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# **Some Properties of (***ϵ***)-Kenmotsu Manifolds With Quarter-Symmetric Non-Metric Connection**

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**Abstract.** The objective of this paper is to investigate the  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifolds with quartersymmetric non-metric connection. We have investigate an (*ϵ*)-Kenmotsu manifolds admitting the quarter-symmetric non-metric connections satisfying certain conditions. We have further provided the equivalent conditions for Ricci soliton in an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifolds to be shrinking or expanding with the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection. We have also investigated *φ*-projectively flat, Quasiprojectively flat and some interesting results. Finally, we have given an example of 3-dimensional (*ϵ*)-Kenmotsu manifolds with respect to quarter-symmetric non-metric connection.

**Keywords.** (*ϵ*)-Kenmotsu manifold, Quarter-symmetric non-metric connection, Ricci soliton, Quasiprojectively flat, *φ*-projectively flat

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### **1. Introduction**

<span id="page-0-1"></span>Kenmotsu [\[10\]](#page-12-0) investigated the geometry of the Kenmotsu manifolds. The concept of semisymmetric connection on a differentiable manifold was established by Friedmann and Schouten [\[5\]](#page-12-1) in 1924. The study of semi-symmetric connection in a Riemannian manifold was introduced by Yano [\[17\]](#page-12-2). In 1972, a class of contact Riemannian manifolds that satisfied the specific requirements are investigated by Kenmotsu [\[10\]](#page-12-0). The conception of  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifolds with indefinite metric was brought by De and Sarkar [\[2\]](#page-12-3). De *et al*. [\[4\]](#page-12-4) studied ∗-Ricci soliton on (*ϵ*)-Kenmotsu manifolds. ∗-conformal *η*-Ricci solitons in (*ϵ*)-Kenmotsu manifolds has

been investigated by Haseeb and Prasad [\[8\]](#page-12-5). In recent research on (*ϵ*)-Kenmotsu manifold with a semi-symmetric metric connection was conducted by Khan *et al*. [\[9\]](#page-12-6). Several authors, e.g., Haseeb [\[7\]](#page-12-7), Haseeb *et al*. [\[9\]](#page-12-6), Singh *et al*. [\[13\]](#page-12-8), and Venkatesha and Vishnuvardhana [\[15\]](#page-12-9)) also studied (*ε*)-Kenmotsu manifold.

The quarter-symmetric non-metric connection is the most recognized connection and the study on Kenmotsu Manifold with quarter-symmetric non-metric *φ*-connection was studied by Singh and Srivastava [\[12\]](#page-12-10) in 2016. Hamilton introduce the theory of Ricci flow to establish a canonical metric on a smooth manifold in 1982. The Ricci flow is an evolution equation for metrics on a Riemannian manifold defined as follows:

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial t}g(t)=-R(t)g(t).
$$

A Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda)$  on a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is generalization of an Einstein metric such that it satisfies the following condition (Hamilton [\[6\]](#page-12-11)):

$$
Lvg + 2S + g = 0,\t\t(1)
$$

where *S* is the Ricci tensor,  $L_v$  is the Lie derivative operator along the vector field *V* on  $(M, g)$ and  $\lambda$  is a real number. The Ricci soliton is said to be shrinking, steady, or expanding according as  $\lambda$  is negative, zero or positive.

The present work is organized as follows: In Section [1](#page-0-1) introduction is discussed. Section [2](#page-1-0) is equipped with some prerequisites about  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifolds. Section [3,](#page-2-0) deals with (*ϵ*)-Kenmotsu manifold admitting the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection with some interesting results. Section [4](#page-5-0) concerned with the study of Ricci soliton on an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold admitting the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection. In Section [5,](#page-7-0) we study the quasi-projectively flat (*ϵ*)-Kenmotsu manifold admitting the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection. Section [6](#page-8-0) is devoted to the study of *φ*-projectively flat (*ϵ*)-Kenmotsu manifold with respect to the connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . In the last section, we have given an example of 3-dimensional  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold in the support of our results.

### <span id="page-1-5"></span><span id="page-1-4"></span><span id="page-1-3"></span><span id="page-1-2"></span><span id="page-1-1"></span>**2. Preliminaries**

<span id="page-1-0"></span>A (2*n*+1)-dimensional smooth manifold *M* together with a (1,1)-tensor field *φ*, a vector field *ξ*, *η* is 1-form and semi-Riemannian metric *g* is called an (*ϵ*)-almost contact metric manifold if

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

$$
g(\xi, \xi) = \epsilon, \quad \epsilon g(X, \xi) = \eta(X), \tag{3}
$$

$$
g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \epsilon \eta(X)\eta(Y),\tag{4}
$$

where  $\epsilon$  is 1 or −1 according as  $\xi$  is spacelike or timelike, and the rank of  $\phi$  is 2*n*. It is important to mention that in the above definition *ξ* is never a lightlike vector field. If

$$
d\eta(X,Y) = g(\phi X, Y),\tag{5}
$$

for all  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ , where  $\chi(M)$  is a set of all smooth vector fields on M. Then M is an  $\epsilon$ -contact metric manifold. It follows that

$$
\eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad \phi \xi = 0,\tag{6}
$$

$$
g(X, \phi Y) = -g(\phi X, Y). \tag{7}
$$

Moreover, if the manifold satisfies

$$
(\nabla_X \phi)Y = -g(X, \phi Y)\xi - \epsilon \eta(Y)\phi X,\tag{8}
$$

where ∇ denotes the Riemannian connection of *g*, then manifold is called an (*ϵ*)-Kenmotsu manifold (De and Sarkar [\[2\]](#page-12-3)). On an (*ϵ*)-Kenmotsu manifold (*M*2*n*+<sup>1</sup> ,*φ*,*ξ*,*η*, *g*,*ϵ*), the following relations hold:

<span id="page-2-9"></span><span id="page-2-6"></span><span id="page-2-5"></span><span id="page-2-3"></span><span id="page-2-2"></span><span id="page-2-1"></span>
$$
(\nabla_X \xi) = \varepsilon (X - \eta(X)\xi),\tag{9}
$$

$$
(\nabla_X \eta)Y = g(X, Y) - \epsilon \eta(X)\eta(Y),\tag{10}
$$

$$
R(X,Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X,\tag{11}
$$

$$
R(\xi, X)Y = \eta(Y)X - \varepsilon g(X, Y)\xi,
$$
\n(12)

$$
R(X,Y)\phi Z = \phi R(X,Y)Z + \epsilon [g(Y,Z)\phi X - g(X,Z)\phi Y + g(X,\phi Z)Y - g(Y,\phi Z)X],\tag{13}
$$

$$
\eta(R(X,Y)Z) = \epsilon[g(X,Z)\eta(Y) - g(Y,Z)\eta(X)],\tag{14}
$$

$$
S(X,\xi) = -2n\eta(X),\tag{15}
$$

$$
S(\phi X, \phi Y) = S(X, Y) + 2n\epsilon \eta(X)\eta(Y),\tag{16}
$$

$$
S(X,Y) = g(QX,Y),\tag{17}
$$

<span id="page-2-12"></span><span id="page-2-10"></span><span id="page-2-8"></span><span id="page-2-7"></span>
$$
Q\xi = -2n\varepsilon\xi,\tag{18}
$$

where  $R$ ,  $S$  and  $Q$  denotes the curvature tensor of type  $(1,3)$ , the Ricci tensor of type  $(0,2)$  and the Ricci operator of type (1,1), respectively.

**Definition 2.1.** An  $\epsilon$ -Kenmotsu manifold *M* is said to be a generalized *η*-Einstein manifold if the following condition (Yidiz *et al*. [\[18\]](#page-13-0)):

$$
S(X,Y) = a g(X,Y) + b \eta(X) \eta(Y) + c g(\phi X,Y),
$$
\n(19)

holds on *M*, where *a*,*b* and *c* are smooth functions on *M*. If  $c = 0$ ,  $b = c = 0$ , and  $a = c = 0$ , then the manifold is called an *η*-Einstein manifold, an Einstein and a special type of *η*-Einstein manifold, respectively.

### <span id="page-2-4"></span><span id="page-2-0"></span>**3.** (*ϵ*)**-Kenmotsu Manifolds Admitting the Quarter-Symmetric Non-Metric Connections**

Let  $M^{2n+1}$  be an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold with Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ . A linear connection (Yadav and Suthar [\[16\]](#page-12-12))  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is defined by

$$
\widetilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y - \eta(Y) \phi X \tag{20}
$$

and it is said to be a quarter-symmetric connection non-metric connection if satisfies

<span id="page-2-11"></span>
$$
\widetilde{T}(X,Y) = \eta(Y)\phi X - \eta(X)\phi Y \tag{21}
$$

and

<span id="page-3-2"></span>
$$
(\widetilde{\nabla}_X g)(Y,Z) = -(\eta(Y)g(\phi X,Z) + \eta(Z)g(\phi X,Y)).
$$
\n(22)

A relation between the curvature tensors  $\widetilde{R}$  and R is given as

<span id="page-3-5"></span>
$$
\widetilde{R}(X,Y)Z = \widetilde{\nabla}_X \widetilde{\nabla}_Y Z - \widetilde{\nabla}_Y \widetilde{\nabla}_X Z - \widetilde{\nabla}_{XY} Z. \tag{23}
$$

Using [\(7\)](#page-2-1), [\(8\)](#page-2-2), [\(10\)](#page-2-3) and [\(20\)](#page-2-4), we have

<span id="page-3-0"></span>
$$
\widetilde{R}(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)Z + 2g(\phi X,Y)\eta(Z)\xi + g(X,Z)\phi Y - g(Y,Z)\phi X,\tag{24}
$$

where

<span id="page-3-4"></span>
$$
R(X,Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{XY} Z \tag{25}
$$

is the curvature tensor of the Levi-Civita connection ∇. On contracting [\(24\)](#page-3-0), we have

<span id="page-3-1"></span>
$$
\widetilde{S}(Y,Z) = S(Y,Z) + g(\phi Y, Z). \tag{26}
$$

Replacing *X* by  $\xi$  in [\(24\)](#page-3-0) and using [\(3\)](#page-1-1), [\(6\)](#page-1-2), [\(12\)](#page-2-5), we have

$$
\widetilde{R}(\xi, X)Y = -\epsilon g(X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)X + \frac{1}{\epsilon}\eta(Y)\phi X. \tag{27}
$$

Replacing *Z* by *ξ* in [\(24\)](#page-3-0) and using [\(2\)](#page-1-3), [\(3\)](#page-1-1), [\(11\)](#page-2-6), we have

$$
\widetilde{R}(X,Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X - \frac{1}{\epsilon}\eta(Y)\phi X + \frac{1}{\epsilon}\eta(X)\phi Y + 2g(\phi X,Y)\xi.
$$
\n(28)

Taking  $\eta$  on both sides of [\(24\)](#page-3-0) and using [\(2\)](#page-1-3), [\(6\)](#page-1-2), [\(14\)](#page-2-7), we have

$$
\eta(\widetilde{R}(X,Y)Z) = \epsilon g(X,Z)\eta(Y) - \epsilon g(Y,Z)\eta(X) + 2\eta(Z)g(\phi X,Y). \tag{29}
$$

