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# **Constancy of** *φ***-Holomorphic Sectional Curvature for an Indefinite Generalized** *g* · *f* · *f***-Space Form**

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Bonome et al., 1997, provided an algebraic characterization for an indefinite Sasakian manifold to reduce to a space of constant *φ*-holomorphic sectional curvature. In this present paper, we generalize the same characterization for indefinite  $g \cdot f \cdot f$ -space forms.

#### **1. Introduction**

For an almost Hermitian manifold  $(M^{2n},g,J)$  with dim $(M) = 2n > 4$ , Tanno [1] has proved the following.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $dim(M) = 2n > 4$ , and assume that almost Hermitian manifold  $(M^{2n}, g, J)$ *satisfies*

$$
R(JX, JY, JZ, JX) = R(X, Y, Z, X)
$$
\n
$$
(1.1)
$$

*for every tangent vector X, Y , and Z. Then (M<sup>2n</sup>, g, J) has a constant holomorphic sectional curvature at x if and only if*

$$
R(X, JX)X \text{ is proportional to } JX \tag{1.2}
$$

*for every tangent vector*  $X$  *at*  $x \in M$ *.* 

Tanno [1] has also proved an analogous theorem for Sasakian manifolds as follows.

**Theorem 1.2.** *A Sasakian manifold* ≥*5 has a constant φ-sectional curvature if and only if*

$$
R(X, \phi X)X \text{ is proportional to } \phi X \tag{1.3}
$$

*for every tangent vector*  $X$  *such that*  $g(X, \xi) = 0$ *.* 

Nagaich [2] has proved the generalized version of Theorem 1.1, for indefinite almost Hermitian manifolds as follows.

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $(M^{2n}, g, J)$   $(n > 2)$  be an indefinite almost Hermitian manifold that satisfies (1.1), then (M<sup>2n</sup>,g, J) has a constant holomorphic sectional curvature at x if and only if

$$
R(X, JX)X \text{ is proportional to } JX \tag{1.4}
$$

*for every tangent vector*  $X$  *at*  $x \in M$ *.* 

Bonome et al. [3] generalized Theorem 1.2 for an indefinite Sasakian manifold as follows.

**Theorem 1.4.** Let  $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \eta, \xi, g)$   $(n \geq 2)$  be an indefinite Sasakian manifold. Then  $M^{2n+1}$  has a *constant φ-sectional curvature if and only if*

$$
R(X, \phi X)X \text{ is proportional to } \phi X \tag{1.5}
$$

*for every vector field*  $X$  *such that*  $g(X, \xi) = 0$ .

In this paper, we generalize Theorem 1.4 for an indefinite generalized  $g \cdot f \cdot f$ -space form by proving the following.

**Theorem 1.5.** Let  $(\overline{M}^{2n+r}, F_1, F_2, \mathcal{F})$  be an indefinite generalized  $g \cdot f \cdot f$ -space form. Then  $\overline{M}^{2n+r}$  is *of constant φ-sectional curvature if and only if*

$$
\overline{R}(X,\overline{\phi}X)X \text{ is proportional to } \overline{\phi}X \tag{1.6}
$$

*for every vector field*  $X$  *such that*  $\overline{g}(X, \xi_{\alpha}) = 0$ , for any  $\alpha \in \{1, \ldots, r\}$ .

#### **2. Preliminaries**

A manifold  $\overline{M}$  is called a *globally framed f-manifold (or*  $g \cdot f \cdot f$ *-manifold)* if it is endowed with a nonnull (1,1)-tensor field φ of constant rank, such that ker φ is parallelizable; that is, there exist global vector fields  $\overline{\xi_{\alpha}}$ ,  $\alpha \in \{1,\ldots,r\}$ , with their dual 1-forms  $\overline{\eta}^{\alpha}$ , satisfying  $\overline{\phi}^2 = -I$  +  $\sum_{\alpha=1}^r \overline{\eta}^{\alpha} \otimes \overline{\xi_{\alpha}}$  and  $\overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(\overline{\xi_{\beta}}) = \delta_{\beta}^{\alpha}$ .

