



## A CLASS OF INDEFINITE ALMOST PARACONTACT METRIC MANIFOLDS

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**ABSTRACT.** This research, we develop a new class of indefinite almost paracontact metric manifolds, termed  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifolds and we obtain some typical identities for the curvature tensor, scalar curvature and Ricci tensor. Furthermore, in particular, we investigate the curvature features of *three*-dimensional  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifolds. We establish an essential as well as sufficient condition for an  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu 3-manifold to have an indefinite space form. Furthermore, we classify and demonstrate that  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu 3-manifolds, which are either semi-symmetric, Ricci-semi-symmetric or semi-symmetric type, are  $\eta$ -Einstein. In conclusion, we create a 3-D  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifold example.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

With an emphasis on Sasakian manifolds, Takahashi [16] introduced almost contact manifolds equipped with pseudo-Riemannian metrics in 1969. The terms  $(\epsilon)$ -almost contact metric and  $(\epsilon)$ -Sasakian have also been used to refer to indefinite almost contact metric manifolds and the indefinite Sasakian manifolds, respectively. The  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold which has

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been introduced by De and Sarkar [1] is based on a class of almost contact Riemannian manifolds called Kenmotsu manifolds [3]. They proved that the curvatures are influenced by the presence of a new structure with indefinite metrics.

On the other hand, in 1976, Sato [12] defined the notions of an almost paracontact structure, which is similar to the almost contact structure. By replacing the vector field  $\xi$  in almost paracontact manifold with  $-\xi$ , Matsumoto [4] first proposed the concept of Lorentzian almost paracontact in 1989. Lorentzian para-Sasakian ( $LP$ -Sasakian) manifolds connected to the Lorentzian metric are the outcome of this. While the structural vector field  $\xi$  is always time-like, the semi-Riemannian metric in a Lorentzian almost paracontact manifold has only an index of 1. Abdul Haseeb along with Rajendra Prasad [2] defined Lorentzian para-Kenmotsu (also called  $LP$ -Kenmotsu) manifolds in 2018. Afterward, numerous geometers, including [7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 18], have extensively investigated these manifolds.

Inspired by these studies, Tripathi *et al.*, [17] presented the notion of an indefinite almost paracontact metric structure, also referred to as an  $(\epsilon)$ -almost paracontact structure, by linking an almost paracontact structure with a semi-Riemannian metric, which need not be Lorentzian. In this instance,  $\epsilon = 1$  or  $\epsilon = -1$  indicates that the structure vector field  $\xi$  is either space-like or time-like. In addition, they introduced and examined the characteristics of  $(\epsilon)$ -para Sasakian [17] and  $(\epsilon)$ -para Sasakian 3-manifolds [6].

Inspired by the prior study, the current paper continues the discussion of indefinite almost paracontact metric manifolds, introducing the idea of  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifolds based on para-Kenmotsu manifolds, defined by Sinha and Sai Prasad in 1995 [13].

The format of the paper is as follows: We define an  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifold, investigate some of its fundamental characteristics and derive some typical identities for the Ricci tensor, scalar curvature, and curvature tensor in Section-2. Furthermore, we explore the curvature features of  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu three-dimensional manifolds. We attained an essential as well as sufficient condition for an  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu 3-dimensional manifold  $M_3$  to have an indefinite space form. Furthermore, in Sections 3, 4, and 5, we classify and demonstrate that  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu 3-manifolds, which are either semi-symmetric, Ricci-semi-symmetric, or semi-symmetric type, are  $\eta$ -Einstein. In conclusion, we create a 3-D  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifold example.

