

## ON $f$ -KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS ADMITTING SCHOUTEN-VAN KAMPEN CONNECTION

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ABSTRACT. In the present paper, we study three-dimensional  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifolds admitting the Schouten-Van Kampen connection. We study the concircular curvature tensor of a three-dimensional  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection. Finally, we have cited an example of a three-dimensional  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold admitting Schouten-Van Kampen connection which verify our results.

### 1. Introduction

In 1978, Solov'ev investigated hyperdistributions in Riemannian manifolds using the Schouten-Van Kampen connection [15]. In 2006, Bejancu studied Schouten-Van Kampen connection on Foliated manifolds [2]. In 2014, Olszak studied the Schouten-van Kampen connection to adapt it to an almost contact metric structure [13]. He characterized some classes of an almost contact metric manifolds with the Schouten-Van Kampen connection. Recently, G. Ghosh [4], Yildiz [19], Nagaraj [10] and D. L. Kiran Kumar [7] have studied the Schouten-Van Kampen connection in Sasakian manifolds,  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifolds and Kenmotsu manifolds respectively. Also Y. S. Perktas and A. Yildiz [14] have studied on  $f$ -Kenmotsu 3-manifolds with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

A transformation of an  $n$ -dimensional differential manifold  $M$ , which transforms every geodesic circle of  $M$  into a geodesic circle, is called a concircular transformation [6], [16]. A concircular transformation is always a conformal transformation [6]. Here geodesic circle means a curve in  $M$  whose first curvature is constant and whose second curvature is identically zero. Thus the geometry of concircular transformations, i.e., the concircular geometry, is a generalization of inversive geometry in the sense that the change of metric is more general than that induced by a circle preserving diffeomorphism. An interesting invariant of a concircular transformation is the concircular curvature tensor  $\mathbb{W}$  with respect to Levi-Civita connection. It is defined by [16], [17]

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$$(1) \quad \mathbb{W}(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{r}{n(n-1)}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y],$$

where  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ ,  $R$  and  $r$  are the curvature tensor and the scalar curvature with respect to the Levi-Civita connection.

The concircular curvature tensor  $\tilde{\mathbb{W}}$  with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection is defined by

$$(2) \quad \tilde{\mathbb{W}}(X, Y)Z = \tilde{R}(X, Y)Z - \frac{\tilde{r}}{n(n-1)}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y],$$

where  $\tilde{R}$  and  $\tilde{r}$  are the curvature tensor and the scalar curvature with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection. Riemannian manifolds with vanishing concircular curvature tensor are of constant curvature. Thus the concircular curvature tensor is a measure of the failure of a Riemannian manifold to be of constant curvature. In the present paper we have studied  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifolds admitting Schouten-Van Kampen connection.

The present paper is organized as follows:

After the introduction, we give some required preliminaries in Section 2. In Section 3, we study the curvature tensor, the Ricci tensor, scalar curvature of a three-dimensional  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection. Section 4 is devoted to obtain  $\xi$ -concircularly flat  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifolds with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection. In this section we also prove that a  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold admitting the Schouten-Van Kampen connection is  $\xi$ -concircularly flat if and only if the scalar curvature of the manifold vanishes. Section 5, we study  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold admitting Schouten-Van Kampen connection satisfying  $\tilde{\mathbb{W}}.\tilde{S} = 0$ , where  $\tilde{S}$  denotes the Ricci tensor with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection. In the next section we study locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric three-dimensional  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifolds with respect to Schouten-Van Kampen connection. In the last section, we have cited an example of a three-dimensional  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold admitting the Schouten-Van Kampen connection to support the results obtained in Section 3 and Section 4.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be a connected almost contact metric manifold with an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , that is,  $\phi$  is an  $(1, 1)$  tensor field,  $\xi$  is a vector field,  $\eta$  is a 1-form and  $g$  is compatible Riemannian metric such that

$$(3) \quad \phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta\phi = 0,$$

$$(4) \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

$$(5) \quad g(X, \phi Y) = -g(\phi X, Y), \quad g(X, \xi) = \eta(X),$$

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

The fundamental 2-form  $\Phi$  of the manifold is defined by

$$(6) \quad \Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y),$$

for  $X, Y \in T(M)$ .

