

# Conformal vector fields on almost $\alpha$ -Cosymplectic $(\kappa, \mu)$ -spaces

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**Abstract.** This paper investigates almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifolds that admit a conformal vector field. It is shown that such manifolds are locally isometric to the product of a Kähler manifold and either an open interval or the unit circle  $S^1$ , and that the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  is Killing. Furthermore, we explore the existence of  $\eta$ -Ricci-Yamabe solitons associated with conformal vector fields on  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifolds. In addition, it is demonstrated that if a three-dimensional almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -space admits a homothetic vector field  $V$ , then the manifold either possesses constant scalar curvature or  $V$  is an infinitesimal contact transformation. Finally, example is constructed to illustrate and validate the theoretical results.

## 1 Introduction

In recent years, considerable attention has been devoted to the study of the geometry of almost cosymplectic manifolds, originally introduced by Goldberg and Yano in 1969 [7]. An almost cosymplectic manifold refers to a smooth  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional manifold equipped with a closed 1-form  $\eta$  and a closed 2-form  $\Phi$ . It is known that if the almost contact structure is normal, the manifold is called cosymplectic. Furthermore, Endo [8] introduced the notion of almost cosymplectic  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -spaces, characterized by a curvature tensor satisfying

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \kappa(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + \mu(\eta(Y)hX - \eta(X)hY),$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ , where  $\kappa$  and  $\mu$  are constants, and  $h$  is the  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field defined by  $h = \frac{1}{2}L_\xi\phi$  where  $L_\xi$  is Lie-derivative along  $\xi$ . Kim [10] introduced the concept of an almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold, which refers to an almost contact manifold satisfying  $d\eta = 0$  and  $d\Phi = 2\alpha\eta \wedge \Phi$ , where  $\alpha$  is a real constant. Aktan et al. [12] conducted an in-depth study of almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic  $(\kappa, \mu, \nu)$ -spaces and obtained several significant results. In [17] Yildirim and Aktan investigated holomorphically planar conformal vector fields on almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -spaces.

In a contact manifold, the presence of a conformal vector field can be explained by some intrinsic properties of contact manifolds. For instance, it is well known [16] that a Riemannian manifold  $M$  is conformally flat if it admits a maximal group of conformal motions, consisting of  $\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$ -parameters. In [11] Okumura showed that for  $n > 3$ , a connected complete Sasakian manifold admitting a conformal motion is isometric to a sphere. Later, Sharma [14] extended this study to  $N(K)$ -contact metric manifolds admitting conformal motions. In [5] De et al. Studied conformal vector fields on almost Kenmotsu manifolds. Moreover, Sardar and De [13] characterized  $f$ -cosymplectic manifolds admitting conformal vector fields. In [1] Alias, Caminha, and Nascimento explored complete Kählerian manifolds endowed with non-trivial closed conformal vector fields.

A vector field  $V$  on a Riemannian manifold is said to satisfy the equation [5]:

$$\mathcal{L}_V g = 2\Omega g, \tag{1.1}$$

where  $\Omega$  being a smooth function and  $\mathcal{L}_V$  is the Lie-derivative, is called a conformal vector field. If  $V$  is not Killing, it is termed non-trivial. If  $\Omega$  vanishes, then the conformal vector field  $V$  is named Killing. If  $\Omega$  is constant, then the conformal vector field  $V$  is homothetic.

The Killing, conformal and homothetic vector fields have numerous applications in differential geometry as well as in mathematical physics.

If  $r$ ,  $R$ , and  $Ric$  indicate the scalar curvature, the curvature tensor, and the Ricci tensor, respectively, then for conformal vector field  $V$  we have [16]:

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(X, Y) = (X\Omega)Y - (Y\Omega)X - g(X, Y)D\Omega, \tag{1.2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}_V R)(X, Y)Z &= g(\nabla_X D\Omega, Z)Y - g(\nabla_Y D\Omega, Z)X \\ &+ g(X, Z)\nabla_Y D\Omega - g(Y, Z)\nabla_X D\Omega, \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

$$(\mathcal{L}_V Ric)(X, Y) = -(2n - 1)g(\nabla_X D\Omega, Y) - (\Delta\Omega)g(X, Y), \tag{1.4}$$

$$(\mathcal{L}_V r) = -4n(\Delta\Omega) - 2r\Omega, \tag{1.5}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ , and  $Z$  on  $M$ , where  $D\Omega$  and  $\Delta\Omega = divD\Omega$  respectively denote the gradient and Laplacian of  $\Omega$ .

