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ON $\check{\phi}$ -SEMISYMMETRIC *LP*-KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS WITH A QSNM-CONNECTION ADMITTING RICCI SOLITONS

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ABSTRACT. In the present work, we characterize Lorentzian para-Kenmotsu (briefly, LP-Kenmotsu) manifolds with a quarter-symmetric non-metric connection (briefly, QSNM-connection) $\hat{\nabla}$ satisfying certain $\ddot{\phi}$ -semisymmetric conditions admitting Ricci solitions. At the end of the paper, a 3-dimensional example of LP-Kenmotsu manifolds with a connection $\hat{\nabla}$ is given to verify some results of the present paper.

1. Introduction

In a (2n + 1)-dimensional connected and C^{∞} -smooth semi-Riemannian manifold (M, \check{g}) , the Levi-Civita connection $\check{\nabla}$, the Riemannian-Christoffel curvature tensor \check{R} , the projective curvature tensor \check{P} , the concircular curvature tensor \check{V} , the conformal curvature tensor \check{B} are defined by [5,6]

(1.1)

$$\begin{split} \check{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = \check{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\check{\nabla}_{\check{F}}\check{W} - \check{\nabla}_{\check{F}}\check{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\check{W} - \check{\nabla}_{[\check{E},\check{F}]}\check{W}, \\ (1.2) \\ \check{P}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = \check{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} - \frac{1}{2n}[\check{S}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{E} - \check{S}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{F}], \\ (1.3) \end{split}$$

 $\check{V}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W}=\check{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W}-\frac{\check{r}}{2n(2n+1)}[\check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{E}-\check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{F}],$

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(1.4)

$$\begin{split} \check{C}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = \check{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} - \frac{1}{(2n-1)} [\check{S}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{E} - \check{S}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{F} \\ + \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{Q}\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{Q}\check{F}] + \frac{\check{r}}{2n(2n-1)} [\check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{F}], \end{split}$$

$$(1.5)$$

$$\begin{split} \check{B}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = \check{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} + \frac{1}{2(n-1)} [\check{S}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{F} - \check{S}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{E} + \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{Q}\check{F} \\ &-\check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{Q}\check{E} - \check{S}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{F})\xi + \check{S}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{E})\xi - \check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{Q}\check{F} \\ &+\check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{Q}\check{E}] - \frac{k-2}{2(n-1)} [\check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{F} - \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{E}] + \frac{k}{2(n-1)} \\ &\times [\check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{F})\xi - \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{E})\xi + \check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{F} - \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{E}], \end{split}$$

respectively, where \check{r} is the scalar curvature, \check{S} and \check{Q} are the Ricci tensor and the Ricci operator, respectively such that $\check{S}(\check{E},\check{F}) = \check{g}(\check{Q}\check{E},\check{F})$ and $k = \frac{\check{r}+4n}{2n-1}$.

The connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ which is linear and defined on (M, \check{g}) is said to be a quartersymmetric [11] if its torsion tensor \check{T}

(1.6)
$$\check{T}(\check{E},\check{F}) = \widehat{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\check{F} - \widehat{\nabla}_{\check{F}}\check{E} - [\check{E},\check{F}] = \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{E} - \check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\phi}\check{F},$$

where $\dot{\phi}$ is a (1, 1)-tensor field and $\check{\eta}$ is a 1-form. If moreover, $\widehat{\nabla}$ satisfies the condition

(1.7)
$$(\widehat{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\check{g})(\check{F},\check{W}) = -\check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{g}(\check{\phi}\check{E},\check{W}) - \check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{g}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{E}),$$

where $\check{E}, \check{F}, \check{W} \in \chi(M)$ and $\chi(M)$ is the set of all differentiable vector fields on M, then connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is called a QSNM-connection. The authors in [2, 3, 7, 12] have studied QSNM-connection in various manifolds.

In an *LP*-Kenmotsu manifold, a relation between the connections $\widehat{\nabla}$ and $\check{\nabla}$ is given by

(1.8)
$$\widehat{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\check{F} = \check{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\check{F} + \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{E}.$$

On a Riemannian manifold (M, \check{g}) , a Ricci soliton $(\check{g}, U, \check{\lambda})$ is a generalization of an Einstein metric such that (see [9, 10]) $\check{\mathcal{L}}_U \check{g} + 2\check{S} + 2\check{\lambda}\check{g} = 0$, where \check{S} , $\check{\mathcal{L}}_U$ and $\check{\lambda}$ are the Ricci tensor, the Lie derivative operator along the vector field U on M and a real constant, respectively. A Ricci soliton is said to be shrinking, steady or expanding according as $\check{\lambda} < 0$, $\check{\lambda} = 0$ or $\check{\lambda} > 0$, respectively.

