# RICCI SOLITONS ON PARA-SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS SATISFYING PSEUDO-SYMMETRY CURVATURE CONDITIONS

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**Abstract** The paper deals with the study of Ricci solitons on para-Sasakian manifolds satisfying pseudo-symmetry curvature conditions. First, we investigate Ricci solitons in Ricci-pseudosymmetric para-Sasakian manifolds. Next, we consider Ricci solitons in  $W_3$ -Ricci-pseudosymmetric para-Sasakian manifolds. Moreover, we investigate Ricci solitons in Ricci generalized pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold. Finally, we prove that Ricci solitons in para-Sasakian manifolds satisfying the curvature condition  $Q \cdot R = 0$ , is expanding and an example is given to verify the theorem.

#### 1 Introduction

The concept of Ricci solitons was introduced by Hamilton [8]. They are natural generalizations of Einstein metrics, which have been a significant subject of intense study in differential geometry and geometric analysis. Ricci solitons also correspond to special solutions of Hamilton's Ricci flow [7] and often arise as limits of dilations of singularities in the Ricci flow. The Ricci flow is an evolution equation for metrics on a Riemannian manifold defined as follows:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}g_{ij}(t) = -2R_{ij}.$$

A Ricci soliton emerges as the limit of the solutions of the Ricci flow. A solution to the Ricci flow is called Ricci soliton if it moves only by a one-parameter group of diffeomorphism and scaling. A Ricci soliton is a generalization of an Einstein metric and is defined on a Riemannian manifold (M,g). A Ricci soliton is a triple  $(g,V,\lambda)$  with g a Riemannian metric, V is a potential vector field and  $\lambda$  a real scalar so that the following equation is satisfied:

$$L_V g + 2S + 2\lambda g = 0, (1.1)$$

where  $L_V$  is the Lie derivative along the vector field V, S is the Ricci tensor of M. A Ricci soliton is said to be shrinking, steady or expanding according to  $\lambda$  negative, zero and positive, respectively. During the last two decades, the geometry of Ricci solitons has become a subject of growing interest for many mathematicians. The study of the Ricci solitons in contact geometry has begun with the work of Sharma [17], Nagaraja et al. [13] and others extensively studied Ricci solitons in contact metric manifolds. For details we refer to [1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14, 21].

In 1976, Sato [16] introduced the notion of almost paracontact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \lambda)$  on a differentiable manifold. This structure is an analogue of the almost contact structure. An almost contact manifold is always odd-dimensional but an almost paracontact manifold could be of even dimension as well. Takahashi [18] defined almost contact manifolds (in particular, Sasakian manifolds) equipped with an associated pseudo-Riemannian metric.

In 1985, Kaneyuki and Williams [10] defined the notion of almost paracontact structure on a pseudo-Riemannian manifold of dimension (2n+1). Later, Zamkovoy [22] showed that any almost paracontact structure admits a pseudo-Riemannian metric with signature (n+1,n).

The paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we recall some basic formulas on para Sasakian manifolds and we give some basic definitions of pseudo-symmetry curvature conditions and notions used in this study. In Section 3, we give a brief account on Ricci solitons on para-Sasakian manifolds. Next, in Section 4, we consider a Ricci soliton in Ricci-pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold and prove that the Ricci soliton is expanding provided  $L_S \neq -1$ . Section 5 deals with a Ricci soliton in  $W_3$ -Ricci-pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold and prove that the Ricci soliton is expanding provided  $f \neq -2$ . We discuss a Ricci soliton in  $W_3$ -pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold and prove that the Ricci soliton is expanding provided  $L_{W_3} \neq -1$  in Section 6. In the next Section, we study Ricci solitons in Ricci generalized pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold, it is shown that the Ricci soliton is expanding provided  $nL_R \neq 1$ . Finally, we have pointed out that Ricci solitons in para-Sasakian manifolds satisfying the curvature condition  $Q \cdot R = 0$ , is expanding and we give an example of a Ricci soliton on a 5-dimensional para-Sasakian manifold to verify some results.

