

## SUBMANIFOLD OF $(\kappa, \mu)$ - CONTACT METRIC MANIFOLD AS A RICCI SOLITON

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**ABSTRACT.** We study invariant and anti-invariant submanifolds of  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifolds as Ricci solitons and show that the nature of Ricci soliton depends on the value of  $k$ . We also show that, in the submanifold as Ricci soliton, structure tensor  $\phi$  anti commutes with the Ricci operator  $Q$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Blair et al. [4] introduced a class of contact metric manifolds, in which the structure vector field  $\xi$  satisfies the  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity condition. A contact metric manifold belonging to this class is called a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -manifold. A full classification of  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifolds was given by Boeckx [5]. The  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifolds are invariant under  $D_\alpha$ -homothetic transformation and have been studied widely by several authors (See [3, 11, 16, 18]).

In 1982, Hamilton [19] introduced the notion of Ricci flow to find a canonical metric on a smooth manifold. Then Ricci flow has become a powerful tool for the study of Riemannian manifolds, especially for those manifolds with positive curvature. A solution to the Ricci flow is called Ricci soliton if it moves only by a one parameter group of diffeomorphisms and scaling. It has become more important after Perelman applied Ricci solitons to solve the long standing Poincare conjecture posed in 1904. A Ricci soliton emerges as the limit of the solutions of the Ricci flow.

A Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda)$  defined on  $(M, g)$  as  $(L_V g)(X, Y) + 2S(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) = 0$ , where  $L_V$  denotes the Lie-derivative of Riemannian metric  $g$  along a vector field  $V$ ,  $\lambda$  is a constant and  $X, Y$  are arbitrary vector fields on  $M$ . A Ricci soliton is said to shrinking or steady or expanding to the extent that  $\lambda$  is negative, zero or positive respectively.

In 2008, Sharma [26] started the study of Ricci Solitons in  $K$ -Contact manifolds. Also in 2009, Ghosh et al. [17] studied gradient Ricci Solitons in a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold. Ricci solitons and gradient Ricci solitons on some kinds of almost contact metric manifolds of dimension three

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were studied by many authors. De et al. [13] and Turan et al. [27] investigated Ricci solitons and gradient Ricci solitons on three-dimensional normal almost contact metric manifolds and three-dimensional transSasakian manifolds respectively. Moreover, Ghosh [14, 15] and Cho [8] classified Ricci solitons on three-dimensional Kenmotsu manifolds and 3-dimensional contact metric manifolds respectively. In addition, Ricci solitons on  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifolds and  $N(k)$ -quasi-Einstein manifolds were also studied by Calin and Crasmareanu [6] and Crasmareanu [9] respectively. Nagaraja et al. [23, 24, 25, 21, 20, 22] studied Ricci solitons in Kenmotsu manifolds,  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifolds,  $N(\kappa)$ -manifolds and  $(\kappa, \mu)$  manifolds under  $D$ -homothetic deformations.

In this paper, we study submanifold of  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold as a Ricci soliton. We prove that a submanifold of  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold as a shrinking or expanding Ricci soliton is non flat and if the soliton is steady then the  $(1, 1)$ -tensor  $\phi$  anti-commutes with the Ricci operator  $Q$ . In particular for  $\lambda = -2$ , submanifold is locally isometric to  $E^{(n+1)}(0) \times S^n(4)$  for  $n > 1$ . Further, we extend the study to invariant and anti-invariant submanifolds of  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold as Ricci solitons. For invariant submanifold of  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold the nature of the soliton depends on the constant  $k$ . In the case of anti-invariant submanifold, the submanifold is cyclic parallel and if it is Ricci pseudosymmetric then it is either Sasakian or  $L_S = k - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)}$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $M$  be  $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional almost contact metric manifold with the structure tensors  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , where  $\phi$  is a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$ ,  $\xi$  is a unit vector field,  $\eta$  a 1-form and  $g$  is a Riemannian metric on  $M$  [2]. Then

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} \phi^2 &= -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta \cdot \phi = 0, \\ g(\phi X, \phi Y) &= g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad g(X, \xi) = \eta(X), \end{aligned}$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ . Let  $\Phi$  denote the 2-form in  $M$  and is given by

$\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y)$ . For real constants  $k, \mu$ , the  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity distribution of a contact metric manifold is a distribution [4]

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} N(\kappa, \mu) : p \longrightarrow N_p(\kappa, \mu) &= \{Z \in T_p M : R(X, Y)Z \\ &= \kappa(g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y) \\ &+ \mu(g(Y, Z)hX - g(X, Z)hY)\}, \end{aligned}$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ , where  $R$  denotes the Riemannian curvature tensor and  $T_p M$  denotes the tangent vector space of  $M$  at ant point  $p \in M$ . If the characteristic vector field  $\xi$  of a contact metric manifold belongs to the  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity distribution, then

$$(3) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = k(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + \mu(\eta(Y)hX - \eta(X)hY).$$