2.  $(\epsilon)$ -PARA KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS

A differentiable manifold  $(M_n, g)$  of  $n$ -dimension is regarded as an  $(\epsilon)$ -almost paracontact metric manifold [17] with the structure tensors  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g, \epsilon)$ , where the tensor field  $(1, 1)$  is represented by  $\phi$ , the vector field by  $\xi$ , the 1-form by  $\eta$ , the semi-Riemannian metric by  $g(X, Y)$ , not necessarily Lorentzian, such that

$$\eta(\xi) = 1, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\overline{X} = X - \eta(X)\xi, \text{ where } \overline{X} = \phi X, \tag{2.2}$$

$$g(\xi, \xi) = \epsilon, \tag{2.3}$$

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

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \epsilon \eta(X) \eta(Y); \tag{2.5}$$

for every  $X, Y \in \chi(M_n)$ , and  $\chi(M_n)$  is a collection of differentiable vector fields on  $M_n$ . Since the structure vector field  $\xi$  which has been vector field that is either space-like or time-like, and the rank of that tensor filed  $\phi$  is  $(n - 1)$ , in this case,  $(\epsilon)$  is either 1 or  $-1$ .

If  $g(X, Y)$  is positive definite, that is

$$d\eta(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y), \tag{2.6}$$

then the manifold  $M_n$  is referred as an almost paracontact metric manifold [12]. Evidently, on  $M_n$ , we have

$$\phi \xi = 0, \eta(\phi X) = 0. \tag{2.7}$$

**Definition 2.1.** An  $(\epsilon)$ -paracontact metric structure is referred to as an  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu structure if

$$(\nabla_X \Phi)Y = g(X, \phi Y)\xi - \epsilon \eta(Y)\phi X, \tag{2.8}$$

where, for all vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ , the Levi-Civita connection is given by  $\nabla$  with regard to the indefinite metric  $g(X, Y)$ . An  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifold is a manifold  $M_n$  with the  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu structure.

For  $\epsilon = 1$  and the Riemannian metric  $g(X, Y)$ , the manifold  $M_n$  is the standard para-Kenmotsu manifold.

An  $(\epsilon)$ -almost paracontact metric manifold is an  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifold if and only if

$$\nabla_X \xi = \epsilon \phi^2(X) = \epsilon (X - \eta(X)\xi). \tag{2.9}$$

Furthermore, from (2.4), we get

$$(\nabla_X \eta) Y = \epsilon g(\nabla_X \xi, Y).$$

Then by using the above expression and (2.9), we have

$$(\nabla_X \eta) Y = \epsilon g(X, Y) - \eta(X) \eta(Y). \quad (2.10)$$

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $M_n$  be an  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifold. Then, the type (1, 3) Riemannian Christoffel curvature tensor  $R(X, Y)$  satisfies*

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

Consequently,

$$R(\xi, X) Y = \epsilon \eta(Y) X - g(X, Y) \xi, \quad (2.12)$$

$$R(\xi, X)\xi = \epsilon X - \epsilon \eta(X) \xi, \quad (2.13)$$

$$\eta(R(X, Y) Z) = \epsilon g(X, Z) \eta(Y) - \epsilon \eta(X) g(Y, Z), \quad (2.14)$$

$$S(Y, \xi) = -(n-1) \eta(Y), \quad (2.15)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ , where  $S(X, Y)$  denotes the Ricci tensor and  $Q$  is known to be the Ricci operator with regard to  $\nabla$ .

*Proof.* By using the equations (2.9), (2.1), and (2.10) in

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \nabla_X \nabla_Y \xi - \nabla_Y \nabla_X \xi - \nabla_{[X, Y]}\xi,$$

we obtain (2.11). Moreover, we have

$$R(X, Y, Z, W) = g(X, Z) g(Y, W) - g(Y, Z) g(X, W).$$

Then, by using (2.4) and from the above expression, we obtain the results (2.12), (2.13), and (2.14). Further, on the contraction of the above expression with respect to  $X$  and  $W$ , we get (2.15), and hence it completes the proof.  $\square$

Furthermore, it is recognized that we have in a semi-Riemannian 3-manifold

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= g(X, Z) QY - g(Y, Z) QX + S(X, Z)Y \\ &\quad - S(Y, Z)X - \frac{r}{2} [g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X], \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

where  $r$  is the manifold's scalar curvature.

