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# Ricci Solitons in f-Kenmotsu Manifolds and 3-Dimensional Trans-Sasakian Manifolds

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#### **Abstract**

In the Present paper we study Ricci solitons in trans-sasakian manifolds. In particular we consider Ricci solitons in f-Kenmotsu manifolds and we prove the conditions for the Ricci solitons to be shrinking, steady and expanding.

### **Key words**

Ricci solitons; f-Kenmotsu; Trans-Sasakian; Shrinking; Steady; Expanding

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In [10], Ramesh Sharma started the study of the Ricci solitons in contact geometry. Later Mukut Mani Tripathi [11], Cornelia Livia Bejan and Mircea Crasmareanu [3] and others extensively studied Ricci solitons in contact metric manifolds. A Ricci soliton is a generalization of an Einstein metric and is defined on a Riemannian manifold (M, g) by

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

where V is a complete vector f eld on M and  $\lambda$  is a constant. The Ricci soliton is said to be shrinking, steady and expanding according as  $\lambda$  is negative, zero and positive respectively. If the vector f eld V is the gradient of a potential function f then g is called a gradient Ricci soliton and (1.1) takes the form,

$$\nabla \nabla f = Ric + \lambda g.$$

Perelman [9] proved that a Ricci soliton on a compact n-manifold is a gradient Ricci soliton. In [11], Ramesh Sharma studied Ricci solitons in K-contact manifolds, where the structure f eld  $\xi$  is killing and he proved that a complete K-contact gradient soliton is compact Einstein and Sasakian. M. M. Tripathi [11] studied Ricci solitons in N(K)-contact metric and  $(k,\mu)$  manifolds. Motivated by the above studies on Ricci solitons, in this paper, we study Ricci solitons in an important class of manifolds introduced by Kenmotsu in [6].

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## 2. PRELIMINARIES

A (2n+1) dimensional smooth manifold M is said to be an almost contact metric manifold if it admits an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  consisting of a tensor feld  $\phi$  of type (1,1), a vector feld  $\xi$ , a 1-form  $\eta$  and Riemannian metric g compatible with  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  satisfying

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

and

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

An almost contact metric manifold is said to be an f-Kenmotsu manifold if

$$(\nabla_X \phi) Y = f[g(\phi X, Y) \xi - \phi(X) \eta(Y)], \tag{2.3}$$

where  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$  is strictly positive and  $df \wedge \eta = 0$  holds.

From (2.3) we have

$$\nabla_X \xi = f(X - \eta(X)\xi). \tag{2.4}$$

An almost contact metric manifold is called a trans-Sasakian manifold [4] [8] if

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

for some smooth functions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  on M.

## 3. RICCI SOLITONS IN F-KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS

Let M be an n dimensional f-Kenmotsu manifold and let  $(g, V, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton in M. Let  $\{e_i\}$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$  be an orthonormal basis of  $T_PM$  at  $P \in M$ . Then from (1.1), we have

$$S = -(\lambda g + \frac{1}{2}L_V g). \tag{3.1}$$

From (2.4), we have

$$(L_{\xi}g)(X,Y) = f[g(X,Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)]. \tag{3.2}$$

From (3.1) and (3.2), we have

$$S(X,Y) = -\lambda g(X,Y) - f[g(X,Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)]. \tag{3.3}$$

It is easy to verify from (3.3) that

$$S(\phi X, Y) = -S(X, \phi Y) \tag{3.4}$$

and

$$S(\xi, \xi) = -\lambda. \tag{3.5}$$

From (2.3) and (2.4), we find that

$$R(X,Y)\xi = f^{2}[\eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X] + (Yf)\phi^{2}X - (Xf)\phi^{2}Y$$
(3.6)

and

$$S(X,\xi) = -[(n-1)f^2 + \xi f]\eta(X) - (n-2)X(f). \tag{3.7}$$

From (3.7), we obtain

$$S(\xi,\xi) = -(n-1)[f^2 + \xi f]. \tag{3.8}$$

Comparing (3.5) and (3.8), we obtain

$$\lambda = (n-1)(f^2 + \xi f) \tag{3.9}$$

From (3.9), it is clear that  $\lambda$  is positive if f is a constant. Thus we have

Ricci soliton in a f-Kenmotsu manifold is expanding, provided f is a constant.

Suppose f is not a constant. If  $\{e_i\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $T_PM$  at  $P \in M$ , then taking  $X = Y = e_i$  in (3.3) and summing over  $1 \le i \le n$ , we get

$$r = -\lambda n - f(n-1),\tag{3.10}$$

where r is the scalar curvature.