A contact metric manifold with  $\xi \in N(\kappa, \mu)$  is called a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold. In a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold the following relations hold:

$$(4) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = g(X + hX, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)(X + hX),$$

$$(5) \quad h\xi = 0,$$

$$(6) \quad h^2 = (k-1)\phi^2,$$

$$(7) \quad \nabla_X \xi = -\phi X - \phi hX,$$

$$(8) \quad (\nabla_X h)Y = \{(k-1)g(X, \phi Y) + g(X, h\phi Y)\}\xi + \eta(Y)[h(\phi X + \phi hX)] - \mu\eta(X)\phi hY,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ , where  $h$  is a symmetric tensor. Now let  $N$  be  $(2n+1)$ - dimensional immersed submanifold of  $M$ . Then the Gauss and Weingarten formulas are respectively given by

$$(9) \quad \nabla_X Y = \tilde{\nabla}_X Y + \sigma(X, Y)$$

and

$$(10) \quad \nabla_X V = -A_V X + \tilde{\nabla}_X^\perp V,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $N$ , and a normal vector field  $V$  on  $N$ , where  $\sigma$  denotes the second fundamental form,  $\tilde{\nabla}^\perp$  the normal connection and  $A$  the shape operator. The second fundamental form and shape operator are related by

$$(11) \quad g(A_V X, Y) = g(\sigma(X, Y), V),$$

where  $g$  denotes the induced metric on  $N$  as well as the Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $M$ .

The covariant derivative of  $\sigma$  is defined by

$$(12) \quad (\nabla_X \sigma)(Y, Z) = \tilde{\nabla}_X^\perp \sigma(Y, Z) - \sigma(\tilde{\nabla}_X Y, Z) - \sigma(Y, \tilde{\nabla}_X Z).$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $N$ .

If  $R_N(X, Y)Z$  and  $R_M(X, Y)Z$  denote the Riemannian curvature tensor on the ambient manifold  $M$  and the submanifold  $N$  respectively, then we have

$$(13) \quad R_M(X, Y)Z = R_N(X, Y)Z + (\nabla_X \sigma)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y \sigma)(X, Z) + A_{\sigma(X, Z)}Y - A_{\sigma(Y, Z)}X,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $N$  [7].

The invariant and anti-invariant submanifolds depend on the behaviour of almost contact metric structure  $\phi$ . A submanifold  $N$  of an almost contact metric manifold is said to be invariant if the structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to  $N$  at every point of  $N$  and  $\phi(T_x N) \subset T_x N$  and the submanifold is called anti invariant in  $M$  if  $\phi(T_x N) \subset (T_x N)^\perp$  for each point  $x$  of  $N$ , where  $T_x N$  and  $T_x N^\perp$  denote respectively the tangent space and normal spaces of  $N$  at  $x$  [1].

**Definition 2.1.** *The Ricci tensor  $S$  of a Riemannian manifold  $M$  is said to be cyclic-parallel if*

$$(14) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) + (\nabla_Y S)(Z, X) + (\nabla_Z S)(X, Y) = 0.$$

**Definition 2.2.** The  $D$ -conformal curvature tensor  $B$  on a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ , ( $n > 4$ ) is defined as [10]

(15)

$$\begin{aligned} B(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z + \frac{1}{n-3}[S(X, Z)Y - S(Y, Z)X + g(X, Z)QY \\ &\quad - g(Y, Z)QX + S(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - S(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)QX \\ &\quad - \eta(X)\eta(Z)QY] - \frac{K-2}{n-3}[g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X] \\ &\quad + \frac{K}{n-3}[g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi + \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y \\ &\quad - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X], \end{aligned}$$

where  $K = \frac{r+2(n-1)}{n-2}$ ,  $Q$  is the Ricci operator,  $S$  is the Ricci tensor and  $r$  is the scalar curvature of  $M$ .

A Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is called Ricci pseudosymmetric if the tensor  $R.S$  and the Tachibana tensor  $Q(g, S)$  are linearly dependent, where

$$(16) \quad (R(X, Y).S)(Z, U) = -S(R(X, Y)Z, U) - S(Z, R(X, Y)U),$$

$$(17) \quad Q(g, S)(Z, U; X, Y) = -S((X \wedge_g Y)Z, U) - S(Z, (X \wedge_g Y)U),$$

and

$$(18) \quad (X \wedge_g Y) = g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, U$  of  $M$ ,  $R$  denotes the curvature tensor of  $M$ .

A Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is called Ricci pseudo-symmetric if and only if

$$(19) \quad (R(X, Y).S)(Z, U) = L_S Q(g, S)(Z, U; X, Y),$$

holds on  $U_S = \{x \in M | S - \frac{r}{n}g \neq 0 \text{ at } x\}$ , for some function  $L_S$  on  $U_S$ .

The concircular curvature tensor  $C$  is defined by

$$(20) \quad C(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{r}{n(n-1)}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y].$$

A Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is said to be concircular Ricci pseudosymmetric if its concircular curvature tensor  $C$  satisfies

$$(21) \quad (C(X, Y).S)(Z, U) = L_S Q(g, S)(Z, U; X, Y),$$

on  $U_S = \{x \in M | S - \frac{r}{n}g \neq 0 \text{ at } x\}$ , for some function  $L_S$  on  $U_S$ .

### 3. RICCI SOLITON ON SUBMANIFOLDS OF $(\kappa, \mu)$ -CONTACT METRIC MANIFOLD

Throughout this section  $N$  is a submanifold of  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold  $M$ . A smooth vector field  $V$  on a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is said to define a Ricci soliton [19] if it satisfies

$$(22) \quad \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_V g + Ric = \lambda g,$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_V g$  is the Lie-derivative of the metric tensor  $g$  with respect to  $V$ ,  $Ric$  is the Ricci tensor of  $(M, g)$  and  $\lambda$  is a constant.

A Ricci soliton  $(M, g, V, \lambda)$  is called shrinking, steady or expanding according to  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\lambda < 0$  respectively.

Suppose  $(g, \xi, \lambda)$  is a Ricci soliton on the submanifold  $N$  of  $(k, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold  $M$  with contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ . Then from (22), we write

$$g(\tilde{\nabla}_Y \xi, Z) + g(Y, \tilde{\nabla}_Z \xi) + 2 S_N(Y, Z) - 2 \lambda g(Y, Z) = 0.$$

Using (9) and (7) in the foregoing equation, we obtain

$$(23) \quad S_N(Y, Z) = g(\phi hY + \lambda Y, Z).$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $(N, g, \xi, \lambda)$  is a shrinking or expanding Ricci soliton then  $N$  is not flat.*

*Proof.* Suppose the submanifold  $N$  admitting Ricci soliton is flat. Then we have

$$R_N(X, Y)Z = 0,$$

which implies

$$S_N(Y, Z) = 0.$$

From (22), we get

$$(24) \quad g(\phi hY + \lambda Y, Z) = 0.$$

Taking  $Y = \xi$  in (24), we obtain

$$\lambda \eta(Z) = 0.$$

Hence the theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *If  $(N, g, \xi, \lambda)$  is a steady Ricci soliton then the Ricci operator  $Q$  and the structure tensor  $\phi$  satisfy  $Q\phi + \phi Q = 0$ .*

*Proof.* From (23), we write

$$(25) \quad QY = \phi hY + \lambda Y.$$

Applying  $\phi$  both sides of (25), we get

$$(26) \quad \phi QY = -hY + \lambda \phi Y.$$

Next replace  $Y$  by  $\phi Y$  in (25), we obtain

$$(27) \quad Q\phi Y = hY + \lambda \phi Y.$$

Adding equations (26) and (27) proves the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $(N, g, \xi, \lambda)$  is a Ricci soliton and if  $N$  is  $D$ -conformally flat then for  $\lambda = -2$ ,  $N$  is locally isometric to  $E^{(n+1)}(0) \times S^n(4)$  for  $n > 1$ .*

*Proof.* If the submanifold  $N$  for  $n > 1$  is D-conformally flat then from (15) we have

$$(28) \quad R_N(X, Y)Z = -\frac{1}{2(n-1)}[S_N(X, Z)Y - S_N(Y, Z)X + g(X, Z)QY - g(Y, Z)QX + S_N(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - S_N(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)QX - \eta(X)\eta(Z)QY] + \frac{K-2}{2(n-1)}[g(X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)X] - \frac{K}{2(n-1)}[g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi + \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X].$$

Using (23) and (25) in (28), a simple calculation gives

$$(29) \quad R_N(X, Y)Z = \frac{\lambda - K}{2(n-1)}g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \frac{K - \lambda}{2(n-1)}g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi + \frac{\lambda - K}{\eta}(X)\eta(Z)Y + \frac{K - 2 - 2\lambda}{2(n-1)}g(X, Z)Y + \frac{2\lambda - K + 2}{2(n-1)}g(Y, Z)X - \frac{1}{2(n-1)}[g(\phi hX, Z)Y - g(\phi hY, Z)X + g(X, Z)\phi hY - g(Y, Z)\phi hX + g(\phi hY, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(\phi hX, Z)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\phi hX - \eta(X)\eta(Z)\phi hY].$$

