



# On $\xi$ -Conformally and $\xi$ -Pseudo Projectively Flat Lorentzian Sasakian Manifolds with Tanaka-Webster Connection

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**Abstract** In this work, the Tanaka-Webster connection on a Lorentzian Sasakian manifold is defined and the notions  $\xi$ -quasi conformally and  $\xi$ -pseudo projectively flat structures on a Lorentzian Sasakian manifold are introduced. After that, it is proved that if any Lorentzian Sasakian manifold with Tanaka-Webster connection is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold, then the Tanaka-Webster connection  $\hat{\nabla}$  is  $\xi$ -conformally flat. Furthermore, we give some structure theorems on Lorentzian Sasakian manifold with respect to the Tanaka-Webster connection.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

If a differentiable manifold has a Lorentzian metric  $g$ , i.e., a symmetric nondegenerated  $(0,2)$  tensor field of index 1, then it is called a Lorentzian manifold. In generally, a differentiable manifold has a Lorentzian metric if and only if it has an 1-dimensional distribution. Hence an odd dimensional manifold is able to have a Lorentzian metric. It is very natural and interesting to define both a Sasakian structure and a Lorentzian metric on an odd dimensional manifold. In fact, odd dimensional de Sitter space and Goedel Universe, that are important examples on relativity theory, have Sasakian structure with Lorentzian metric, [1–8].

In this paper, we define the Tanaka-Webster connection on a Lorentzian Sasakian manifold and investigate some of its properties like curvature tensor, conformal curvature tensor and pseudo projective curvature tensor, see [9–12].

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## 2. PRELIMINARIES

### 2.1. SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS WITH LORENTZIAN METRIC

**Definition 2.1** ([6], [8]). Let  $M$  be a differentiable manifold of class  $C^\infty$  and let  $\phi, \xi, \eta$  be a tensor field of type  $(1,1)$ , a vector field and an 1-form on  $M$ , respectively, such that

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

$$\eta(\xi) = 1, \quad (2.2)$$

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

$$\eta(\phi X) = 0 \quad (2.4)$$

for any vector field  $X$  on  $M$ . Then  $M$  is said to have an *almost contact structure*  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  and is called an *almost contact manifold*.

Since  $M$  has a globally defined unique vector field  $\xi$  which is also called the *Reeb vector field*, it is able to have a Lorentzian metric  $g$ .

**Definition 2.2** ([6]).  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called an *almost contact metric structure* on  $M$  if it is an almost contact structure on  $M$  and  $g$  is a Lorentzian metric such that

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y); X, Y \in \chi(M), \quad (2.5)$$

$$g(\xi, \xi) = -1, \quad (2.6)$$

$$g(\xi, X) = -\eta(X). \quad (2.7)$$

**Definition 2.3** ([8]). An almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called a *contact metric structure* if it satisfies

$$(\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = g(\phi X, Y), X, Y \in \chi(M), \quad (2.8)$$

where  $\nabla$  is the covariant derivative with respect to  $g$ .

**Definition 2.4** ([8]). If a contact metric structure satisfies

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y = -\eta(Y)X - g(X, Y)\xi, X, Y \in \chi(M), \quad (2.9)$$

it is called a *normal contact metric structure* on  $M$ . In this case we call  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  a *Sasakian manifold with the Lorentzian metric  $g$* .

**Proposition 2.5** ([8]). For an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  on  $M$ , equation (2.9) implies

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\phi X, \quad (\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = g(\phi X, Y); X, Y \in \chi(M) \quad (2.10)$$

and  $\xi$  is a Killing vector field.

The Riemann curvature tensor  $R$  of a Sasakian manifold with Lorentzian metric satisfies

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y = g(\xi, X)Y - g(\xi, Y)X. \quad (2.11)$$

Contracting  $X$  in (2.11) it follows that

$$S(Y, \xi) = 2n\eta(Y), \quad (2.12)$$

where  $S$  is the Ricci tensor of the Lorentzian Sasakian manifold.