The  $g \cdot f \cdot f$ -manifold  $(\overline{M}^{2n+r}, \overline{\phi}, \overline{\xi_{\alpha}}, \overline{\eta}^{\alpha})$ ,  $\alpha \in \{1,\ldots,r\}$ , is said to be an indefinite metric *g* · *f* · *f*-manifold if  $\overline{g}$  is a semi-Riemannian metric with index *ν* ( $0 < v < 2n + r$ ) satisfying the following compatibility condition:

$$
\overline{g}(\overline{\phi}X,\overline{\phi}Y) = \overline{g}(X,Y) - \sum_{\alpha=1}^{r} \epsilon_{\alpha} \overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(X)\overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(Y), \qquad (2.1)
$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , being  $\epsilon_{\alpha} = \pm 1$  according to whether  $\xi_{\alpha}$  is spacelike or timelike. Then, for any  $\alpha \in \{1,\ldots,r\}$ , one has  $\overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(X) = \epsilon_{\alpha} \overline{g}(X,\overline{\xi}_{\alpha})$ . Following the notations in [4, 5], we adopt the curvature tensor *R*, and thus we have  $R(X, Y, Z) = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X,Y]} Z$  and  $R(X, Y, Z, W) = \overline{g}(R(Z, W, Y), X)$ , for any *X*, *Y*, *Z*, *W*  $\in \Gamma(TM)$ .

We recall that, as proved in [6], the Levi-Civita connection  $\overline{\nabla}$  of an indefinite  $g \cdot f \cdot f$ manifold satisfies the following formula:

$$
2\overline{g}((\overline{\nabla}_{X}\overline{\phi})Y,Z) = 3d\Phi(X,\overline{\phi}Y,\overline{\phi}Z) - 3d\Phi(X,Y,Z)
$$

$$
+ \overline{g}(N(Y,Z),\overline{\phi}X) + \epsilon_{\alpha}N_{\alpha}^{\overline{\phi}}(Y,Z)\overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(X)
$$

$$
+ 2\epsilon_{\alpha}d\overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(\overline{\phi}Y,X)\overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(Z) - 2\epsilon_{\alpha}d\overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(\overline{\phi}Z,X)\overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(Y),
$$
\n(2.2)

where  $N^{\phi}_{\alpha}$  is given by  $N^{\phi}_{\alpha}(X,Y) = 2d\overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(\overline{\phi}X,Y) - 2d\overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(\overline{\phi}Y,X).$ 

An indefinite metric *g* · *f* · *f*-manifold is called an *indefinite* S*-manifold* if it is normal and  $d\overline{\eta}^{\alpha} = \Phi$ , for any  $\alpha \in \{1, ..., r\}$ , where  $\Phi(X, Y) = \overline{g}(X, \overline{\phi}Y)$  for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\overline{M})$ . The normality condition is expressed by the vanishing of the tensor field  $N=N_{\overline{\phi}}+\sum_{\alpha=1}^r2d\overline{\eta}^{\alpha}\otimes\overline{\xi}_{\alpha}$ , *N*<sup> $\bar{\psi}$ </sup> being the Nijenhuis torsion of  $\phi$ .

Furthermore, the Levi-Civita connection of an indefinite S-manifold satisfies

$$
\left(\overline{\nabla}_{X}\overline{\phi}\right)Y = \overline{g}\left(\overline{\phi}X,\overline{\phi}Y\right)\overline{\xi} + \overline{\eta}(Y)\overline{\phi}^{2}(X),\tag{2.3}
$$

where  $\bar{\xi} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \bar{\xi}_{\alpha}$  and  $\bar{\eta} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \epsilon_{\alpha} \bar{\eta}^{\alpha}$ . We recall that  $\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\xi}_{\alpha} = -\epsilon_{\alpha} \bar{\phi} X$  and ker  $\bar{\phi}$  is an integrable flat distribution since  $\nabla_{\bar{\xi}_a} \xi_\beta = 0$  (see more details in [6]).