The present work is arranged in the following manner. After Introduction, a brief introducton of LP-Kenmotsu manifolds is given in Section 2. In Section 3, we find the relation between the curvature tensors of an LP-Kenmotsu manifold with the connections $\check{\nabla}$ and $\widehat{\nabla}$. In Section 4, we study LP-Kenmotsu manifolds with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ admitting Ricci solitons. $\check{\phi}$ -projectively semisymmetric, $\check{\phi}$ -concircularly semisymmetric, $\check{\phi}$ -conformally semisymmetric LP-Kenmotsu manifolds with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ admitting Ricci solitons have been

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studied in Section 5. At the end of the paper, a 3-dimensional example of LP-Kenmotsu manifolds with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is given to verify some results of the present paper.

2. Preliminaries

A (2n + 1)-dimensional differentiable manifold M with structure $(\phi, \xi, \check{\eta}, \check{g})$ is said to be a Lorentzian almost paracontact metric manifold, if it admits $\check{\phi}$: a tensor field of type $(1, 1), \xi$: a contravariant vector field, $\check{\eta}$: a 1-form and \check{g} : a Lorentzian metric satisfying [8]

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

(2.2)
$$\check{\phi}^2 \check{E} = \check{E} + \check{\eta}(\check{E})\xi,$$

(2.3)
$$\check{\phi}\xi = 0, \quad \check{\eta}(\check{\phi}Y) = 0,$$

$$\check{g}(\check{\phi}\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{F}) = \check{g}(\check{E},\check{F}) + \check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{F})$$

(2.4)
$$\check{g}(\dot{E},\xi) = \check{\eta}(\dot{E}),$$

(2.5)
$$\check{\Phi}(\check{F},\check{E}) = \check{\Phi}(\check{E},\check{F}) = \check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{F}).$$

for any \check{E}, \check{F} on M.

For ξ : a killing vector field, the (para) contact structure is said to be a K-(para) contact. In this case, we have

(2.6)
$$\check{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\xi = \check{\phi}\check{E}.$$

A Lorentzian almost paracontact manifold M is called an LP-Sasakian manifold if

$$(\check{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\check{\phi})\check{F}=\check{g}(\check{E},\check{F})\xi+\check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{E}+2\check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{F})\xi$$

for any \check{E}, \check{F} on M.

Now, we define a new manifold called a Lorentzian para-Kenmostu (briefly, LP-Kenmotsu) manifold:

Definition 2.1. A Lorentzian almost paracontact manifold is called Lorentzian para-Kenmostu (briefy, *LP*-Kenmostu) manifold if [1]

(2.7)
$$(\check{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\check{\phi})\check{F} = -\check{g}(\check{\phi}\check{E},\check{F})\xi - \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{E},$$

for any \check{E}, \check{F} on M.

In the Lorentzian para-Kenmostu manifold, we have

$$\begin{split} \dot{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\xi &= -\dot{\phi}^{2}\dot{E}, \\ (\check{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\check{\eta})\check{F} &= -\check{g}(\check{\phi}\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{F}) \end{split}$$

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Moreover, on an LP-Kenmotsu, the following relations hold [1]:

$$\check{g}(\check{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W},\xi) = \check{\eta}(\check{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W}) = \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{E}) - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{F}),$$

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$$\begin{split} \check{R}(\xi,\check{E})\check{F} &= -\check{R}(\check{E},\xi)\check{F} = \check{g}(\check{E},\check{F})\xi - \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{E}, \\ \check{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\xi &= \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{E} - \check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{F}, \\ \check{R}(\xi,\check{E})\xi &= \check{E} + \check{\eta}(\check{E})\xi, \\ \check{S}(\check{E},\xi) &= (\dim M - 1)\check{\eta}(\check{E}), \quad \check{S}(\xi,\xi) = -(\dim M - 1), \\ \check{Q}\xi &= (\dim M - 1)\xi, \end{split}$$

for any $\check{E}, \check{F}, \check{W}$ on M.

Definition 2.2. An *LP*-Kenmotsu manifold is called an η -Einstein manifold if its Ricci tensor satisfies [4] $\check{S}(\check{E},\check{F}) = a_1\check{g}(\check{E},\check{F}) + a_2\check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{F})$, where a_1 and a_2 are smooth functions on M.

3. Curvature Tensor of LP-Kenmotsu Manifolds with a Connection $\widehat{\nabla}$

The curvature tensor \widehat{R} of an $LP\text{-}{\rm Kenmotsu}$ manifold with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is defined by

(3.1)
$$\widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = \widehat{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\widehat{\nabla}_{\check{F}}\check{W} - \widehat{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\check{W} - \widehat{\nabla}_{[\check{E},\check{F}]}\check{W}.$$

From (1.8), (2.1), (2.4), (2.6), (2.7) and (3.1), we obtain

(3.2)
$$\widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = \check{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F} + \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E},$$

where $\check{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W}$ is given by (1.1). Contracting \check{E} in (3.2), we get

(3.3)
$$\widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{W}) = \check{S}(\check{F},\check{W}) + \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\psi} - \check{g}(\check{\phi}\check{F},\check{W}).$$

From (3.3), it follows that

$$\widehat{Q}\check{F} = \check{Q}\check{F} + \check{\psi}\check{F} - \check{\phi}\check{F},$$

Contracting again \check{F} and \check{W} in (3.3), we obtain

$$(3.4)\qquad \qquad \widehat{r} = \check{r} + 2n\check{\psi},$$

where \hat{Q} is the Ricci operator, \hat{S} is the Ricci tensor and \hat{r} is the scalar curvature with respect to $\widehat{\nabla}$.

