

# On a class complex manifolds with Norden metric

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## Abstract

A subclass of one of the basic classes complex manifolds with Norden metric is introduced. Some curvature properties of 4-dimensional manifolds belonging to this subclass are studied. A condition this manifolds to be conformally flat is given. An example of such 4-dimensional manifold is constructed on a Lie group. The manifold obtained in this way is proved to be Einstein.

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## 1 Preliminaries

Let  $(M, J, g)$  be a  $2n$ -dimensional almost complex manifold with Norden metric, i.e.  $J$  is an almost complex structure and  $g$  is a metric on  $M$  such that:

$$(1.1) \quad J^2 X = -X, \quad g(JX, JY) = -g(X, Y), \quad X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M).$$

The associated metric  $\tilde{g}$  of  $g$  on  $M$ , given by  $\tilde{g}(X, Y) = g(X, JY)$ , is a Norden metric, too. Both metrics are necessarily of signature  $(n, n)$ .

Further,  $X, Y, Z, W$  ( $x, y, z, w$ , respectively) will stand for arbitrary differentiable vector fields on  $M$  (vectors in  $T_p M$ ,  $p \in M$ , 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  $F(X, Y, Z) = g((\nabla_X J)Y, Z)$  and has the following symmetries

$$(1.2) \quad F(X, Y, Z) = F(X, Z, Y) = F(X, JY, JZ).$$

Let  $\{e_i\}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$ ) be an arbitrary basis of  $T_p M$  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 forms  $\theta$  and  $\theta^*$  associated with  $F$  are defined by

$$(1.3) \quad \theta(z) = g^{ij} F(e_i, e_j, z), \quad \theta^* = \theta \circ J,$$

and the corresponding Lie vector is denoted by  $\Omega$ , i.e.  $\theta(z) = g(z, \Omega)$ .

A classification of the almost complex manifolds with Norden metric is introduced in [2], where eight classes of these manifolds are characterized according to the properties of  $F$ . The three basic classes are given as follows:

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_1 : F(X, Y, Z) &= \frac{1}{2n} [g(X, Y)\theta(Z) + g(X, Z)\theta(Y) \\ &\quad + g(X, JY)\theta(JZ) + g(X, JZ)\theta(JY)]; \\ \mathcal{W}_2 : F(X, Y, JZ) + F(Y, Z, JX) + F(Z, X, JY) &= 0, \quad \theta = 0; \\ \mathcal{W}_3 : F(X, Y, Z) + F(Y, Z, X) + F(Z, X, Y) &= 0; \end{aligned}$$

Let  $R$  be the curvature tensor of  $\nabla$ , i.e.  $R(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]}Z$  and  $R(X, Y, Z, W) = g(R(X, Y)Z, W)$ .

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

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

$$(1.5) \quad \rho(L)(y, z) = g^{ij} L(e_i, y, z, e_j), \quad \tau(L) = g^{ij} \rho(L)(e_i, e_j), \quad \tau^*(L) = g^{ij} \rho(L)(e_i, J e_j).$$

A curvature-like tensor  $L$  is said to be a *Kählerian* if  $L(X, Y, JZ, JW) = -L(X, Y, Z, W)$ .

Let  $S$  be a symmetric tensor of type  $(0, 2)$ . We consider the following curvature-like tensors of type  $(0, 4)$ :

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \psi_1(S)(X, Y, Z, W) &= g(Y, Z)S(X, W) - g(X, Z)S(Y, W) \\ &\quad + g(X, W)S(Y, Z) - g(Y, W)S(X, Z); \quad \pi_1 = \frac{1}{2}\psi_1(g); \\ \pi_2(X, Y, Z, W) &= g(Y, JZ)g(X, JW) - g(X, JZ)g(Y, JW); \quad \pi_3 = -\psi_1(\tilde{g}). \end{aligned}$$

The Weyl tensor  $W$  of  $R$  is defined as usually by

$$(1.7) \quad W(R) = R - \frac{1}{2n-2} \left\{ \psi_1(\rho) - \frac{\tau}{2n-1} \pi_1 \right\}.$$

It is known that the Weyl tensor vanishes if and only if the manifold is conformally flat.

Let  $\alpha = \{x, y\}$  be a non-degenerate 2-plane spanned by the vectors  $x, y \in T_p M$ ,  $p \in M$ . The sectional curvatures of  $\alpha$  with respect to the curvature-like tensor  $L$  are given by

$$(1.8) \quad \nu(L; p) = \frac{L(x, y, y, x)}{\pi_1(x, y, y, x)}, \quad \nu^*(L; p) = \frac{L(x, y, y, x)}{\pi_1(x, y, y, x)}.$$

Let us note that the square norm of  $\nabla J$  is defined by

$$(1.9) \quad \|\nabla J\|^2 = g^{ij} g^{kl} g((\nabla_{e_i} J)e_k, (\nabla_{e_j} J)e_l).$$

**Definition 1.1.** [3] An almost complex manifold with Norden metric satisfying the condition  $\|\nabla J\|^2 = 0$  is said to be an *isotropic Kähler manifold with Norden metric*.

