

Characterizations of Lorentzian Para-Sasakian Manifolds with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen Connection

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Abstract

The object of the present paper is to study a Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

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1. Introduction

The semi-Riemannian geometry attracts researchers because of its capabilities to resolve the many issues of science, technology, and medical, and their allied areas. A differentiable manifold *M* of dimension *n* equipped with a semi-Riemannian metric *g*, whose signature is (p,q) , $(p+q=n)$, known as an *n*-dimensional semi-Riemannian manifold. In particular, if we take $p=1$, $q = n - 1$, or $p = n - 1$, $q = 1$, then the semi-Riemannian manifold *M* converts into the well-known Lorentzian manifold. To start the study of Lorentzian manifold *M*, the causal character of the vectors play a significant role and hence it becomes the convenient choice for the researchers to study the general theory of relativity and cosmology. Space-time is the stage of the present modeling of the physical world: a torsionless, time-oriented Lorentzian manifold. In describing the gravity of the space-time, the Riemannian curvature R , the Ricci tensor S , and the scalar curvature τ play a crucial role.

In [\[1\]](#page-9-0), K. Matsumoto introduced the notion of Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifolds. In [\[2\]](#page-9-1), the authors defined the same notion independently and they obtained many results about this type of manifolds (see also [\[3\]](#page-9-2), and [\[4\]](#page-9-3)). Several authors have studied Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifolds such as [\[5](#page-9-4)[–7\]](#page-9-5), and many others.

A Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold *Mⁿ* is said to be an η*-Einstein manifold* if the following condition

$$
S(X,Y) = ag(X,Y) + b\eta(X)\eta(Y),
$$
\n(1)

holds on M^n , where a, b are smooth functions.

By definition, the conformal curvature tensor *C*, the projective curvature tensor *P*, and the conharmonical curvature tensor *K* are given by [\[8\]](#page-9-6)

$$
C(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-2} [S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y + g(Y,Z)QX - g(X,Z)QY] + \frac{\tau}{(n-1)(n-2)} [g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y],
$$
\n(2)

$$
P(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-1} [S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y],
$$
\n(3)

$$
K(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-2} [S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y + g(Y,Z)QX - g(X,Z)QY],
$$
\n(4)

where R , S , Q , and τ denote the curvature tensor, Ricci tensor, Ricci operator and scalar curvature of M , respectively. For $\dim M > 3$, if $C = 0$, then the manifold is called *conformally flat* manifold.

In the present paper, we study Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifolds with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. The paper is organized as follows: After the introduction, in section 2, firstly we give Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifolds and the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Then we adapt the Schouten-van Kampen connection on Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifolds. In section 3, we study conformally flat, projectively flat, and conharmonically flat Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifolds with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Also, we investigate Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifolds satisfying the conditions $\vec{R} \cdot \vec{Q} = 0$, $\vec{Q} \cdot \vec{R} = 0$ and $\vec{R} \cdot \vec{S} = 0$ with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection, respectively. In the last section, we give an example of a 3-dimensional Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection which verifies our some corollaries.

2. Preliminaries

Let M^n be an *n*-dimensional differentiable manifold equipped with a triple (ϕ, ξ, η) , where ϕ is a $(1,1)$ -tensor field, ξ is a vector field, η is a 1-form on M^n such that

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

\n
$$
\phi^2 = I + \eta \otimes \xi,
$$
\n(5)

which implies

$$
i. \ \phi \xi = 0, \quad ii. \ \eta(\phi) = 0, \quad iii. \ \text{rank}(\phi) = n - 1. \tag{7}
$$

Then *Mⁿ* admits a Lorentzian metric *g*, such that

$$
g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y),\tag{8}
$$

and M^n is said to admit a *Lorentzian almost paracontact structure* (ϕ, ξ, η, g) . In this case, we have

$$
g(X,\xi) = \eta(X), \quad \nabla_X \xi = \phi X,\tag{9}
$$

$$
\Omega(X,Y) = g(X,\phi Y) = g(\phi X,Y) = \Omega(Y,X).
$$

In equations [\(5\)](#page-1-0) and [\(6\)](#page-1-0) if we replace ξ with −ξ , then the triple (φ, ξ , η) is an almost paracontact structure on *Mⁿ* defined by Sato ([\[9\]](#page-9-7)). The Lorentzian metric given by equation [\(9\)](#page-1-1) stands analogous to the almost paracontact Riemannian metric for any almost paracontact manifold (see [\[9,](#page-9-7) [10\]](#page-9-8)).