#### 2 Preliminaries

An n-dimensional differentiable manifold M is called almost paracontact manifold with the almost paracontact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  consisting of a (1, 1)-tensor field  $\phi$ , a vector field  $\xi$  and an 1-form  $\eta$  satisfying the following conditions [10]:

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

where I denote the identity transformation. If an n-dimensional almost paracontact manifold M with an almost paracontact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  admits a pseudo-Riemannian metric g such that

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

then we say that M is an almost paracontact metric manifold with an almost paracontact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  and such a metric g is called compatible metric [22]. From (2.2), it can be easily seen that

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

$$g(X,\xi) = \eta(X). \tag{2.4}$$

The fundamental 2-form  $\Phi$  of an almost paracontact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is defined by

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

for all tangent vector fields X,Y. If  $d\eta=\Phi$ , then the manifold  $M(\phi,\xi,\eta,g)$  is called a paracontact metric manifold associated to the metric g, where  $X,Y,Z\in TM^n$ ; TM is the set of all differentiable vector fields on M. Here the paracontact metric structure is normal and the structure is called para-Sasakian [22]. Equivalently, a paracontact metric structure  $(\phi,\xi,\eta,g)$  is para-Sasakian if

$$(\nabla_X \phi) Y = -g(X, Y) \xi + \eta(Y) X, \tag{2.5}$$

for any  $X,Y\in TM^n$ , where  $\nabla$  is Levi–Civita connection of g. From the above equation, it follows that

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\phi X. \tag{2.6}$$

In an *n*-dimensional para-Sasakian manifold, the following relations hold:

$$R(X, Y, Z, W) = g(X, Z)g(Y, W) - g(Y, Z)g(X, W),$$
(2.7)

$$\eta(R(X,Y)Z) = g(X,Z)\eta(Y) - g(Y,Z)\eta(X), \tag{2.8}$$

$$R(\xi X)Y = -g(X,Y)\xi + \eta(Y)X, \tag{2.9}$$

$$R(X,\xi)Y = g(X,Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X,\tag{2.10}$$

$$R(X,Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X,\tag{2.11}$$

$$R(\xi, Y)\xi = Y - \eta(Y)\xi,\tag{2.12}$$

$$S(X,\xi) = -(n-1)\eta(X), \tag{2.13}$$

$$S(\xi, \xi) = -(n-1), \tag{2.14}$$

for any vector fields  $X,Y,Z,W\in TM^n$ , where R is the Riemannian curvature tensor, S is the Ricci tensor and Q is the Ricci operator defined by g(QX,Y)=S(X,Y). We define endomorphisms R(X,Y) and  $X\wedge_A Y$  by

$$R(X,Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X,Y]} Z, \tag{2.15}$$

and

$$(X \wedge_A Y)Z = A(Y, Z)X - A(X, Z)Y, \tag{2.16}$$

respectively [6], where  $X,Y,Z\in TM^n$ , A is the symmetric (0,2)-tensor, R is the Riemannian curvature tensor of type (1,3) and  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection. For a (0,k)-tensor field T,  $k\geqslant 1$ ; on  $(M^n,g)$ , we define the tensors  $R\cdot T$  and Q(g,T) by

$$(R(X,Y) \cdot T)(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_k)$$

$$= -T(R(X,Y)X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_k)$$

$$-T(X_1, R(X,Y)X_2, X_3, \dots, X_k)$$

$$-\dots - T(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, R(X,Y)X_k),$$
(2.17)

and

$$Q(g,T)(X_{1}, X_{2}, X_{3}, \dots, X_{k}; X, Y)$$

$$= -T((X \wedge_{g} Y)X_{1}, X_{2}, X_{3}, \dots, X_{k})$$

$$-T(X_{1}, (X \wedge_{g} Y)X_{2}, X_{3}, \dots, X_{k})$$

$$-\dots - T(X_{1}, X_{2}, X_{3}, \dots, (X \wedge_{g} Y)X_{k}),$$
(2.18)

respectively [20].