A vector field  $V$  satisfying the relation

$$\mathcal{L}_V \eta = \Omega\eta, \tag{1.6}$$

where  $\Omega$  being a scalar function is named an infinitesimal contact transformation. It is named as infinitesimal strict contact transformation, if  $\Omega$  vanishes identically.

A Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is called nearly quasi-Einstein manifold if its Ricci tensor  $Ric$  satisfies [18]:

$$Ric = ag + bE,$$

where  $a, b$  are functions and  $E$  is a non-vanishing symmetric  $(0, 2)$ -tensor on  $M$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional almost contact manifold equipped with a triple  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$ , where  $\phi$  is a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$  (i.e., an endomorphism of the tangent bundle),  $\xi$  is a vector field known as the Reeb vector field, and  $\eta$  is a 1-form. These structures satisfy the following fundamental relations:

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

which characterize the almost contact structure on  $M$ .

It is known that it an almost contact manifold  $M$  admits a Riemannian metric  $g$  satisfying

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

then  $g$  is termed the compatible metric with the structure. Consequently, the manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is denoted as an almost contact metric manifold. An almost contact manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta)$  is termed normal when the tensor field  $N = [\phi, \phi] + 2d\eta \otimes \xi$  vanishes identically, where  $[\phi, \phi]$  denotes the Nijenhuis tensor of  $\phi$ . The fundamental 2-form  $\Phi$  on  $M$  is defined as  $\Phi(X, Y) = g(\phi X, Y)$  for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ .

An almost cosymplectic manifold is characterized as an almost contact metric manifold where  $d\eta = 0$ , and  $d\Phi = 2\alpha\eta \wedge \phi$ , where  $\alpha$  is any real number (refer to [12]). A normal almost

$\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold aligns with the definition of an  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold. An  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold is either cosymplectic when  $\alpha = 0$  or  $\alpha$ -Kenmotsu ( $\alpha \neq 0$ ), where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $M$  be an almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold with structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , and we denote by the distribution orthogonal to  $\xi$ , that is  $= \ker \eta = \{X : \eta(X) = 0\}$ .

Since the 1-form  $\eta$  is closed, we have  $\mathcal{L}_\xi \eta = 0$  and  $[X, \xi] \in$  for any  $X \in$ , the Levi-civita connection satisfies  $\nabla_\xi \xi = 0$  and  $\nabla_\xi \phi \in$ , which implies that  $\nabla_\xi X \in$  for any  $X \in$ .

Now, the tensor field  $h$  denoted by  $h = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{L}_\xi \phi$  is symmetric operator.

In addition, in an almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold satisfies the following equations [12]:

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\alpha \phi^2 X - \phi h X, \tag{2.3}$$

$$h\xi = 0, \quad g(hX, Y) = g(X, hY), \quad \text{trace}(h) = 0, \quad \phi X + X\phi = 0, \tag{2.4}$$

$$(\nabla_X \eta)Y = \alpha[g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)] + g(\phi Y, hX), \tag{2.5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)\xi &= \alpha^2[\eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X] - \alpha[\eta(X)\phi hY - \eta(Y)\phi hX] \\ &+ (\nabla_Y \phi h)X - (\nabla_X \phi h)Y, \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

$$\text{Ric}(\xi, \xi) = -(2n\alpha^2 + \text{tr}(h^2)), \tag{2.7}$$

where  $X, Y$  are arbitrary vector fields on  $M$ .

**Remark.1** [3] If a f-cosymplectic manifold with  $\xi(f) = 0$  is compact, then it becomes an  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold. In particular, if  $f = 0$ , then  $M$  is cosymplectic.

**Remark.2** [2] A cosymplectic manifold is locally the product of a Kähler manifold and an interval or unit circle  $S^1$ .

### 3 Almost $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold admitting conformal vector fields:

In this section, we give a characterization of almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifolds admitting conformal vector field. First we prove the following results.