Replacing *Z* by  $\xi$  in [\(26\)](#page-3-1) and using [\(3\)](#page-1-1), [\(6\)](#page-1-2), [\(15\)](#page-2-8), we have

$$
\widetilde{S}(Y,\xi) = -2n\eta(Y). \tag{30}
$$

By virtue of [\(26\)](#page-3-1), we have

<span id="page-3-3"></span>
$$
\widetilde{Q}(Y) = Q(Y) + \phi Y. \tag{31}
$$

Contracting [\(26\)](#page-3-1), we have

$$
\widetilde{r} = r. \tag{32}
$$

<span id="page-3-6"></span>**Theorem 3.1.** *In an* (*ϵ*)*-Kenmotsu manifolds admitting the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection*  $\tilde{\nabla}$ *, the scalar curvature tensor is invariant with respect to the connections*  $\nabla$  *and*  $\tilde{\nabla}$ *.* 

On taking 
$$
X = \xi
$$
 in (22) and using (6), we have  
\n
$$
(\tilde{\nabla}_{\xi}g)(Y,Z) = -(\eta(Y)g(\phi\xi,Z) + \eta(Z)g(\phi\xi,Y)),
$$
\n
$$
(\tilde{\nabla}_{\xi}g)(Y,Z) = 0
$$
\n(33)

Hence we have the following:

**Corollary 3.1.** *Co-variant differentiation of Riemannian metric g with respect to contra-variant vector field ξ vanish identically in a contact metric manifold admitting the quarter-symmetric non-metric connection*  $\tilde{\nabla}$ *.* 

The projective curvature tensor (De and Yildiz [\[3\]](#page-12-13))  $\tilde{P}$  with respect to the connection  $\tilde{V}$  is defined as

<span id="page-4-0"></span>
$$
\widetilde{P}(X,Y)Z = \widetilde{R}(X,Y)Z - \frac{1}{2n}[\widetilde{S}(Y,Z)X - \widetilde{S}(X,Z)Y].
$$
\n(34)

If  $\widetilde{P}$  with  $\widetilde{\nabla}$  vanishes, then from [\(34\)](#page-4-0), we have

<span id="page-4-7"></span>
$$
\widetilde{R}(X,Y)Z = \frac{1}{2n} [\widetilde{S}(Y,Z)X - \widetilde{S}(X,Z)Y].
$$
\n(35)

By virtue of  $(24)$  and  $(26)$ , we have

<span id="page-4-1"></span>
$$
R(X,Y)Z = \frac{1}{2n} [S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y + g(\phi Y,Z)X - g(\phi X,Z)Y] - 2g(\phi X,Y)\eta(Z)\xi - g(X,Z)\phi Y + g(Y,Z)\phi X.
$$
 (36)

Taking inner product with *W* in [\(36\)](#page-4-1), we have

$$
g(R(X,Y)Z,W) = \frac{1}{2n} [S(Y,Z)g(X,W) - S(X,Z)g(Y,W) + g(\phi Y, Z)g(X,W) - g(\phi X, Z)g(Y,W)]
$$
  
-2g(\phi X, Y)\eta(Z)g(\xi,W) - g(X,Z)g(\phi Y,W) + g(Y,Z)g(\phi X,W). (37)

Replacing *W* by  $\xi$  in [\(37\)](#page-4-2) and using [\(3\)](#page-1-1), [\(6\)](#page-1-2), [\(14\)](#page-2-7), we have

<span id="page-4-4"></span><span id="page-4-3"></span><span id="page-4-2"></span>
$$
S(Y, Z)\eta(X) = [S(X, Z)\eta(Y) - g(\phi Y, Z)\eta(X) + g(\phi X, Z)\eta(Y) + 4n(\epsilon)^{2}g(\phi X, Y)\eta(Z)]
$$
  
+ 2n\epsilon[g(X, Z)\eta(Y) - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)]. (38)

Again replacing *X* by  $\xi$  in [\(38\)](#page-4-3) and using [\(2\)](#page-1-3), [\(3\)](#page-1-1), [\(6\)](#page-1-2), [\(15\)](#page-2-8), we have

$$
S(Y, Z) = -g(\phi Y, Z) - 2n\varepsilon g(Y, Z) = -2n\varepsilon g(Y, Z) - g(\phi Y, Z).
$$
 (39)

Contracting [\(39\)](#page-4-4), we have

<span id="page-4-5"></span>
$$
r = -2ne(2n+1). \tag{40}
$$

By virtue of [\(32\)](#page-3-3) and [\(40\)](#page-4-5), we have

<span id="page-4-9"></span>
$$
\widetilde{r} = -2n\epsilon(2n+1). \tag{41}
$$

Using [\(39\)](#page-4-4) in [\(26\)](#page-3-1), we have

<span id="page-4-8"></span><span id="page-4-6"></span>
$$
\widetilde{S}(Y,Z) = -2n\varepsilon g(Y,Z). \tag{42}
$$

Using [\(42\)](#page-4-6) in [\(35\)](#page-4-7), we have

$$
\widetilde{R}(X,Y)Z = \epsilon[g(X,Z)Y - g(Y,Z)X].
$$
\n(43)

Taking  $\eta$  on both sides of [\(43\)](#page-4-8) and using [\(14\)](#page-2-7), we have

$$
\eta(\widetilde{R}(X,Y)Z) = \eta(R(X,Y)Z). \tag{44}
$$

Hence, we have the following theorem:

<span id="page-4-10"></span>**Theorem 3.2.** If the projective curvature tensor  $\tilde{P}$  of  $\tilde{\nabla}$  in an ( $\epsilon$ )-Kenmotsu manifold admitting <sup>∇</sup><sup>e</sup> *vanishes then the manifold becomes a generalized <sup>η</sup>-Einstein manifold.*