A Lorentzian almost paracontact manifold *Mⁿ* equipped with the structure (φ, ξ , η, *g*) is called *Lorentzian paracontact manifold* [\[1\]](#page-9-0) if

$$
\Omega(X,Y) = \frac{1}{2}((\nabla_X \eta)Y + (\nabla_Y \eta)X).
$$

A Lorentzian almost paracontact manifold *Mⁿ* equipped with the structure (φ, ξ , η, *g*) is called *Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold* [\[1\]](#page-9-0) if

$$
(\nabla_X \phi)Y = g(\phi X, \phi Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi^2 X.
$$

In a Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold the 1-form η is closed. Also in [\[1\]](#page-9-0), it is proved that if an *n*-dimensional Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold (*Mⁿ* ,*g*) admits a timelike unit vector field ξ such that the 1-form η associated to ξ is closed and satisfies

 $(\nabla_X \nabla_Y \eta)W = g(X,Y)\eta(W) + g(X,W)\eta(Y) + 2\eta(X)\eta(Y)\eta(W),$

then *Mⁿ* admits a Lorentzian para-Sasakian structure. It is noticed that the *n*-dimensional Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold *M* satisfies the following relations:

$$
R(X,Y)\xi = \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y,\tag{10}
$$

$$
R(\xi, X)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X, \qquad (11)
$$

$$
S(X,\xi) = (n-1)\eta(X),\tag{12}
$$

$$
\eta(R(X,Y)Z) = g(Y,Z)\eta(X) - g(X,Z)\eta(Y), \qquad (13)
$$

for all $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$, where *R* and *S* denote the curvature tensor and the Ricci tensor of *M*, respectively.

On the other hand, we have two naturally defined distributions in the tangent bundle *T M* of *M* as follows:

$$
H = \ker \eta, \quad V = \text{span}\{\xi\}. \tag{14}
$$

Then we have $TM = H \oplus V$, $H \cap V = \{0\}$, and $H \perp V$. For any $X \in TM$, by X^h and X^v we denote the projections of X onto *H* and *V*, respectively. Thus, we have $X = X^h + X^v$ with

$$
X^h = X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad X^\nu = -\eta(X)\xi.
$$
\n⁽¹⁵⁾

The Schouten-van Kampen connection $\vec{\nabla}$ associated with the Levi-Civita connection ∇ and adapted to the pair of the distributions (H, V) is defined by [\[11\]](#page-9-9)

$$
\tilde{\nabla}_X Y = (\nabla_X Y^h)^h + (\nabla_X Y^v)^v,\tag{16}
$$

and the corresponding second fundamental form *B* is defined by $B = \nabla - \vec{\nabla}$. Note that condition [\(16\)](#page-2-0) implies the parallelism of the distributions *H* and *V* with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection $\check{\nabla}$.

From equation [\(15\)](#page-2-1), one can compute

$$
\begin{array}{rcl}\n(\nabla_X Y^h)^h & = & \nabla_X Y + \eta(\nabla_X Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\nabla_X \xi, \\
(\nabla_X Y^v)^v & = & -(\nabla_X \eta)(Y)\xi - \eta(\nabla_X Y)\xi,\n\end{array}
$$

which enable us to express the Schouten-van Kampen connection with help of the Levi-Civita connection in the following way [\[12\]](#page-9-10). This decomposition allows one to define the Schouten-van Kampen connection \bar{V} over an almost contact metric structure. The Schouten-van Kampen connection \bar{V} on an almost (para) contact metric manifold with respect to Levi-Civita connection ∇ is defined by [\[12\]](#page-9-10)

$$
\breve{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + \eta(Y) \nabla_X \xi - (\nabla_X \eta)(Y) \xi. \tag{17}
$$

Thus with the help of the Schouten-van Kampen connection [\(17\)](#page-2-2), many properties of some geometric objects connected with the distributions H , V can be characterized [\[12–](#page-9-10)[15\]](#page-9-11). For example g , ξ and η are parallel with respect to \breve{V} , that is, $\breve{V}\xi = 0$, $\check{\nabla}g = 0$, $\check{\nabla} \eta = 0$. Also the torsion \check{T} of $\check{\nabla}$ is defined by

$$
\breve{T}(X,Y) = \eta(Y)\nabla_X\xi - \eta(X)\nabla_Y\xi - 2d\eta(X,Y)\xi.
$$
\n(18)

