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# \*Ricci Solitons on Para-Sasakian Manifold

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**Abstract:** The object of present paper is to study a special type of metric called \*Ricci solitons on Para-Sasakian manifold. **Keywords:** Ricci solitons, Para-Sasakian manifold, Einstein manifold. **2010 AMS Classification Number:** 53C15, 53C25.

#### **1. Introduction**

Ricci soliton is a natural 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 a vector field, and  $\lambda$  a real scalar such that

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

where *S* is a Ricci tensor of *M* and  $L_V$  denotes the Lie derivative operator along the vector field *V*. The Ricci soliton is said to be shrinking, steady, and expanding accordingly as  $\lambda$  is negative, zero, and positive, respectively<sup>1</sup>. In 1967, D. E. Blair<sup>2</sup> introduced the notion of quasi-Sasakian manifold to unify Sasakian and cosympletic manifolds and in 1977. The authors in<sup>3-7</sup> have studied Ricci solitons in contact and Lorentzian manifolds. G. Kaimakamis and K. Panagiotidou<sup>8</sup> initiated the notion of \*-Ricci soliton where they essentially modified the definition of Ricci soliton by replacing the Ricci tensor *Ric* in (1.1) with the \*-Ricci tensor *Ric*\*. A pseudo-Riemannian metric *g* on a smooth manifold *M* is called a \*-Ricci soliton if there exists a smooth vector field *V*, such that

(1.2) 
$$\frac{1}{2}(\pounds_V g)(X,Y) + Ric^*(X,Y) = \lambda g(X,Y),$$

where

(1.3) 
$$Ric^{*}(X,Y) = \frac{1}{2}(trace\{\phi, R(X,\phi Y)\}),$$

for all vector fields X, Y on M

The notion of \*-Ricci tensor was first introduced by S. Tachibana<sup>9</sup> on almost Hermitian manifolds and further studied by T. Hamada<sup>10</sup> on real hypersurfaces of non-flat complex space forms.

In the present paper, we have studied \*-Ricci soliton on Para-Sasakian manifold and prove the following result:

**Theorem 1.1:** Let  $M(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a (2n + 1)-dimensional Para-Sasakian manifold. If g is a \*-Ricci soliton on M, then either M is Dhomothetic to an Einstein manifold, or the Ricci tensor of M with respect to canonical paracontact connection vanishes. In the first case, the soliton vector field is Killing and in the second case, the soliton vector field leaves  $\varphi$  invariant.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let *M* be an almost contact manifold equipped with an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  consisting of a (1,1) tensor field  $\phi$ , a vector field

 $\xi$ , a 1-form  $\eta$  and a compatible Riemannian metric g satisfying

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

$$g(X,Y) = g(\phi X, \phi Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

(2.2)

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

for all  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ .

An almost contact metric manifold M is a Para-Sasakian manifold if and only if

(2.3) 
$$(\nabla_X \phi)(Y) = -g(X,Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi(X) + 2\eta(X)\eta(Y), X, Y \in TM,$$

where  $\nabla$  is Levi-Civita connection of the Riemannian metric g.

From the above equation it follows that

(2.4) 
$$\nabla_{X}\xi = \phi(X), \quad X \in T(M),$$

(2.5) 
$$(\nabla_X \eta) Y = g(X, \phi Y) = (\nabla_Y \eta) X .$$

Moreover, the curvature tensor R and Ricci tensor S satisfy

(2.6) 
$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X.$$

Let M be a three-dimensional Para-Sasakian manifold. The Ricci tensor S of M is given by

(2.7) 
$$S(\phi X, \phi Y) = S(X, Y) + (n-1)\eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

where R is the Riemannian curvature tensor and S is the Ricci tensor of type (0, 2) such that

(2.8) 
$$g(QX,Y)=S(X,Y),$$

where Q is the Ricci operator.

**Lemma 2.1:** Let  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a Para-Sasakian manifold. Then (i)  $\nabla_{\xi}Q = 0$ , and (ii)  $(\nabla_{\chi}Q)\xi = Q\phi X + \lambda\phi X$ .

