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# Some Classes of Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian Manifolds Admitting a Quarter-symmetric Metric Connection

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## Abstract

The object of the present paper is to study a quarter-symmetric metric connection in an Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold. We study some curvature properties of an Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection. We study locally  $\phi$ -symmetric,  $\phi$ -symmetric, locally projective  $\phi$ -symmetric,  $\xi$ -projectively flat Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection.

**Key words:** Quarter-symmetric metric connection, Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold, locally  $\phi$ -symmetric manifold, locally projective  $\phi$ -symmetric manifold,  $\xi$ -projectively flat Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold.

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## 1 Introduction

The idea of semi-symmetric linear connection on a differentiable manifold was introduced by Friedmann and Schouten ([4]). Further, Hayden ([6]), introduced

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the idea of metric connection with torsion on a Riemannian manifold. In ([22]), Yano studied some curvature conditions for semi-symmetric connections in Riemannian manifolds. In 1975, Golab ([5]) defined and studied quarter-symmetric connection in a differentiable manifold.

A linear connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  on an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  is said to be a quarter-symmetric connection ([5]) if its torsion tensor  $\tilde{T}$  defined by

$$\tilde{T}(X, Y) = \tilde{\nabla}_X Y - \tilde{\nabla}_Y X - [X, Y], \quad (1.1)$$

is of the form

$$\tilde{T}(X, Y) = \eta(Y)\phi X - \eta(X)\phi Y, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\eta$  is 1-form and  $\phi$  is a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$ . In addition, if a quarter-symmetric linear connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  satisfies the condition

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X g)(Y, Z) = 0, \quad (1.3)$$

for all  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ , where  $\chi(M)$  is the set of all differentiable vector fields on  $M$ , then  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is said to be a quarter-symmetric metric connection. In particular, if  $\phi X = X$  and  $\phi Y = Y$  for all  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ , then the quarter-symmetric connection reduces to a semi-symmetric connection [4].

In 1980, R. S. Mishra and S. N. Pandey ([15]) studied quarter-symmetric metric connection and in particular, Ricci quarter-symmetric symmetric metric connection on Riemannian, Sasakian and Kaehlerian manifolds. Note that a quarter-symmetric metric connection is a Hayden connection with the torsion tensor of the form (1.2). Studies of various types of quarter-symmetric metric connection and their properties by various authors in ([1, 17, 18, 23]) among others.

The notion of locally symmetry of Riemannian manifolds have been weakened by many authors in several ways to a different extent. As a weaker version of local symmetry, T. Takahashi ([20]) introduced the notion of locally  $\phi$ -symmetry on Sasakian manifolds. In the context of contact geometry the notion of  $\phi$ -symmetry is introduced and studied by E. Boeckx, P. Buecken and L. Vanhecke ([2]) with several examples.

In monograph [8] are presented many properties of symmetric, recurrent, semi-symmetric, Einstein, Sasakian and other manifolds, see also [3, 10, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 13, 19].

In 2005, Yildiz and Murathan ([24]) studied Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds and proved that conformally flat and quasi conformally flat Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds are locally isometric with a sphere. In 2012, Yadav and Suthar ([25]) studied Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds.

**Definition 1.1.** An Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M^n$  is said to be locally  $\phi$ -symmetric if

$$\phi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z) = 0, \quad (1.4)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ . This notion was introduced by Takahashi for Sasakian manifolds ([20]).

**Definition 1.2.** An Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M^n$  is said to be  $\phi$ -symmetric if

$$\phi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z) = 0, \quad (1.5)$$

for arbitrary vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W$ .

The Projective curvature tensor is an important tensor from the differential geometric point of view. Let  $M$  be a  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold. If there exists a one-to-one correspondence between each co-ordinate neighbourhood of  $M$  and a domain in Euclidian space such that any geodesic of the Riemannian manifold corresponds to a straight line in the Euclidean space, then  $M$  is said to be locally projectively flat. For  $n \geq 3$ ,  $M$  is locally projectively flat if and only if the projective curvature tensor vanishes. Here the projective curvature tensor  $P$  is defined by

$$P(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-1}[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y], \quad (1.6)$$

for  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ , where  $S$  is the Ricci tensor of the manifold. In fact  $M$  is projectively flat if and only if it is of constant curvature. Thus the projective curvature tensor is the measure of the failure of a Riemannian manifold to be of constant curvature.