Lemma 3.1. In a (2n + 1)-dimensional LP-Kenmotsu manifold with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$, we have

$$(3.5) \qquad \begin{aligned} \widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\xi =&\check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{E} - \check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{F} + \check{\eta}(\check{F})\dot{\phi}\check{E} - \check{\eta}(\check{E})\dot{\phi}\check{F}, \\ \widehat{R}(\xi,\check{E})\check{F} =& -\widehat{R}(\check{E},\xi)\check{F} = \check{g}(\check{E},\check{F})\xi - \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{E} - \check{\eta}(\check{F})\dot{\phi}\check{E} \\ \widehat{R}(\xi,\check{E})\xi =&\check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\xi} + \check{E} + \check{\phi}\check{E}, \end{aligned}$$

(3.6)
$$\widehat{S}(\check{E},\xi) = (2n+\check{\psi})\check{\eta}(\check{E}), \quad \widehat{S}(\xi,\xi) = -(2n+\check{\psi}),$$

(3.7)
$$\widehat{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\xi = -\check{E} - \check{\eta}(\check{E})\xi - \check{\phi}\check{E},$$

 $(3.8) \qquad \qquad \widehat{Q}\xi = (2n + \check{\psi})\xi,$

for any \check{E}, \check{F} on M.

4. Ricci soliton on *LP*-Kenmotsu manifolds with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$

Suppose that an *LP*-Kenmotsu manifold with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ admits a Ricci soliton $(\check{g}, \xi, \check{\lambda})$. Then in view of (1.9), we have

(4.1)
$$(\hat{\hat{\ell}}_{\xi}\check{g})(\check{F},\check{W}) + 2\hat{S}(\check{F},\check{W}) + 2\check{\lambda}\check{g}(\check{F},\check{W}) = 0.$$

By using (3.7) and (1.6), we find

(4.2)
$$(\check{\mathscr{L}}_{\xi}\check{g})(\check{F},\check{W}) = -2[\check{g}(\check{F},\check{W}) + \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{\eta}(\check{W})].$$

Combining (4.1) and (4.2), we obtain

(4.3)
$$\widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{W}) = (1-\check{\lambda})\check{g}(\check{F},\check{W}) + \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{\eta}(\check{W}).$$

Taking $\check{W} = \xi$ in (4.3) and then using (2.1), (2.3), we get

(4.4)
$$\widehat{S}(\check{F},\xi) = -\check{\lambda}\check{\eta}(\check{F}).$$

Thus from (3.6) and (4.4), it follows that

(4.5)
$$\dot{\lambda} = -(2n + \dot{\psi}).$$

Hence, (4.3) together with (4.5) leads to the following theorem.

Theorem 4.1. If an LP-Kenmotsu manifold M with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ admits a Ricci soliton $(\check{g}, \xi, \check{\lambda})$, then M is an η -Einstein manifold and its Ricci solition will be expanding, shrinking or steady according to $\check{\psi} < -2n$, $\check{\psi} > -2n$ or $\check{\psi} = -2n$.

Now, assuming that $(\check{g}, U, \check{\lambda})$ is a Ricci soliton on an *LP*-Kenmotsu manifold with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ such that U is pointwise collinear with ξ , i.e., $U = \beta \xi$, where β is a function. Then (1.9) holds and we have

$$\beta \check{g}(\widehat{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\xi,\check{F}) + (\check{E}\beta)\check{\eta}(\check{F}) + \beta \check{g}(\check{E},\widehat{\nabla}_{\check{F}}\xi) + (\check{F}\beta)\check{\eta}(\check{E}) + 2\hat{S}(\check{E},\check{F}) + 2\check{\lambda}\check{g}(\check{E},\check{F}) = 0,$$

which in view of (3.7) and (1.6) becomes

 $(4.6) -2\beta[\check{g}(\check{E},\check{F})+\check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{F})]+(\check{E}\beta)\check{\eta}(\check{F})+(\check{F}\beta)\check{\eta}(\check{E})+2\widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{F})+2\check{\lambda}\check{g}(\check{E},\check{F})=0.$

