

## ON FOUR DIMENSIONAL PARACOMPLEX STRUCTURES WITH NORDEN METRICS

### ПРО ЧОТИРИВИМІРНІ ПАРАКОМПЛЕКСНІ СТРУКТУРИ З МЕТРИКАМИ НОРДЕНА

We study the almost paracomplex structures with Norden metric on Walker 4-manifolds and try to find general solutions for the integrability of these structures on suitable local coordinates. We also discuss para-Kähler (paraholomorphic) conditions for these structures.

Вивчаються майже паракомплексні структури з метрикою Нордена на 4-многовидах Уолкера. Встановлено загальні розв'язки щодо інтегровності таких структур у відповідних локальних координатах. Також обговорюються паралелеріві (параголоморфні) умови для таких структур.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $M_{2n}$  be a Riemannian manifold with a neutral metric, i.e., with a pseudo-Riemannian metric  $g$  of signature  $(n, n)$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{S}_q^p(M_{2n})$  the set of all tensor fields of type  $(p, q)$  on  $M_{2n}$ . Manifolds, tensor fields and connections are always assumed to be differentiable and of class  $C^\infty$ .

An almost paracomplex manifold is an almost product manifold  $(M_{2n}, \varphi)$ ,  $\varphi^2 = id$ , such that the two eigenbundles  $T^+M_{2n}$  and  $T^-M_{2n}$  associated to the two eigenvalues  $+1$  and  $-1$  of  $\varphi$ , respectively, have the same rank. Note that the dimension of an almost paracomplex manifold is necessarily even. Considering the paracomplex structure  $\varphi$ , we obtain the following set of affinors on  $M_{2n}$ :  $\{id, \varphi\}$ ,  $\varphi^2 = id$ , which form a bases of a representation of the algebra of order 2 over the field of real numbers  $R$ , which is called the algebra of paracomplex (or double) numbers and is denoted by  $R(j) = \{a_0 + a_1j : j^2 = -1; a_0, a_1 \in R\}$ . Obviously, it is associative, commutative and unital, i.e., it admits principal unit 1. The canonical bases of this algebra has the form  $\{1, j\}$ .

Let  $(M_{2n}, \varphi)$  be an almost paracomplex manifold with almost paracomplex structure  $\varphi$ . For almost paracomplex structure the integrability is equivalent to the vanishing of the Nijenhuis tensor

$$N_\varphi(X, Y) = [\varphi X, \varphi Y] - \varphi[\varphi X, Y] - \varphi[X, \varphi Y] + [X, Y].$$

This structure is said to be integrable if the matrix  $\varphi = (\varphi_j^i)$  is reduced to the constant form in a certain holonomic natural frame in a neighborhood  $U_x$  of every point  $x \in M_{2n}$ . On the other hand, in order that an almost paracomplex structure be integrable, it is necessary and sufficient that we can introduce a torsion free linear connection such that  $\nabla\varphi = 0$ . A paracomplex manifold is an almost paracomplex manifold  $(M_{2n}, \varphi)$  such that the  $G$ -structure defined by the affnor field  $\varphi$  is integrable. We can give another-equivalent-definition of paracomplex manifold in terms of local homeomorphisms in the space  $R^n(j) = \{(X^1, \dots, X^n) : X^i \in R(j), i = 1, \dots, n\}$  and paraholomorphic changes of charts in a way similar to [2] (see also [6]), i.e., a manifold  $M_{2n}$  with an integrable paracomplex structure  $\varphi$  is a real realization of the paraholomorphic manifold  $M_n(R(j))$  over the algebra  $R(j)$ .

**1.1. Norden metrics.** A metric  $g$  is a Norden metric [15] if

$$g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y)$$

or equivalently

$$g(\varphi X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M_{2n})$ . Metrics of this kind have been also studied under the names: pure, anti-Hermitian and  $B$ -metric (see [5, 7, 12, 17, 23, 25]). If  $(M_{2n}, \varphi)$  is an almost paracomplex manifold with Norden metric  $g$ , we say that  $(M_{2n}, \varphi, g)$  is an almost para-Norden manifold. If  $\varphi$  is integrable, we say that  $(M_{2n}, \varphi, g)$  is a para-Norden manifold.

