

## D-HOMOTHETIC DEFORMATION OF $LP$ -SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS

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**Abstract.** The object of the present paper is to study a transformation called D-homothetic deformation of  $LP$ -Sasakian manifolds. Among others it is shown that in an  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold, the Ricci operator  $Q$  commutes with the structure tensor  $\phi$ . We also discuss about the invariance of  $\eta$ -Einstein manifolds,  $\phi$ -sectional curvature, the locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetry and  $\eta$ -parallelity of the Ricci tensor under the D-homothetic deformation. Finally, we give an example of such a manifold .

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### 1. Introduction

The notion of Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifold was introduced by Matsumoto [5] in 1989. Then Mihai and Rosca [7] defined the same notion independently and they obtained several results on this manifold.  $LP$ -Sasakian manifolds have also been studied by Matsumoto and Mihai [6], De and Shaikh [3], Ozgur [8] and others.

An  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold is said to be  $\eta$ -Einstein if its Ricci tensor  $S$  is of the form

$$(1.1) \quad S = \lambda g + \mu \eta \otimes \eta$$

where  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are smooth functions on the manifold.

The notion of local  $\phi$ -symmetry was first introduced by Takahashi [10] on a Sasakian manifold. Again in a recent paper [2] De and Sarkar introduced the notion of locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Sasakian manifolds. Also  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Kenmotsu manifolds have been studied by Shukla and Shukla [9].

An  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold is said to be locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric if

$$(1.2) \quad \phi^2(\nabla_X Q)(Y) = 0,$$

where  $Q$  is the Ricci operator defined by  $g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y)$  and  $X, Y$  are orthogonal to  $\xi$ .

The Ricci tensor  $S$  of an  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold is said to be  $\eta$ -parallel if it satisfies

$$(1.3) \quad (\nabla_X S)(\phi Y, \phi Z) = 0,$$

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for all vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ . The notion of  $\eta$ -parallelity in a Sasakian manifold was introduced by Kon [4].

Let  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be an almost contact metric manifold with  $\dim M = m = 2n + 1$ . The equation  $\eta = 0$  defines an  $(m - 1)$ -dimensional distribution  $D$  on  $M$  [11]. By an  $(m - 1)$ -homothetic deformation or  $D$ -homothetic deformation [12] we mean a change of structure tensors of the form

$$\bar{\eta} = a\eta, \quad \bar{\xi} = \frac{1}{a}\xi, \quad \bar{\phi} = \phi, \quad \bar{g} = ag + a(a - 1)\eta \otimes \eta,$$

where  $a$  is a positive constant. If  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an almost contact metric structure with contact form  $\eta$ , then  $M(\bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  is also an almost contact metric structure [12]. Denoting by  $W_{jk}^i$  the difference  $\bar{\Gamma}_{jk}^i - \Gamma_{jk}^i$  of Christoffel symbols we have in an almost contact metric manifold [12]

$$\begin{aligned} W(X, Y) &= (1 - a)[\eta(Y)\phi X + \eta(X)\phi Y] \\ (1.4) \quad &+ \frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \frac{1}{a}\right)[(\nabla_X \eta)(Y) + (\nabla_Y \eta)(X)]\xi \end{aligned}$$

for all  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ . If  $R$  and  $\bar{R}$  denote respectively the curvature tensor of the manifold  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  and  $M(\bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$ , then we have [12]

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z + (\nabla_X W)(Z, Y) - (\nabla_Y W)(Z, X) \\ (1.5) \quad &+ W(W(Z, Y), X) - W(W(Z, X), Y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ .

A plane section in the tangent space  $T_p(M)$  is called a  $\phi$ -section if there exists a unit vector  $X$  in  $T_p(M)$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  such that  $\{X, \phi X\}$  is an orthonormal basis of the plane section. Then the sectional curvature

$$K(X, \phi X) = g(R(X, \phi X)X, \phi X)$$

is called a  $\phi$ -sectional curvature. A para contact metric manifold  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be of constant  $\phi$ -sectional curvature if at any point  $p \in M$ , the sectional curvature  $K(X, \phi X)$  is independent of the choice of non-zero  $X \in D_p$ , where  $D$  denotes the contact distribution of the para contact metric manifold defined by  $\eta = 0$ .

