

# Certain Results on $\eta$ -Ricci Solitons in $\alpha$ -Sasakian Manifolds

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## Abstract

In this paper we study  $\eta$ -Ricci Solitons in  $\alpha$ -Sasakian Manifolds. It is shown that a symmetric parallel second order covariant tensor in a  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is a constant multiple of the metric tensor. In the last, we discuss  $\eta$ -Ricci Solitons in conharmonically flat  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

In 1982, Ricci solitons were introduced by R.S. Hamilton as natural generalizations of Einstein metrics[12]. A Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda)$  is defined on a pseudo-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  by

$$\mathcal{L}_V g + 2S + 2\lambda g = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_V g$  denoted the Lie derivative of Riemannian metric  $g$  along a vector field  $V$ ,  $\lambda$  is a constant and  $X, Y$  are arbitrary vector fields on  $M$ .

A Ricci soliton is said to be shrinking, steady and expanding according as  $\lambda$  is negative, zero and positive respectively. Theoretical physicists have also been taking interest in the equation of Ricci soliton in relation with string theory and the fact that equation (1.1) is a special case of Einstein field equations. The Ricci soliton in Riemannian Geometry was introduced [13] as self similar solution of the Ricci flow. Recent progress on Riemannian Ricci solitons may be found in [9], Also, Ricci solitons have been studied extensively in the context of Pseudo-Riemannian Geometry. We may refer to [4, 6, 7, 8, 14].

As a generalization of Ricci solitons, the notion of  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton was introduced by Cho and Kimura [10]. This notion has also been studied in [5] for Hopf hypersurfaces in complex space forms. An  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton is a tuple  $(g, V, \lambda, \mu)$ , where  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are constants,  $V$  is a vector field on  $M$  and  $g$  is a Riemannian (or Pseudo-Riemannian) metric satisfying the equation

$$\mathcal{L}_V g + 2S + 2\lambda g + 2\mu\eta \otimes \eta = 0 \quad (1.2)$$

where  $S$  is the Ricci tensor associated to  $g$ . In this connection we mention the works of Blaga [1, 2, 3] with  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons. In particular, if  $\mu = 0$  then the notion  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda, \mu)$  reduces to the notion of Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda)$ .

In the present paper, we study  $\alpha$ -Sasakian  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons. The paper is organised as follows: Section 2 is devoted to preliminaries on  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds. In section 3, It is shown that a symmetric parallel second order covariant tensor in a  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is a constant multiple of the metric tensor. Next, we discuss  $\eta$ -Ricci Solitons in conharmonically flat  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $M$  be an almost contact metric manifold of dimension  $n$ , equipped with an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  consisting of a  $(1,1)$  tensor field  $\phi$ , a vector field  $\xi$ , a 1-form  $\eta$  and a Riemannian metric  $g$ , which satisfy

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

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

for all  $X, Y \in T(M)$ . An almost contact metric manifold  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold if the following condition hold:

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y = \alpha(g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X) \quad (2.3)$$

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y = \alpha \phi X, \quad (\nabla_X \eta)Y = \alpha g(X, \phi Y) \tag{2.4}$$

for some nonzero constant  $\alpha$  on  $M$ .

In an  $\alpha$ - Sasakian manifold, the following relations hold:

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \alpha^2[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] \tag{2.5}$$

$$R(\xi, X)Y = \alpha^2[g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X] \tag{2.6}$$

$$\eta(R(X, Y), Z) = \alpha^2[g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)] \tag{2.7}$$

$$S(X, \xi) = \alpha^2(n-1)\eta(X) \tag{2.8}$$

$$S(\xi, \xi) = \alpha^2(n-1) \tag{2.9}$$

$$Q\xi = \alpha^2(n-1)\xi \tag{2.10}$$

for all  $X, Y, Z \in T(M)$ , where  $R$  is the Riemannian curvature tensor,  $S$  is the Ricci tensor and  $Q$  is the Ricci operator.

**Definition 1.** The conharmonic curvature tensor  $C$  of type (1,3) on  $M$  of dimension  $n$  is defined by

$$C(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - (1/(n-2))[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY] \tag{2.11}$$

**Definition 2.** The projective curvature tensor  $P$  of type (1,3) on  $M$  of dimension  $n$  is defined by

$$P(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - (1/(n-1))[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y] \tag{2.12}$$

**Definition 3.** An almost contact metric manifold  $M$  is said to be  $\eta$ - Einstein if its Ricci tensor  $S$  satisfies

$$S(X, Y) = \alpha g(X, Y) + \beta \eta(X)\eta(Y) \tag{2.13}$$

For all  $X, Y \in T(M)$ ,

For some real constants  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

Such notion was first introduced and studied by Okumura [19] and named by Sasaki [20] in the lecture notes 1965. In particular, if  $\beta = 0$ , we say that  $M$  is Einstein.

