

ON  $(N(k), \xi)$ -SEMI-RIEMANNIAN 3-MANIFOLDS**D.G. Prakasha**

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**Abstract.** The object of the present paper is to study 3-dimensional  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian manifolds. We study  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifolds which are Ricci-semi-symmetric, locally  $\phi$ -symmetric and have  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor.

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**1. Introduction**

Let  $(M, g)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional semi-Riemannian manifold [12] equipped with a semi-Riemannian metric  $g$ . If  $\text{index}(g)=1$  then  $g$  is a Lorentzian metric and  $(M, g)$  a Lorentzian manifold [4]. If  $g$  is positive definite then  $g$  is an usual Riemannian metric and  $(M, g)$  a Riemannian manifold. The notion of  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian structure was introduced and studied by Tripathi and Gupta [21] to unify  $N(k)$ -contact metric [3], Sasakian [5], [14],  $(\epsilon)$ -Sasakian [17], [22], Kenmotsu [10], para-Sasakian [15],  $(\epsilon)$ -para-Sasakian structures [20].

In this paper we study 3-dimensional  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian manifolds. The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 is devoted to some basic definitions and properties of almost contact metric, almost para contact metric and  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian manifolds. Further, we prove that an  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifold is a space form if and only if the scalar curvature  $r$  of the manifold is equal to  $6k$ . In Section 3, we show that a Ricci-semi-symmetric  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifold is a space-form. In Section 4, a necessary and sufficient condition for an  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifold to be locally  $\phi$ -symmetric is obtained. Section 5 contains some results on  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifold with  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional differentiable manifold endowed with an almost contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$ , where  $\phi$  is a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field,  $\xi$  is a vector field and  $\eta$  is a 1-form on  $M$  satisfying

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

where  $I$  denotes the identity transformation. It follows from (2.1) that

$$(2.2) \quad \eta \cdot \phi = 0, \quad \phi(\xi) = 0.$$

If there exists a semi-Riemannian metric  $g$  satisfying

$$(2.3) \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \epsilon \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad \forall X, Y \in \chi(M),$$

where  $\epsilon = \pm 1$ , then the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called an  $(\epsilon)$ -almost contact metric structure and  $M$  is called an  $(\epsilon)$ -almost contact metric manifold. For an  $(\epsilon)$ -almost contact metric manifold, we have

$$(2.4) \quad \eta(X) = \epsilon g(X, \xi) \text{ and } \epsilon = g(\xi, \xi) \quad \forall X \in \chi(M).$$

When  $\epsilon = 1$  and index of  $g$  is 0 then  $M$  is the usual Sasakian manifold and  $M$  is a Lorentz-Sasakian manifold for  $\epsilon = -1$  and index of  $g$  is 1.

If  $d\eta(X, Y) = g(\phi X, Y)$ , then  $M$  is said to have  $(\epsilon)$ -contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ . For  $\epsilon = 1$  and  $g$  Riemannian,  $M$  is the usual contact metric manifold [5]. A contact metric manifold with  $\xi \in N(k)$ , is called a  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold [1, 6]. If moreover, this structure is normal, that is, if

$$(2.5) \quad [\phi X, \phi Y] + \phi^2[X, Y] - \phi[X, \phi Y] - \phi[\phi X, Y] = -2d\eta(X, Y)\xi,$$

then the  $(\epsilon)$ -contact metric structure is called an  $(\epsilon)$ -Sasakian structure and the manifold endowed with this structure is called  $(\epsilon)$ -Sasakian manifold. The physical importance of indefinite Sasakian manifolds have been pointed out by Duggal in [9].

An  $(\epsilon)$ -almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is  $(\epsilon)$ -Sasakian if and only if

$$(2.6) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \epsilon\eta(Y)X, \quad \forall X, Y \in \chi(M),$$

where  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection with respect to  $g$ . Also we have

$$(2.7) \quad \nabla_X \xi = -\epsilon\phi X \quad \forall X \in \chi(M).$$

An almost contact metric manifold is a Kenmotsu manifold [10] if

$$(2.8) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = g(\phi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi X.$$

By (2.8), we have

$$\nabla_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi.$$

If in (2.1), the condition  $\phi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi$  is replaced by

$$(2.9) \quad \phi^2 = I - \eta \otimes \xi$$

then  $(M, g)$  is called an  $(\epsilon)$ -almost paracontact metric manifold equipped with an  $(\epsilon)$ -almost paracontact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ .

An  $(\epsilon)$ -almost paracontact metric structure is called  $(\epsilon)$ -para-Sasakian structure [20] if

$$(2.10) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = -g(\phi X, \phi Y)\xi - \epsilon\eta(Y)\phi^2 X,$$

where  $\nabla$  is Levi-Civita connection with respect to the metric  $g$ . A manifold endowed with an  $(\epsilon)$ -para-sasakian structure is called  $(\epsilon)$ -para-Sasakian manifold [20]. For  $\epsilon = 1$  and  $g$  Riemannian,  $M$  is the usual para-Sasakian manifold [15].

### $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian manifold

The  $k$ -nullity distribution [18] of  $(M, g)$  is the distribution

$$(2.11) \quad N(k) : p \rightarrow N_p(k) = \{Z \in T_p M : R(X, Y)Z = k(g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y)\},$$

where  $k$  is a real number.

An  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian manifold consists of a semi-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ , a  $k$ -nullity distribution  $N(k)$  on  $(M, g)$  and a non-null unit vector field  $\xi$  in  $(M, g)$  belonging to  $N(k)$ . Through the paper we assume that  $X, Y, Z, U, V, W \in \chi(M)$ , where  $\chi(M)$  is the Lie algebra of vector fields in  $M$ , unless specifically stated otherwise. Let  $\xi$  be a non null unit vector field in  $(M, g)$  and  $\eta$  its associated 1-form. Thus

$$g(\xi, \xi) = \epsilon,$$

where  $\epsilon = 1$  or  $-1$  according as  $\xi$  is spacelike or timelike, and

$$(2.12) \quad a)g(X, \xi) = \epsilon\eta(X), \quad b)\eta(\xi) = 1.$$

In an  $n$ -dimensional  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ , the following relations hold [21]:

$$(2.13) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = \epsilon k\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\},$$

$$(2.14) \quad R(\xi, X)Y = \epsilon k\{\epsilon g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X\},$$

$$(2.15) \quad \eta(R(X, Y)Z) = k\{\eta(X)g(Y, Z) - \eta(Y)g(X, Z)\},$$

$$(2.16) \quad S(X, \xi) = \epsilon k(n - 1)\eta(X),$$

In a 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold we have

$$(2.17) \quad R(X, Y)Z = g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY + S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y \\ - \frac{r}{2} [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y],$$

where  $Q$  is the Ricci operator, i.e.,  $g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y)$  and  $r$  is the scalar curvature of the manifold. Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (2.17) and using (2.13) and (2.16), we have

$$(2.18) \quad \epsilon(\eta(Y)QX - \eta(X)QY) = \left(-\epsilon k + \frac{r}{2}\epsilon\right) (\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y).$$

Putting  $Y = \xi$  in (2.18) and then using (2.12(b)) and (2.16) (for  $n=3$ ), we get

$$(2.19) \quad QX = \frac{1}{2}\{(r - 2k)X - (r - 6k)\eta(X)\xi\},$$

that is,

$$(2.20) \quad S(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2}\{(r - 2k)g(X, Y) - \epsilon(r - 6k)\eta(X)\eta(Y)\}.$$

An  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian manifold  $M$  is said to be  $\eta$ -Einstein if its Ricci tensor  $S$  is of the form

$$(2.21) \quad S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + b\eta(X)\eta(Y)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  where  $a, b$  are functions on  $M$ . Hence from (2.20) we can state the following:

**Lemma 1** *A 3-dimensional  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian manifold is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.*

By using (2.19) and (2.20) in (2.17), we obtain

$$(2.22) \quad R(X, Y)Z = \left(\frac{r}{2} - 2k\right) \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \\ - \left(\frac{r}{2} - 3k\right) \{g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi \\ + \epsilon\eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \epsilon\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y\}.$$

An  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifold is a space of constant curvature then it is an indefinite space form.

**Remark.** Relations (2.19), (2.20) and (2.22) are true for

1. An  $N(k)$ -contact metric 3-manifold [8] if  $\epsilon = 1$ ,
2. A Sasakian 3-manifold if  $k = 1$  and  $\epsilon = 1$ ,
3. A Kenmotsu 3-manifold [7] if  $k = -1$  and  $\epsilon = 1$ ,
4. An  $(\epsilon)$ -Sasakian 3-manifold if  $k = 1$  and  $\epsilon k = 1$ ,
5. A para-Sasakian 3-manifold [2] if  $k = -1$  and  $\epsilon = 1$ ,
6. An  $(\epsilon)$ -para-Sasakian 3-manifold [19] if  $k = -\epsilon$  and  $\epsilon k = -1$ .

