

# On a type of quarter-symmetric non-metric $\xi$ -connection on 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds

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**Abstract.** The object of the present paper is to study a type of quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection on a 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold. We investigate the curvature tensor and the Ricci tensor of a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection. We characterize  $\xi$ -projectively flat and  $\phi$ -projectively flat 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds with constant structure function admitting the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection. Also we study second order parallel tensor and Ricci semi-symmetric 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds with constant structure function with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection. Finally, we give an example to verify our result.

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## 1 Introduction

On a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold, the structure function  $\beta$  was defined by Olszak [21] and with the help of this function he has obtained necessary and sufficient conditions for the manifold to be conformally flat [22]. Next he has proved that if the manifold is additionally conformally flat with  $\beta = \text{constant}$ , then (a) the manifold is locally a product of  $\mathbb{R}$  and a 2-dimensional Kählerian space of constant Gauss curvature (the cosymplectic case), or, (b) the manifold is of constant positive curvature (the non-cosymplectic case, here the quasi-Sasakian structure is homothetic to a Sasakian structure). An example of a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian structure being conformally flat with non-constant structure function is also described in [22].

In 1924, Friedmann and Schouten [13] introduced the idea of semi-symmetric connection on a differentiable manifold. A linear connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  on a differentiable

manifold  $M$  is said to be a semi-symmetric connection if the torsion tensor  $T$  of the connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  satisfies

$$(1.1) \quad T(X, Y) = u(Y)X - u(X)Y,$$

where  $u$  is a 1-form.  $\chi(M)$  is the set of all differentiable vector fields on  $M$ , for all vector fields  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ .

In 1932, Hayden [15] introduced the idea of semi-symmetric metric connection on a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . A semi-symmetric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is said to be a semi-symmetric metric connection if

$$(1.2) \quad \tilde{\nabla}g = 0.$$

A relation between a semi-symmetric metric connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  of  $(M, g)$  is given by Yano [26]:  $\tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + u(Y)X - g(X, Y)\rho_1$ , where  $u(X) = g(X, \rho_1)$

The study of semi-symmetric metric connections were further developed by Amur and Pujar [1], Binh [9], De [10], Singh et al. [24], Ozgur et al ([18],[19]), Ozen, Uysal Demirbag [20], Zhao ([27, 28]) and many others. After a long gap the study of a semi-symmetric connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  satisfying

$$(1.3) \quad \bar{\nabla}g \neq 0.$$

was initiated by Prvanović [23] with the name of pseudo-metric semi-symmetric connection and was just followed by Andonie [2].

A semi-symmetric connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  is said to be a semi-symmetric non-metric connection if it satisfies the condition (1.3).

In 1975, Golab [14] defined and studied quarter-symmetric connections in differentiable manifolds with affine connections. A linear connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  on a Riemannian manifold  $M$  is called a quarter-symmetric connection [14] if its torsion tensor  $T$  satisfies  $T(X, Y) = \eta(Y)\phi X - \eta(X)\phi Y$ , where  $\eta$  is a 1-form and  $\phi$  is a  $(1,1)$ -tensor field. In particular, if  $\phi X = X$ , then the quarter-symmetric connection reduces to the semi-symmetric connection [13]. Thus the notion of quarter-symmetric connection generalizes the notion of semi-symmetric connection.

A quarter-symmetric connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  is said to be a quarter-symmetric metric connection if  $\bar{\nabla}g = 0$ . If moreover, a quarter-symmetric connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  satisfies the condition  $(\bar{\nabla}_X g)(Y, Z) \neq 0$ ; for all  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ , then  $\bar{\nabla}$  is said to be a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection.

The quarter-symmetric non-metric connections have been studied by Mishra and Pandey [16], Singh and Pandey [25], De and Mondal [12], Barman ([4], [3], [5]) Mondal and De [17] and many others.

In this paper we study 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds with respect to a type of quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection.

