

ON EINSTEIN LORENTZIAN  $\alpha$ -SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS

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**Abstract:** In the present paper we study an Einstein Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds. Here we have shown that an Einstein Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold satisfying  $R(X, Y)P = 0$  and  $R(X, Y)N = 0$ , where  $P$  is projective curvature tensor and  $N$  is conharmonic curvature tensor and is locally isometric to a unit sphere  $S^n(\alpha)$ .

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1. Introduction

In [14], S. Tanno classified connected almost contact metric manifolds whose automorphism group possesses the maximum dimension. For such a manifold, the sectional curvature of a plane sections containing  $\xi$  is a constant, say  $c$ . He showed that they can be divided into three classes:

(1) homogeneous normal contact Riemannian manifolds with  $c > 0$ ,

(2) global Riemannian products of a line or a circle with a Kaehler manifold of constant holomorphic sectional curvature if  $c = 0$  and

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(3) a warped product space  $\mathbf{R} \times_f \mathbf{C}$  if  $c > 0$ .

It is known that the manifolds of class (1) are characterized by admitting a Sasakian structure. Kenmotsu [8] characterized the differential geometric properties of the manifolds of class (3); the structure so obtained is now known as Kenmotsu structure. In general, these structures are not Sasakian [8]. In the Gray-Hervella classification of almost Hermitian manifolds [7], there appears a class,  $W_4$ , of Hermitian manifolds which are closely related to locally conformal Kaehler manifolds [6]. An almost contact metric structure on a manifold  $M$  is called a trans-Sasakian structure [13] if the product manifold  $M \times \mathbf{R}$  belongs to the class  $W_4$ . The class  $C_6 \oplus C_5$  (see [11], [12]) coincides with the class of the trans-Sasakian structures of type  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . In fact, in [12], local nature of the two subclasses, namely,  $C_5$  and  $C_6$  structures, of trans-Sasakian structures are characterized completely. We note that trans-Sasakian structures of type  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(0, \beta)$  and  $(\alpha, 0)$  are cosymplectic [3],  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu [8] and  $\alpha$ -Sasakian [8] respectively.

In 2005, Ahmet Yildiz [16] studied Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds and proved that conformally flat and quasi-coformally flat Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds are locally isometric with a sphere  $S^{2^n+1}$ . And in 2007, C.S. Bagewadi and Venkatesha [1] studied trans-Sasakian manifolds satisfying  $R(X, Y).C = 0$ ,  $R(X, Y).P = 0$  and  $R(X, Y).\bar{P} = 0$  and they obtained some useful results.

In this paper we study Einstein Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold satisfying  $R(X, Y).P = 0$  and  $R(X, Y).N = 0$ , where  $P$  is projective curvature tensor and  $N$  is conharmonic curvature tensor respectively, and show that such a manifold is of constant scalar curvature in both the cases.

## 2. Preliminaries

A differentiable manifold  $M$  of dimension  $n$  is called Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold if it admits a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $\phi$ , a contravariant vector field  $\xi$ , a covariant vector field  $\eta$  and a Lorentzian metric  $g$  which satisfy (see [16], [4])

$$\eta(\xi) = -1, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\phi^2 = I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad (2.2)$$

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

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

$$\phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad (2.5)$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$ .

Also Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  is satisfying (see [5])

$$(a) \nabla_X \xi = -\alpha \phi X, \quad (b) (\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = -\alpha g(\phi X, Y), \quad (2.6)$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the Lorentzian metric  $g$ .

Further, on Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  the following relations hold (see [15], [10])

$$\eta(R(X, Y)Z) = \alpha^2(g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)), \quad (2.7)$$

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

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

$$R(\xi, X)\xi = \alpha^2(\eta(X)\xi + X), \quad (2.10)$$

$$(\nabla_X \phi)(Y) = \alpha[g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X], \quad (2.11)$$

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

$$g(R(\xi, X)Y, \xi) = -\alpha^2[g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)], \quad (2.13)$$

The projective curvature tensor  $P$  [1] and conharmonic curvature tensor  $N$  [9] on a Riemannian manifold  $M$  are defined respectively as

$$P(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-1}[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y], \quad (2.14)$$

$$N(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-2}[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)r(X) - g(X, Z)r(Y)], \quad (2.15)$$

where  $R$  is the curvature tensor,  $S$  is the Ricci tensor and  $r$  is the scalar curvature.