The present paper is organized as follows:

After preliminaries in section 2, we prove some important lemmas. Section 4 deals with the study of  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional  $\eta$ -Einstein  $LP$ -Sasakian manifolds and prove that these manifolds are invariant under a  $D$ -homothetic deformation. Also we study  $\phi$ -sectional curvature, locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetry and  $\eta$ -parallelity of the Ricci tensor in a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold under a  $D$ -homothetic deformation. Finally in section 5, we cited an example of  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold which validates a theorem of section 4.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $M^{2n+1}$  be an  $2n + 1$ -dimensional differentiable manifold endowed with a  $(1, 1)$  tensor field  $\phi$ , a contravariant vector field  $\xi$ , a covariant vector field  $\eta$  and a Lorentzian metric  $g$  of type  $(0, 2)$  such that for each point  $p \in M$ , the tensor  $g_p: T_pM \times T_pM \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a non-degenerate inner product of signature  $(-, +, +, \dots, +)$ , where  $T_pM$  denotes the tangent space of  $M$  at  $p$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  is the real number space which satisfies

$$(2.1) \quad \phi^2(X) = X + \eta(X)\xi, \eta(\xi) = -1,$$

$$(2.2) \quad g(X, \xi) = \eta(X), g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ . Then such a structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is termed as Lorentzian almost paracontact structure and the manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  with the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called Lorentzian almost paracontact manifold [5]. In the Lorentzian almost paracontact manifold  $M^{2n+1}$ , the following relations hold [5] :

$$(2.3) \quad \phi\xi = 0, \eta(\phi X) = 0,$$

$$(2.4) \quad \Omega(X, Y) = \Omega(Y, X),$$

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

Let  $\{e_i\}$  be an orthonormal basis such that  $e_1 = \xi$ . Then the Ricci tensor  $S$  and the scalar curvature  $r$  are defined by

$$S(X, Y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i g(R(e_i, X)Y, e_i)$$

and

$$r = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i S(e_i, e_i),$$

where we put  $\epsilon_i = g(e_i, e_i)$ , that is,  $\epsilon_1 = -1, \epsilon_2 = \dots = \epsilon_n = 1$ .

A Lorentzian almost paracontact manifold  $M^n$  equipped with the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called Lorentzian paracontact manifold if

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

A Lorentzian almost paracontact manifold  $M^n$  equipped with the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called an *LP-Sasakian manifold* [5] if

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

In an  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold the 1-form  $\eta$  is closed. Also in [5], it is proved that if an  $n$ - dimensional Lorentzian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  admits a timelike unit vector field  $\xi$  such that the 1-form  $\eta$  associated to  $\xi$  is closed and satisfies

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

then  $M^n$  admits an  $LP$ -Sasakian structure.

Further, on such an  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold  $M^n (\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , the following relations hold [5]:

$$(2.5) \quad \eta(R(X, Y)Z) = [g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)],$$

$$(2.6) \quad S(X, \xi) = 2n\eta(X),$$

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

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

$$(2.9) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)(Y) = [g(X, Y)\xi + 2\eta(X)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)X],$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z$ , where  $R, S$  denote respectively the curvature tensor and the Ricci tensor of the manifold. Also since the vector field  $\eta$  is closed in an  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold, we have ([6],[5])

$$(2.10) \quad (\nabla_X \eta)Y = \Omega(X, Y),$$

$$(2.11) \quad \Omega(X, \xi) = 0,$$

$$(2.12) \quad \nabla_X \xi = \phi X,$$

for any vector field  $X$  and  $Y$ .

### 3. Some Lemmas

In this section we shall state and prove some Lemmas which will be needed to prove the main results.

**Lemma 3.1.** [1] *In an  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold, the following relation holds*

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

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  be an LP-Sasakian manifold. Then the Ricci operator  $Q$  commutes with  $\phi$ .*

*Proof.* From (3.1), it follows that

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \phi R(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z &= R(X, Y)Z - [\eta(Z)Y - g(Y, Z)\xi]\eta(X) \\ &+ [X\eta(Z) - g(X, Z)\xi]\eta(Y). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\{e_i, \phi e_i, \xi\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  be an orthonormal frame at any point of the manifold. Then putting  $Y = Z = e_i$  in (3.2) and taking summation over  $i$  and using  $\eta(e_i) = 0$ , we get

$$(3.3) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \phi R(\phi X, \phi e_i)\phi e_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i R(X, e_i)e_i - n\eta(X)\xi,$$

where  $\epsilon_i = g(e_i, e_i)$ .

