



## A Note on Warped Product Almost Quasi-Yamabe Solitons

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**Abstract.** We consider almost quasi-Yamabe solitons in Riemannian manifolds, derive a Bochner-type formula in the gradient case and prove that under certain assumptions, the manifold is of constant scalar curvature. We also provide necessary and sufficient conditions for a gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton on the base manifold to induce a gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton on the warped product manifold.

### 1. Introduction

The notion of *Yamabe solitons*, which generate self-similar solutions to Yamabe flow [8]:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}g(t) = -\text{scal}(t) \cdot g(t), \quad (1)$$

firstly appeared to L. F. di Cerbo and M. N. Disconzi in [3]. In [4], B.-Y. Chen introduced the notion of *quasi-Yamabe soliton* which we shall consider in the present paper for a more general case, when the constants are let to be functions.

Let  $(M, g)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold ( $n > 2$ ),  $\xi$  a vector field and  $\eta$  a 1-form on  $M$ .

**Definition 1.1.** An almost quasi-Yamabe soliton on  $M$  is a data  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  which satisfy the equation:

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_\xi g + (\lambda - \text{scal})g + \mu\eta \otimes \eta = 0, \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_\xi$  is the Lie derivative operator along the vector field  $\xi$  and  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are smooth functions on  $M$ .

When the potential vector field of (2) is of gradient type, i.e.  $\xi = \text{grad}(f)$ , then  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  is said to be a *gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton* (or a generalized quasi-Yamabe gradient soliton) [9] and the equation satisfied by it becomes:

$$\text{Hess}(f) + (\lambda - \text{scal})g + \mu df \otimes df = 0. \quad (3)$$

In the next section, we shall derive a Bochner-type formula for the gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton case and prove that under certain assumptions, the manifold is of constant scalar curvature. In the last section we construct an almost quasi-Yamabe soliton on a warped product manifold. Remark that results on warped product gradient Yamabe solitons for certain types of warping functions  $f$  have been obtained by W. I. Tokura, L. R. Adriano and R. S. Pina in [10].

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## 2. Gradient almost quasi-Yamabe solitons

Remark that in the gradient case, from (3) we get:

$$\nabla \xi = -(\lambda - \text{scal})I - \mu df \otimes \xi. \quad (4)$$

Therefore,  $\nabla_\xi \xi = [\Delta(f) + (n-1)(\lambda - \text{scal})]\xi$ , i.e.  $\xi$  is a *generalized geodesic vector field* with the potential function  $\Delta(f) + (n-1)(\lambda - \text{scal})$  [6].

Also, if  $(\lambda, \mu) = (\text{scal} - 1, 1)$ , then  $\xi$  is *torse-forming* and if  $\mu = 0$ , then  $\xi$  is *concircular*.

Now we shall get a condition that  $\mu$  should satisfy in a gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$ . Taking the scalar product with  $\text{Hess}(f)$ , from (3) we get:

$$|\text{Hess}(f)|^2 + (\lambda - \text{scal})\Delta(f) + \frac{\mu}{2}\xi(|\xi|^2) = 0$$

and tracing (3) we obtain:

$$\Delta(f) + n(\lambda - \text{scal}) + \mu|\xi|^2 = 0.$$

From the above relations we deduce the equation:

$$n\lambda^2 + (2n \cdot \text{scal} + \mu|\xi|^2)\lambda + n \cdot \text{scal}^2 + \mu|\xi|^2 \cdot \text{scal} - \frac{\mu}{2}\xi(|\xi|^2) - |\text{Hess}(f)|^2 = 0$$

which has solution (in  $\lambda$ ) if and only if

$$\mu^2|\xi|^4 + 2n\mu\xi(|\xi|^2) + 4n|\text{Hess}(f)|^2 \geq 0$$

(that is always true for  $\xi$  of constant length).

The next step is to deduce a Bochner-type formula for the gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton case.

**Theorem 2.1.** *If (3) defines a gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton on the  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  and  $\eta = df$  is the  $g$ -dual of the gradient vector field  $\xi := \text{grad}(f)$ , then:*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}\Delta(|\xi|^2) &= |\nabla \xi|^2 - \frac{1}{n-1}S(\xi, \xi) - \frac{n-2}{2(n-1)}\mu\nabla_\xi(|\xi|^2) - \\ &\quad - |\xi|^2[\xi(\mu) - \frac{n}{n-1}\mu^2|\xi|^2 - \frac{n^2}{n-1}\lambda\mu + \frac{n^2}{n-1}\mu \cdot \text{scal}]. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