Replacing \check{F} by ξ in (4.6) and using (2.1), (2.4) and (3.6), we find

(4.7)
$$-(\check{E}\beta) + [(\xi\beta) + 2(2n + \check{\psi}) + 2\check{\lambda}]\check{\eta}(\check{E}) = 0,$$

which by taking $\check{E} = \xi$ and using (2.1) yields

(4.8) $(\xi\beta) + (2n + \check{\psi}) + \check{\lambda} = 0.$

Combining the equations (4.7) and (4.8), we find

(4.9)
$$d\beta = [(2n + \check{\psi}) + \check{\lambda}]\check{\eta}.$$

Now, applying d on (4.9), we get

(4.10)
$$[(2n+\check{\psi})+\check{\lambda}]\check{\eta}=0 \implies \check{\lambda}=-(2n+\check{\psi}), \quad d\check{\eta}\neq 0.$$

Thus, from (4.9) and (4.10), we obtain $d\beta = 0$, i.e., β is a constant. Therefore, (4.6) reduces to

(4.11)
$$\widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{F}) = (\beta - \check{\lambda})\check{g}(\check{E},\check{F}) + \beta\check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{F}).$$

Hence, (4.10) together with (4.11) leads the following theorem.

Theorem 4.2. If an LP-Kenmotsu manifold M with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ admits a Ricci soliton $(\check{g}, U, \check{\lambda})$ such that U is pointwise collinear with ξ , then U is a constant multiple of ξ and M is an η -Einstein manifold and its Ricci solition will be expanding, shrinking or steady according to $\check{\psi} < -2n$, $\check{\psi} > -2n$ or $\check{\psi} = -2n$.

5. Ricci soliton on $\check{\phi}\text{-semisymmetric }LP\text{-}\text{Kenmotsu manifolds with a connection }\widehat{\nabla}$

Definition 5.1. An *LP*-Kenmotsu manifold with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is called $\check{\phi}$ -projectively semisymmetric if (see [13]) $\widehat{P}(\check{E},\check{F})\cdot\check{\phi}=0$ for all \check{E},\check{F} on M.

Analogous to the equation (1.2), the projective curvature tensor with a connection $\overline{\nabla}$ is given by

(5.1)
$$\widehat{P}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = \widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} - \frac{1}{2n}[\widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{E} - \widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{F}].$$

Suppose that a (2n + 1)-dimensional *LP*-Kenmotsu manifold with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is $\check{\phi}$ -projectively semisymmetric, therefore

(5.2)
$$(\hat{P}(\check{E},\check{F})\cdot\check{\phi})\check{W} = \hat{P}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} - \check{\phi}\hat{P}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = 0,$$

for all $\check{E}, \check{F}, \check{W}$ on M. From (5.1), we find

(5.3)
$$\widehat{P}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} = \widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} - \frac{1}{2n}[\widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{E} - \widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{F}],$$

(5.4)
$$\check{\phi}\hat{P}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = \check{\phi}\hat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} - \frac{1}{2n}[\hat{S}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E} - \hat{S}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F}].$$

By combining (5.2), (5.3) and (5.4), we have

(5.5)
$$\widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} - \check{\phi}\widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} - \frac{1}{2n}[\widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{E} - \widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{F}] + \frac{1}{2n}[\widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E} - \widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F}] = 0.$$

Taking $\check{F} = \xi$ in (5.5) and using (2.3), (3.5) and (3.6), we find

$$-\check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\xi + \frac{1}{2n}\widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\xi - \check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E} - \check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}^{2}\check{E} + \frac{(2n+\psi)}{2n}\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E} = 0.$$

Taking inner product of the above equation with ξ and making use of (2.1) and (2.3) yields $\hat{S}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W}) = 2n\check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})$, which by setting $\check{W} = \check{\phi}\check{W}$ and using (2.2) gives (5.6) $\hat{S}(\check{E},\check{W}) = 2n\check{g}(\check{E},\check{W}) - \check{\psi}\check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{W}).$ Now, taking $\check{W} = \xi$ in (5.6), we find

(5.7)
$$\widehat{S}(\check{E},\xi) = (2n + \check{\psi})\check{\eta}(\check{E})$$

Thus, from (4.4) and (5.7), we obtain

(5.8)
$$\check{\lambda} = -(2n + \check{\psi}).$$

Hence, (5.6) together with (5.8) leads to the following theorem.

Theorem 5.1. If a (2n+1)-dimensional LP-Kenmotsu manifold M with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ admitting Ricci soliton is $\check{\phi}$ -projectively semisymmetric, then M is an η -Einstein manifold and its Ricci solition will be expanding, shrinking or steady according to $\check{\psi} < -2n$, $\check{\psi} > -2n$ or $\check{\psi} = -2n$.

Definition 5.2. An *LP*-Kenmotsu manifold with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is called $\check{\phi}$ -concircularly semisymmetric if $\widehat{V}(\check{E},\check{F})\cdot\check{\phi}=0$ for all \check{E},\check{F} on *M*.