In 1973 Pokhariyal [15] introduced the notion of a new curvature tensor, denoted by  $W_3$  and studied its relativistic significance. The  $W_3$ -curvature tensor of type (1,3) on a para-Sasakian manifold is defined by:

$$W_3(X,Y)Z = R(X,Y)Z + \frac{1}{(n-1)}[g(Y,Z)QX - S(X,Z)Y], \tag{2.19}$$

Then in a para-Sasakian manifold,  $W_3$  satisfies the following relations:

$$W_3(\xi, Y)Z = 2[\eta(Z)Y - q(Y, Z)\xi], \tag{2.20}$$

$$W_3(\xi, Y)\xi = 2[Y - \eta(Y)\xi],\tag{2.21}$$

$$W_3(\xi, \xi)Z = 0. \tag{2.22}$$

**Definition 2.1.** A para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  is said to be Ricci-pseudo-symmetric if the tensors  $R \cdot S$  and Q(g, S) are linearly dependent. This is equivalent to

$$R \cdot S = L_S Q(q, S), \tag{2.23}$$

holding on the set  $U_S = \{x \in M : S \neq 0 \text{ at } x\}$ , where  $L_S$  is some function on  $U_S$ . [20]

**Definition 2.2.** A para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  is said to be  $W_3$ -Ricci-pseudo-symmetric if the tensors  $W_3 \cdot S$  and Q(g, S) are linearly dependent. This is equivalent to

$$W_3 \cdot S = fQ(g, S), \tag{2.24}$$

holding on the set  $U_S = \{x \in M : S \neq 0 \text{ at } x\}$ , where f is some function on  $U_S$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  is said to be Ricci generalized pseudo-symmetric if the tensors  $R \cdot R$  and Q(S, R) are linearly dependent. This is equivalent to

$$R \cdot R = L_R Q(S, R), \tag{2.25}$$

holding on the set  $U_R = \{x \in M : R \neq 0 \text{ at } x\}$ , where  $L_R$  is some function on  $U_R$ . [20]

A very important subclass of this class of manifolds realizing the condition is

$$R \cdot R = Q(S, R).$$

Every three dimensional manifold satisfies the above equation identically. Other examples are the semi-Riemannian manifolds (M,g) admitting a non-zero 1-form  $\omega$  such that the equality  $\omega(X)R(Y,Z)+\omega(Y)R(Z,X)+\omega(Z)R(X,Y)=0$ , holds on M. The condition  $R\cdot R=Q(S,R)$  also appears in the theory of plane gravitational waves.

Furthermore, we define the tensors  $R \cdot R$  and  $R \cdot S$  on  $(M^n, g)$  by

$$(R(X,Y) \cdot R)(U,V)W$$

$$= R(X,Y)R(U,V)W - R(R(X,Y)U,V)W$$

$$-R(U,R(X,Y)V)W - R(U,V)R(X,Y)W,$$
(2.26)

and

$$(R(X,Y) \cdot S)(U,V) = -S(R(X,Y)U,V) - S(U,R(X,Y)V), \tag{2.27}$$

respectively [4]. Recently, Kowalczyk [11] studied semi-Riemannian manifolds satisfying Q(S, R) = 0 and Q(S, g) = 0, where S and R are the Ricci tensor and curvature tensor respectively.

**Definition 2.4.** A para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  is said to be  $W_3$ -pseudo-symmetric if the tensors  $R \cdot W_3$  and  $Q(g, W_3)$  are linearly dependent. This is equivalent to

$$R \cdot W_3 = L_{W_2} Q(q, W_3), \tag{2.28}$$

holding on the set  $U_{W_3} = \{x \in M : W_3 \neq 0 \text{ at } x\}$ , where  $L_{W_3}$  is some function on  $U_{W_3}$ .

A Riemannian manifold or pseudo-Riemannian manifold is said to be Ricci semi-symmetric if  $R(X,Y) \cdot S = 0$ , where S denotes the Ricci tensor of type (0,2). A general classification of these manifolds has been worked out by Mirzoyan [12]. An example of a curvature condition of a semi-symmetry type is the following:

$$Q \cdot R = 0$$
,

where Q is the Ricci operator of type (1,1) and S(X,Y) = g(QX,Y).

A natural extension of such curvature conditions from curvature conditions of pseudo-symmetry type. The curvature condition  $Q \cdot R = 0$  have been studied by Verstraelen et al. in [19].