## 2 Curvature properties of 4-dimensional $\mathcal{W}_1^*$ -manifolds

Let  $(M, J, g)$  be a  $\mathcal{W}_1$ -manifold with closed the Lie form  $\theta^*$ , i.e.  $(\nabla_X \theta) JY = (\nabla_Y \theta) JX$ . We denote the class of these manifolds by  $\mathcal{W}_1^* \subset \mathcal{W}_1$ .

In [6] is introduced the tensor  $R^*$  by

$$(2.1) \quad R^* = R - \frac{1}{2n} \psi_1(S), \quad S(X, Y) = (\nabla_X \theta) JY + \frac{1}{2n} \theta(X) \theta(Y) + \frac{\theta(\Omega)}{4n} g(X, Y).$$

By the fact that  $S$  is symmetric on a  $\mathcal{W}_1^*$ -manifold we conclude that  $R^*$  is a curvature-like tensor. It is proved [6] that in this case the tensor  $R^*$  is Kählerian and  $W(R) = W(R^*)$ .

In [7] is established the following

**Theorem 2.1.** [7] *Let  $(M, J, g)$  be a 4-dimensional almost complex manifold with Norden metric and let  $L$  be a Kähler tensor on  $M$ . Then  $L$  has the following form*

$$(2.2) \quad L = \nu(L)\{\pi_1 - \pi_2\} + \nu^*(L)\pi_3, \quad \nu(L) = \frac{\tau(L)}{8}, \quad \nu^*(L) = \frac{\tau^*(L)}{8}.$$

Then, by (1.7), (2.1) and Theorem 2.1 we obtain

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $(M, J, g)$  be a 4-dimensional  $\mathcal{W}_1^*$ -manifold. Then, the curvature tensor  $R$  and the Weyl tensor  $W(R)$  have the forms, respectively*

$$(2.3) \quad R = \frac{\tau_*}{8} \{\pi_1 - \pi_2\} - \frac{\tau_*}{12} \pi_1 + \frac{1}{2} \{\psi_1(\rho) - \frac{\tau}{3} \pi_1\}, \quad W(R) = \frac{\tau_*}{24} \{\pi_1 - 3\pi_2\},$$

where  $\tau_* = \tau(R^*) = \tau - \frac{3}{2} [\text{div}(J\Omega) - \frac{\theta(\Omega)}{4}]$  and  $\text{div}(J\Omega) = \nabla_i J_k^i \Omega^k$ .

By Theorem 2.2 we obtain

**Theorem 2.3.** *The Weyl tensor of a 4-dimensional  $\mathcal{W}_1^*$ -manifold vanishes if and only if the condition  $\tau = \frac{3}{2} [\text{div}(J\Omega) - \frac{\theta(\Omega)}{4}]$  holds.*

It is known that a 4-dimensional almost complex manifold with Norden metric is called a *space form* if its curvature tensor has the form  $R = \frac{\tau}{12} \pi_1$ . Obviously, such manifolds are Einstein, locally symmetric and conformally flat.

**Corollary 2.4.** *If a 4-dimensional  $\mathcal{W}_1^*$ -manifold is a space form,  $\tau = \frac{3}{2} [\text{div}(J\Omega) - \frac{\theta(\Omega)}{4}]$ .*

It has been proved [7] that on a  $\mathcal{W}_1$ -manifold it is valid

$$(2.4) \quad \|\nabla J\|^2 = \frac{2}{n} \theta(\Omega).$$

Then, by Theorem 2.2, Definition 1.1 and (2.4) it follows immediately

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $(M, J, g)$  be a 4-dimensional isotropic Kähler  $\mathcal{W}_1^*$ -manifold. Then, its curvature tensor has the form  $R = \frac{2\tau - 3\text{div}(J\Omega)}{48} \{\pi_1 - 3\pi_2\} + \frac{1}{2} \{\psi_1(\rho) - \frac{\tau}{3} \pi_1\}$ .*

### 3 A Lie group as a 4-dimensional $\mathcal{W}_1^*$ -manifold

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a real 4-dimensional Lie algebra corresponding to a real connected Lie group  $G$ . If  $\{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4\}$  is a global basis of left invariant vector fields on  $G$  and  $[X_i, X_j] = C_{ij}^k X_k$ , then the Jacobi identity for  $C_{ij}^k$  holds:

$$(3.1) \quad C_{ij}^k C_{ks}^l + C_{js}^k C_{ki}^l + C_{si}^k C_{kj}^l = 0.$$

We define an almost complex structure on  $G$  by the conditions:

$$(3.2) \quad JX_1 = X_3, \quad JX_2 = X_4, \quad JX_3 = -X_1, \quad JX_4 = -X_2.$$