**1.2. Paraholomorphic (almost paraholomorphic) tensor fields.** Let  $\overset{*}{t}$  be a paracomplex tensor field on  $M_n(R(j))$ . The real model of such a tensor field is a tensor field on  $M_{2n}$  of the same order that is independent of whether its vector or covector arguments is subject to the action of the affiner structure  $\varphi$ . Such tensor fields are said to be pure with respect to  $\varphi$ . They were studied by many authors (see, e.g., [12, 18, 19, 23–25, 27]). In particular, being applied to a  $(0, q)$ -tensor field  $\omega$ , the purity means that for any  $X_1, \dots, X_q \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M_{2n})$ , the following conditions should hold:

$$\omega(\varphi X_1, X_2, \dots, X_q) = \omega(X_1, \varphi X_2, \dots, X_q) = \dots = \omega(X_1, X_2, \dots, \varphi X_q).$$

We define an operator

$$\Phi_\varphi : \mathfrak{S}_q^0(M_{2n}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{S}_{q+1}^0(M_{2n})$$

applied to the pure tensor field  $\omega$  by (see [27])

$$\begin{aligned} (\Phi_\varphi \omega)(X, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_q) &= (\varphi X)(\omega(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_q)) - X(\omega(\varphi Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_q)) + \\ &+ \omega((L_{Y_1} \varphi)X, Y_2, \dots, Y_q) + \dots + \omega(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, (L_{Y_q} \varphi)X), \end{aligned}$$

where  $L_Y$  denotes the Lie differentiation with respect to  $Y$ .

When  $\varphi$  is a paracomplex structure on  $M_{2n}$  and the tensor field  $\Phi_\varphi \omega$  vanishes, the paracomplex tensor field  $\overset{*}{\omega}$  on  $M_n(R(j))$  is said to be paraholomorphic (see [12, 23, 27]). Thus a paraholomorphic tensor field  $\overset{*}{\omega}$  on  $M_n(R(j))$  is realized on  $M_{2n}$  in the form of a pure tensor field  $\omega$ , such that

$$(\Phi_\varphi \omega)(X, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_q) = 0$$

for any  $X, Y_1, \dots, Y_q \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M_{2n})$ . Therefore such a tensor field  $\omega$  on  $M_{2n}$  is also called paraholomorphic tensor field. When  $\varphi$  is an almost paracomplex structure on  $M_{2n}$ , a tensor field  $\omega$  satisfying  $\Phi_\varphi \omega = 0$  is said to be almost paraholomorphic.

**1.3. Paraholomorphic Norden (para-Kähler–Norden) metrics.** In a para-Norden manifold a para-Norden metric  $g$  is called a *paraholomorphic* if

$$(\Phi_\varphi g)(X, Y, Z) = 0 \tag{1}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M_{2n})$ .

By setting  $X = \partial_k$ ,  $Y = \partial_i$ ,  $Z = \partial_j$  in the equation (1), we see that the components  $(\Phi_\varphi g)_{kij}$  of  $\Phi_\varphi g$  with respect to a local coordinate system  $x^1, \dots, x^n$  may be expressed as follows:

$$(\Phi_\varphi g)_{kij} = \varphi_k^m \partial_m g_{ij} - \varphi_i^m \partial_k g_{mj} + g_{mj} (\partial_i \varphi_k^m - \partial_k \varphi_i^m) + g_{im} \partial_j \varphi_k^m.$$

If  $(M_{2n}, \varphi, g)$  is a para-Norden manifold with paraholomorphic Norden metric  $g$ , we say that  $(M_{2n}, \varphi, g)$  is a *paraholomorphic Norden manifold*.

In some aspects, paraholomorphic Norden manifolds are similar to Kähler manifolds. The following theorem is analogue to the next known result: An almost Hermitian manifold is Kähler if and only if the almost complex structure is parallel with respect to the Levi–Civita connection.