### 3 Ricci solitons in para-Sasakian manifolds

Let  $(g, \xi, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton in an n-dimensional para-Sasakian manifold M. From (1.1), we have

$$(L_{\epsilon}g)(X,Y) + 2S(X,Y) + 2\lambda g(X,Y) = 0, (3.1)$$

for any  $X,Y\in TM^n$ , where  $L_\xi$  is the Lie derivative operator along the vector field  $\xi$ , S is the Ricci tensor field of the metric g and  $\lambda$  is real constant. On a para-Sasakian manifold M, from (2.6) and the skew-symmetric property of  $\phi$ , we obtain

$$(L_{\varepsilon}g)(X,Y) = g(\nabla_X \xi, Y) + g(X, \nabla_Y \xi) = 0. \tag{3.2}$$

By virtue of (3.2) in (3.1), we get

$$S(X,Y) = -\lambda q(X,Y). \tag{3.3}$$

Thus the pair  $(M, g, \xi, \lambda)$  is an Einstein one. Ricci soliton is called shrinking, steady or expanding according as  $\lambda$  is negative, zero or positive, respectively by [9].

# 4 Ricci solitons in Ricci pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifolds

In this section, we consider a Ricci pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold. Then from the definition 2.1, we have

$$(R(X,Y) \cdot S)(U,V) = L_S Q(g,S)(X,Y;U,V),$$

which implies that

$$(R(X,Y)\cdot S)(U,V) = L_S((X \wedge_a Y)\cdot S)(U,V). \tag{4.1}$$

With the help of (2.27) and (2.18), we get from (4.1)

$$-S(R(X,Y)U,V) - S(U,R(X,Y)V)$$
=  $L_S[-S((X \wedge_q Y)U,V) - S(U,(X \wedge_q Y)V)].$  (4.2)

Using (2.16) in (4.2), yields

$$-S(R(X,Y)U,V) - S(U,R(X,Y)V)$$

$$= L_{S}[-g(Y,U)S(X,V) + g(X,U)S(Y,V)$$

$$-g(Y,V)S(U,X) + g(X,V)S(U,Y)].$$
(4.3)

Putting  $X = U = \xi$  in (4.3) and using (2.4),(2.10), (2.12) and (2.13), we obtain

$$(1+L_S)[S(Y,V) + (n-1)g(Y,V)] = 0. (4.4)$$

We may conclude that either  $L_S = -1$  or, the manifold is an Einstein manifold of the form

$$S(Y,V) = -(n-1)g(Y,V). (4.5)$$

Hence, we state the following lemma:

**Lemma 4.1.** A Ricci-pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  is an Einstein manifold with  $L_S \neq -1$ .

A Ricci-pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n,g)$  admits Ricci soliton. Then by virtue of (3.3) and (4.5), we obtain

$$\lambda = n - 1$$
.

Therefore,  $\lambda$  is positive. Hence we can state the following result:

**Theorem 4.2.** A Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \lambda)$  in a Ricci-pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  is expanding provided  $L_S \neq -1$ .

## 5 Ricci solitons in $W_3$ -Ricci pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifolds

Consider a  $W_3$ -Ricci pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold. Then from the definition 2.2, we have

$$(W_3(X,Y)\cdot S)(U,V) = fQ(g,S)(X,Y;U,V),$$

which implies that

$$(W_3(X,Y)\cdot S)(U,V) = f((X \wedge_q Y)\cdot S)(U,V). \tag{5.1}$$

This equation can be written as

$$-S(W_3(X,Y)U,V) - S(U,W_3(X,Y)V)$$

$$= f[-S((X \land_g Y)U,V) - S(U,(X \land_g Y)V)].$$
(5.2)

With the help of (2.27) and (2.18), we get from (5.2)

$$-S(W_3(X,Y)U,V) - S(U,W_3(X,Y)V)$$

$$= f[-g(Y,U)S(X,V) + g(X,U)S(Y,V)$$

$$-g(Y,V)S(U,X) + g(X,V)S(U,Y)].$$
(5.3)

Putting  $X = U = \xi$  in (5.3) and using (2.4), (2.13), (2.20) and (2.21), we obtain

$$(2+f)[S(Y,V) + (n-1)g(Y,V)] = 0. (5.4)$$

We may conclude that either f = -2 or, the manifold is an Einstein manifold of the form

$$S(Y,V) = -(n-1)g(Y,V). (5.5)$$

Hence, we state the following lemma:

**Lemma 5.1.** A  $W_3$ -Ricci-pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  is an Einstein manifold with  $f \neq -2$ .

