

# On Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian Manifolds

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## ABSTRACT

The object of the present paper is to study Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds satisfying certain conditions on the  $W_2$ -curvature tensor.

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## 1. Introduction

In 1970, Pokhariyal and Mishra [1] have introduced new curvature tensor called  $W_2$ -curvature tensor in a Riemannian manifold and studied their properties. Further, Pokhariyal [2] has studied some properties of this curvature tensor in a Sasakian manifold. Matsumoto, Ianus and Mihai [3], Ahmet Yildiz and U. C. De [4] and Venkatesha, C. S. Bagewadi, and K. T. Pradeep Kumar [5], have studied  $W_2$ -curvature tensor in  $P$ -Sasakian, Kenmotsu and Lorentzian para-Sasakian manifolds respectively.

In [6], S. Tanno classified connected almost contact metric manifolds whose automorphism groups possess the maximum dimension. For such a manifold, the sectional curvature of a plane sections containing is a constant, say  $c$ . He showed that they can be divided into three classes:

- 1) Homogeneous normal contact Riemannian manifolds with  $c > 0$ ;
- 2) Global Riemannian products of a line or a circle with a Kaehler manifold of constant holomorphic sectional curvature if  $c = 0$  and;
- 3) A warped product space  $\mathbb{R} \times_f \mathbb{C}$  if  $c > 0$ . It is known that the manifolds of class (1) are characterized by admitting a Sasakian structure.

In the Gray-Hervella classification of almost Hermitian manifolds [7], there appears a class,  $W_4$ , of Hermitian manifolds which are closely related to locally conformal Kaehler manifolds [8]. An almost contact metric structure on a manifold  $M$  is called a trans-Sasakian structure [9] if the product manifold  $M \times \mathbb{R}$  belongs to the class  $W_4$ . The class  $C_6 \oplus C_5$  ([10,11]) coincides with the class of the trans-Sasakian structures of type  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . In fact, in [11], local nature of the two subclasses, namely,  $C_5$  and  $C_6$  structures of trans-Sasakian structures are characterized completely.

We note that trans-Sasakian structures of type  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(0, \beta)$  and  $(\alpha, 0)$  are cosymplectic [12],  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu [13] and  $\alpha$ -Sasakian [13] respectively. In [14] it is proved that trans-Sasakian structures are generalized quasi-Sasakian. Thus, trans-Sasakian structures also provide a large class of generalized quasi-Sasakian structures.

An almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  on  $M$  is called a trans-Sasakian structure [9] if  $(M \times \mathbb{R}, J, G)$  belongs to the class  $W_4$  [7], where  $J$  is the almost complex structure on  $M \times \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$J(X, fd/dt) = (\phi X - f, \eta(X)d/dt),$$

for all vector fields  $X$  on  $M$  and smooth functions  $f$  on  $M \times \mathbb{R}$ , and  $G$  is the product metric on  $M \times \mathbb{R}$ . This may be expressed by the condition [15]

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X \phi)Y &= \alpha(g(X, Y) - \eta(Y)X) \\ &+ \beta(g(\phi X, Y) - \eta(Y)\phi X), \end{aligned}$$

for some smooth functions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  on  $M$ , and we say that the trans-Sasakian structure is of type  $(\alpha, \beta)$ .

A trans-Sasakian structure of type  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is  $\alpha$ -Sasakian if  $\beta = 0$  and  $\alpha$  a nonzero constant [16]. If  $\alpha = 1$ , then  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is a Sasakian manifold.

## 2. Preliminaries

A differentiable manifold of dimension  $n$  is called Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold if it admits a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $\phi$ , a contravariant vector field  $\xi$ , a covariant vector field  $\eta$  and Lorentzian metric  $g$  satisfy ([17-19])

$$\eta(\xi) = -1, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\phi^2 = I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad (2.2)$$

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad (2.3)$$

$$g(X, \xi) = \eta(X), \tag{2.4}$$

$$\phi\xi = 0, \eta(\phi X) = 0, \tag{2.5}$$

for all  $X, Y \in TM$ .

Also a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  is satisfying [18]

$$(a) \nabla_X = -\alpha\phi X, (b) (\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = -\alpha g(\phi X, Y), \tag{2.6}$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the Lorentzian metric  $g$ .