*Proof.* First remark that:

$$\text{trace}(\mu\eta \otimes \eta) = \mu|\xi|^2$$

and

$$\text{div}(\mu\eta \otimes \eta) = \frac{\mu}{2}d(|\xi|^2) + \mu\Delta(f)df + d\mu(\xi)df.$$

Taking the trace of the equation (3), we obtain:

$$\Delta(f) + n(\lambda - \text{scal}) + \mu|\xi|^2 = 0 \quad (6)$$

and differentiating it:

$$d(\Delta(f)) + nd\lambda - nd(\text{scal}) + \mu d(|\xi|^2) + |\xi|^2 d\mu = 0. \quad (7)$$

Now taking the divergence of the same equation, we get:

$$\text{div}(\text{Hess}(f)) + d\lambda - d(\text{scal}) + \frac{\mu}{2}d(|\xi|^2) + \mu\Delta(f)df + d\mu(\xi)df = 0. \quad (8)$$

Substracting the relations (8) and (7) computed in  $\xi$  and using [2]:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(\operatorname{Hess}(f)) &= d(\Delta(f)) + i_{Q\xi}g, \\ (\operatorname{div}(\operatorname{Hess}(f)))(\xi) &= \frac{1}{2}\Delta(|\xi|^2) - |\nabla\xi|^2, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain (5).  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.** For the case  $\mu = 0$ , under the assumptions  $S(\xi, \xi) \leq (n - 1)|\nabla\xi|^2$  we get  $\Delta(|\xi|^2) \geq 0$  and from the maximum principle follows that  $|\xi|^2$  is constant in a neighborhood of any local maximum. If  $|\xi|$  achieve its maximum, then  $S(\xi, \xi) = (n - 1)|\nabla\xi|^2$ .

Let us make some remarks on the scalar curvature of  $M$ .

From (4) we get:

$$R(\cdot, \cdot)\xi = -[d(\lambda - \operatorname{scal}) \otimes I - I \otimes d(\lambda - \operatorname{scal})] - \mu(\lambda - \operatorname{scal})(df \otimes I - I \otimes df) - (d\mu \otimes df - df \otimes d\mu)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} R(\cdot, \xi)\cdot &= d(\lambda - \operatorname{scal}) \otimes I - g \otimes [\operatorname{grad}(\lambda - \operatorname{scal}) - \mu(\lambda - \operatorname{scal})\xi] + \mu(\lambda - \operatorname{scal})df \otimes I + \\ &+ d\mu \otimes df \otimes \xi - df \otimes df \otimes \operatorname{grad}(\mu) \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

which for  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  constant become:

$$R(\cdot, \cdot)\xi = [d(\operatorname{scal}) \otimes I - I \otimes d(\operatorname{scal})] - \mu(\lambda - \operatorname{scal})(df \otimes I - I \otimes df)$$

and

$$R(\cdot, \xi)\cdot = -d(\operatorname{scal}) \otimes I + g \otimes [\operatorname{grad}(\operatorname{scal}) + \mu(\lambda - \operatorname{scal})\xi] + \mu(\lambda - \operatorname{scal})df \otimes I. \tag{10}$$

Using (9),  $R(\xi, \xi)X = 0$  implies:

$$[d(\lambda - \operatorname{scal}) + |\xi|^2 d\mu] \otimes \xi = df \otimes [\operatorname{grad}(\lambda - \operatorname{scal}) + |\xi|^2 \operatorname{grad}(\mu)]$$

which for  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  constant becomes:

$$d(\operatorname{scal}) \otimes \xi = df \otimes \operatorname{grad}(\operatorname{scal}).$$

Assume further that  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are constant. Computing the previous relation in  $\xi$  and choosing an open subset where  $\xi \neq 0$ , we deduce:

$$\operatorname{grad}(\operatorname{scal}) = \frac{\xi(\operatorname{scal})}{|\xi|^2} \xi. \tag{11}$$

Denoting by  $h =: \frac{\xi(\operatorname{scal})}{|\xi|^2}$ , from the symmetry of  $\operatorname{Hess}(\operatorname{scal})$  we obtain:

$$dh \otimes df = df \otimes dh$$

which implies:

$$|\xi|^2 dh = \xi(h)df \text{ and } |\xi|^2 \operatorname{grad}(h) = \xi(h)\xi.$$

A similar result like the one obtained by B.-Y. Chen, S. Deshmukh in [6] for Yamabe solitons can be obtained for quasi-Yamabe solitons, following the same ideas in proving it.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let (3) define a gradient quasi-Yamabe soliton on the connected  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  ( $n > 1$ ) for  $\eta = df$  the  $g$ -dual of the unitary vector field  $\xi := \operatorname{grad}(f)$ . If  $\xi(\operatorname{scal})$  is constant along the integral curves of  $\xi$  and  $\operatorname{Hess}(\operatorname{scal})$  is degenerate in the direction of  $\xi$ , then  $M$  is of constant scalar curvature.