Let a  $W_3$ -Ricci-pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  admits Ricci soliton. Then from (3.3) and (5.5), we obtain

$$\lambda = n - 1$$
.

Therefore,  $\lambda$  is positive. Hence we can state the following:

**Theorem 5.2.** A Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \lambda)$  in  $W_3$ -Ricci-pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  is expanding provided  $f \neq -2$ .

## 6 Ricci solitons in $W_3$ -pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifolds

Consider a  $W_3$ -pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold. Then from definition 2.4, we have

$$R \cdot W_3 = L_{W_3} Q(g, W_3),$$

which implies that

$$(R(X,Y) \cdot W_3)(U,V)W = L_{W_3}((X \wedge_a Y) \cdot W_3)(U,V)W. \tag{6.1}$$

Using (2.26) and (2.18) in (6.1), we have

$$R(X,Y)W_{3}(U,V)W - W_{3}(R(X,Y)U,V)W - W_{3}(U,R(X,Y)V)W - R(U,V)W_{3}(X,Y)W$$

$$= L_{W_{3}}[(X \wedge_{g} Y)W_{3}(U,V)W - W_{3}((X \wedge_{g} Y)U,V)W - W_{3}(U,(X \wedge_{g} Y)V)W - W_{3}(U,V)(X \wedge_{g} Y)W].$$
(6.2)

By virtue of (2.16) and (6.2), we find

$$R(X,Y)W_{3}(U,V)W - W_{3}(R(X,Y)U,V)W$$

$$-W_{3}(U,R(X,Y)V)W - W_{3}(U,V)R(X,Y)W$$

$$= L_{W_{3}}[g(Y,W_{3}(U,V)W)X - g(X,W_{3}(U,V)W)Y$$

$$-g(Y,U)W_{3}(X,Y)W + g(X,U)W_{3}(Y,V)W$$

$$-g(Y,V)W_{3}(U,X)W + g(X,V)W_{3}(U,Y)W$$

$$-g(Y,W)W_{3}(U,V)X + g(X,W)W_{3}(U,V)Y].$$
(6.3)

Putting  $X = U = \xi$  in (6.3) and using (2.9), (2.12), (2.19), (2.20), (2.21) and (2.22), we obtain

$$-2g(V,W)Y - W_3(Y,V)W + 2g(Y,W)V$$

$$= L_{W_3}[2g(V,W)Y + W_3(Y,V)W - 2g(Y,W)V],$$
(6.4)

i.e..

$$(1 + L_{W_3})[W_3(Y, V)W + 2g(V, W)Y - 2g(Y, W)V] = 0. (6.5)$$

Taking inner product with Z of (6.5) and using (2.19), we find

$$(1 + L_{W_3})\{g(R(Y, V)W, Z) + \frac{1}{(n-1)}[g(V, W)S(Y, Z) - S(Y, W)g(V, Z)] + 2g(V, W)g(Y, Z) - 2g(Y, W)g(V, Z)\}$$
0
(6.6)

Let  $\{e_i\}$ , i=1,2,....,n be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at any point of the manifold. Then putting  $V=W=e_i$  in (6.6) and taking summation over  $1 \le i \le n$ , we have

$$(1 + L_{W_3})[S(Y,Z) + g(Y,Z)] = 0. (6.7)$$

We may conclude that either  $L_{W_3} = -1$  or, the manifold is an Einstein manifold of the form

$$S(Y,Z) = -g(Y,Z). \tag{6.8}$$

Hence, we state the following lemma:

**Lemma 6.1.** A  $W_3$ -pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  is an Einstein manifold with  $L_{W_3} \neq -1$ .

Let a  $W_3$ -pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  admits Ricci soliton. Then from equations (3.3) and (6.8), we obtain

$$\lambda = 1$$
.

