

# **Gauss and Ricci Equations in Contact Manifolds with a Quarter-Symmetric Metric Connection**

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**Abstract** In the present paper, we study the extrinsic and intrinsic geometry of submanifolds of an almost contact metric manifold admitting a quarter-symmetric metric connection. We deduce Gauss, Codazzi and Ricci equations corresponding to the quarter-symmetric metric connection and show some applications of these equations. Finally, we give an example verifying the results.

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# **1 Introduction**

The importance of the Gauss, Codazzi and Ricci equations in differential geometry is that if the ambient space has a constant sectional curvature, they play an analogous role to that of the compatibility equation in the local theory of surfaces. For a submanifold *M* of a Riemannian manifold  $M$ , if the Riemannian curvature tensors are denoted by *R* and  $\bar{R}$ , respectively, then the usual Gauss, Codazzi and Ricci equations are given by the following:

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$$
g(\bar{R}(X, Y)Z, W) = g(R(X, Y)Z, W) - g(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)) +g(h(Y, W), h(X, Z)),
$$
\n(1.1)

$$
(\overline{R}(X, Y, Z))^{T} = (\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y h)(X, Z), \qquad (1.2)
$$

$$
g(\bar{R}(X,Y)U,V) = g(R^{\perp}(X,Y)U,V) + g([A_V, A_U]X,Y),
$$
 (1.3)

for *X*, *Y*, *Z*, *W* tangent to *M* and *U*, *V* normal to *M*, where *h* is the second fundamental form, *A* is the associated shape operator of the immersion, and  $R^{\perp}$  is the curvature tensor of the normal bundle. For an isometric immersion  $i : M \to \overline{M}$  of Riemannian manifolds, the Gauss equation shows that the curvature tensor of  $M$ , when evaluated on vector fields tangent to *M*, differs from the curvature tensor of *M* by a tensor involving only the second fundamental form of the immersion. Gauss–Codazzi–Ricci equations are very important instruments for describing a submanifold in a Riemannian space. By nature, these equations appear in the Cauchy problem of general relativity [\[20\]](#page-14-0).

On the other hand, in 1975, Golab [\[13\]](#page-14-1) introduced the notion of quarter-symmetric connection on a differentiable manifold. A linear connection  $\nabla$  is said to be quartersymmetric if its torsion tensor *T* defined by  $T(X, Y) = \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X, Y]$ , is of the form:

$$
T(X,Y) = u(Y)\psi X - u(X)\psi Y,
$$
\n(1.4)

<span id="page-1-0"></span>where *u* is a 1−form and  $\psi$  is a (1, 1)−tensor field. When *T* vanishes, the connection  $\nabla$  is called symmetric; otherwise, it is called non-symmetric.  $\nabla$  is called a metric connection if there is a Riemannian metric *g* such that  $\nabla g = 0$ ; otherwise, it is called non-metric. It is well known that a linear connection is both symmetric and metric if and only if it is the Riemannian (or, the Levi-Civita) connection. If in [\(1.4\)](#page-1-0),  $\psi$ is an identity function, then it reduces to semi-symmetric metric connection. Hence, quarter-symmetric connection is a generalization of semi-symmetric connection. In the present paper, we deduce the Gauss, Codazzi and Ricci equations for submanifolds of an almost contact metric manifold admitting a quarter-symmetric metric connection.

In [\[8](#page-14-2)], De and Mondal proved the existence and uniqueness of quarter-symmetric metric connection in Riemannian manifolds. Many authors studied other geometric properties of almost Hermitian and almost contact manifolds with quarter-symmetric and semi-symmetric connections ([\[1](#page-13-0),[7,](#page-14-3)[14](#page-14-4)[,16](#page-14-5)[,17](#page-14-6),[19\]](#page-14-7)). Ozgur [\[16](#page-14-5)] proved several results including the equations of Gauss Codazzi and Ricci for submanifolds of a Riemannian manifold admitting a particular type of semi-symmetric non-metric connection. Later on, hypersurfaces and submanifolds of different ambient manifolds admitting quarter-symmetric metric connection have been studied by several authors  $([9,11,15])$  $([9,11,15])$  $([9,11,15])$  $([9,11,15])$  $([9,11,15])$  $([9,11,15])$ . In this paper, we generalize all the results obtained in these previous studies, by considering submanifolds of any codimension of an almost contact metric manifold admitting a quarter-symmetric metric connection.

The present paper has been organized as follows: After preliminaries, in sect. [3,](#page-3-0) we consider submanifolds of an almost contact metric

manifold endowed with a quarter-symmetric metric connection, and we show that the connection induced on the submanifold is also a quarter-symmetric metric connection. Furthermore, we prove that the mean curvature with respect to both the connections coincides, and applying this result, we obtain a necessary condition of a submanifold to be invariant. In sect. [4,](#page-6-0) we deduce the Gauss, Codazzi and Ricci equations corresponding to the quarter-symmetric metric connection and obtain some results applying these equations. Finally, in sect. [5,](#page-11-0) we provide an example verifying the obtained results.

