

## Characterization of the Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifolds admitting a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection

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**Abstract.** We set the goal to study the properties of  $LP$ -Sasakian manifolds equipped with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection. It is proved that the  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold endowed with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection is partially Ricci semisymmetric with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection if and only if it is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold. We also study the properties of semisymmetric, Ricci recurrent  $LP$ -Sasakian manifolds and  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection. In the end, the non-trivial example of a 4-dimensional  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection is given.

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### §1. Introduction

Motivated by the Sasakian structures, Matsumoto [11], in 1989, introduced the notion of Lorentzian para-Sasakian structures (briefly,  $LP$ -Sasakian structures). Mihai et al. [13] presented the same notion and found many fruitful results. Since then, many geometers studied the properties of  $LP$ -Sasakian manifolds and obtained several geometrical and physical results. We refer [1], [6], [12], [14], [16], [20], [24] and the references there in.

The pioneer work of Cartan [3] opened the door to study the symmetric spaces. A semi-Riemannian manifold  $M$  is said to be semisymmetric if the non-vanishing curvature tensor  $R$  with respect to the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  satisfies  $R \cdot R = 0$ . Szabó [22] gave the complete intrinsic classification of the semisymmetric manifolds, which generalize the notion of the locally symmetric

manifolds ( $\nabla R = 0$ ). Every semisymmetric manifold is Ricci semisymmetric ( $R \cdot S = 0$ ) although the converse is not true in general. Here  $S$  denotes the Ricci tensor with respect to  $\nabla$ .

The notion of quarter-symmetric metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  on a Riemannian manifold  $M$  was given by Golab [9] in 1975. After that many researchers defined and studied the properties of the quarter-symmetric connection on different structures. We cite [4], [5], [7], [15], [19], [21] and their references. A Linear connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  on a Riemannian manifold  $M$  is said to be a quarter-symmetric connection if the torsion tensor  $\tilde{T}$  of  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is defined by  $\tilde{T}(X, Y) = \tilde{\nabla}_X Y - \tilde{\nabla}_Y X - [X, Y]$  and satisfies

$$(1.1) \quad \tilde{T}(X, Y) = \eta(Y)\phi X - \eta(X)\phi Y$$

for all vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ . The quarter-symmetric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  defined on  $M$  is said to be metric if  $\tilde{\nabla}g = 0$ , otherwise it is non-metric. The present paper deals with the study of  $LP$ -Sasakian manifolds equipped with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection.

Motivated by the above studies, we will plan our work as: In Section 2, we brief the basic known results of the  $LP$ -Sasakian manifolds, some classes of the symmetric spaces, and the Weyl conformal and projective curvature tensors. Section 3 deals with the study of quarter-symmetric non-metric connection on the  $LP$ -Sasakian manifolds. The properties of partially Ricci semisymmetric and semisymmetric  $LP$ -Sasakian manifolds with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection are studied in Section 4 and Section 5, respectively. We prove the existence of the Ricci recurrent  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold and the properties of  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor on an  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold endowed with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection in Section 6. To validate the existence of quarter-symmetric non-metric connection on an  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold, a non-trivial example of the 4-dimensional  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold is given in Section 7.

## §2. Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifolds

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional differentiable manifold of differentiability class  $C^{r+1}$ . If  $M$  admits a  $(1, 1)$ -type vector valued linear function  $\phi$ , a 1-form  $\eta$ , and the associated vector field  $\xi$ , which satisfies

$$(2.1) \quad \phi^2 = I + \eta \otimes \xi \quad \text{and} \quad \eta(\xi) = -1,$$

then  $M$  is called a Lorentzian almost para-contact manifold [11] and the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is known as a Lorentzian almost para-contact structure on  $M$ . In view of (2.1), we immediate get

$$(2.2) \quad \phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta \circ \phi = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{rank } \phi = n - 1.$$