Therefore,  $\lambda$  is positive. Hence we have the following:

**Theorem 6.2.** A Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \lambda)$  in  $W_3$ -pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  is expanding provided  $L_{W_3} \neq -1$ .

# 7 Ricci solitons in Ricci generalized pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifolds

Consider a Ricci generalized pseudo-symmetric para-Sasakian manifold. Then from the definition 2.3, we have

$$R \cdot R = L_R Q(S, R),$$

which implies that

$$(R(X,Y)\cdot R)(U,V)W = L_R((X\wedge_S Y)\cdot R)(U,V)W. \tag{7.1}$$

Using (2.26) and (2.18) in (7.1), we have

$$R(X,Y)R(U,V)W - R(R(X,Y)U,V)W$$

$$-R(U,R(X,Y)V)W - R(U,V)R(X,Y)W$$

$$= L_{R}[(X \wedge_{S} Y)R(U,V)W - R((X \wedge_{S} Y)U,V)W$$

$$-R(U,(X \wedge_{S} Y)V)W - R(U,V)(X \wedge_{S} Y)W],$$
(7.2)

by virtue of (2.16) and (7.2), we obtain

$$R(X,Y)R(U,V)W - R(R(X,Y)U,V)W$$

$$-R(U,R(X,Y)V)W - R(U,V)R(X,Y)W$$

$$= L_{R}[S(Y,R(U,V)W)X - S(X,R(U,V)W)Y$$

$$-S(Y,U)R(X,Y)W + S(X,U)R(Y,V)W$$

$$-S(Y,V)R(U,X)W + S(X,V)R(U,Y)W$$

$$-S(Y,W)R(U,V)X + S(X,W)R(U,V)Y].$$
(7.3)

Taking  $X = U = \xi$  in (7.3) and using (2.9), (2.10), (2.11), (2.12) and (2.13), we have

$$-g(V,W)Y + g(V,W)\eta(Y)\xi - R(Y,V)W$$

$$+\eta(Y)\eta(W)V - g(V,W)\eta(Y)\xi$$

$$-\eta(W)\eta(Y)V + g(Y,W)V$$

$$= L_{R}[\eta(W)S(Y,V)\xi - (n-1)g(V,W)Y$$

$$-(n-1)R(Y,V)W + (n-1)g(Y,W)\eta(V)\xi$$

$$-S(Y,W)V + S(Y,W)\eta(V)\xi$$

$$+(n-1)g(V,Y)\eta(W)\xi].$$
(7.4)

Taking the inner product with Z of (7.4), we get

$$-g(V,W)g(Y,W) - g(R(Y,V)W,Z) + g(Y,W)g(V,Z)$$

$$= L_R[S(Y,V)\eta(W)\eta(Z) - (n-1)g(V,W)g(Y,Z)$$

$$-(n-1)g(R(Y,V)W,Z) + (n-1)g(Y,W)\eta(V)\eta(Z)$$

$$-S(Y,W)g(V,Z) + S(Y,W)\eta(V)\eta(Z)$$

$$+(n-1)g(V,Y)\eta(W)\eta(Z)].$$
(7.5)

Let  $\{e_i\}$ , i=1,2,....,n be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at any point of the manifold. Then putting  $V=W=e_i$  in (7.5) and taking summation over  $1 \le i \le n$ , we obtain

$$S(Y,Z) + (n-1)q(Y,Z) = nL_B[S(Y,Z) + (n-1)q(Y,Z)], \tag{7.6}$$

i.e.,

$$(1 - nL_R)[S(Y, Z) + (n - 1)q(Y, Z)] = 0. (7.7)$$

We may conclude that either  $L_R = \frac{1}{n}$  or, the manifold is an Einstein manifold of the form

$$S(Y,Z) = -(n-1)g(Y,Z). (7.8)$$

Hence, we state the following lemma:

**Lemma 7.1.** A Ricci generalized pseudosymmetric para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  is an Einstein manifold with  $L_R \neq \frac{1}{n}$ .

Let a Ricci generalized pseudosymmetric para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n,g)$  admits Ricci soliton. Then by virtue of (3.3) and (7.8), we have

$$\lambda = n - 1$$
.