Again setting  $Y = Z = \phi e_i$  in (3.2), taking summation over  $i$  and using  $\eta.\phi = 0$ , we get

$$(3.4) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \phi R(\phi X, e_i)e_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i R(X, \phi e_i)\phi e_i - n\eta(X)\xi.$$

Adding (3.3) and (3.4) and using the definition of the Ricci tensor, we obtain

$$\phi(Q\phi X - R(\phi X, \xi)\xi) = QX - R(X, \xi)\xi - 2n\eta(X)\xi.$$

Using (2.7) and  $\phi\xi = 0$  in the above relation, we have

$$\phi(Q\phi X) = QX - 2n\eta(X)\xi.$$

Operating both sides by  $\phi$  and using (2.1), symmetry of  $Q$  and  $\phi\xi = 0$ , we get  $\phi Q = Q\phi$ . This proves the lemma. □

**Proposition 3.1.** *In an  $2n+1$ -dimensional  $\eta$ -Einstein LP-Sasakian manifold, the Ricci tensor  $S$  is expressed as*

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} S(X, Y) &= \left[\frac{r}{2n} - 1\right]g(X, Y) \\ &- \left[\frac{r}{2n} - 2n - 1\right]\eta(X)\eta(Y). \end{aligned}$$

### 4. Main results

In this section we study  $\eta$ -Einstein  $LP$ -Sasakian manifolds,  $\phi$ -sectional curvature, locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetry and  $\eta$ -parallelity of the Ricci tensor of an odd dimensional  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold under a D-homothetic deformation.

In virtue of (2.10), the relation (1.4) reduces to

$$(4.1) \quad W(X, Y) = (1 - a)[\eta(Y)\phi X + \eta(X)\phi Y] + (1 - \frac{1}{a})g(\phi X, Y)\xi.$$

In view of (2.9), (2.10) and (2.12), the relation (4.1) yields

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_Z W)(X, Y) &= (1 - a)[\{g(\phi Z, Y)\phi X \\ &\quad + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi + 2\eta(X)\eta(Y)Z + 4\eta(X)\eta(Y)\eta(Z)\xi \\ &\quad + g(\phi Z, X)\phi Y + \eta(X)g(Y, Z)\xi\} \\ &\quad + \frac{a - 1}{a}g(\phi X, Y)\phi Z. \end{aligned}$$

Using (4.1) and (4.2) into (1.5), we obtain by virtue of (2.7) and (2.10) that

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{R}(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z + (1 - a)[g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi \\ &\quad - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi + 2\eta(Y)\eta(Z)X \\ &\quad - 2\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y \\ &\quad + g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y - g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X] \\ &\quad + \frac{a - 1}{a}[g(\phi Z, Y)\phi X - g(\phi Z, X)\phi Y] \\ &\quad + (1 - a)^2[\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X] \\ &\quad - \frac{(1 - a)^2}{a}[g(\phi Z, X)\phi Y - g(\phi Z, Y)\phi X] \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $Y = Z = \xi$  in (4.3) and using (2.1) we obtain

$$(4.4) \quad \bar{R}(X, \xi)\xi = R(X, \xi)\xi + 2(1 - a)[-X + \eta(X)\xi] - (1 - a)^2\phi^2 X.$$

Let  $\{e_i, \phi e_i, \xi\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  be an orthonormal frame at any point of the manifold. Then putting  $Y = Z = e_i$  in (4.3) and taking summation over  $i$  and using  $\eta(e_i) = 0$ , we get

$$(4.5) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \bar{R}(X, e_i)e_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i R(X, e_i)e_i - (1 - a)n\eta(X)\xi,$$

where  $\epsilon_i = g(e_i, e_i)$ .

Again setting  $Y = Z = \phi e_i$  in (4.3) and taking summation over  $i$  and using  $\eta.\phi = 0$ , we get

$$(4.6) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \bar{R}(X, \phi e_i)\phi e_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i R(X, \phi e_i)\phi e_i - (1 - a)n\eta(X)\xi.$$

Adding (4.5) and (4.6) and using the definition of Ricci operator we have

$$(4.7) \quad \bar{Q}X - \bar{R}(X, \xi)\xi = QX - R(X, \xi)\xi - 2(1 - a)n\eta(X)\xi.$$