Now we consider a Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Firstly, using equations (9) and (3) in (17) , we get

$$
\breve{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + \eta(Y)\phi X - g(\phi X, Y)\xi. \tag{19}
$$

Theorem 1. *Let* (*M*,φ,ξ ,η,*g*) *be a Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold. The Schouten-van Kampen connection* ∇˘ *associated to the Levi-Civita connection* ∇ *of M and adapted to the pair [\(14\)](#page-2-3) is just the only one affine connection, which is metric and its torsion has the form [\(18\)](#page-2-4).*

Proof. It is well-known that a metric connection can be stated with the help of its torsion tensor field as follow:

$$
g(\vec{\nabla}_X Y,Z) = g(\nabla_X Y,Z) + \frac{1}{2}g(\vec{T}(X,Y),Z) - \frac{1}{2}g(\vec{T}(X,Z),Y) - \frac{1}{2}g(\vec{T}(Y,Z),X).
$$

By using equation [\(18\)](#page-2-4), we get

$$
g(\breve{\nabla}_X Y, Z) = g(\nabla_X Y, Z) + \frac{1}{2} \eta(Y) g(\phi X, Z) - \frac{1}{2} \eta(X) g(\phi Y, Z) - \frac{1}{2} \eta(Z) g(\phi X, Y) + \frac{1}{2} \eta(X) g(\phi Z, Y) - \frac{1}{2} \eta(Z) g(\phi Y, X) + \frac{1}{2} \eta(Y) g(\phi Z, X),
$$

which implies

$$
g(\breve{\nabla}_X Y,Z) = g(\nabla_X Y,Z) + \eta(Y)g(\phi X,Z) - \eta(Z)g(\phi X,Y),
$$

that is, equation (19) is satisfied.

Let *R* and \check{R} be the curvature tensors of the Levi-Civita connection ∇ and the Schouten-van Kampen connection $\check{\nabla}$ given by

$$
R(X,Y) = [\nabla_X, \nabla_Y] - \nabla_{[X,Y]}, \quad \breve{R}(X,Y) = [\breve{\nabla}_X, \breve{\nabla}_Y] - \breve{\nabla}_{[X,Y]},
$$

respectively. If we substitute equation [\(19\)](#page-2-5) in the definition of the Riemannian curvature tensor, we have

$$
\breve{R}(X,Y)Z = \breve{\nabla}_X \breve{\nabla}_Y Z - \breve{\nabla}_Y \breve{\nabla}_X Z - \breve{\nabla}_{[X,Y]} Z.
$$
\n(20)

Using equation (17) in equation (20) , we have

$$
\tilde{R}(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)Z + g(X,\phi Z)\phi Y - g(Y,\phi Z)\phi X + g(Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi
$$

-g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y. (21)

Now taking the inner product in equation [\(21\)](#page-3-1) with a vector field *W*, we have

$$
g(\breve{R}(X,Y)Z,W) = g(R(X,Y)Z,W) + g(X,\phi Z)g(\phi Y,W) - g(Y,\phi Z)g(\phi X,W) +g(Y,Z)\eta(X)\eta(W) - g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W) +g(X,W)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - g(Y,W)\eta(X)\eta(Z).
$$
\n(22)

If we take $X = W = e_i$, $\{i = 1, ..., n\}$, in equation [\(22\)](#page-3-2), where $\{e_i\}$ is an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at each point of the manifold, we get

$$
\breve{S}(Y,Z) = S(Y,Z) + (n-1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z),\tag{23}
$$

where \check{S} and *S* denote the Ricci tensor of the connections $\check{\nabla}$ and ∇ , respectively. As a consequence of equation [\(23\)](#page-3-3), we obtain

$$
\check{Q}Y = QY + (n-1)\eta(Y)\xi.
$$
\n(24)

Also if we take $Y = Z = e_i$, $\{i = 1, ..., n\}$, in equation [\(23\)](#page-3-3), we have

$$
\breve{r} = r + n - 1. \tag{25}
$$

3. Main results

In this section, we give the main results of the paper.