### **2 Preliminaries**

Let  $\overline{M}$  be an  $(n + p)$ −dimensional (where  $n + p$  is odd) differentiable manifold endowed with an almost contact metric structure ( $\phi$ ,  $\xi$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $g$ ), where  $\phi$ ,  $\xi$ ,  $\eta$  are tensor fields on  $\overline{M}$  of types (1, 1), (1, 0), (0, 1), respectively, and *g* is a compatible metric with the almost contact structure, such that  $[2,3,5,21]$  $[2,3,5,21]$  $[2,3,5,21]$  $[2,3,5,21]$  $[2,3,5,21]$ ,

$$
\phi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \ \phi \xi = 0, \ \eta(\xi) = 1, \ \eta \circ \phi = 0, \quad (2.1)
$$

$$
g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \qquad (2.2)
$$

$$
g(\phi X, Y) + g(X, \phi Y) = 0,\tag{2.3}
$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y \in T\overline{M}$ , where  $T\overline{M}$  is the Lie algebra of vector fields of the manifold  $\overline{M}$ . The fundamental 2–form  $\Phi$  is defined by  $\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y)$ . If  $[\phi, \phi] + d\eta \otimes \xi = 0$ , where  $[\phi, \phi](X, Y) = \phi^2[X, Y] + [\phi X, \phi Y] - \phi[\phi X, Y] \phi[X, \phi Y]$ , then the almost contact structure is said to be *normal* [\[10\]](#page-14-13). If  $\Phi = dn$ . the almost contact structure becomes a contact structure. A normal contact metric manifold is called *Sasakian*. On a Sasakian manifold, we have the following [\[2](#page-13-1)[,12](#page-14-14)]:

$$
(\bar{\nabla}_X \phi)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X,\tag{2.4}
$$

$$
R(X,Y)\xi = \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y.
$$
\n(2.5)

An almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is cosymplectic if and only if  $\phi$  is parallel. In a *cosymplectic* manifold, we have  $(\nabla_X \eta)Y = 0$ .

A Riemannian manifold of dimension >2 is said to be *Einstein* if its Ricci tensor S satisfies  $S(X, Y) = \mu g(X, Y)$ , where  $\mu$  is a constant [\[6](#page-14-15)].

Let *M* be a submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold  $\overline{M}$  with a positive definite metric *g*. Let the induced metric on *M* also be denoted by *g*. The usual Gauss and Weingarten formulae are given, respectively, by [\[4](#page-14-16),[18\]](#page-14-17)

$$
\overline{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y), \quad X, Y \in TM \tag{2.6}
$$

$$
\bar{\nabla}_X N = -A_N X + \nabla_X^{\perp} N, \quad N \in T^{\perp} M \tag{2.7}
$$

<span id="page-2-0"></span>where ∇ is the induced Riemannian connection on *M*, *h* is the second fundamental form of the immersion, *A* is the shape operator, and  $\nabla^{\perp}$  is the normal connection on  $T^{\perp}M$ , the normal bundle of M. From [\(2.6\)](#page-2-0) and [\(2.7\)](#page-2-0), one gets

$$
g(h(X, Y), N) = g(A_N X, Y).
$$
 (2.8)

The submanifold M of an almost contact manifold  $\overline{M}$  is called *invariant* (resp. *antiinvariant*) if for each point  $x \in M$ ,  $\phi T_x M \subset T_x M$  (resp.  $\phi T_x M \subset T_x^{\perp} M$ . The submanifold is called *totally umbilical* if  $h(X, Y) = g(X, Y)H$ , for all  $X, Y \in TM$ , where *H* is the mean curvature vector of the submanifold, defined by  $H =$ TM, where H is the mean curvature vector of the submanifold, defined by  $H = \frac{1}{n} \sum \{h(e_i, e_i)\}\,$ ,  $\{e_i\}, i = 1, 2, ..., n$  being an orthonomal basis of TM and n the dimension of *M*. The submanifold is called *totally geodesic* if  $h(X, Y) = 0$  for all  $X, Y \in TM$ . Let the codimension of *M* be *p*, and let  $\{N_{\alpha}\}, \alpha = 1, 2, ..., p$  be an orthonormal basis of  $T^{\perp}M$ .

### <span id="page-3-0"></span>**3 Basic Results**

On a submanifold M of an almost contact metric manifold  $\overline{M}$  with the quartersymmetric metric connection  $\nabla^*$ , we obtain the following results:

**Theorem 3.1** *The connection induced on a submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold with a quarter-symmetric metric connection is also a quarter-symmetric metric connection.*

*Proof* We define the quarter-symmetric metric connection  $\nabla^*$  on  $\overline{M}$  by

$$
\nabla_X^* Y = \overline{\nabla}_X Y - \eta(X)\phi Y. \tag{3.1}
$$

<span id="page-3-3"></span><span id="page-3-2"></span>If  $\nabla'$  is the induced connection on *M* from the connection  $\nabla^*$ , then we have

$$
\nabla_X^* Y = \nabla_X' Y + m(X, Y),\tag{3.2}
$$

where *m* is a tensor field of type (1, 2) in  $T^{\perp}M$ , the normal part of *M*. We term  $m(X, Y)$ the second fundamental form with respect to the quarter-symmetric connection.

