



## A New Class of $f$ -Structures Satisfying $f^3 - f = 0$

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**Abstract.** In this study, we introduce a new class of pseudo  $f$ -structure, called hyperbolic  $f$ -structure. We give some classifications of this new structure. Further, we extend the notion of  $(\kappa, \mu, \nu)$ -nullity distribution to hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifolds. Finally, we construct some non-trivial examples of such manifolds.

### 1. Introduction

The notion of  $f$ -structure was introduced which satisfies

$$f^3 + f = 0 \tag{1}$$

by Yano in 1961 [14]. This is a generalization of some structure defined on different type differentiable manifolds. Almost complex structure  $J$  and almost contact structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta)$  are well-known  $f$ -structure. By virtue of the definitions of these structures, it is clear that they satisfies (1). While almost complex structure was defined by Weil in 1947 [13] as almost contact structure was introduced by Sasaki in 1960 [11]. Later, many author continued to study on  $f$ -structure. Goldberg and Yano defined and studied globally framed metric  $f$ -structure on  $(2n + s)$ -dimensional differentiable manifolds [6]. A globally framed metric  $f$ -structure is a generalization of an almost complex structure and an almost contact structure if  $s = 0$  and  $s = 1$ , respectively, where  $s$  denotes the dimension of orthogonal distribution on globally framed metric  $f$ -manifolds. Then, Blair gave some classes of globally framed metric  $f$ -manifolds in 1970 [3]. Recently, Falcitelli and Pastore defined almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold in [5] and Öztürk et al. introduced almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic  $f$ -manifold in [8], which are new classes of globally framed metric  $f$ -manifolds.

In a similar way, Matsumoto introduced a pseudo  $f$ -structure satisfying

$$f^3 - f = 0 \tag{2}$$

which generalizes some different types of structures [7]. Many authors focused on this structure and made some different classifications (for instance, see [9], [10], [12]).

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By motivated these studies, in this paper first, we give some fundamental notations and we compute the normality condition of hyperbolic metric  $f$ -structure. Then we prove the existence of hyperbolic metric  $f$ -structure on a special hypersurface of a pseudo almost complex manifold. Next, we focus on a special class of this new structure of Kenmotsu type. Then we compute some Riemannian curvature properties of hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifolds. Also, we obtain some conditions for hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifolds to be flat. Moreover, we extend the notion of  $(\kappa, \mu, \nu)$ -nullity distribution to hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifolds and we get its sectional curvature as 1 contrary to Kenmotsu case. Finally, we construct some non-trivial examples satisfying characteristic equations of this new structure.

## 2. Globally Framed Hyperbolic Metric $f$ -Structure

Let  $M$  be a  $(2n + s)$ -dimensional manifold and  $\varphi$  is a non-null  $(1, 1)$  tensor field on  $M$ . If  $\varphi$  satisfies

$$\varphi^3 - \varphi = 0, \tag{3}$$

then  $\varphi$  is called a pseudo  $f$ -structure and  $M$  is called  $f$ -manifold. If  $\text{rank}\varphi = 2n$ , namely  $s = 0$ ,  $\varphi$  is called almost pseudo complex structure and if  $\text{rank}\varphi = 2n + 1$ , namely  $s = 1$ , then  $\varphi$  reduces an almost pseudo contact structure.  $\text{rank}\varphi$  is always constant [7].

On an pseudo  $f$ -manifold  $M$ ,  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  operators are defined by

$$P_1 = \varphi^2, \quad P_2 = -\varphi^2 + I, \tag{4}$$

which satisfy

$$P_1 + P_2 = I, \quad P_1^2 = P_1, \quad P_2^2 = P_2, \quad \varphi P_1 = P_1 \varphi = \varphi, \quad P_2 \varphi = \varphi P_2 = 0. \tag{5}$$

These properties show that  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are complementary projection operators. There are  $D$  and  $D^\perp$  distributions with respect to  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  operators, respectively. Also,  $\dim(D) = 2n$  and  $\dim(D^\perp) = s$  [1].