If the Lorentzian metric  $g$  of  $M$  holds

$$(2.3) \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad g(X, \xi) = \eta(X)$$

for all vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ , then  $(M, g)$  is known as a Lorentzian almost para-contact metric manifold. If, in addition,  $M$  satisfies

$$(2.4) \quad \nabla_X \xi = \phi X \iff (\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = g(\phi X, Y),$$

$$(2.5) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)(Y) = g(X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)X + 2\eta(X)\eta(Y)\xi$$

for all vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ , then it reduces to a Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold (briefly,  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold) [11]. We list the following known results of the  $LP$ -Sasakian manifolds (see [6])

$$(2.6) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y,$$

$$(2.7) \quad R(\xi, X)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X,$$

$$(2.8) \quad S(X, \xi) = (n - 1)\eta(X),$$

$$(2.9) \quad S(\phi X, \phi Y) = S(X, Y) + (n - 1)\eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

An  $n$ -dimensional semi-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is said to be partially Ricci semisymmetric if  $R(\xi, X) \cdot S = 0$  holds for all vector field  $X$  on  $M$ .

The idea of  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor on a Sasakian manifold was given by Kon [10]. An  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  possesses an  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor if the non-vanishing Ricci tensor  $S$  of  $M$  satisfies  $(\nabla_Z S)(\phi X, \phi Y) = 0$  for all vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ .

An  $n$ -dimensional  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  endowed with the non-zero Ricci tensor  $S$  is said to be a Ricci recurrent if  $(\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) = A(X)S(Y, Z)$  holds for all  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  on  $M$  [17]. Here  $A$  is a non-zero 1-form.

If the non-vanishing Ricci tensor  $S$  of an  $n$ -dimensional  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  satisfies  $S = ag + b\eta \otimes \eta$  for the smooth functions  $a$  and  $b$ , then  $M$  is said to be an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold. It is obvious that the smooth functions  $a$  and  $b$  on  $M$  are connected by  $a - b = n - 1$ . In particular, if  $b = 0$  and  $a$  is a non-zero constant then  $M$  is known as an Einstein manifold.

A conformal curvature tensor  $C$  on an  $n$ -dimensional semi-Riemannian manifold  $M$  is defined by

$$(2.10) \quad C(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-2}\{S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY\} + \frac{r}{(n-1)(n-2)}\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  on  $M$  [8]. Here  $Q$  is the Ricci operator corresponding to the Ricci tensor  $S$  and  $r$  is the scalar curvature of  $M$ , defined as  $r = \{\epsilon_i S(e_i, e_i)\}_{i=1}^n$ , where  $\{e_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is an orthonormal frame of reference on  $M$  and  $\epsilon_i = g(e_i, e_i)$ .

Apart from the conformal curvature tensor  $C$ , we may recall another important curvature tensor, called the projective curvature tensor  $P$  of  $M$ , and is defined as

$$P(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-1}\{S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y\}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  on  $M$  [23]. A semi-Riemannian manifold is said to be projectively flat or  $\xi$ -projectively flat if and only if  $P = 0$  or  $P(X, Y)\xi = 0$ , respectively.

### §3. Quarter-symmetric non-metric connection

Sular et al. [21], in 2008, defined and studied the properties of quarter-symmetric metric connection on a Kenmotsu manifold. The properties of the same connection on the different structures have been studied by many geometers, for instance see [2], [18] and their references. Let  $\tilde{\nabla}$  be a linear connection on an  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$ . If  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is connected with the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  of  $M$  by

$$(3.1) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y - \eta(X)\phi Y$$

for all vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ , then the linear connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  on  $M$  is said to be a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection and it satisfies the equation (1.1) and

$$(3.2) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_X g)(Y, Z) = 2\eta(X)g(\phi Y, Z)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  on  $M$ . The relation between the curvature tensors  $\tilde{R}$  and  $R$  with respect to the connections  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$ , respectively, is given by

