every  $y \in \ker(\eta_x)$ , we have

$$\mathfrak{g}_y(\varphi y, y) = 0.$$

The fundamental tensor  $\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_y$  is as follows [3]

$$\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_y(S, T) = \frac{\bar{F}(y)}{F(y)} \mathfrak{g}_y(S, T) + \left(1 - \frac{\bar{F}(y)}{F(y)}\right) \frac{\mathfrak{g}_y(y, S)\mathfrak{g}_y(y, T)}{F^2(y)} + \frac{\mathfrak{g}_y(y, S)\beta(T)}{F(y)} + \frac{\mathfrak{g}_y(y, T)\beta(S)}{F(y)} + \beta(S)\beta(T). \quad (17)$$

Putting  $y = \xi(x)$  and  $S = T = \xi(x)$  in (17) yield

$$\bar{F}^2(\xi(x)) = (F(\xi(x)) + \lambda(x))^2.$$

Also, by putting  $y = \xi(x)$  and  $T = \xi(x)$  in (17) and taking into account (4) for  $F$ , we have

$$g_{\xi(x)}(S, \xi(x)) = (F(\xi(x)) + \lambda(x))^2 \eta(S) = \bar{F}^2(\xi(x))\eta(S),$$

which means that  $\bar{F}$  is an ACF-metric. □

#### 4. K-contact ACF-manifolds

The class of  $K$ -contact manifolds is a wealthy class of Riemannian manifolds. It is natural to study  $K$ -contact Finsler manifolds. In this section, we first introduce  $K$ -contact ACF-manifolds and characterize generalized square  $K$ -contact ACF-manifolds.

**Definition 4.1.** Suppose  $(N, F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACF-manifold such that the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  is a Killing vector field with respect to  $F$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{L}_{\hat{\xi}}F = 0$ , where  $\hat{\xi}$  is the complete lift of  $\xi$ . In this case, we say  $(N, F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a  $K$ -contact ACF-manifold.

In [7], X. Mo proves that the Lie derivative of an  $(\alpha, \beta)$  metric  $F = \alpha\varrho(\beta/\alpha)$  is obtained as follows

$$\mathfrak{L}_{\hat{\xi}}F = (\varrho - s\varrho')\mathfrak{L}_{\hat{\xi}}(\alpha) + \varrho'\mathfrak{L}_{\hat{\xi}}(\beta). \quad (18)$$

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $(N, F, \xi, \eta, \phi)$  be a generalized square ACF-manifold. Then  $F$  is a  $K$ -contact ACF-metric if and merely if  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \phi)$  is a  $K$ -contact Riemannian manifold and  $\xi^i \lambda_i = 0$ , where  $\lambda_i = \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial x^i}$  and  $\xi = \xi^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ .

**Proof.** First, we assume  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a  $K$ -contact Riemannian manifold and  $\xi^i \lambda_i = 0$ . Since  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACR-manifold, then according to Theorem 3.1,  $(F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACF-structure on  $N$ . Moreover, it follows from (18) and  $\xi^i \lambda_i = 0$  that  $F$  is a  $K$ -contact Finsler metric. Hence,  $(N, F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a  $K$ -contact ACF-manifold.

Suppose  $(N, F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a  $K$ -contact ACF-manifold. By definition, we have  $\mathcal{L}_\xi F = 0$ . According to Theorem 3.1,  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACR-manifold. We know that

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi F = \mathcal{L}_\xi \alpha + \varepsilon \mathcal{L}_\xi \beta + \kappa \mathcal{L}_\xi (\beta^2 / \alpha).$$

Then we have

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi \alpha + \varepsilon \mathcal{L}_\xi \beta + \kappa \mathcal{L}_\xi (\beta^2 / \alpha) = 0. \tag{19}$$

Taking the rational and irrational parts of the equation (19), we get

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi \alpha + \kappa \mathcal{L}_\xi (\beta^2 / \alpha) = 0,$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi \beta = 0. \tag{20}$$

From (20), we conclude  $\xi^i \lambda_i = 0$ . A direct computation shows that

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi \alpha + \kappa \mathcal{L}_\xi (\beta^2 / \alpha) = (1 - s^2) \mathcal{L}_\xi \alpha + 2\kappa s \mathcal{L}_\xi \beta,$$

which, with the help of (20), implies that  $\mathcal{L}_\xi \alpha = 0$ . Therefore,  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a  $K$ -contact ACR- manifold.  $\square$

Since every square Finsler metric and Randers metric is a generalized square metric, we have the following two immediate results.

**Corollary 4.3.** A square ACF- manifold  $(N, \frac{(\alpha+\beta)^2}{\alpha}, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is  $K$ -contact if and merely if  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is  $K$ -contact and  $\xi^i \lambda_i = 0$ .