By substituting  $\xi$  for  $Z$  in (2.16) as well as utilizing the equation (2.11) for  $n = 3$ , we have

$$\epsilon [\eta(Y) QX - \eta(X) QY] = \left[3 + \frac{r\epsilon}{2}\right] [\eta(Y) X - \eta(X) Y]. \quad (2.17)$$

Then for  $Y = \xi$  in (2.17) and utilizing (2.2) & (2.15), we get

$$QX = \frac{1}{2}(r + 6\epsilon) X - \frac{1}{2}(r + 10\epsilon) \eta(X) \xi,$$

and hence

$$S(X, Y) = g(QX, Y) = \frac{1}{2}[(r + 6\epsilon) g(X, Y) - \epsilon (r + 10\epsilon) \eta(X) \eta(Y)]. \tag{2.18}$$

Therefore from (2.16) and (2.18)

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y) Z &= [g(X, Z) Y - g(Y, Z) X] \left[ \frac{r}{2} + 6\epsilon \right] \\ &+ [g(Y, Z) \eta(X) \xi - g(X, Z) \eta(Y) \xi + \epsilon \eta(Y) \eta(Z) X - \epsilon \eta(X) \eta(Z) Y] \left[ \frac{r}{2} + 5\epsilon \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

It demonstrates that an  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifold with constant scalar curvature is an indefinite space form.

**Lemma 2.2.** *If the scalar curvature of an  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifold of dimension 3 is  $-6\epsilon$ , then the manifold has an indefinite space form. Also, the converse.*

*Proof.* Consider a 3-D  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifold  $M_3$  which has an indefinite space form. Then

$$R(X, Y) Z = c [g(X, Z) Y - g(Y, Z) X], \tag{2.20}$$

where  $c$  represents the manifold's constant curvature. Using the definition of Ricci curvature as well as equation (2.20), we get

$$S(X, Y) = 2c g(X, Y). \tag{2.21}$$

Utilizing (2.21) in the scalar curvature definition yields

$$r = 6c. \tag{2.22}$$

Next, it is evident from (2.21) and (2.22) that

$$S(X, Y) = \frac{r}{3} g(X, Y). \tag{2.23}$$

Using (2.23) and entering  $X = Y = \xi$  in (2.18), we get

$$r = -6\epsilon. \tag{2.24}$$

On the other hand, the proof is completed if  $r = -6\epsilon$ , in which case the manifold is clearly an indefinite space form as shown by equation (2.19). □

**Theorem 2.1.** *Each  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifold of dimension 3 is  $\eta$ -Einstein.*

*Proof.* The theorem's proof is derived from (2.18) and (2.11).  $\square$

### 3. SEMI-SYMMETRIC $(\epsilon)$ -PARAMETRIC KENMOTSU 3-MANIFOLDS

**Definition 3.1.** An  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifold of dimension 3 is semi-symmetric [15] if

$$R(X, Y) \cdot R = 0, \quad (3.25)$$

holds for all vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ .

**Theorem 3.1.**  $M_3$  is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold, if it is a semi-symmetric  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu 3-manifold.

*Proof.* Consider

$$(R(X, Y) \cdot R)(Z, W, U) = 0, \quad (3.26)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z$ , and  $U$ .

The above equation implies that

$$\begin{aligned} (R(X, Y, R(Z, W, U)) - R(R(X, Y, Z), W, U) \\ - R(Z, R(X, Y, W), U) - R(Z, W, R(X, Y)U) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$

Afterward, specifically for  $X = \xi$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (R(\xi, Y, R(Z, W, U)) - R(R(\xi, Y, Z), W, U) \\ - R(Z, R(\xi, Y, W), U) - R(Z, W, R(\xi, Y)U) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.28)$$

Using the aforementioned equation along with (2.12) and (2.14), we now obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 'R(Z, W, U, Y)\xi = \epsilon g(Z, U) \eta(W)Y - \epsilon g(W, U) \eta(Z)Y - \epsilon \eta(Z) R(Y, W, U) \\ + g(Y, Z) R(\xi, W, U) - \epsilon \eta(W) R(Z, Y, U) + g(Y, W) R(Z, \xi, U) \\ - \epsilon \eta(U) R(Z, W, Y) + g(Y, U) R(Z, W, \xi). \end{aligned} \quad (3.29)$$