Now, we give the definition of hyperbolic metric  $f$ -structure.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $M$  be a  $(2n + s)$ -dimensional  $f$ -manifold and  $\varphi$  is a  $(1, 1)$  tensor field,  $\xi_i$  is vector field and  $\eta^i$  is 1-form for each  $1 \leq i \leq s$  on  $M$ , respectively. If  $(\varphi, \xi_i, \eta^i)$  satisfy

$$\eta^j(\xi_i) = -\delta_i^j, \tag{6}$$

$$\varphi^2 = I + \sum_{i=1}^s \eta^i \otimes \xi_i, \tag{7}$$

then  $(\varphi, \xi_i, \eta^i)$  is called globally framed hyperbolic  $f$ -structure or simply framed hyperbolic  $f$ -structure and  $M$  is called globally framed hyperbolic  $f$ -manifold or simply framed hyperbolic  $f$ -manifold.

For a framed hyperbolic  $f$ -manifold  $M$ , the following properties are satisfied :

$$\varphi \xi_i = 0, \tag{8}$$

$$\eta^j \circ \varphi = 0. \tag{9}$$

**Definition 2.2.** If on a framed hyperbolic  $f$ -manifold  $M$ , there exists a Riemannian metric which satisfies

$$\eta^j(X) = g(X, \xi_i), \tag{10}$$

and

$$g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = -g(X, Y) - \sum_{i=1}^s \eta^i(X) \eta^i(Y), \tag{11}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ , then  $M$  is called framed hyperbolic metric  $f$ -manifold. On a framed hyperbolic metric  $f$ -manifold, fundamental 2-form  $\Phi$  defined by

$$\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y), \tag{12}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ .

On a globally framed hyperbolic metric  $f$ -manifold the  $(1, 1)$  tensor field  $\varphi$  is anti-symmetric, that is

$$g(X, \varphi Y) = -g(\varphi X, Y). \tag{13}$$

Now, we compute the normality condition for globally framed hyperbolic metric  $f$ -manifolds. In a similar way of previous studies for globally framed metric  $f$ -manifold, after easy calculations then we have four tensors  $N^{(1)}, N^{(2)}, N^{(3)}$  and  $N^{(4)}$  defined by

$$N^{(1)}(X, Y) = [\varphi, \varphi](X, Y) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^s d\eta^k(X, Y) \xi_k, \quad N^{(2)}(X, Y) = \sum_{k=1}^s \{(\mathcal{L}_{\varphi X} \eta^k)(Y) - (\mathcal{L}_{\varphi Y} \eta^k)(X)\},$$

$$N^{(3)}(X) = \sum_{k=1}^s (\mathcal{L}_{\xi_k} \varphi) X, \quad N^{(4)}(X) = \sum_{k=1}^s (\mathcal{L}_{\xi_k} \eta^k) X,$$

where  $(\mathcal{L}_{\varphi X} \eta^k)(Y) = \varphi X \eta^k(Y) - \eta^k([\varphi X, Y])$  for each  $1 \leq k \leq s$ . A globally framed hyperbolic metric  $f$ -manifold is normal if and only if these four tensors vanish. But we see that the vanishing of  $N^{(1)}$  implies the vanishing of the other tensors. Thus the normality condition for globally framed hyperbolic metric  $f$ -manifold is

$$[\varphi, \varphi](X, Y) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^s d\eta^k(X, Y) \xi_k = 0. \tag{14}$$

For a globally framed hyperbolic metric  $f$ -structure  $(\varphi, \xi_i, \eta^i, g)$  the covariant derivative of  $\varphi$  is given by

$$2g((\nabla_X \varphi)Y, Z) = 3d\Phi(X, \varphi Y, \varphi Z) - 3d\Phi(X, Y, Z) - g(N^{(1)}(Y, Z), \varphi X) - N^{(2)}(Y, Z) \sum_{k=1}^s \eta^k(X)$$

$$- 2 \sum_{k=1}^s d\eta^k(\varphi Y, X) \eta^k(Z) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^s d\eta^k(\varphi Z, X) \eta^k(X). \tag{15}$$

Now, we define a  $(1, 1)$  tensor field  $h_i$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq s$  which plays an important role on the normality of a globally framed hyperbolic  $f$ -manifold as follows

$$h_i = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}_{\xi_i} \varphi = \frac{1}{2} N^{(3)}, \tag{16}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}$  denotes the Lie differentiation. If for each  $1 \leq i \leq s, h_i$ 's vanish identically zero, then the globally framed hyperbolic  $f$ -manifold is normal.