The paper is organized as follows:

After introduction, in section 2, we give a brief account of the 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds. In section 3, we define a type of quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection on 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds. Section 4 is devoted to establish the relation between the curvature tensors with respect to a type of quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection and the Levi-Civita connection. Next we study

the projective curvature tensor with respect to the type of quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection. Among others we characterize  $\phi$ -projectively flat 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds with constant structure function admitting a type of quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection. Also we study a second order parallel tensor on a Ricci semi-symmetric 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds with constant structure function with respect to a type of quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection. Finally, we give an example to verify our result.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional connected differentiable manifold endowed with an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , where  $\phi$  is a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$ ,  $\xi$  is a vector field,  $\eta$  is a 1-form and  $g$  is the Riemannian metric on  $M$  such that ([6], [7])

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

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

$$(2.3) \quad \phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi), \quad \eta(\xi) = 1.$$

Let  $\Phi$  be the fundamental 2-form defined by

$$(2.4) \quad \Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y) = -g(\phi X, Y).$$

$M$  is said to be quasi-Sasakian if the almost contact structure  $(\phi, \eta, \xi, g)$  is normal and the fundamental 2-form  $\Phi$  is closed ( $d\Phi = 0$ ), which was first introduced by Blair [8]. The normality condition gives that the induced almost contact structure of  $M \otimes \mathbb{R}$  is integrable or equivalently, the torsion tensor field  $N = [\phi, \phi] + 2\xi \otimes d\eta$  vanishes identically on  $M$ . The rank of the quasi-Sasakian structure is always odd [8], it is equal to 1 if the structure is cosymplectic and it is equal to  $2n + 1$  if the structure is Sasakian.

An almost contact metric manifold  $M$  is a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold if and only if [21]

$$(2.5) \quad \nabla_X \xi = -\beta \phi X, \quad X \in \chi(M),$$

for a certain function  $\beta$  on  $M$ , such that  $\xi\beta = 0$ ,  $\nabla$  being the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the Levi-Civita connection of  $M$ . Clearly such a quasi-Sasakian manifold is cosymplectic if and only if  $\beta = 0$ . From the equation (2.5) we obtain [21]

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

$$(2.7) \quad (\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = g(\nabla_X \xi, Y) = -\beta g(\phi X, Y) = \beta g(X, \phi Y).$$

Let  $M$  be a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold. The Ricci tensor  $S$  of  $M$  is given by [22]

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} S(Y, Z) = & \left(\frac{r}{2} - \beta^2\right)g(Y, Z) + (3\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2})\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - \eta(Y)d\beta(\phi Z) \\ & - \eta(Z)d\beta(\phi Y), \end{aligned}$$

where  $r$  is the scalar curvature of  $M$ .

In a 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold we always have

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

where  $Q$  is the Ricci operator, i.e.,  $g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y)$ . Now as a consequence of (2.8), we get for the Ricci operator  $Q$

$$QY = \left(\frac{r}{2} - \beta^2\right)Y + (3\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2})\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)(\phi \text{grad}\beta) - d\beta(\phi Y)\xi,$$

where the gradient of a function  $f$  is related to the exterior derivative  $df$  by the formula  $df(X) = g(\text{grad}f, X)$ .

Also from (2.8) it follows that

$$(2.9) \quad S(\phi Y, \phi Z) = S(Y, Z) - 2\beta^2\eta(Y)\eta(Z).$$

### 3 Quarter-symmetric non-metric $\xi$ -connection on 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds

This section deals with the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection on 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold. Let  $(M, g)$  be a quasi-Sasakian manifold with the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  and we define a linear connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  on  $M$  by

$$(3.1) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + (\beta - 1)\eta(X)\phi Y + \beta\eta(Y)\phi X,$$

where  $\beta$  is a certain function on  $M$ .

Using (3.1), the torsion tensor  $T$  of the connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  is given by

$$(3.2) \quad T(X, Y) = \bar{\nabla}_X Y - \bar{\nabla}_Y X - [X, Y] = \eta(Y)\phi X - \eta(X)\phi Y,$$

Thus the linear connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  is a quarter-symmetric connection.

So the equation (3.1) with the help of (2.4) turns into

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} (\bar{\nabla}_X g)(Y, Z) = & \bar{\nabla}_X g(Y, Z) - g(\bar{\nabla}_X Y, Z) - g(Y, \bar{\nabla}_X Z) = -\beta\eta(Y)g(\phi X, Z) \\ & - \beta\eta(Z)g(Y, \phi X) \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

The linear connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  satisfying (3.2) and (3.3) is called a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection on 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold.

By making use of (2.3), (2.5) and (3.1), it is obvious that

$$(3.4) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X \xi = \nabla_X \xi + (\beta - 1)\eta(X)\phi\xi + \beta\eta(\xi)\phi X = 0.$$

The linear connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  defined by (3.1) satisfying (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4) is the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection on 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold.