**Corollary 4.4.** A Randers ACF- manifold  $(N, \alpha + \beta, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is  $K$ -contact if and merely if  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is  $K$ -contact and  $\xi^i \lambda_i = 0$ .

**Remark 4.5.** It is worth mentioning that for a Randers ACF- manifold  $(N, \alpha + \beta, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$ , the condition  $\xi^i \lambda_i = 0$  is equivalent to  $(\mathcal{L}_\xi F)(x, \xi(x)) = 0$  for all  $x \in N$ .

**Example 4.1.** Let  $h(x, y)$  be a differentiable function on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  satisfying the following:

$$|h(x, y)| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 3y^2 + y^4}}.$$

Let  $N = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid |h(x, y)| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 3y^2 + y^4}}\}$ . Let us consider the 1-form, vector field and Riemannian metric on  $N$  given by

$$\xi = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad \eta = -ydx + dz, \quad \alpha = \eta \otimes \eta + dx \otimes dx + dy \otimes dy,$$

respectively. If the (1,1)-tensor field  $\varphi$  on  $N$  is defined as

$$\varphi = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

then  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a  $K$ -contact Riemannian manifold. Suppose  $(N, F = \alpha + \beta)$  is a Randers manifold, where  $\beta = h(x, y)\eta$ . One can easily see that  $(N, \alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACR-manifold. Thus, according to Theorem 3.3,  $(N, F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is an ACF-manifold. We can see  $\mathcal{L}_\xi \alpha = 0$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\xi \beta = 0$ , and consequently  $\mathcal{L}_\xi F = 0$ . Hence  $\xi$  is a Killing vector field of  $F$ . Therefore,  $(N, F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a  $K$ -contact ACF-manifold.

Inspired by Corollary 4.4, we close this section, by proposing a natural way to construct new examples of  $K$ -contact ACF-manifolds using the Randers  $\beta$ -changes. It suffices to observe that if  $\bar{F} = F + \beta$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_\xi \bar{F} = \mathcal{L}_\xi F + \mathcal{L}_\xi \beta$ .

**Proposition 4.6.** Let  $(N, F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  and the Randers  $\beta$ -change  $(N, \bar{F} = F + \beta, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  be an ACF-manifold. The Randers  $\beta$ -change  $(N, \bar{F} = F + \beta, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a  $K$ -contact ACF-manifold if and merely if  $(N, F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a  $K$ -contact ACF-manifold and  $\xi^i \lambda_i = 0$ .

### 5. 3-Dimensional Left Invariant K-Contact Finsler Structures

Let  $(F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  be an ACF-structure on a 3-dimensional Lie group  $G$ . We say that  $(F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is left-invariant, if for every  $a \in G$ , the left translation along  $a$ ,  $L_a : G \rightarrow G$  is an ACF-isomorphism, i.e.,

$$L_{a_*} \circ \varphi = \varphi \circ L_{a_*}, \quad L_a^*(F) = F, \quad L_{a_*}\xi = \xi, \quad L_a^*(\eta) = \eta.$$

From [2], the Lie group  $G$  is called unimodular if, for every  $u \in \mathfrak{g}$ , we have  $tr(ad_u) = 0$ , where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is the Lie algebra of  $G$ . In this case, it is well-known that the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  admits an orthonormal basis  $\{\xi, e, \varphi e\}$ , such that

$$[\xi, e] = \sigma_3 \varphi e, \quad [e, \varphi e] = \sigma_1 \xi, \quad [\varphi e, \xi] = \sigma_2 e. \tag{21}$$

Next, consider a left-invariant ACF-structure of the form (21). In [2], the authors prove that  $\eta$  is not a contact form if and only if  $\sigma_1 = 0$ . We get the following classification result.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Suppose  $(F = \alpha + \varepsilon\beta + \kappa\frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a left-invariant generalized square ACF-structure on a unimodular Lie group  $G$  described by (21) with  $\sigma_1 = 0$ . If  $d\eta(\cdot, \xi) = 0$ , then  $G$  is one of the following*

- (a) *If  $I > 0$ , then  $G$  is  $\tilde{E}(2)$ ,*
- (b) *If  $I < 0$ , then  $G$  is  $E(1, 1)$ ,*
- (c) *If  $I = 0$  and  $\mathfrak{g}$  is not abelian, then  $G$  is  $H$ ,*
- (d) *If  $I = 0$  and  $\mathfrak{g}$  is abelian, then  $G$  is  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,*

where  $I = \sigma_2\sigma_3$ , and  $\tilde{E}(2)$ ,  $E(1, 1)$ , and  $H$  are the universal covering group of rigid motions of Euclidean 2-space, the group of rigid motions of Minkowski 2-space and the Heisenberg group, respectively.