Let *Mⁿ* be a Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Then using equations $(2)-(4)$ $(2)-(4)$ $(2)-(4)$ and equations $(22)-(25)$ $(22)-(25)$ $(22)-(25)$, we can write the followings:

$$
\check{C}(X,Y)Z = C(X,Y)Z + g(X,\phi Z)\phi Y - g(Y,\phi Z)\phi X + \frac{1}{n-2}[g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y - g(Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi
$$

+g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X + \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y], (26)

$$
\check{P}(X,Y)Z = P(X,Y)Z + g(X,\phi Z)\phi Y - g(Y,\phi Z)\phi X + g(Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\xi, \tag{27}
$$

$$
\check{K}(X,Y)Z = K(X,Y)Z + g(X,\phi Z)\phi Y - g(Y,\phi Z)\phi X \n- \frac{1}{n-2}[g(Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y].
$$
\n(28)

Now let *M* be a conformally flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Thus, from equation [\(26\)](#page-3-5) we have

$$
C(X,Y)Z = g(Y,\phi Z)\phi X - g(X,\phi Z)\phi Y - \frac{1}{n-2}[g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y] + \frac{1}{n-2}[g(Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y].
$$
 (29)

Putting $X = \xi$ in equation [\(29\)](#page-3-6), we obtain

$$
C(\xi, Y)Z + \frac{2}{n-2}[g(Y, Z)\xi - \eta(Z)Y] = 0,
$$
\n(30)

that is,

$$
R(\xi, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-2} \left[S(Y, Z)\xi - S(\xi, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)Q\xi - \eta(Z)QY \right] + \left\{ \frac{\tau + 2(n-1)}{(n-1)(n-2)} \right\} \left[g(Y, Z)\xi - \eta(Z)Y \right] = 0. \tag{31}
$$

Using equations [\(11\)](#page-2-6) and [\(12\)](#page-2-6) in equation [\(31\)](#page-4-0), we get

$$
\left(\frac{n(n-1)+\tau}{(n-1)(n-2)}\right)[g(Y,Z)\xi-\eta(Z)Y]-\frac{1}{n-2}\left[S(Y,Z)\xi-(n-1)\eta(Z)Y+(n-1)g(Y,Z)\xi-\eta(Z)QY\right]=0.
$$
 (32)

Multiplying equation [\(32\)](#page-4-1) with ξ , we obtain

$$
\left(\frac{n(n-1)+\tau}{(n-1)(n-2)}\right)[g(Y,Z)+\eta(Z)\eta(Y)]-\frac{1}{n-2}\left[S(Y,Z)+2(n-1)\eta(Z)\eta(Y)+(n-1)g(Y,Z)\right]=0.
$$

i.e.,

$$
S(Y,Z) = (1 + \frac{\tau}{n-1})g(Y,Z) - (n-2 - \frac{\tau}{n-1})\eta(Y)\eta(Z). \tag{33}
$$

Hence the manifold *M* is an η -Einstein manifold with respect to the Levi-Civita connection. Now using equation [\(33\)](#page-4-2) in equation [\(23\)](#page-3-3), we get

$$
\breve{S}(Y,Z) = (1 + \frac{\tau}{n-1})[g(Y,Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)].
$$
\n(34)

Thus the manifold *M* is also an η-Einstein manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

Now we can state the following:

Theorem 2. *Let M be a conformally flat n-dimensional Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Then the manifold M is an* η*-Einstein manifold with respect to the Levi-Civita connection and the Schouten-van Kampen connection.*

Now we consider the manifold *M* is a projectively flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Thus, we have

$$
\breve{R}(X,Y)Z = \frac{1}{n-1} [\breve{S}(Y,Z)X - \breve{S}(X,Z)Y].
$$
\n(35)

Using equations [\(21\)](#page-3-1) and [\(23\)](#page-3-3) in equation [\(35\)](#page-4-3), we get

$$
R(X,Y)Z + g(X,\phi Z)\phi Y - g(Y,\phi Z)\phi X +g(Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y = \frac{1}{n-1}[S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y] + \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X.
$$
 (36)

Putting $X = \xi$ in equation [\(36\)](#page-4-4), we obtain

$$
R(\xi, Y)Z - g(Y, Z)\xi + \eta(Z)Y = \frac{1}{n-1} [S(Y, Z)\xi - S(\xi, Z)Y] - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\xi - \eta(Z)Y,
$$

i.e.,

$$
0 = S(Y,Z)\xi - n\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Z)\eta(Y)\xi.
$$
\n
$$
(37)
$$