Conversely, we show that a linear connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  defined on  $M$  satisfying (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4) is given by (3.1). Let  $H$  be a tensor field of type (1, 2) and

$$(3.5) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + H(X, Y).$$

Then we conclude that

$$(3.6) \quad T(X, Y) = H(X, Y) - H(Y, X).$$

Further using (3.5), it follows that

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} (\bar{\nabla}_X g)(Y, Z) &= \bar{\nabla}_X g(Y, Z) - g(\bar{\nabla}_X Y, Z) - g(Y, \bar{\nabla}_X Z) = -g(H(X, Y), Z) \\ &\quad -g(Y, H(X, Z)). \end{aligned}$$

In view of (3.3) and (3.7) yields

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} g(H(X, Y), Z) + g(Y, H(X, Z)) &= \beta\eta(Y)g(\phi X, Z) \\ &\quad + \beta\eta(Z)g(Y, \phi X). \end{aligned}$$

Also using (3.8) and (3.6), we derive that

$$\begin{aligned} g(T(X, Y), Z) + g(T(Z, X), Y) + g(T(Z, Y), X) &= 2g(H(X, Y), Z) \\ &\quad + 2\beta\eta(X)g(Y, \phi Z) + 2\beta\eta(Y)g(X, \phi Z). \end{aligned}$$

The above equation yields

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} g(H(X, Y), Z) &= \frac{1}{2}[g(T(X, Y), Z) + g(T(Z, X), Y) + g(T(Z, Y), X)] \\ &\quad - 2\beta\eta(X)g(Y, \phi Z) - 2\beta\eta(Y)g(X, \phi Z). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $T'$  be a tensor field of type (1, 2) given by

$$(3.10) \quad g(T'(X, Y), Z) = g(T(Z, X), Y).$$

Adding (2.4), (3.2) and (3.10), we obtain

$$(3.11) \quad T'(X, Y) = -\eta(X)\phi Y - g(\phi X, Y)\xi.$$

From (3.9) we have, by using (3.10) and (3.11):

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} g(H(X, Y), Z) &= \frac{1}{2}[g(T(X, Y), Z) + g(T'(X, Y), Z) + g(T'(Y, X), Z)] \\ -2\beta\eta(X)g(Y, \phi Z) - 2\beta\eta(Y)g(X, \phi Z) &= (\beta - 1)\eta(X)g(\phi Y, Z) \\ &\quad + \beta\eta(Y)g(\phi X, Z). \end{aligned}$$

Now contracting  $Z$  in (3.12) and using (2.4), implies that

$$(3.13) \quad H(X, Y) = (\beta - 1)\eta(X)\phi Y + \beta\eta(Y)\phi X.$$

Combining (3.5) and (3.13), it follows that

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + (\beta - 1)\eta(X)\phi Y + \beta\eta(Y)\phi X.$$

Now, we are in a position to state the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.1.** *On a 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold with structure function  $\beta$  there exists a unique linear connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ , satisfies (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4).*

If  $\beta = 0$  in the equation (3.1), then we get

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y - \eta(X)\phi Y.$$

Hence,  $\bar{\nabla}$  defines a quarter-symmetric metric connection. Such a case has been studied by De and Mandal [11].

## 4 Curvature tensor of 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds admitting quarter-symmetric non-metric $\xi$ -connection

In this section, we obtain the expressions of the curvature tensor and Ricci tensor of  $M$  with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection on a 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold defined by (3.1).

Analogous to the definition of the curvature tensor of  $M$  with respect to the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ , we define the curvature tensor  $\bar{R}$  of  $M$  with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  by

$$(4.1) \quad \bar{R}(X, Y)Z = \bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_Y Z - \bar{\nabla}_Y \bar{\nabla}_X Z - \bar{\nabla}_{[X, Y]} Z,$$