**Proof.** By Theorem 3.1, we conclude that  $(\alpha, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a left-invariant ACR-structure on the 3-dimensional unimodular Lie group  $G$ . Now by Theorem 3.4 of [2], we get the proof. □

**Proposition 5.2.** *Any 3-dimensional unimodular Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  admits a left-invariant generalized square ACF-structure  $(F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  with  $d\eta(\cdot, \xi) = 0$ .*

The Lie group  $G$  is non-unimodular if there exists a tangent vector  $u \in \mathfrak{g}$  such that  $tr(ad_u) \neq 0$ . In this case, there exists an orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , such that

$$[e_1, e_2] = \nu e_2 + \mu e_3, \quad [e_1, e_3] = \delta e_2 + \gamma e_3, \quad [e_2, e_3] = 0, \tag{22}$$

for some real constants  $\nu, \mu, \gamma$ , and  $\delta$  satisfying conditions

$$\nu + \gamma \neq 0, \quad \nu\delta + \mu\gamma = 0. \tag{23}$$

It is easy to see that the quantity

$$Q = \frac{4(\nu\gamma - \mu\delta)}{(\nu + \gamma)^2},$$

is an invariant of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Indeed, if we denote  $\mathfrak{g}$  by  $\mathfrak{g}_{(\nu, \mu, \delta, \gamma)}$ , then  $\mathfrak{g}_{(\nu', \mu', \delta', \gamma')}$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_{(\nu, \mu, \delta, \gamma)}$  are isomorphic Lie algebras if and only if  $Q = Q'$  (see [2] for more details).

Suppose  $(F = \alpha + \varepsilon\beta + \kappa\frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a left-invariant generalized square ACF-structure on a non-unimodular Lie group  $G$  described by (22) with  $d\eta(\cdot, \xi) = 0$ . If  $\xi = \cos \theta e_2 + \sin \theta e_3$ , then an orthonormal basis (and so, a  $\varphi$ -basis) of  $\ker \eta$  is given by  $\{E_1 = e_1, E_2 = -\sin \theta e_2 + \cos \theta e_3\}$ . From (23), we then easily obtain

$$\begin{aligned} [\xi, E_1] &= (\mu \cos^2 \theta + (\gamma - \nu) \sin \theta \cos \theta - \delta \sin^2 \theta)E_2 - (\nu \cos^2 \theta + (\mu + \delta) \sin \theta \cos \theta + \gamma \sin^2 \theta)\xi, \\ [\xi, E_2] &= 0, \\ [E_1, E_2] &= (\gamma \cos^2 \theta - (\mu + \delta) \sin \theta \cos \theta + \nu \sin^2 \theta)E_2 - (\delta \cos^2 \theta + (\gamma - \nu) \sin \theta \cos \theta - \mu \sin^2 \theta)\xi. \end{aligned}$$

We put

$$\begin{aligned} A &:= \gamma \cos^2 \theta - (\mu + \delta) \sin \theta \cos \theta + \nu \sin^2 \theta, \\ B &:= -(\delta \cos^2 \theta + (\gamma - \nu) \sin \theta \cos \theta - \mu \sin^2 \theta), \\ C &:= \mu \cos^2 \theta + (\gamma - \nu) \sin \theta \cos \theta - \delta \sin^2 \theta. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 4.3 of [2], we get the following.



**Theorem 5.3.** Suppose  $(F = \alpha + \varepsilon\beta + \kappa\frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  is a left-invariant generalized square ACF-structure on a 3-dimensional non-unimodular Lie group  $G$  with the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  described by (22), (23). Then, up to isomorphisms, the following are all and the ones left-invariant ACF-structures  $(F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  on  $\mathfrak{g}$ , satisfying  $d\eta(\cdot, \xi) = 0$ :

- (a)  $[\xi, e] = \nu e + \mu\varphi e, \quad [\xi, \varphi e] = \delta e + \gamma\varphi e, \quad [e, \varphi e] = 0,$   
for any value of  $\nu, \mu, \delta,$  and  $\gamma$  satisfying (23).
- (b)  $[\xi, e] = C\varphi e, \quad [\xi, \varphi e] = 0, \quad [e, \varphi e] = A\varphi e + B\xi,$  with  $A \neq 0$   
for any value of  $\alpha, \mu, \gamma,$  and  $\delta$  satisfying (23).
- (c)  $[\xi, e] = \nu \cos \theta e, \quad [\xi, \varphi e] = 0, \quad [e, \varphi e] = \nu \sin \theta e,$  with  $(\nu \cos \theta)^2 + (\nu \sin \theta)^2 \neq 0$   
only when  $\nu \neq 0, \mu = \gamma = \delta = 0.$

**Corollary 5.4.** Any 3-dimensional non-unimodular Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  admits a left-invariant generalized square ACF-structure  $(F, \xi, \eta, \varphi)$  with  $d\eta(\cdot, \xi) = 0.$

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