An almost contact metric manifold is normal if  $[\phi, \phi](X, Y) + 2d\eta(X, Y)\xi = 0$ . An almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  on a manifold  $M$  is called  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold if this may be expressed by the condition [11]

$$(7) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = f\{g(\phi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi X\},$$

where  $f \in C^\infty(M)$  such that  $df \wedge \eta = 0$  and  $\nabla$  is Levi-Civita connection on  $M$ . If  $f = \alpha = \text{constant} \neq 0$ , then the manifold is an  $\alpha$ -Kenmotsu manifold [5]. 1-Kenmotsu manifold is a Kenmotsu [8]. If  $f=0$ , then the manifold is cosymplectic [5]. An  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold is said to be regular if  $f^2 + f' \neq 0$ , where  $f' = \xi(f)$ .

For an  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold it follows that

$$(8) \quad \nabla_X \xi = f\{X - \eta(X)\xi\}.$$

Then using (8), we have

$$(9) \quad (\nabla_X \eta)Y = f(g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)).$$

The condition  $df \wedge \eta = 0$  holds if  $\dim M \geq 5$ . This does not hold in general if  $\dim M=3$  [12]. In a 3-dimensional  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$ , we have [12]

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= \left(\frac{r}{2} + 2f^2 + 2f'\right)\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{r}{2} + 3f^2 + 3f'\right)\{g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi \\ &\quad + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(11) \quad S(X, Y) = \left(\frac{r}{2} + f^2 + f'\right)g(X, Y) - \left(\frac{r}{2} + 3f^2 + 3f'\right)\eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

$$(12) \quad QX = \left(\frac{r}{2} + f^2 + f'\right)X - \left(\frac{r}{2} + 3f^2 + 3f'\right)\eta(X)\xi,$$

where  $R$  denotes the curvature tensor,  $S$  is the Ricci tensor of type  $(0, 2)$ ,  $Q$  is the Ricci operator and  $r$  is the scalar curvature of the manifold  $M$ .

From (10) and (11), we have

$$(13) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = -(f^2 + f')\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\},$$

$$(14) \quad R(\xi, X)Y = -(f^2 + f')\{g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X\},$$

$$(15) \quad S(X, \xi) = -2(f^2 + f')\eta(X),$$

$$(16) \quad \eta(R(\xi, X)Y) = -(f^2 + f')\{g(X, Y) - \eta(Y)\eta(X)\},$$

### 3. Curvature tensor of a three-dimensional $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection

The Schouten-Van Kampen connections [9], [13]  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  are related by

$$(17) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y - \eta(Y)\nabla_X \xi + (\nabla_X \eta)(Y)\xi,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ .

With the help of (8) and (9), the above equation takes the form

$$(18) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + f\{g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X\},$$

for a  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold.

We define the curvature tensor of a three-dimensional  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  by

$$(19) \quad \tilde{R}(X, Y)Z = \tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{\nabla}_Y Z - \tilde{\nabla}_Y \tilde{\nabla}_X Z - \tilde{\nabla}_{[X, Y]}Z.$$

In view of (18) we obtain

$$(20) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z + f^2\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \\ &\quad + f'\{g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi \\ &\quad + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y\}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking inner product of (19) with  $W$  we have

$$(21) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) &= R(X, Y, Z, W) + f^2\{g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)\} \\ &\quad + f'\{g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\eta(W) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W) \\ &\quad + g(X, W)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - g(Y, W)\eta(X)\eta(Z)\}. \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = g(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z, W)$ .

From (20) we have

$$(22) \quad \tilde{R}(X, Y)Z + \tilde{R}(Y, X)Z = 0,$$

and

$$(23) \quad \tilde{R}(X, Y)Z + \tilde{R}(Y, Z)X + \tilde{R}(Z, X)Y = 0.$$

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (19) and using (13) we get

$$(24) \quad \tilde{R}(X, Y)\xi = 0.$$

Again putting  $W = \xi$  in (21) we have

$$(25) \quad \eta(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z) = R(X, Y, Z, \xi) + (f^2 + f')\{g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\},$$

Putting  $X = W = e_i, \{i = 1, 2, 3\}$ , in (21), we get

$$(26) \quad \tilde{S}(Y, Z) = S(Y, Z) + (2f^2 + f')g(Y, Z) + f'\eta(Y)\eta(Z),$$

From (26), implies that

$$(27) \quad \tilde{S}(Y, Z) = \tilde{S}(Z, Y),$$

$$(28) \quad \tilde{Q}X = QX + (2f^2 + f')X + f'\eta(X)\xi.$$

$$(29) \quad \tilde{r} = r + 6f^2 + 4f',$$

where  $\tilde{r}$  and  $r$  are the scalar curvatures of the connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  respectively.

