

# Some Characterizations of $\alpha$ –Cosymplectic Manifolds Admitting Yamabe Solitons

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**Abstract** In this paper, we deal with  $\alpha$ –cosymplectic manifolds. Firstly, we give a characterization for  $\alpha$ –cosymplectic manifold admitting a Ricci soliton given as to be  $\eta$ –Einstein and nearly quasi-Einstein. Also, we study yamabe solitons in  $\alpha$ –cosymplectic manifold and obtain some important classifications about scalar curvature of this manifold. Finally, we find that if an  $\alpha$ –cosymplectic manifold is conharmonically flat, it is an  $\eta$ –Einstein.

## 1 Introduction

The notion of Ricci soliton is a natural generalization of an Einstein manifold (the Ricci tensor  $S$  is a constant multiple of the Riemannian metric  $g$ ). This notion was introduced by Hamilton in 1988 [9]. A Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is called a Ricci soliton if

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) + 2S(X, Y) + 2\mu g(X, Y) = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

is satisfied. Here,  $\mathcal{L}_V g$  denotes the Lie-derivative of the metric tensor  $g$ ,  $S$  is the Ricci tensor of  $M$ ,  $\mu$  is a constant and  $X, Y$  are the vector fields on  $M$ . If  $\mathcal{L}_V g = 0$  and  $\mathcal{L}_V g = \rho g$ , then potential vector field  $V$  is said to be Killing and conformal Killing, respectively, where  $\rho$  is a function. Also, when  $V$  is zero or Killing in (1.1), then Ricci soliton reduces to Einstein manifold. In addition, a Ricci soliton is called gradient if the potential vector field  $V$  is the gradient of a potential function  $-f$  (i.e.,  $V = -\nabla f$ ) and is called shrinking, steady or expanding depending on  $\mu < 0$ ,  $\mu = 0$  or  $\mu > 0$ , respectively. There are many studies about Ricci solitons in literature [10], [14], [15], [18], [20] and many others.

A Yamabe soliton is a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  if it admits a vector field  $V$  such that

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) = (\lambda - r)g(X, Y), \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\lambda$  is a real number and  $r$  is the scalar curvature of  $M$  [9]. A yamabe soliton which satisfies (1.2) is denoted by  $(M, g, V, \lambda)$ . Yamabe solitons correspond to the self-similar solutions of the yamabe flow. A Yamabe soliton is called a gradient if the potential vector field  $V$  is the gradient of a potential function  $\beta$  on  $M$  and is called shrinking, steady or expanding depending on  $\lambda < 0$ ,  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\lambda > 0$ , respectively.

The first study of almost cosymplectic structures were introduced by Goldberg and Yano in [8]. The products of almost Kaehler manifolds and the real  $R$  line or the circle  $S^1$  are the simplest examples of almost cosymplectic manifolds. Almost cosymplectic manifolds have been studied by many mathematicians in literature ([1], [7], [13], [16] and [17]).

The notion of conharmonic curvature tensor was firstly defined by Ishii in 1957 [12]. Since then, this notion has been studied in some different classes of contact geometry. For example, Çalışkan studied this tensor in Sasakian finsler manifolds [3]. Also, Dwivedi and Kim obtained some necessary and sufficient conditions for  $K$ –contact manifold to be quasi conharmonically flat,  $\xi$ –conharmonically flat [6]. Ghosh et al. characterized  $N(k)$ –contact metric manifolds satisfying certain curvature conditions on the conharmonic curvature tensor [11]. Taleshian et al. proved that  $\phi$ –conharmonically flat  $LP$ –Sasakian manifold is an  $\eta$ –Einstein manifold in [19].

The present paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we give some fundamental definitions and formulas about almost contact metric manifolds. In section 3, we study  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifolds admitting Ricci solitons. In section 4, we analyze  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifolds admitting Yamabe solitons and investigate Riemannian manifolds admitting Yamabe solitons endowed with concircular vector field. In last section, we give some characterizations for an  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold with conharmonic curvature tensor.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we shall recall some basic definitions and formulas of almost contact metric manifolds from [1], [2] and [8].