Further, on Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  the following relations hold:

$$\eta(R(X, Y)Z) = \alpha^2 (g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)), \tag{2.7}$$

$$R(\xi, X)Y = \alpha^2 (g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X), \tag{2.8}$$

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \alpha^2 (\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y), \tag{2.9}$$

$$R(\xi, X)\xi = \alpha^2 (\eta(X)\xi + X), \tag{2.10}$$

$$S(X, \xi) = (n-1)\alpha^2 \eta(X), \tag{2.11}$$

$$S(\phi X, \phi Y) = S(X, Y) + (n-1)\alpha^2 \eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{2.12}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  where  $S$  is the Ricci tensor and  $Q$  is the Ricci operator given by  $S(X, Y) = g(QX, Y)$ .

An Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  is said to be Einstein if its Ricci tensor  $S$  is of the form

$$S(X, Y) = \alpha g(X, Y), \tag{2.13}$$

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ , where  $\alpha$  is a function on  $M$ .

In [1], Pokhariyal and Mishra have defined the curvature tensor  $W_2$ , given by

$$W_2(X, Y, U, V) = R(X, Y, U, V) + \frac{1}{n-1} [g(X, U)S(Y, V) - g(Y, U)S(X, V)], \tag{2.14}$$

where  $S$  is a Ricci tensor of type  $(0, 2)$ .

Consider in an Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold satisfying  $W_2 = 0$  in (2.14), then we have

$$R(X, Y, U, V) = 1/(n-1) [g(Y, U)S(X, V) - g(X, U)S(Y, V)]. \tag{2.15}$$

Putting  $X = U =$  in (2.15) then using (2.8) and (2.11), we obtain

$$S(Y, V) = \alpha^2 (n-1)g(Y, V). \tag{2.16}$$

Thus  $M$  is an Einstein manifold.

**Theorem 2.1.** If on a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$ , the condition  $W_2 = 0$  holds, then  $M$  is an Einstein manifold.

**Definition 2.1.** An Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is called  $W_2$ -semisymmetric if it satisfies

$$R(X, Y) \cdot W_2 = 0, \tag{2.17}$$

where  $R(X, Y)$  is to be considered as a derivation of the tensor algebra at each point of the manifold for tangent vectors  $X$  and  $Y$ .

In an Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold the  $W_2$ -curvature tensor satisfies the condition

$$\eta(W_2(X, Y)Z) = 0. \tag{2.18}$$

### 3. Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian Manifolds Satisfying $\tilde{P}(X, Y) \cdot W_2 = 0$

The pseudo projective curvature tensor  $\tilde{P}$  is defined as [20]

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}(X, Y)Z &= aR(X, Y)Z \\ &+ b[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y] \\ &- \frac{r}{n} \left[ \frac{a}{n-1} + b \right] [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.8) and (2.11), Equation (3.1) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}(\xi, Y)Z &= h[g(Y, Z) - \eta(Z)Y] \\ &+ b[S(Y, Z)\xi - \alpha^2(n-1)\eta(Z)Y]. \end{aligned}$$

where  $h = \left( \alpha\alpha^2 - \frac{r}{n} \left[ \frac{a}{n-1} + b \right] \right)$ .

Now consider in a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold

$$\tilde{P}(X, Y) \cdot W_2 = 0.$$

This condition implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}(X, Y)W_2(U, V)Z - W_2(\tilde{P}(X, Y)U, V)Z \\ - W_2(U, \tilde{P}(X, Y)V)Z - W_2(U, V)\tilde{P}(X, Y)Z = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Put  $X = \xi$  in (3.3) and then taking the inner product with  $\xi$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g(\tilde{P}(\xi, Y)W_2(U, V)Z, \xi) \\ - g(W_2(\tilde{P}(\xi, Y)U, V)Z, \xi) \\ - g(W_2(U, \tilde{P}(\xi, Y)V)Z, \xi) \\ - g(W_2(U, V)\tilde{P}(\xi, Y)Z, \xi) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Using (3.2) in (3.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& h[-g(Y, W_2(U, V)Z) - g(Y, U)\eta(W_2(\xi, V)Z) \\
& - g(Y, V)\eta(W_2(U, \xi)Z) - g(Y, Z)\eta(W_2(U, V)\xi) \\
& - \eta(Y)\eta(W_2(U, V)Z) + \eta(U)\eta(W_2(Y, V)Z) \\
& + \eta(V)\eta(W_2(U, V)Z) + \eta(Z)\eta(W_2(U, V)Y)] \\
& - b[S(Y, W_2(U, V)Z) + S(Y, U)\eta(W_2(\xi, V)Z) \\
& + S(Y, V)\eta(W_2(U, \xi)Z) + S(Y, Z)\eta(W_2(U, V)\xi) \\
& + \alpha^2(n-1)\eta(Y)\eta(W_2(U, V)Z) \\
& + \alpha^2(n-1)\eta(U)\eta(W_2(Y, V)Z) \\
& + \alpha^2(n-1)\eta(V)\eta(W_2(U, V)Z) \\
& + \alpha^2(n-1)\eta(Z)\eta(W_2(U, V)Y)] = 0. \quad (3.5)
\end{aligned}$$