<span id="page-4-11"></span>**Theorem 3.3.** If the projective curvature tensor  $\tilde{P}$  of  $\tilde{\nabla}$  in an ( $\epsilon$ )-Kenmotsu manifold admitting  $\tilde{\nabla}$  then the curvature tensor, Ricci tensor and scalar curvature with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$  are given by [\(43\)](#page-4-8), [\(42\)](#page-4-6) *and* [\(41\)](#page-4-9)*, respectively.*

Using  $(24)$  and  $(26)$  in  $(34)$ , we have

$$
\tilde{P}(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)Z - \frac{1}{2n}[S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y] \n+ \left[g(\phi X,Y)\eta(Z)\xi + g(X,Z)\phi Y - g(Y,Z)\phi X - \frac{1}{2n}g(\phi X,Y)\right],
$$
\n(45)

<span id="page-5-1"></span>
$$
\widetilde{P}(X,Y)Z = P(X,Y)Z + \left[2g(\phi X,Y)\eta(Z)\xi + g(X,Z)\phi Y - g(Y,Z)\phi X - \frac{1}{2n}g(\phi Y,Z)X + \frac{1}{2n}g(\phi X,Z)Y\right],\tag{46}
$$

where

$$
P(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)Z - \frac{1}{2n}[S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y].
$$
\n(47)

Thus by virtue of [\(46\)](#page-5-1), we have the following:

<span id="page-5-6"></span>**Theorem 3.4.** *The projective curvature tensor*  $\tilde{P}$  *of the connection*  $\tilde{\nabla}$  *in an* ( $\epsilon$ )*-Kenmotsu manifold*  $admitting$   $\tilde{\nabla}$  *coincides with projective curvature tensor P with respect to the Levi-Civita connection* ∇ *iff*

$$
\[2g(\phi X, Y)\eta(Z)\xi + g(X, Z)\phi Y - g(Y, Z)\phi X - \frac{1}{2n}g(\phi Y, Z)X + \frac{1}{2n}g(\phi X, Z)Y\] = 0,\tag{48}
$$

*holds for arbitrary vector fields X , Y and Z.*

Replacing *Z* by  $\xi$  in [\(46\)](#page-5-1) and using [\(2\)](#page-1-3), [\(3\)](#page-1-1), [\(6\)](#page-1-2), we have

$$
\widetilde{P}(X,Y)\xi = P(X,Y)\xi + \left[2g(\phi X,Y)\xi - \frac{1}{\epsilon}\widetilde{T}(X,Y)\right].
$$
\n(49)

Hence, we have the following theorem:

<span id="page-5-7"></span>**Theorem 3.5.** An ( $\epsilon$ )*-Kenmotsu manifold is*  $\xi$ *-projectively flat with respect to*  $\tilde{\nabla}$  *iff the manifold*  $i$ *s also ξ-projectively flat with respect to*  $\nabla$  $p$ *rovided*  $\Big[2g(\phi X,Y)\xi-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\Big]$  $\frac{1}{\epsilon}\widetilde{T}(X,Y)\bigg]=0.$ 

# <span id="page-5-4"></span><span id="page-5-0"></span>**4. Ricci Soliton on an** (*ϵ*)**-Kenmotsu Manifold Admitting the Quarter-Symmetric Non-Metric Connection**

Let  $(g, \xi, \lambda)$  be the Ricci soliton on an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold admitting  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . Then from [\(1\)](#page-1-4), we have

$$
(\widetilde{L}_{\xi}g)(X,Y) + 2\widetilde{S}(X,Y) + 2\lambda g(X,Y) = 0.
$$
\n(50)

Now

<span id="page-5-3"></span><span id="page-5-2"></span>
$$
(\widetilde{L}_{\xi}g)(X,Y) = g(\widetilde{\nabla}_X\xi, Y) + g(X, \widetilde{\nabla}_Y\xi).
$$
\n(51)

Using [\(3\)](#page-1-1), [\(7\)](#page-2-1), [\(9\)](#page-2-9) and [\(20\)](#page-2-4) in [\(51\)](#page-5-2), we have

$$
(\widetilde{L}_{\xi}g)(X,Y) = 2\epsilon g(X,Y) - 2\eta(X)\eta(Y). \tag{52}
$$

Using  $(26)$  and  $(52)$  in  $(50)$ , we have

<span id="page-5-5"></span>
$$
S(X,Y) = -(\varepsilon + \lambda)g(X,Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y) - g(\phi X,Y). \tag{53}
$$

On contracting [\(53\)](#page-5-5), we have

<span id="page-6-6"></span>
$$
r = -(2n+1)(\epsilon + \lambda) + \epsilon^3. \tag{54}
$$

Hence, we have the following theorem:

<span id="page-6-8"></span>**Theorem 4.1.** *If* ( $g, \xi, \lambda$ ) *is a Ricci soliton on an* ( $\epsilon$ )*-Kenmotsu manifold admitting*  $\tilde{\nabla}$  *then the manifold is a generalized η-Einstein manifold.*

Replacing *Y* by  $\xi$  in [\(53\)](#page-5-5) and using [\(2\)](#page-1-3), [\(3\)](#page-1-1), [\(6\)](#page-1-2), [\(15\)](#page-2-8), we have

<span id="page-6-0"></span>
$$
S(X,\xi) = -\frac{\lambda}{\epsilon} \eta(X). \tag{55}
$$

By virtue of [\(15\)](#page-2-8) and [\(55\)](#page-6-0), we have

$$
\lambda = 2n\epsilon. \tag{56}
$$

Hence, we have the following theorem:

<span id="page-6-7"></span>**Theorem 4.2.** *A Ricci soliton* ( $g, \xi, \lambda$ ) *on an* ( $\epsilon$ )*-Kenmotsu manifold admitting*  $\tilde{\nabla}$  *is either expanding or shrinking.*

Let  $(g, V, \lambda)$  be the Ricci soliton on an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold admitting  $\tilde{V}$ . Then from [\(1\)](#page-1-4), we have