Differentiating (3.10) covariantly w.r.to X, we get

$$X_r = -(n-1)X_f, (3.11)$$

where

$$X_r = \nabla_X r, \quad X_f = \nabla_X f.$$

From (3.3), we have

$$QX = -\lambda X - f(\phi^2 X). \tag{3.12}$$

In view of (2.5), differentiation of (3.12) yields

$$(\nabla_Y Q)X = Y f(\phi^2 X) - f^2 \eta(X)\phi^2 Y + f \Phi(X, Y) \xi.$$

Contracting the above equation with respect to Y, we get

$$(divQ)X = (\phi^2 X) + f^2(n-1)\eta(X). \tag{3.13}$$

Using (3.11) and the identity

$$(divQ)X = \frac{X_r}{2},$$

we obtain

$$(n-3)(Xf) = -2(\xi f + (n-1)f^2)\eta(X). \tag{3.14}$$

Putting  $X = \xi$  in (3.14), we get

$$\xi f + 2f^2 = 0. ag{3.15}$$

Using (3.15) in (3.9), we get

$$\lambda = -((n-1)f^2,$$

i.e.  $\lambda < 0$  or the Ricci soliton g is shrinking. Thus we have

**Theorem 3.1.** Ricci soliton in an f-Kenmotsu manifold, where f is a non-constant is shrinking. From (2.3), we have

$$R(X,Y)\phi Z = \phi(R(X,Y)Z) + Xf[g(\phi Y, Z)\xi - \phi(Y)\eta(Z)]$$

$$+ f^{2}g(\phi Y, Z)(X - \eta(X)\xi) - f^{2}g(\phi X, Y)\eta(Z)\xi$$

$$+ f^{2}\phi(X)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - f^{2}\phi(Y)g(\phi X, \phi Z)$$

$$+ fg(\phi X, \nabla_{Y}Z)\xi - (Yf)[g(\phi X, Z)\xi - \phi(X)\eta(Z)]$$

$$- f^{2}g(\phi X, Z)(Y - \eta(Y)\xi) + f^{2}g(\phi Y, X)\eta(Z)\xi$$

$$- f^{2}\phi(Y)\eta(X)\eta(Z) + f^{2}\phi(X)g(\phi Y, \phi Z)$$

$$- fg(\phi Y, \nabla_{X}Z)\xi - fg(\phi(\nabla_{X}Y), Z)\xi + fg(\phi(\nabla_{Y}X), Z)\xi.$$
(3.16)

For f = 1, the equation (3.16) yields

$$R(X,Y)\phi Z = \phi(R(X,Y)Z) - g(\phi Y,Z)\phi^2 X - 2g(\phi X,Y)\eta(Z)\xi - g(X,Z)\phi Y$$
$$+ g(\phi X,\nabla_Y Z)\xi + g(\phi X,Z)\phi^2 Y + g(Y,Z)\phi X$$
$$- g(\phi Y,\nabla_X Z)\xi - g(\phi(\nabla_X Y,Z)\xi + g(\phi(\nabla_Y X),Z)\xi.$$

Contracting the above with respect to W, we get

$$\begin{split} {}'R(X,Y,\phi Z,W) = & g(R(X,Y)\phi Z,W) \\ = & g(\phi(R(X,Y)Z),W) - g(\phi Y,Z)g(\phi^2 X,W) - 2g(\phi X,Y)\eta(Z)\eta(W) \\ & - g(X,Z)g(\phi Y,W) + g(\phi X,\nabla_Y Z)\eta(W) + g(\phi X,Z)g(\phi^2 Y,W) + g(Y,Z)g(\phi X,W) \\ & - g(\phi Y,\nabla_X Z)\eta(W) - g(\phi(\nabla_X Y),Z)\eta(W) + g(\phi(\nabla_Y X),Z)\eta(W). \end{split}$$

Taking  $X = W = e_i$  and summing over  $1 \le i \le n$  in the above equation, we get

$$S(Y, \phi Z) = C(\overline{R}(Y, Z)) + (f + n - 2)g(\phi Y, Z) + g(\phi Z, \nabla_{\xi} Y) - g(\phi Y, \nabla_{\xi} Z), \tag{3.17}$$

where

$$C(\overline{R}(Y,Z)) = g(\phi(R(e_i,Y)Z)e_i).$$

From (3.4) and (3.17), it is easy to see that

$$C(\overline{R}(Y,Z)) = -C(\overline{R}(Z,Y)).$$

From (3.3) and (3.17), we obtain

$$C(R(Y,Z)) = (\lambda - (n-2))g(\phi Y, Z) - g(\phi Z, \nabla_{\xi} Y) + g(\phi Y, \nabla_{\xi} Z).$$
 (3.18)

Thus we have

**Theorem 3.2.** In a Kenmotsu manifold  $(M^n, g)$ , where g is a Ricci soliton, C(R(Y, Z)) is given by (3.18). Lie derivation of (3.3) yields

$$(L_{\varepsilon}S)(Y,Z) = -2f(\lambda + f)g(\phi Y,\phi Z) + f[\eta(\nabla_{\varepsilon}Y)\eta(Z) + \eta(\nabla_{\varepsilon}Z)\eta(Y)]. \tag{3.19}$$