**Theorem 3.1.** *If the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  of  $M^{2n+1}$  is a conformal vector field, then  $M$  is locally the product of Kähler manifold and an interval or unit circle  $S^1$  and the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  is Killing.*

*Proof.* Let us assume that the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  is a conformal vector field on  $M$ . Then, equation (1.1) implies

$$(\mathcal{L}_\xi g)(X, Y) = 2\Omega g(X, Y), \tag{3.1}$$

which means that

$$g(\nabla_X \xi, Y) + g(X, \nabla_Y \xi) = 2\Omega g(X, Y). \tag{3.2}$$

Using (2.1) and (2.3) in (3.2), we obtain

$$\alpha g(X, Y) - \alpha \eta(X)\eta(Y) - g(X, \phi hY) = \Omega g(X, Y). \tag{3.3}$$

By putting  $X = Y = \xi$  into the foregoing equation, we acquire that

$$\Omega = 0. \tag{3.4}$$

Applying (3.4) in (3.1), we obtain

$$(\mathcal{L}_\xi g)(X, Y) = 0.$$

Hence, the above equation implies that  $\xi$  is Killing. Thus, we acquire  $h = 0$ . Therefore, the manifold becomes a cosymplectic manifold. Hence from Remark 2, we can complete the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *If a conformal vector field  $V$  in  $M$  is pointwise collinear with the Reeb vector field  $\xi$ , then  $M$  is locally the product of the Kähler manifold and an interval or unit circle  $S^1$  and the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  is Killing.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $V = b\xi$ , where  $b$  is a smooth function on  $M$ . Then, from (1.1), we get

$$(\mathcal{L}_{b\xi}g)(X, Y) = 2\Omega g(X, Y), \tag{3.5}$$

which implies

$$g(\nabla_X b\xi, Y) + g(X, \nabla_Y b\xi) = 2\Omega g(X, Y). \tag{3.6}$$

Using (2.3) into the preceding equation yields

$$(Xb)\eta(Y) + (Yb)\eta(X) + 2b[\alpha g(X, Y) - \alpha\eta(X)\eta(Y) - g(X, \phi hY)] = 2\Omega g(X, Y), \tag{3.7}$$

contracting the foregoing equation gives

$$(\xi b) = (2n + 1) - 2nb\alpha. \tag{3.8}$$

Replacing  $X = \phi X$  in (3.7), we obtain

$$(\phi X b)\eta(Y) + 2b[\alpha g(\phi X, Y) - g(\phi X, \phi hY)] = 2\Omega g(\phi X, Y). \tag{3.9}$$

By setting  $Y = \xi$  in (3.9), we get

$$(\phi X)b = 0. \tag{3.10}$$

Using equation (3.10) in (3.9), we acquire

$$b[\alpha g(\phi X, Y) - g(\phi X, \phi hY)] = \Omega g(\phi X, Y). \tag{3.11}$$

Interchanging  $X$  and  $Y$  in (3.11), we get

$$b[-\alpha g(\phi X, Y) - g(\phi X, \phi hY)] = -\Omega g(\phi X, Y). \tag{3.12}$$

In view of the above two equations, we obtain

$$(b\alpha - \Omega)g(\phi X, Y) = 0, \tag{3.13}$$

which implies

$$b\alpha = \Omega. \tag{3.14}$$

Using (3.14) in (3.12), we infer

$$bg(\phi X, \phi hY) = 0,$$

which implies either  $b = 0$  or  $b \neq 0$ .

**Case(i):** If  $b = 0$ , then (3.14) implies  $\Omega = 0$ . Hence,  $V$  is Killing, which means that  $\xi$  is Killing.

**Case(ii):** If  $b \neq 0$ , then  $g(\phi X, \phi hY) = 0$ , hence  $h=0$ , which means that  $\xi$  is Killing.

Hence, both cases imply  $\xi$  is Killing. Hence using Remark 1. This completes the proof. □

### 4 $\eta$ -Ricci-Yamabe soliton with conformal vector fields

The concept of an  $\eta$ -Ricci-Yamabe soliton comes as a generalization of Ricci-Yamabe soliton of type  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1)$  defined as ([15]):

$$\mathcal{L}_V g + 2\alpha_1 Ric + (2\lambda_1 - \beta_1 r)g + 2\nu_1 \eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0, \tag{4.1}$$

where  $\alpha_1, \beta_1$ , and  $\nu_1$  are constants. If  $\nu_1 = 0$ , then  $\eta$ -Ricci-Yamabe soliton reduces to a Ricci-Yamabe soliton, and for  $\nu_1 \neq 0$ , it is called proper  $\eta$ -Ricci-Yamabe soliton.

Again, let us note that  $\eta$ -Ricci-Yamabe soliton of type  $(1, 0)$  or type  $(0, 1)$  is  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton and  $\eta$ -Yamabe soliton, respectively.