**Theorem 1** [21] (for complex version see [10]). *For an almost paracomplex manifold with para-Norden metric  $g$ , the condition  $\Phi_\varphi g = 0$  is equivalent to  $\nabla \varphi = 0$ , where  $\nabla$  is the Levi–Civita connection of  $g$ .*

A para-Kähler–Norden manifold can be defined as a triple  $(M_{2n}, \varphi, g)$  which consists of a manifold  $M_{2n}$  endowed with an almost paracomplex structure  $\varphi$  and a pseudo-Riemannian metric  $g$  such that  $\nabla \varphi = 0$ , where  $\nabla$  is the Levi–Civita connection of  $g$  and the metric  $g$  is assumed to be para-Nordenian. Therefore, there exist a one-to-one correspondence between para-Kähler–Norden manifolds and para-Norden manifolds with a paraholomorphic metric. Recall that in such a manifold, the Riemannian curvature tensor is pure and paraholomorphic, also the curvature scalar is locally paraholomorphic function (see [10, 17]).

**Remark 1.** We know that the integrability of the almost paracomplex structure  $\varphi$  is equivalent to the existing a torsion-free affine connection with respect to which the equation  $\nabla \varphi = 0$  holds. Since the Levi–Civita connection  $\nabla$  of  $g$  is a torsion-free affine connection, we have: if  $\Phi_\varphi g = 0$ , then  $\varphi$  is integrable. Thus, almost para-Norden manifold with conditions  $\Phi_\varphi g = 0$  and  $N_\varphi \neq 0$ , i.e., almost paraholomorphic Norden manifolds (analogues of the almost para-Kähler manifolds with closed para-Kähler form) does not exist.

**2. Walker metrics in dimension four.** A neutral metric  $g$  on a 4-manifold  $M_4$  is said to be Walker metric if there exists a 2-dimensional null distribution  $D$  on  $M_4$ , which is parallel with respect to  $g$ . For such metrics a canonical form has been obtained by Walker [26], showing the existence of suitable coordinates  $(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4)$  around any point of  $M_4$  where the metric expresses as

$$g = (g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & a & c \\ 0 & 1 & c & b \end{pmatrix},$$

for some functions  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  depending on the coordinates  $(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4)$ . Note that  $D = \text{span} \{ \partial_1, \partial_2 \} \left( \partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \right)$ . For an application of such a 4-dimensional Walker metric (see [9]). Since the observation of the existence of almost paracomplex structures on Walker 4-manifolds in a paper [20], the Walker 4-manifolds have been intensively studied, e.g., [1, 3, 4, 8, 13, 14, 16, 20, 22].

As in a resent paper [15], we shall study throughout this paper the following Walker metrics of restricted type ( $c = 0$ ):

$$g = (g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

**3. Almost paracomplex structure  $\varphi$  in the case of  $c = 0$ .** A natural way to construct of an almost paracomplex structure  $\varphi$  on a neutral 4-manifold is as follows: choose a local orthonormal basis  $\{e_i\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ , so that with respect to the basis the neutral metric becomes the standard form

$$g = (g(e_i, e_j)) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and then define  $\varphi$  by

$$\varphi e_1 = e_2, \quad \varphi e_2 = e_1, \quad \varphi e_3 = e_4, \quad \varphi e_4 = e_3. \quad (3)$$

We consider the Walker metrics with  $c = 0$  as follows:

$$g = (g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are functions of suitable coordinates  $(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4)$  around any point of  $M_4$ . In this case, we find a local orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$  [14] ((14)), as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{a^2+4}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{a^2+4}-a)\partial_1 + \partial_3 \right\}, \\ e_2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{b^2+4}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{b^2+4}-b)\partial_2 + \partial_4 \right\}, \\ e_3 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{a^2+4}} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{a^2+4}+a)\partial_1 + \partial_3 \right\}, \\ e_4 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{b^2+4}} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{b^2+4}+b)\partial_2 + \partial_4 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