Let us consider the left-invariant metric given by

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} g(X_1, X_1) &= g(X_2, X_2) = -g(X_3, X_3) = -g(X_4, X_4) = 1, \\ g(X_i, X_j) &= 0 \text{ for } i \neq j. \end{aligned}$$

The introduced metric Norden because of (3.2). In this way, the induced 4-dimensional manifold  $(G, J, g)$  is an almost complex manifold with Norden metric.

Further, from the well-known equality

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} 2g(\nabla_X Y, Z) &= Xg(Y, Z) + Yg(X, Z) - Zg(X, Y) \\ &+ g([X, Y], Z) + g([Z, X], Y) + g([Z, Y], X) \end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} 2F(X_i, X_j, X_k) &= g([X_i, JX_j] - J[X_i, X_j], X_k) \\ &+ g([X_k, JX_i] - [JX_k, X_i], X_j) + g(J[X_k, X_j] - [JX_k, X_j], X_i). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $(G, J, g)$  be a  $\mathcal{W}_1$ -manifold. Then, by (1.2), (1.3), (1.4), (3.5) we prove

**Proposition 3.1.** *If  $(G, J, g)$  is a 4-dimensional  $\mathcal{W}_1$ -manifold, the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of  $G$  is given by the conditions:*

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} C_{13}^1 &= C_{23}^2 - C_{12}^4 = C_{14}^2 - C_{34}^4, & C_{24}^1 &= -(C_{12}^4 + C_{14}^2) = -(C_{23}^2 + C_{34}^4), \\ C_{13}^2 &= C_{12}^3 - C_{23}^1 = C_{34}^3 - C_{14}^1, & C_{24}^2 &= C_{12}^3 + C_{14}^1 = C_{23}^1 + C_{34}^3, \\ C_{13}^3 &= C_{12}^2 + C_{23}^4 = C_{14}^4 + C_{34}^2, & C_{24}^3 &= C_{34}^2 - C_{23}^4 = C_{12}^2 - C_{14}^4, \\ C_{13}^4 &= -(C_{14}^3 + C_{34}^1) = -(C_{12}^1 + C_{23}^2), & C_{24}^4 &= C_{14}^3 - C_{12}^1 = C_{23}^2 - C_{34}^1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_{ij}^k \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $i, j, k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) satisfy the Jacobi identity (3.1).

One solution to (3.1) and (3.6) is the 4-parametric family of Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{g}$  given by

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} [X_1, X_2] &= \lambda_1 X_1 + \lambda_2 X_2, & [X_2, X_3] &= \lambda_4 X_2 - \lambda_1 X_3, \\ [X_1, X_3] &= \lambda_4 X_1 + \lambda_2 X_3, & [X_2, X_4] &= \lambda_3 X_2 - \lambda_1 X_4, \\ [X_1, X_4] &= \lambda_3 X_1 + \lambda_2 X_4, & [X_3, X_4] &= \lambda_3 X_3 - \lambda_4 X_4, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ). Thus, the equality (3.7) defines a 4-parametric family of 4-dimensional  $\mathcal{W}_1$ -manifolds.

If we put in (3.7) one of the parameters  $\lambda_i$  equal to one and the rest three equal to zero, we obtain the Lie algebra corresponding to the Lie group given as an example of a  $\mathcal{W}_1$ -manifold (in the case of dimension four) by R. Castro and L. M. Hervella [1].

It is well-known that a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  is *solvable* if its derived series

$$\mathfrak{D}^0 \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{D}^1 \mathfrak{g} = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}], \dots, \mathfrak{D}^{k+1} \mathfrak{g} = [\mathfrak{D}^k \mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{D}^k \mathfrak{g}], \dots$$

vanishes for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, having in mind (3.7), it is easy to check that  $\mathfrak{D}^2 \mathfrak{g} = \{0\}$  and thus the Lie algebras (3.7) are solvable.

Let us remark that the Killing form [4]  $B(X, Y) = \text{tr}(\text{ad}X \text{ad}Y)$  of the Lie algebras (3.7) is degenerate, i.e.  $\det B = 0$ . Hence, it cannot be a Norden metric.