In [4] De, et al. studied Ricci-Yamabe solitons on three dimensional Riemannian manifolds.

**Theorem 4.1.** *If an almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold with constant scalar curvature admits an  $\eta$ -Ricci-Yamabe soliton with conformal vector, then either it is an Einstein manifold or it is locally the product of a Kähler manifold and an interval or unit circle  $S^1$ .*

*Proof.* Let the almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold  $M$  endowed an  $\eta$ -Ricci-Yamabe soliton admit conformal vector field.

Using (1.1) in (4.1), we get

$$2\Omega g(X, Y) + 2\alpha_1 Ric(X, Y) + (2\lambda - \beta_1 r)g(X, Y) + 2\nu_1 \eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0. \tag{4.2}$$

Setting  $X = Y = \xi$  in (4.2) entails that

$$\Omega = \alpha_1(2n\alpha^2 + tr(h^2)) - (\lambda - \frac{\beta_1}{2}r) - \nu_1. \tag{4.3}$$

Contracting (4.2), we get

$$\Omega(2n + 1) = -\alpha_1 r - (\lambda - \frac{\beta_1}{2}r)(2n + 1) - \nu_1, \tag{4.4}$$

From (4.3) and (4.4), we obtain

$$\alpha_1(2n\alpha^2 + tr(h^2))(2n + 1) + \alpha_1 r = 2n\nu_1, \tag{4.5}$$

if we take  $r$  is constant and  $h = 0$ . Therefore, the manifold becomes an  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold. Also, (4.5) implies

$$\nu_1 = \frac{\alpha_1(2n\alpha^2 + tr(h^2))(2n + 1) + \alpha_1 r}{2n}. \tag{4.6}$$

Since  $r$  is constant, the equation (4.4) implies  $\Omega$  is constant.

Hence from (1.5), we get

$$\Omega r = 0, \tag{4.7}$$

which means that  $\Omega = 0$ , Hence  $V$  is Killing. Therefore, (4.2) implies

$$\alpha_1 Ric(X, Y) = -(\lambda - \frac{\beta_1}{2}r)g(X, Y) - \nu_1 \eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{4.8}$$

which is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold with constant co-efficients.

Now, taking covariant differentiation of (4.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1(\nabla_Z Ric)(X, Y) &= -\nu_1[\alpha g(X, Y)\eta(Y) + \alpha\eta(X)g(Y, Z) - 2\alpha\eta(X)\eta(Y)\eta(Z)] \\ &+ g(\phi X, hZ)\eta(Y) + g(\phi Y, hZ)\eta(X). \end{aligned} \tag{4.9}$$

Contracting the foregoing equation, we obtain

$$2n\alpha\nu_1\eta(Y) = 0, \tag{4.10}$$

which implies either  $\nu_1 = 0$  or  $\alpha = 0$ .

Case(i): If  $\nu_1 = 0$  then (4.8) implies

$$\alpha_1 Ric(X, Y) = -(\lambda - \frac{\beta_1}{2}r)g(X, Y),$$

Which shows that the manifold is an Einstein manifold.

Case(ii): If  $\alpha = 0$  then the manifold becomes a cosymplectic manifold. Hence, from the Remark 2, the proof is completed. □

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $M$  be an almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold admitting a  $\eta$ -Ricci-Yamabe soliton. If the potential vector field  $V$  is pointwise collinear with  $\xi$ , then  $M$  is a nearly quasi Einstein manifold.*

*Proof.* Since  $M$  is a  $\eta$ -Ricci-Yamabe soliton whose potential vector field  $V$  is pointwise collinear with  $\xi$ , that is  $V = b\xi$ , then we know that

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) = g(\nabla_X V, Y) + g(\nabla_Y V, X).$$

Using (2.1) and (2.3), above equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) &= g(Db, X)\eta(Y) + g(Db, Y)\eta(X) + 2b\alpha g(X, Y) \\ &\quad - 2b\alpha\eta(X)\eta(Y) - 2bg(\phi hX, Y), \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ , where  $Db$  is the gradient of a smooth function  $b$  on  $M$ . By combining (4.1) and (4.11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} Ric(X, Y) &= \frac{1}{2\alpha_1} [(-2b\alpha - 2\lambda + \beta_1 r)g(X, Y) - 2(b\alpha + \nu_1)\eta(X)\eta(Y) \\ &\quad - g(Db, X)\eta(Y) - g(Db, Y)\eta(X)]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