**Proposition 2.3.** *The tensor field  $h_i$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq s$  is a symmetric operator and satisfies*

- (i)  $h_i \xi_j = 0,$
- (ii)  $h_i \circ \varphi = -\varphi \circ h_i,$
- (iii)  $tr h_i = 0,$
- (iv)  $tr \varphi h_i = 0.$

*Proof.* The proof can be easily derived in a similar way of [3], thus we omit it.  $\square$

### 3. Existence of Globally Framed Hyperbolic Metric $f$ -Structure

Let  $(\bar{N}, J, g)$  be a pseudo Kähler manifold and let  $M$  be a hypersurface of  $\bar{N}$  with dimension  $2n + s$ . It is well-known that the almost complex structure  $J$  on  $\bar{N}$  satisfies

$$J^2 = I, \tag{17}$$

where  $I$  denotes the identity map. Furthermore, since  $M$  is a hypersurface of  $\bar{N}$ , we have

$$JX = \varphi X + \sum_{k=1}^s \eta^k(X)N, \quad N = -\sum_{k=1}^s J(\xi_k), \tag{18}$$

for any vector field  $X$  on  $M$ . Now, by applying  $\varphi$  on both sides of (18) and using (17), we obtain

$$\varphi^2 X = X + \sum_{k=1}^s \eta^k(X) \xi_k, \tag{19}$$

which means that  $(\varphi, \xi_k, \eta^k)$  is a globally framed hyperbolic  $f$ -structure. Now for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ , we have

$$g(JX, JY) = g\left(\varphi X + \sum_{k=1}^s \eta^k(X)N, \varphi Y + \sum_{k=1}^s \eta^k(Y)N\right). \tag{20}$$

By using (17) in (20) and since  $N$  is an orthonormal vector field, then we derive

$$-g(X, Y) = g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) + \sum_{k=1}^s \eta^k(X) \eta^k(Y) \tag{21}$$

and for any  $\xi_i$ , we obtain

$$g(X, \xi_i) = \eta^i(X). \tag{22}$$

From (21) and (22), it is clear that  $(\varphi, \xi_k, \eta^k, g)$  is an  $f$ -structure.

### 4. Hyperbolic Almost Kenmotsu $f$ -Manifolds

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $M$  be a globally framed hyperbolic metric  $f$ -manifold with hyperbolic  $f$ -structure  $(\varphi, \xi_k, \eta^k, g)$ . If for each  $k = 1, \dots, s$  the 1-forms are closed, that is  $d\eta^k = 0$  and  $d\Phi = 2\bar{\eta} \wedge \Phi$  where  $\bar{\eta} = \sum_{k=1}^s \eta^k$ , then  $M$  is called hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold. Furthermore, if  $M$  is normal then it is a hyperbolic Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold.

**Theorem 4.2.** On a hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold  $M$  the following characteristic equations hold

$$(\nabla_X \varphi)(Y) = \sum_{k=1}^s \{g(\varphi X + h_k X, Y) \xi_k - \eta^k(Y) (\varphi X + h_k X)\}, \tag{23}$$

$$\nabla_X \xi_i = \varphi^2 X + \varphi h_i X, \tag{24}$$

$$(\nabla_{\xi_i} \varphi) X = 0 \tag{25}$$

and

$$\nabla_{\xi_i} \xi_j = 0 \tag{26}$$

for any  $X, Y$  on  $M$ .