A  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold  $M$  is called an almost contact metric manifold if there exists an almost contact metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  on  $M$  and the Riemannian metric  $g$  satisfies the following relations:

$$\varphi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \varphi\xi = 0, \quad \eta \circ \varphi = 0, \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi) \quad (2.1)$$

and

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

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , where  $\xi$  is a vector field of type  $(0, 1)$ , (which is so-called the characteristic vector field), 1-form  $\eta$  is the  $g$ -dual of  $\xi$  of type  $(1, 0)$  and  $\varphi$  is a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$  on  $M$ .

On the other hand, in [2], D.E. Blair defined the fundamental 2-form  $\Phi$  of  $M$  as follows:

$$\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ . Furthermore, if the relation

$$\Phi(X, Y) = d\eta(X, Y)$$

holds for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , an almost contact metric manifold  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be contact metric manifold such that

$$d\eta(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2} \{ X\eta(Y) - Y\eta(X) - \eta([X, Y]) \}.$$

The Nijenhuis tensor field of  $\varphi$  is defined by

$$N_\varphi(X, Y) = [\varphi X, \varphi Y] + \varphi^2[X, Y] - \varphi[X, \varphi Y] - \varphi[\varphi X, Y]$$

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ . If  $M$  is an almost contact metric manifold and the Nijenhuis tensor of  $\varphi$  satisfies

$$N_\varphi + 2d\eta \otimes \xi = 0$$

then,  $M$  is called a normal contact metric manifold. A normal contact metric manifold  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be cosymplectic if the following relations hold:

$$d\eta = 0, \quad d\Phi = 0.$$

Equivalently,

$$(\nabla_X \varphi)Y = 0, \quad \nabla_X \xi = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , where  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection on  $M$ . Also, if

$$d\eta = 0, \quad d\Phi = 2\alpha\eta \wedge \Phi$$

are satisfied, then  $M$  is called an  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold, where  $\alpha$  is a real number. Equivalently,

$$(\nabla_X \varphi)Y = \alpha(g(\varphi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi X), \tag{2.4}$$

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\alpha\varphi^2 X. \tag{2.5}$$

If  $\alpha$  is equal to zero, then it is easy to see that  $M$  is a cosymplectic manifold. For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , when  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,  $M$  is called  $\alpha$ -Kenmotsu manifold. For an  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold, we also have

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

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

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

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

where  $S, R$  denotes the Ricci tensor and Riemann curvature tensor, respectively.

Now, we recall some definitions from [4], [5], [6] and [12] as follows:

The conharmonic curvature tensor of a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional ( $n \geq 1$ ) manifold  $(M, g)$  is defined by

$$K(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{2n - 1} \left\{ S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY \right\} \tag{2.10}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$ , where  $Q$  is the Ricci operator defined by  $S(X, Y) = g(QX, Y)$ .

If  $K$  vanishes identically in (2.10), the manifold  $M$  is called conharmonically flat. Also, an almost contact metric manifold  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called  $\xi$ -conharmonic flat and quasi conharmonically flat, respectively if the followings are satisfied:

$$K(X, Y)\xi = 0,$$

and

$$g(K(X, Y)Z, \varphi W) = 0, \tag{2.11}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z, W \in \Gamma(TM)$ .

A Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is called nearly quasi-Einstein manifold if its Ricci tensor field  $S$  satisfies

$$S = ag + bE$$

where  $a, b$  are functions and  $E$  is a non-vanishing symmetric  $(0, 2)$ -tensor on  $M$ . In addition,  $(M, g)$  is called an  $\eta$ -Einstein if there exists two real constants  $c$  and  $d$  such that the Ricci tensor field  $S$  satisfies

$$S = cg + d\eta \otimes \eta.$$

If the constant  $d$  is equal to zero, then  $M$  becomes Einstein.