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z + \{\eta(X)g(Y, Z) - \eta(Y)g(X, Z)\}\xi \\ &\quad - \{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\}\eta(Z) \end{aligned}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  on  $M$  [2]. Contracting (3.3) along the vector field  $X$ , we find

$$(3.4) \quad \tilde{S}(Y, Z) = S(Y, Z) - g(Y, Z) - n\eta(Y)\eta(Z),$$

which is equivalent to

$$(3.5) \quad \tilde{Q}Y = QY - Y - n\eta(Y)\xi$$

implies

$$\tilde{r} = r.$$

Here  $\tilde{S}$ ,  $\tilde{Q}$  and  $\tilde{r}$  denote the Ricci tensor, Ricci operator and scalar curvature with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . From the last equation, it is obvious that the scalar curvature with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  coincide on  $M$ . Setting  $Z = \xi$  in (3.3) and then the equations (2.1), (2.3) and (2.6) follows

$$(3.6) \quad \tilde{R}(X, Y)\xi = 2\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\}.$$

This reflects that the  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold equipped with  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is regular. Also we have

$$(3.7) \quad \tilde{R}(\xi, X)Y = -2\eta(Y)\{X + \eta(X)\xi\},$$

$$(3.8) \quad \tilde{S}(X, \xi) = 2(n-1)\eta(X).$$

The projective curvature tensor  $\tilde{P}$  with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  on an  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  is defined by

$$(3.9) \quad \tilde{P}(X, Y)Z = \tilde{R}(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-1}\{\tilde{S}(Y, Z)X - \tilde{S}(X, Z)Y\}$$

for arbitrary vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  [23]. From (3.6)-(3.9), we can find that

$$\tilde{P}(X, Y)\xi = 0.$$

Thus we can state:

**Lemma 3.1.** *An  $n$ -dimensional  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  endowed with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is  $\xi$ -projective flat with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$ .*

#### §4. Partially Ricci semisymmetric $LP$ -Sasakian manifolds with respect to a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection

The objective of this section is to study the properties of partially Ricci semisymmetric  $LP$ -Sasakian manifolds equipped with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . Before going to prove our results, we give the following definition.

**Definition 4.1.** An  $n$ -dimensional  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  equipped with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is said to be partially Ricci semisymmetric with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  if  $\tilde{R}(\xi, X) \cdot \tilde{S} = 0$  holds for all vector field  $X$  on  $M$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** An  $n$ -dimensional  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$ ,  $n > 2$ , equipped with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is partially Ricci semisymmetric with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$  if and only if  $M$  is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold with respect to the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$(\tilde{R}(X, Y) \cdot \tilde{S})(Z, U) = -\tilde{S}(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z, U) - \tilde{S}(Z, \tilde{R}(X, Y)U).$$

Setting  $X = \xi$  in the above equation and then using (3.4), (3.7) and (3.8) we obtain

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} (\tilde{R}(\xi, Y) \cdot \tilde{S})(Z, U) &= 2\eta(Z)\{S(Y, U) - g(Y, U) + (n-2)\eta(Y)\eta(U)\} \\ &\quad + 2\eta(U)\{S(Y, Z) - g(Y, Z) + (n-2)\eta(Y)\eta(Z)\}. \end{aligned}$$

If possible, we suppose that the  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  is partially Ricci semisymmetric with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ , then the equation (4.1) turns into the form

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(Z)\{S(Y, U) - g(Y, U) + (n-2)\eta(Y)\eta(U)\} \\ + \eta(U)\{S(Y, Z) - g(Y, Z) + (n-2)\eta(Y)\eta(Z)\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $U$  with  $\xi$  in the above equation and then using (2.1), (2.3) and (2.8), we get

$$(4.2) \quad S(Y, Z) = g(Y, Z) - (n-2)\eta(Y)\eta(Z),$$

which shows that the manifold  $M$  under consideration is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold with respect to the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ . Conversely, if possible, we consider that the  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  equipped with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  satisfies the equation (4.2). Thus the equations (4.1) and (4.2) reflect that  $\tilde{R}(\xi, Y) \cdot \tilde{S} = 0$ . Hence the statement of the Theorem 4.2 is proved.  $\square$

In consequence of (4.2), equation (3.4) assumes the form

$$(4.3) \quad \tilde{S}(Y, Z) = -2(n-1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z).$$

Thus we can state the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.3.** *A partially Ricci semisymmetric LP-Sasakian manifold  $M$ ,  $n > 2$ , endowed with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  satisfies  $\tilde{S} = -2(n-1)\eta \otimes \eta$ .*

In the next theorem, we establish the relation between the Weyl conformal curvature and projective curvature tensors for the connections  $\nabla$  and  $\tilde{\nabla}$ , respectively.