### 2.2. TANAKA-WEBSTER CONNECTION ON A SASAKIAN MANIFOLD

Now, we review the Tanaka-Webster connection on a Sasakian manifold  $M$  with Lorentzian metric  $g$ , see [6], [11] and [12]. We denote by  $\nabla$  the Lorentzian connection defined by  $g$ . Let  $r$  be arbitrary fixed real number, and let  $A$  be a tensor field of type (1,2) defined by

$$A(X)Y = g(\phi X, Y)\xi + r\eta(X)\phi(Y) + \eta(Y)\phi X \tag{2.13}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ . Then we can define a linear connection  $D$  ( $D$ -connection) as

$$D_X Y = \nabla_X Y + A(X)Y, \tag{2.14}$$

where  $\nabla$  is the covariant derivative with respect to  $g$ .

The tensor fields  $\xi, \eta, g$  and  $A$  are parallel with respect to the  $D$ -connection, see [6]. If we choose  $r = 1$  in (2.13) we get the special form of  $D$ -connection which is called the Tanaka-Webster connection and denoted by  $\hat{\nabla}$ , that is we will define

$$\hat{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + g(\phi X, Y)\xi + \eta(X)\phi(Y) + \eta(Y)\phi X. \tag{2.15}$$

We see that the Tanaka-Webster connection  $\hat{\nabla}$  for Sasakian manifold  $M$  with Lorentzian metric  $g$  has the torsion

$$\hat{T}(X, Y) = -2g(X, \phi Y)\xi. \tag{2.16}$$

**Lemma 2.6** ([6]). *The tensor field  $A$  satisfies followings*

$$\begin{aligned} A(A(Z)X)Y &= g(X, \phi Z)\phi Y - g(X, Y)\eta(Z)\xi - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi \\ &\quad - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Y)Z \end{aligned} \tag{2.17}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} A(Z)A(X)Y - A(X)A(Z)Y &= \eta(X)g(Z, Y)\xi - \eta(Z)g(X, Y)\xi \\ &\quad + g(\phi X, Y)\phi Z - g(\phi Z, Y)\phi X + \eta(Y)\eta(X)Z - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X. \end{aligned} \tag{2.18}$$

### 3. $\xi$ -CONFORMALLY FLAT LORENTZIAN SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS WITH TANAKA-WEBSTER CONNECTION

Since the curvature tensor  $\hat{R}$  of the Tanaka-Webster connection and the curvature tensor  $R$  of the Lorentzian connection satisfies

$$\hat{R}(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z + A(A(Y)X)Z - A(A(X)Y)Z + A(X)A(Y)Z - A(Y)A(X)Z,$$

from Lemma 2.1, we have the following

**Proposition 3.1** ([6]). *Curvature tensors  $\hat{R}$  and  $R$  satisfies following equation*

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z + 2g(\phi X, Y)\phi Z + g(Z, Y)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi \\ &\quad + \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X + g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y - g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (3.1) we get  $\hat{R}(X, Y)\xi = 0$ . As the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  is a parallel vector field with respect to the Tanaka-Webster connection, we obtain the following

**Theorem 3.2** ([6]). *Let  $M$  be a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional Sasakian manifold with Lorentzian metric. Then the sectional curvature  $\hat{K}(X, \xi)$  of the Tanaka-Webster connection with respect to a section spanned by  $\xi$  and  $X$  is identically zero.*

Now let  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{2n}, e_{2n+1} = \xi$  be an orthonormal frame on  $M$ . From the definition of Ricci tensor  $\hat{S} = \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} \varepsilon_i g(\hat{R}(e_i, Y)Z, e_i)$ ,  $\varepsilon_i = 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$  and  $\varepsilon_{2n+1} = -1$ . Using  $\eta(e_i) = 0$  and equations (2.1), (2.2), (2.3) and (2.4), from (3.1) we have the following equations about the Ricci tensor and the scalar curvature.

**Proposition 3.3** ([6]). *The Ricci tensor  $\hat{S}$  of the Tanaka-Webster connection and the Ricci tensor  $S$  of the Lorentzian connection satisfies*

$$\hat{S}(X, Y) = S(X, Y) - 2g(X, Y) - 2(n + 1)\eta(X)\eta(Y). \tag{3.2}$$

The scalar curvature  $\hat{\rho}$  of the Tanaka-Webster connection and the scalar curvature of the Lorentzian connection satisfies

$$\hat{\rho} = \rho - 2n. \tag{3.3}$$

The Ricci operator  $\hat{Q}$  of the Lorentzian Sasakian manifold  $M$  with Tanaka-Webster connection is defined by  $g(\hat{Q}X, Y) = \hat{S}(X, Y)$ . Then by (3.2), we have

$$g(\hat{Q}X, Y) = S(X, Y) - 2g(X, Y) - 2(n + 1)\eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{3.4}$$

where  $S$  is the Ricci tensor of the Lorentzian connection. From (3.4), using (2.12) we get

$$g(\hat{Q}\xi, Y) = \hat{S}(\xi, Y) = 0 \tag{3.5}$$

and  $\hat{Q}\xi = 0$ .