<span id="page-6-2"></span><span id="page-6-1"></span>
$$
(\widetilde{L}_V g)(X, Y) + 2\widetilde{S}(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) = 0,\tag{57}
$$

where  $\tilde{L}$  is the Lie derivative along the vector field *V* on  $M^{2n+1}$  admitting  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . By virtue of [\(20\)](#page-2-4), we have

$$
(\widetilde{L}_V g)(X, Y) = (L_V g)(X, Y). \tag{58}
$$

Using  $(26)$  and  $(58)$  in  $(57)$ , we have

<span id="page-6-3"></span>
$$
(\tilde{L}_V g)(X, Y) + 2S(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) + 2g(\phi X, Y) = 0.
$$
\n(59)

If  $(g, V, \lambda)$  is a Ricci soliton on an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold admitting  $\tilde{\nabla}$  then [\(1\)](#page-1-4) holds. Hence from [\(1\)](#page-1-4) and [\(59\)](#page-6-3), we have:

<span id="page-6-9"></span>**Theorem 4.3.** *A Ricci soliton* (*g*,*ξ*,*λ*) *on an* (*ϵ*)*-Kenmotsu manifold is invariant with respect to*  $\tilde{\nabla}$  *iff* 

$$
2g(\phi X, Y) = 0,\tag{60}
$$

*holds for arbitrary vector fields X and Y .*

Let  $(g, V, \lambda)$  be the Ricci soliton on an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M^{2n+1}$   $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g, \epsilon)$  admitting  $\tilde{\nabla}$  such that *V* is pointwise collinear with *ξ*, i.e.,  $V = b\zeta$ , where *b* is a function then [\(57\)](#page-6-2) holds and follows that

<span id="page-6-4"></span>
$$
bg(\widetilde{\nabla}_X \xi, Y) + (Xb)\eta(Y) + bg(X, \widetilde{\nabla}_Y \xi) + (Yb)\eta(X) + 2\widetilde{S}(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) = 0.
$$
\n(61)

Using  $(20)$  and  $(26)$  in  $(61)$ , we have

<span id="page-6-5"></span>
$$
(Xb)\eta(Y) + (Yb)\eta(X) + 2S(X,Y) + 2(\epsilon b + \lambda)g(X,Y) - 2b\eta(X)\eta(Y) + 2g(\phi X, Y) = 0.
$$
 (62)

Replacing *Y* by  $\xi$  in [\(62\)](#page-6-5) and using [\(2\)](#page-1-3), [\(3\)](#page-1-1), [\(6\)](#page-1-2) and [\(15\)](#page-2-8), we have

<span id="page-7-1"></span>
$$
(Xb) + \left(\frac{2\lambda}{\epsilon} - 4n + (\xi b)\right)\eta(X) = 0.
$$
\n(63)

Again replacing *X* by  $\xi$  in [\(63\)](#page-7-1) and using [\(2\)](#page-1-3), we have

<span id="page-7-2"></span>
$$
\zeta b = \left[2n - \frac{\lambda}{\epsilon}\right].\tag{64}
$$

By virtue of [\(64\)](#page-7-2), above equation takes the form

<span id="page-7-3"></span>
$$
db = \left[2n - \frac{\lambda}{\epsilon}\right]\eta.
$$
\n(65)

Applying *d* on [\(65\)](#page-7-3), we have

<span id="page-7-4"></span>
$$
\left[2n - \frac{\lambda}{\epsilon}\right] d\eta = 0. \tag{66}
$$

Since  $d\eta \neq 0$ , then [\(66\)](#page-7-4) implies that  $\lambda = 2\epsilon n$ . Consequently, from [\(65\)](#page-7-3) we obtain  $db = 0$ , i.e., *b* is constant.

Hence we have the following theorem:

<span id="page-7-10"></span>**Theorem 4.4.** *If* (*g*,*V*,*λ*) *be a Ricci soliton on an* ( $\epsilon$ )*-Kenmotsu manifold*  $M^{2n+1}$  *admitting*  $\tilde{\nabla}$ *such that V=bξ, then V is a constant multiple of ξ and the Ricci soliton is either expanding or shrinking.*

# <span id="page-7-0"></span>**5. Quasi-Projectively Flat** (*ϵ*)**-Kenmotsu Manifold Admitting the Quarter-Symmetric Non-Metric Connection**

**Definition 5.1.** An ( $\epsilon$ )-Kenmotsu manifold admitting  $\widetilde{\nabla}$  then the manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  ( $\phi$ , $\xi$ , $\eta$ , $g$ , $\epsilon$ ) is said to be quasi-projectively flat with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$  if

<span id="page-7-6"></span>
$$
g(\widetilde{P}(\phi X, Y)Z, \phi W) = 0,\tag{67}
$$

where  $\tilde{P}$  is the projective curvature tensor with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$ .

Taking inner product with *W* in [\(34\)](#page-4-0), we have

<span id="page-7-5"></span>
$$
g(\widetilde{P}(X,Y)Z,W) = g(\widetilde{R}(X,Y)Z,W) - \frac{1}{2n}[\widetilde{S}(Y,Z)g(X,W) - \widetilde{S}(X,Z)g(Y,W)].
$$
\n(68)

Replacing *X* by  $\phi X$  and *W* by  $\phi W$  in [\(68\)](#page-7-5), we have

<span id="page-7-7"></span>
$$
g(\widetilde{P}(\phi X, Y)Z, \phi W) = g(\widetilde{R}(\phi X, Y)Z, \phi W) - \frac{1}{2n} [\widetilde{S}(Y, Z)g(\phi X, \phi W) - \widetilde{S}(\phi X, Z)g(Y, \phi W)].
$$
\n(69)