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional LP-Sasakian manifold equipped with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . Then  $M$  is partially Ricci semisymmetric with respect to the connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  if and only if the Weyl conformal curvature tensor with respect to the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  is equal to the projective curvature tensor with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and  $r = 2(n-1)$ .*

*Proof.* We suppose that the LP-Sasakian manifold  $M$  of dimension  $n$ ,  $n > 2$ , equipped with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is partially Ricci semisymmetric with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . Then the Theorem 4.2 tells us that the equations (4.2) and (4.3) are satisfied. From the equation (4.2), it is obvious that

$$(4.4) \quad QY = Y - (n-2)\eta(Y)\xi \quad \text{and} \quad r = 2(n-1).$$

Using the equations (4.2) and (4.4) in the equation (2.10), we have

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{aligned} C(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z - [\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X \\ &\quad - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi]. \end{aligned}$$

The equation (3.3) together with the equation (4.5) give

$$(4.6) \quad C(X, Y)Z = \tilde{R}(X, Y)Z + 2\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\}\eta(Z).$$

In light of the equations (3.9) and (4.2)-(4.6), we get

$$(4.7) \quad \tilde{P} = C \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{r} = r = 2(n-1).$$

To prove the converse part, we assume that the LP-Sasakian manifold  $M$  endowed with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  satisfies the equation (4.7). From (2.10), (3.9) and (4.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &- \frac{1}{n-2}\{S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)QX \\ &\quad - g(X, Z)QY\} + \frac{2}{n-2}\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \\ &= \tilde{R}(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-1}\{\tilde{S}(Y, Z)X - \tilde{S}(X, Z)Y\}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $Z = \xi$  in the above equation and then the equations (2.3), (2.6), (2.8), (3.8) along with the Lemma 3.1 follow that

$$\eta(Y)QX - \eta(X)QY = \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y.$$

Replacing  $X$  with  $\xi$  in the above equation, we obtain

$$QY = Y - (n - 2)\eta(Y)\xi,$$

which is equivalent to the equation (4.2) and hence the Theorem 4.2 shows that the manifold  $M$  under the consideration is partially Ricci semisymmetric with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . Thus the proof is completed.  $\square$

### §5. Semisymmetric $LP$ -Sasakian manifold with respect to a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection

In this section, we will study the properties of semisymmetric  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection. We prove the following theorems.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Every  $n$ -dimensional semisymmetric  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold with respect to a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is conformally flat with respect to the Levi-Civita connection.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold endowed with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . It is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{R}(X, Y) \cdot \tilde{R})(Z, U)V &= \tilde{R}(X, Y) \tilde{R}(Z, U)V - \tilde{R}(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z, U)V \\ &\quad - \tilde{R}(Z, \tilde{R}(X, Y)U)V - \tilde{R}(Z, U)\tilde{R}(X, Y)V. \end{aligned}$$

If possible, we assume that  $M$  is semisymmetric with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$ , that is,  $\tilde{R} \cdot \tilde{R} = 0$ . Using this fact along with  $X = \xi$  in the above equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(\xi, Y) \tilde{R}(Z, U)V - \tilde{R}(\tilde{R}(\xi, Y)Z, U)V \\ - \tilde{R}(Z, \tilde{R}(\xi, Y)U)V - \tilde{R}(Z, U)\tilde{R}(\xi, Y)V = 0. \end{aligned}$$