### III. ETA- RICCI SOLITON ON ALPHA- SASAKIAN MANIFOLD

Let  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold and let  $(M, (g, \xi, \lambda, \mu))$  be a  $\alpha$ -Sasakian  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton. Then the relation (1.2) implies

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) + 2S(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) + 2\mu \eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_V$  is the Lie derivative operator along the vector field  $V$ ,  $S$  is the Ricci curvature tensor field of the metric  $g$  and  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are real constants. The above equation can be written as:

$$2S(X, Y) = -(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) - 2\lambda g(X, Y) - 2\mu \eta(X)\eta(Y) \tag{3.1}$$

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

An important geometrical object in studying Ricci solitons is well-known to be a symmetric (0,2)- tensor field which is parallel with respect to the Levi-Civita connection, some of its geometrical properties being described in [3],[4],[18] etc. In the same manner as in [5] we shall state the existence of  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons in our settings.

Consider now  $\pi$  such a symmetric (0,2)- tensor field which is parallel with respect to the Levi-Civita connection ( $\nabla \pi = 0$ ). Applying the Ricci commutation identity  $\nabla^2 \pi(X, Y; Z, W) - \nabla^2 \pi(X, Y; W, Z) = 0$ , we obtain for any  $X, Y, Z, W \in T(M)$  [17].

$$\pi(R(X, Y)Z, W) + \pi(Z, R(X, Y)W) = 0 \tag{3.2}$$

Replacing  $Z = W = \xi$  in (3.2) and by the symmetry of  $\pi$ , we have

$$\pi(R(X,Y)\xi,\xi) = 0 \tag{3.3}$$

Taking  $X = \xi$  in (3.3), then by virtue of (2.5), we have

$$\alpha^2[\pi(Y,\xi) - \pi(\xi,\xi)\eta(Y)] = 0 \tag{3.4}$$

The above equation yields:

$$\pi(Y,\xi) - \pi(\xi,\xi)\eta(Y) = 0 \tag{3.5}$$

Again by taking  $X = Z = \xi$  in (3.2), we obtain

$$\alpha^2[\eta(Y)\pi(\xi,W) - \pi(Y,W) + g(Y,W)\pi(\xi,\xi) - \eta(W)\pi(\xi,Y)] = 0 \tag{3.6}$$

Since  $\alpha^2 \neq 0$ , we have

$$\pi(Y,W) = \eta(Y)\pi(\xi,W) + g(Y,W)\pi(\xi,\xi) - \eta(W)\pi(\xi,Y) \tag{3.7}$$

By using (3.5) in (3.7), we have

$$\pi(X,Y) = \pi(\xi,\xi)g(X,Y) \tag{3.8}$$

The above equation gives the conclusion:

**Theorem 1:** Let  $M(\varphi,\xi,\eta,g)$  be a  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold with non-vanishing  $\xi$ - sectional curvature and endowed with a symmetric tensor field  $\pi$  of type (0,2). If  $\pi$  is parallel with respect to the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  then it is a constant multiple of the metric tensor  $g$ .

On a  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$ , from (2.5) and the skew-symmetric property of  $\varphi$ , we obtain

$$(\mathbb{F}_v g)(X,Y) = g(\nabla_v \xi, Y) + g(X, \nabla_v \xi) = 0 \tag{3.9}$$

Now, From equation (3.1) and (3.9), we get

$$S(X,Y) = -\lambda g(X,Y) - \mu \eta(X)\eta(Y) \tag{3.10}$$

thus, we conclude that  $(M,(g,\xi,\lambda,\mu))$  is an  $\eta$ - Einstein manifold.

The equation (3.10) yields

$$S(X,\xi) = -(\lambda+\mu)\eta(X) \tag{3.11}$$

$$QX = -\lambda X - \mu \eta(X)\xi \tag{3.12}$$

$$Q\xi = -(\lambda+\mu)\xi \tag{3.13}$$

From (3.10) we state :

**Theorem 2:** A  $\alpha$ -Sasakian  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(M,(g,\xi,\lambda,\mu))$  is an  $\eta$ - Einstein manifold.