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

Using (2.3) and (3.1) in (4.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{R}(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z - (\beta - 1)\eta(X)(\nabla_Y\phi)(Z) + (\beta - 1)\eta(Y)(\nabla_X\phi)(Z) \\
&\quad - \beta(\nabla_Y\eta)(Z)\phi X + \beta(\nabla_X\eta)(Z)\phi Y - (\beta - 1)(\nabla_Y\eta)(X)\phi Z \\
&\quad + (\beta - 1)(\nabla_X\eta)(Y)\phi Z - \beta\eta(Z)(\nabla_Y\phi)(X) + \beta\eta(Z)(\nabla_X\phi)(Y) \\
&\quad - \beta(\beta - 1)\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y + \beta(\beta - 1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z)X + (X(\beta - 1))\eta(Y)\phi Z \\
(4.2) \quad &\quad + (X\beta)\eta(Z)\phi Y - (Y(\beta - 1))\eta(X)\phi Z - (Y\beta)\eta(Z)\phi X.
\end{aligned}$$

By making use of (2.3), (2.6) and (2.7) in (4.2), we have

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

So the equation (4.3) turns into

$$\bar{R}(X, Y)Z = -\bar{R}(Y, X)Z.$$

Moreover in view of (4.3) it follows that

$$\bar{R}(X, Y)Z + \bar{R}(Y, Z)X + \bar{R}(Z, X)Y = 0.$$

Let  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  be a local orthonormal basis of the tangent space at a point of the manifold  $M$ . Then by putting  $X = U = e_i$  in (4.3) and taking summation over  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  and also using (2.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{S}(Y, Z) &= S(Y, Z) + \beta(2\beta - 1)g(Y, Z) - \beta(4\beta - 1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) \\
(4.4) \quad &\quad + (\phi Z)(\beta)\eta(Y) + (\phi Y)(\beta)\eta(Z),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{S}$  and  $S$  denote the Ricci tensor of  $M$  with respect to  $\bar{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  respectively.

Again contracting  $Y$  and  $Z$  in the above equation (4.4) we have

$$(4.5) \quad \bar{r} = r - 2\beta + 2\beta^2.$$

Summing up all of the above equations we can state the following proposition:

**Proposition 4.1.** *In a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold  $M$  admitting the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  :*

(i) *The curvature tensor  $\bar{R}$  is given by*

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

(ii) The Ricci tensor  $\bar{S}$  is given by

$$\bar{S}(Y, Z) = S(Y, Z) + \beta(2\beta - 1)g(Y, Z) - \beta(4\beta - 1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) + (\phi Z)(\beta)\eta(Y) + (\phi Y)(\beta)\eta(Z),$$

$$(iii) \bar{R}(X, Y)Z = -\bar{R}(Y, X)Z,$$

$$(iv) \bar{R}(X, Y)Z + \bar{R}(Y, Z)X + \bar{R}(Z, X)Y = 0,$$

$$(v) \bar{r} = r - 2\beta + 2\beta^2.$$

Moreover, if the structure function  $\beta$  is constant, then we conclude the following:

**Corollary 4.2.** *In a 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold  $M$  with constant structure function admitting the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  :*

(i) The curvature tensor  $\bar{R}$  is given by

$$\bar{R}(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z + \beta^2 g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X - \beta^2 g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y + 2\beta(\beta - 1)g(\phi Y, X)\phi Z + \beta(\beta - 1)\eta(Y)g(X, Z)\xi - \beta(\beta - 1)\eta(X)g(Y, Z)\xi - \beta^2 \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X + \beta^2 \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y,$$

(ii) The Ricci tensor  $\bar{S}$  is given by

$$\bar{S}(Y, Z) = S(Y, Z) + \beta(2\beta - 1)g(Y, Z) - \beta(4\beta - 1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z),$$

$$(iii) \bar{R}(X, Y)Z = -\bar{R}(Y, X)Z,$$

$$(iv) \bar{R}(X, Y)Z + \bar{R}(Y, Z)X + \bar{R}(Z, X)Y = 0,$$

$$(v) g(\bar{R}(X, Y)Z, U) = -g(\bar{R}(X, Y)U, Z),$$

$$(vi) \bar{r} = r - 2\beta + 2\beta^2.$$

## 5 Projective curvature tensor on 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifolds with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric $\xi$ -connection

$\bar{\nabla}$

In this section we characterize  $\xi$ -projectively flat and  $\phi$ -projectively flat 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ .

After the conformal curvature tensor, the projective curvature tensor is an important tensor from the differential geometric point of view. Let  $M$  be a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold. If there exists a one-to-one correspondence between each coordinate neighbourhood of  $M$  and a domain in the Euclidean 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  $n \geq 1$ ,  $M$  is locally projectively flat if and only if the well-known projective curvature tensor  $P$



vanishes. The projective curvature tensor is defined by [13]

$$(5.1) \quad P(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{2n}[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y],$$

where  $S$  is the Ricci tensor of  $M$ .