**Definition 1.3.** An Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M^n$  is said to be locally projective  $\phi$ -symmetric if

$$\phi^2((\nabla_W P)(X, Y)Z) = 0, \quad (1.7)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ , where  $P$  is the projective curvature tensor defined in (1.6).

**Definition 1.4.** A Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M^n$  is said to be  $\xi$  projective flat if

$$P(X, Y)\xi = 0, \quad (1.8)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ , This notion was first defined by Tripathi and Dwivedi ([21]). If equation (1.8) holds for  $X, Y$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ , we called such a manifold a horizontal  $\xi$ -projectively flat manifold.

In the present paper, we study Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold with respect to quarter-symmetric metric connection. Motivated by the above studies in this paper we give the relation between the Levi-Civita connection and the quarter-symmetric metric connection on a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold. We characterize locally  $\phi$ -symmetric Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian with respect to quarter-symmetric metric connection. Then we study  $\phi$ -symmetric Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds with respect to quarter-symmetric metric connection. We also study locally projective  $\phi$ -symmetric Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian with respect to quarter-symmetric metric connection. Next we cultivate  $\xi$ -projectively flat Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold with respect to quarter-symmetric metric connection. Finally we give an example of 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds with respect to quarter-symmetric metric connection.

## 2 Preliminaries

A  $n(= 2m + 1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold  $M$  is said to be a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold if it admits a  $(1, 1)$  tensor field  $\phi$ , a contravariant vector field  $\xi$ , a covariant vector field  $\eta$  and Lorentzian metric  $g$  which satisfy the following conditions

$$\phi^2 X = X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\eta(\xi) = -1, \phi\xi = 0, \eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad (2.2)$$

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

$$g(X, \xi) = \eta(X), \quad (2.4)$$

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

$\forall X, Y \in \chi(M)$  and for smooth functions  $\alpha$  on  $M$ ,  $\nabla$  denotes the covariant differentiation with respect to Lorentzian metric  $g$  ([16, 26]).

For a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold, it can be shown that ([16], [26]):

$$\nabla_X \xi = \alpha \phi X, \quad (2.6)$$

$$(\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = \alpha g(\phi X, Y), \quad (2.7)$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$ . Further on a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold, the following relations hold ([16])

$$g(R(X, Y)Z, \xi) = \eta(R(X, Y)Z) = \alpha^2[g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)], \quad (2.8)$$

$$R(\xi, X)Y = \alpha^2[g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X], \quad (2.9)$$

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \alpha^2[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y], \quad (2.10)$$

$$R(\xi, X)\xi = \alpha^2[X + \eta(X)\xi], \quad (2.11)$$

$$S(X, \xi) = S(\xi, X) = (n - 1)\alpha^2\eta(X), \quad (2.12)$$

$$S(\xi, \xi) = -(n - 1)\alpha^2, \quad (2.13)$$

$$Q\xi = (n - 1)\alpha^2\xi, \quad (2.14)$$

where  $Q$  is the Ricci operator, i.e.

$$g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y). \quad (2.15)$$

If  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection manifold  $M$ , then quarter-symmetric metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  in  $M$  is denoted by

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + \eta(Y)\phi(X). \quad (2.16)$$

## 3 Curvature tensor and Ricci tensor of Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold with respect to quarter-symmetric metric connection

Let  $\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z$  and  $R(X, Y)Z$  be the curvature tensors with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and with respect to the Riemannian

connection  $\nabla$  respectively on a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$ . A relation between the curvature tensors  $\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z$  and  $R(X, Y)Z$  on  $M$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z + \alpha[g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y - g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X] \\ &\quad + \alpha\eta(Z)[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y].\end{aligned}\quad (3.1)$$

Also from (3.1), we obtain

$$\tilde{S}(X, Y) = S(X, Y) + \alpha[g(X, Y) + n\eta(X)\eta(Y)], \quad (3.2)$$

where  $\tilde{S}$  and  $S$  are the Ricci tensor with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  respectively. Contracting (3.2), we obtain,

$$\tilde{r} = r, \quad (3.3)$$

where  $\tilde{r}$  and  $r$  are the scalar curvature tensor with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  respectively.