On the other hand, a vector field  $v$  on a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is called concircular if it satisfies

$$\nabla_X v = fX \tag{2.12}$$

for any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ , where  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection on  $M$  and  $f$  is a smooth function on  $M$ . If  $f$  is equal to one in (2.12), then  $v$  is called a concurrent vector field.

### 3 $\alpha$ -Cosymplectic Manifolds Admitting Ricci Solitons

In this section, we deal with  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifolds admitting Ricci solitons.

Now, we begin to this section with the following:

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be an  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold admitting a Ricci soliton. If the potential vector field  $V$  is a pointwise collinear with  $\xi$ , then  $M$  is a nearly quasi-Einstein manifold.*

*Proof.* Since  $(M, g, V, \mu)$  is a Ricci soliton whose potential vector field  $V$  is a pointwise collinear with  $\xi$ , that is,  $V = b\xi$ , from (2.1) and (2.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) &= g(\nabla_X V, Y) + g(\nabla_Y V, X) \\ &= g(X(b)\xi + b\nabla_X \xi, Y) + g(Y(b)\xi + b\nabla_Y \xi, X) \\ &= X(b)\eta(Y) + Y(b)\eta(X) + 2b\alpha(g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)) \\ &= g(\nabla b, X)\eta(Y) + g(\nabla b, Y)\eta(X) \\ &\quad + 2b\alpha(g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)) \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , where  $\nabla b$  is the gradient of a smooth function  $b$  on  $M$ .

By combining (1.1) and (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} S(X, Y) &= -(\mu + b\alpha)g(X, Y) + b\alpha\eta(X)\eta(Y) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}\{g(\nabla b, X)\eta(Y) + g(\nabla b, Y)\eta(X)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

If we denote the the dual 1-form of  $\nabla b$  by  $\phi$ , then (3.2) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} S(X, Y) &= -(\mu + b\alpha)g(X, Y) + b\alpha\eta(X)\eta(Y) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}\{\phi(X)\eta(Y) + \phi(Y)\eta(X)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

If we take a non-vanishing symmetric  $(0, 2)$ -tensor  $E$  in (3.3) such that

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

then, the equation (3.3) becomes

$$S = -(\mu + b\alpha)g + E.$$

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

As an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.1, we have the following corollary:

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be an  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold admitting a Ricci soliton whose the potential vector field is the characteristic vector field  $\xi$ . Then,  $M$  is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.*

### 4 $\alpha$ -Cosymplectic Manifolds Admitting Yamabe Solitons

The first result of this section is the following:

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $M$  be a Riemannian manifold admitting a gradient yamabe soliton as its potential vector field  $V$ . Then,  $V$  is a concircular vector field on  $M$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $M$  is a gradient yamabe soliton, the potential vector field  $v$  is the gradient  $\nabla k$  of a function  $k$  on  $M$ . Then, from (1.2), we have

$$g(\nabla_X \nabla k, Y) + g(\nabla_Y \nabla k, X) = (\lambda - r)g(X, Y) \quad (4.1)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ . On the other hand, for a smooth function  $k$  on  $M$ , the Hessian  $H^k$  of  $k$  satisfies

$$H^k(X, Y) = g(\nabla_X \nabla k, Y). \quad (4.2)$$

Since the Hessian  $H^k$  of  $k$  is a symmetric in  $X$  and  $Y$ , it follows from (4.1) and (4.2), we derive

$$2g(\nabla_X \nabla k, Y) = (\lambda - r)g(X, Y)$$

which gives

$$\nabla_X \nabla k = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda - r)X.$$

This means that  $V$  is a concircular vector field on  $M$ . □

Next, we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $M$  be an  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold endowed with a concircular vector field  $v$ . If  $M$  admits a Yamabe soliton as its potential vector field  $v$ , then the scalar curvature  $r$  of  $M$  is given by*

$$r = \lambda - 2f,$$

where  $f$  is a function on  $M$ .