**Lemma 2** *A 3-dimensional  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian manifold is a space form if and only if the scalar curvature  $r = 6k$ .*

*Consequently, for a 3-dimensional  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian manifold, we have the following table:*

<b>M</b>	<b>S =</b>	<b>r =</b>
<i><math>N(k)</math>-contact metric</i>	$\frac{1}{2}\{(r - 2k)g - (r - 6k)\eta \otimes \eta\}$	$6k$
<i>Sasakian</i>	$\frac{1}{2}\{(r - 2)g - (r - 6)\eta \otimes \eta\}$	$6$
<i>Kenmotsu</i>	$\frac{1}{2}\{(r + 2)g - (r + 6)\eta \otimes \eta\}$	$-6$
<i><math>(\epsilon)</math>-Sasakian</i>	$\frac{1}{2}\{(r - 2\epsilon)g - \epsilon(r - 6\epsilon)\eta \otimes \eta\}$	$6\epsilon$
<i>para-Sasakian</i>	$\frac{1}{2}\{(r + 2)g - (r + 6)\eta \otimes \eta\}$	$-6$
<i><math>(\epsilon)</math>-para Sasakian</i>	$\frac{1}{2}\{(r + 2\epsilon)g - \epsilon(r + 6\epsilon)\eta \otimes \eta\}$	$-6\epsilon$

**Proof.** Let a 3-dimensional  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian manifold be an indefinite space form. Then

$$(2.23) \quad R(X, Y)Z = c\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}, \quad X, Y, Z \in \chi(M),$$

where  $c$  is the constant curvature of the manifold. By using the definition of Ricci curvature and (2.23) we have

$$(2.24) \quad S(X, Y) = 2cg(X, Y).$$

If we use (2.24) in the definition of the scalar curvature we get

$$(2.25) \quad r = 6c.$$

From (2.24) and (2.25) one can easily see that

$$(2.26) \quad S(X, Y) = \frac{r}{3}g(X, Y).$$

By plugging  $X = Y = \xi$  in (2.20) and using (2.26) we obtain

$$(2.27) \quad r = 6k.$$

Conversely, if  $r = 6k$ , then from the equation (2.22) we can easily see that the manifold is a space form. This completes the proof. ■

### 3. Ricci-semi-symmetric $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifolds

A semi-Riemannian manifold  $M$  is said to be Ricci semi-symmetric [13] if its Ricci tensor  $S$  satisfies the condition

$$(3.28) \quad R(X, Y) \cdot S = 0, \quad X, Y \in \chi(M),$$

where  $R(X, Y)$  acts as a derivation on  $S$ . Ricci-semisymmetric manifold is a generalization of manifold of constant curvature, Einstein manifold, Ricci symmetric manifold, symmetric manifold and semisymmetric manifold. Ricci-semisymmetric condition for Kenmotsu 3-manifolds,  $(\epsilon)$ -para-Sasakian 3-manifolds and LP-Sasakian 3-manifolds are studied in [7], [19] and [16] respectively.

Let  $M$  be a Ricci-semi-symmetric  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifold. From (3.28) we have

$$(3.29) \quad S(R(X, Y)U, V) + S(U, R(X, Y)V) = 0.$$

If we put  $X = \xi$  in (3.29) and use (2.14), then we get

$$(3.30) \quad kg(Y, U)S(\xi, V) - \epsilon K\eta(U)S(Y, V) + kg(Y, V)S(U, \xi) - \epsilon K\eta(V)S(U, Y) = 0.$$

By using (2.16) in (3.30) we obtain

$$(3.31) \quad \epsilon K\{2kg(Y, U)\eta(V) - \eta(U)S(Y, V) - 2kg(Y, V)\eta(U) - \eta(V)S(U, Y)\} = 0.$$

Consider that  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  be an orthonormal basis of the  $T_pM$ ,  $p \in M$ . Then, by putting  $X = U = e_i$  in (2.2) and taking the summation for  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ , we have

$$(3.32) \quad \epsilon k\{8k\eta(V) - \epsilon S(V, \xi) - r\eta(V)\} = 0.$$

Again, by using (2.16) in (3.32), we get

$$(3.33) \quad \epsilon k(6k - r)\eta(V) = 0,$$

which gives  $r = 6k$ . This implies, in view of Lemma 2, that the manifold is a space form.