By (3.3), (3.4) and (3.7) we get the essential components of the Levi-Civita connection of the manifold  $(G, J, g)$  as follows:

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_{X_1} X_1 &= -\lambda_1 X_2 + \lambda_4 X_3 + \lambda_3 X_4, & \nabla_{X_1} X_2 &= \lambda_1 X_1, & \nabla_{X_2} X_3 &= \lambda_4 X_2, \\ \nabla_{X_2} X_2 &= \lambda_2 X_1 + \lambda_4 X_3 + \lambda_3 X_4, & \nabla_{X_1} X_3 &= \lambda_4 X_1, & \nabla_{X_2} X_4 &= \lambda_3 X_2, \\ \nabla_{X_3} X_3 &= -\lambda_2 X_1 + \lambda_1 X_2 - \lambda_3 X_4, & \nabla_{X_1} X_4 &= \lambda_3 X_1, & \nabla_{X_3} X_4 &= \lambda_3 X_3, \\ \nabla_{X_4} X_4 &= -\lambda_2 X_1 + \lambda_1 X_2 - \lambda_4 X_3, \end{aligned}$$

Next, by (3.2), (3.3) and (3.5) we compute the essential non-zero components  $F_{ijk} = F(X_i, X_j, X_k)$  of the tensor  $F$  as follows:

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} -F_{114} = F_{312} = \frac{1}{2}F_{444} &= \lambda_1, & F_{214} = F_{412} = \frac{1}{2}F_{333} &= -\lambda_2, \\ F_{112} = F_{314} = \frac{1}{2}F_{222} &= \lambda_3, & F_{212} = -F_{414} = \frac{1}{2}F_{111} &= \lambda_4. \end{aligned}$$

Having in mind (1.1), (1.3) and (3.9), we get the components  $\theta_i = \theta(X_i)$  and  $\theta_i^* = \theta^*(X_i)$  of the Lie forms  $\theta$  and  $\theta^*$ , respectively:

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \theta_1 &= -\theta_3^* = 4\lambda_4, & \theta_2 &= -\theta_4^* = 4\lambda_3, & \theta_3 &= \theta_1^* = 4\lambda_2, & \theta_4 &= \theta_2^* = -4\lambda_1, \\ \theta(\Omega) &= \frac{4}{3}\operatorname{div}(J\Omega) = -16(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 - \lambda_3^2 - \lambda_4^2). \end{aligned}$$

Then, by (3.8) and (3.10) we get  $(\nabla_{X_i} \theta^*)X_j = (\nabla_{X_j} \theta^*)X_i$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Hence the Lie form  $\theta^*$  is closed and therefore we have

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $(G, J, g)$  be the 4-dimensional  $\mathcal{W}_1$ -manifold constructed by (3.2) and (3.3), and let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be the Lie algebra of  $G$  defined by (3.7). Then  $(G, J, g) \in \mathcal{W}_1^*$ .*

By (2.4) and (3.10) we obtain the square norm of  $\nabla J$

$$(3.11) \quad \|\nabla J\|^2 = -16(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 - \lambda_3^2 - \lambda_4^2).$$

Then, having in mind Definition 1.1 and (3.11), we get

**Proposition 3.3.** *The manifold  $(G, J, g)$  is isotropic Kählerian if and only if the condition  $\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 - \lambda_3^2 - \lambda_4^2 = 0$  holds.*

By (3.3) and (3.8) we compute the non-zero components  $R_{ijkl} = R(X_i, X_j, X_k, X_l)$  of the curvature tensor  $R$  as follows:

$$(3.12) \quad -R_{1221} = R_{1331} = R_{1441} = R_{2332} = R_{2442} = -R_{3443} = \lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 - \lambda_3^2 - \lambda_4^2.$$

Let us consider the characteristic 2-planes  $\alpha_{ij}$  spanned by the basic vectors  $\{X_i, X_j\}$ . By (1.6), (1.8), (3.3) and (3.12) we get the corresponding sectional curvatures as

$$(3.13) \quad \nu(\alpha_{12}) = \nu(\alpha_{13}) = \nu(\alpha_{14}) = \nu(\alpha_{23}) = \nu(\alpha_{24}) = \nu(\alpha_{34}) = -(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 - \lambda_3^2 - \lambda_4^2).$$

Then, according to the well-known Shur's Theorem [5], from (3.13) it follows

**Proposition 3.4.** *The curvature tensor of  $(G, J, g)$  has the form  $R = \frac{\tau}{12}\pi_1$ . Thus the manifold is Einstein.*

By (1.1), (1.5) and (3.10) we obtain the values of the scalar curvatures of the manifold  $\tau = -12(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 - \lambda_3^2 - \lambda_4^2)$  and  $\tau^* = 0$ .

Finally, Proposition 3.3 and (3.12) give rise to

**Proposition 3.5.** *The manifold  $(G, J, g)$  is isotropic Kählerian if and only if it is flat.*

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