*Proof.* By using (16) in (15) and since  $M$  is a hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold, then we get (23). For the second part, by taking  $Y = \xi_i$  and using (7), it yields the desired result. (25) and (26) can be easily seen from (23) and (25), respectively.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $M$  be a hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold. Then for each  $i, j, k \in \{1, \dots, s\}$ , we have*

$$(\nabla_{\xi_i} h_j) X = \varphi R(\xi_i, X) \xi_j - \varphi X - (h_i + h_j) X + (\varphi \circ h_i \circ h_j) X, \tag{27}$$

$$(\nabla_{\xi_i} h_i) X = \varphi R(\xi_i, X) \xi_i - \varphi X - 2h_i X + (\varphi \circ h_i^2) X, \tag{28}$$

$$\varphi R(\xi_i, \varphi X) \xi_j + R(\xi_i, X) \xi_j = 2(\varphi^2 - h_i \circ h_j) X, \tag{29}$$

$$\varphi R(\xi_i, \varphi X) \xi_i + R(\xi_i, X) \xi_i = 2(\varphi^2 - h_i^2) X, \tag{30}$$

$$\eta^k (R(\xi_i, X) \xi_j) = 0, \tag{31}$$

$$R(\xi_i, \xi_k) \xi_j = 0, \tag{32}$$

for any vector field  $X$  on  $M$ .

*Proof.* For any vector field  $X$  on  $M$ , we have

$$R(\xi_i, X) \xi_j = \nabla_{\xi_i} \nabla_X \xi_j - \nabla_X \nabla_{\xi_i} \xi_j - \nabla_{[\xi_i, X]} \xi_j. \tag{33}$$

By using (24) and (26) in (33), we derive

$$R(\xi_i, X) \xi_j = \varphi((\nabla_{\xi_i} h_j) X) + \varphi^2 X + (\varphi \circ h_i) X + (\varphi \circ h_j) X - (h_i \circ h_j) X. \tag{34}$$

Applying  $\varphi$  on both sides of (34) and by virtue of (3), we find (27) and considering  $i = j$  in (27) we get (28). Applying  $\varphi$  both sides of (34) and replacing  $X$  by  $\varphi X$  in (34), we obtain

$$\varphi R(\xi_i, \varphi X) \xi_j = -\varphi((\nabla_{\xi_i} h_j) X) + \varphi^2 X - (\varphi \circ h_i) X - (\varphi \circ h_j) X - (h_i \circ h_j) X. \tag{35}$$

By taking summation (34) and (35) side by side, we get (29). From (29) we have (30). The last two identities of the lemma are clear.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.4.** *If a hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold is flat then we have*

$$h_i \circ h_j = \varphi^2$$

for each  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, s\}$ .

**Corollary 4.5.** *For a hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold, if  $R(\xi_i, X) \xi_i = 0$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, s\}$  and  $X \in \Gamma(D)$ , then it follows that*

$$h_i^2 = \varphi^2.$$

**Lemma 4.6.** *Let  $M$  be a hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold. Then the Riemannian curvature satisfies*

$$g(R(\xi_i, X)Y, Z) = \sum_{k=1}^s \eta^k(Y)g(\varphi^2Z + (\varphi \circ h_k)Z, X) - \sum_{k=1}^s \eta^k(Z)g(\varphi^2Y + (\varphi \circ h_k)^2Y, X) + g((\nabla_Y(\varphi \circ h_i))Z - (\nabla_Z(\varphi \circ h_i))Y, X) \tag{36}$$

and

$$g(R(\xi_i, X)Y, Z) + g(R(\xi_i, X)\varphi Y, \varphi Z) - g(R(\xi_i, \varphi X)Y, \varphi Z) - g(R(\xi_i, \varphi X)\varphi Y, Z) = 2 \sum_{j=1}^s \{ \eta^j(Z)g(h_iX + \varphi X, \varphi Y) - \eta^j(Y)g(h_iX + \varphi X, \varphi Z) \} \tag{37}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$

*Proof.* For any  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$  we have

$$g(R(\xi_i, X)Y, Z) = g(R(Y, Z)\xi_i, X) = \nabla_Y\nabla_Z\xi_i - \nabla_Z\nabla_Y\xi_i - \nabla_{[Y, Z]}\xi_i. \tag{38}$$