Therefore,  $\lambda$  is positive. Hence we can state the following result:

**Theorem 7.2.** A Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \lambda)$  in Ricci generalized pseudosymmetric para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  is expanding provided  $L_R \neq \frac{1}{n}$ .

# 8 Ricci solitons in para-Sasakian manifolds satisfying the curvature condition $Q \cdot R = 0$

This section is devoted to study Ricci solitons in para-Sasakian manifolds satisfying the curvature condition  $Q \cdot R = 0$ .

Let us consider a para-Sasakian manifold satisfying the curvature condition  $Q \cdot R = 0$ , i.e.,

$$(Q \cdot R)(X, Y)Z = 0,$$

for all vector fields X, Y and  $Z \in TM^n$ . This is equivalent to

$$Q(R(X,Y)Z) - R(QX,Y)Z - R(X,QY)Z - R(X,Y)QZ = 0.$$
 (8.1)

Putting  $X = Z = \xi$  in (8.1), we obtain

$$Q(R(\xi, Y)\xi) - R(Q\xi, Y)\xi - R(\xi, QY)\xi - R(\xi, Y)Q\xi = 0.$$
(8.2)

Using (2.12) in (8.2), we have

$$-\eta(Y)Q\xi - R(Q\xi, Y)\xi + \eta(QY)\xi - R(\xi, Y)Q\xi = 0.$$
 (8.3)

Taking the inner product with  $\xi$  of (8.3), we get

$$-\eta(Y)S(\xi,\xi) - g(R(Q\xi,Y)\xi,\xi) + \eta(QY) - g(R(\xi,Y)Q\xi,\xi) = 0.$$
 (8.4)

Now from (2.7), we obtain

$$q(R(Q\xi, Y)\xi, \xi) = 0, (8.5)$$

and

$$g(R(\xi, Y)Q\xi, \xi) = -(n-1)\eta(Y) - S(Y, \xi). \tag{8.6}$$

Using (2.13), (8.5) and (8.6) in (8.4), we have

$$S(Y,\xi) = -(n-1)\eta(Y). (8.7)$$

Taking  $Y = \xi$  in (3.3), we obtain

$$S(X,\xi) = -\lambda \eta(Y),\tag{8.8}$$

by virtue of (8.7) and (8.8), we get

$$\lambda = n - 1$$
.

Therefore,  $\lambda$  is positive. Hence we can state the following result:

**Theorem 8.1.** A Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \lambda)$  in para-Sasakian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  satisfying the curvature condition  $Q \cdot R = 0$ , is expanding.

# 9 Example

We consider 5-dimensional manifold M, where  $M = \{(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, z) \in \mathbb{R}^5\}$ , where  $(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, z)$  are standard coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ . Let  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5$  be linearly independent frame fields on M given by

$$e_{1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{1}}, e_{2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{2}}, e_{3} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{1}}, e_{4} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{2}},$$

$$e_{5} = x_{1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{1}} + x_{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{2}} + y_{1} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{1}} + y_{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_{2}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

Let g be a Riemannian metric defined by

$$g(e_i, e_j) = 1 \text{ if } i = j$$
  
= 0 if  $i \neq j$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ 

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(X) = g(X, e_5) \ \forall \ X \in \chi(M)$ , where  $\chi(M)$  be the set of all  $C^{\infty}$ -vector fields defined on M. Let  $\phi$  be (1,1) tensor field defined by

$$\phi e_1 = e_1, \phi e_2 = e_2, \phi e_3 = e_3, \phi e_4 = e_4, \phi e_5 = 0.$$

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

$$\eta(e_5) = 1, \phi^2 X = X - \eta(X)e_5, 
g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

for any vector fields X, Y on  $\chi(M)$ . Thus for  $e_5 = \xi$ , the structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defines an almost contact metric structure on M. [4]

Let  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to metric g and R be the curvature tensor of the metric g. Then, we have

$$[e_1, e_2] = 0, [e_1, e_3] = 0, [e_1, e_4] = 0, [e_1, e_5] = e_1,$$
  
 $[e_2, e_3] = 0, [e_3, e_4] = 0, [e_2, e_4] = 0, [e_2, e_5] = e_2,$   
 $[e_3, e_5] = e_3, [e_4, e_5] = e_4.$ 