**Proof:** Since  $\xi$  is Killing, we have  $\pounds_V Ric = 0$ . This implies  $(\pounds_{\xi} Q) X = 0$  for any vector field X on M. From which it follows that

$$0 = \mathfrak{t}_{\xi}(QX) - Q(\mathfrak{t}_{\xi}X)$$
$$= \nabla_{\xi}QX + \nabla_{QX}\xi - Q(\nabla_{\xi}X) + Q(\nabla_{X}\xi)$$
$$= (\nabla_{\xi}Q)X + \nabla_{QX}\xi + Q(\nabla_{X}\xi).$$

Using (2.4) in the above equation gives  $\nabla_{\xi}Q = Q\phi - \phi Q$ . Since the Ricci operator Q commutes with  $\phi$  on Para-Sasakian manifold, we have (*i*). Next, taking covariant differentiation of (2.8) along an arbitrary vector field X on M and using (2.4), we obtain (*ii*). This completes the proof.

If the Ricci tensor of a Para-Sasakian manifold M is of the form

$$Ric(X, Y) = Ag(X, Y) + B\eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

for any vector fields X, Y on M, where A and B being constants, then M is called an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.

The 1-form  $\eta$  is determined up to a horizontal distribution and hence  $D = Ker \eta$  connected by  $\tilde{\eta} = \sigma \eta$  for a positive smooth function  $\sigma$ on a paracontact manifold M. This paracontact form  $\bar{\eta}$  defines the structure tensor  $(\bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{g})$  corresponding to  $\eta$  using the condition given in the paper<sup>11</sup>. We call the transformation of the structure tensors given by Lemma 4.1 of<sup>11</sup> a gauge (conformal) transformation of paracontact pseudo-Riemannian structure. When  $\sigma$  is constant this is a Dhomothetic transformation. Let  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a paracontact manifold and

$$\overline{\phi} = \phi, \overline{\xi} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \xi, \overline{\eta} = \alpha \eta, \overline{g} = \alpha g + (\alpha^2 - \alpha) \eta \otimes \eta \alpha = \text{const.} \neq 0$$

to be D-homothetic transformation. Then  $(\overline{\phi}, \overline{\xi}, \overline{\eta}, \overline{g})$  is also a para contact structure. Using the formula appeared in11 for D-homothetic deformation, one can easily verify that if  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a (2n+1)dimensional  $(n > 1) \eta$ -Einstein Para-Sasakian structure with scalar curvature  $r \neq 2n$ , then there exists a constant  $\alpha$  such that  $M(\overline{\phi}, \overline{\xi}, \overline{\eta}, \overline{g})$ is an Einstein Para-Sasakian structure. So we have following result.

**Lemma 2.2:** Any (2n+1)-dimensional  $\eta$ -Einstein Para-Sasakian manifold with scalar curvature not equal to 2n is D-homothetic to an Einstein manifold.

## 3. Proof of Theorem

First, we state and prove some lemmas which will be used to prove Theorem.

**Lemma 3.1:** The \*-Ricci tensor on a (2n+1)-dimensional Para-Sasakian manifold  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is given by

(3.1) 
$$\operatorname{Ric}^{*}(X,Y) = -\operatorname{Ric}(X,Y) - (2n-1)g(X,Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

for any vector fields X, Y on M.

**Proof:** The Ricci tensor *Ric* of a (2n+1)-dimensional Para-Sasakian manifold  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  satisfies the relation (c.f. Lemma 3.15 in<sup>11</sup>:

(3.2) 
$$Ric(X,Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} R'(X,\phi Y,e_i,\phi e_i) - (2n-1)g(X,Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

for any vector fields X, Y on M. By the skew-symmetric property of  $\phi$ , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} R'(X,\phi Y,e_i,\phi e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} R(X,\phi Y,e_i,\phi e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} g(\phi R(X,\phi Y),e_i,e_i)$$

By this, (3.2) becomes

(3.3) 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} g(\phi R(X,\phi Y),e_i,e_i) = -2Ric(X,Y) - 2(2n-1)g(X,Y) - 2\eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

By (1.3) and (3.3), we have (3.1).