**Definition 3.4.** A Lorentzian Sasakian manifold  $M$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein if there are functions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that

$$S(X, Y) = \alpha g(X, Y) + \beta \eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

Hence Lorentzian Sasakian manifold  $M$  with Tanaka-Webster connection is also  $\eta$ -Einstein for some functions  $\hat{\alpha}$  and  $\hat{\beta}$  such that

$$\hat{S}(X, Y) = \hat{\alpha} g(X, Y) + \hat{\beta} \eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{3.6}$$

where  $\hat{\alpha} = \alpha - 2$  and  $\hat{\beta} = \beta - 2(n + 1)$ . Hence, we get

$$g(\hat{Q}X, Y) = \hat{\alpha} g(X, Y) - \hat{\beta} \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

$$\hat{Q}X = \hat{\alpha} X - \hat{\beta} \eta(X)\xi. \tag{3.7}$$

Then using the equality (3.5) and (3.7) we obtain

$$\hat{\alpha} = \hat{\beta}. \tag{3.8}$$

Also from (3.6), it follows that

$$\hat{\rho} = Tr(\hat{Q}) = (2n + 1)\hat{\alpha} - \hat{\beta}. \tag{3.9}$$

Using (3.8) in (3.9) yields

$$\hat{\rho} = 2n\hat{\alpha}. \tag{3.10}$$

Now we suppose that the Lorentzian Sasakian manifold  $M$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein.

In [13],[14] Weyl constructed a generalized curvature tensor on a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold which vanishes whenever the metric is (locally) conformally equivalent to a flat metric. Conformally flat and  $\xi$ -Conformally flat manifolds are studied in [15] and [16], respectively.

**Definition 3.5.** The *Weyl conformal curvature tensor of Tanaka-Webster connection* is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{C}(X, Y)Z &= \hat{R}(X, Y)Z \\ &- \frac{1}{2n-1}[\hat{S}(Y, Z)X - \hat{S}(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)\hat{Q}X - g(X, Z)\hat{Q}Y] \\ &+ \frac{\hat{\rho}}{2n(2n-1)}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y], \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

where  $\hat{R}$  and  $\hat{\rho}$  denote the Riemannian curvature tensor and the scalar curvature of  $M$  with respect to the Tanaka-Webster connection respectively.

**Definition 3.6.** A Lorentzian Sasakian manifold  $M$  with Tanaka-Webster connection is called  $\xi$ -conformally flat if the condition  $\hat{C}(X, Y)\xi = 0$  is satisfied on the manifold  $M$ .

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (3.11) and using  $\hat{R}(X, Y)\xi = 0$ ,  $\hat{S}(Y, \xi) = 0$ , (3.7) and (3.10) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{C}(X, Y)\xi &= -\frac{1}{2n-1}[-\eta(Y)(\hat{\alpha}X - \hat{\beta}\eta(X)\xi) + \eta(X)(\hat{\alpha}Y - \hat{\beta}\eta(Y)\xi)] \\ &+ \frac{2n\hat{\alpha}}{2n(2n-1)}[\eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X] = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

Thus, from (3.12) we have the following

**Theorem 3.7.** *If a Lorentzian Sasakian manifold with Tanaka-Webster connection is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold, then it is  $\xi$ -conformally flat with respect to Tanaka-Webster connection  $\hat{\nabla}$ .*

**Definition 3.8.** The *concircular curvature tensor  $\hat{C}$*  is given by

$$\hat{C}(X, Y)Z = \hat{R}(X, Y)Z - \frac{\hat{\rho}}{2n(2n+1)}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]. \tag{3.13}$$

**Definition 3.9.** A Lorentzian Sasakian manifold with Tanaka-Webster connection is called  $\xi$ -concircularly flat if  $\hat{C}(X, Y)\xi = 0$ .