A plane section in  $T_p\overline{M}$  is a  $\overline{\phi}$ -holomorphic section if there exists a vector  $X \in T_p\overline{M}$ orthogonal to  $\bar{\xi}_1, \ldots, \bar{\xi}_r$  such that  $\{X, \bar{\phi}X\}$  span the section. The sectional curvature of a  $\bar{\phi}$ holomorphic section, denoted by  $c(X) = R(X, \phi X, \phi X, X)$ , is called a  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature.

**Proposition 2.1** (see [7]). An indefinite Sasakian manifold  $(\overline{M}^{2n+1}, \overline{\phi}, \overline{\xi}, \overline{\eta}, \overline{g})$  has  $\overline{\phi}$ -sectional cur*vature c if and only if its curvature tensor verifies*

$$
\overline{R}(X,Y)Z = \frac{(c+3)}{4} \left\{ \overline{g}(Y,Z)X - \overline{g}(X,Z)Y \right\}
$$
  
+ 
$$
\frac{(c-1)}{4} \left\{ \Phi(X,Z)\overline{\phi}Y - \Phi(Y,Z)\overline{\phi}X + 2\Phi(X,Y) \overline{\phi}Z - \overline{g}(Z,Y)\overline{\eta}(X)\overline{\xi} + \overline{g}(Z,X)\overline{\eta}(Y)\overline{\xi} - \overline{\eta}(Y)\overline{\eta}(Z)X + \overline{\eta}(Z)\overline{\eta}(X)Y \right\}
$$
(2.4)

*for any vector fields*  $X$ *,*  $Y$ *,*  $Z$ *,*  $W \in \Gamma(TM)$ *.* 

*A Sasakian manifold M* 2*n*1 *with constant φ-sectional curvature c* ∈ R *is called a Sasakian* space form, denoted by  $\overline{M}^{2n+1}(c)$ .

*Definition 2.2.* An almost contact metric manifold  $(\overline{M}^{2n+1}, \overline{\phi}, \overline{\xi}, \overline{\eta}, \overline{g})$  is an *indefinite generalized Sasakian space form,* denoted by  $\overline{M}^{2n+1}(f_1, f_2,$  and  $f_3$ ), if it admits three smooth functions  $f_1$ , *f*2, *f*<sup>3</sup> such that its curvature tensor field verifies

$$
\overline{R}(X,Y)Z = f_1\{\overline{g}(Y,Z)X - \overline{g}(X,Z)Y\}
$$
  
+  $f_2\{\Phi(X,Z)\overline{\phi}Y - \Phi(Y,Z)\overline{\phi}X + 2\Phi(X,Y)\overline{\phi}Z\}$   
+  $f_3\{-\overline{g}(Z,Y)\overline{\eta}(X)\overline{\xi} + \overline{g}(Z,X)\overline{\eta}(Y)\overline{\xi}$   
-  $\overline{\eta}(Y)\overline{\eta}(Z)X + \overline{\eta}(Z)\overline{\eta}(X)Y\}$  (2.5)

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W \in \Gamma(TM)$ .

*Remark 2.3.* Any indefinite generalized Sasakian space form has *φ*-sectional curvature *c f*<sub>1</sub> + 3*f*<sub>2</sub>. Indeed, *f*<sub>1</sub> =  $(c + 3)/4$  and *f*<sub>2</sub> = *f*<sub>3</sub> =  $(c - 1)/4$ .

