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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

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

where  $V$  is a complete vector field 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 field  $V$  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 field  $\xi$  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].

## 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 field  $\phi$  of type  $(1,1)$ , a vector field  $\xi$ , a 1-form  $\eta$  and Riemannian metric  $g$  compatible with  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  satisfying

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

and

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

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

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

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

From (2.3) we have

$$\nabla_X \xi = f(X - \eta(X)\xi). \quad (2.4)$$

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

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

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  $\{e_i\}, 1 \leq i \leq n$  be an orthonormal basis of  $T_P M$  at  $P \in M$ . Then from (1.1), we have

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

From (2.4), we have

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

From (3.1) and (3.2), we have

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

It is easy to verify from (3.3) that

$$S(\phi X, Y) = -S(X, \phi Y) \quad (3.4)$$

and

$$S(\xi, \xi) = -\lambda. \quad (3.5)$$

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

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

and

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

From (3.7), we obtain

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

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  $T_P M$  at  $P \in M$ , then taking  $X = Y = e_i$  in (3.3) and summing over  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , 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

$$X_r = -(n - 1)X_f, \tag{3.11}$$

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

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

Contracting the above equation with respect to  $Y$ , we get

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

Using (3.11) and the identity

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)\phi Z &= \phi(R(X, Y)Z) + Xf[g(\phi Y, Z)\xi - \phi(Y)\eta(Z)] \\ &+ f^2 g(\phi Y, Z)(X - \eta(X)\xi) - f^2 g(\phi X, Y)\eta(Z)\xi \\ &+ f^2 \phi(X)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - f^2 \phi(Y)g(\phi X, \phi Z) \\ &+ fg(\phi X, \nabla_Y Z)\xi - (Yf)[g(\phi X, Z)\xi - \phi(X)\eta(Z)] \\ &- f^2 g(\phi X, Z)(Y - \eta(Y)\xi) + f^2 g(\phi Y, X)\eta(Z)\xi \\ &- f^2 \phi(Y)\eta(X)\eta(Z) + f^2 \phi(X)g(\phi Y, \phi Z) \\ &- fg(\phi Y, \nabla_X Z)\xi - fg(\phi(\nabla_X Y), Z)\xi + fg(\phi(\nabla_Y X), Z)\xi. \end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

For  $f = 1$ , the equation (3.16) yields

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

Contracting the above with respect to  $W$ , we get

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

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

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

where

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

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

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

From (3.3) and (3.17), we obtain

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

Thus we have

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

$$(L_\xi S)(Y, Z) = -2f(\lambda + f)g(\phi Y, \phi Z) + f[\eta(\nabla_\xi Y)\eta(Z) + \eta(\nabla_\xi Z)\eta(Y)]. \quad (3.19)$$

Taking  $Y = Z = e_i$  in (3.19), and summing over  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , 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 manifold 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 field, then

$$L_V g = \rho g, \quad (4.1)$$

for some scalar function  $\rho$ .

Now from (3.3), we have

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)\xi = & (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + 2\alpha\beta(\eta(Y)\phi X - \eta(X)\phi Y) \\ & - (X\alpha)\phi Y + (Y\alpha)\phi X - (X\beta)\phi^2 Y + (Y\beta)\phi^2 X. \end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

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

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

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

Conversely suppose  $R.S = 0$ , i.e

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

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

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X, \quad (4.11)$$

$$S(X, \xi) = -(n-1)\eta(X). \quad (4.12)$$

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 conformal 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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