### 3. An Einstein Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian Manifold Satisfying $R(X, Y) \cdot P = 0$

Let the Riemannian manifold  $M$  be Einstein manifold, then (2.14) gives

$$P(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{k}{n-1}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]. \quad (3.1)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(P(X, Y)Z) &= g(P(X, Y)Z, \xi) \\ &= g(R(X, Y)Z - \frac{k}{n-1}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y], \xi) \\ &= \alpha^2[g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)] \end{aligned}$$

$$- \frac{k}{n-1} [g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)]$$

or

$$\eta(P(X, Y)Z) = \left( \alpha^2 - \frac{k}{n-1} \right) [g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)]. \quad (3.2)$$

Taking  $X = \xi$  in (3.2) and using (2.1) and (2.4) we get

$$\eta(P(\xi, Y)Z) = \left( \frac{k}{n-1} - \alpha^2 \right) [g(Y, Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)]. \quad (3.3)$$

Again, taking  $Z = \xi$  in (3.2) and using (2.1) and (2.4), we get

$$\eta(P(X, Y)\xi) = 0. \quad (3.4)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} (R(X, Y)P)(U, V)W &= R(X, Y)P(U, V)W - P(R(X, Y)U, V)W \\ &\quad - P(U, R(X, Y)V)W - P(U, V)R(X, Y)W. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Let  $R(X, Y).P = 0$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)P(U, V)W - P(R(X, Y)U, V)W \\ - P(U, R(X, Y)V)W - P(U, V)R(X, Y)W = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} g[R(X, Y)P(U, V)W, \xi] - g[P(R(X, Y)U, V)W, \xi] \\ - g[P(U, R(X, Y)V)W, \xi] - g[P(U, V)R(X, Y)W, \xi] = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Put  $X = \xi$  in (3.10) we get

$$\begin{aligned} g[R(\xi, Y)P(U, V)W, \xi] - g[P(R(\xi, Y)U, V)W, \xi] \\ - g[P(U, R(\xi, Y)V)W, \xi] - g[P(U, V)R(\xi, Y)W, \xi] = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

From this it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} -\alpha^2 \tilde{P}(U, V, W, Y) - \eta(Y)\eta(P(U, V)W) + \eta(U)\eta(P(Y, V)W) \\ + \eta(V)\eta(P(U, Y)W) + \eta(W)\eta(P(U, V)Y) - \alpha^2 g(Y, U)\eta(P(\xi, V)W) \\ - \alpha^2 g(Y, V)\eta(P(U, \xi)W) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

where

$$\tilde{P}(U, V, W, Y) = g(P(U, V)W, Y).$$

Taking  $Y = U$  in (3.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}(U, V, W, U) + \eta(V)\eta(P(U, U)W) + \eta(W)\eta(P(U, V)U) \\ - g(U, U)\eta(P(\xi, V)W) - g(U, V)\eta(P(U, \xi)W) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Let  $\{e_i\}$   $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at any point. Then the sum for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  of the relation (3.10) for  $U = e_i$ , gives

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(P(\xi, V)W) &= -\frac{1}{n}S(V, W) + \left[ \frac{k}{n} + \frac{k}{n(n-1)} - \frac{\alpha^2}{n} \right] g(V, W) \\ &+ \left[ \frac{k}{n} - \frac{(n-1)\alpha^2}{n} + \frac{k}{n(n-1)} - \frac{\alpha^2}{n} \right] \eta(V)\eta(W). \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

From (3.3) and (3.14)

$$S(V, W) = (n-1)\alpha^2 g(V, W). \quad (3.12)$$

This gives

$$k = (n-1)\alpha^2. \quad (3.13)$$

Using (3.13) in (3.9), we get

$$-\tilde{P}(U, V, W, Y) = 0. \quad (3.14)$$

From (3.14) it follows that

$$P(U, V)W = 0. \quad (3.15)$$

Therefore the Einstein Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is projectively flat. Hence we can state

**Theorem 3.1.** *If in an Einstein Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$ , the relation  $R(X, Y).P = 0$  holds, then the manifold is projectively flat.*

#### 4. Projectively flat Einstein Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian Manifold

In this section we suppose that  $P(X, Y)Z = 0$ . Then from (2.14) we get

$$R(X, Y)Z = \frac{k}{n-1}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]. \quad (4.1)$$

From (4.1), we get

$$\tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = \frac{k}{n-1}[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)], \quad (4.2)$$

where  $\tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = g(R(X, Y, Z)W)$ .

Putting  $X = W = \xi$  in (4.2) and using (2.1), (2.4) and (2.13), we get

$$\left( \alpha^2 - \frac{k}{n-1} \right) [g(Y, Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)] = 0. \quad (4.3)$$

This shows that either  $k = \alpha^2(n-1)$  or  $g(Y, Z) = -\eta(Y)\eta(Z)$ . But if  $g(Y, Z) = -\eta(Y)\eta(Z)$ , then from (2.3) we get  $g(\phi Y, \phi Z) = 0$ , which is not possible. There-

fore,  $k = \alpha^2(n - 1)$ . Now putting  $k = \alpha^2(n - 1)$  in (4.1), we get

$$R(X, Y)Z = \alpha^2[g(Y, Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)]. \quad (4.4)$$

Therefore the manifold is of constant scalar curvature  $\alpha^2$ . Hence we can state

**Theorem 4.2.** *A projectively flat Einstein Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is locally isometric to a sphere  $S^n(c)$ , where  $c = \alpha^2$ .*

### 5. An Einstein Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian Manifold Satisfying $R(X, Y).N = 0$

Let the Riemannian manifold  $M$  be Einstein manifold, then (2.15) simplifies to

$$N(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{2k}{n-2}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]. \quad (5.1)$$