Let  $M$  be an almost contact metric manifold equipped with an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ . At each point  $p \in M$ , we decompose the tangent space  $T_pM$  into direct sum  $T_pM = \phi(T_pM) \oplus \{\xi_p\}$ , where  $\{\xi_p\}$  is the 1-dimensional linear subspace of  $T_pM$  generated by  $\{\xi_p\}$ . Thus the conformal curvature tensor  $C$  is a map

$$C : T_pM \times T_pM \times T_pM \longrightarrow \phi(T_pM) \oplus \{\xi_p\}, \quad p \in M.$$

It may be natural to consider the following particular cases:

(1)  $C : T_pM \times T_pM \times T_pM \longrightarrow \{\xi_p\}$ , i.e, the projection of the image of  $C$  in  $\phi(T_pM)$  is zero.

(2)  $C : T_pM \times T_pM \times T_pM \longrightarrow \phi(T_pM)$ , i.e, the projection of the image of  $C$  in  $\{\xi_p\}$  is zero. This condition is equivalent to

$$(5.2) \quad C(X, Y)\xi = 0.$$

(3)  $C : \phi(T_pM) \times \phi(T_pM) \times \phi(T_pM) \longrightarrow \{\xi_p\}$ , i.e, when  $C$  is restricted to  $\phi(T_pM) \times \phi(T_pM) \times \phi(T_pM)$ , the projection of the image of  $C$  in  $\phi(T_pM)$  is zero. This condition is equivalent to

$$(5.3) \quad \phi^2 C(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z = 0.$$

A  $K$ -contact manifold satisfying (5.2) and (5.3) are called  $\xi$ -conformally flat and  $\phi$ -conformally flat respectively. A  $K$ -contact manifold satisfying the cases (1), (2) and (3) are considered in [29], [30] and [31] respectively.

In an analogous way we define projective curvature tensor  $\bar{P}$  on 3–dimension non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold with respect to a special type of quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ , by

$$(5.4) \quad \bar{P}(X, Y)Z = \bar{R}(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{2}[\bar{S}(Y, Z)X - \bar{S}(X, Z)Y].$$

**Definition 5.1.** A 3–dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold  $M$  with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  is said to be  $\xi$ -projectively flat if the condition  $\bar{P}(X, Y)\xi = 0$  holds.

So using (4.3), (4.4) and (2.3) the equation (5.4) becomes

$$(5.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{P}(X, Y)Z = & P(X, Y)Z - \beta(\beta - 1)\eta(X)g(Y, Z)\xi + \beta(\beta - 1)\eta(Y)g(X, Z)\xi \\ & + \beta^2 g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X - \beta^2 g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y + 2\beta(\beta - 1)g(\phi Y, X)\phi Z \\ & + \beta^2 \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \beta^2 \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \frac{1}{2}[\beta(2\beta - 1)g(Y, Z)X \\ & - \beta(2\beta - 1)g(X, Z)Y + \beta(4\beta - 1)\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y \\ & - \beta(4\beta - 1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z)X], \end{aligned}$$

where  $P(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{2}[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y]$  is the projective curvature tensor with respect to the Levi-Civita connection on a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold.

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in equation (5.5) and using (2.3), we conclude that

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

Thus, we can state the following theorem:

**Theorem 5.1.** *A 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold  $M$  with constant structure function admitting the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  is  $\xi$ -projectively flat if and only if the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  is so.*

**Definition 5.2.** A 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold  $M$  with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  is said to be  $\phi$ -projectively flat if it satisfies the condition

$$(5.6) \quad g(\bar{P}(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi U) = 0.$$

From (5.4), it follows that

$$(5.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{P}(X, Y, Z, U) &= \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, U) - \frac{1}{2}[\bar{S}(Y, Z)g(X, U) \\ &\quad - \bar{S}(X, Z)g(Y, U)], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{P}(X, Y, Z, U) = g(\bar{P}(X, Y)Z, U)$ , for  $X, Y, Z, U \in \chi(M)$ .