**Lemma 3.2:** For a Para-Sasakian manifold, we have the following relation

(3.4) 
$$(\pounds_{V}\eta)(\xi) = -\eta(\pounds_{V}\xi) = \lambda.$$

*Proof:* By virtue of Lemma 3.1, the \*-Ricci soliton equation (1.2) can be expressed as

(3.5) 
$$(\pounds_V g)(X,Y) = 2Ric(X,Y) + 2(2n-1+\lambda)g(X,Y) + 2\eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

Taking  $Y = \xi$  in (3.5) and using (2.7) we have  $(\pounds_V g)(X,\xi) = 2\lambda \eta(X)$ . Lie-differentiating the equation  $\eta(X) = g(X,\xi)$  along *V* and by (3.5), we have

(3.6) 
$$(\pounds_{V}\eta)(X) - g(\pounds_{V}\xi, X) - 2\lambda\eta(X) = 0.$$

Now, Lie-derivative of  $g(\xi, \xi)=1$  along *V* and equation (3.6) completes proof.

**Lemma 3.3:** Let  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a (2n+1)-dimensional Para-Sasakian manifold. If g is a \*-Ricci soliton, then M is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold and the Ricci tensor can be written as

(3.7) 
$$\operatorname{Ric}(X,Y) = -\left[2n-1+\frac{\lambda}{2}\right]g(X,Y) + \left[\frac{\lambda}{2}-1\right]\eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

for any vector fields X, Y on M.

**Proof:** Taking covariant differentiation of (3.5) along an arbitrary vector field Z, we get

(3.8) 
$$(\nabla_Z \mathfrak{t}_V g)(X, Y) = 2 \left\{ (\nabla_Z Ric) (X, Y) - g(X, \phi Z) \eta(Y) - g(Y, \phi Z) \eta(X) \right\}.$$

According to Yano<sup>12</sup>, we have

$$(\pounds_{V} \nabla_{Z} g - \nabla_{Z} \pounds_{V} g - \nabla_{[V, Z]g})(X, Y)$$
$$= -g((\pounds_{V} \nabla)(Z, X), Y) - g((\pounds_{V} \nabla)(Z, Y), X),$$

for any vector fields X, Y, Z on M.

In view of the parallelism of the pseudo-Riemannian metric g, we have from above relation

(3.9) 
$$(\nabla_Z \mathfrak{t}_V g)(X,Y) = g((\mathfrak{t}_V \nabla)(Z,X),Y) + g((\mathfrak{t}_V \nabla)(Z,Y),X).$$

From (3.8) and (3.9), we have

(3.10) 
$$g((\pounds_V \nabla)(Z, X), Y) + g((\pounds_V \nabla)(Z, Y), X)$$

$$= 2\left\{ (\nabla_{Z} Ric)(X, Y) - g(X, \phi Z) \eta(Y) - g(Y, \phi Z) \eta(X) \right\}.$$

Which gives

(3.11) 
$$g((\pounds_{V}\nabla)(X, Y), Z) = -(\nabla_{Z}Ric)(X,Y) + (\nabla_{X}Ric)(Y,Z)$$
$$+(\nabla_{Y}Ric)(Z,X) + 2g(X,\phi Z)\eta(Y) + 2g(Y,\phi Z)\eta(X).$$

Taking  $\xi$  in place of Y in (3.11) and Lemma 2.1, we get

(3.12) 
$$(\pounds_V \nabla)(X,Y) = 2(2n-1)\phi X + 2Q\phi X.$$

Differentiating (3.12) covariantly along an arbitrary vector field Y on M and using the relations (2.3) and (2.8), we have