By using (2.18) in (3.5), we get

$$h[g(Y, W_2(U, V)Z)] + b[S(Y, W_2(U, V)Z)] = 0. \quad (3.6)$$

Taking  $U = Z = \xi$  in (3.6) and using (2.14) and (2.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{b}{n-1}S(QY, V) - \left(b\alpha^2 - \frac{h}{n-1}\right)S(Y, V) \\
& - h\alpha^2 g(V, Y) = 0. \quad (3.7)
\end{aligned}$$

If  $b = 0$ , we get

$$h\left\{\frac{1}{n-1}S(Y, V) - \alpha^2 g(Y, V)\right\} = 0.$$

Then, either  $h = 0$  (or)

$$S(Y, V) = \alpha^2(n-1)g(Y, V).$$

If  $b \neq 0$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
S(QY, V) &= \left(\alpha^2(n-1) - \frac{h}{b}\right)S(Y, V) \\
&+ \frac{h}{b}\alpha^2(n-1)g(Y, V). \quad (3.8)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can state the following:

**Theorem 3.2.** If  $M$  is an Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold satisfying the condition  $\tilde{P}(X, Y) \cdot W_2 = 0$  Then:

- If  $b = 0$ , then either  $h = 0$  on  $M$ , or  $M$  is an Einstein manifold;
- If  $b \neq 0$ , then the Equation (3.8) holds on  $M$ .

#### 4. Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian Manifold Satisfying $\tilde{Z}(X, Y) \cdot W_2 = 0$

The concircular curvature tensor  $Z$  is defined as [21]

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{Z}(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z \\
&- \frac{r}{n(n-1)}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]. \quad (4.1)
\end{aligned}$$

Using (2.8) and (2.11), Equation (4.1) reduces to

$$\tilde{Z}(\xi, Y)Z = \left[\alpha^2 - \frac{r}{n(n-1)}\right][g(Y, Z)\xi - \eta(Z)Y]. \quad (4.2)$$

Now consider in a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold

$$\tilde{Z}(X, Y) \cdot W_2 = 0.$$

This condition implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \tilde{Z}(X, Y)W_2(U, V)Z - W_2(\tilde{Z}(X, Y)U, V)Z \\
& - W_2(U, \tilde{Z}(X, Y)V)Z - W_2(U, V)\tilde{Z}(X, Y)Z = 0. \quad (4.3)
\end{aligned}$$

Put  $X = \xi$  in (4.3) and then taking the inner product with  $\xi$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& g(\tilde{Z}(\xi, Y)W_2(U, V)Z, \xi) \\
& - g(W_2(\tilde{Z}(\xi, Y)U, V)Z, \xi) \\
& - g(W_2(U, \tilde{Z}(\xi, Y)V)Z, \xi) \\
& - g(W_2(U, V)\tilde{Z}(\xi, Y)Z, \xi) = 0. \quad (4.4)
\end{aligned}$$

Using (4.2) in (4.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[\alpha^2 - \frac{r}{n(n-1)}\right][g(Y, W_2(U, V)Z) \\
& - g(Y, U)\eta(W_2(\xi, V)Z) - g(Y, V)\eta(W_2(U, \xi)Z) \\
& - g(Y, Z)\eta(W_2(U, V)\xi) - \eta(Y)\eta(W_2(U, V)Z) \\
& + \eta(U)\eta(W_2(V, Y)Z) + \eta(V)\eta(W_2(U, Y)Z) \\
& + \eta(Z)\eta(W_2(U, V)Y)] = 0. \quad (4.5)
\end{aligned}$$