For the Walker metric (2) with  $c = 0$ , the dual basis  $\{e^1, e^2, e^3, e^4\}$  of 1-forms to the basis (5) of vectors is given by [14] ((19))

$$e^1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{a^2+4}} \left\{ dx^1 + \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{a^2+4}+a)dx^3 \right\},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{b^2+4}} \left\{ dx^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{b^2+4}+b)dx^4 \right\}, \\
 e^3 &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{a^2+4}} \left\{ dx^1 - \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{a^2+4}-a)dx^3 \right\}, \\
 e^4 &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{b^2+4}} \left\{ dx^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{b^2+4}-b)dx^4 \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We now put  $K = \sqrt[4]{(b^2+4)/(a^2+4)}$ . The almost paracomplex structures defined by (3) is written explicitly as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi &= e_1 \otimes e^2 + e_2 \otimes e^1 + e_3 \otimes e^4 + e_4 \otimes e^3 = \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{K} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{b}{K} - aK \right) \\ K & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \left( aK - \frac{b}{K} \right) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & K \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{K} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

where these matrices are written with respect to the coordinate basis. In this case, the triple  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  is called almost para-Norden – Walker manifold.

**4.  $\varphi$ -Integrability (para-Norden structures).** If we write as  $\varphi \partial_i = \sum_{j=1}^4 \varphi_i^j \partial_j$ , then from (6) we can read off the nonzero components  $\varphi_i^j$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi_1^2 &= K, & \varphi_2^1 &= \frac{1}{K}, & \varphi_3^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( aK - \frac{b}{K} \right), \\
 \varphi_3^4 &= \frac{1}{K}, & \varphi_4^3 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{b}{K} - aK \right), & \varphi_4^3 &= K.
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

The almost paracomplex structure  $\varphi$  is integrable if and only if the torsion of  $\varphi$  (Nijenhuis tensor) vanishes, or equivalently the following components:

$$(N_\varphi)_{jk}^i = \varphi_j^m \partial_m \varphi_k^i - \varphi_k^m \partial_m \varphi_j^i - \varphi_m^i \partial_j \varphi_k^m + \varphi_m^i \partial_k \varphi_j^m$$

all vanish (cf. [12, p. 124]), where  $\varphi_i^j$  are given by (7). By explicit calculation, we find the  $\varphi$ -integrability condition as follows.

**Theorem 2.** *The almost paracomplex structure  $\varphi$  on almost para-Norden – Walker manifolds is integrable if and only if the following PDE's hold:*

$$K_1 = 0, \quad K_2 = 0, \quad K^2 a_1 - b_1 - 2K K_3 = 0, \quad K^2 a_2 - b_2 - \frac{2}{K} K_4 = 0. \tag{8}$$

In this note, we will try to find the general solutions according to suitable local coordinates for the PDE's in above theorem.

**Theorem 3.** *The almost paracomplex structure  $\varphi$  on almost para-Norden–Walker manifolds is integrable if and only if  $a$  and  $b$  satisfy one of the following:*

type  $\varphi_A$ :  $K = \{(b^2 + 4)/(a^2 + 4)\}^{1/4}$  ( $= C$ ) is constant, and

$$a = a(x^3, x^4), \quad b = b(x^3, x^4),$$

type  $\varphi_B$ :  $a(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4) = b(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4)$  (necessarily  $K = 1$ ),

$$\text{and either } a_1 \neq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad a_2 \neq 0,$$

type  $\varphi_C$ :  $K = \{(b^2 + 4)/(a^2 + 4)\}^{1/4}$  is not constant, and

$$\begin{aligned} a(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4) &= \psi^{-2} \left( \psi L + \phi - \frac{\psi^4 - 1}{\psi L + \phi} \right), \\ b(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4) &= -\psi L - \phi - \frac{\psi^4 - 1}{\psi L + \phi}, \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

with

$$L = L(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4) = \psi_3 x^1 + \psi^{-2} \psi_4 x^2, \tag{10}$$

for  $a$  and  $b$  functions defined according to suitable coordinates values of  $(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4)$ ,  $\psi = \psi(x^3, x^4)$  and  $\phi = \phi(x^3, x^4)$  are smooth functions of  $x^3$  and  $x^4$  such that  $\psi(x^3, x^4) \neq 0$  and  $\phi(x^3, x^4) \neq 0$  for suitable points  $(x^3, x^4)$ , and  $x^1 \neq -\frac{\psi_4}{\psi^2 \psi_3} x^2 - \frac{\phi}{\psi \psi_3}$  must be satisfied for suitable points  $(x^1, x^2)$ . Moreover, the function  $K$  depends only on  $x^3, x^4$ , and coincides with  $\psi$ .