Analogous to the equation (1.3), the concircular curvature tensor with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is given by

(5.9)
$$\widehat{V}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = \widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} - \frac{\widehat{r}}{2n(2n+1)}[\check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{F}].$$

Suppose that a (2n + 1)-dimensional *LP*-Kenmotsu manifold with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is $\check{\phi}$ -concircularly semisymmetric, therefore

(5.10)
$$(\widehat{V}(\check{E},\check{F})\cdot\check{\phi})\check{W} = \widehat{V}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} - \check{\phi}\widehat{V}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = 0.$$

for all $\check{E}, \check{F}, \check{W}$ on M. From (5.9), it follows that

(5.11)
$$\hat{V}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} = \hat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} - \frac{\check{r}}{2n(2n+1)}[\check{g}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{F}],$$

(5.12)
$$\check{\phi}\hat{V}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = \check{\phi}\hat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} - \frac{\hat{r}}{2n(2n+1)}[\check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F}].$$

Combining (5.10), (5.11) and (5.12), we have

$$\begin{split} \widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} - \check{\phi}\widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} - \frac{\widehat{r}}{2n(2n+1)}[\check{g}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{F}] \\ + \frac{\widehat{r}}{2n(2n+1)}[\check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F}] = 0, \end{split}$$

which, by taking $\check{F} = \xi$ and using (2.3), (2.4) and (3.5), takes the form

(5.13)
$$\left[\frac{\hat{r}}{2n(2n+1)} - 1\right]\check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\xi + \left[\frac{\hat{r}}{2n(2n+1)} - 1\right]\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E} + \check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}^{2}\check{E} = 0.$$

Taking inner product of (5.13) with ξ and making use of (2.1) and (2.3), we get

$$\hat{r} = 2n(2n+1), \quad \check{g}(\check{E}, \dot{\phi}\check{W}) \neq 0.$$

This leads to the following theorem.

Theorem 5.2. If a (2n+1)-dimensional LP-Kenmotsu manifold with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is $\check{\phi}$ -concirculary semisymmetric, then the scalar curvature is constant.

Definition 5.3. An *LP*-Kenmotsu manifold with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is called $\check{\phi}$ -conformally semisymmetric if $\widehat{C}(\check{E},\check{F})\cdot\check{\phi}=0$ for all \check{E},\check{F} on M.

Analogous to the equation (1.4), the conformal curvature tensor with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is given by

$$\begin{split} \widehat{C}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = &\widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} - \frac{1}{(2n-1)}[\widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{E} - \widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{F} \\ &+ \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\widehat{Q}\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\widehat{Q}\check{F}] + \frac{\widehat{r}}{2n(2n-1)}[\check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{F}]. \end{split}$$

Suppose that a (2n + 1)-dimensional *LP*-Kenmotsu manifold with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is $\check{\phi}$ -conformally semisymmetric, therefore

(5.15)
$$(\widehat{C}(\check{E},\check{F})\cdot\check{\phi})\check{W} = \widehat{C}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} - \check{\phi}\widehat{C}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = 0,$$

for all $\check{E}, \check{F}, \check{W}$ on M. From (5.14), it follows that

$$(5.16) \qquad \widehat{C}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} = \widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} - \frac{1}{(2n-1)}[\widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})E - \widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{F} + \check{g}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\widehat{Q}\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\widehat{Q}\check{F}] + \frac{\widehat{r}}{2n(2n-1)}[\check{g}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{F}], (5.17) \qquad \check{\phi}\widehat{C}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = \check{\phi}\widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} - \frac{1}{(2n-1)}[\widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E} - \widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F} + \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\widehat{Q}\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\widehat{Q}\check{F}] + \frac{\widehat{r}}{2n(2n-1)}[\check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F}].$$

Combining (5.15), (5.16) and (5.17), we have

$$\begin{split} \widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} - \check{\phi}\widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} - \frac{1}{(2n-1)}[\widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{E} - \widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{F} \\ &+\check{g}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\widehat{Q}\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\widehat{Q}\check{F}] + \frac{1}{(2n-1)}[\widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E} - \widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F} \\ &+\check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\widehat{Q}\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\widehat{Q}\check{F}] + \frac{\widehat{r}}{2n(2n-1)}[\check{g}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{F}] \\ &- \frac{\widehat{r}}{2n(2n-1)}[\check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F}] = 0, \end{split}$$

which by replacing $\check{E} = \xi$ and making use of (2.3), (2.4), (3.5), (3.6) and (3.8) takes the form

(5.18)
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2n + \check{\psi}}{2n - 1} - \frac{\hat{r}}{2n(2n - 1)} - 1 \end{bmatrix} (\check{g}(\check{E}, \check{\phi}\check{W})\xi + \check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}E) + \frac{1}{(2n - 1)}\widehat{S}(\check{E}, \check{\phi}\check{W})\xi + \frac{1}{(2n - 1)}\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}\widehat{Q}\check{E} - \check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}^{2}\check{E} = 0.$$