**Proposition 2.4** (see [6]). An indefinite S-manifold  $\overline{M}^{2n+r}$  has  $\overline{\phi}$ -sectional curvature c if and only *if its curvature tensor verifies*

$$
\overline{R}(X,Y)Z = \frac{(c+3\epsilon)}{4} \left\{ \overline{g} \left( \overline{\phi}X, \overline{\phi}Z \right) \overline{\phi}^{2}Y - \overline{g} \left( \overline{\phi}Y, \overline{\phi}Z \right) \overline{\phi}^{2}X \right\} \n+ \frac{(c-\epsilon)}{4} \left\{ \Phi(Z,Y) \overline{\phi}X - \Phi(Z,X) \overline{\phi}Y + 2\Phi(X,Y) \overline{\phi}Z \right\} \n+ \left\{ \overline{\eta}(Z) \overline{\eta}(X) \overline{\phi}^{2}Y - \overline{\eta}(Y) \overline{\eta}(Z) \overline{\phi}^{2}X + \overline{g} \left( \overline{\phi}Z, \overline{\phi}Y \right) \overline{\eta}(X) \overline{\xi} - \overline{g} \left( \overline{\phi}Z, \overline{\phi}X \right) \overline{\eta}(Y) \overline{\xi} \right\}
$$
\n(2.6)

for any vector fields  $X$ ,  $Y$ ,  $Z$ ,  $W \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $\epsilon = \sum \epsilon_{\alpha}$ .

*An indefinite* S*-manifold M* 2*nr with constant φ-sectional curvature c* ∈ R *is called a* S*-space* form, denoted by  $\overline{M}^{2n+r}(c)$ . One remarks that for  $r = 1$  (2.6) reduces to (2.4).

## **3. An Indefinite Generalized** *g* · *f* · *f***-Manifold**

Let  $\mathcal F$  denote any set of smooth functions  $F_{ij}$  on  $\overline{M}^{2n+r}$  such that  $F_{ij} = F_{ji}$  for any  $i, j \in$ {1*,...,r*}.

Definition 3.1. An *indefinite generalized g*  $\cdot$  *f*  $\cdot$  *f*-space-form, denoted by  $(\overline{M}^{2n+r}, F_1, F_2, \mathfrak{P})$ , is an indefinite  $g \cdot f \cdot f$ -manifold  $(\overline{M}^{2n+r}, \overline{\phi}, \overline{\xi_{\alpha}}, \overline{\eta}^{\alpha}, \overline{g})$  which admits smooth function  $F_1, F_2, \mathcal{F}$  such that its curvature tensor field verifies

$$
\overline{R}(X,Y)Z = F_1 \left\{ \overline{g} \left( \overline{\phi} X, \overline{\phi} Z \right) \overline{\phi}^2 Y - \overline{g} \left( \overline{\phi} Y, \overline{\phi} Z \right) \overline{\phi}^2 X \right\} \n+ F_2 \left\{ \Phi(Z,Y) \overline{\phi} X - \Phi(Z,X) \overline{\phi} Y + 2\Phi(X,Y) \overline{\phi} Z \right\} \n+ \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^r F_{\alpha\beta} \left\{ \overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(X) \overline{\eta}^{\beta}(Z) \overline{\phi}^2 Y - \overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(Y) \overline{\eta}^{\beta}(Z) \overline{\phi}^2 X \right\} \n+ \overline{g} \left( \overline{\phi} Z, \overline{\phi} Y \right) \overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(X) \overline{\xi}_{\beta} - \overline{g} \left( \overline{\phi} Z, \overline{\phi} X \right) \overline{\eta}^{\alpha}(Y) \overline{\xi}_{\beta} \right\}
$$
\n(3.1)

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W \in \Gamma(TM)$ .

For  $r = 1$ , we obtain an indefinite Sasakian space form  $\overline{M}^{2n+1}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  with  $f_1 = F_1$ ,  $f_2 = F_2$ , and  $f_3 = F_1 - F_{11}$ . In particular, if the given structure is Sasakian, (3.1) holds with  $F_{11} = 1, F_1 = (c+3)/4, F_3 = (c-1)/4,$  and  $f_3 = F_1 - F_{11} = (c-1)/4 = f_2$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(\overline{M}^{2n+r}, F_1, F_2, \mathcal{F})$  be an indefinite generalized  $g \cdot f \cdot f$ -space form. Then  $\overline{M}^{2n+r}$  is *of constant φ-sectional curvature if and only if*

$$
\overline{R}(X,\overline{\phi}X)X \text{ is proportional to } \overline{\phi}X \tag{3.2}
$$