We shall prove this theorem in three steps.

**Proof.** *The first step:* From the former two equations in (8), we must note that  $K = \{(b^2 + 4)/(a^2 + 4)\}^{1/4}$  does not depend on  $x^1, x^2$ , and further that the latter two can be written as follows:

$$(K^2 a - b)_1 = 2K K_3, \quad (K^2 a - b)_2 = \frac{2}{K} K_4. \tag{11}$$

Integrating these equations with respect to  $x^1$  and  $x^2$ , respectively, we have

$$\begin{aligned} K^2 a - b &= 2K K_3 x^1 + p^A(x^2, x^3, x^4), \\ K^2 a - b &= \frac{2}{K} K_4 x^2 + p^B(x^1, x^3, x^4), \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

where  $p^A$  and  $p^B$  are arbitrary functions of  $x^2, x^3, x^4$  and of  $x^1, x^3, x^4$ , respectively. Differentiating the former equation by  $x^2$ , then we have  $(K^2 a - b)_2 = p_2^A(x^2, x^3, x^4) = \frac{2}{K} K_4$ , and hence  $p^A(x^2, x^3, x^4) = \frac{2}{K} K_4 x^2 + q^A(x^3, x^4)$ . For  $p^B$ , similarly we can write  $p^B(x^1, x^3, x^4) = 2K K_3 x^1 + q^B(x^3, x^4)$ . Using these  $p^A$  and  $p^B$  in (12), we see that  $q^A$  and  $q^B$  coincide with each

other, and denote them by  $2f(x^3, x^4)$ . In fact, we obtain

$$K^2a - b = 2KK_3x^1 + \frac{2}{K}K_4x^2 + 2f(x^3, x^4). \quad (13)$$

From the relation  $K = \{(b^2 + 4)/(a^2 + 4)\}^{1/4}$ , we get

$$(K^4)_1 = 0 \Rightarrow bb_1(a^2 + 4) = aa_1(b^2 + 4),$$

$$(K^4)_2 = 0 \Rightarrow bb_2(a^2 + 4) = aa_2(b^2 + 4),$$

and hence

$$K^4 = \frac{b^2 + 4}{a^2 + 4} = \frac{bb_1}{aa_1} = \frac{bb_2}{aa_2}. \quad (14)$$

(End of the first step.)

In the subsequent steps of the proof, we divide the situation into two cases as follows:

*Case I:*  $K$  is constant.

*Case II:*  $K$  depends only on  $x^3$  and  $x^4$ .

*The second step:* We consider here the first Case I:  $K$  is constant, denoted by  $K = C$ , i.e.,  $C^4(a^2 + 4) = b^2 + 4$ . In this case, the equations (11) reduce to

$$(C^2a - b)_i = (C^2a \pm \sqrt{C^4(a^2 + 4) - 4})_i = 0, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

There are two types of solutions to these equations as follows:

i)  $C^2a - b = 0$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  can be functions of  $x^1, x^2, x^3$  and  $x^4$ , or

ii)  $a_1 = a_2 = b_1 = b_2 = 0$ .

For i), in fact, the relation  $C^2a - b = 0$  together with  $C^4(a^2 + 4) = b^2 + 4$  implies that  $K = C = 1$ , and that  $a(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4) = b(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4)$  which is of type  $\varphi_B$ .

It is easy to see that if  $C^2a - b \neq 0$ , then there is another possibility of the second case ii)  $a_1 = a_2 = b_1 = b_2 = 0$ . Therefore, if  $K$  is constant ( $K = C$ ) (including  $K = 1$ ), then  $a = a(x^3, x^4)$  and  $b = b(x^3, x^4)$  are solutions to (8). Such solutions are of type  $\varphi_A$ . Here, we must note that such  $a$  and  $b$  are subject to a relation  $C^4(a^2 + 4) = b^2 + 4$ . (End of the second step.)