In view of (4.4) we get from (4.7)

$$(4.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{S}(X, Y) &= S(X, Y) - [2(1 - a) + (1 - a)^2]g(X, Y) \\ &\quad - [2(1 - a)(n - 1) + (1 - a)^2]\eta(X)\eta(Y), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{Q}X &= QX - [2(1 - a) + (1 - a)^2]X \\ &\quad - [2(1 - a)(n - 1) + (1 - a)^2]\eta(X)\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Operating  $\bar{\phi} = \phi$  on both sides of (4.9) from the left we have

$$(4.10) \quad \bar{\phi}\bar{Q}X = \phi QX - [2(1 - a) + (1 - a)^2]\phi X.$$

Again, putting  $\bar{\phi}X = \phi X$  in (4.9) from the right we have

$$(4.11) \quad \bar{Q}\bar{\phi}X = Q\phi X - [2(1 - a) + (1 - a)^2]\phi X.$$

Subtracting (4.10) and (4.11) we get

$$(4.12) \quad (\bar{\phi}\bar{Q} - \bar{Q}\bar{\phi})X = (\phi Q - Q\phi)X.$$

Therefore using Lemma 3.2 we can state the following:

**Theorem 4.1.** *Under a D-homothetic deformation, the expression  $\bar{Q}\bar{\phi} = \bar{\phi}\bar{Q}$  holds in an  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional LP-Sasakian manifold.*

#### 4.1. $\eta$ -Einstein LP-Sasakian manifolds

Let  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional  $\eta$ -Einstein LP-Sasakian manifold which reduces to  $M(\bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  under a D-homothetic deformation. Then from (4.8) it follows by virtue of (3.5) that

$$(4.13) \quad \bar{S}(X, Y) = \bar{\lambda}\bar{g}(X, Y) + \bar{\mu}\bar{\eta}(X)\bar{\eta}(Y),$$

where  $\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mu}$  are smooth functions given by

$$(4.14) \quad \bar{\lambda} = \left[ \frac{r}{2n} - (a - 2)^2 \right]$$

and

$$(4.15) \quad \bar{\mu} = \left[ \frac{r}{2n} - 4n + 2an - a^2 \right].$$

In view of the relation (4.13) we state the following:

**Theorem 4.2.** *Under a D-homothetic deformation, a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional  $\eta$ -Einstein LP-Sasakian manifold is invariant.*

**4.2.  $\phi$ -sectional curvature of LP-Sasakian manifolds**

In this section we consider the  $\phi$ -sectional curvature on a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional LP-Sasakian manifold.

From (4.3) it can be easily seen that

$$(4.16) \quad \bar{K}(X, \phi X) - K(X, \phi X) = -2(a - 1)$$

and hence we state the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.3.** *The  $\phi$ -sectional curvature of  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional LP-Sasakian manifolds is not an invariant property under D-homothetic deformations.*

If a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional LP-Sasakian manifold  $M(\bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  satisfies  $R(X, Y)\xi = 0$  for all  $X, Y$ , then it can be easily seen that  $K(X, \phi X) = 0$  and hence from (4.16) it follows that

$$\bar{K}(X, \phi X) = -2(a - 1) \neq 0,$$

where  $X$  is a unit vector field orthogonal to  $\xi$  and  $K(X, \phi X)$  is the  $\phi$ -sectional curvature. This implies that the  $\phi$ -sectional curvature  $\bar{K}(X, \phi X)$  is non-vanishing. Therefore we state the following:

**Theorem 4.4.** *There exists  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional LP-Sasakian manifold with non-zero  $\phi$ -sectional curvature.*

**4.3. Locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric LP-Sasakian manifolds**

In this section we study locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetry on an LP-Sasakian manifold.

Differentiating (4.9) covariantly with respect to  $W$  we obtain

$$(4.17) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_W \bar{Q})(X) &= (\nabla_W Q)(X) \\ &\quad - [2(1 - a)(n - 1) + (1 - a)^2](\nabla_W \eta)(X)\xi \\ &\quad - [2(1 - a)(n - 1) + (1 - a)^2]\eta(X)\nabla_W \xi. \end{aligned}$$

Operating  $\phi^2$  on both sides of (4.17) and taking  $X$  as an orthonormal vector to  $\xi$  we obtain

$$(4.18) \quad \bar{\phi}^2(\nabla_W \bar{Q})(X) = \phi^2(\nabla_W Q)(X).$$

In view of the relation (4.18) we state the following:

**Theorem 4.5.** *The local  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetry on LP-Sasakian manifolds is an invariant property under D-homothetic deformations.*

**4.4.  $\eta$ - parallel Ricci tensor of an LP-Sasakian manifolds**

Let us consider the  $\eta$ -parallelity of the Ricci tensor on an LP-Sasakian manifold.