*for every vector field*  $X$  *such that*  $\overline{g}(X,\xi_\alpha)=0$ , *for any*  $\alpha\in\{1,\ldots,r\}.$ 

*Proof.* Let  $(\overline{M}^{2n+r}, F_1, F_2, \mathcal{F})$  be an indefinite generalized  $g \cdot f \cdot f$ -space form. To prove the theorem for  $n \ge 2$ , we will consider cases when  $n = 2$  and when  $n > 2$ , that is, when  $n \ge 3$ .

*Case 1* ( $\overline{g}(X,X) = \overline{g}(Y,Y)$ ). The proof is similar as given by Lee and Jin [8], so we drop the proof.

*Case* 2 ( $\overline{g}(X,X) = -\overline{g}(Y,Y)$ ). Here, if *X* is spacelike, then *Y* is timelike or vice versa. First of all, assume that *M* is of constant φ-holomorphic sectional curvature. Then (3.1) gives

$$
\overline{R}\left(X,\overline{\phi}X\right)X = \{F_1 + 3F_2\}\overline{\phi}X = c\overline{\phi}X.
$$
\n(3.3)

Conversely, let  $\{X, Y\}$  be an orthonormal pair of tangent vectors such that  $\overline{g}(\phi X, Y)$  =  $\overline{g}(X,Y) = \overline{g}(Y,\overline{\xi_{\alpha}}) = 0$ ,  $\alpha \in \{1,\ldots,r\}$ , and  $n \geq 3$ . Then  $\ddot{X} = (X+iY)/\alpha$  $\sqrt{2}$  and  $\ddot{Y} = (i\overline{\phi}X + \overline{\phi}Y)/\phi$ √ 2 also form an orthonormal pair of tangent vectors such that  $\overline{g}(\overline{\phi} \ddot{X}, \ddot{Y}) = 0$ . Then (3.1) and curvature properties give

$$
0 = \overline{R}(\dot{X}, \overline{\phi}\dot{X}, \ddot{Y}, \ddot{X})
$$
  
\n
$$
= \overline{g}(\overline{R}(X, \overline{\phi}X)X, \overline{\phi}X) - \overline{g}(\overline{R}(Y, \overline{\phi}Y)Y, \overline{\phi}Y)
$$
  
\n
$$
- 2\overline{g}(\overline{R}(X, \overline{\phi}Y)Y, \overline{\phi}Y) + 2\overline{g}(\overline{R}(X, \overline{\phi}X)Y, \overline{\phi}X).
$$
 (3.4)

From the assumption, we see that the last two terms of the right-hand side vanish. Therefore, we get  $c(X) = c(Y)$ .

Now, if span $\{U, V\}$  is  $\overline{\phi}$ -holomorphic, then for  $\overline{\phi}U = aU + bV$ , where *a* and *b* are constant, we have

$$
\text{span}\{U,\overline{\phi}U\} = \text{span}\{U, aU + bV\} = \text{span}\{U, V\}.
$$
 (3.5)

Similarly,

$$
\text{span}\left\{V,\overline{\phi}V\right\}=\text{span}\left\{U,V\right\},\qquad\text{span}\left\{U,\overline{\phi}U\right\}=\text{span}\left\{V,\overline{\phi}V\right\}.\tag{3.6}
$$

These imply

$$
\overline{R}\left(U, \overline{\phi}U, U, \overline{\phi}U\right) = \overline{R}\left(V, \overline{\phi}V, V, \overline{\phi}V\right), \quad \text{or} \quad c(U) = c(V). \tag{3.7}
$$

If span $\{U, V\}$  is not  $\overline{\phi}$ -holomorphic section, then we can choose unit vectors  $X \in$ span $\{U,\overline{\phi}U\}^{\perp}$  and  $Y \in \text{span}\{V,\overline{\phi}V\}^{\perp}$  such that span $\{X,Y\}$  is  $\overline{\phi}$ -holomorphic. Thus we get

$$
c(U) = c(X) = c(Y) = c(V),
$$
\n(3.8)

which shows that any  $\overline{\phi}$ -holomorphic section has the same  $\overline{\phi}$ -holomorphic sectional curvature.