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (29), we obtain

$$R_N(X, Y)\xi = \frac{\lambda + 2}{2(n-1)}[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y].$$

Hence the theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $N$  be an invariant submanifold of  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold  $M$  admitting Ricci soliton. Then soliton is shrinking, expanding and steady according as  $k \in (0, 1]$ ,  $k < 0$  and  $k = 0$  respectively.*

*Proof.* For an invariant submanifold  $N$  of  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold, we have

$$(30) \quad S_N(Y, Z) = [2(n-1) - n\mu]g(Y, Z) + [2(n-1) + \mu]g(hY, Z) + [2(1-n) + n(2k + \mu)]\eta(Y)\eta(Z).$$

In view of equation (23), we may write

$$(31) \quad g(\phi hY + \lambda Y, Z) = [2(n-1) - n\mu]g(Y, Z) + [2(n-1) + \mu]g(hY, Z) + [2(1-n) + n(2k + \mu)]\eta(Y)\eta(Z).$$

Taking  $Y = \xi$  in (31), we get

$$\lambda = 2nk.$$

Hence the theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $N$  be an anti-invariant submanifold of  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold  $M$  admitting Ricci soliton. If  $N$  is concircular Ricci pseudosymmetric then  $N$  is either Sasakian or  $L_S = k - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)}$ .*

*Proof.* From (21), (16), (17) and (18), we have

$$(32) \quad \begin{aligned} S_N(C(X, Y)Z, U) + S_N(Z, C(X, Y)U) &= L_S[g(Y, Z)S_N(X, U) \\ &\quad - g(X, Z)S_N(Y, U) + g(Y, U)S_N(X, Z) \\ &\quad - g(X, U)S_N(Y, Z)]. \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (32) and using (23), (3) and (13), we get

$$(33) \quad \begin{aligned} &g(\phi h[k\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\} + \mu\{\eta(Y)hX - \eta(X)hY\} - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)}\{\eta(Y)X \\ &\quad - \eta(X)Y\}], U) + \lambda g(\phi h[k\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\} + \mu\{\eta(Y)hX - \eta(X)hY\} \\ &\quad - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)}\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\}], U) + \lambda \eta(k\{g(Y, U)X - g(X, U)Y\} \\ &\quad + \mu\{g(Y, U)hX - g(X, U)hY\} - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)}\{g(Y, U)X - g(X, U)Y\}) = \\ &L_S[\eta(Y)g(\phi hX + \lambda X, U) - \eta(X)g(\phi hY + \lambda Y, U) + \lambda \eta(X)g(Y, U) \\ &\quad - \lambda \eta(Y)g(X, U)]. \end{aligned}$$

Again putting  $Y = \xi$  in (33), we obtain

$$(34) \quad [k - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} - L_S]g(\phi hX, U) - \mu(k-1)g(\phi X, U) + \lambda \mu g(hX, U) = 0.$$

Replace  $X$  by  $hX$  in (34), we get

$$(35) \quad \begin{aligned} [k - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} - L_S](k-1)g(\phi X, U) - \mu(k-1)g(\phi hX, U) \\ - \lambda \mu(k-1)g(\phi^2 X, U) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Again replacing  $X$  by  $\phi X$  in (35) and using anti-invariant property, we arrive

$$[k - \frac{r}{2n(2n+1)} - L_S](k-1)g(\phi X, \phi U) = 0.$$

□

**Theorem 3.6.** *An anti-invariant submanifold of  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold  $M$  admitting Ricci soliton is cyclic parallel.*

*Proof.* From (14), we first calculate  $(\tilde{\nabla}_X S_N)(Y, Z)$ .

$$(36) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_X S_N)(Y, Z) = \tilde{\nabla}_X S_N(Y, Z) - S_N(\tilde{\nabla}_X Y, Z) - S_N(Y, \tilde{\nabla}_X Z).$$

Using (23), we get

$$(37) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_X S_N)(Y, Z) = g((\tilde{\nabla}_X \phi)hY + \phi(\tilde{\nabla}_X h)Y, Z).$$

Again using (9), (4),(5) and (8) and the property of anti-invariant, we obtain

$$(38) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_X S_N)(Y, Z) = (k-1)[-g(X, Y)\eta(Z) + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)].$$

In the similar way one can find

$$(39) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_Y S_N)(Z, X) = (k-1)[-g(Y, Z)\eta(X) + g(Y, X)\eta(Z)].$$

$$(40) \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_Z S_N)(X, Y) = (k-1)[-g(Z, X)\eta(Y) + g(Z, Y)\eta(X)].$$

Adding (38), (39) and (40), the theorem is proved. □

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