By using (24) in (38), we find (36). For the second part of the lemma, let us introduce the operators  $A$  and  $B_i, i \in \{1, \dots, s\}$  defined by

$$A(X, Y, Z) := 2 \sum_{j=1}^s \{ \eta^j(Z)g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) - \eta^j(Y)g(\varphi X, \varphi Z) \} \tag{39}$$

and

$$B_i(X, Y, Z) := -g(\varphi X, (\nabla_Y(\varphi \circ h_i))\varphi Z) - g(\varphi X, (\nabla_{\varphi Y}(\varphi \circ h_i))Z) + g(X, (\nabla_Y(\varphi \circ h_i))Z) + g(X, (\nabla_{\varphi Y}(\varphi \circ h_i))\varphi Z) \tag{40}$$

for each  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$ . By a direct computation and using (36) we obtain that the left hand side of (37) is equal to  $A(X, Y, Z) + B_i(X, Y, Z) - B_i(X, Z, Y)$ . Since

$$\eta_j((\nabla_{\varphi Y}h_i)Z) = \eta_j(\nabla_{\varphi Y}(h_iZ))$$

we can write

$$\begin{aligned} B_i(X, Y, Z) &= g(X, \nabla_Y((\varphi \circ h_i)Z)) - g(X, (\varphi \circ h_i)\nabla_YZ) + g(X, \nabla_{\varphi Y}((\varphi \circ h_i \circ \varphi)Z)) \\ &\quad - g(X, (\varphi \circ h_i)(\nabla_{\varphi Y}\varphi Z)) - g(\varphi X, \nabla_Y((\varphi \circ h_i \circ \varphi)Z)) + g(\varphi X, (\varphi \circ h_i)(\nabla_Y\varphi Z)) \\ &\quad - g(\varphi X, \nabla_{\varphi Y}((\varphi \circ h_i)Z)) + g(\varphi X, (\varphi \circ h_i)(\nabla_{\varphi Y}Z)) \\ &= g(X, (\nabla_Y\varphi)h_iZ) - g(X, h_i((\nabla_Y\varphi)Z)) + g(X, (h_i \circ \varphi)((\nabla_{\varphi Y}\varphi)Z)) \\ &\quad + g(X, \varphi((\nabla_{\varphi Y}\varphi)h_iZ)) + \sum_{k=1}^s \eta^k((\nabla_{\varphi Y}h_i)Z)\eta^k(X). \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

Moreover, from (23), (24) and Proposition 2.3 it follows that

$$(\varphi \circ (\nabla_{\varphi X}\varphi))Y = (\nabla_{\varphi X}\varphi^2)Y - (\nabla_{\varphi X}\varphi)(\varphi Y) = \sum_{j=1}^s ((\nabla_{\varphi X}\eta_j)Y\xi_j) + \sum_{j=1}^s (\eta_j(Y)\nabla_{\varphi X}\xi_j)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}
 -(\nabla_{\varphi X}\varphi)(\varphi Y) &= \sum_{j=1}^s \nabla_{\varphi X}(g(\xi_j, Y))\xi_j - g(\nabla_{\varphi X}Y, \xi_j)\xi_j + \sum_{j=1}^s \eta_j(Y)(\varphi X - h_jX) \\
 &\quad - \sum_{j=1}^s \left\{ \eta_j(Y)[h_jX + \varphi X] - 2g(X, \varphi Y)\xi_j \right\} - (\nabla_X\varphi)Y.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we find

$$(\varphi \circ (\nabla_{\varphi X}\varphi))Y = -3 \sum_{j=1}^s g(X, \varphi Y)\xi_j + \sum_{j=1}^s g(Y, h_jX)\xi_j + 2 \sum_{j=1}^s \eta_j(Y)\varphi X - (\nabla_X\varphi)Y.$$

Taking into account of (23), then for each  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, s\}$  we have

$$\eta_i((\nabla_{\varphi Y}h_j)Z) = \eta_i(\nabla_{\varphi Y}(h_jZ)) = (\nabla_{\varphi Y}\eta_i)(h_jZ) = -g(h_jZ, \nabla_{\varphi Y}\xi_i) = g(h_jZ, -h_iY + \varphi Y). \tag{42}$$