(3.13) 
$$(\nabla_{Y} \mathfrak{t}_{V} \nabla)(X, \xi) + (\mathfrak{t}_{V} \nabla)(X, \varphi Y)$$
$$= 2 \{ (\nabla_{Y} Q) \varphi X + \eta (X) Q Y + (2n-1) \eta (X) Y + g (X, Y) \xi \}.$$

According to Yano<sup>12</sup> we have

(3.14) 
$$(\mathfrak{t}_{V}R)(X,Y)Z = (\nabla_{X}\mathfrak{t}_{V}\nabla)(Y,Z) - (\nabla_{Y}\mathfrak{t}_{V}\nabla)(X,Z) \, .$$

Taking  $\xi$  in place of Z in (3.14) and by (3.13), we have

$$(3.15) \qquad (\pounds_{V}R)(X,Y)\xi + (\pounds_{V}\nabla)(Y,\varphi X) - (\pounds_{V}\nabla)(X,\varphi Y) \\ = 2\{(\nabla_{X}Q)\varphi Y - (\nabla_{Y}Q)\varphi X + \eta(Y)QX - \eta(X)QY \\ + (2n-1)(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y)\}.$$

Taking  $\xi$  for Y in (3.15), then using (2.8), (3.12) and Lemma 2.1, we have (3.16)

$$\left(\pounds_{V}R\right)(X,\xi)\xi=4\left\{QX+\left(2n-1\right)X+\eta\left(X\right)\xi\right\}.$$

Taking Lie-derivative of (2.6) along V and by (2.5) and (3.4) we have

(3.17) 
$$(\pounds_V R)(X,\xi)\xi = (\pounds_V \eta)(X)\xi - g(\pounds_V X,\xi) - 2\lambda X .$$

Comparing (3.16) with (3.17), and use of (3.6), gives the required result.

**Proof of Theorem**: By (3.7), the soliton equation (3.5) can be written as

(3.18) 
$$(\pounds_V g)(X,Y) = \lambda \left\{ g(X,Y) + \eta \left( X \right) \eta(Y) \right\}.$$

Taking Lie-differentiation of (3.7) along the vector field V and using (3.5) we have

(3.19) 
$$(\pounds_{V} \operatorname{Ric})(X,Y) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{2} - 1\right) \left\{ \eta(Y)(\pounds_{V} \eta)(X) + \eta(X)(\pounds_{V} \eta)(Y) \right\}$$
$$- \left[\frac{\lambda}{2} + 2n - 1\right] \lambda \left\{ g(X,Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y) \right\}.$$

Differentiating (3.7) covariantly along an arbitrary vector field Z on M and using (2.4) we have

(3.20) 
$$(\nabla_Z Ric)(X,Y) = \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{2}\right) \left\{ g(X,\phi Z)\eta(Y) + g(Y,\phi Z)\eta(X) \right\}.$$

By (3.20), equation (3.11) becomes

(3.21) 
$$(\pounds_{V}\nabla)(X,Y) = -\lambda\{\eta(Y) \ \varphi X + \eta(X)\varphi Y\}.$$

Differentiating (3.21) covariantly along an arbitrary vector field Z on M and by (2.3) and (2.4), we have

(3.22) 
$$(\nabla_{Z} \pounds_{V} \nabla) (X, Y) = \lambda \{ g(Y, \phi Z) \phi X + g(X, \phi Z) \phi Y + g(X, Z) \eta(Y) \xi + g(Y, Z) \eta(X) \xi - 2\eta(X) \eta(Y) Z \}$$

Using (3.22) in (3.14) and using (2.4) we have

(3.23) 
$$(\pounds_{V}R)(X,Y)Z = \lambda \{g(\phi X,Z)\phi Y - g(\phi Y,Z)\phi X + 2g(\phi X,Y)\phi Z + g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi - 2\eta(Y)\eta(Z)X + 2\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y\}.$$

Contracting (3.23) over Z, we get

(3.24) 
$$\left( \pounds_{V} Ric \right)(Y,Z) = 2\lambda \left\{ g(Y,Z) - (2n+1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) \right\}.$$