Multiplying equation [\(37\)](#page-4-5) with ξ , we have

$$
S(Y,Z) = -(n-1)\eta(Z)\eta(Y). \tag{38}
$$

Using equation [\(38\)](#page-4-6) in equation [\(23\)](#page-3-3), we get

$$
\breve{S}(Y,Z)=0.
$$

Thus the manifold *M* is a Ricci-flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Hence from equation [\(35\)](#page-4-3), the manifold *M* is a flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

Conversely, let *M* be a flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Then we say that the manifold *M* is a Ricci-flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Hence from equation [\(27\)](#page-3-7), we get $\tilde{P}(X,Y)Z = 0$, that is, the manifold *M* is a projectively flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

Thus we have the following:

Theorem 3. *Let M be an n-dimensional Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- *1. M is projectively flat with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.*
- *2. M is Ricci flat with respect to the Shouten-van Kampen connection.*
- *3. M is flat with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.*

Now we consider the manifold *M* is a conharmonically flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Thus, we can write

$$
\breve{R}(X,Y)Z = \frac{1}{n-2} \left[\breve{S}(Y,Z)X - \breve{S}(X,Z)Y + g(Y,Z)\breve{Q}X - g(X,Z)\breve{Q}Y \right].
$$
\n(39)

Using equations [\(21\)](#page-3-1), [\(23\)](#page-3-3) and [\(24\)](#page-3-8) in equation [\(39\)](#page-5-0), we get

$$
R(X,Y)Z + g(X,\phi Z)\phi Y - g(Y,\phi Z)\phi X - \frac{1}{n-2} \begin{bmatrix} S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y + g(Y,Z)QX \\ -g(X,Z)QY + g(Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi \\ -g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y \end{bmatrix} = 0.
$$
 (40)

Putting $X = \xi$ in equation [\(40\)](#page-5-1), we obtain

$$
R(\xi, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-2} \left[\begin{array}{c} S(Y, Z)\xi - S(\xi, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)Q\xi \\ -g(\xi, Z)QY - g(Y, Z)\xi + \eta(Z)Y \end{array} \right] = 0.
$$
\n(41)

Using equations (11) and (12) in equation (41) , we get

$$
g(Y,Z)\xi - \eta(Z)Y - \frac{1}{n-2} \left[\begin{array}{c} S(Y,Z)\xi - (n-1)\eta(Z)Y + (n-1)g(Y,Z)\xi \\ -\eta(Z)QY - g(Y,Z)\xi + \eta(Z)Y \end{array} \right] = 0.
$$
 (42)

Multiplying equation [\(42\)](#page-5-3) with ξ , we have

$$
g(Y,Z) + \eta(Z)\eta(Y) + \frac{1}{n-2}\left[\begin{array}{c} -S(Y,Z) - (n-1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - (n-1)g(Y,Z) \\ -(n-1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) + g(Y,Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z) \end{array}\right] = 0,
$$

i.e.,

$$
S(Y,Z) = -(n-1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z). \tag{43}
$$

Thus using equations [\(43\)](#page-5-4) in equation [\(23\)](#page-3-3), we get

$$
\breve{S}(Y,Z)=0.
$$

which implies *M* is a Ricci-flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Thus from equation [\(39\)](#page-5-0) the manifold *M* is a flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

Conversely, let *M* be a flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Then we say that the manifold *M* is a Ricci-flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Hence from equation [\(28\)](#page-3-9), we get $\check{K}(X,Y)Z = 0$, that is, the manifold *M* is a conharmonically flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

Now we have the following:

Theorem 4. *Let M be an n-dimensional Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- *1. M is conharmonically flat with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.*
- *2. M is Ricci flat with respect to the Shouten-van Kampen connection.*
- *3. M is flat with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.*

Let *M* be an *n*-dimensional Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection satisfying the condition $\check{R} \cdot \check{Q} = 0$. Then we can write

$$
(\breve{R}(X,Y)\breve{Q})Z = \breve{R}(X,Y)\breve{Q}Z - \breve{Q}\breve{R}(X,Y)Z = 0.
$$
\n(44)

Using equation [\(24\)](#page-3-8) in equation [\(44\)](#page-6-0), we have

$$
\breve{R}(X,Y)QZ - Q\breve{R}(X,Y)Z = 0.
$$
\n⁽⁴⁵⁾

Now using equation [\(21\)](#page-3-1) in equation [\(45\)](#page-6-1), we obtain

$$
R(X,Y)QZ - QR(X,Y)Z + g(\phi X, QZ)\phi Y
$$

\n
$$
-g(\phi Y, QZ)\phi X + g(Y, QZ)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, QZ)\eta(Y)\xi
$$