Using  $(67)$  in  $(69)$ , we have

<span id="page-7-8"></span>
$$
g(\widetilde{R}(\phi X, Y)Z, \phi W) = -\frac{1}{2n} [\widetilde{S}(Y, Z)g(\phi X, \phi Y) - \widetilde{S}(\phi X, Z)g(Y, \phi W)].
$$
\n(70)

Using  $(24)$  and  $(26)$  in  $(70)$ , we have

<span id="page-7-9"></span>
$$
g(R(\phi X, Y)Z, \phi W) = \frac{1}{2n} [S(Y, Z)g(\phi X, \phi W) + g(\phi Y, Z)(\phi X, \phi W) - S(\phi X, Z)g(Y, \phi W) - g(X, Z)(\phi Y, W) + g(\phi Y, W)g(X, \xi)\eta(Z)] - g(\phi X, Z)(\phi Y, \phi W) - g(Y, Z), g(X\phi W).
$$
\n(71)

Let  $(e_1, e_2, e_3, \ldots, e_{2n}, \xi)$  be a local orthonormal basis of vector fields in  $M^{2n+1}$  then (*φe*1,*φe*2,*φe*3,...,*φe*2*n*,*ξ*) is also a local orthonormal basis of vector fields in *<sup>M</sup>*2*n*+<sup>1</sup> . Putting  $X = W = e_i$  in [\(71\)](#page-7-9) and taking summation over *i*, *i* ∈ [1,2*n*], we have

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(R(\phi e_i, Y)Z, \phi e_i) = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \left[ S(Y, Z)g(\phi e_i, \phi e_i) + g(\phi Y, Z)(\phi e_i, \phi e_i) - S(\phi e_i, Z)g(Y, \phi e_i) \right]
$$

$$
- g(e_i, Z)(\phi Y, e_i) + g(\phi Y, e_i)g(e_i, \xi)\eta(Z) \Bigg]
$$

$$
- \sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(\phi e_i, Z)(\phi Y, \phi e_i) - \sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(Y, Z), g(e_i \phi e_i). \tag{72}
$$

Also,

<span id="page-8-5"></span><span id="page-8-2"></span><span id="page-8-1"></span>2*n*

<span id="page-8-4"></span><span id="page-8-3"></span>2*n*

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(R(\phi e_i, Y)Z, \phi e_i) = S(Y, Z) + g(Y, Z),\tag{73}
$$

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{2n} S(\phi e_i, Z)g(\phi e_i, Y) = S(Y, Z),\tag{74}
$$

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(\phi e_i, \phi e_i) = 2n \tag{75}
$$

and

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{2n} g(e_i, \phi e_i) = trace(\phi) = 0.
$$
\n(76)

Using [\(73\)](#page-8-1), [\(74\)](#page-8-2), [\(75\)](#page-8-3) and [\(76\)](#page-8-4) in [\(72\)](#page-8-5), we have

$$
S(Y, Z) = -2ng(Y, Z) - g(\phi Y, Z).
$$
\n(77)

Hence we have the following theorem:

<span id="page-8-8"></span>**Theorem 5.1.** *A quasi-projectively flat* (*ε*)*-Kenmotsu manifold with respect to the connection*  $\tilde{\nabla}$ *is a generalized η-Einstein manifold.*

## <span id="page-8-0"></span>**6.** *φ***-Projectively Flat** (*ϵ*)**-Kenmotsu Manifold Admitting the Quarter-Symmetric Non-Metric Connection**

 $\bf{Definition 6.1.}$  An ( $\epsilon$ )-Kenmotsu manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  ( $\phi, \xi, \eta, g, \epsilon$ ) with respect to  $\widetilde{\nabla}$  is said to be *φ*-projectively flat if

$$
\phi^2(\widetilde{P}(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z) = 0. \tag{78}
$$

where  $\tilde{P}$  is the projective curvature tensor with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$ .

It is easy to show that  $\phi^2(\widetilde{P}(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z) = 0$  holds iff

<span id="page-8-7"></span><span id="page-8-6"></span>
$$
g(\widetilde{P}(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi W) = 0. \tag{79}
$$

for all  $X, Y, Z, W \in \mathcal{X}(M^{2n+1})$ .

Replacing *Y* by  $\phi$ *Y* and *Z* by  $\phi$ *Z* in [\(69\)](#page-7-7), we have

$$
g(\widetilde{P}(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi W) = g(\widetilde{R}(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi W) - \frac{1}{2n} [\widetilde{S}(\phi Y, \phi Z)g(\phi X, \phi W) - \widetilde{S}(\phi X, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, \phi W)].
$$
\n(80)

Using  $(79)$  in  $(80)$ , we have

<span id="page-9-0"></span>
$$
g(\widetilde{R}(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi W) = \frac{1}{2n} [\widetilde{S}(\phi Y, \phi Z)g(\phi X, \phi W) - \widetilde{S}(\phi X, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, \phi W)].
$$
\n(81)

Using  $(24)$  and  $(26)$  in  $(81)$ , we have

$$
g(R(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi W) = \frac{1}{2n} [S(\phi Y, \phi Z)g(\phi X, \phi W) - g(Y, \phi Z)g(\phi X, \phi W) -S(\phi X, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, \phi W) + g(X, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, \phi W)] + g(\phi X, \phi Z)Y - g(\phi X, \phi Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(\phi Y, \phi Z)X + g(\phi Y, \phi Z)\eta(X)\xi.
$$
(82)

Let  $(e_1, e_2, e_3, \ldots, e_{2n}, \xi)$  be a local orthonormal basis of vector fields in the manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  then (*φe*1,*φe*2,*φe*3,...,*φe*2*n*,*ξ*) is also a local orthonormal basis of the manifold *<sup>M</sup>*2*n*+<sup>1</sup> . Replacing *X* by  $e_i$  and W by  $e_i$  in [\(82\)](#page-9-1) and applying summation over  $i \in [1,2n]$ , we have

$$
S(\phi Y, \phi Z) = 2n(\epsilon^2 - 2n - 1)g(\phi Y, \phi Z) + 2ng(Y, Z) - \frac{2n}{\epsilon}\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - (1 - 2n)g(\phi Y, Z).
$$
 (83)