Also we have

$$\tilde{R}(\xi, X)Y = -\tilde{R}(X, \xi)Y = \alpha^2[g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X] + \alpha\eta(Y)[X + \eta(X)\xi], \quad (3.4)$$

$$\eta(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z) = \alpha^2[g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)], \quad (3.5)$$

$$\tilde{R}(X, Y)\xi = (\alpha^2 - \alpha)[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y], \quad (3.6)$$

$$\tilde{S}(X, \xi) = \tilde{S}(\xi, X) = (n - 1)(\alpha^2 - \alpha)\eta(X), \quad (3.7)$$

$$\tilde{S}(\xi, \xi) = -(n - 1)(\alpha^2 - \alpha), \quad (3.8)$$

$$\tilde{Q}X = QX - \alpha(n - 1)X, \quad (3.9)$$

$$\tilde{Q}\xi = (n - 1)(\alpha^2 - \alpha)\xi \quad (3.10)$$

$$\tilde{R}(\xi, X)\xi = (\alpha^2 - \alpha)[X + \eta(X)\xi], \quad (3.11)$$

#### 4 Locally $\phi$ -symmetric Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection

A Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M^n$  is said to be locally  $\phi$ -symmetric with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection if

$$\phi^2((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(X, Y)Z) = 0, \quad (4.1)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ .

From the equation (2.16) and (3.1), we have

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(X, Y)Z = (\nabla_W \tilde{R})(X, Y)Z + \eta(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z)\phi W. \quad (4.2)$$

Now differentiating equation (3.1) covariantly with respect to  $W$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}(\nabla_W \tilde{R})(X, Y)Z &= (\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z + \alpha[g((\nabla_W \phi)(X), Z)\phi Y \\ &\quad + g(\phi X, Z)(\nabla_W \phi)(Y) - g((\nabla_W \phi)(Y), Z)\phi X \\ &\quad - g(\phi Y, Z)(\nabla_W \phi)(X)] + \alpha(\nabla_W \eta)(Z)[\eta(Y)X \\ &\quad - \eta(X)Y] + \alpha\eta(Z)[(\nabla_W \eta)(Y)X - (\nabla_W \eta)(X)Y].\end{aligned}\quad (4.3)$$

In view of the equation (2.5) and (2.7), the above equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
(\nabla_W \tilde{R})(X, Y)Z &= (\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z + \alpha^2 g(W, X)\eta(Z)\phi Y \\
&\quad + \alpha^2 g(W, Z)\eta(X)\phi Y + \alpha^2 g(\phi X, Z)[g(W, Y)\xi \\
&\quad + \eta(Y)W] - \alpha^2 g(W, Y)\eta(Z)\phi X \\
&\quad - \alpha^2 g(W, Z)\eta(Y)\phi X - \alpha^2 g(\phi Y, Z)[g(W, X)\xi \\
&\quad + \eta(X)W] + \alpha^2 g(\phi W, Z)[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] \\
&\quad + \alpha^2 \eta(Z).
\end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

Now using the equation (3.5), (2.2) and (4.4) in (4.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi^2((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(X, Y)Z) &= \phi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z) + \alpha^2 g(W, X)\eta(Z)\phi^2(\phi Y) \\
&\quad + \alpha^2 g(W, Z)\eta(X)\phi^2(\phi Y) + \alpha^2 g(\phi X, Z)\eta(Y)\phi^2 W \\
&\quad - \alpha^2 g(W, X)\eta(Z)\phi^2(\phi X) - \alpha^2 g(W, Z)\eta(Y)\phi^2(\phi X) \\
&\quad - \alpha^2 g(\phi Y, Z)\eta(X)\phi^2 W + \alpha^2 g(\phi W, Z)\eta(Y)\phi^2 X \\
&\quad - \alpha^2 g(\phi W, Z)\eta(X)\phi^2 Y + \alpha^2 \eta(Z)[g(\phi W, Y)\phi^2 X \\
&\quad - g(\phi W, X)\phi^2 Y] + \alpha^2 [g(Y, Z)\eta(X) \\
&\quad - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)]\phi^2(\phi W).
\end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