\n
$$
+ \eta(Y)\eta(QZ)X - \eta(X)\eta(QZ)Y - g(X, \phi Z)Q\phi Y
$$

\n
$$
+g(Y, \phi Z)Q\phi X - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)Q\xi + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)Q\xi
$$

\n
$$
- \eta(Y)\eta(Z)QX + \eta(X)\eta(Z)QY = 0.
$$
\n(46)

Suppose that the manifold *M* is satisfying the condition $R \cdot Q = 0$. Then equation [\(46\)](#page-6-2) turns to

$$
g(\phi X, QZ)\phi Y - g(\phi Y, QZ)\phi X + g(Y, QZ)\eta(X)\xi
$$

\n
$$
-g(X, QZ)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(QZ)X - \eta(X)\eta(QZ)Y
$$

\n
$$
-g(X, \phi Z)Q\phi Y + g(Y, \phi Z)Q\phi X - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)Q\xi
$$

\n
$$
+g(X, Z)\eta(Y)Q\xi - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)QX + \eta(X)\eta(Z)QY = 0.
$$
\n(47)

Multiplying equation [\(47\)](#page-6-3) with *W*, we obtain

$$
g(\phi X, QZ)g(\phi Y, W) - g(\phi Y, QZ)g(\phi X, W) + g(Y, QZ)\eta(X)\eta(W) -g(X, QZ)\eta(Y)\eta(W) + \eta(Y)\eta(QZ)g(X, W) - \eta(X)\eta(QZ)g(Y, W) -g(X, \phi Z)g(Q\phi Y, W) + g(Y, \phi Z)g(Q\phi X, W) - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)g(Q\xi, W) +g(X, Z)\eta(Y)g(Q\xi, W) - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)g(QX, W) + \eta(X)\eta(Z)g(QY, W) = 0.
$$
\n(48)

Taking $X = \xi$ in equation [\(48\)](#page-6-4), we have

$$
S(Y,Z)\eta(W) - S(Z,\xi)g(Y,W) - g(Y,Z)S(\xi,W) + \eta(Z)S(Y,W) = 0.
$$
\n(49)

Again taking $W = \xi$ in equation [\(49\)](#page-6-5), we get

$$
S(Y, Z) = (n - 1)g(Y, Z). \tag{50}
$$

Hence the manifold *M* is an Einstein manifold with respect to the Levi-Civita connection. Using equation [\(50\)](#page-6-6) in equation [\(23\)](#page-3-3), we get

$$
\breve{S}(Y,Z) = (n-1)g(Y,Z) + (n-1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z). \tag{51}
$$

Thus the manifold M is an η -Einstein manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

Conversely, let the manifold *M* is an Einstein manifold with respect to the Levi-Civita connection and an η-Einstein manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Then from equations [\(50\)](#page-6-6) and [\(51\)](#page-6-7), we have

$$
\check{Q}Y = (n-1)Y + (n-1)\eta(Y)\xi,
$$
\n⁽⁵²⁾

and

$$
QY = (n-1)Y,\tag{53}
$$

respectively. Now using equations [\(52\)](#page-6-8) and [\(53\)](#page-6-9) in equations [\(45\)](#page-6-1) and [\(46\)](#page-6-2), we have $R \cdot Q = 0$ and $\check{R} \cdot \check{Q} = 0$, respectively. Now we give the following:

Theorem 5. *Let M be an n-dimensional Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection satisfying the condition* $\check{R} \cdot \check{Q} = 0$ *. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- *1.* If M is satisfying the condition $R \cdot Q = 0$, then M is an Einstein manifold with respect to the Levi-Civita connection.
- *2. M is an* η*-Einstein manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.*

Let *M* be an *n*-dimensional Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection satisfying the condition $\check{Q} \cdot \check{R} = 0$. Then we can write

$$
\check{Q}\check{R}(X,Y)Z - \check{R}(\check{Q}X,Y)Z - \check{R}(X,\check{Q}Y)Z - \check{R}(X,Y)\check{Q}Z = 0.
$$
\n
$$
(54)
$$