Then by using equations (2.11), (2.12), (2.14), and the inner product with  $\xi$ , the above equation is reduced to

$$'R(Z, W, U, Y) = g(Y, W) g(Z, U) - g(Y, Z) g(W, U), \quad (3.30)$$

which, when contracted with regard to  $U$  and  $W$ , results in

$$S(Y, Z) = \eta(Y) \eta(Z) - n \epsilon g(Y, Z). \quad (3.31)$$

For  $Z = \xi$  in (3.31), we obtain

$$S(Y, \xi) = -(n - 1) \eta(Y). \tag{3.32}$$

This concludes the proof of the theorem. □

#### 4. RICCI SEMI-SYMMETRIC $(\epsilon)$ -PARA KENMOTSU 3-MANIFOLDS

If a semi-Riemannian manifold,  $M_n$ , satisfies the following condition, its Ricci tensor,  $S$ , is deemed Ricci-semi-symmetric [5].

$$R(X, Y) \cdot S = 0, \text{ for all } X, Y \in \chi(M_n), \tag{4.33}$$

where  $R(X, Y)$  serves as a derivation on  $S$ .

Let us suppose that  $M_3$  be a Ricci-semi-symmetric  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu *three*-dimensional manifold. That is

$$(R(X, Y) \cdot S)(Z, U) = 0. \tag{4.34}$$

The above equation further implies that

$$S(R(X, Y)Z, U) + S(U, R(X, Y)Z) = 0. \tag{4.35}$$

For  $X = \xi$  in (4.35), we have

$$S(R(\xi, Y)Z, U) + S(U, R(\xi, Y)Z) = 0. \tag{4.36}$$

Now by using (2.12) and (2.15), we have, from the above equation

$$\epsilon \eta(Z) S(Y, U) + (n - 1) g(Y, Z) \eta(U) + \epsilon \eta(U) S(Y, Z) + (n - 1) g(Y, U) \eta(Z) = 0. \tag{4.37}$$

Using equations (2.2) and (2.4) and substituting  $U = Z = \xi$  in (4.37), we obtain

$$S(Y, \xi) = -(n - 1) \eta(Y). \tag{4.38}$$

Based on this, we could say the following:

**Theorem 4.1.**  *$M_3$  is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold, if it is a Ricci-semi-symmetric  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu 3-manifold.*

5. SEMI-SYMMETRIC TYPE  $(\epsilon)$ -PARAM KENMOTSU 3-MANIFOLDS

A semi-Riemannian manifold  $M_n$  is considered semi-symmetric type if

$$S(X, Y) \cdot R = 0, \quad (5.39)$$

holds for all vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** *The semi-symmetric type  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu 3-manifold is  $\eta$ -Einstein.*

*Proof.* Let  $M_3$  be a semi-symmetric type  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu 3-manifold. Then

$$(S(X, Y) \cdot R)(Z, U, V) = 0, \quad (5.40)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, U,$  and  $V$ .

The above equation implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & S(Y, R(Z, U, V))X - S(X, R(Z, U, V))Y + S(Y, Z)R(X, U, V) \\ & - S(Z, X)R(Y, U, V) + S(Y, U)R(Z, X, V) - S(U, X)R(Z, Y, V) \\ & + S(V, Y)R(Z, U, X) - S(V, X)R(Z, U, Y) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (5.41)$$

For  $X = \xi$  in (5.41), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & S(Y, R(Z, U, V))\xi - S(\xi, R(Z, U, V))Y + S(Y, Z)R(\xi, U, V) \\ & - S(Z, \xi)R(Y, U, V) + S(Y, U)R(Z, \xi, V) - S(U, \xi)R(Z, Y, V) \\ & + S(V, Y)R(Z, U, \xi) - S(V, \xi)R(Z, U, Y) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (5.42)$$

Taking the inner product with  $\xi$  and using equations (2.22), (2.12), (2.14), (2.15) in (5.42), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & S(Y, R(Z, U, V)) + 2(n-1)g(Z, V)\eta(U)\eta(Y) - 2(n-1)g(U, V)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) \\ & + \epsilon\eta(V)\eta(U)S(Y, Z) - g(U, V)S(Y, Z) + g(Z, V)S(Y, U) \\ & - \epsilon S(Y, U)\eta(V)\eta(Z) + (n-1)g(Z, Y)\eta(U)\eta(V) - (n-1)g(U, Y)\eta(V)\eta(Z) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (5.43)$$