In particular, if  $\mu = 0$  in (3.10), then it reduces to

$$S(X,Y) = -\lambda g(X,Y) \tag{3.14}$$

Thus the pair  $(M,(g,\xi,\lambda))$  is an Einstein manifold. So we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 1:** A  $\alpha$ -Sasakian Ricci soliton  $(M,(g,\xi,\lambda))$  is an Einstein manifold.

Consider a  $\alpha$ -Sasakian  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(M,(g,\xi,\lambda,\mu))$  which is projective Ricci-semisymmetric. Then the condition  $P(X,Y).S = 0$  implies that

$$S(P(\xi,X)Y,Z) + S(Y,P(\xi,X)Z) = 0 \tag{3.15}$$

For any vector fields  $X,Y,Z$  on  $M$  and  $P$  denotes the projective curvature tensor defined by

$$P(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)Z - (1/(n-1))(S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y)$$

Putting  $X = \xi$  in above, we get

$$P(\xi,Y)Z = R(\xi,Y)Z - (1/(n-1))(S(Y,Z)\xi - S(\xi,Z)Y) \tag{3.16}$$

using (3.10) in (3.15), we get

$$-\lambda[g(P(\xi,X)Y,Z) + g(Y,P(\xi,X)Z)] - \mu[\eta(P(\xi,X)Y)\eta(Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(P(\xi,X)Z)] = 0 \tag{3.17}$$

using (2.6) and (3.10) in (3.16), we obtain

$$P(\xi,X)Y = [\alpha^2 + (\lambda/(n-1))]g(X,Y)\xi - [((\lambda+\mu)/(n-1)) + \alpha^2]\eta(Y)X + (\mu/(n-1))\eta(X)\eta(Y)\xi \tag{3.18}$$

and

$$\eta(P(\xi,X)Y) = (\alpha^2 + (\lambda/(n-1)))(g(X,Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)) \tag{3.19}$$

using (3.18) and (3.19) in (3.17), we get

$$-((\alpha^2\mu)/(n-1))[g(X,Y)\eta(Z) + g(X,Z)\eta(Y) - 2\eta(X)\eta(Y)\eta(Z)] = 0 \tag{3.20}$$

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (3.20), we get

$$-((\alpha^2\mu)/(n-1))[g(X,Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)] = 0 \tag{3.21}$$

This follows that  $\mu = 0$ . Again, a contradiction. Hence  $(M,(g,\xi,\lambda,\mu))$  ( $n > 1$ ) can not be projective Ricci-symmetric. Thus, it follows the following results:

**Theorem 3:** A  $\alpha$ -Sasakian  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(M,(g,\xi,\lambda,\mu))$  ( $n > 1$ ) can not be projective Ricci-symmetric.

#### IV. CONHARMONICALLY FLAT ALPHA-SASAKIAN ETA-RICCI SOLITONS

It is known that in case of a conharmonically flat  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M(\phi,\xi,\eta,g)$  ( $n > 3$ ) the curvature 'R of type (0,4) has the following form [16].

$$'R(X,Y,Z,W) = (1/(n-2))[S(Y,Z)g(X,W) - S(X,Z)g(Y,W) + S(X,W)g(Y,Z) - S(Y,W)g(X,Z)] \tag{4.1}$$

Contracting (3.10) over X and Y we get  $r = -(n\lambda + \mu)$ , where r denotes the scalar curvature of the manifold. By making use of the value of r and (3.10) equation (4.1) can be written as

$$'R(X,Y,Z,W) = ((2\lambda)/((n-1)(n-2)))[g(X,Z)g(Y,W) - g(Y,Z)g(X,W)] - (\mu/(n-2))[\eta(Y)\eta(Z)g(X,W) - \eta(X)\eta(Z)g(Y,W) + \eta(X)\eta(W)g(Y,Z) - \eta(Y)\eta(W)g(X,Z)] \tag{4.2}$$

Let  $n = \sqrt{[(2\lambda)/((n-1)(n-2))]}$  and  $n' = (\mu/(n-2)) \sqrt{[(n-1)(n-2)/(2\lambda)]}$

Then equation (4.2) can be written as

$$'R(X,Y,Z,W) = H(X,Z)H(Y,W) - H(X,W)H(Y,Z) \tag{4.3}$$

where

$$H(X,Y) = ng(X,Y) + n'\eta(X)\eta(Y) \tag{4.4}$$

The above result is stated in the following theorem:

**Theorem 4:** A conharmonically flat  $\alpha$ -Sasakian  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $M(\phi,\xi,\eta,g)$  is  $(\Phi H)_n$  with associated symmetric tensor H given by (4.4).

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