Using equation (24) in equation (54) , we have

$$
Q\breve{R}(X,Y)Z - \breve{R}(QX,Y)Z - \breve{R}(X,QY)Z - \breve{R}(X,Y)QZ = 0,
$$
\n⁽⁵⁵⁾

which

$$
QR(X,Y)Z - R(QX,Y)Z - R(X,QY)Z - R(X,Y)QZ +g(X,\phi Z)Q\phi Y - g(Y,\phi Z)Q\phi X + g(Y,Z)\eta(X)Q\xi - g(X,Z)\eta(Y)Q\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)QX - \eta(X)\eta(Z)QY + g(Y,\phi Z)\phi QX - g(X,\phi Z)\phi QY +g(X,Z)S(Y,\xi)\xi - g(Y,Z)S(X,\xi)\xi + 2S(X,Z)\eta(Y)\xi - 2S(Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi +S(X,\xi)\eta(Z)Y - S(Y,\xi)\eta(Z)X + S(Y,\phi Z)\phi X - S(X,\phi Z)\phi Y + \eta(X)\eta(Z)QY - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)QX + g(\phi Y, QZ)\phi X - g(\phi X, QZ)\phi Y + S(Z,\xi)\eta(X)Y - S(Z,\xi)\eta(Y)X = 0.
$$
\n(56)

Suppose that the manifold *M* is satisfying the condition $Q \cdot R = 0$. Taking $X = \xi$ in equation [\(56\)](#page-7-1), then we have

$$
2S(Y,Z)\xi - g(Y,Z)Q\xi - g(Y,Z)S(\xi,\xi)\xi + S(\xi,Z)\eta(Y)\xi + S(\xi,\xi)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)Q\xi - S(Z,\xi)Y = 0. \tag{57}
$$

Multiplying equation [\(57\)](#page-7-2) with ξ , we obtain

$$
S(Y,Z) = -(n-1)\eta(Z)\eta(Y). \tag{58}
$$

Using equation [\(58\)](#page-7-3) in equation [\(23\)](#page-3-3), we get

$$
\breve{S}(Y,Z) = 0.
$$

Thus the manifold *M* is a Ricci-flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

Conversely if the manifold *M* is a Ricci-flat manifold with the condition $Q \cdot R = 0$, then the condition $\check{Q} \cdot \check{R} = 0$ with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection is always satisfied on *M*.

Now we give the following:

Theorem 6. *Let M be an n-dimensional Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection satisfying the condition* $\check{Q} \cdot \check{R} = 0$ *with the condition* $Q \cdot R = 0$ *if and only if* M *is a Ricci-flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.*

Definition 7. *A semi-Riemannian manifold* (*Mⁿ* ,*g*),*n* > 3, *is said to be Ricci semisymmetric if*

$$
R(X,Y)\cdot S=0,
$$

holds on M for all U, $W \in \chi(M)$.

Let *M* be an *n*-dimensional Ricci semisymmetric Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Then we can write

 $(\breve{R}(X,Y)\cdot \breve{S})(Z,W)=0,$

which implies

 $\check{S}(\check{R}(X,Y)Z,W) + \check{S}(Z,\check{R}(X,Y)W) = 0.$ (59)

Using equation [\(23\)](#page-3-3) in equation [\(59\)](#page-7-4), we obtain

$$
S(\breve{R}(X,Y)Z,W) + S(Z,\breve{R}(X,Y)W) = 0.
$$
\n⁽⁶⁰⁾

Now using equation [\(21\)](#page-3-1) in equation [\(60\)](#page-8-0), we obtain

$$
S(R(X, Y)Z, W) + S(R(X, Y)W, Z) + g(X, \phi Z)S(\phi Y, W)
$$

\n
$$
-g(Y, \phi Z)S(\phi X, W) + g(Y, Z)\eta(X)S(\xi, W) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)S(\xi, W)
$$

\n
$$
+ \eta(Y)\eta(Z)S(X, W) - \eta(X)\eta(Z)S(Y, W) + g(X, \phi W)S(\phi Y, Z)
$$

\n
$$
-g(Y, \phi W)S(\phi X, Z) + g(Y, W)\eta(X)S(\xi, Z) - g(X, W)\eta(Y)S(\xi, Z)
$$

\n
$$
+ \eta(Y)\eta(W)S(X, Z) - \eta(X)\eta(W)S(Y, Z) = 0.
$$
\n(61)