Putting  $X = \phi X, Y = \phi Y, Z = \phi Z$  and  $U = \phi U$  in (5.7), it is obvious that

$$(5.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{P}(\phi X, \phi Y, \phi Z, \phi U) &= \tilde{R}(\phi X, \phi Y, \phi Z, \phi U) - \frac{1}{2}[\bar{S}(\phi Y, \phi Z)g(\phi X, \phi U) \\ &\quad - \bar{S}(\phi X, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, \phi U)]. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\{e_1, e_2, \xi\}$  be a local orthonormal basis of vector fields in  $M$ . Then  $\{\phi e_1, \phi e_2, \xi\}$  is also a local orthonormal basis. Putting  $X = U = e_i$  in (5.8), taking summation over  $i, 1 \leq i \leq 2$  and also using (2.3), we get

$$(5.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{P}(\phi e_i, \phi Y, \phi Z, \phi e_i) &= \tilde{R}(\phi e_i, \phi Y, \phi Z, \phi e_i) - \frac{1}{2}[\bar{S}(\phi Y, \phi Z)g(\phi e_i, \phi e_i) \\ &\quad - \bar{S}(\phi e_i, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, \phi e_i)]. \end{aligned}$$

In view of (5.6) and (5.9) and using (2.3), we obtain

$$(5.10) \quad \bar{S}(\phi Y, \phi Z) = 0.$$

Combining (2.9), (4.4) and (5.10) and using (2.3), we have

$$(5.11) \quad S(Y, Z) - 2\beta^2\eta(Y)\eta(Z) + \beta(2\beta - 1)g(\phi Y, \phi Z) = 0.$$

By making use of (2.1), (2.2) and (2.3) in (5.11), we can write

$$(5.12) \quad S(Y, Z) - \beta(4\beta - 1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) + \beta(2\beta - 1)g(Y, Z) = 0.$$

Interchanging  $Y$  and  $Z$  in (5.12) and using (2.7), it follows that

$$(5.13) \quad S(Y, Z) - \beta(4\beta - 1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) + \beta(2\beta - 1)g(Y, Z) = 0.$$

Adding the equations (5.12) and (5.13), we conclude that

$$S(Y, Z) = \beta(4\beta - 1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - \beta(2\beta - 1)g(Y, Z),$$

which means that a  $\phi$ -projectively flat 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold with constant structure function admitting the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold with respect to the Levi-Civita connection.

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

**Theorem 5.2.** *A  $\phi$ -projectively flat 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold  $M$  with constant structure function admitting the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold with respect to the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ .*

## 6 The second order symmetric parallel tensor

**Definition 6.1.** A tensor  $\alpha$  of second order is said to be a parallel tensor if  $\nabla\alpha = 0$ , where  $\nabla$  denotes the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the metric tensor  $g$ .

Let  $\bar{\alpha}$  be a  $(0, 2)$ -symmetric tensor field on a 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold with respect to the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  such that  $\bar{\nabla}\alpha = 0$ . Then it follows that

$$(6.1) \quad \bar{\alpha}(\bar{R}(W, X)Y, Z) + \bar{\alpha}(Y, \bar{R}(W, X)Z) = 0,$$

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

Substitution of  $W = Y = Z = \xi$  in (6.1) yields

$$(6.2) \quad \bar{\alpha}(R(\xi, X)\xi, \xi) = 0,$$

since  $\bar{\alpha}$  is symmetric. Using (4.3) in (6.2) we have

$$(6.3) \quad \bar{\alpha}(\xi, \xi) = 0.$$

Differentiating (6.3) covariantly along  $X$ , we get

$$(6.4) \quad \bar{\alpha}(\phi X, \xi) = 0.$$

Substituting  $X$  by  $\phi X$  in (6.4) yields

$$(6.5) \quad \bar{\alpha}(X, \xi) = 0.$$

Again differentiating (6.4) covariantly along  $Y$  and making use of (6.3) and (6.4), we get

$$(6.6) \quad \bar{\alpha}(\phi X, \phi Y) = 0.$$

Substitution of  $X = \phi X$  and  $Y = \phi Y$  in (6.6) yields

$$(6.7) \quad \bar{\alpha}(X, Y) = 0.$$

In view of (6.7) we can state the following:

**Theorem 6.1.** *On a 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold there does not exist a nonzero symmetric parallel tensor of second order with respect to a quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection.*

## 7 Example

In this section, we give an example of a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold  $M$  with constant structure function admitting the quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ .

We consider the 3-dimensional manifold  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : (x, y, z) \neq 0\}$ , where  $(x, y, z)$  are the standard coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

We choose the vector fields

$$e_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad e_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad e_3 = 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x},$$

which are linearly independent at each point of  $M$ .