<span id="page-3-1"></span>For  $X \in TM$  and  $N \in T^{\perp}M$ , we put

$$
\phi X = PX + QX, \quad PX \in TM, \quad QX \in T^{\perp}M,\tag{3.3}
$$

$$
\phi N = tN + qN, \quad tN \in TM, \quad qN \in T^{\perp}M. \tag{3.4}
$$

Using  $(3.3)$ , from  $(3.1)$  and  $(3.2)$ , we have

$$
\nabla'_X Y + m(X, Y) = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) - \eta(X) PY - \eta(X) QY.
$$
 (3.5)

<span id="page-3-4"></span>Now equating tangential and normal parts, we have

$$
\nabla_X' Y = \nabla_X Y - \eta(X) PY,
$$
\n(3.6)

and

$$
m(X, Y) = h(X, Y) - \eta(X)QY.
$$
\n(3.7)

<span id="page-3-5"></span>From [\(3.6\)](#page-3-4), the torsion tensor with respect to  $\nabla'$  is given by

$$
T'(X, Y) = \eta(Y)PX - \eta(X)PY.
$$

Also using  $(3.2)$ , we have

$$
(\nabla_X' g)(Y, Z) = (\nabla_X^* g)(Y, Z). \tag{3.8}
$$

Hence, the result.

From  $(3.6)$ , it follows that if the submanifold is anti-invariant, that is,  $PX = 0$ , then we have the following:

**Theorem 3.2** *On an anti-invariant submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold with a quarter-symmetric metric connection, the induced quarter-symmetric connection and the induced Riemannian connection are equivalent.*

<span id="page-4-0"></span>So we concentrate mostly on invariant submanifolds. Equation [\(3.2\)](#page-3-3) is the Gauss formula for the quarter-symmetric metric connection. Also, from [\(3.1\)](#page-3-2), we have

$$
\nabla_X^* N = \overline{\nabla}_X N - \eta(X)\phi N
$$
  
=  $-A_N X - \eta(X)tN + \nabla_X^{\perp} N - \eta(X)qN$   
=  $D_X N - A_N'X$ , (3.9)

where  $D_X N = \nabla_X^{\perp} N - \eta(X) q N$  is the normal connection, and  $A'_N X = A_N X +$  $\eta(X)tN$  is the shape operator corresponding to the quarter-symmetric metric connection. By simple calculations, we obtain

$$
g(m(X, Y), N) = g(A'_N X, Y).
$$
 (3.10)

<span id="page-4-3"></span>Equation [\(3.9\)](#page-4-0) is the Weingarten formula with respect to the quarter-symmmetric metric connection.

*Remark 3.1* Unlike the second fundamental form corresponding to the Levi-Civita connection, *m* is neither symmetric nor skew-symmetric, in general, which is evident from [\(3.7\)](#page-3-5). Thus, the shape operator *A*' corresponding to the quarter-symmetric connection is also not symmetric. However, for invariant submanifolds both of them are symmetric.

<span id="page-4-1"></span>We define the covariant derivative of  $m$  and  $\eta$  with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection as follows:

$$
(\nabla_X^* m)(Y, Z) = D_X(m(Y, Z)) - m(\nabla_X' Y, Z) - m(Y, \nabla_X' Z), \quad (3.11)
$$

$$
(\nabla_X^*\eta)Y = X(\eta(Y)) - \eta(\nabla'_XY). \tag{3.12}
$$

<span id="page-4-2"></span>Equation [\(3.11\)](#page-4-1) may be called the van der Waerden–Bortolotti connection corresponding to the quarter-symmetric metric connection.

Now, we prove the following:

**Theorem 3.3** *The mean curvature of the submanifold M with respect to the Riemannian connection coincides with that of M with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection.*

*Proof* Let  $\{e_1, e_2, ..., e_n\}$  be an orthonormal basis of *TM*. We consider two cases: Case I:  $\xi \in TM$  and let  $e_n = \xi$ . Then from [\(3.7\)](#page-3-5), we obtain

$$
m(e_i, e_i) = h(e_i, e_i) - \eta(e_i)Q(e_i).
$$
 (3.13)

Since  $\eta(e_i) = 0$ , for  $i = 1, 2, ..., n-1$ , and  $\phi(e_n) = 0$ , summing up for  $i = 1, 2, ..., n$ and dividing by *n*, we obtain the required result. Case II:  $\xi \notin TM$ , then again from [\(3.7\)](#page-3-5), we obtain

$$
m(e_i, e_i) = h(e_i, e_i) - \eta(e_i)Q(e_i)
$$
\n(3.14)

<span id="page-5-0"></span>for each  $i = 1, 2, ..., n$ . From [\(3.14\)](#page-5-0), we obtain  $m(e_i, e_i) = h(e_i, e_i)$ , since  $\eta(e_i) = 0$ , for all the  $i = 1, 2, ..., n$ . Summing up for  $i = 1, 2, ..., n$  and dividing by *n*, we obtain the required result.

