# On Quasi Conformally Flat LP-Sasakian Manifolds with a Coefficient $\alpha$

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Abstract—The aim of the present paper is to study properties of Quasi conformally flat LP-Sasakian manifolds with a coefficient  $\alpha$ . In this paper, we prove that a Quasi conformally flat LP-Sasakian manifold M (n > 3) with a constant coefficient  $\alpha$  is an  $\eta$ -Einstein and in a quasi conformally flat LP-Sasakian manifold M (n > 3) with a constant coefficient  $\alpha$  if the scalar curvature tensor is constant then M is of constant curvature.

*Keywords*—LP-Sasakian manifolds, coefficient  $\alpha$ , quasi conformal curvature tensor, concircular vector field, torse forming vector field,  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.

### I. INTRODUCTION

T HE notion of LP-Sasakian manifolds has been introduced by Matsumoto [4]. Then in this line, Mihai and Rosca [5] introduced the same notion independently and obtained several results in this manifold. In 2002, De et al. [2] introduced the notion of LP-Sasakian manifolds with a coefficient  $\alpha$  which generalizes the notion of LP-Sasakian manifolds. In [3], De et al. studied these manifolds with conformally flat curvature tensor and then Bagewadi et al. [1] investigated it with pseudo projectively flat curvature tensor.

In 1968, Yano and Sawaki [8] defined and studied a tensor field W of type (1,3) which includes both the conformal curvature tensor and concicular curvature tensor as special cases and called Quasi conformal curvature tensor which is given as

$$W(X,Y)Z = aR(X,Y)Z + b[S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y + g(Y,Z)QX - g(X,Z)QY] - \frac{r}{n}(\frac{a}{n-1} + 2b)\{g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y\},$$
(1)

where R, S, Q, r denote curvature tensor, Ricci tensor, Ricci operator, scalar curvature tensor respectively and a, b are arbitrary constant not simultaneously zero. Motivated by these studies in this paper, we have studied some properties of quasi conformally flat LP-Sasakian manifolds with a coefficient  $\alpha$ . Here, we prove that in a Quasi conformally flat LP-Sasakian manifolds with a coefficient  $\alpha$ , the characteristic vector field  $\xi$  is a concircular vector field if and only if the manifold is  $\eta$ -Einstein. Finally, we prove that Quasi conformally flat LP-Sasakian manifolds with a coefficient  $\alpha$  is a manifold of constant curvature if the scalar curvature r is constant.

#### **II. PRELIMINARIES**

Let M be an n-dimensional differentiable manifold endowed with a (1,1) tensor field  $\phi$ , contravariant vector field  $\xi$ , a

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covariant vector field  $\eta$ , and a Lorentzian metric g of type (1,2) such that for each point  $p \in M$ , the tensor  $g_p : T_pM \times T_pM \longrightarrow R$  is a non degenerate inner product of signature (-, +, +, ..., +) where  $T_pM$  denotes the tangent vector space of M at p and R is real number space, which satisfies

$$\eta(\xi) = -1, \qquad \phi^2 X = X + \eta(X)\xi \tag{2}$$

$$g(X,\xi) = \eta(X)$$
$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X,Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$
(3)

for all vector fields X, Y. The structures  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  are said to be Lorentzian almost paracontact structure and the manifold M with the structures  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called Lorentzian almost paracontact manifold [4]. In the Lorentzian almost paracontact manifold M, the following relations hold [4]:

$$\phi \xi = 0, \qquad \eta(\phi X) = 0, \tag{4}$$

$$\Omega(X,Y) = \Omega(Y,X), \tag{5}$$

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

In the Lorentzian almost paracontact manifold M, if the relations

$$(D_Z \Omega)(X, Y) = \alpha[\{g(X, Z) + \eta(X)\eta(Z)\}\eta(Y) + \{g(Y, Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\}\eta(X)], \quad (6)$$

$$\Omega(X,Y) = \frac{1}{\alpha}(D_X\eta)(Y),\tag{7}$$

hold where *D* denotes the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the Lorentzian metric *g*, then M is called LP-Sasakian manifolds with a coefficient  $\alpha$  [2]. An LP-Sasakian manifolds with a coefficient  $\alpha = 1$  is an LP-Sasakian manifolds [4].