Consider  $X, Y, Z$  and  $W$  are orthogonal to  $\xi$ , then equation (4.5) yields

$$\phi^2((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(X, Y)Z) = \phi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z). \tag{4.6}$$

Hence we can state the following

**Theorem 4.1.** *In a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold, the quarter-symmetric metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is locally  $\phi$ -symmetric iff the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  is also locally  $\phi$ -symmetric.*

## 5 $\phi$ -symmetric Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection

A Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M^n$  is said to be  $\phi$ -symmetric with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection if

$$\phi^2((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(X, Y)Z) = 0, \tag{5.1}$$

for arbitrary vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W$ .

Let us consider a  $\phi$ -symmetric Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds with respect to quarter-symmetric metric connection. Then by virtue of (2.1) and (5.1) we have

$$((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(X, Y)Z) + \eta((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(X, Y)Z)\xi = 0 \tag{5.2}$$

from which it follows that

$$g((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(X, Y)Z, U) + \eta((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(X, Y)Z)g(\xi, U) = 0 \tag{5.3}$$

Let  $e_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at any point of the manifold. Then putting  $X = U = e_i$  in (5.3) and taking summation over  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we have

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{S})(Y, Z) + \sum_{i=1}^n \eta((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(e_i, Y)Z)\eta(e_i) = 0 \quad (5.4)$$

The second term of (5.4) by putting  $Z = \xi$  takes the form

$$\eta((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(e_i, Y)\xi)\eta(e_i) = g((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi)g(e_i, \xi), \quad (5.5)$$

By using (2.16) and (4.2), we can write

$$g((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) = g((\nabla_W \tilde{R})(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) + \eta(\tilde{R}(e_i, Y)\xi)\phi W \quad (5.6)$$

After some calculations, from (5.6) we have

$$g((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) = g((\nabla_W \tilde{R})(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi). \quad (5.7)$$

In Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold, we have

$$g((\nabla_W \tilde{R})(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) = 0.$$

So from (5.7) we get

$$g((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{R})(e_i, Y)\xi, \xi) = 0 \quad (5.8)$$

By replacing  $Z = \xi$  in (5.4) and using (5.8), we get

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{S})(Y, \xi) = 0 \quad (5.9)$$

we know that

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{S})(Y, \xi) = \tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{S}(Y, \xi) - \tilde{S}(\tilde{\nabla}_W Y, \xi) - \tilde{S}(Y, \tilde{\nabla}_W \xi). \quad (5.10)$$

Now using (2.6), (2.12), (2.16) and (3.7), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{S})(Y, \xi) &= (n-1)(\alpha^2 - \alpha)\alpha g(Y, \phi W) \\ &\quad - (\alpha-1)[S(Y, \phi W) + \alpha g(Y, \phi W)] \end{aligned} \quad (5.11)$$

Applying (5.11) in (5.9), we obtain

$$S(Y, \phi W) = g(Y, \phi W)[(n-1)\alpha^2 - \alpha] \quad (5.12)$$

Replacing  $W$  by  $\phi W$  we get

$$S(Y, W) = g(Y, W)[(n-1)\alpha^2 - \alpha] - \alpha \eta(Y)\eta(W), \quad (5.13)$$

Contracting (5.13), we get

$$r = (n-1)\alpha[n\alpha - 1] \quad (5.14)$$

This leads to the following theorem

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\phi$ -symmetric Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold with respect to quarter-symmetric metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . Then the manifold has a scalar curvature  $r = (n-1)\alpha[n\alpha - 1]$  with respect to Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  of  $M$ .*



## 6 Locally Projective $\phi$ -symmetric Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection

A Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M^n$  is said to be locally projective  $\phi$ -symmetric with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection if

$$\phi^2((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{P})(X, Y)Z) = 0, \quad (6.1)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ , where  $\tilde{P}$  is the projective curvature tensor defined as follows:

$$\tilde{P}(X, Y)Z = \tilde{R}(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-1}[\tilde{S}(Y, Z)X - \tilde{S}(X, Z)Y], \quad (6.2)$$

where  $\tilde{R}$  and  $\tilde{S}$  are the Riemannian curvature tensor and Ricci tensor with respect to quarter-symmetric metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ .

Using equation (2.16), we can write

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{P})(X, Y)Z = (\nabla_W \tilde{P})(X, Y)Z + \eta(\tilde{P}(X, Y)Z)\phi W, \quad (6.3)$$

Now differentiating equation (6.2) with respect to  $W$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_W \tilde{P})(X, Y)Z &= (\nabla_W \tilde{R})(X, Y)Z \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{n-1}[(\nabla_W \tilde{S})(Y, Z)X - (\nabla_W \tilde{S})(X, Z)Y]. \end{aligned} \quad (6.4)$$

In view of equations (4.4) and (3.2) above equation reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_W \tilde{P})(X, Y)Z &= (\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z + \alpha^2 g(W, X)\eta(Z)\phi Y \\ &\quad + \alpha^2 g(W, Z)\eta(X)\phi Y + \alpha^2 g(\phi X, Z)[g(W, Y)\xi \\ &\quad + \eta(Y)W] - \alpha^2 g(W, Y)\eta(Z)\phi X \\ &\quad - \alpha^2 g(W, Z)\eta(Y)\phi X - \alpha^2 g(\phi Y, Z)[g(W, X)\xi \\ &\quad + \eta(X)W] + \alpha^2 g(\phi W, Z)[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] \\ &\quad + \alpha^2 \eta(Z) - \frac{1}{n-1}[(\nabla_W S)(Y, Z)X - (\nabla_W S)(X, Z)Y \\ &\quad + \alpha^2 n\{g(\phi W, Y)\eta(Z)X + g(\phi W, Z)\eta(Y)X\} \\ &\quad - \alpha^2 n\{g(\phi W, X)\eta(Z)Y + g(\phi W, Z)\eta(X)Y\}], \end{aligned} \quad (6.5)$$

which on using equation (6.2) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned}
(\nabla_W \tilde{P})(X, Y)Z &= (\nabla_W P)(X, Y)Z + \alpha^2 g(W, X)\eta(Z)\phi Y \\
&+ \alpha^2 g(W, Z)\eta(X)\phi Y + \alpha^2 g(\phi X, Z)[g(W, Y)\xi \\
&+ \eta(Y)W] - \alpha^2 g(W, Y)\eta(Z)\phi X \\
&- \alpha^2 g(W, Z)\eta(Y)\phi X - \alpha^2 g(\phi Y, Z)[g(W, X)\xi \\
&+ \eta(X)W] + \alpha^2 g(\phi W, Z)[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] \\
&+ \alpha^2 \eta(Z) - \frac{\alpha^2 n}{n-1} [\{g(\phi W, Y)\eta(Z)X \\
&+ g(\phi W, Z)\eta(Y)X\} - \{g(\phi W, X)\eta(Z)Y + \phi W, Z)\eta(X)Y\}]. \quad (6.6)
\end{aligned}$$

Now using (3.5) on (6.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\eta(\tilde{P}(X, Y)Z) &= \alpha^2 [g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)] - \frac{1}{n-1} [\tilde{S}(Y, Z)\eta(X) \\
&- \tilde{S}(X, Z)\eta(Y)]. \quad (6.7)
\end{aligned}$$

Applying the equations (2.2), (6.6) and (6.7) in (6.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi^2((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{P})(X, Y)Z) &= \phi^2((\nabla_W P)(X, Y)Z) + \alpha^2 g(W, X)\eta(Z)\phi^2(\phi Y) \\
&+ \alpha^2 g(W, Z)\eta(X)\phi^2(\phi Y) + \alpha^2 g(\phi X, Z)\eta(Y)\phi^2 W \\
&- \alpha^2 g(W, X)\eta(Z)\phi^2(\phi X) - \alpha^2 g(W, Z)\eta(Y)\phi^2(\phi X) \\
&- \alpha^2 g(\phi Y, Z)\eta(X)\phi^2 W + \alpha^2 g(\phi W, Z)\eta(Y)\phi^2 X \\
&- \alpha^2 g(\phi W, Z)\eta(X)\phi^2 Y + \alpha^2 \eta(Z)[g(\phi W, Y)\phi^2 X \\
&- g(\phi W, X)\phi^2 Y] + \alpha^2 [g(Y, Z)\eta(X) \\
&- g(X, Z)\eta(Y)]\phi^2(\phi W) - \frac{1}{n-1} [\tilde{S}(Y, Z)\eta(X) \\
&- \tilde{S}(X, Z)\eta(Y)]\phi^2(\phi W) - \frac{\alpha^2 n}{n-1} [\{g(\phi W, Y)\eta(Z)\phi^2 X \\
&+ g(\phi W, Z)\eta(Y)\phi^2 X\} - \{g(\phi W, X)\eta(Z)\phi^2 Y \\
&+ \phi W, Z)\eta(X)\phi^2 Y\}]. \quad (6.8)
\end{aligned}$$