Using  $(4)$  and  $(16)$  in  $(83)$ , we have

$$
S(Y,Z) = 2n(e^2 - 2n)g(Y,Z) - 2n\epsilon \left(\frac{1}{e^2} + e^2 - 2n\right) \eta(Y)\eta(Z) - (1 - 2n)g(\phi Y, Z). \tag{84}
$$

<span id="page-9-4"></span>**Theorem 6.1.** *A φ-projectively flat* ( $\epsilon$ )*-Kenmotsu manifold admitting the connection*  $\tilde{\nabla}$  *is a generalized η-Einstein manifold.*

### <span id="page-9-2"></span><span id="page-9-1"></span>**7. Example of** (*ϵ*)**-Kenmotsu Manifold**

Let  $M = [(x, y, z) \in R^3 : z > 0]$  be a 3-dimensional manifold, where  $(x, y, z)$  are the standard coordinates in  $R^3$ . Choosing vector fields [\[13\]](#page-12-8)

$$
e_1 = z \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad e_2 = z \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad e_3 = -z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \tag{85}
$$

are linearly independent at every point of *M*. The Riemannian metric *g* is defined by

$$
g(e_i, e_j) = 0, \quad i \neq j, \ i, j = 1, 2, 3.
$$

$$
g(e_1, e_1) = \varepsilon, \quad g(e_2, e_2) = \varepsilon, \quad g(e_3, e_3) = \varepsilon,
$$
\n
$$
(86)
$$

where  $\epsilon = 1$  or  $-1$ . Suppose  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined as  $\eta(X)=\epsilon g(X,\xi)$ . Let  $\phi$  be the (1,1)-tensor field defined by

$$
\phi(e_1) = -e_2, \ \ \phi(e_2) = e_1, \ \ \phi(e_3) = 0. \tag{87}
$$

By linearity property of  $\phi$  and  $g$ , we have

$$
\eta(e_3) = \eta(\xi), \ \ \phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)e_3, \ \ g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \epsilon \eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{88}
$$

for all  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ .

Consider ∇ be the Levi-Civita connection with Riemannian metric *g*, then we have

<span id="page-9-3"></span>
$$
[e_1, e_2] = 0, \quad [e_1, e_3] = \epsilon e_1, \quad [e_2, e_3] = \epsilon e_2. \tag{89}
$$

Koszul's formula is given as

 $2g(\nabla_X Y,Z) = Xg(Y,Z) + Yg(Z,X) - Z\hat{g}(X,Y) - g([Y,Z],X) + g([Z,X],Y) + g([X,Y],Z),$  (90) for arbitrary vector fields  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ .

By virtue of [\(90\)](#page-10-0), we have

<span id="page-10-1"></span><span id="page-10-0"></span>
$$
\nabla_{e_1} e_1 = -\epsilon e_3, \nabla_{e_1} e_2 = 0, \nabla_{e_1} e_3 = \epsilon e_1, \n\nabla_{e_2} e_1 = 0, \nabla_{e_2} e_2 = -\epsilon e_3, \nabla_{e_2} e_3 = \epsilon e_2, \n\nabla_{e_3} e_1 = 0, \nabla_{e_3} e_2 = 0, \nabla_{e_3} e_3 = 0.
$$
\n(91)

In view of above results, the manifold satisfies

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

Now for  $X = X^1e_1 + X^2e_2 + X^3e_3$ , we have  $\nabla_X \xi = \epsilon (X^1 e_1 + X^2 e_2)$ 

and

 $\epsilon(X - \eta(X)\xi) = \epsilon(X^1e_1 + X^2e_2),$ 

where  $X^1, X^2, X^3$  are scalars.

Hence for  $\xi$ = $e_3$  the manifold ( $M^{2n+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g, \epsilon)$  under consideration example is an ( $\epsilon$ )-Kenmotsu manifolds.

By virtue of  $(3)$ ,  $(20)$  and  $(91)$ , we have

<span id="page-10-2"></span>
$$
\begin{aligned}\n\widetilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_1 &= -\epsilon e_3, & \widetilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_2 &= 0, & \widetilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_3 &= \epsilon e_1 - e_2, \\
\widetilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_1 &= 0, & \widetilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_2 &= -\epsilon e_3, & \widetilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_3 &= e_2(\epsilon - 1), \\
\widetilde{\nabla}_{e_3} e_1 &= 0, & \widetilde{\nabla}_{e_3} e_2 &= 0, & \widetilde{\nabla}_{e_3} e_3 &= 0.\n\end{aligned}\n\tag{92}
$$

In view of [\(21\)](#page-2-11), the torsion tensor  $\tilde{T}$  with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$  as follows:

$$
\widetilde{T}(e_i, e_i) = 0
$$
, for all  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ,  
\n $\widetilde{T}(e_1, e_2) = 0$ ,  $\widetilde{T}(e_1, e_3) = -e_2$ ,  $\widetilde{T}(e_2, e_3) = e_1$ .