In view of (2.1), (2.2) and (3.7), the above equation takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(\tilde{R}(Z, U)V)\{Y + \eta(Y)\xi\} &= \eta(Z)\{\tilde{R}(Y, U)V + \eta(Y)\tilde{R}(\xi, U)V\} \\ &\quad + \eta(U)\{\tilde{R}(Z, Y)V + \eta(Y)\tilde{R}(Z, \xi)V\} + \eta(V)\{\tilde{R}(Z, U)Y + \eta(Y)\tilde{R}(Z, U)\xi\}. \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $V = \xi$  in the above equation and then using the equation (2.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(\tilde{R}(Z, U)\xi)\{Y + \eta(Y)\xi\} &= \eta(Z)\{\tilde{R}(Y, U)\xi + \eta(Y)\tilde{R}(\xi, U)\xi\} \\ (5.1) \quad &+ \eta(U)\{\tilde{R}(Z, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\tilde{R}(Z, \xi)\xi\} - \{\tilde{R}(Z, U)Y + \eta(Y)\tilde{R}(Z, U)\xi\}. \end{aligned}$$



From the equations (2.1), (2.3), (3.6) and (3.7), we can find that

$$(5.2) \quad \eta(\tilde{R}(X, Y)\xi) = 0, \quad \tilde{R}(X, \xi)\xi = -2\{X + \eta(X)\xi\} = -\tilde{R}(\xi, X)\xi.$$

With the help of the equations (2.2), (3.6), (3.7) and (5.2), the equation (5.1) takes the form

$$(5.3) \quad \tilde{R}(Z, U)Y = 2\eta(Y)\{\eta(Z)U - \eta(U)Z\},$$

which is equivalent to

$$(5.4) \quad R(Z, U)Y = \{\eta(U)g(Y, Z) - \eta(Z)g(U, Y)\}\xi + \eta(Y)\{\eta(Z)U - \eta(U)Z\},$$

where equation (3.3) is used. Contracting the equation (5.4) along the vector field  $Z$ , we find

$$(5.5) \quad S(U, Y) = g(U, Y) - (n - 2)\eta(Y)\eta(U).$$

This shows that the manifold under consideration is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold. From (5.5) we have

$$(5.6) \quad QU = U - (n - 2)\eta(U)\xi \implies r = 2(n - 1).$$

Thus the scalar curvature of the semisymmetric  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold endowed with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection is constant. In consequence of (2.10) and (5.4)-(5.6), we conclude that  $C = 0$ . That is the semisymmetric  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold endowed with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is conformally flat. Hence we have the statement of Theorem 5.1.  $\square$

It is well known that a conformally flat  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold is locally isometric to a sphere  $S^n(1)$ . Thus we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 5.2.** *An  $n$ -dimensional semisymmetric  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  endowed with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is locally isometric to the sphere  $S^n(1)$ .*

**Theorem 5.3.** *Suppose an  $n$ -dimensional semisymmetric  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  admits a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . Then  $M$  is projectively flat with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$ .*

*Proof.* Let an  $n$ -dimensional  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold endowed with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is semisymmetric with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . Thus the equation (5.3) holds on  $M$ . The contraction of (5.3) along the vector field  $Z$  gives

$$(5.7) \quad \tilde{S}(U, Y) = -2(n - 1)\eta(U)\eta(Y) \iff \tilde{Q}U = -2(n - 1)\eta(U)\xi.$$

Equations (3.9), (5.3) and (5.7) prove the statement of the Theorem 5.3.  $\square$

**§6. Some properties of the Ricci tensor with respect to a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection**

This section deals with the study of  $\eta$ -parallel and recurrent Ricci tensors of an  $n$ -dimensional  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  equipped with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ .

In light of the equations (2.2)-(2.5), (3.1) and (3.5), we obtain

$$(6.1) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{Q})(Y) = (\nabla_X Q)(Y) - n(\nabla_X \eta)(Y)\xi - n\eta(Y)\phi X - 2\eta(X)\phi Y.$$

From (3.1) and (3.2), we have

$$(6.2) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{S})(Y, Z) = g((\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{Q})(Y), Z) + 2\eta(X)\tilde{S}(Y, \phi Z).$$

The inner product of (6.1) with  $Z$  and then use of (6.2) give

$$(6.3) \quad \begin{aligned} (\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{S})(Y, Z) &= (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) - n(\nabla_X \eta)(Y)\eta(Z) - n\eta(Y)g(\phi X, Z) \\ &\quad + 2\eta(X)\{\tilde{S}(Y, \phi Z) - g(Y, \phi Z)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Changing  $Y$  and  $Z$  with  $\phi Y$  and  $\phi Z$  in the equation (6.3), we get

$$(6.4) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{S})(\phi Y, \phi Z) = (\nabla_X S)(\phi Y, \phi Z) + 2\eta(X)\{\tilde{S}(Z, \phi Y) - g(Z, \phi Y)\}.$$

We suppose that the  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and the Levi-Civita connection of an  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold coincide, then the equations (2.9), (3.4) and (6.4) give

$$(6.5) \quad S(Y, Z) = 2g(Y, Z) - (n - 3)\eta(Y)\eta(Z).$$

This shows that the manifold  $M$  under assumption is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold, provided  $n > 3$ . The converse part is obvious from (2.9), (3.4), (6.4) and (6.5). Thus we are in position to state the following theorem.

**Theorem 6.1.** *If an  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  of dimension  $n(> 3)$  admits a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . Then the  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensors of  $M$  with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection and the Levi-Civita connection are equal if and only if  $M$  is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.*

Now, we discuss the existence of Ricci recurrent  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold endowed with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . Let an  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  equipped with  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is Ricci recurrent with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$ , that is,  $M$  possesses a Ricci tensor  $\tilde{S}$  satisfies

$$(6.6) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{S})(Y, Z) = A(X)\tilde{S}(Y, Z).$$

Setting  $Z = \xi$  in (6.6), we have

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{S})(Y, \xi) = A(X)\tilde{S}(Y, \xi).$$

With the help of (2.1), (2.2), (3.8) and (6.3), the above equation assumes the form

$$(6.7) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Y, \xi) + n(\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = 2(n-1)A(X)\eta(Y).$$

It is well known that

$$(6.8) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_X S)(Y, \xi) &= \nabla_X S(Y, \xi) - S(\nabla_X Y, \xi) - S(Y, \nabla_X \xi) \\ &= (n-1)(\nabla_X \eta)(Y) - S(Y, \phi X). \end{aligned}$$

From (6.7) and (6.8), we have

$$(6.9) \quad S(Y, \phi X) = (2n-1)g(\phi X, Y) - 2(n-1)A(X)\eta(Y).$$

Replacing  $Y$  with  $\phi Y$  in (6.9), we find

$$S(X, Y) = (2n-1)g(X, Y) + n\eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

This reflects that the manifold under consideration is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold. Again changing  $X$  by  $\phi X$  in (6.9), we conclude that

$$(6.10) \quad A(\phi X) = 0 \implies AX = -A(\xi)\eta(X).$$

Again, setting  $X = \xi$  in (6.9), we get  $A(\xi) = 0$  and therefore the equation (6.10) reveals that  $A(X) = 0$ . Thus we can state the following theorem.

**Theorem 6.2.** *There does not exist a Ricci recurrent LP-Sasakian manifold with respect to a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection.*

### §7. Example

In this section, we give an example of LP-Sasakian manifold  $M$  of dimension 4 and prove the existence of a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection on  $M$ .