If a vector field V satisfies the equation

$$D_X V = \beta X + T(X)V,$$

where  $\beta$  is a non zero scalar function and T is a covariant vector field, then V is called a torse forming vector field [7]. In a Lorentzian manifold M, if we assume that  $\xi$  is a unit torse forming vector field, then we have:

$$(D_X\eta)(Y) = \alpha[g(X,Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)], \qquad (8)$$

where  $\alpha$  is a non zero scalar function. Hence, the manifold admitting a unit torse forming vector field satisfying (8) is an

LP-Sasakian manifolds with a coefficient  $\alpha.$  Especially, if  $\eta$  satisfies

$$(D_X\eta)(Y) = \epsilon[g(X,Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)], \quad \epsilon^2 = 1$$
 (9)

then M is called an LSP-Sasakian Manifold [4]. In particular, if  $\alpha$  satisfies (8) and the following equation

$$\alpha(X) = p \ \eta(X), \qquad \alpha(X) + D_X \alpha, \tag{10}$$

where p is a scalar function, then  $\xi$  is called a concircular vector field. Let us consider an LP-Sasakian manifolds M  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  with a coefficient  $\alpha$ . Then we have the following relations [4]

$$\eta(R(X,Y)Z) = -\alpha(X)\Omega(Y,Z) + \alpha(Y)\Omega(X,Z) + \alpha^2 \{g(Y,Z)\eta(X) - g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\},$$
(11)

$$S(X,\xi) = -\Psi\alpha(X) + (n-1)\alpha^2\eta(X) + \alpha(\phi X), \quad (12)$$

where  $\Psi$ =Trace( $\phi$ ).

We now state the following results which will be needed in the later section.

**Lemma 1.** [2] In an LP-Sasakian manifolds with a coefficient  $\alpha$ , one of the following cases occur;

$$\begin{aligned} i) \quad \Psi^2 &= (n-1)^2 \\ ii) \quad \alpha(Y) &= -p \ \eta(Y), \quad where \quad p = \alpha(\xi). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.** [2] In a Lorentzian almost paracontact manifold M with its structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  satisfying  $\Omega(X, Y) = \frac{1}{\alpha}(D_X\eta)(Y)$ , where  $\alpha$  is a non-zero scalar function, the vector field  $\xi$  is a torse forming if and only if the relation  $\Psi^2 = (n-1)^2$  holds good.

# III. QUASI CONFORMALLY FLAT LP-SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS WITH A COEFFICIENT $\alpha$

Let us consider a Quasi conformally flat LP-Sasakian manifolds M (n > 3) with a coefficient  $\alpha$ . Then, since the quasi conformal curvature tensor W vanishes, (1) reduces to

$$R(X, Y, Z, U) = -\frac{b}{a} [S(Y, Z)g(X, U) - S(X, Z)g(Y, U) + S(X, U)g(Y, Z) - g(X, Z)S(Y, U)] + \frac{r}{n} (\frac{1}{n-1} + \frac{2b}{a}) \{g(Y, Z)g(X, U) - g(X, Z)g(Y, U)\}.$$
 (13)

Putting  $U = \xi$  in (13) and using (11) and (12), we get

$$-\alpha(X)\Omega(Y,Z) + \alpha(Y)\Omega(X,Z) + \alpha^{2} \{g(Y,Z)\eta(X) - g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\} = -\frac{b}{a} \Big[ \{S(Y,Z)\eta(X) - S(X,Z)\eta(Y)\} + g(Y,Z) \{-\Psi\alpha(X) + (n-1)\alpha^{2}\eta(X) + \alpha(\phi X)\} - g(X,Z) \{-\Psi\alpha(Y) + (n-1)\alpha^{2}\eta(Y) + \alpha(\phi Y)\} \Big] + \frac{r}{n} (\frac{1}{n-1} + \frac{2b}{a}) \{(g(Y,Z)\eta(X) - g(X,Z)\eta(Y))\}.$$
(14)

Again putting  $X = \xi$  in (14) and using (4) and (12), we obtain by straightforward calculations

$$S(Y,Z) = \left\{ \frac{ar}{n(n-1)b} + \frac{2r}{n} - p\Psi - (n-1)\alpha^{2} - \frac{a}{b}\alpha^{2} \right\} g(Y,Z) + \left\{ \frac{ar}{n(n-1)b} + \frac{2r}{n} - 2(n-1)\alpha^{2} - \frac{a}{b}\alpha^{2} \right\} \eta(Y)\eta(Z) + \left\{ \Psi\alpha(Z) - \alpha(\phi Z) \right\} \eta(Y) + \left\{ \Psi\alpha(Y) - \alpha(\phi Y) \right\} \eta(Z) - \frac{a}{b}p \ \Omega(Y,Z),$$
(15)

where  $p = \alpha(\xi)$ . If an LP-Sasakian manifolds M with a coefficient  $\alpha$  satisfies the relation

$$S(X,Y) = cg(X,Y) + d\eta(X)\eta(Y)$$

where c, d are associated functions on the manifold, then the manifold M is said to be an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold. Now we have [2]

$$S(Y,Z) = \left[\frac{r}{(n-1)} - \alpha^2 + \frac{p\Psi}{n-1}\right]g(X,Y) + \left[\frac{r}{(n-1)} - \alpha^2 + \frac{np\Psi}{n-1}\right]\eta(X)\eta(Y).$$
(16)