The following corrolaries are the direct consequence of the above theorem.

**Corollary 3.1** *Any submanifold of an almost contact manifold endowed with a quarter-symmetric metric connection is minimal with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection if and only if it is minimal with respect to the Riemannian connection.*

**Corollary 3.2** *If a submanifold M of an almost contact manifold endowed with a quarter-symmetric metric connection is tangent to* ξ *and is totally umbilical with respect to both the connections, then M is invariant. Conversely, if M is invariant, then M is totally umbilical with respect to quarter-symmetric connection if and only if M is totally umbilical with respect to the Riemannian connection.*

<span id="page-5-1"></span>*Proof* From [\(3.7\)](#page-3-5), for all *X*,  $Y \in TM$ , we have,

$$
\eta(X)QY = m(X,Y) - h(X,Y). \tag{3.15}
$$

If *M* is totally umbilical with respect to both quarter-symmetric connection and Riemannian connection, then from Theorem [3.3,](#page-4-2) we have,

<span id="page-5-2"></span>
$$
m(X, Y) = g(X, Y)H = h(X, Y).
$$

Thus, from [\(3.15\)](#page-5-1), we get for all  $X, Y \in TM$ ,

$$
\eta(X)QY = 0,\t(3.16)
$$

for any  $X, Y \in TM$ . Putting  $X = \xi$  in [\(3.16\)](#page-5-2), we obtain,  $QY = 0$ , for all  $Y \in TM$ , which implies that *M* is an invariant submanifold.

The converse part follows directly from  $(3.7)$ .

*Remark 3.2* In this connection, we should note that, if any submanifold of a contact metric manifold is normal to  $\xi$ , then by the well-known result of Yano and Kon [\[22](#page-14-18)], the submanifold is always anti-invariant.

**Theorem 3.4** *The covariant derivative of the fundamental* 2−*form with respect to the quarter-symmetric connection is equal to the covariant derivative of with respect to the Riemannian connection.*

*Proof* We have  $\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y)$ .

Therefore,

$$
(\nabla_X^* \Phi)(Y, Z) = X\Phi(Y, Z) - \Phi(\nabla_X^* Y, Z) - \Phi(Y, \nabla_X^* Z)
$$
  
=  $X\Phi(Y, Z) - \Phi(\bar{\nabla}_X Y, Z) + \eta(X)\Phi(Y, \phi Z)$   

$$
- \Phi(Y, \bar{\nabla}_X Z) + \eta(X)\Phi(Y, \phi Z)
$$
  
=  $(\bar{\nabla}_X \Phi)(Y, Z)$ , since,  $\Phi(Y, \phi Z) = -\Phi(Y, \phi Z)$ . (3.17)

Hence, the result.

#### <span id="page-6-0"></span>**4 The Gauss, Codazzi-Mainardi and Ricci Equations**

In this section, we find the relations between the curvature tensors corresponding to the Levi-civita connection and the quarter symmetric metric connection. We denote the Riemannian curvature tensors corresponding to the Levi-Civita connection and the quarter-symmetric connection by  $\overline{R}$  and  $R^*$ , respectively, and that corresponding to the induced connections  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla'$  by *R* and *R*<sup>'</sup>, respectively.

We have,

$$
\nabla_X^* \nabla_Y^* Z = \bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_Y Z - \eta(X)\phi(\bar{\nabla}_Y Z) - \eta(Y)\bar{\nabla}_X \phi Z + \eta(X)\eta(Y)\phi^2 Z - X(\eta(Y))\phi Z,
$$
(4.1)

$$
\nabla_Y^* \nabla_X^* Z = \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \eta(Y) \phi \big( \nabla_X Z \big) - \eta(X) \nabla_Y \phi Z + \eta(X) \eta(Y) \phi^2 Z - Y \big( \eta(X) \big) \phi Z,
$$
(4.2)

and

$$
\nabla_{[X,Y]}^* Z = \bar{\nabla}_{[X,Y]} Z - \eta ([X,Y]) \phi Z.
$$
 (4.3)

<span id="page-6-1"></span>Therefore, we have

$$
R^*(X,Y)Z = \bar{R}(X,Y)Z + \eta(X)(\bar{\nabla}_Y\phi)Z - \eta(Y)(\bar{\nabla}_X\phi)Z - [(\bar{\nabla}_X\eta)Y - (\bar{\nabla}_Y\eta)X]\phi Z.
$$
 (4.4)

Hence, we derive

<span id="page-6-2"></span>
$$
R^*(X, Y, Z, W) = g(R^*(X, Y)Z, W)
$$
  
=  $g(\overline{R}(X, Y)Z, W) + \eta(X)g((\overline{\nabla}_Y \phi)Z, W) - \eta(Y)g((\overline{\nabla}_X \phi)Z, W)$ 

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$$
-[(\bar{\nabla}_X \eta)Y - (\bar{\nabla}_Y \eta)X]g(\phi Z, W)
$$
  