By using (2.18) in (4.5), we get

$$\left[\alpha^2 - \frac{r}{n(n-1)}\right][g(Y, W_2(U, V)Z)] = 0. \quad (4.6)$$

Again from (4.2) we have  $\alpha^2 - \frac{r}{n(n-1)} \neq 0$ . And so

$$W_2(U, V, Z, Y) = 0. \quad (4.7)$$

In view of (2.14) and (4.7), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
& R(U, V, Z, Y) \\
&= \frac{1}{n-1}[g(V, Z)S(U, Y) - g(U, Z)S(V, Y)]. \quad (4.8)
\end{aligned}$$

Contracting (4.8), we have

$$S(V, Z) = (n-1)g(V, Z). \quad (4.9)$$

Therefore  $M$  is an Einstein manifold.

**Theorem 4.3.** If on a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$ , the condition  $\tilde{Z}(X, Y) \cdot W_2 = 0$  holds, then  $M$  is an

Einstein manifold.

**5. Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian Manifolds Satisfying  $N(X, Y) \cdot W_2 = 0$**

The conharmonic curvature tensor  $N$  is defined as

$$N(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-2} [S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z) + g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY]. \tag{5.1}$$

Using (2.8) and (2.11), Equation (5.1) reduces to

$$N(\xi, Y)Z = \frac{-\alpha^2}{n-2} [g(Y, Z)\xi - \eta(Z)Y] - \frac{1}{n-2} [S(Y, Z)\xi - \eta(Z)QY]. \tag{5.2}$$

Now consider in a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold

$$N(X, Y) \cdot W_2 = 0.$$

This condition implies that

$$N(X, Y)W_2(U, V)Z - W_2(N(X, Y)U, V)Z - W_2(U, N(X, Y)V)Z - W_2(U, V)N(X, Y)Z = 0. \tag{5.3}$$

Put  $X = \xi$  in (5.3) and then taking the inner product with  $\xi$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &g(N(\xi, Y)W_2(U, V)Z, \xi) \\ &- g(W_2(N(\xi, Y)U, V)Z, \xi) \\ &- g(W_2(U, N(\xi, Y)V)Z, \xi) \\ &- g(W_2(U, V)N(\xi, Y)Z, \xi) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{5.4}$$

Using (5.2) in (5.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{-\alpha^2}{n-2} [-g(Y, W_2(U, V)Z) - g(Y, U)\eta(W_2(\xi, V)Z) \\ &- g(Y, V)\eta(W_2(U, \xi)Z) - g(Y, Z)\eta(W_2(U, V)\xi) \\ &- \eta(Y)\eta(W_2(U, V)Z) + \eta(U)\eta(W_2(Y, V)Z) \\ &+ \eta(V)\eta(W_2(U, Y)Z) + \eta(Z)\eta(W_2(U, V)Y)] \\ &- \frac{1}{n-2} [-S(Y, W_2(U, V)Z) - S(Y, U)\eta(W_2(\xi, V)Z) \\ &- S(Y, V)\eta(W_2(U, \xi)Z) - S(Y, Z)\eta(W_2(U, V)\xi) \\ &- \eta(QY)\eta(W_2(U, V)Z) + \eta(U)\eta(W_2(QY, V)Z) \\ &+ \eta(V)\eta(W_2(U, QY)Z) + \eta(Z)\eta(W_2(U, V)QY)] = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{5.5}$$

By using (2.18) in (5.5), we get

$$\left\{ \frac{\alpha^2}{(n-2)} \right\} g(Y, W_2(U, V)Z) + \frac{1}{n-2} S(Y, W_2(U, V)Z) = 0. \tag{5.6}$$

Taking  $U = Z = \xi$  in (5.6) and then using (2.14) and (2.10), we have

$$S(QY, V) = \alpha^2(n-2)S(Y, V) + \alpha^4(n-1)g(Y, V). \tag{5.7}$$

Thus, we can state the following:

**Theorem 5.4.** If on a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$ , the condition  $N(X, Y) \cdot W_2 = 0$  holds, then Equation (5.7) is satisfied on  $M$ .