Differentiating (4.8) covariantly with respect to  $W$  and using (2.10) we obtain

$$(4.19) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_W \bar{S})(X, Y) &= (\nabla_W S)(X, Y) \\ &\quad - [2(1-a)(n-1) + (1-a)^2] \\ &\quad [g(\phi W, X)\eta(Y) + g(\phi W, Y)\eta(X)]. \end{aligned}$$

In (4.19) replacing  $X$  by  $\phi X, Y$  by  $\phi Y$  and using (2.3) we get

$$(4.20) \quad (\nabla_W \bar{S})(\phi X, \phi Y) = (\nabla_W S)(\phi X, \phi Y).$$

Hence we can state the following:

**Theorem 4.6.** *The  $\eta$ -parallelity of the Ricci tensor on LP-Sasakian manifolds is an invariant property under D-homothetic deformations.*

**5. Example**

We consider the 3-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3\}$ , where  $(x, y, z)$  are standard coordinates of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

The vector fields

$$e_1 = e^z \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad e_2 = e^z \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right), \quad e_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

are linearly independent at each point of  $M$ .

Let  $g$  be the Lorentzian metric defined by

$$g(e_1, e_3) = g(e_1, e_2) = g(e_2, e_3) = 0,$$

$$g(e_1, e_1) = g(e_2, e_2) = 1,$$

$$g(e_3, e_3) = -1.$$

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(Z) = g(Z, e_3)$  for any  $Z \in \chi(M)$ .

Let  $\phi$  be the  $(1, 1)$  tensor field defined by

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

Then using the linearity of  $\phi$  and  $g$ , we have

$$\eta(e_3) = -1,$$

$$\phi^2 Z = Z + \eta(Z)e_3,$$

$$g(\phi Z, \phi W) = g(Z, W) + \eta(Z)\eta(W),$$

for any  $Z, W \in \chi(M)$ .

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  $g$  and let  $R$  be the curvature tensor of  $g$ . Then we have

$$[e_1, e_2] = 0, \quad [e_1, e_3] = -e_1 \quad \text{and} \quad [e_2, e_3] = -e_2.$$

Taking  $e_3 = \xi$  and using Koszul's formula for the Lorentzian metric  $g$ , we can easily calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{e_1} e_3 &= -e_1, & \nabla_{e_1} e_2 &= 0, & \nabla_{e_1} e_1 &= -e_3, \\ \nabla_{e_2} e_3 &= -e_2, & \nabla_{e_2} e_2 &= -e_3, & \nabla_{e_2} e_1 &= 0, \\ (5.1) \quad \nabla_{e_3} e_3 &= 0, & \nabla_{e_3} e_2 &= 0, & \nabla_{e_3} e_1 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

From the above it can be easily seen that  $M^3(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold. With the help of the above results it can be easily verified that

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

From the above expressions of the curvature tensor we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} S(e_1, e_1) &= g(R(e_1, e_2)e_2, e_1) - g(R(e_1, e_3)e_3, e_1) \\ &= 2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have

$$S(e_2, e_2) = 2$$

and

$$S(e_3, e_3) = -2.$$

Therefore,

$$r = S(e_1, e_1) + S(e_2, e_2) - S(e_3, e_3) = 6.$$

From [3] we know that in a 3- dimensional  $LP$ -Sasakian manifold

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= \left(\frac{r-4}{2}\right)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y] + \left(\frac{r-6}{2}\right)[g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi \\ (5.2) \quad &-g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y]. \end{aligned}$$

Now using (5.2) we get

$$\begin{aligned} g(R(X, Y)Z, W) &= \left(\frac{r-4}{2}\right)[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)] \\ &+ \left(\frac{r-6}{2}\right)[g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\eta(W) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W) \\ (5.3) \quad &+ \eta(Y)\eta(Z)g(X, W) - \eta(X)\eta(Z)g(Y, W)]. \end{aligned}$$

From (5.3), it follows that the  $\phi$ - sectional curvature of the manifold is given by

$$K(X, \phi X) = \frac{r-4}{2}$$

for any vector field  $X$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ .

In view of the above relation we get

$$K(e_1, \phi e_1) = K(e_2, \phi e_2) = \frac{r-4}{2}$$

Again it can be easily shown from (4.3) that

$$\bar{K}(e_1, \phi e_1) - K(e_1, \phi e_1) = -2(a-1)$$

and

$$\bar{K}(e_2, \phi e_2) - K(e_2, \phi e_2) = -2(a-1)$$

Therefore Theorem 4.3 is verified.

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