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (26) and using (15) we get

$$(30) \quad \tilde{S}(Y, \xi) = -2f'\eta(Y),$$

Hence we can state the following :

**PROPOSITION 3.1.** *For a three-dimensional  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$*

- (a) *the curvature tensor  $\tilde{R}$  is given by (20),*
- (b) *the Ricci tensor  $\tilde{S}$  is given by (26),*
- (c)  *$\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z + \tilde{R}(Y, Z)X + \tilde{R}(Z, X)Y = 0,$*
- (d)  *$\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z + \tilde{R}(Y, X)Z = 0,$*
- (e) *the scalar curvature  $\tilde{r}$  is given by  $\tilde{r} = r + 6f^2 + 4f',$*
- (f) *the Ricci tensor  $\tilde{S}$  is symmetric.*

#### 4. $\xi$ -Concircularly flat and $\phi$ -Concircularly flat $f$ -Kenmotsu manifolds with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection

DEFINITION 4.1. A  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection is said to be  $\xi$ -concircularly flat if

$$(31) \quad \tilde{\mathbb{W}}(X, Y)\xi = 0,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ ,  $\chi(M)$  is the set of all differentiable vector fields on  $M$ .

THEOREM 4.1. *A three-dimensional  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection is  $\xi$ -concircularly flat if and only if the manifold  $M$  with respect to the Levi-Civita connection is also  $\xi$ -concircular flat provided  $f$  is a constant.*

*Proof.* Combining (1), (2), (20) and (29), we get

$$(32) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbb{W}}(X, Y)Z &= \mathbb{W}(X, Y)Z - \frac{2}{3}f'\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \\ &\quad + f'\{g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi \\ &\quad + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y\}. \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (32) we get

$$(33) \quad \tilde{\mathbb{W}}(X, Y)\xi = \mathbb{W}(X, Y)\xi + \frac{f'}{3}\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\}.$$

Hence the proof of theorem is completed.  $\square$

THEOREM 4.2. *A three-dimensional  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold is  $\xi$ -concircularly flat with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection if and only if the scalar curvature with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection vanishes.*

*Proof.* Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (2) and using (4) and (24), we have

$$(34) \quad \tilde{\mathbb{W}}(X, Y)\xi = -\frac{\tilde{r}}{6}\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\}.$$

Thus the theorem is proved.  $\square$

THEOREM 4.3. *A  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold admitting Schouten-Van Kampen connection is  $\phi$ -concircular flat if and only if the manifold is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold with respect to the Levi-Civita connection.*

*Proof.* From (2) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(\tilde{W}(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi U) &= g(\tilde{R}(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi U) \\
 &\quad - \frac{\tilde{r}}{6}\{g(\phi Y, \phi Z)g(\phi X, \phi U) \\
 &\quad - g(\phi X, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, \phi W)\}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{35}$$

Suppose

$$g(\tilde{W}(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi U) = 0.
 \tag{36}$$

Then from (35) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= g(\tilde{R}(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi U) \\
 &\quad - \frac{\tilde{r}}{6}\{g(\phi Y, \phi Z)g(\phi X, \phi U) \\
 &\quad - g(\phi X, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, \phi W)\}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{37}$$

Let  $\{e_1, e_2, \xi\}$  be a local orthonormal basis of the vector fields in  $M$  and using the fact that  $\{\phi e_1, \phi e_2, \xi\}$  is also a local orthonormal basis, putting  $X = U = e_i$  in (37) and summing up with respect to  $i$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \sum_{i=1}^2 g(\tilde{R}(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi U) \\
 &\quad - \frac{\tilde{r}}{6} \sum_{i=1}^2 \{g(\phi Y, \phi Z)g(\phi X, \phi U) \\
 &\quad - g(\phi X, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, \phi W)\}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{38}$$

From the above equation it follows that

$$\tilde{S}(\phi Y, \phi Z) = \frac{\tilde{r}}{6}g(\phi Y, \phi Z).
 \tag{39}$$

Putting  $X = \phi X, Y = \phi Y$  in (39) and using (3), (15) and (26) we get

$$S(Y, Z) = \left[\frac{r - 6f^2 - 2f'}{6}\right]g(Y, Z) - \left[\frac{r + 6f^2 + 10f'}{6}\right]\eta(Y)\eta(Z).
 \tag{40}$$

Conversely, let  $S$  be of the form (40), then obviously

$$g(\tilde{W}(\phi X, \phi Y)\phi Z, \phi U) = 0.$$

Thus the theorem is proved. □

### 5. Almost $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold admitting Schouten-Van Kampen connection $\tilde{\nabla}$ satisfying $\tilde{\mathbb{W}}.\tilde{S}=0$

In this section we consider  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold admitting Schouten-Van Kampen connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  satisfying  $\tilde{\mathbb{W}}.\tilde{S} = 0$ .