*The third step:* In this final step, we consider the Case II:  $K$  is independent of  $x^1$  and  $x^2$ . From (14), we have  $K^2aa_1 = \frac{1}{K^2}bb_1$ , and add  $-ba_1$  both sides of it. Then, we have

$$(K^2a - b)a_1 = -\frac{b}{K^2}(K^2a - b)_1.$$

From the former equation in (11), we obtain

$$(K^2a - b)a_1 = -\frac{2K_3}{K}b = \frac{2K_3}{K} \{-K^2a + (K^2a - b)\}.$$

Using (13), we get

$$\left(KK_3x^1 + \frac{1}{K}K_4x^2 + f\right)a_1 + KK_3a = \frac{2K_3}{K} \left(KK_3x^1 + \frac{1}{K}K_4x^2 + f\right). \quad (15)$$

From a similar calculation, we have an analogous equation for  $x^2$  as follows:

$$\left( KK_3x^1 + \frac{1}{K}K_4x^2 + f \right) a_2 + \frac{1}{K}K_4a = \frac{2K_4}{K^3} \left( KK_3x^1 + \frac{1}{K}K_4x^2 + f \right). \quad (16)$$

At this stage, we recall that for a function  $y(t)$  of single argument  $t$ , an ODE of the form

$$(\alpha t + \beta) \frac{dy(t)}{dt} + \alpha y(t) = \gamma t + \delta \quad (\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta - \text{constants})$$

has a solution  $y(t) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\gamma t^2 + \delta t + \alpha C}{\alpha t + \beta}$  ( $C$  – constant). If we regard the equation (15) as such an ODE with respect to  $x^1$ , with  $x^2, x^3, x^4$  as parameters, then we have its solution as follows:

$$a = \frac{K_3^2 (x^1)^2 + \frac{2K_3K_4}{K^2}x^1x^2 + \frac{2}{K}K_3fx^1 + KK_3h^A(x^2, x^3, x^4)}{KK_3x^1 + \frac{1}{K}K_4x^2 + f}.$$

In a similar way, we can obtain a solution to (16) as follows:

$$a = \frac{\frac{1}{K^4}K_4^2 (x^2)^2 + \frac{2K_3K_4}{K^2}x^1x^2 + \frac{2}{K^3}K_4fx^2 + \frac{K_4}{K}h^B(x^1, x^3, x^4)}{KK_3x^1 + \frac{1}{K}K_4x^2 + f}.$$

In the above two equations,  $h^A$  and  $h^B$  are arbitrary functions of  $x^2, x^3, x^4$  and of  $x^1, x^3, x^4$ , respectively. Comparing the above two solutions for  $a$ , we have

$$KK_3h^A(x^2, x^3, x^4) = \frac{1}{K^4}K_4^2 (x^2)^2 + \frac{2}{K^3}K_4fx^2 + h(x^3, x^4),$$

$$\frac{K_4}{K}h^B(x^1, x^3, x^4) = \frac{2}{K}K_3fx^1 + K_3^2 (x^1)^2 + h(x^3, x^4),$$

where  $h(x^3, x^4)$  is an arbitrary function of  $x^3, x^4$ . Therefore, we see that  $a$  is written as

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \frac{K_3^2 (x^1)^2 + \frac{2K_3K_4}{K^2}x^1x^2 + \frac{1}{K^4}K_4^2 (x^2)^2 + \frac{2}{K}K_3fx^1 + \frac{2}{K^3}K_4fx^2 + h}{KK_3x^1 + \frac{1}{K}K_4x^2 + f} = \\ &= \frac{1}{K^2} \left( KK_3x^1 + \frac{1}{K}K_4x^2 + f - \frac{f^2 - K^2h}{KK_3x^1 + \frac{1}{K}K_4x^2 + f} \right). \end{aligned}$$