If we denote the dual 1-form of  $Db$  by  $\phi$ , then (4.12) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} Ric(X, Y) &= \frac{1}{2\alpha_1} [(-2b\alpha - 2\lambda + \beta_1 r)g(X, Y) - 2(b\alpha + \nu_1)\eta(X)\eta(Y) \\ &\quad - \phi(X)\eta(Y) - \phi(Y)\eta(X)]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

If we take a non-vanishing symmetric  $(0, 2)$ -tensor  $E$  in (4.13) such that

$$E(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2\alpha_1} [-2(b\alpha + \nu_1)\eta(X)\eta(Y) - \phi(X)\eta(Y) - \phi(Y)\eta(X)],$$

then the equation (4.13) becomes

$$Ric(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2\alpha_1} [(-2b\alpha - 2\lambda + \beta_1 r)g(X, Y)] + E(X, Y).$$

This means that  $M$  is a nearly quasi-Einstein manifold. □

As an immediate consequence of above theorem, we have the following corollary:

**Corollary 4.3.** *Let  $M$  be an almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold admitting a  $\eta$ -Ricci-Yamabe soliton. If the potential vector field  $V$  is the characteristic vector field  $\xi$ , then  $M$  is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.*

#### 4.1 Almost $\alpha$ -cosymplectic $(\kappa, \mu)$ -spaces:

**Lemma 4.4.** [12] *Let  $M$  be an almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -space. Then the following relations hold*

$$h^2 = (\kappa + \alpha^2)\phi^2, \quad \text{for } k \leq -\alpha^2, \quad (4.14)$$

$$R(\xi, X)Y = \kappa(g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X) + \mu(g(hY, X)\xi - \eta(Y)hX), \quad (4.15)$$

$$Ric(Z, \xi) = 2n\kappa\eta(Z), \quad Q\xi = 2n\kappa\xi, \quad Ric(\xi, \xi) = 2n\kappa, \quad (4.16)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ , from (4.14), we find easily that  $\kappa \leq 0$  and  $\kappa = 0$  if and only if  $M$  is a cosymplectic manifold. Thus in the following we always suppose  $\kappa < 0$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** *If an almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -space with constant scalar curvature admits an  $\eta$ -Ricci-Yamabe soliton with conformal vector, then either it is an Einstein manifold or it is locally the product of a Kähler manifold and an interval or unit circle  $S^1$ .*

*Proof.* We first assume that the almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -spaces admits an  $\eta$ -Ricci -Yamabe soliton with conformal vector field.

Employing equation (1.1) in equation (4.1), we obtain

$$2\Omega g(X, Y) + 2\alpha_1 S(X, Y) + (2\lambda - \beta_1 r)g(X, Y) + 2\nu_1 \eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0. \tag{4.17}$$

Setting  $X = Y = \xi$  in (4.17), we get

$$\Omega = -2n\alpha_1\kappa - (\lambda - \frac{\beta_1}{2}r) - \nu_1. \tag{4.18}$$

Contracting equation (4.17) yields

$$\Omega(2n + 1) = -\alpha_1 r - (\lambda - \frac{\beta_1}{2}r)(2n + 1) - \nu_1. \tag{4.19}$$

From (4.18) and (4.19), we obtain

$$-2n\alpha_1\kappa(2n + 1) + \alpha_1 r = 2n\nu_1. \tag{4.20}$$

Also, (4.20) implies

$$\nu_1 = \frac{\alpha_1 r - 2n\alpha_1\kappa(2n + 1)}{2n}.$$

Since  $r$  is constant, then (4.19) implies  $\Omega$  is constant.

Hence, from (1.5), we get

$$\Omega r = 0, \tag{4.21}$$

which means that  $\Omega = 0$ . Hence  $V$  is Killing. Therefore, (4.17) implies

$$\alpha_1 Ric(X, Y) = -(\lambda - \frac{\beta_1}{2}r)g(X, Y) - \nu_1 \eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{4.22}$$

which is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold with constant co-efficients.