By virtue of (41) and (42), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_i(X, Y, Z) &= g(X, (\nabla_Y\varphi)h_iZ) - g(X, h_i((\nabla_Y\varphi)Z)) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^s \eta^j(Z)g(h_iX, \varphi Y) + g(h_iX, (\nabla_Y\varphi)Z) \\
 &\quad - 3 \sum_{j=1}^s \eta^j(X)g(Y, \varphi h_iZ) - \sum_{j=1}^s \eta^j(X)g(h_iZ, h_jY) + \sum_{j=1}^s \eta_j(X)g(h_kZ, h_iY) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^s \eta^j(X)g(\varphi Y, h_jZ) - g(X, (\nabla_Y\varphi)h_iZ) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{j=1}^s \left( \eta^j(Z)g(h_iX, \varphi Y) + 2\eta^j(X)g(\varphi Y, h_iZ) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$A(X, Y, Z) + B_i(X, Y, Z) - B_i(X, Z, Y) = 2 \sum_{j=1}^s \left\{ \eta^j(Z)g(h_iX + \varphi X, \varphi Y) - 2\eta^j(Y)g(h_iX + \varphi X, \varphi Z) \right\},$$

which gives (37).  $\square$

### 5. Hyperbolic Almost Kenmotsu f-Manifolds with $(\kappa, \mu, \nu)$ -Nullity Distribution

In this section we generalize the  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity distribution introduced by Blair et al. [4] for the hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu f-manifolds.

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $M$  be a hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu f-manifold and  $\kappa, \mu$  and  $\nu$  are real constants. If for each  $1 \leq i \leq s$  and for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , the characteristic vector fields  $\xi_i$ 's satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(X, Y)\xi_i &= \kappa \left\{ \bar{\eta}(X)\varphi^2(Y) - \bar{\eta}(Y)\varphi^2(X) \right\} + \mu \left\{ \bar{\eta}(Y)h_i(X) - \bar{\eta}(X)h_i(Y) \right\} \\
 &\quad + \nu \left\{ \bar{\eta}(Y)(\varphi \circ h_i)(X) - \bar{\eta}(X)(\varphi \circ h_i)(Y) \right\}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

then  $M$  verifies the  $(\kappa, \mu, \nu)$ -nullity condition.

**Theorem 5.2.** Let  $M$  be a hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold satisfying the  $(\kappa, \mu, \nu)$ -nullity condition. For each  $1 \leq i, j \leq s$ , we have

- (i)  $h_i \circ h_j = h_j \circ h_i$ ,
- (ii)  $\kappa \leq 1$ ,
- (iii) if  $\kappa \leq 1$ , then  $h_i$  has eigenvalues  $0$  or  $\pm \sqrt{1 - \kappa}$ .

*Proof.* From (43), it follows that

$$\varphi R(\xi_i, \varphi X)\xi_j + R(\xi_i, X)\xi_j = 2\kappa\varphi^2 X. \tag{44}$$

By virtue of (29) and (44), we obtain

$$(h_i \circ h_j)X = (1 - \kappa)\varphi^2 X = (h_j \circ h_i)X \tag{45}$$

which implies (i). Taking into account of (45), for any  $X \in \Gamma(D)$ , where  $D$  is  $(\kappa, \mu, \nu)$ -nullity distribution. Then, we derive

$$h_i^2 X = (1 - \kappa)X \tag{46}$$

In view of Proposition 2.3 and (46), it is clear that the eigenvalues of  $h_i^2$  are  $0$  or  $(1 - \kappa)$ . Furthermore,  $h_i$  is symmetric and  $\|h_i(X)\|^2 = (1 - \kappa)\|X\|^2$ . Thus  $\kappa \leq 1$ . Additionally, let  $t$  be a real eigenvalue of  $h_i$  and let  $X$  be eigenvector corresponding to  $t$ . Then it follows that  $t^2\|X\|^2 = (1 - \kappa)\|X\|^2$  and  $t = \pm \sqrt{1 - \kappa}$ . From Proposition 2.3 and the above fact, we arrive at (iii).  $\square$