By assuming  $X, Y, Z, W$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ , above equation reduces to

$$\phi^2((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{P})(X, Y)Z) = \phi^2((\nabla_W P)(X, Y)Z). \quad (6.9)$$

Hence we can state as follows:

**Theorem 6.1.** *A  $n$ -dimensional Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is locally projective  $\phi$ -symmetric with respect to quarter-symmetric metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  if and only if it is locally projective  $\phi$ -symmetric with respect to the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ .*

Again using the equations (2.2), (6.5) and (6.7) in (6.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi^2((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{P})(X, Y)Z) &= \phi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z) + \alpha^2 g(W, X)\eta(Z)\phi^2(\phi Y) \\
&+ \alpha^2 g(W, Z)\eta(X)\phi^2(\phi Y) + \alpha^2 g(\phi X, Z)\eta(Y)\phi^2 W \\
&- \alpha^2 g(W, X)\eta(Z)\phi^2(\phi X) - \alpha^2 g(W, Z)\eta(Y)\phi^2(\phi X) \\
&- \alpha^2 g(\phi Y, Z)\eta(X)\phi^2 W + \alpha^2 g(\phi W, Z)\eta(Y)\phi^2 X \\
&- \alpha^2 g(\phi W, Z)\eta(X)\phi^2 Y + \alpha^2 \eta(Z)[g(\phi W, Y)\phi^2 X \\
&- g(\phi W, X)\phi^2 Y] + \alpha^2 [g(Y, Z)\eta(X) \\
&- g(X, Z)\eta(Y)]\phi^2(\phi W) - \frac{1}{n-1}[\tilde{S}(Y, Z)\eta(X) \\
&- \tilde{S}(X, Z)\eta(Y)]\phi^2(\phi W) - \frac{\alpha^2 n}{n-1}[\{g(\phi W, Y)\eta(Z)\phi^2 X \\
&+ g(\phi W, Z)\eta(Y)\phi^2 X\} - \{g(\phi W, X)\eta(Z)\phi^2 Y \\
&+ g(W, Z)\eta(X)\phi^2 Y\}] - \frac{1}{n-1}[(\nabla_W S)(Y, Z)\phi^2 X \\
&- (\nabla_W S)(X, Z)\phi^2 Y]. \tag{6.10}
\end{aligned}$$

Taking  $X, Y, Z, W$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  in equation (6.10), we obtain by some calculation

$$\phi^2((\tilde{\nabla}_W \tilde{P})(X, Y)Z) = \phi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z). \tag{6.11}$$

Hence we can state as follows:

**Theorem 6.2.** *An  $n$ -dimensional Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is locally projective  $\phi$ -symmetric with respect to quarter-symmetric metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  if and only if it is locally  $\phi$ -symmetric with respect to the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ .*

## 7 $\xi$ -projectively flat Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection

A Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M^n$  with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection is said to be  $\xi$  projective flat if

$$\tilde{P}(X, Y)\xi = 0, \tag{7.1}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ . This notion was first defined by Tripathi and Dwivedi ([21]). If equation (7.1) holds for  $X, Y$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ , we called such a manifold a horizontal  $\xi$ -projectively flat manifold.