Now, by taking the covariant differentiation of equation (4.22), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1(\nabla_Z Ric)(X, Y) &= -\nu_1[\alpha g(X, Y)\eta(Y) + \alpha\eta(X)g(Y, Z) - 2\alpha\eta(X)\eta(Y)\eta(Z)] \\ &+ g(\phi X, hZ)\eta(Y) + g(\phi Y, hZ)\eta(X). \end{aligned} \tag{4.23}$$

Contracting the foregoing equation, we get

$$2n\alpha\nu_1\eta(Y) = 0, \tag{4.24}$$

which implies either  $\nu_1 = 0$  or  $\alpha = 0$ .

Case(i): If  $\nu_1 = 0$  then (4.22) implies

$$\alpha_1 S(X, Y) = -(\lambda - \frac{\beta_1}{2}r)g(X, Y),$$

which shows  $M$  is an Einstein manifold.

Case(ii): If  $\alpha = 0$  then the manifold becomes a cosymplectic manifold. Therefore, referring to Remark 2, the proof is completed. □

### 4.2 Homothetic vector fields on three-dimensional almost $\alpha$ -cosymplectic $(\kappa, \mu)$ -spaces

**Lemma 4.6.** For a three-dimensional almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -spaces  $M^3$ , we have

$$QY = (3\kappa - \frac{r}{2})\eta(Y)\xi + (\frac{r}{2} - \kappa)Y + \mu hY, \tag{4.25}$$

$$Ric(X, Y) = (3\kappa - \frac{r}{2})\eta(Y)\eta(X) + (\frac{r}{2} - \kappa)g(X, Y) + \mu g(hY, X), \tag{4.26}$$

where  $r$  is the scalar curvature of  $M$ .

*Proof.* It is well-known that the curvature tensor of any three-dimensional Riemannian manifold is written as

$$R(X, Y)Z = g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY + Ric(Y, Z)X - Ric(X, Z)Y - \frac{r}{2}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]. \tag{4.27}$$

Setting  $Z = \xi$  in foregoing equation and using (4.15) and (4.16), we get

$$\kappa(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + \mu(\eta(Y)hX - \eta(X)hY) = \eta(Y)QX - \eta(X)QY + (2n\kappa - \frac{r}{2})[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y].$$

Moreover, by taking  $X = \xi$  and using (4.16) again, we obtain (4.25). □

**Theorem 4.7.** *If a three-dimensional  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -space admits a homothetic vector field  $V$ , then either the manifold is of constant sectional curvature or,  $V$  is an infinitesimal contact transformation.*

*Proof.* Let the vector field  $V$  in  $M^3$  is homothetic. Then

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) = 2\Omega g(X, Y), \tag{4.28}$$

where  $\Omega$  is constant. From (1.4) and (1.5), we get

$$(\mathcal{L}_V Ric)(X, Y) = 0 \text{ and } \mathcal{L}_V r = -2r\Omega. \tag{4.29}$$

Definition of Lie-derivative infers that

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)X = (\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(X) - \eta(\mathcal{L}_V X). \tag{4.30}$$

Equation (4.28) and (4.30) together implies

$$\eta(\mathcal{L}_V \xi) = -\Omega \quad (\mathcal{L}_V \eta)\xi = \Omega. \tag{4.31}$$

Now, we take Lie-derivative of the equation (4.26) along the homothetic vector field  $V$  entails that

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}_V Ric)(X, Y) &= (3\kappa - \frac{r}{2})((\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(X)\eta(Y) + \eta(X)(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(Y)) \\ &+ (3(V\kappa) - \frac{\mathcal{L}_V r}{2})\eta(X)\eta(Y) + (\frac{r}{2} - \kappa)(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) \\ &+ (\frac{\mathcal{L}_V r}{2} - V\kappa)g(X, Y) + (V\mu)g(X, hY) \\ &+ \mu[(\mathcal{L}_V g)(hY, X) + g((\mathcal{L}_V h)Y, X)]. \end{aligned} \tag{4.32}$$

Using (4.28) and (4.30) in (4.32), we provide

$$\begin{aligned} (3\kappa - \frac{r}{2})((\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(X)\eta(Y) + \eta(X)(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(Y)) &+ (3(V\kappa) - \frac{\mathcal{L}_V r}{2})\eta(X)\eta(Y) \\ + (\frac{r}{2} - \kappa)2\Omega g(X, Y) - (r\Omega + V\kappa)g(X, Y) &+ (V\mu)g(X, hY) \\ + \mu[(\mathcal{L}_V g)(hY, X) + g((\mathcal{L}_V h)Y, X)] &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4.33}$$