**Theorem 5.3.** Let  $M$  be a hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold satisfying the  $(\kappa, \mu, \nu)$ -nullity condition. Then the following holds

$$h_1 = \dots = h_s. \tag{47}$$

*Proof.* If  $\kappa = 1$ , then by virtue of (46), we have  $h_1 = \dots = h_s = 0$ . Now we assume that  $\kappa \leq 1$ . For any  $p \in M$  and  $1 \leq i \leq s$ , we can write

$$D_p = (D_+)_p \oplus (D_-)_p,$$

where  $(D_+)_p$  is the eigenspace of  $h_i$  corresponding  $p$  to the eigenvalue  $\lambda = \sqrt{1 - \kappa}$  and  $(D_-)_p$  denotes the eigenspace of  $h_i$  corresponding  $p$  to the eigenvalue  $-\lambda$ . If  $X \in D_p$ , we have

$$X = X_+ + X_-,$$

where  $X_+$  and  $X_-$  denote the components of  $X$  in the eigenspaces  $(D_+)_p$  and  $(D_-)_p$ , respectively. Hence we deduce

$$h_i(X) = \lambda(X_+ + X_-).$$

On the other hand, for  $i \neq j$

$$h_j(X) = h_j(X_+ + X_-) = h_j\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}h_i(X_+) - \frac{1}{\lambda}h_i(X_-)\right) = \frac{1}{\lambda}(h_i \circ h_j)(X_+ + X_-) = \lambda(X_+ + X_-) = h_i(X)$$

which implies (47).  $\square$

**Corollary 5.4.** Let  $M$  be a hyperbolic Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold satisfying the  $(\kappa, \mu, \nu)$ -nullity condition. Then its sectional curvature  $\kappa = 1$ . In other words, Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold is a manifold of positive curvature.

**Remark 5.5.** Throughout this paper whenever (43), we put  $h = h_1 = \dots = h_s$  and therefore (43) takes the form

$$R(X, Y)\xi_i = \kappa \{ \bar{\eta}(X)\varphi^2(Y) - \bar{\eta}(Y)\varphi^2(X) \} + \mu \{ \bar{\eta}(Y)h(X) - \bar{\eta}(X)h(Y) \} + \nu \{ \bar{\eta}(Y)(\varphi \circ h)(X) - \bar{\eta}(X)(\varphi \circ h)(Y) \}. \tag{48}$$

By using (48) and the symmetric properties of the curvature tensor,  $\varphi^2$  and  $h$ , we conclude that

$$R(\xi_i, X)Y = \kappa \{ \bar{\eta}(Y)\varphi^2X - g(X, \varphi^2Y)\bar{\xi} \} + \mu \{ g(hX, Y)\bar{\xi} - \bar{\eta}(Y)hX \} + \nu \{ g((\varphi \circ h)X, Y)\bar{\xi} - \bar{\eta}(Y)(\varphi \circ h)X \} \tag{49}$$

where  $\bar{\xi} = \sum_{k=1}^s \xi_k$ .

**Remark 5.6.** Let  $M$  be a hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold satisfying the  $(\kappa, \mu, \nu)$ -nullity condition. Let us denote by  $D_+$  and  $D_-$  the  $n$ -dimensional distributions of the eigenspaces of  $\lambda = \sqrt{1 - \kappa}$  and  $-\lambda$ , respectively. We can easily see that  $D_+$  and  $D_-$  are mutually orthogonal. Furthermore, since  $\varphi$  anti-commutes with  $h$ , we derive  $\varphi(D_+) = D_-$  and  $\varphi(D_-) = D_+$ . In other words,  $D_+$  is a Legendrian distribution and  $D_-$  is the conjugate Legendrian distribution of  $D_+$ .

**Proposition 5.7.** Let  $M$  be a hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold satisfying the  $(\kappa, \mu, \nu)$ -nullity condition. Then  $M$  is a hyperbolic Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold if and only if  $\kappa = 1$ .

*Proof.* The result follows from (46) and by virtue of the definition of  $(1, 1)$  tension field  $h$ .  $\square$

**Remark 5.8.** Under the above proposition, we can consider a hyperbolic Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold as a class of  $(1, \mu, \nu)$ -space.

**Remark 5.9.** Let  $M$  be a hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold satisfying the  $(\kappa, \mu, \nu)$ -nullity condition. Then, we have

$$R(\xi_i, X)\xi_j = \kappa\varphi^2X - \mu hX - \nu(\varphi \circ h)X \tag{50}$$

for any vector field  $X$  on  $M$ .