*Proof.* Since  $v$  is a concircular vector field on  $M$ , we have

$$\nabla_X v = fX \tag{4.3}$$

for any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ . Using the equality (4.3), one has

$$(\mathcal{L}_v g)(X, Y) = 2fg(X, Y). \tag{4.4}$$

Furthermore, from (1.2) and (4.4), we write

$$2fg(X, Y) = (\lambda - r)g(X, Y) \tag{4.5}$$

Substituting  $X = Y = \xi$  in (4.5) yields

$$r = \lambda - 2f$$

which proves the proposition. □

As a result of the Proposition 4.2, we have the following:

**Remark 4.3.** Let  $M$  be an  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold endowed with a concurrent vector field  $v$ . If  $M$  admits a Yamabe soliton as its potential vector field  $v$ , then  $M$  has constant scalar curvature.

**Proposition 4.4.** *Let  $M$  be an  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold. If  $M$  admits a Yamabe soliton as its potential vector field  $\xi$ , then  $M$  is of constant scalar curvature cosymplectic manifold.*

*Proof.* For any vector fields  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , it follows from the definition of the Lie-derivative and using (2.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}_\xi g)(X, Y) &= g(\nabla_X \xi, Y) + g(\nabla_Y \xi, X) \\ &= 2\alpha(g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)). \end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

Since  $M$  is a Yamabe soliton and from (1.2) and (4.6) we get

$$2\alpha(g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)) = (\lambda - r)g(X, Y). \tag{4.7}$$

If we use  $X = Y = \xi$  in equation (4.7), one has

$$r = \lambda$$

which implies that the manifold  $M$  has constant scalar curvature. Also, using this fact in (4.6) we get

$$2\alpha g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = 0.$$

Since  $g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) \neq 0$ , we have  $\alpha = 0$ . This means that  $M$  is a cosymplectic manifold. Therefore, the proof is completed. □

Now, we shall give the main theorem of this section.

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $M$  be an  $\alpha$ -cosymplectic manifold admitting a Yamabe soliton whose non-zero potential vector field  $V$  is a pointwise collinear with the structure vector field  $\xi$ . Then,  $M$  is a cosymplectic manifold if and only if the vector field  $V$  is a constant multiple of  $\xi$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $V$  be a pointwise collinear with the structure vector field  $\xi$ . That is,  $V = b\xi$ , where  $b$  is a smooth function on  $M$ . Then, from (1.2), we have

$$g(\nabla_X b\xi, Y) + g(\nabla_Y b\xi, X) = (\lambda - r)g(X, Y) \quad (4.8)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ . Also, if we use the equation (2.5) in (4.8), we get

$$X(b)\eta(Y) + Y(b)\eta(X) + 2b\alpha(g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)) = (\lambda - r)g(X, Y). \quad (4.9)$$

On the other hand, let  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n+1} = \xi\}$  be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space  $T_pM$ , at each point  $p \in M$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1$ , if we take  $X = Y = e_i$  in (4.9), one has

$$\xi(b) = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda - r)(2n + 1) - 2nb\alpha. \quad (4.10)$$

By putting  $Y = \xi$  in equation (4.9) implies

$$X(b) = (\lambda - r - \xi(b))\eta(X). \quad (4.11)$$

Using  $X = \xi$  in equation (4.11) gives

$$\xi(b) = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda - r). \quad (4.12)$$