Taking  $Y = Z = e_i$  in (3.19), and summing over  $1 \le i \le n$ , we obtain

$$-\xi r + 2fr - 2f(n-1)(f^2 + \xi f) = -2f(\lambda + f)(n-1).$$

Now for f = 1, this yields

$$\lambda = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\xi r - r}{n - 1}.$$

As it is well known that for a Kenmotsu manif ld the curvature r is negative. Hence  $\lambda$  is positive for constant r. Thus we have,

**Theorem 3.3.** A Ricci soliton in a Kenmotsu manifold of constant curvature is expanding.

# 4. RICCI SOLITONS IN 3-DIMENSIONAL TRANS-SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS

Suppose  $(M^n, g)$  is a 3-dimensional trans-Sasakian manifold and  $(g, V, \lambda)$  is a Ricci soliton in  $(M^n, g)$ . If V is a conformal killing vector f eld, then

$$L_V g = \rho g, \tag{4.1}$$

for some scalar function  $\rho$ .

Now from (3.3), we have

$$S(X,Y) = \left(-\lambda + \frac{\rho}{2}\right)g(X,Y),\tag{4.2}$$

$$QX = (-\lambda + \frac{\rho}{2})X\tag{4.3}$$

and

$$r = 3(-\lambda + \frac{\rho}{2}). \tag{4.4}$$

As it is well that in a 3-dimensional trans-Sasakian manifold, the curvature tensor R is given by

$$R(X,Y)Z = [S(Y,Z)X - S(X,Z)Y + g(Y,Z)QX - g(X,Z)QY] - \frac{r}{2}[g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y].$$
(4.5)

Using (4.2), (4.3), (4.4) in (4.5), we get

$$R(X,Y)Z = ((-2\lambda + \rho) - \frac{r}{2})[g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y]. \tag{4.6}$$

In a trans-Sasakian manifold,  $R(X, Y)\xi$  is given by

$$R(X,Y)\xi = (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + 2\alpha\beta(\eta(Y)\phi X - \eta(X)\phi Y) - (X\alpha)\phi Y + (Y\alpha)\phi X - (X\beta)\phi^2 Y + (Y\beta)\phi^2 X.$$

$$(4.7)$$

Taking  $X = Z = \xi$  in (4.6) and comparing it with (4.7) with  $X = \xi$ , we get

$$((\alpha^2-\beta^2)-\xi\beta+\frac{r}{2})[\eta(Y)\eta(W)-g(Y,W)]=0.$$

This implies

$$r = 2\xi\beta - 2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) \tag{4.8}$$

From (4.4) and (4.8), we have

$$6\lambda = \rho - 4[\xi\beta - (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)]. \tag{4.9}$$

From (4.9), we have

**Theorem 4.1.** In a 3-dimensional trans-Sasakian manifold, a Ricci Soliton  $(g, V, \lambda)$ , where V is conformal killing is

- *i) expanding for*  $\rho > 4(\xi\beta (\alpha^2 \beta^2))$
- ii) shrinking for  $\rho < 4(\xi\beta (\alpha^2 \beta^2))$
- and iii) is steady for  $\rho = 4(\xi\beta (\alpha^2 \beta^2))$

Taking  $\beta = 0$  in (4.9), we get  $\rho = -4\alpha^2$  if and only if  $\lambda = 0$ .

Since  $\rho$  is positive,  $\lambda$  cannot be zero. Thus we have

**Theorem 4.2.** A Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda)$  in an  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold, where V is conformal killing cannot be steady.

Let  $(M^n, g)$  be a f-Kenmotsu manifold. Then from (4.2), we have

$$\begin{split} R.S &= S(R(X,Y)Z,W) + S(Z,R(X,Y)W) \\ &= (-\lambda + \frac{\rho}{2})[g(R(X,Y)Z,W) + g(R(X,Y)W,Z) \\ &= (-\lambda + \frac{\rho}{2})['R(X,Y,Z,W) + 'R(X,Y,W,Z)] = 0, \end{split}$$

i.e  $(M^n, g)$  is Ricci semi-symmetric.

Conversely suppose R.S = 0, i.e

$$S(R(X,Y)Z,W) + S(Z,R(X,Y)W) = 0. (4.10)$$

Taking f = 1 in (3.6) and (3.7), we get

$$R(X,Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X,\tag{4.11}$$

$$S(X,\xi) = -(n-1)\eta(X). \tag{4.12}$$

Taking  $W = \xi$  in (4.10) and using (4.11) and (4.12), we obtain

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

Substituting this in (3.1), we get

$$(L_V g)(Y, Z) = \rho g(Y, Z)$$

where  $\rho = 2((n-1) - \lambda)$ . i.e *V* is conf rmal killing. Thus we have

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $(g, V, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton in a Kenmotsu manifold  $(M^n, g)$ . Then  $(M^n, g)$  is Ricci-semi symmetric if and only if V is conformal killing.

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