Using (3.1) in (6.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{P}(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z + \alpha[g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y - g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X] \\
&+ \alpha\eta(Z)[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] - \frac{1}{n-1}[\tilde{S}(Y, Z)X - \tilde{S}(X, Z)Y]. \tag{7.2}
\end{aligned}$$

Putting  $Z = \xi$  and using (2.2), (2.10) and (3.7) in (7.2), we get

$$\tilde{P}(X, Y)\xi = 0. \tag{7.3}$$

Hence we state the following theorem:

**Theorem 7.1.** *A  $n$ -dimensional Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is  $\xi$ -projectively flat with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection.*

Now using (3.2) in (7.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z \\ &+ \alpha[g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y - g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X] + \alpha\eta(Z)[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] \\ &- \frac{1}{n-1}[S(Y, Z)X + \alpha X\{g(Y, Z) + n\eta(Y)\eta(Z)\} \\ &- S(X, Z)Y - \alpha Y\{g(X, Z) + n\eta(X)\eta(Z)\}] \end{aligned} \quad (7.4)$$

In view of (1.6), the above equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}(X, Y)Z &= P(X, Y)Z + \alpha[g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y - g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X] \\ &+ \alpha\eta(Z)[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] - \frac{1}{n-1}[\alpha X\{g(Y, Z) \\ &+ n\eta(Y)\eta(Z)\} - \alpha Y\{g(X, Z) + n\eta(X)\eta(Z)\}], \end{aligned} \quad (7.5)$$

where  $P$  be the projective curvature tensor with respect to the Levi-Civita connection.

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (7.5) and using (2.2), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}(X, Y)\xi &= P(X, Y)\xi - \alpha[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] \\ &- \frac{1}{n-1}[\alpha X\eta(Y) - n\alpha X\eta(Y) - \alpha Y\eta(X) + n\alpha Y\eta(X)]. \end{aligned} \quad (7.6)$$

It implies that

$$\tilde{P}(X, Y)\xi = P(X, Y)\xi; \quad (7.7)$$

$\forall X, Y$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ .

In view of above discussions we can state the following theorem:

**Theorem 7.2.** *A  $n$ -dimensional Lorentzian  $\xi$ -Sasakian manifold is horizontal  $\xi$ -projectively flat with respect to the semi-symmetric metric connection if and only if the manifold is  $\xi$ -projectively flat with respect to the Levi-Civita connection.*

## 8 Example of 3-dimensional Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold with respect to quarter-symmetric metric connection

We consider a 3-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x, y, u) \in R^3\}$ , where  $(x, y, u)$  are the standard coordinates of  $R^3$ . Let  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  be the vector fields on  $M^3$  given by

$$e_1 = e^u \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad e_2 = e^u \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad e_3 = e^u \frac{\partial}{\partial u}.$$

Clearly,  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  is a set of linearly independent vectors for each point of  $M$  and hence a basis of  $\chi(M)$ . The Lorentzian metric  $g$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} g(e_1, e_2) &= g(e_2, e_3) = g(e_1, e_3) = 0, \\ g(e_1, e_1) &= 1, \quad g(e_2, e_2) = 1, \quad g(e_3, e_3) = -1. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(Z) = g(Z, e_3)$  for any  $Z \in \chi(M)$  and the  $(1, 1)$  tensor field  $\phi$  is defined by

$$\phi e_1 = -e_1, \quad \phi e_2 = -e_2, \quad \phi e_3 = 0.$$

From the linearity of  $\phi$  and  $g$ , we have

$$\eta(e_3) = -1, \quad \phi^2 X = X + \eta(X)e_3$$

and

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

for any  $X \in \chi(M)$ . Then for  $e_3 = \xi$ , the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defines a Lorentzian paracontact structure on  $M$ .

Let  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to the Lorentzian metric  $g$ . Then we have

$$[e_1, e_2] = 0, \quad [e_1, e_3] = e_1 e^{-u}, \quad [e_2, e_3] = e_2 e^{-u}.$$

Koszul's formula is defined by

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

Then from above formula we can calculate the followings:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{e_1} e_1 &= -e_3 e^u, & \nabla_{e_1} e_2 &= 0, & \nabla_{e_1} e_3 &= -e_1 e^u, \\ \nabla_{e_2} e_1 &= 0, & \nabla_{e_2} e_2 &= -e_3 e^u, & \nabla_{e_2} e_3 &= -e_2 e^u, \\ \nabla_{e_3} e_1 &= 0, & \nabla_{e_3} e_2 &= 0, & \nabla_{e_3} e_3 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

From the above calculations, we see that the manifold under consideration satisfies  $\eta(\xi) = -1$  and  $\nabla_X \xi = \alpha \phi X$  for  $\alpha = e^u$ .