**THEOREM 5.1.** *A three-dimensional  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection satisfies  $\tilde{\mathbb{W}}.\tilde{S}=0$ , then the manifold  $M$  is an Einstein manifold with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection provided  $f$  is not a constant and  $\tilde{r} \neq 0$ .*

*Proof.* We suppose that the manifold under consideration is the Schouten-Van Kampen connection  $M$ , that is

$$(\tilde{\mathbb{W}}(X, Y).\tilde{S})(U, V) = 0,$$

where  $X, Y, U, V \in \chi(M)$ ,  $\chi(M)$  is the set of all differentiable vector fields on  $M$ .

Then we have

$$(41) \quad \tilde{S}(\tilde{\mathbb{W}}(X, Y)U, V) + \tilde{S}(U, \tilde{\mathbb{W}}(X, Y)V) = 0.$$

Putting  $U = \xi$  in (41) and using (2) we have

$$(42) \quad 0 = \frac{\tilde{r}}{6}[\eta(Y)\tilde{S}(X, V) - \eta(X)\tilde{S}(Y, V)] \\ + 2f'[g(\tilde{R}(X, Y)V, \xi) - \frac{\tilde{r}}{6}\{g(Y, V)\eta(X) - g(X, V)\eta(Y)\}].$$

Again putting  $X = \xi$  in (42) and using (25), (26), (29) and (30) we have

$$(43) \quad \frac{\tilde{r}}{6}\{\tilde{S}(Y, V) - 2f'g(Y, V)\} = 0.$$

Then above equation implies that

$$(44) \quad \tilde{S}(Y, V) = -2f'g(Y, V),$$

provided  $\tilde{r} \neq 0$ .

Hence the theorem is proved. □



**6. Locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetry on  $f$ -Kenmotsu Manifold with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection**

DEFINITION 6.1. A  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold is said to be  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric if the Ricci operator satisfies

$$(45) \quad \phi^2((\nabla_X Q)Y) = 0,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  in  $M$  and  $S(X, Y) = g(QX, Y)$ . If  $X, Y$  are orthogonal to  $\xi$ , then the manifold is manifold is said to be locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric. The notion of  $\phi$ -symmetry was introduced by E. Boeckx, P. Buecken and L. Vanhecke [1]. In [3], De and Sarkar studied  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric sasakian manifolds.

THEOREM 6.1. *A three-dimensional  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetry with respect to the Schouten-Van Kampen connection and the Levi-Civita connection are equivalent.*

*Proof.* We have

$$(46) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{Q})Y = \tilde{\nabla} \tilde{Q}Y - \tilde{Q}(\tilde{\nabla}_X Y).$$

Using (18) and (28) in (46)

$$(47) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{Q})Y = \tilde{\nabla} \tilde{Q}Y + f'(\tilde{\nabla}_X \eta)(Y)\xi + f'\eta(Y)\tilde{\nabla}_X \xi - Q(\tilde{\nabla}_X Y) - f'\eta(\tilde{\nabla}_X Y)\xi.$$

Again using (12), (18) and (28) in (47) we have

$$(48) \quad \begin{aligned} (\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{Q})Y &= (\nabla_X Q)Y + f\{g(X, QY)\xi - \eta(QY)X\} + f'(\tilde{\nabla}_X \eta)(Y)\xi \\ &\quad - f\{g(X, Y)Q\xi - \eta(Y)QX\} - f'\eta(\tilde{\nabla}_X Y)\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Considering  $X, Y$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  and using (3), (12) from (48) it follows that

$$(49) \quad \phi^2(\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{Q})Y = \phi^2(\nabla_X Q)Y.$$

Thus the theorem is proved. □

## 7. Example

We consider an example of a three-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in R^3, z \neq 0\}$ , where  $(x, y, z)$  are the standard coordinates in  $R^3$  [14]. The vector fields

$$e_1 = z^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad e_2 = z^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad e_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z},$$

are linearly independent at each point of  $M$ . Let  $g$  be the Riemannian metric defined by

$$g(e_1, e_3) = g(e_2, e_3) = g(e_1, e_2) = 0, \quad g(e_1, e_1) = g(e_2, e_2) = g(e_3, e_3) = 1.$$