Then putting  $Z = \xi$  in (3.13) and using  $\hat{R}(X, Y)\xi = 0$  and (3.10) from (3.13) we get

$$\hat{C}(X, Y)\xi = \frac{\alpha - 2}{2n + 1}R(X, Y)\xi. \tag{3.14}$$

Thus, since  $\hat{\alpha} = \hat{\beta} \neq 0$  we may express the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.10.** *If a Lorentzian Sasakian manifold with Tanaka-Webster connection is an  $\eta$ - Einstein manifold, then it is  $\xi$ -concircularly flat with respect to the Tanaka-Webster connection  $\hat{\nabla}$  if  $\alpha = 2$ .*

**Definition 3.11.** The *quasi-conformal curvature tensor  $\hat{W}$*  on the Lorentzian Sasakian manifold with Tanaka-Webster connection  $M$  is defined by

$$\hat{W}(X, Y)Z = -[(2n-1)b]\hat{C}(X, Y)Z + [a + (2n-1)b]\hat{C}(X, Y)Z, \tag{3.15}$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are arbitrary constants such that  $a$  and  $b$  are not zero simultaneously,  $\hat{C}$  and  $\hat{\hat{C}}$  are conformal curvature tensor and concircular curvature tensor respectively.

**Definition 3.12.** A Lorentzian Sasakian manifold with Tanaka-Webster connection is called  $\xi$ -quasi conformally flat if  $\hat{W}(X, Y)\xi = 0$ .

Now putting  $Z = \xi$  in (3.15), using (3.12) and (3.14) we get

$$\hat{W}(X, Y)\xi = \frac{2nb(\alpha - 2) + (a - b)(\alpha - 2)}{2n + 1} \hat{\hat{C}}(X, Y)\xi. \quad (3.16)$$

Hence, we may express the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.13.** If a Lorentzian Sasakian manifold with Tanaka-Webster connection is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold, then it is  $\xi$ -quasi conformally flat with respect to Tanaka-Webster connection  $\hat{\nabla}$  if  $\alpha = 2$ .

#### 4. $\xi$ -PSEUDO PROJECTIVELY FLAT LORENTZIAN SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS WITH TANAKA-WEBSTER CONNECTION

Let  $M$  be an  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional Lorentzian Sasakian manifold equipped with a Tanaka-Webster connection. Since the Ricci tensor  $\hat{S}$  of the Tanaka-Webster connection is symmetric, the pseudo projective curvature tensor of the Sasakian manifold with respect to the Tanaka-Webster connection can be defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\hat{P}}(X, Y)Z &= a\hat{R}(X, Y)Z + b\{\hat{S}(Y, Z)X - \hat{S}(X, Z)Y\} \\ &\quad - \frac{\hat{\rho}}{2n + 1} \left[ \frac{a}{2n} + b \right] (g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y), \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

where  $a, b$  are constants.

**Definition 4.1.** A Sasakian manifold is called  $\xi$ -pseudo projectively flat with respect to Tanaka-Webster connection if the condition  $\hat{\hat{P}}(X, Y)Z = 0$  is satisfied on the manifold.

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (4.1) and using  $\hat{R}(X, Y)\xi = 0$  and  $\hat{S}(Y, \xi) = 0$ , we have

$$\hat{\hat{P}}(X, Y)\xi = \frac{\hat{\rho}}{2n + 1} \left[ \frac{a}{2n} + b \right] R(X, Y)\xi. \quad (4.2)$$

From equation (4.2) we have

**Theorem 4.2.** A Lorentzian Sasakian manifold with Tanaka-Webster connection is  $\xi$ -pseudo projectively flat with respect to Tanaka-Webster connection  $\hat{\nabla}$  if  $R(X, Y)\xi = 0$ .

For  $a = 1$  and  $b = -\frac{1}{2n}$  (4.1) takes the form

$$\hat{\hat{P}}(X, Y)Z = \hat{R}(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{2n} \{\hat{S}(Y, Z)X - \hat{S}(X, Z)Y\} = \hat{P}(X, Y)Z, \quad (4.3)$$

where  $\hat{P}$  is the projective curvature tensor with respect to the Tanaka-Webster connection. From (4.3) we have that the following

**Theorem 4.3.** A  $\xi$ -pseudo projectively flat Lorentzian Sasakian manifold is  $\xi$ -projectively flat with respect to Tanaka-Webster connection  $\hat{\nabla}$  if  $a = 1$  and  $b = -\frac{1}{2n}$ .

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