Also we have

$$
(\widetilde{\nabla}_{e_1}g)(e_2,e_3)=\epsilon, \ \ (\widetilde{\nabla}_{e_2}g)(e_3,e_1)=-\epsilon, \ \ (\widetilde{\nabla}_{e_3}g)(e_1,e_2)=0.
$$

Hence the manifold is an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold with respect to the connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . The curvature tensor  $R(e_i, e_j)e_k$ ;  $i, j, k = 1, 2, 3$  of  $\nabla$  can be calculated by using [\(25\)](#page-3-4), [\(89\)](#page-9-3) and [\(91\)](#page-10-1), we have

<span id="page-10-3"></span>
$$
R(e_1, e_2)e_3 = 0, \t R(e_1, e_3)e_3 = \varepsilon^2 e_1, \t R(e_2, e_3)e_2 = -\varepsilon^2 e_3, R(e_3, e_1)e_1 = -\varepsilon^2 e_3, \t R(e_2, e_1)e_1 = -\varepsilon^2 e_2, \t R(e_2, e_3)e_3 = -\varepsilon^2 e_2, R(e_2, e_3)e_1 = 0, \t R(e_1, e_2)e_2 = \varepsilon^2 e_1, \t R(e_3, e_1)e_2 = 0.
$$
\t(93)

Along with  $R(e_i, e_i)e_i = 0$ , for all  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . In view of above calculation, we verify [\(11\)](#page-2-6), [\(12\)](#page-2-5), [\(13\)](#page-2-12) and [\(14\)](#page-2-7).

The  $\widetilde{R}(e_i,e_j)e_k$ ,  $i,j,k = 1,2,3$  of  $\widetilde{\nabla}$  can be calculated by using [\(23\)](#page-3-5), [\(89\)](#page-9-3) and [\(92\)](#page-10-2), we have

<span id="page-10-4"></span>
$$
\widetilde{R}(e_1, e_2)e_3 = -\epsilon e_3, \quad \widetilde{R}(e_1, e_3)e_3 = \epsilon^2 e_1 - \epsilon e_2, \quad \widetilde{R}(e_2, e_3)e_2 = -\epsilon^2 e_3, \n\widetilde{R}(e_3, e_1)e_1 = -\epsilon^2 e_3, \quad \widetilde{R}(e_2, e_1)e_1 = -\epsilon e_2(\epsilon - 1), \quad \widetilde{R}(e_2, e_3)e_3 = -\epsilon e_2(\epsilon - 1), \n\widetilde{R}(e_2, e_3)e_1 = 0, \quad \widetilde{R}(e_1, e_2)e_2 = -\epsilon^2 e_1 - \epsilon e_2, \quad \widetilde{R}(e_3, e_1)e_2 = 0.
$$
\n(94)

Along with  $\widetilde{R}(e_i, e_i)e_i = 0$ , for all  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

The Ricci tensor  $S(e_j, e_k)$ , for all  $j, k = 1, 2, 3$  of  $\nabla$  is given by using [\(93\)](#page-10-3), we have

$$
S(e_j, e_k) = \sum_{i=1}^3 g(R(e_i, e_j)e_k, e_i).
$$

It follows that:

<span id="page-11-1"></span>
$$
S(e_1, e_1) = S(e_2, e_2) = -2e^3, \quad S(e_3, e_3) = 0.
$$
\n(95)

Along with  $S(e_j, e_k) = 0$ , for all  $j, k = 1, 2, 3$  ( $j \neq k$ ). In view of [\(95\)](#page-11-1), we verify [\(15\)](#page-2-8) and [\(16\)](#page-2-10). By virtue of [\(95\)](#page-11-1), we can calculate *r* with respect to the connection  $\nabla$  as

$$
r = \sum_{i=1}^{3} S(e_i, e_i) = -4\epsilon^3.
$$
 (96)

The  $\widetilde{S}(e_j,e_k)$ , for all  $j,k=1,2,3$  of  $\widetilde{\nabla}$  can also be calculated by using [\(94\)](#page-10-4) as under:

$$
\widetilde{S}(e_j, e_k) = \sum_{i=1}^3 g(\widetilde{R}(e_i, e_j)e_k, e_i).
$$

It follows that

$$
\widetilde{S}(e_1, e_1) = -2\epsilon^3 + \epsilon^2, \quad \widetilde{S}(e_2, e_2) = -2\epsilon^3, \quad \widetilde{S}(e_3, e_3) = -2\epsilon^3 + \epsilon^2. \tag{97}
$$

Along with  $\widetilde{S}(e_j, e_k) = 0$ , for all  $j, k = 1, 2, 3$  ( $j \neq k$ ). In view of [\(97\)](#page-11-2) the scalar curvature  $\widetilde{r}$  with respect to the connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  can be calculated as under:

$$
\tilde{r} = \sum_{i=1}^{3} S(e_i, e_i) = -6\epsilon^3 + 2\epsilon^2.
$$
\n(98)

By virtue of [\(32\)](#page-3-3) and [\(54\)](#page-6-6), we have

$$
\lambda = \frac{\epsilon^2 (7\epsilon - 2) - \epsilon (2n + 1)}{(2n + 1)}
$$
\n(99)

Thus the Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \lambda)$  on an  $(\epsilon)$ -Kenmotsu manifold admitting the connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is always shrinking. Hence Theorem [4.2](#page-6-7) is verified.

### <span id="page-11-2"></span>**8. Conclusion**

<span id="page-11-0"></span>During the study of this manuscript, we have studied some interesting results given in Theorem [3.1,](#page-3-6) Theorem [3.2,](#page-4-10) Theorem [3.3,](#page-4-11) Theorem [3.4,](#page-5-6) Theorem [3.5,](#page-5-7) Theorem [4.1,](#page-6-8) Theorem [4.2,](#page-6-7) Theorem [4.3,](#page-6-9) Theorem [4.4,](#page-7-10) Theorem [5.1,](#page-8-8) Theorem [6.1.](#page-9-4) Further, researchers in future can apply this quarter-symmetric non-metric connection for finding new results on several manifolds like Hyperbolic Kenmotsu manifolds, *β*-Kenmotsu manifolds, Para-Kenmotsu manifolds, Lorentzian *α*-Sasakian, Lorentzian *β*-Kenmotsu manifolds etc.

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