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(Z) = g(Z, e_3)$  for any  $Z \in \chi(M)$ . Let  $\phi$  be the (1,1) tensor field defined by  $\phi(e_1) = -e_2$ ,  $\phi(e_2) = e_1$ ,  $\phi(e_3) = 0$ . Then using the linearity of  $\phi$  and  $g$  we have

$$\eta(e_3) = 1, \quad \phi^2 Z = -Z + \eta(Z)e_3, \quad g(\phi Z, \phi W) = g(Z, W) - \eta(Z)\eta(W),$$

for any  $Z, W \in \chi(M)$ . Thus for  $e_3 = \xi$ ,  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defines an almost contact metric structure on  $M$ . Now, by direct computations we obtain

$$[e_1, e_2] = 0, \quad [e_2, e_3] = -\frac{2}{z}e_2, \quad [e_1, e_3] = -\frac{2}{z}e_1.$$

By Koszul formula we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{e_1} e_3 &= -\frac{2}{z}e_1, & \nabla_{e_1} e_2 &= 0, & \nabla_{e_1} e_1 &= \frac{2}{z}e_3, \\ \nabla_{e_2} e_3 &= -\frac{2}{z}e_2, & \nabla_{e_2} e_2 &= \frac{2}{z}e_3, & \nabla_{e_2} e_1 &= 0, \\ \nabla_{e_3} e_3 &= 0, & \nabla_{e_3} e_2 &= 0, & \nabla_{e_3} e_1 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

From above we see that the manifold satisfies  $\nabla_X \xi = f(X - \eta(X)\xi)$  for  $\xi = e_3$ , where  $f = -\frac{2}{z}$ . Hence the manifold is a  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold. Also  $f^2 + f' \neq 0$ . Hence  $M$  is a regular  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold [18].

In [18] the authors obtained the expression of the curvature tensor as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} R(e_1, e_2)e_3 &= 0, & R(e_2, e_3)e_3 &= -\frac{6}{z^2}e_2, & R(e_1, e_3)e_3 &= -\frac{6}{z^2}e_1, \\ R(e_1, e_2)e_2 &= -\frac{4}{z^2}e_1, & R(e_2, e_3)e_2 &= \frac{6}{z^2}e_3, & R(e_1, e_3)e_2 &= 0, \\ R(e_1, e_2)e_1 &= \frac{4}{z^2}e_2, & R(e_2, e_3)e_1 &= 0, & R(e_1, e_3)e_1 &= \frac{6}{z^2}e_3. \end{aligned}$$

Now using above relations we get from ([19]) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_3 &= (-\frac{2}{z} - f)e_1, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_2 &= 0, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_1 &= \frac{2}{z}(e_3 - \xi), \\ \tilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_3 &= (-\frac{2}{z} - f)e_2, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_2 &= \frac{2}{z}(e_3 - \xi), & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_1 &= 0, \\ \tilde{\nabla}_{e_3} e_3 &= -f(e_3 - \xi), & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_3} e_2 &= 0, & \tilde{\nabla}_{e_3} e_1 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

From above we see that  $\tilde{\nabla}_{e_i} e_j = 0$ ,  $(0 \leq i, j \leq 3)$  for  $\xi = e_3$  and  $f = -\frac{2}{z}$ . Hence the manifold is  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifold with respect to Schouten-Van Kampen connection.

From the above expressions of the curvature tensor we obtain the Ricci tensor as follows:

$$S(e_1, e_1) = \sum_{i=1}^3 g(R(e_i, e_1)e_1, e_i) = -\frac{10}{z^2}.$$

Similarly, we have

$$S(e_2, e_2) = -\frac{10}{z^2} \quad \text{and} \quad S(e_3, e_3) = -\frac{12}{z^2}.$$

Therefore, the scalar curvature tensors  $r = \sum_{i=1}^3 S(e_i, e_i) = -\frac{32}{z^2}$  and  $\tilde{r} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \tilde{S}(e_i, e_i) = 0$  with respect to Levi-Civita connection and Schouten-Van Kampen connection respectively. Hence for  $f = -\frac{2}{z}$ , PROPOSITION 3.1. is verified. Also the THEOREM 4.2. is verified.

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