Let  $M$  be a differentiable manifold of dimension 4, defined by

$$M = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) : x_i \in \mathcal{R}, x_4 \neq 0, i = 1, 2, 3, 4\},$$

where  $\mathcal{R}$  denotes the set of real numbers. Let

$$e_1 = \frac{x_1}{x_4} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \quad e_2 = \frac{x_2}{x_4} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \quad e_3 = \frac{x_3}{x_4} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}, \quad e_4 = x_4 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4}$$

be a set of linearly independent vector fields of  $M$ . From the above equations, we can easily find that the non-vanishing components of the Lie bracket are

$$[e_1, e_4] = e_1, \quad [e_2, e_4] = e_2, \quad [e_3, e_4] = e_3.$$

Let  $\xi = e_4$  and  $g$  is the Lorentzian metric of  $M$  defined by

$$g(e_i, e_j) = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } i = j = 4 \\ 1, & \text{if } i = j = 1, 2, 3, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . The associated 1-form  $\eta$  corresponding to the metric  $g$  is given by  $g(X, e_4) = \eta(X)$  and the linear function  $\phi$  of  $M$  is defined by  $\phi e_i = e_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $\phi e_4 = 0$ . With help of the above equations, we can observe that the equations (2.1)-(2.3) hold for all  $e_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Above relations together with the Koszul's formula

$$2g(\nabla_X Y, Z) = Xg(Y, Z) + Yg(Z, X) - Zg(X, Y) \\ -g(X, [Y, Z]) - g(Y, [X, Z]) + g(Z, [X, Y])$$

give

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \nabla_{e_1} e_1 = e_4, & \nabla_{e_1} e_2 = 0, & \nabla_{e_1} e_3 = 0, & \nabla_{e_1} e_4 = e_1, \\ \nabla_{e_2} e_1 = 0, & \nabla_{e_2} e_2 = e_4, & \nabla_{e_2} e_3 = 0, & \nabla_{e_2} e_4 = e_2, \\ \nabla_{e_3} e_1 = 0, & \nabla_{e_3} e_2 = 0, & \nabla_{e_3} e_3 = e_4, & \nabla_{e_3} e_4 = e_3, \\ \nabla_{e_4} e_1 = 0, & \nabla_{e_4} e_2 = 0, & \nabla_{e_4} e_3 = 0, & \nabla_{e_4} e_4 = 0, \end{array}$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the Levi-Civita connection corresponding to the metric  $g$ . This shows that  $\nabla_X e_4 = \phi X$  for all  $X$  of  $M$ . Thus  $(M, g)$  is a 4-dimensional  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold. In consequence of the above equations and (3.1), we get

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_1 = e_4, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_2 = 0, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_3 = 0, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_4 = e_1, \\ \tilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_1 = 0, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_2 = e_4, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_3 = 0, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_4 = e_2, \\ \tilde{\nabla}_{e_3} e_1 = 0, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_3} e_2 = 0, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_3} e_3 = e_4, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_3} e_4 = e_3, \\ \tilde{\nabla}_{e_4} e_1 = e_1, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_4} e_2 = e_2, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_4} e_3 = e_3, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_4} e_4 = 0. \end{array}$$

Equation (1.1) together with the above equations give the non-zero components of torsion tensor with respect to the connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  as:

$$\tilde{T}(e_1, e_4) = -e_1, \quad \tilde{T}(e_2, e_4) = -e_2, \quad \tilde{T}(e_3, e_4) = -e_3.$$

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are arbitrary vector fields of  $M$ , then it can be expressed as  $X = X^1 e_1 + X^2 e_2 + X^3 e_3 + X^4 e_4$ ,  $Y = Y^1 e_1 + Y^2 e_2 + Y^3 e_3 + Y^4 e_4$ , where  $X^i$  and  $Y^i$  are scalars for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . We have

$$\tilde{T}(X, Y) = (X^1 Y^4 - X^4 Y^1) e_1 + (X^2 Y^4 - X^4 Y^2) e_2 + (X^3 Y^4 - X^4 Y^3) e_3$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(Y)\phi X - \eta(X)\phi Y &= (X^1Y^4 - X^4Y^1)e_1 \\ &+ (X^2Y^4 - X^4Y^2)e_2 + (X^3Y^4 - X^4Y^3)e_3. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the linear connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  defined by (3.1) on  $M$  is a quarter-symmetric connection. It is obvious that  $(\tilde{\nabla}_{e_4}g)(e_1, e_1) = -2 \neq 0$ . Therefore the quarter-symmetric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is non-metric.

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