Let  $g$  be the Riemannian metric defined by

$$g(e_i, e_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j; i, j = 1, 2, 3. \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

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

and

$$g(\phi Z, \phi U) = g(Z, U) - \eta(Z)\eta(U),$$

for any vector fields  $Z, U \in \chi(M)$ . Thus for  $e_3 = \xi$ , the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defines an almost contact metric structure on  $M$ .

Then we have

$$(7.1) \quad [e_1, e_2] = \frac{1}{2}e_3, [e_1, e_3] = 0, [e_2, e_3] = 0.$$

The Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  of the metric tensor  $g$  is given by Koszul's formula

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

Using Koszul's formula, we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{e_1} e_1 &= 0, \quad \nabla_{e_1} e_2 = -\frac{1}{4}e_3, \quad \nabla_{e_1} e_3 = \frac{1}{4}e_2, \\ \nabla_{e_2} e_1 &= \frac{1}{4}e_3, \quad \nabla_{e_2} e_2 = 0, \quad \nabla_{e_2} e_3 = -\frac{1}{4}e_1, \\ \nabla_{e_3} e_1 &= \frac{1}{4}e_2, \quad \nabla_{e_3} e_2 = -\frac{1}{4}e_1, \quad \nabla_{e_3} e_3 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

In view of the above relations, we see that

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\beta\phi X, \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = \beta g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X.$$

Therefore, the manifold is a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold  $M$  with constant structure function  $\beta = \frac{1}{4}$ .

Using (3.1) in above equations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\nabla}_{e_1} e_1 &= 0, \quad \bar{\nabla}_{e_1} e_2 = -\frac{1}{4}e_3, \quad \bar{\nabla}_{e_1} e_3 = 0, \\ \bar{\nabla}_{e_2} e_1 &= \frac{1}{4}e_3, \quad \bar{\nabla}_{e_2} e_2 = 0, \quad \bar{\nabla}_{e_2} e_3 = 0, \\ \bar{\nabla}_{e_3} e_1 &= e_2, \quad \bar{\nabla}_{e_3} e_2 = -e_1, \quad \bar{\nabla}_{e_3} e_3 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The above arguments tell us that  $M$  is a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold with constant structure function admitting a type of quarter-symmetric non-metric  $\xi$ -connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ .

The expressions of the curvature tensor with respect to  $\bar{\nabla}$  are :

$$\begin{aligned} R(e_1, e_2)e_3 &= 0, \quad R(e_2, e_3)e_3 = \frac{1}{16}e_2, \quad R(e_1, e_3)e_3 = \frac{1}{16}e_1, \\ R(e_1, e_2)e_2 &= -\frac{3}{16}e_1, \quad R(e_2, e_3)e_2 = -\frac{1}{16}e_3, \quad R(e_1, e_3)e_2 = 0, \\ R(e_1, e_2)e_1 &= \frac{3}{16}e_2, \quad R(e_2, e_3)e_1 = 0, \quad R(e_1, e_3)e_1 = -\frac{1}{16}e_3. \end{aligned}$$

From the above expressions the non-zero components of the Ricci tensor with respect to  $\bar{\nabla}$  are given by

$$S(e_1, e_1) = -\frac{1}{8}, \quad S(e_2, e_2) = -\frac{1}{8}, \quad S(e_3, e_3) = \frac{1}{8}.$$

Similarly, the expressions of the curvature tensor with respect to  $\bar{\nabla}$  are :

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{R}(e_1, e_2)e_3 &= 0, \bar{R}(e_1, e_3)e_3 = 0, \bar{R}(e_2, e_3)e_3 = 0, \\ \bar{R}(e_1, e_2)e_1 &= -\frac{1}{2}e_2, \bar{R}(e_1, e_2)e_2 = 0, \bar{R}(e_2, e_3)e_3 = 0, \\ R(e_2, e_1)e_1 &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

From the above expressions the components of the Ricci tensor with respect to  $\bar{\nabla}$  are given by

$$\bar{S}(e_1, e_1) = 0, \bar{S}(e_2, e_2) = 0, \bar{S}(e_3, e_3) = 0.$$

In view of the above equations we can easily obtain

$$P(e_i, e_j)e_3 = 0 = \bar{P}(e_i, e_j)e_3,$$

for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$ . Therefore theorem 5.1 is verified.

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