=  $\bar{R}(X, Y, Z, W) + \eta(X)g((\bar{\nabla}_Y \phi)Z, W) - \eta(Y)g((\bar{\nabla}_X \phi)Z, W)$   
-  $[(\bar{\nabla}_X \eta)Y - (\bar{\nabla}_Y \eta)X]g(\phi Z, W).$  (4.5)

From  $(4.4)$  and  $(4.5)$ , we can conclude the following:

*Remark 4.1* (i)  $R^*(X, Y, Z, W) \neq R^*(Z, W, X, Y)$  $R^*(X, Y, Z, W) \neq -R^*(X, Y, W, Z)$ 

(iii) The first Bianchi identity with respect to the quarter-symmetric connection is given by

$$
R^*(X, Y)Z + R^*(Y, Z)X + R^*(Z, X)Y = k(X, Y)Z + k(Y, Z)X + k(Z, X)Y,
$$

where  $k(X, Y)Z$  is a (1,3)-tensor defined by  $k(X, Y)Z = \eta(Z) \left[ (\nabla_X \phi)Y - (\nabla_Y \phi)X \right] - \left[ (\nabla_X \eta)Y - (\nabla_Y \eta)X \right] \phi Z.$ 

<span id="page-7-0"></span>Now, putting  $Z = \xi$  in [\(4.4\)](#page-6-1), we get

$$
R^*(X,Y)\xi = \bar{R}(X,Y)\xi + \eta(X)\big(\bar{\nabla}_Y\phi\big)\xi - \eta(Y)\big(\bar{\nabla}_X\phi\big)\xi \tag{4.6}
$$

From  $(4.6)$ , we obtain the following:

*Remark 4.2* If the ambient manifold  $\overline{M}$  is a Sasakian manifold, then we have

$$
R^*(X, Y)\xi = \overline{R}(X, Y)\xi + \eta(X)\big[\eta(Y)\xi - Y\big] - \eta(Y)\big[\eta(X)\xi - X\big]
$$
  
= 2\overline{R}(X, Y)\xi.

*Remark 4.3* If the ambient manifold  $\overline{M}$  is cosymplectic, then

$$
R^*(X, Y)\xi = R(X, Y)\xi.
$$

Again, we have

$$
\nabla_X^* \nabla_Y^* Z = \nabla_X' \nabla_Y' Z + m(X, \nabla_Y' Z) + D_X(m(Y, Z)) - A'_{m(Y, Z)} X.
$$
 (4.7)

$$
\nabla_Y^* \nabla_X^* Z = \nabla_Y' \nabla_X' Z + m(Y, \nabla_X' Z) + D_Y(m(X, Z)) - A_{m(X, Z)} Y.
$$
\n(4.8)

$$
\nabla_{[X,Y]}^* Z = \nabla'_{[X,Y]} Z + m([X,Y], Z). \tag{4.9}
$$

<span id="page-7-1"></span>By direct computations, we obtain

$$
R^*(X, Y)Z = R'(X, Y)Z + (\nabla'_X m)(Y, Z) - (\nabla'_Y m)(X, Z) + A'_{m(X, Z)}Y - A'_{m(Y, Z)}X.
$$
 (4.10)

<span id="page-8-0"></span>Hence, the Gauss equation for the quarter symmetric metric connection  $\nabla^*$  is given by

$$
R^*(X, Y, Z, W) = g(R^*(X, Y)Z, W)
$$
  
=  $g(R'(X, Y)Z, W) + g(m(Y, W), m(X, Z))$   
 $- g(m(Y, Z), m(X, W))$   
=  $R'(X, Y, Z, W) + g(m(Y, W), m(X, Z))$   
 $- g(m(Y, Z), m(X, W)).$  (4.11)

Putting  $X = W = e_i$ ,  $Y = Z = e_i$ , in [\(4.11\)](#page-8-0), we obtain

$$
R^*(e_i, e_j, e_j, e_i) = R'(e_i, e_j, e_j, e_i) + g(m(e_i, e_j), m(e_j, e_i)) - g(m(e_j, e_j), m(e_i, e_i)).
$$
\n(4.12)

<span id="page-8-1"></span>Summing over *i* and *j* and using Theorem [3.3,](#page-4-2) we get

$$
\tau^* = \tau' + ||m||^2 - n^2 ||H||^2,
$$
\n(4.13)

where  $\tau^*$  and  $\tau'$  are the scalar curvatures corresponding to the quarter symmetric metric connection defined on  $\overline{M}$  and the induced quarter-symmetric metric connection on  $M$ , respectively, and  $||m||^2$  denotes the squared norm of the second fundamental form with respect to the quarter-symmetric connection. From  $(4.13)$ , we can also write

$$
||H||^2 \ge \frac{1}{n^2} (\tau' - \tau^*).
$$
 (4.14)

Hence, the following:

**Theorem 4.1** *On a minimal submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold admitting a quarter-symmetric metric connection, the scalar curvature corresponding to the quarter-symmetric connection is never less than that of the induced quarter-symmetric connecton.*

Since  $\{N_{\alpha}\}, \alpha = 1, 2, ..., p$  is a basis of  $T^{\perp}M$ , we can express  $m(X, Y) =$ Σ *p*  $\alpha = 1$  $m_{\alpha}(X, Y)N_{\alpha}$ , where each  $m_{\alpha}$  is a (0, 2) tensor.