Contracting (16), we obtain

$$r = n(n-1)\alpha^2 + n \quad p\Psi.$$
(17)

By virtue of (15) and (16), we get

$$\left[ \frac{\{a + (n-2)b\}r}{n(n-1)b} - \{a + (n-2)b\} \frac{\alpha^2}{b} + \frac{(2-n)p\Psi}{n-1} \right] g(Y,Z) + \left[ \frac{\{a + (n-2)b\}r}{n(n-1)b} - \{a + (n-2)b\} \frac{\alpha^2}{b} + \frac{np\Psi}{n-1} \right] \eta(Y)\eta(Z) + \left\{ \Psi\alpha(Z) - \alpha(\phi Z) \right\} \eta(Y) + \left\{ \Psi\alpha(Y) - \alpha(\phi Y) \right\} \eta(Z) - p \frac{a}{b} \Omega(Y,Z) = 0.$$
 (18)

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (18), we obtain

$$\Psi \alpha(Y) - \alpha(\phi Z) = -\Psi p \ \eta(Y), \tag{19}$$

for all vector fields Y. In consequence of (17) and  $(19),\,(18)$  becomes

$$\frac{a}{b} \left[ \frac{\Psi}{n-1} \{ g(Y,Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z) \} - \Omega(Y,Z) \right] = 0.$$
 (20)

If p=0, then from (19) we have  $\alpha(\phi Y) = \Psi \alpha(Y)$ . Thus, since  $\Psi$  is an eigenvalue of the matrix  $\phi$ ,  $\Psi$  is equal to  $\pm 1$ . Hence by Lemma 1, we get  $\alpha(Y) = 0$  for all Y and hence  $\alpha$ is constant which contradict to our assumption. Consequently, we have  $p \neq 0$  and hence from (20) we get

$$\frac{a}{b} \Big[ \frac{\Psi}{n-1} \{ g(Y,Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z) \} \\ - \Omega(Y,Z) \Big] = 0.$$
(21)

Replacing Y by  $\phi Y$  in (21) and using (4), we get

$$\frac{a}{b} \Big[ \Omega(Y,Z) - \frac{\Psi}{n-1} \{ g(Y,Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z) \} \Big] = 0, \qquad (22)$$

Combining (21) and (22), we get

$$\{\Psi^2 - (n-1)^2\}[g(Y,Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)] = 0,$$

which gives by virtue n > 3

$$\Psi^2 = (n-1)^2. \tag{23}$$

Hence, Lemma 2 proves that  $\xi$  is torse forming. Again, we have

$$(D_X\eta)(Y) = \beta\{g(X,Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)\}.$$

Now from (7) we get

$$\Omega(X,Y) = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \{g(X,Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)\}$$
$$= g(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}(X + \eta(X)\xi,Y)),$$

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

Since g is non singular, we have

$$\phi(X) = \frac{\beta}{\alpha}(X + \eta(X)\xi)$$

and

$$\phi^2(X) = \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)^2 (X + \eta(X)\xi).$$

It follows from (2) that  $(\frac{\beta}{\alpha})^2 = 1$  and hence  $\alpha = \pm \beta$ . Thus, we have

$$\phi(X) = \pm (X + \eta(X)\xi).$$

By virtue of (19) we see that  $\alpha(Y) = -p\eta(Y)$ . Thus, we conclude that  $\xi$  is a concircular vector field. Conversely suppose that  $\xi$  is a concircular vector field. Then we have:

$$(D_X\eta)(Y) = \beta\{g(X,Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)\},\$$

where  $\beta$  is a certain function and  $(D_X\beta)(Y) = q\eta(X)$  for a certain scalar function q. Hence by virtue of (7), we have  $\alpha = \pm \beta$ . Thus

$$\Omega(X,Y) = \epsilon \{g(X,Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)\}, \epsilon^2 = 1,$$
  

$$\Psi = \epsilon(n-1), D_X \alpha = \alpha(X) + p\eta(X), p = \epsilon q.$$

Using these relations and (19) in (15), it can be easily seen that M is  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold. This leads to the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.** In a Quasi conformally flat LP-Sasakian manifold M(n > 3) with a non constant coefficient  $\alpha$ , the characteristic vector field  $\eta$  is a concircular vector field if and only if M is  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.