Now, let  $n = 2$ , and let  $\{X, Y\}$  be a set of orthonormal vectors such that  $\overline{g}(X, X) =$  $-\overline{g}(Y, Y)$  and  $\overline{g}(X, \phi X) = 0$ , and we have  $c(X) = c(Y)$  as before. Using the property (3.2), we get

$$
\overline{R}(X,\overline{\phi}X)X = -\{F_1 + 3F_2\}\overline{\phi}X = -c(X)\overline{\phi}X,
$$
\n
$$
\overline{R}(X,\overline{\phi}X)Y = -2F_2\overline{\phi}Y,
$$
\n
$$
\overline{R}(X,\overline{\phi}Y)X = -F_1\overline{\phi}Y,
$$
\n
$$
\overline{R}(X,\overline{\phi}Y)Y = F_2\overline{\phi}X,
$$
\n
$$
\overline{R}(Y,\overline{\phi}X)Y = F_1\overline{\phi}X,
$$
\n
$$
\overline{R}(Y,\overline{\phi}X)X = -F_2\overline{\phi}Y,
$$
\n
$$
\overline{R}(Y,\overline{\phi}Y)X = 2F_2\overline{\phi}X,
$$
\n
$$
\overline{R}(Y,\overline{\phi}Y)X = \{F_1 + 3F_2\}\overline{\phi} = c(Y)\overline{\phi}Y = c(X)\overline{\phi}Y.
$$
\n(3.9)

Now, define  $\hat{X} = aX + bY$  such that  $a^2 - b^2 = 1$  and  $a^2 \neq b^2$ . Using the above relations, we get

$$
R(\hat{X}, \overline{\phi}\hat{X})\hat{X} = C_1\overline{\phi}X + C_2\overline{\phi}Y.
$$
 (3.10)

Therefore, we have

$$
C_1 = -a^3c(X) + ab^2c(X),
$$
  
\n
$$
C_2 = b^3c(X) - a^2bc(X).
$$
\n(3.11)

On the other hand,

$$
\overline{R}(\hat{X}, \overline{\phi}\hat{X})\hat{X} = c(\hat{X})\overline{\phi}\hat{X} = c(\hat{X})\{a\overline{\phi}X + b\overline{\phi}Y\}.
$$
 (3.12)

Comparing  $(3.11)$  and  $(3.12)$ , we get

$$
-a2c(X) + b2c(X) = c(\hat{X}),
$$
  
\n
$$
b2c(X) - a2c(X) = c(\hat{X}).
$$
\n(3.13)

On solving (3.13), we have

$$
c(X) = c(\widehat{X}).
$$
\n(3.14)

Similary, we can prove

$$
c(Y) = c(\hat{Y}).
$$
\n(3.15)

Therefore,  $\overline{M}$  has constant  $\overline{\phi}$ -holomorphic sectional curvature.

*Case 3* ( $\overline{g}(U, U) = 0$ ). It is enough to show a sufficient condition. Let  $Y_\alpha$  be a unit vector tangent to  $\xi_{\alpha}$ , for any  $\alpha \in \{1, ..., r\}$ , such that  $\overline{g}(Y_{\alpha}, Y_{\alpha}) = -\overline{g}(\xi_{\alpha}, \xi_{\alpha}) = -\epsilon_{\alpha}$ , and consider the null vector  $U_{\alpha} = \xi_{\alpha} + Y$ . From (3.2),

$$
c(U_{\alpha})\phi U_{\alpha} = c(U_{\alpha})\phi(\xi_{\alpha} + Y_{\alpha})
$$
  