<span id="page-8-2"></span>Hence, the Gauss equation [\(4.11\)](#page-8-0) can be rewritten in the following form:

$$
R^*(X, Y, Z, W) = R'(X, Y, Z, W) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^p [m_{\alpha}(Y, W)m_{\alpha}(X, Z) - m_{\alpha}(Y, Z)m_{\alpha}(X, W)].
$$
\n(4.15)

From  $(3.2)$  and  $(3.9)$ , we can easily deduce that

$$
m_{\alpha}(X, Y) = g(A'_{N_{\alpha}}X, Y). \tag{4.16}
$$

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<span id="page-9-0"></span>Hence, by [\(4.15\)](#page-8-2), the Gauss equation can also be represented in terms of the shape operator as

$$
R^*(X, Y, Z, W) = R'(X, Y, Z, W) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \{g(A'_{N_{\alpha}}Y, W)g(A'_{N_{\alpha}}X, Z) - g(A'_{N_{\alpha}}Y, Z)g(A'_{N_{\alpha}}X, W)\}.
$$
\n(4.17)

From  $(4.17)$ , we get

$$
R^*(X, Y, X, Y) = R'(X, Y, X, Y) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^p \{g(A'_{N_{\alpha}}Y, Y)g(A'_{N_{\alpha}}X, X) - g(A'_{N_{\alpha}}Y, X)g(A'_{N_{\alpha}}X, Y)\}.
$$
\n(4.18)

Combining with Remark [3.1,](#page-4-3) we can state the following:

**Theorem 4.2** *Let*  $P$  *be a* 2–*dimensional invariant subspace of*  $T_xM$  *and let*  $K^*(P)$ *and*  $K'(\mathcal{P})$  *be the sectional curvature of*  $\mathcal{P}$  *in*  $\overline{M}$  *and*  $M$ *, respectively, with respect to the quarter-symmetric metric connection. If X and Y form an orthonormal basis of P, then p*

$$
K^{*}(\mathcal{P}) = K^{'}(\mathcal{P}) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{p} \{g(A_{N_{\alpha}}^{'} Y, Y)g(A_{N_{\alpha}}^{'} X, X) - g(A_{N_{\alpha}}^{'} X, Y)^{2}\}.
$$

Now, contracting equation [\(4.15\)](#page-8-2) we have the expression of Ricci tensor corresponding to the quarter-symmetric connection as

<span id="page-9-1"></span>
$$
S^*(Y, Z) = S'(Y, Z) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^p R^*(N_{\alpha}, Y, Z, N_{\alpha})
$$
  
+ 
$$
\sum_{\alpha=1}^p \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n g(A'_{N_{\alpha}} Y, e_i) g(A'_{N_{\alpha}} Z, e_i) - f_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} (Y, Z) \right]
$$
 (if A is symmetric)  
= 
$$
S'(Y, Z) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^p R^*(N_{\alpha}, Y, Z, N_{\alpha})
$$
  
+ 
$$
\sum_{\alpha=1}^p \left[ g(A'_{N_{\alpha}} A'_{N_{\alpha}} Y, Z) - f_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} (Y, Z) \right]
$$
 (if A is symmetric)  
= 
$$
S'(Y, Z) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^p R^*(N_{\alpha}, Y, Z, N_{\alpha})
$$
  
+ 
$$
\sum_{\alpha=1}^p \left[ m_{\alpha} (A'_{N_{\alpha}} Y, Z) - f_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} (Y, Z) \right].
$$
 (4.19)

where  $f_{\alpha}$  denote the trace of  $A'_{N_{\alpha}}$ .

Suppose that the quarter-symmetric metric connection  $\nabla^*$  is of constant sectional curvature. Then

$$
R^*(X, Y, Z, W) = \lambda(g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)).
$$
 (4.20)

Therefore, from equation [\(4.19\)](#page-9-1), we have

$$
S'(Y, Z) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{p} \{ f_{\alpha} m_{\alpha}(Y, Z) - m_{\alpha}(A'_{N_{\alpha}} Y, Z) \}
$$

$$
+ \sum_{\alpha=1}^{p} R^*(N_{\alpha}, Y, Z, N_{\alpha}).
$$

<span id="page-10-0"></span>Therefore,

$$
S'(Y, Z) = \lambda (n - 1)g(Y, Z) + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{p} \left\{ f_{\alpha} m_{\alpha}(Y, Z) - m_{\alpha}(A'_{N_{\alpha}} Y, Z) \right\}.
$$
 (4.21)

Thus, we can state the following:

**Theorem 4.3** *Let M be an invariant submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold M* of constant sectional curvature with a quarter-symmetric metric connection. Then