From this expression for  $a$ , we can obtain, with (13), the explicit form of the function  $b$  as well as  $a$ :

$$b = K^2a - 2KK_3x^1 - \frac{2}{K}K_4x^2 - 2f(x^3, x^4) =$$

$$= -KK_3x^1 - \frac{1}{K}K_4x^2 - f - \frac{f^2 - K^2h}{KK_3x^1 + \frac{1}{K}K_4x^2 + f}.$$

These expressions for  $a$  and  $b$  contain two arbitrary functions  $f$  and  $h$  of  $x^3$  and  $x^4$ . Taking into account of  $K = \{(b^2 + 4)/(a^2 + 4)\}^{1/4}$  for the above solutions  $a$  and  $b$ , we can see that there is a relation among  $f$ ,  $h$  and  $K$  as follows:

$$f^2 - K^2h = K^4 - 1.$$

At the final stage of the proof, we will arrange the expressions for  $a$ ,  $b$  so that they look simple. Keeping the last expression in mind, we can regard  $K$  as one of arbitrary functions with arguments  $x^3$ ,  $x^4$ , instead of  $h$ . Then, we denote  $K(x^3, x^4)$  by a new symbol  $\psi = \psi(x^3, x^4)$ , and also put  $\phi = \phi(x^3, x^4) = f(x^3, x^4)$ . If we write  $L = K_3x^1 + \frac{1}{K^2}K_4x^2 = \psi_3x^1 + \psi^{-2}\psi_4x^2$  as in (10), we have arrived at the desired expressions as in (9). Also, for  $a$  and  $b$  functions defined according to suitable coordinates values of  $(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4)$ ,  $\psi = \psi(x^3, x^4)$  and  $\phi = \phi(x^3, x^4)$  must be smooth functions of  $x^3$  and  $x^4$  such that  $\psi(x^3, x^4) \neq 0$  and  $\phi(x^3, x^4) \neq 0$  for suitable points  $(x^3, x^4)$ , and  $x^1 \neq -\frac{\psi_4}{\psi^2\psi_3}x^2 - \frac{\phi}{\psi\psi_3}$  must be satisfied for suitable points  $(x^1, x^2)$ . Such a case is classified as type  $\varphi_C$ . (End of the third step.)

Theorem 3 is proved.

**5. Paraholomorphic Norden–Walker (para-Kähler–Norden–Walker) metrics on  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$ .** Let  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  be an almost para-Norden–Walker manifold. If

$$(\Phi_\varphi g)_{kij} = \varphi_k^m \partial_m g_{ij} - \varphi_i^m \partial_k g_{mj} + g_{mj} (\partial_i \varphi_k^m - \partial_k \varphi_i^m) + g_{im} \partial_j \varphi_k^m = 0, \quad (17)$$

then by virtue of Theorem 1  $\varphi$  is integrable and the triple  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  is called a paraholomorphic Norden–Walker or a para-Kähler–Norden–Walker manifold. Taking account of Remark 1, we see that almost para-Kähler–Norden–Walker manifold with condition  $\Phi_\varphi g = 0$  and  $N_\varphi \neq 0$  does not exist.

We will write (4) and (7) in (17). By explicit calculation, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.** *The triple  $(M_4, \varphi, g)$  is para-Kähler–Norden–Walker if and only if the following PDEs hold:*

$$K_1 = 0, \quad K_2 = 0, \quad a_2 = a_4 = b_1 = b_3 = 0, \quad Ka_1 - 2K_3 = 0, \quad Kb_2 + 2K_4 = 0.$$

**Remark 2.** In a recent paper [20], a proper almost paracomplex structure on a Walker 4-manifold is defined and analyzed. The almost paracomplex structure  $\varphi$  defined in (6) coincides with that defined in [20] ((3)) in each of the cases (a)  $c = 0$  and  $a = b$ , and case (b)  $c = 0$  and  $a = -b$ . Note that in the former case (a),  $\varphi$  is integrable (cf. [20], Theorem 2). In fact, such happens in the following two situations:

- i)  $a(x^3, x^4) = b(x^3, x^4)$  in type  $\varphi_A$  (in Theorem 3),
- ii)  $a(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4) = b(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4)$  in type  $\varphi_B$  (in Theorem 3).

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