Now

$$\eta(N(X, Y)Z) = \left(\alpha^2 - \frac{2k}{n-2}\right)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]. \quad (5.2)$$

Taking  $X = \xi$  in (5.2) and using (2.1) and (2.4) we get

$$\eta(N(\xi, Y)Z) = \left(\frac{2k}{n-2} - \alpha^2\right)[g(Y, Z)X + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)]. \quad (5.3)$$

Again taking  $Z = \xi$  in (5.2) and then using (2.1) and (2.4) we get

$$\eta(N(X, Y)Z) = 0. \quad (5.4)$$

Now,

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

Let  $R(X, Y).N = 0$ . Then we have,

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)N(U, V)W - N(R(X, Y)U, V)W \\ - N(U, R(X, Y)V)W - N(U, V)R(X, Y)W = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

Put  $X = \xi$  in (5.5)

$$\begin{aligned} g[R(\xi, Y)N(U, V)W, \xi] - g[N(R(\xi, Y)U, V)W, \xi] \\ - g[N(U, R(\xi, Y)V)W, \xi] - g[N(U, V)R(\xi, Y)W, \xi] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From this it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^2[-\tilde{N}(U, V, W, Y) - \eta(Y)\eta(N(U, V)W) + \eta(U)\eta(N(Y, V)W) \\ + \eta(V)\eta(N(U, Y)W) + \eta(W)\eta(N(U, V)Y) - g(Y, U)\eta(N(\xi, V)W) \\ - g(Y, V)\eta(N(U, \xi, )W)] = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

where

$$\tilde{N}(U, V, W, Y) = g(N(U, V)W, Y).$$

Taking  $Y = U$ , in (5.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -\tilde{N}(U, V, W, Y) - \eta(Y)\eta(N(U, V)W) + \eta(U)\eta(N(Y, V)W) \\ & + \eta(V)\eta(N(U, Y)W) + \eta(W)\eta(N(U, V)Y) - g(Y, U)\eta(N(\xi, V)W) \\ & - g(Y, V)\eta(N(U, \xi, )W) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\{e_i\}$   $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  be an orthogon basis of the tangent space at any point. Then the sum for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  of the relation (5.7) for  $U = e_i$ , gives

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(N(\xi, V)W) &= -\frac{1}{n}S(V, W) + \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{2nk}{n-2} - \alpha^2 \right] g(V, W) \\ &+ \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{2(n-1)k}{n-2} - n\alpha^2 + \frac{2k}{n-2} \right] \eta(V)\eta(W). \end{aligned} \tag{5.7}$$

From (5.3) and (5.7) we get

$$S(V, W) = \frac{2(n-1)k}{n-2}g(V, W) + (n-1) \left[ \frac{2k}{n-2} - \alpha^2 \right] \eta(V)\eta(W) \tag{5.8}$$

Taking  $W = \xi$  in (5.8) and simplifying using (2.12), we obtain

$$k = \frac{(n-2)\alpha^2}{2}. \tag{5.9}$$

Using (5.9) in (5.6), we get

$$-\tilde{N}(U, V, W, Y) = 0. \tag{5.10}$$

From (5.10) it follows that

$$N(U, V)W = 0. \tag{5.11}$$

Therefore the Einstein Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is conharmonically flat. Hence we can state

**Theorem 5.3.** *If in an Einstein Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$ , the relation  $R(X, Y).N = 0$  holds, then the manifold is conharmonically flat.*

### 6. Conharmonically flat Einstein Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian Manifold

In this section we suppose that  $N(X, Y)Z = 0$ . Then from (2.15) we get

$$R(X, Y)Z = \frac{2k}{n-2}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]. \tag{6.1}$$

From (6.1), we get

$$\tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = \frac{2k}{n-2} [g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)], \quad (6.2)$$

where  $\tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = g(R(X, Y, Z)W)$ .

Putting  $X = W = \xi$  in (6.2) and using (2.1), (2.4) and (2.13), we get

$$\left( \alpha^2 - \frac{2k}{n-2} \right) [g(Y, Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)] = 0. \quad (6.3)$$

This shows that either  $k = \frac{(n-2)\alpha^2}{2}$  or  $g(Y, Z) = -\eta(Y)\eta(Z)$ . But if  $g(Y, Z) = -\eta(Y)\eta(Z)$ , then from (2.3), we get  $g(\phi Y, \phi Z) = 0$ , which is not possible. Therefore,  $k = \frac{(n-2)\alpha^2}{2}$ . Now putting  $k = \frac{(n-2)\alpha^2}{2}$  in (6.1), we get

$$R(X, Y)Z = \alpha^2 [g(Y, Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)]. \quad (6.4)$$

Therefore the manifold is of constant scalar curvature  $\alpha^2$ . Hence we can state

**Theorem 6.4.** *A conharmonically flat Einstein Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is locally isometric to a sphere  $S^n(c)$ , where  $c = \alpha^2$ .*

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