- *(i) the Ricci tensor of M induced from the quarter-symmetric connection is symmetric.*
- *(ii) The Ricci tensor of M induced from the quarter-symmetric connection is not parallel.*

From Eq.  $(4.21)$ , we can also conclude the following:

**Theorem 4.4** *Let M be a totally umbilical submanifold of an almost contact metric manifold M of constant sectional curvature with a quarter-symmetric metric connec-* ¯ *tion. Then the submanifold M is an Einstein manifold with respect to the quartersymmetric metric connection.*

From [\(4.10\)](#page-7-1), we obtain the normal part of  $R^*(X, Y)Z$  as

$$
R^{\perp}(X, Y)Z = (\nabla'_X m)(Y, Z) - (\nabla'_Y m)(X, Z), \tag{4.22}
$$

which is the Codazzi equation corresponding to the quarter-symmetric metric connection ∇∗.

Let  $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in T^{\perp}M$ , then we have

$$
R^*(X, Y)\zeta_1 = R'(X, Y)\zeta_1 - A'_{D_Y\zeta_1}X + A'_{D_X\zeta_1}Y + \nabla'_Y(A'_{\zeta_1}X) + \nabla'_X(A'_{\zeta_1}Y) + m(Y, A'_{\zeta_1}X) - m(X, A'_{\zeta_1}Y) - A'_{\zeta_1}([X, Y]).
$$
\n(4.23)

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So, we have

$$
R^*(X, Y, \zeta_1, \zeta_2) = g(R^*(X, Y)\zeta_1, \zeta_2)
$$
  
=  $g(R'(X, Y)\zeta_1, \zeta_2) + g(A'_{\zeta_1}X, A'_{\zeta_2}Y) - g(A'_{\zeta_1}Y, A'_{\zeta_2}X)$   
=  $R'(X, Y, \zeta_1, \zeta_2) + g(A'_{\zeta_1}X, A'_{\zeta_2}Y) - g(A'_{\zeta_1}Y, A'_{\zeta_2}X)$ , (4.24)

which is the Ricci equation corresponding to the quarter-symmetric metric connection.

*Remark 4.4* If we consider the submanifold M to be invariant, then from Lemma [3.1,](#page-4-3) we have the shape operator to be symmetric. Thus, we can express the Ricci equation in the following form:

$$
R^*(X, Y, \zeta_1, \zeta_2) = R'(X, Y, \zeta_1, \zeta_2) + g([A'_{\zeta_1}, A'_{\zeta_2}]X, Y). \tag{4.25}
$$

#### <span id="page-11-0"></span>**5 Example**

*Example 5.1* Let us consider the 5-dimensional manifold  $\overline{M} = \{(x, y, z, u, v) \in$  $\mathbb{R}^5$ ,  $(x, y, z, u, v) \neq (0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$ , where  $(x, y, z, u, v)$  are the standard coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ . The vector fields

$$
e_1 = 2\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right), \ e_2 = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \ e_3 = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \ e_4 = 2\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial u} + v\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right), \ e_5 = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial v}
$$
(5.1)

are linearly independent at each point of  $\overline{M}$ . Let *g* be the metirc defined by

$$
g(e_i, e_j) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{when } i = j \\ 0, & \text{when } i \neq j. \end{cases}
$$

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(Z) = g(Z, e_3)$ , for all  $Z \in T\overline{M}$ , and let  $\phi$  be the (1, 1) tensor field defined by

$$
\phi e_1 = e_2, \quad \phi e_2 = -e_1, \quad \phi e_3 = 0, \quad \phi e_4 = e_5, \quad \phi e_5 = -e_4. \tag{5.2}
$$

Then, using the linearity of  $\phi$  and *g*, we have

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

and

$$
g(\phi Z, \phi W) = g(Z, W) - \eta(Z)\eta(W), \ \forall \ Z, W \in T\overline{M}.
$$

Thus, for  $e_3 = \xi$ ,  $(\overline{M}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be an almost contact metric manifold. Let  $\overline{\nabla}$  be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to the metric *g*. Then, we have

$$
[e_1, e_2] = -2e_3 = [e_4, e_5]
$$
 and  $[e_i, e_j] = 0$ , for all other *i*, *j*.

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<span id="page-12-0"></span>Taking  $e_3 = \xi$  and using Koszul's formula for the metric *g*, it can be easily calculated that

$$
\begin{aligned}\n\bar{\nabla}_{e_1} e_2 &= -e_3, & \bar{\nabla}_{e_1} e_3 &= e_2, & \bar{\nabla}_{e_2} e_1 &= -e_3, & \bar{\nabla}_{e_2} e_3 &= -e_1, & \bar{\nabla}_{e_3} e_1 &= e_2, \\
\bar{\nabla}_{e_3} e_2 &= -e_1, & \bar{\nabla}_{e_3} e_4 &= e_5, & \bar{\nabla}_{e_3} e_5 &= -e_4, & \bar{\nabla}_{e_4} e_3 &= e_5, & \bar{\nabla}_{e_5} e_3 &= -e_4, \\
\end{aligned} \tag{5.3}
$$

and the rest of the terms are 0.