Now, taking inner product of (5.18) with ξ and making use of (2.1) and (2.3), we obtain

(5.19)
$$\widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W}) = \left[(2n-1) + \frac{\widehat{r}}{2n} - (2n+\check{\psi})\right]\check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W}).$$

By replacing \check{W} by $\check{\phi}\check{W}$ in (5.19) and then using (2.2), (2.4), (3.6), we get

(5.20)
$$\widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{W}) = \left[(2n-1) + \frac{\widehat{r}}{2n} - (2n+\check{\psi}) \right] \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W}) \\ + \left[(2n-1) + \frac{\widehat{r}}{2n} - 2(2n+\check{\psi}) \right] \check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{W}).$$

Taking $\check{W} = \xi$ in (5.20), we find

(5.21)
$$\widehat{S}(\check{E},\xi) = (2n+\check{\psi})\check{\eta}(\check{E})$$

Thus, from (4.4) and (5.21), we obtain

(5.22)
$$\dot{\lambda} = -(2n + \dot{\psi}).$$

Hence, (5.20) together with (5.22) leads to the following theorem.

Theorem 5.3. If a (2n+1)-dimensional LP-Kenmotsu manifold M with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ admitting Ricci soliton is $\check{\phi}$ -conformally semisymmetric, then M is an η -Einstein manifold and its Ricci solition will be expanding, shrinking or steady according to $\check{\psi} < -2n$, $\check{\psi} > -2n$ or $\check{\psi} = -2n$.

Definition 5.4. An *LP*-Kenmotsu manifold with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is called $\check{\phi}$ -*D*-conformally semisymmetric if $\widehat{B}(\check{E},\check{F})\cdot\check{\phi}=0$ for all \check{E},\check{F} on *M*.

Analogous to the equation (1.5), the D-conformal curvature tensor with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is given by

$$(5.23) \quad \hat{B}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = \hat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} + \frac{1}{2(n-1)} [\hat{S}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{F} - \hat{S}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{E} \\ + \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\hat{Q}\check{F} - \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\hat{Q}\check{E} - \hat{S}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{F})\xi \\ + \hat{S}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{E})\xi - \check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\hat{Q}\check{F} + \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\hat{Q}\check{E}] \\ - \frac{\hat{k}-2}{2(n-1)} [\check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{F} - \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{E}] + \frac{\hat{k}}{2(n-1)} [\check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{F})\xi \\ - \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{E})\xi + \check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{F} - \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{E}],$$

where $\hat{k} = \frac{\hat{r}+4n}{(2n-1)}$.

Suppose that a (2n + 1)-dimensional *LP*-Kenmotsu manifold with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is $\check{\phi}$ -*D*-conformally semisymmetric, therefore

(5.24)
$$(\widehat{B}(\check{E},\check{F})\cdot\check{\phi})\check{W} = \widehat{B}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} - \check{\phi}\widehat{B}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = 0,$$

for all $\check{E}, \check{F}, \check{W}$ on M. From (5.23), it follows that

$$\begin{split} \widehat{B}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} = &\widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} + \frac{1}{2(n-1)}[\widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{F} - \widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{E} + \check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\widehat{Q}\check{F} \\ &-\check{g}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\widehat{Q}\check{E} - \widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{F})\xi + \widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{E})\xi] \\ &-\frac{\widehat{k}-2}{2(n-1)}[\check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{F} - \check{g}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{E}] + \frac{\widehat{k}}{2(n-1)}[\check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{F})\xi \\ &-\check{g}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{E})\xi], \end{split}$$

(5.26)

$$\begin{split} \check{\phi}\hat{B}(\check{E},\check{F})W = \check{\phi}\hat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} + \frac{1}{2(n-1)}[\hat{S}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F} - \hat{S}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E} \\ &+\check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\hat{Q}\check{F} - \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\hat{Q}\check{E} - \check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}\hat{Q}\check{F} \\ &+\check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}\hat{Q}\check{E}] - \frac{\hat{k}-2}{2(n-1)}[\check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F} - \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E}] \\ &+ \frac{\hat{k}}{2(n-1)}[\check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F} - \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E}]. \end{split}$$

Combining (5.24), (5.25) and (5.26), we have

$$(5.27) \quad \widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{W} - \check{\phi}\widehat{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} + \frac{1}{2(n-1)}[\widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{F} - \widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{E} \\ + \check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\widehat{Q}\check{F} - \check{g}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\widehat{Q}\check{E} - \widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{F})\xi + \widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{E})\xi] \\ - \frac{1}{2(n-1)}[\widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F} - \widehat{S}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E} + \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\widehat{Q}\check{F} - \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\widehat{Q}\check{E} \\ - \check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}\widehat{Q}\check{F} + \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}\widehat{Q}\check{E}] - \frac{\widehat{k}-2}{2(n-1)}[\check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{F} - \check{g}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{E}] \\ + \frac{\widehat{k}-2}{2(n-1)}[\check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F} - \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E}] + \frac{\widehat{k}}{2(n-1)}[\check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{F}) \\ - \check{g}(\check{F},\check{\phi}\check{W})\check{\eta}(\check{E})]\xi - \frac{\widehat{k}}{2(n-1)}[\check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{F} - \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E}] = 0.$$