**6. Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian Manifolds Satisfying  $\tilde{C}(X, Y) \cdot W_2 = 0$**

The quasi-conformal curvature tensor  $\tilde{C}$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}(X, Y)Z &= aR(X, Y)Z + b[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y \\ &+ g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY] \\ &- \frac{r}{n} \left[ \frac{a}{n-1} + 2b \right] [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]. \end{aligned} \tag{6.1}$$

Using (2.8) and (2.11), Equation (6.1) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}(\xi, Y)Z &= k[g(Y, Z)\xi - \eta(Z)Y] \\ &+ b[S(Y, Z)\xi - \eta(Z)QY], \end{aligned} \tag{6.2}$$

where  $k = \alpha^2(a + b(n-1)) - \frac{r}{n} \left( \frac{a}{n-1} + 2b \right)$ .

Now consider in a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold

$$\tilde{C}(X, Y) \cdot W_2 = 0.$$

This condition implies that

$$\begin{aligned} &\tilde{C}(X, Y)W_2(U, V)Z - W_2(\tilde{C}(X, Y)U, V)Z \\ &- W_2(U, \tilde{C}(X, Y)V)Z - W_2(U, V)\tilde{C}(X, Y)Z = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{6.3}$$

Put  $X = \xi$  in (6.3) and then taking the inner product with  $\xi$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &g(\tilde{C}(\xi, Y)W_2(U, V)Z, \xi) \\ &- g(W_2(\tilde{C}(\xi, Y)U, V)Z, \xi) \\ &- g(W_2(U, \tilde{C}(\xi, Y)V)Z, \xi) \\ &- g(W_2(U, V)\tilde{C}(\xi, Y)Z, \xi) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{6.4}$$

Using (6.2) in (6.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& k[-g(Y, W_2(U, V)Z) - g(Y, U)\eta(W_2(\xi, V)Z) \\
& - g(Y, V)\eta(W_2(U, \xi)Z) - g(Y, Z)\eta(W_2(U, V)\xi) \\
& - \eta(Y)\eta(W_2(U, V)Z) + \eta(U)\eta(W_2(Y, V)Z) \\
& + \eta(V)\eta(W_2(U, Y)Z) + \eta(Z)\eta(W_2(U, V)Y)] \\
& - b[S(Y, W_2(U, V)Z) + S(Y, U)\eta(W_2(\xi, V)Z) \\
& + S(Y, V)\eta(W_2(U, \xi)Z) + S(Y, Z)\eta(W_2(U, V)\xi) \\
& + \eta(QY)\eta(W_2(U, V)Z) - \eta(U)\eta(W_2(QY, V)Z) \\
& - \eta(V)\eta(W_2(U, QY)Z) - \eta(Z)\eta(W_2(U, V)QY)] = 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{6.5}$$

By using (2.18) in (6.5), we get

$$kg(Y, W_2(U, V)Z) + bS(Y, W_2(U, V)Z) = 0. \tag{6.6}$$

Taking  $U = Z = \xi$  in (6.6) and then using (2.14) and (2.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{b}{n-1}S(QY, V) - \left(b\alpha^2 - \frac{k}{n-1}\right)S(Y, V) \\
& - k\alpha^2g(V, Y) = 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{6.7}$$

If  $b = 0$ , we get

$$k\left\{\frac{1}{n-1}S(Y, V) - \alpha^2g(Y, V)\right\} = 0.$$

Then, either  $k = 0$  (or)

$$S(Y, V) = \alpha^2(n-1)g(Y, V).$$

If  $b \neq 0$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
S(QY, V) &= \left(\alpha^2(n-1) - \frac{k}{b}\right)S(Y, V) \\
&+ \left(\frac{k}{b}\alpha^2(n-1)\right)g(V, Y).
\end{aligned} \tag{6.8}$$

Thus, we can state the following:

**Theorem 6.5.** If  $M$  is an Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold satisfying the condition  $\tilde{C}(X, Y) \cdot W_2 = 0$ , then we get:

- If  $b = 0$ , then either  $k = 0$  on  $M$ , or  $M$  is an Einstein manifold;
- If  $b \neq 0$  then the Equation (6.8) holds on  $M$ .

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