=  $\overline{R}(\xi_{\alpha} + Y_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}(\xi_{\alpha} + Y_{\alpha}))(\xi_{\alpha} + Y_{\alpha}).$  (3.16)

Therefore,

$$
c(U_{\alpha}) = \overline{g}(c(U_{\alpha})\overline{\phi}(\xi_{\alpha} + Y_{\alpha}), \epsilon_{\alpha}\overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha})
$$
  
\n
$$
= \epsilon_{\alpha}\overline{g}(\overline{R}(\xi_{\alpha} + Y_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}(\xi_{\alpha} + Y_{\alpha}))(\xi_{\alpha} + Y_{\alpha}), \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha})
$$
  
\n
$$
= \epsilon_{\alpha}\overline{g}(\overline{R}(\xi_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}\xi_{\alpha})\xi_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha}) + \epsilon_{\alpha}\overline{g}(\overline{R}(\xi_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha})\xi_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha})
$$
  
\n
$$
+ \epsilon_{\alpha}\overline{g}(\overline{R}(\xi_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}\xi_{\alpha})Y_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha}) + \epsilon_{\alpha}\overline{g}(\overline{R}(\xi_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha})Y_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha})
$$
  
\n
$$
+ \epsilon_{\alpha}\overline{g}(\overline{R}(Y_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}\xi_{\alpha})\xi_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha}) + \epsilon_{\alpha}\overline{g}(\overline{R}(Y_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha})\xi_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha})
$$
  
\n
$$
+ \epsilon_{\alpha}\overline{g}(\overline{R}(Y_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}\xi_{\alpha})Y_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha}) + \epsilon_{\alpha}\overline{g}(\overline{R}(Y_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha})Y_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha})
$$
  
\n
$$
+ \epsilon_{\alpha}\overline{g}(\overline{R}(\xi_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha})\xi_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha}) + 2\epsilon_{\alpha}\overline{g}(\overline{R}(Y_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha})\xi_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha})
$$
  
\n
$$
+ \epsilon_{\alpha}\overline{g}(\overline{R}(Y_{\alpha}, \overline{\phi}Y_{\alpha})Y_{\alpha
$$

From Cases 1 and 2, depending on the sign of  $\epsilon_{\alpha}$ ,  $\overline{g}(R(Y_{\alpha}, \phi Y_{\alpha})Y_{\alpha}$ ,  $\phi Y_{\alpha}) = \epsilon_{\alpha} c(Y_{\alpha})$  is constant,  $\Box$ and hence  $c(U_\alpha) = c(Y_\alpha)$  is constant.

**Theorem 3.3** (see [9]). Let  $(\overline{M}^{2n+r}, \overline{\phi}, \overline{\eta}^{\alpha}, \overline{\xi_{\alpha}}, \overline{g})$  ( $n \ge 2$ ) be an indefinite S-manifold. Then  $M^{2n+r}$  is *of constant φ-sectional curvature if and only if*

$$
R(X,\overline{\phi}X)X \text{ is proportional to } \overline{\phi}X \tag{3.18}
$$

*for every vector field*  $X$  *such that*  $g(X, \xi_\alpha) = 0$ , for any  $\alpha \in \{1, \ldots, r\}$ .

*Proof.* An S-space form is a special case of  $g \cdot f \cdot f$ -space form, and hence the proof follows from Theorem 3.2 and  $(2.6)$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.4** (cf. Bonome et al. [3]). Let  $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \eta, \xi, g)$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) be an indefinite Sasakian *manifold. Then M*<sup>2</sup>*n*<sup>1</sup> *is of constant φ-sectional curvature if and only if*

$$
R(X, \phi X)X \text{ is proportional to } \phi X \tag{3.19}
$$

*for every vector field*  $X$  *such that*  $g(X, \xi) = 0.$ 

*Proof.* When  $r = 1$ , an indefinite S-space form  $M^{2n+1}(c)$  reduces to a Sasakian space form. The proof follows from (2.4) and Theorem 3.3.  $\Box$ 

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