By (3.19) and (3.24), we have

(3.25) 
$$\left(\frac{\lambda}{2} - 1\right) \left\{ \eta(Y)(\pounds_{V}\eta)(Z) + \eta(Z)(\pounds_{V}\eta)(Y) \right\}$$
$$- \left[\frac{\lambda}{2} + 2n - 1\right] \lambda \left\{ g(Y, Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z) \right\}$$
$$= 2\lambda \left\{ g(Y, Z) - (2n + 1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) \right\}.$$

Replacing Y by  $\phi^2 Y$  in (3.25) and then using (2.1) and (3.4) we get

(3.26) 
$$\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}-1\right)\left\{\left(\pounds_{V}\eta\right)(Y)\eta(Z)=\lambda\left[1+2n+\frac{\lambda}{2}\right]g(Y,Z)-2n\lambda\eta(Y)\eta(Z)\right\}$$

By (3.26) and (3.25) and then replacing Z by  $\phi Z$ , we have

(3.27) 
$$\lambda \left[1+2n+\frac{\lambda}{2}\right]g(Y,\phi Z) = 0$$

As  $\phi(Y,Z) = g(Y, \phi Z)$  is non-vanishing everywhere on M, so either  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\lambda = -2(2n+1)$ .

**Case I:** If  $\lambda = 0$ , from (3.18) we have  $\pounds_{V}g = 0$ , therefore, *V* is Killing. From (3.7) we have

(3.28) 
$$Ric(X,Y) = -(2n-1)g(X,Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

Contracting the equation (3.28) we have  $r = -4n^2$ , where *r* is the scalar curvature of the manifold *M*. This shows that *M* is a  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold with scalar curvature  $r \neq 2n$ . So, *M* is *D*-homothetic to an Einstein manifold.

**Case II:** If  $\lambda = -2(2n+1)$ , then taking  $\xi$  in place of Z in (3.26) and then replace Y by  $\phi Y$  the resulting equation gives

$$\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}-1\right)\left(\pounds_{V}\eta\right)(\phi Y)=0.$$

Since  $\lambda = -2(2n+1)$ , we have  $\lambda \neq 2$ . Thus we have  $(\pounds_V \eta) (\varphi Y) = 0$ .

Replacing Y by  $\phi Y$  and using (2.1), we have

(3.29) 
$$(\pounds_V \eta)(Y) = -2 (2n+1)\eta(X).$$

Taking exterior differentiation d on (3.29) we have

(3.30) 
$$\left(\pounds_{V} d\eta\right)(X,Y) = -2(2n+1)g(X,\phi Y),$$

as d commutes with  $f_v$ .

Taking the Lie-derivative of  $d\eta(X,Y) = g(X, \phi Y)$  along the soliton vector field *V* provides

(3.31) 
$$(\pounds_V d\eta)(X,Y) = (\pounds_V g)(X,\phi Y) + g(X,(\pounds_V \phi)Y).$$

From (3.18) we have

(3.32) 
$$(\pounds_V g)(X, \phi Y) = -2(2n+1)g(X, \phi).$$

Using (3.30) and (3.32) in (3.31) we have  $\pounds_V \phi = 0$ . Therefore, soliton vector field *V* leaves  $\phi$  invariant. Putting  $\lambda = -2(2n+1)$  in (3.7) we have

(3.33) 
$$Ric(X,Y) = 2g(X,Y) - (2n+2)\eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

Contracting (3.33) we obtain r = 2n (i.e., the manifold M cannot be D-homothetic to an Einstein manifold. Ricci tensor  $Ri\tilde{c}$  of a (2n+1) dimensional Para-Sasakian manifold with respect to canonical paracontact connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is defined as<sup>11</sup>

(3.34) 
$$Ri\tilde{c}(X,Y) = Ric(X,Y) - 2g(X,Y) + (2n+2)\eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

Using (3.33) in (3.34) we have  $Ri\tilde{c}(\tilde{X}, Y) = 0$ . Therefore, the Ricci tensor with respect to the connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  vanishes. This completes the proof of theorem.

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