**Proposition 5.10.** Let  $M$  be a hyperbolic almost Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold verifying the  $(\kappa, \mu, \nu)$ -nullity distribution. Then we have

$$\nabla_{\xi_i}hX = -\mu(\varphi \circ h)X - (\nu + 2)hX, \tag{51}$$

$$R(\xi_i, \varphi X)\xi_j - \varphi R(\xi_i, X)\xi_j = 2\mu(\varphi \circ h)X + 2\nu hX, \tag{52}$$

$$R(\xi_i, \varphi X)\xi_j + \varphi R(\xi_i, X)\xi_j = 2\kappa\varphi X, \tag{53}$$

$$Q\xi_i = 2n\kappa\bar{\xi}. \tag{54}$$

*Proof.* From (28) and (50), we get (51). By using (50), we derive (52) and (53). The last part can be proved in a similar fashion of [2].  $\square$

### 6. Examples

In this section, we construct non-trivial examples of hyperbolic Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifolds.

**Example 6.1.** Let  $N$  be a 6-dimensional pseudo Kähler manifold and let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a 2-dimensional non-degenerate vector space with the signature  $(-, -)$ . Denoting  $f$  the positive differentiable function, let us consider the warped product  $M = N \times_f \mathcal{V}$  with the warping function  $f$ . Since  $N$  is a pseudo Kähler manifold,  $M$  satisfies (8)-(11), (23) and (24). Then we find a  $(6 + 2)$ -dimensional hyperbolic Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold.

**Example 6.2.** Let us consider  $(4 + 2)$ -dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, z_1, z_2) : (x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, z_1, z_2) \neq (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)\}$ , where  $(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, z_1, z_2)$  are the standart coordinates in  $R^6$ . The vector fields

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &= z_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, & e_2 &= z_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, & e_3 &= -z_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, \\ e_4 &= -z_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}, & e_5 &= -z_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1}, & e_6 &= -z_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2}, \end{aligned}$$

are linearly independent at each point of  $M$ . Let  $g$  be the nondegenerate semi-Riemannian metric defined by

$$\begin{aligned} g(e_i, e_j) &= 0, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; \quad i \neq j \\ g(e_k, e_k) &= 1, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ g(e_l, e_l) &= -1, \quad l = 5, 6 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\eta^1$  and  $\eta^2$  be 1 forms defined by  $\eta^1(Z) = g(Z, e_5)$  and  $\eta^2(Z) = g(Z, e_6)$  for each vector field  $Z \in \chi(M)$ . Let  $\varphi$  be the  $(1, 1)$  tensor field defined by

$$\varphi e_1 = -e_3, \quad \varphi e_2 = -e_4, \quad \varphi e_5 = 0, \quad \varphi e_6 = 0.$$

By using the linearity of  $\varphi$  and  $g$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \eta^1(e_5) &= -1, & \eta^2(e_6) &= -1, & \varphi^2 Z &= Z + \eta^1(Z) e_5 + \eta^2(Z) e_6 \\ g(\varphi Z, \varphi W) &= -g(Z, W) - \{ \eta^1(Z) \eta^1(W) + \eta^2(Z) \eta^2(W) \} \end{aligned}$$

for any  $Z, W \in \chi(M)$ . Thus  $(\varphi, \xi_i, \eta^i, g)$  defines a globally framed hyperbolic  $f$ -structure on  $M$ . Let  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to the metric  $g$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [e_1, e_3] &= [e_2, e_4] = 0, & [e_1, e_5] &= e_1, & [e_1, e_4] &= 0, \\ [e_2, e_6] &= e_2, & [e_2, e_5] &= 0, & [e_4, e_6] &= e_4, & [e_5, e_6] &= 0, \\ [e_3, e_5] &= e_3, & [e_2, e_3] &= 0, & [e_1, e_6] &= [e_1, e_2] = 0, \\ [e_3, e_4] &= 0, & [e_4, e_5] &= 0, & [e_3, e_6] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

By using the Koszul's formula, we deduce

$$\nabla_X \xi_i = \varphi^2 X, \quad i = 1, 2$$

for any  $X$  on  $M$ , which implies that  $M$  is a hyperbolic Kenmotsu  $f$ -manifold.

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