By substituting  $Y = \xi$  into equation (4.33) and utilizing equation (4.31), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (3\kappa - \frac{r}{2})((\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(X) + \eta(X)\Omega) &+ (3(V\kappa) + r\Omega)\eta(X) \\ + (\frac{r}{2} - \kappa)2\Omega\eta(X) - (r\Omega + V\kappa)\eta(X) &- \mu g(h(\mathcal{L}_V \xi), X) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4.34}$$

By setting  $X = \xi$  in (4.34) and using (4.31), we get

$$V\kappa = -2\kappa\Omega. \tag{4.35}$$

From the above two equations, we obtain

$$(3\kappa - \frac{r}{2})[(\mathcal{L}_V\eta)(X) - \Omega\eta(X)] + \Omega g(h(\mathcal{L}_V\xi), X) = 0. \tag{4.36}$$

On the other hand  $g(\xi, \xi) = 1$  implies  $\mathcal{L}_V\xi = -\Omega\xi$ , then above equation becomes

$$(3\kappa - \frac{r}{2})[(\mathcal{L}_V\eta)(X) - \Omega\eta(X)] = 0,$$

which implies either  $(3\kappa - \frac{r}{2}) = 0$  or  $(3\kappa - \frac{r}{2}) \neq 0$ .

Case(i): If  $(3\kappa - \frac{r}{2}) = 0$ , which means  $r = 6\kappa$ , here  $\kappa < 0$ , hence (4.26) implies

$$Ric(X, Y) = 2\kappa g(X, Y) + \mu g(X, hY). \tag{4.37}$$

In 3-dimension, using (4.37) in (4.27) with  $h = 0$ , we get

$$R(X, Y)Z = \kappa[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y],$$

which means that the manifold is of constant sectional curvature  $\kappa$ ,  $\kappa < 0$ .

Case(ii): If  $(3\kappa - \frac{r}{2}) \neq 0$ , then  $(L_V\eta)X = \Omega\eta(X)$ . Hence  $V$  is an infinitesimal contact transformation.

This complete the proof. □

It is well known that any homothetic vector field on a compact manifold without boundary is a Killing vector field [6]. Consequently, from the preceding theorem, we deduce the following result.

**Corollary 4.8.** *If a compact 3-dimensional almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -space without boundary admits a homothetic vector field  $V$ , then either the manifold is of constant sectional curvature  $\kappa$ ,  $\kappa < 0$  or  $V$  is an infinitesimal contact transformation.*

**Example 4.9.** We consider the 3-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3\}$ , where  $(x, y, z)$  are standard coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  be a linearly independent frame field on  $M$ , given by,

$$e_1 = e^{\alpha z} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad e_2 = e^{\alpha z} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad e_3 = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

Let  $g$  be the Riemannian metric defined by,

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

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form by  $\eta(X) = g(X, e_3)$  for any  $X \in \chi(M)$ , and  $\phi$  be the  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field defined by,

$$\phi e_1 = -e_2, \quad \phi e_2 = e_1, \quad \phi e_3 = 0.$$

By direct computations, we can easily to see that

$$\phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi),$$

and

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

Thus  $M^3(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a 3-dimensional almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -space. From the Lie-operator, we have the non-zero compnents

$$[e_1, e_2] = 0, \quad [e_1, e_3] = \alpha e_1, \quad [e_2, e_3] = \alpha e_2.$$

Furthermore, by  $\nabla$ , we denote the Levi-civita connection on  $M$ , by using Koszul's formula, we can calculate, easily

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

Comparing the above relation with

$$\nabla_X e_3 = -\alpha\phi^2(X) - \phi hX,$$

We can observe

$$he_1 = 0, \quad he_2 = 0, \quad he_3 = 0.$$

We obtain the components of the curvature tensor as follows:

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

From the above relations, we have

$$S(e_1, e_1) = S(e_2, e_2) = S(e_3, e_3) = -2\alpha^2.$$

Hence  $r = -6\alpha^2$ .

Here,  $M^3$  is an 3-dimensional almost  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -space then curvature tensor  $R$  is given by

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \kappa(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + \mu(\eta(Y)hX - \eta(X)hY).$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} R(e_1, e_3)e_3 &= \kappa e_1, \\ R(e_2, e_3)e_3 &= \kappa e_2, \\ R(e_3, e_3)e_3 &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

which imply that  $\kappa = -\alpha^2$ , therefore  $r = 6\kappa$ ,  $\kappa < 0$ , this verifies theorem (4.4).

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