Next we consider the case when  $\alpha$  is constant. In this case, the following relations hold:

$$\eta(R(X,Y)Z) = \alpha^2 \{ g(Y,Z)\eta(X) - g(X,Z)\eta(Y) \}, \quad (24)$$

$$S(X,\xi) = (n-1)\eta(X).$$
 (25)

Putting  $U = \xi$  in (13) and then using (31) and (25), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha^{2} \{ g(Y,Z)\eta(X) - g(X,Z)\eta(Y) \} \\ &= -\frac{b}{a} \Big[ S(Y,Z)\eta(X) - S(Y,Z)\eta(Y) \\ &+ (n-1)\alpha^{2}g(Y,Z)\eta(X) \\ &- (n-1)\alpha^{2}g(X,Z)\eta(Y) \Big] \\ &+ \frac{r}{n} (\frac{1}{n-1} + \frac{2b}{a}) \{ g(Y,Z)\eta(X) \\ &- g(X,Z)\eta(Y) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Again putting  $U=\xi$  in above and making use of (25) we get

$$S(Y,Z) = \left[\frac{\{a+2b(n-1)\}r}{bn(n-1)} - \frac{\alpha^2}{b}\{a+b(n-1)\}\right]g(Y,Z) + \left[\frac{\{a+2b(n-1)\}r}{bn(n-1)} - \frac{\alpha^2}{b}\{a+2b(n-1)\}\right]\eta(Y)\eta(Z).$$
 (26)

Thus, we can state the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.** A Quasi conformally flat LP-Sasakian manifold M (n > 3) with a constant coefficient  $\alpha$  is an  $\eta$ -Einstein.

Differentiating covariantly (26) along X and making use of (7), we obtain

$$(D_X S)(Y,Z) = \frac{dr(X)}{b(n-1)n} \{a + 2b(n-1)\} \times \{g(Y,Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\} + \frac{\alpha\{a + 2b(n-1)\}}{b} (\frac{r}{n(n-1)} - \alpha^2) \times \{\Omega(X,Y)\eta(Z) + \Omega(X,Z)\eta(Y)\}.$$
 (27)

where  $dr(X) = D_X r$ . This implies that

$$(D_X S)(Y,Z) - (D_Y S)(X,Z) = \frac{dr(X)}{n} \left(2 + \frac{a}{b(n-1)}\right) \left\{g(Y,Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\right\} - \frac{dr(Y)}{n} \left(2 + \frac{a}{b(n-1)}\right) \left\{g(X,Z) + \eta(X)\eta(Z)\right\} + \frac{\alpha}{b} \left\{a + 2b(n-1)\right\} \left(\frac{r}{n(n-1)} - \alpha^2\right) \times \left\{\Omega(X,Z)\eta(Y) + \Omega(Y,Z)\eta(X)\right\}. (28)$$

On the other hand, we also have for a Quasi conformally flat curvature tensor [6]

$$= \frac{(D_X S)(Y,Z) - (D_Y S)(X,Z)}{\{2a - (n-1)(n-4)b\}} \frac{\{2a - (n-1)(n-4)b\}}{2(a+b)n(n-1)} dr(X)g(Y,Z) - dr(Y)g(X,Z)],$$
(29)

provided  $a + 2b(n-1) \neq 0$ . From (28) and (29), it follows that

$$\frac{dr(X)}{n} \left(2 + \frac{a}{b(n-1)}\right) \left\{g(Y,Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\right\} 
- \frac{dr(Y)}{n} \left(2 + \frac{a}{b(n-1)}\right) \left\{g(X,Z) + \eta(X)\eta(Z)\right\} 
+ \frac{\alpha}{b} \left\{a + 2(n-1)b\right\} \left(\frac{r}{n(n-1)} - \alpha^{2}\right) \times \left\{\Omega(X,Z)\eta(Y) + \Omega(Y,Z)\eta(X)\right\} 
= \frac{\left\{2a - (n-1)(n-4)b\right\}}{2(a+b)n(n-1)} \left[dr(X)g(Y,Z) - dr(Y)g(X,Z)\right].$$
(30)

If r is constant then (30) yields

$$r = n(n-1)\alpha^2.$$

Hence from (13), it follows that

 $R(X, Y, Z, U) = \alpha^{2}[g(Y, Z)g(X, U) - g(X, Z)g(Y, U)],$ (31)

which shows that the manifold is of constant curvature. Thus, we can state the following:

**Theorem 3.** In a Quasi conformally flat LP-Sasakian manifold M (n > 3) with a constant coefficient  $\alpha$ , if the scalar curvature tensor is constant then M is of constant curvature.

## IV. CONCLUSION

The present paper is about the study of some geometrical properties of quasi conformally flat LP-Sasakian manifolds with a coefficient  $\alpha$ . It is established that a quasi conformally flat LP-Sasakian manifold M (n > 3) with a constant coefficient  $\alpha$  is an  $\eta$ - Einstein and in a quasi conformally flat LP-Sasakian manifold M (n > 3) with a non coefficient  $\alpha$ , the characteristic vector field  $\eta$  is a concircular vector field if and only if M is  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.

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