Hence the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold.

Using (2.16), we find  $\tilde{\nabla}$ , the quarter-symmetric metric connection on  $M$  following:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_1 &= -e_3 e^u, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_2 &= 0, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_3 &= e_1(1 - e^u), \\ \tilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_1 &= 0, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_2 &= -e_3 e^u, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_3 &= e_2(1 - e^u), \\ \tilde{\nabla}_{e_3} e_1 &= 0, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_3} e_2 &= 0, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_3} e_3 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using (1.2), the torsion tensor  $T$ , with respect to quarter-symmetric metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}(e_i, e_i) &= 0, \quad \forall i = 1, 2, 3, \\ \tilde{T}(e_1, e_2) &= 0, \quad \tilde{T}(e_1, e_3) = e_1, \quad \tilde{T}(e_2, e_3) = e_2. \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_{e_1}g)(e_2, e_3) = 0, \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_{e_2}g)(e_3, e_1) = 0, \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_{e_3}g)(e_1, e_2) = 0.$$

Thus  $M$  is Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold with quarter-symmetric metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ .

By using the above results, we can easily obtain the components of the curvature tensor as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} R(e_1, e_3)e_3 &= -e_1\alpha^2, \quad R(e_2, e_1)e_1 = e_2\alpha^2, \quad R(e_2, e_3)e_3 = -e_2\alpha^2, \\ R(e_3, e_1)e_1 &= e_3\alpha^2, \quad R(e_3, e_2)e_2 = e_3\alpha^2, \quad R(e_1, e_2)e_3 = 0, \\ R(e_2, e_3)e_2 &= -e_3\alpha^2, \quad R(e_1, e_2)e_2 = e_1\alpha^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(e_1, e_3)e_3 &= e_1(\alpha - \alpha^2), \quad \tilde{R}(e_2, e_1)e_1 = e_2(\alpha^2 - \alpha), \\ \tilde{R}(e_2, e_3)e_3 &= e_2(\alpha - \alpha^2), \quad \tilde{R}(e_3, e_1)e_1 = e_3\alpha^2, \\ \tilde{R}(e_3, e_2)e_2 &= e_3\alpha^2, \quad \tilde{R}(e_1, e_2)e_3 = 0, \quad \tilde{R}(e_2, e_3)e_2 = -e_3\alpha^2, \\ \tilde{R}(e_1, e_2)e_2 &= e_1(\alpha^2 - \alpha). \end{aligned}$$

Using the expressions of the curvature tensors, we find the values of the Ricci tensors as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} S(e_1, e_1) &= 0, \quad S(e_2, e_2) = 0, \quad S(e_3, e_3) = -2\alpha^2, \\ S(e_1, e_2) &= 0, \quad S(e_2, e_3) = 0, \quad S(e_1, e_3) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{S}(e_1, e_1) &= \alpha, \quad \tilde{S}(e_2, e_2) = \alpha, \quad \tilde{S}(e_3, e_3) = 2(\alpha - \alpha^2), \\ \tilde{S}(e_1, e_2) &= 0, \quad \tilde{S}(e_2, e_3) = 0, \quad \tilde{S}(e_1, e_3) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

By the above expressions and using the definition of Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold, one can easily see that Theorems 4.1, 6.1 and 6.2 are verified below:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^2((\tilde{\nabla}_W\tilde{R})(X, Y)Z) &= \phi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z), \\ \phi^2((\tilde{\nabla}_W\tilde{P})(X, Y)Z) &= \phi^2((\nabla_W P)(X, Y)Z), \\ \phi^2((\tilde{\nabla}_W\tilde{P})(X, Y)Z) &= \phi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are any two vector fields given by  $X = a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 + a_3e_3$  and  $Y = b_1e_1 + b_2e_2 + b_3e_3$ .

Using (6.2) and above relations, we get

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

which verifies the Theorem 7.1.

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