By taking $\check{F} = \xi$ in (5.27) and then using (2.1), (2.3), (3.5), (3.6) and (3.8) takes the form

(5.28)
$$\frac{4+\dot{\psi}-2\dot{k}}{2(n-1)}[\check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\xi+\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}\check{E}] + \frac{1}{n-1}\widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W})\xi-\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}^{2}\check{E} + \frac{1}{n-1}\check{\eta}(\check{W})\check{\phi}\widehat{Q}\check{E} = 0.$$

Inner product of (5.28) with ξ and making use of (2.1) and (2.3) gives

(5.29)
$$\widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W}) = \left[\frac{\check{\psi}}{2} + 2 - \widehat{k}\right]\check{g}(\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{W}).$$

Now, we replace \check{W} by $\check{\phi}\check{W}$ in (5.29) and using (2.2), (2.4) and (3.6), we get

(5.30)
$$\widehat{S}(\check{E},\check{W}) = \left[\frac{\check{\psi}}{2} + 2 - \widehat{k}\right]\check{g}(\check{E},\check{W}) - \left[\frac{\check{\psi}}{2} + \widehat{k} + 2n - 2\right]\check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{W}).$$

Taking $\check{W} = \xi$ in (5.30), we find

(5.31)
$$\widehat{S}(\check{E},\xi) = (2n+\check{\psi})\check{\eta}(\check{E}).$$

Thus, from (4.4) and (5.31), we obtain

(5.32)
$$\check{\lambda} = -(2n + \check{\psi}).$$

Hence, (5.30) together with (5.32) leads to the following theorem.

Theorem 5.4. If a (2n + 1)-dimensional LP-Kenmotsu manifold M with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ admitting Ricci soliton is $\check{\phi}$ -D-conformally semisymmetric, then M is an η -Einstein manifold and its Ricci solition will be expanding, shrinking or steady according to $\check{\psi} < -2n$, $\check{\psi} > -2n$ or $\check{\psi} = -2n$.

Example 5.1. Let on a 3-dimensional manifold $M = \{(\check{w}_1, \check{w}_2, \check{w}_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : w > 0\}$, where $(\check{w}_1, \check{w}_2, \check{w}_3)$ are the standard coordinates of \mathbb{R}^3 , the linearly independent vector fields that at each point of M are given by

$$v^1 = \frac{\check{w}_3\partial}{\partial\check{w}_1}, \quad v^2 = \frac{w\partial}{\partial\check{w}_2}, \quad v^3 = \frac{w\partial}{\partial\check{w}_3} = \xi$$

Suppose the Lorentzian metric \check{g} is defined by

 $\check{g}(v^1, v^1) = \check{g}(v^2, v^2) = 1, \quad \check{g}(v^3, v^3) = -1, \quad \check{g}(v^1, v^2) = \check{g}(v^2, v^3) = \check{g}(v^1, v^3) = 0.$

Suppose the 1-form $\check{\eta}$ is defined by $\check{\eta}(\check{E}) = \check{g}(\check{E}, v^3) = \check{g}(\check{E}, \xi)$ for all \check{E} on M, and the (1, 1)-tensor field $\check{\phi}$ is defined by

$$\check{\phi}v^1 = -v^1, \quad \check{\phi}v^2 = -v^2, \quad \check{\phi}v^3 = 0.$$

Then, using the linearity of \check{g} and $\check{\phi}$, we have

$$\check{\eta}(\xi) = -1, \quad \check{\phi}^2 \check{E} = \check{E} + \check{\eta}(\check{E})\xi, \quad \check{g}(\check{\phi}\check{E},\check{\phi}\check{F}) = \check{g}(\check{E},\check{F}) + \check{\eta}(\check{E})\check{\eta}(\check{F}),$$

for all \check{E}, \check{F} on M. Thus, $(\check{\phi}, \xi, \check{\eta}, \check{g})$ defines a Lorentzian almost paracontact metric structure on M. Also, we have

(5.33)
$$[v^1, v^2] = 0, \quad [v^1, v^3] = -v^1, \quad [v^2, v^3] = -v^2.$$

From the Koszul's formula for \check{g} , we calculate

(5.34)
$$\check{\nabla}_{v^1}v^1 = -v^3, \quad \check{\nabla}_{v^1}v^2 = 0, \quad \check{\nabla}_{v^1}v^3 = -v^1, \quad \check{\nabla}_{v^2}v^1 = 0,$$