Since  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5\}$  is a frame filed, then any vector field *X*,  $Y \in T\overline{M}$  can be wrriten as

$$
X = a_1e_1 + b_1e_2 + c_1e_3 + d_1e_4 + f_1e_5, \quad Y = a_2e_1 + b_2e_2 + c_ce_3 + d_2e_4 + f_2e_5
$$

where  $a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i, f_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1, 2$  such that

$$
a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 + d_1d_2 + f_1f_2 \neq 0.
$$

<span id="page-12-1"></span>Hence, we derive

$$
g(X, Y) = a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2 + d_1 d_2 + f_1 f_2.
$$
 (5.4)

Now, using  $(5.3)$ , we get

$$
\overline{\nabla}_X Y = -(b_1c_2 + b_2c_1)e_1 + (a_1c_2 + a_2c_1)e_2 - (a_2b_1a_1b_2)e_3
$$
  
-(c<sub>1</sub>f<sub>2</sub> + c<sub>2</sub>f<sub>1</sub>)e<sub>4</sub> + (c<sub>1</sub>d<sub>2</sub> + c<sub>2</sub>d<sub>1</sub>)e<sub>5</sub>.

<span id="page-12-2"></span>Thus, from  $(3.1)$ , we obtain

$$
\nabla_X^* Y = a_1 c_2 e_2 - b_1 c_2 e_1 - (a_2 b_1 + a_1 b_2) e_3 - c_2 f_1 e_4 + c_2 d_1 e_5. \tag{5.5}
$$

Also from [\(5.4\)](#page-12-1), it follows that  $\nabla^* g = 0$ . Thus, in an almost contact metric manifold, the quarter-symmetric metric connection is given by [\(5.5\)](#page-12-2).

Now, let *M* be a subset of  $\overline{M}$  and consider an isometric immersion  $f : M \longrightarrow$  $\bar{M}$  by

$$
f(x, y, z) = (x, y, z, 0, 0).
$$

It can be easily seen that *M* is a 3-dimensional submanifold of the 5 -dimensional almost contact metric manifold  $\overline{M}$ . Now,  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3, (x, y, z) \neq 0\}$ , where  $(x, y, z)$  are the standard coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . The vector fields

$$
e_1 = 2\left(-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right), e_2 = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial y}, e_3 = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial z}
$$

are linearly independent at each point of *M*. Let us denote the induced metric by the same symbol *g* such that

$$
g(e_1, e_2) = g(e_1, e_3) = g(e_2, e_3) = 0
$$

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and

$$
g(e_1, e_1) = g(e_2, e_2) = g(e_3, e_3) = 1.
$$

Let ∇ be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to the metric *g* on *M*. Then, we have

$$
[e_1, e_2] = -2e_3
$$
 and  $[e_1, e_3] = 0 = [e_2, e_3].$ 

Taking  $e_3 = \xi$  and using Koszul's formula for the induced metric *g*, it can be easily calculated that

$$
\nabla_{e_1} e_2 = -e_3, \ \nabla_{e_1} e_3 = e_2, \ \nabla_{e_1} e_1 = 0, \ \nabla_{e_2} e_3 = -e_1, \ \nabla_{e_2} e_2 = 0,
$$
  

$$
\nabla_{e_2} e_1 = -e_3, \ \nabla_{e_3} e_3 = 0, \ \nabla_{e_3} e_2 = -e_1, \ \nabla_{e_3} e_1 = e_2.
$$

Clearly,  $\{e_4, e_5\}$  is the frame for the normal bundle  $T^{\perp}M$ . If we take *X*,  $Y \in TM$ , then we can express them as

$$
X = a_1 e_1 = b_1 e_2 + c_1 e_3, \quad Y = a_2 e_1 = b_2 e_2 + c_2 e_3
$$

and therefore

$$
\nabla_X Y = -(b_1c_2 + b_2c_1)e_1 + (a_1c_2 + a_2c_1)e_2 - (a_1b_2 + a_2b_1)e_3 \tag{5.6}
$$

which is the tangential part of  $\bar{\nabla}_X Y$ . The second fundamental form is given by

$$
h(X, Y) = -(c_1 f_2 + c_2 f_1)e_4 + (c_1 d_2 + c_2 d_1)e_5.
$$
 (5.7)

Now, the tangential part of ∇<sup>∗</sup> *<sup>X</sup> Y* is given by

$$
\nabla'_X Y = -b_1 c_2 e_1 + a_1 c_2 e_2 - (a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1) e_3 = \nabla_X Y - \eta(X) PY. \tag{5.8}
$$

And, the normal part of  $\nabla_X^* Y$  will be

$$
m(X, Y) = -c_2 f_1 e_4 + c_2 d_1 e_5 = h(X, Y) - \eta(X) QY.
$$
 (5.9)

It is easy to check that  $\nabla'_X g = \nabla^*_X g$ , for any  $X \in TM$ .

We can easily check that the submanifold *M* is minimal with respect to both the connections, the Levi-Civita as well as the quarter-symmetric connection.

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