Therefore, we have the following:

**Theorem 1** *A Ricci-semi-symmetric  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifold is a space form.*

From Theorem 1 and the above table, we can state the following corollaries:

**Corollary 1** *A Ricci-semi-symmetric  $N(k)$ -contact metric 3-manifold is a manifold of constant scalar curvature  $6k$ .*

**Corollary 2** *A Ricci-semi-symmetric Sasakian 3-manifold is a manifold of constant positive scalar curvature 6.*

**Corollary 3** [7] *A Ricci-semi-symmetric Kenmotsu 3-manifold is a manifold of constant negative scalar curvature  $-6$ .*

**Corollary 4** *A Ricci-semi-symmetric  $(\epsilon)$ -Sasakian 3-manifold is an indefinite space form.*

**Corollary 5** [2] *A Ricci-semi-symmetric para-Sasakian 3-manifold is a manifold of constant negative scalar curvature  $-6$ .*

**Corollary 6** [19] *A Ricci-semi-symmetric  $(\epsilon)$ -para-Sasakian 3-manifold is an indefinite space form.*

#### 4. Locally $\phi$ -symmetric $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifolds

**Definition 1** An  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian manifold is said to be locally  $\phi$ -symmetric if

$$\phi^2(\nabla_W R)(X, Y, Z) = 0,$$

for all vector fields  $W, X, Y, Z$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ . This notion was introduced for Sasakian manifolds by Takahashi [17].

Now, differentiating (2.22) covariantly with respect to  $W$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_W R)(X, Y, Z) = & \frac{1}{2}(\nabla_W r)\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi \\ & + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi - \epsilon\eta(Y)\eta(Z)X + \epsilon\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y\} \\ & - \frac{(r - 6k)}{2}\{g(Y, Z)((\nabla_W \eta)(X)\xi + \eta(X)\nabla_W \xi) \\ & - g(X, Z)((\nabla_W \eta)(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\nabla_W \xi) \\ & + \epsilon((\nabla_W \eta)(Y)\eta(Z)X + (\nabla_W \eta)(Z)\eta(Y)X) \\ & - \epsilon((\nabla_W \eta)(X)\eta(Z)Y + (\nabla_W \eta)(Z)\eta(X)Y)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $W, X, Y, Z$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_W R)(X, Y, Z) = & \frac{1}{2}(\nabla_W r)\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \\ (4.34) \quad & - \frac{(r - 6k)}{2}\{g(Y, Z)(\nabla_W \eta)(X)\xi - g(X, Z)(\nabla_W \eta)(Y)\xi\}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying  $\phi^2$  on both sides of the above equation and using  $\phi \cdot \xi = 0$ , we have

$$(4.35) \quad \phi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y, Z)) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla_W r)\{g(Y, Z)\phi^2 X - g(X, Z)\phi^2 Y\}.$$

Now taking  $X, Y$  are orthogonal to  $\xi$ , we obtain

$$(4.36) \quad \phi^2((\nabla_W R)(X, Y, Z)) = -\frac{1}{2}(\nabla_W r)\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}$$

Hence from (4.36), we can state the following:

**Theorem 2** *An  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifold is locally  $\phi$ -symmetric if and only if the scalar curvature  $r$  is constant.*

If an  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifold is Ricci semi-symmetric, then we have showed that  $r = 6k$ , that is  $r$  is constant.

Therefore, from Theorem (2), we have

**Theorem 3** *A Ricci-semi-symmetric  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifold is locally  $\phi$ -symmetric.*

## 5. $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifold with $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor

**Definition 2** The Ricci tensor  $S$  of an  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian manifold  $M$  is called  $\eta$ -parallel if it satisfies

$$(5.37) \quad (\nabla_Z S)(\phi X, \phi Y) = 0$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ . The notion of Ricci- $\eta$ -parallelity for Sasakian manifolds was introduced by Kon in [11].

Now, let us consider a 3-dimensional  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian manifold with  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor. Then, from (2.20), we get

$$(5.38) \quad S(\phi X, \phi Y) = \frac{1}{2}(r - 2k)[g(\phi X, \phi Y)].$$

Differentiating (5.38) covariantly along  $Z$ , we have

$$(5.39) \quad (\nabla_Z S)(\phi X, \phi Y) = \frac{1}{2}dr(Z)g(\phi X, \phi Y).$$

If the Ricci tensor is  $\eta$ -parallel, then from (5.37) and (5.39) one can get

$$\frac{1}{2}dr(Z)g(\phi X, \phi Y) = 0.$$

From which, it follows that

$$dr(Z) = 0,$$

for all  $Z$ . This leads us to the following:

**Theorem 4** *Let  $M$  be an  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifold with  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor. The the scalar curvature  $r$  is constant.*

In view of Theorem (2) and Theorem (4), we have the following:

**Theorem 5** *An  $(N(k), \xi)$ -semi-Riemannian 3-manifold with  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor is locally  $\phi$ -symmetric.*

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