The Riemannian connection  $\nabla$  of the metric tensor q is given by Koszul's formula which is

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2g(\nabla_X Y,Z) & = & X\{g(Y,Z)\} + Y\{g(Z,X)\} - Z\{g(X,Y)\} \\ & -g(X,[Y,Z]) + g(Y,[Z,X]) + g(Z,[X,Y]). \end{array}$$

Taking  $e_5 = \xi$  and using Koszul's formula, we obtain

$$\begin{split} \nabla_{e_1}e_1 &= -e_5, \nabla_{e_1}e_2 = 0, \nabla_{e_1}e_3 = 0, \nabla_{e_1}e_4 = 0, \nabla_{e_1}e_5 = e_1, \\ \nabla_{e_2}e_1 &= 0, \nabla_{e_2}e_2 = -e_5, \nabla_{e_2}e_3 = 0, \nabla_{e_2}e_4 = 0, \nabla_{e_2}e_5 = e_2, \\ \nabla_{e_3}e_1 &= 0, \nabla_{e_3}e_2 = 0, \nabla_{e_3}e_3 = -e_5, \nabla_{e_3}e_4 = 0, \nabla_{e_3}e_5 = e_3, \\ \nabla_{e_4}e_1 &= 0, \nabla_{e_4}e_2 = 0, \nabla_{e_4}e_3 = 0, \nabla_{e_4}e_4 = -e_5, \nabla_{e_4}e_5 = e_4, \\ \nabla_{e_5}e_1 &= 0, \nabla_{e_5}e_2 = 0, \nabla_{e_5}e_3 = 0, \nabla_{e_5}e_4 = 0, \nabla_{e_5}e_5 = 0. \end{split}$$

From the above, it can be easily seen that  $e_5 = \xi, (\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a para-Sasakian structure on M. Hence,  $M(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a 5-dimensional para-Sasakian manifold. [4]

Also, the Riemannian curvature tensor R is given by

$$R(X,Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X,Y]} Z.$$

With the help of above results, we can verify the following results:

$$R(e_1, e_2)e_1 = e_2, \ R(e_1, e_2)e_2 = -e_1, \ R(e_1, e_3)e_1 = e_3, R(e_1, e_3)e_3 = -e_1,$$

$$R(e_1, e_4)e_1 = e_4, \ R(e_1, e_4)e_4 = -e_1, \ R(e_1, e_5)e_1 = e_5, R(e_1, e_5)e_5 = -e_1,$$

$$R(e_2, e_3)e_2 = e_3, \ R(e_2, e_3)e_3 = -e_2, \ R(e_2, e_4)e_2 = e_4, R(e_2, e_4)e_4 = -e_2,$$

$$R(e_2, e_5)e_2 = e_5, \ R(e_2, e_5)e_5 = -e_2, \ R(e_3, e_4)e_3 = e_4, R(e_3, e_4)e_4 = -e_3,$$

$$R(e_3, e_5)e_3 = e_5, \ R(e_3, e_5)e_5 = -e_3, \ R(e_4, e_5)e_4 = e_5, R(e_4, e_5)e_5 = -e_4.$$

The definition of Ricci tensor in 5-dimensional manifold implies that

$$S(X,Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{5} g(R(e_i, X)Y, e_i).$$

Using the components of the curvature tensor in the above equation, we get the following:

$$S(e_1, e_1) = -4$$
,  $S(e_2, e_2) = -4$ ,  $S(e_3, e_3) = -4$ ,  $S(e_4, e_4) = -4$ ,  $S(e_5, e_5) = -4$ .

That is,

$$S(X,Y) = -4g(X,Y).$$

Hence, the manifold is an Einstein manifold. With the help of the above expression of the Ricci tensor it can be easily verified that the manifold satisfies (3.3) for  $\lambda = 4$ , this implies that  $\lambda > 0$ , that is the Ricci soliton in 5-dimensional para-Sasakian manifold is expanding. Therefore, Theorem 8.1 is verified for 5-dimensional case.

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