Suppose that the manifold *M* is satisfying the condition $R \cdot S = 0$. Taking $X = \xi$ in equation [\(61\)](#page-8-1) and from equation [\(11\)](#page-2-6), we have

$$
(n-1)g(Y,Z)\eta(W) - \eta(Z)S(Y,W) + (n-1)g(Y,W)\eta(Z) - \eta(W)S(Y,Z) = 0.
$$
\n(62)

Now taking $W = \xi$ in equation [\(62\)](#page-8-2), we get

$$
S(Y, Z) = (n - 1)g(Y, Z). \tag{63}
$$

Hence the manifold *M* is an Einstein manifold with respect to the Levi-Civita connection. Using equation [\(63\)](#page-8-3) in equation [\(23\)](#page-3-3), we get

$$
\breve{S}(Y,Z) = (n-1)g(Y,Z) + (n-1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z). \tag{64}
$$

Thus the manifold *M* is an η-Einstein manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

Conversely, we can consider the proof of Theorem 5.

Then we give the following:

Theorem 8. *Let M be an n-dimensional Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection satisfying the condition* $\check{R} \cdot \check{S} = 0$ *. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- *1. If M is satisfying the condition R*· *S* = 0*, then M is an Einstein manifold with respect to the Levi-Civita connection.*
- *2. M is an* η*-Einstein manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.*

4. Example

We consider a 3-dimensional manifold $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3\}$, where (x, y, z) are the standard coordinates of \mathbb{R}^3 . Let $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ be linearly independent global frame on *M* given by

$$
e_1=e^z\frac{\partial}{\partial x}
$$
, $e_2=e^z\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$, $e_3=\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$,

where *a* is non-zero constant. Let *g* be the Lorentzian metric, η be the 1-form and ϕ be the (1,1)-tensor field defined by

$$
g(e_1,e_3)=g(e_1,e_2)=g(e_2,e_3)=0,\ \ g(e_1,e_1)=g(e_2,e_2)=1,\ \ g(e_3,e_3)=-1,
$$

$$
\eta(X)=g(X,e_3),
$$

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

for any $X \in \chi(M)$, respectively. 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 $X, Y \in \chi(M)$. Thus, for $e_3 = \xi$, (ϕ, ξ, η, g) defines a Lorentzian paracontact structure on *M*. Let ∇ be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to the Lorentzian metric *g*. Then we have

$$
[e_1, e_2] = 0
$$
, $[e_1, e_3] = -e_1$, $[e_2, e_3] = -e_2$.

Taking $e_3 = \xi$ and using Koszul formula for the Lorentzian metric *g*, we have

$$
\nabla_{e_1} e_1=-e_3, \ \nabla_{e_1} e_2=0, \ \nabla_{e_1} e_3=-e_1, \ \nabla_{e_2} e_1=0, \ \nabla_{e_2} e_2=-e_3, \ \nabla_{e_2} e_3=-e_2, \ \nabla_{e_3} e_1=0, \ \nabla_{e_3} e_2=0, \nabla_{e_3} e_3=0.
$$

Hence, it can be easily seen that (ϕ, ξ, η, g) is an Lorentzian para-Sasakian structure on M. So, $M^3(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ is a Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold.

Now we consider the Schouten-van Kampen connection on *M*. By direct calculations, we see that the nonzero components of the Schouten-van Kampen connection ∇˘ on *M* are

$$
\breve{\nabla}_{e_1} e_1 = -e_3 + \xi, \quad \breve{\nabla}_{e_2} e_2 = -e_3 + \xi. \tag{65}
$$

From equation [\(65\)](#page-9-12), we can easily see that $\overline{V}_{e_i}e_j = 0$, $(1 \leq i, j \leq 3)$, for $\xi = e_3$. Thus the manifold *M* is a flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Since a flat manifold is a Ricci-flat manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection, the manifold *M* is both a projectively flat and a conharmonically flat 3-dimensional Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Thus, Theorem 2 and Theorem 3 are verified.

5. Conclusions

The semi-Riemannian geometry attracts researchers because of its capabilities to resolve the many issues of science, technology, and medical, and their allied areas. A differentiable manifold *M* of dimension *n* equipped with a semi-Riemannian metric *g*, whose signature is (p,q) , $(p+q=n)$, known as an *n*-dimensional semi-Riemannian manifold. In particular, if we take $p = 1$, $q = n - 1$, or $p = n - 1$, $q = 1$, then the semi-Riemannian manifold M converts into the well-known Lorentzian manifold. Recently, Schouten-van Kampen connection used by many mathematicians. In this paper we study a Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

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