 $\check{\nabla}_{v^2}v^2 = -v^3, \quad \check{\nabla}_{v^2}v^3 = -v^2, \quad \check{\nabla}_{v^3}v^1 = 0, \quad \check{\nabla}_{v^3}v^2 = 0, \quad \check{\nabla}_{v^3}v^3 = 0.$

Also, one can easily verify that

$$\check{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\xi = -\check{E} - \check{\eta}(\check{E})\xi \text{ and } (\check{\nabla}_{\check{E}}\check{\phi})\check{F} = -\check{g}(\check{\phi}\check{E},\check{F})\xi - \check{\eta}(\check{F})\check{\phi}\check{E}.$$

Therefore, M is an LP-Kenmotsu manifold. From (1.1), (5.33) and (5.34), we obtain

(5.35)
$$\begin{split} \check{R}(v^{1},v^{2})v^{1} &= -v^{2}, \quad \check{R}(v^{2},v^{3})v^{1} = 0, \quad \check{R}(v^{1},v^{3})v^{1} = -v^{3}, \\ \check{R}(v^{1},v^{2})v^{2} = v^{1}, \quad \check{R}(v^{1},v^{3})v^{2} = 0, \quad \check{R}(v^{2},v^{3})v^{2} = -v^{3}, \\ \check{R}(v^{1},v^{2})v^{3} = 0, \quad \check{R}(v^{1},v^{3})v^{3} = -v^{1}, \quad \check{R}(v^{2},v^{3})v^{3} = -v^{2}, \end{split}$$

from which it is clear that $\check{R}(\check{E},\check{F})\check{W} = \check{g}(\check{F},\check{W})\check{E} - \check{g}(\check{E},\check{W})\check{F}$. Hence, $(M,\check{\phi},\xi,\check{\eta},\check{g})$ is an *LP*-Kenmotsu manifold of unit constant curvature. By virtue of (1.8) and (5.35), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\nabla}_{v^1} v^1 &= -v^3, \quad \widehat{\nabla}_{v^2} v^1 &= 0, \quad \widehat{\nabla}_{v^3} v^1 &= 0, \quad \widehat{\nabla}_{v^1} v^2 &= 0, \quad \widehat{\nabla}_{v^2} v^2 &= -v^3, \\ \widehat{\nabla}_{v^3} v^2 &= 0, \quad \widehat{\nabla}_{v^1} v^3 &= 0, \quad \widehat{\nabla}_{v^2} v^3 &= 0, \quad \widehat{\nabla}_{v^3} v^3 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.2) and (5.35), we can easily obtain

(5.36)
$$\widehat{R}(v^1, v^2)v^1 = 0, \quad \widehat{R}(v^1, v^3)v^1 = -v^3, \quad \widehat{R}(v^2, v^3)v^1 = 0, \\ \widehat{R}(v^1, v^2)v^2 = 0, \quad \widehat{R}(v^1, v^3)v^2 = 0, \quad \widehat{R}(v^2, v^3)v^2 = -v^3, \\ \widehat{R}(v^1, v^2)v^3 = 0, \quad \widehat{R}(v^1, v^3)v^3 = 0, \quad \widehat{R}(v^2, v^3)v^3 = 0.$$

From (5.35) and (5.36), we calculate the Ricci tensors as follows:

$$\check{S}(v^1, v^1) = \check{S}(v^2, v^2) = 2, \quad \check{S}(v^3, v^3) = -2,$$

and

$$\hat{S}(v^1, v^1) = \hat{S}(v^2, v^2) = 1, \quad \hat{S}(v^3, v^3) = 0.$$

Therefore, we find $\check{r} = 6$ and $\hat{r} = 2$, where $\check{\psi} = -2$. Hence, (3.4) is satisfied. From (2.5), (1.6) and (1.7), we find

$$\begin{split} \check{\Phi}(v^1, v^1) &= \check{\Phi}(v^2, v^2) = -1, \quad \check{\Phi}(v^3, v^3) = 0, \\ \check{T}(v^i, v^j) &= 0, \quad i = j = 1, 2, 3, \\ \check{T}(v^1, v^2) &= 0, \quad \check{T}(v^1, v^3) = v^1, \quad \check{T}(v^2, v^3) = v^2, \\ (\widehat{\nabla}_{v^1}\check{g})(v^1, v^3) &= (\widehat{\nabla}_{v^2}\check{g})(v^2, v^3) = -1, \quad (\widehat{\nabla}_{v^3}\check{g})(v^1, v^2) = 0, \end{split}$$

respectively. Thus, the connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ defined on M is a QSNM. Now, by putting $F = W = v^i$ in (4.3) and summing up, we find $2 = 3(1 - \check{\lambda}) - 1$ implies $\check{\lambda} = 0$. Thus, a Ricci soliton on an *LP*-Kenmotsu manifold with a connection $\widehat{\nabla}$ is steady for $\check{\psi} = -2n = -2$.

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