Therefore, from (4.10) and (4.12), we get

$$\lambda = r + 2b\alpha. \quad (4.13)$$

If we replace (4.13) in (4.11) and use the equation (4.12), one has

$$X(b) = b\alpha\eta(X) \quad (4.14)$$

which yields

$$db = b\alpha\eta. \quad (4.15)$$

Now, if  $M$  is a cosymplectic manifold, then from (4.15), we have

$$db = 0$$

which means that  $b$  is a constant. Conversely, if the potential vector field  $V$  is a constant multiple of  $\xi$ , then from (4.14), we write

$$b\alpha\eta(X) = 0 \quad (4.16)$$

Setting  $X = \xi$  in (4.16) gives

$$b\alpha = 0.$$

Since  $V$  is non-zero vector field, we get  $\alpha = 0$ . Then  $M$  becomes a cosymplectic manifold which completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

### 5 On Conharmanically Flat $\alpha$ –Cosymplectic Manifolds

In this section, we consider an  $\alpha$ –cosymplectic manifold which satisfies the condition  $K = 0$ .

Now, we shall give the the following.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be an  $\alpha$ –cosymplectic manifold of dimension  $(2n + 1)$ . If  $M$  is a conharmanically flat, then  $M$  is an  $\eta$ –Einstein manifold.*

*Proof.* Let us assume that an  $\alpha$ –cosymplectic manifold  $M$  is conharmanically flat, that is,  $K = 0$ . If we take the inner product of (2.10) with  $U$ , we have

$$g(R(X, Y)Z, U) = \frac{1}{2n - 1} \left\{ S(Y, Z)g(X, U) - S(X, Z)g(Y, U) + g(Y, Z)S(X, U) - g(X, Z)S(Y, U) \right\} \tag{5.1}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z, U \in \Gamma(TM)$ . Also, if we choose  $Y = U = \xi$  and use (2.1), (2.7) and (2.9) in (5.1), we get

$$\alpha^2(g(X, Z) - \eta(Z)\eta(X)) = \frac{1}{2n - 1} \left\{ -4n\alpha^2\eta(Z)\eta(X) + 2n\alpha^2g(X, Z) - S(X, Z) \right\}$$

which yields

$$S(X, Z) = \alpha^2g(X, Z) - (2n + 1)\alpha^2\eta(X)\eta(Z),$$

which shows that  $M$  is an  $\eta$ –Einstein manifold, which proves the theorem completely. □

Using the above theorem, we can give the following corollary:

**Corollary 5.2.** *Let  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be an  $\alpha$ –cosymplectic manifold of dimension  $(2n + 1)$ . If  $M$  is a  $\xi$ –conharmonic flat, then  $M$  is an  $\eta$ –Einstein manifold.*

The last result of this section is the following.

**Theorem 5.3.** *Let  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be an  $\alpha$ –cosymplectic manifold of dimension  $(2n + 1)$ . If  $M$  is a quasi conharmanically flat, then  $M$  is an  $\eta$ –Einstein manifold.*

*Proof.* Suppose that an  $\alpha$ –cosymplectic manifold  $M$  is quasi conharmanically flat. If we take the inner product of (2.11) with  $\varphi W$ , we get

$$g(R(X, Y)Z, \varphi W) = \frac{1}{2n - 1} \left\{ S(Y, Z)g(X, \varphi W) - S(X, Z)g(Y, \varphi W) + g(Y, Z)S(X, \varphi W) - g(X, Z)S(Y, \varphi W) \right\} \tag{5.2}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z, W \in \Gamma(TM)$ . Moreover, if we set  $Y = Z = \xi$  and use (2.1) and (2.8) in (5.2), one has

$$\alpha^2g(X, \varphi W) = -\frac{1}{2n - 1} \left\{ -2n\alpha^2g(X, \varphi W) + S(X, \varphi W) \right\}. \tag{5.3}$$

By putting  $W = \varphi W$  in equation (5.3) and using (2.1), (2.9) we deduce

$$S(X, W) = \alpha^2g(X, W) - (2n + 1)\alpha^2\eta(X)\eta(W),$$

which implies that  $M$  is an  $\eta$ –Einstein manifold. Thus, we get the requested result. □

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