If we put  $\xi$  in place of  $V$  in (5.43) and on using (2.11), we get

$$\epsilon\eta(Z)S(Y, U) - \epsilon\eta(U)S(Y, Z) + (n-1)g(Y, Z)\eta(U) - (n-1)g(U, Y)\eta(Z) = 0. \quad (5.44)$$

Put  $U = Y = \xi$  in (5.44). Then by using (2.2), (2.4), we get

$$S(Z, \xi) = -(n-1)\eta(Z), \quad (5.45)$$

which proves the theorem.  $\square$



6. EXAMPLE OF A 3-DIMENSIONAL  $(\epsilon)$ -PARA KENMOTSU MANIFOLD

In this section, we create a 3-D  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifold example.

**Example 6.1.** Let  $M_3 = \{(x, y, z) \in R^3\}$ , where  $(x, y, z)$ -represent the standard coordinates in  $R^3$ , be a 3-D manifold. Let  $e_1, e_2$ , and  $e_3$  be the vector fields on  $M_3$ , given by

$$e_1 = -x \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, e_2 = x \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, e_3 = x \frac{\partial}{\partial z}. \tag{6.46}$$

Clearly, at any point in  $M_3$ ,  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  represent a set of linearly independent vectors.

The Riemannian metric  $g(X, Y)$  is explained by

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

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by:

$$g(X, e_1) = \epsilon \eta(X).$$

Let  $\phi$  be a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field on  $M_3$  explained by:

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

Then the linearity of  $\phi$  &  $g(X, Y)$  yields that

$$\eta(e_1) = 1, \phi^2(X) = X - \eta(X)e_1 ;$$

$$\text{and } g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \epsilon \eta(X) \eta(Y),$$

for all  $X, Y, Z \in M_3$ .

The structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g, \epsilon)$  therefore establishes an  $(\epsilon)$ -almost paracontact structure on  $M_3$  for  $e_1 = \xi$ .

Now from (6.46), we also have

$$[e_1, e_2] = -\epsilon e_2, [e_1, e_3] = -\epsilon e_3, [e_2, e_3] = 0.$$

Koszul's formula provides the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  of the metric tensor  $g(X, Y)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 2g(\nabla_X Y, Z) &= Xg(Y, Z) + Yg(Z, X) - Zg(X, Y) \\ &\quad - g(X, [Y, Z]) - g(Y, [X, Z]) + g(Z, [X, Y]). \end{aligned} \tag{6.47}$$

Utilizing the above formula and  $e_1 = \xi$  yields the following result:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{e_1} e_1 &= 0, \quad \nabla_{e_1} e_2 = 0, \quad \nabla_{e_1} e_3 = 0; \\ \nabla_{e_2} e_1 &= \epsilon e_2, \quad \nabla_{e_2} e_2 = -\epsilon e_1, \quad \nabla_{e_2} e_3 = 0; \\ \nabla_{e_3} e_1 &= \epsilon e_2, \quad \nabla_{e_3} e_2 = 0, \quad \nabla_{e_3} e_3 = -\epsilon e_1.\end{aligned}\tag{6.48}$$

The preceding computations show that the manifold  $M_3$  under consideration meets the conditions  $\nabla_X \xi = \epsilon (X - \eta(X) \xi)$ , for all  $e_1 = \xi$ .

It can be seen from this that the manifold  $M_3$ , that is being studied is a dimension three  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifold having the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g, \epsilon)$ .

## 7. CONCLUSION

This paper defines a new class of indefinite almost paracontact metric manifolds, termed  $(\epsilon)$ -para Kenmotsu manifolds, using a semi-Riemannian metric. When these manifolds are semi-symmetric or Ricci-semi-symmetric, the metric described by them is both geometrical and physical in nature. The geometrical features of these manifolds are widely applied in a variety of physical and geometrical fields, including the construction of super resolution sensors in electronic and communication systems, in electrical engineering, and in the general theory of relativity.

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