*Proof.* Under these hypotheses, applying divergence to (11) we obtain:

$$\Delta(\text{scal}) = \xi(\text{scal})\Delta(f) = -[n(\lambda - \text{scal}) + \mu]\xi(\text{scal}). \quad (12)$$

Computing the Ricci operator in  $\xi$ ,  $Q\xi = -\sum_{i=1}^n R(E_i, \xi)E_i$ , for  $\{E_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  a local orthonormal frame field on  $M$ , and using (10) we get:

$$Q\xi = -(n-1)\text{grad}(\text{scal}) + (n-1)\mu(\lambda - \text{scal})\xi \quad (13)$$

and

$$S(\xi, \xi) = g(Q\xi, \xi) = -(n-1)\xi(\text{scal}) + (n-1)\mu(\lambda - \text{scal}). \quad (14)$$

Applying the divergence to (13) we have:

$$\text{div}(Q\xi) = -(n-1)\Delta(\text{scal}) + (n-1)\mu[(\lambda - \text{scal})\Delta(f) - \xi(\text{scal})]. \quad (15)$$

Computing the same divergence like:

$$\text{div}(Q\xi) = \text{div}(S)(\xi) + \langle S, \text{Hess}(f) \rangle, \quad (16)$$

taking into account the gradient quasi-Yamabe soliton equation, the fact that

$$\text{div}(S)(\xi) = \frac{\xi(\text{scal})}{2},$$

the expression of  $S(\xi, \xi)$  from (14) and replacing  $\Delta(\text{scal})$  from (12), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \frac{1}{2} - n(n-1)(\lambda - \text{scal}) + (n-1)\mu \right] \xi(\text{scal}) = \\ & = (\lambda - \text{scal})[(1 + n(n-1)\mu)\text{scal} - n(n-1)\lambda\mu]. \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating the previous expression along  $\xi$  and taking into account the degeneracy of  $\text{Hess}(\text{scal})(\xi, \xi) = \xi(\xi(\text{scal})) - (\nabla_\xi \xi)(\text{scal})$  in the direction of  $\xi$ , after a long computation, we get:

$$\xi(\text{scal}) \left[ \xi(\text{scal}) + \text{scal}^2 + k_1 \text{scal} + k_2 \right] = 0,$$

where the constants  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are respectively given by:

$$k_1 =: \frac{n+1}{n}\mu + \frac{5}{2n(n-1)}, \quad k_2 =: \lambda^2 - \frac{1}{n}\mu^2 - \frac{n+1}{n}\lambda\mu - \frac{3\lambda + \mu}{2n(n-1)}.$$

Differentiating again the term in the parantheses along  $\xi$  we get:

$$\xi(\text{scal}) \left[ 3\text{scal} - \lambda + \frac{1}{n}\mu + \frac{5}{2n(n-1)} \right] = 0$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$

### 3. Warped product almost quasi-Yamabe solitons

#### 3.1. Warped product manifolds

Consider  $(B, g_B)$  and  $(F, g_F)$  two Riemannian manifolds of dimensions  $n$  and  $m$ , respectively. Denote by  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  the projection maps from the product manifold  $B \times F$  to  $B$  and  $F$  and by  $\tilde{\varphi} := \varphi \circ \pi$  the lift to  $B \times F$  of a smooth function  $\varphi$  on  $B$ . In this context, we shall call  $B$  the base and  $F$  the fiber of  $B \times F$ , the unique element

$\widetilde{X}$  of  $\chi(B \times F)$  that is  $\pi$ -related to  $X \in \chi(B)$  and to the zero vector field on  $F$ , the *horizontal lift* of  $X$  and the unique element  $\widetilde{V}$  of  $\chi(B \times F)$  that is  $\sigma$ -related to  $V \in \chi(F)$  and to the zero vector field on  $B$ , the *vertical lift* of  $V$ . Also denote by  $\mathcal{L}(B)$  the set of all horizontal lifts of vector fields on  $B$ , by  $\mathcal{L}(F)$  the set of all vertical lifts of vector fields on  $F$ , by  $\mathcal{H}$  the orthogonal projection of  $T_{(p,q)}(B \times F)$  onto its horizontal subspace  $T_{(p,q)}(B \times \{q\})$  and by  $\mathcal{V}$  the orthogonal projection of  $T_{(p,q)}(B \times F)$  onto its vertical subspace  $T_{(p,q)}(\{p\} \times F)$ .

Let  $\varphi > 0$  be a smooth function on  $B$  and

$$g := \pi^*g_B + (\varphi \circ \pi)^2\sigma^*g_F \tag{17}$$

be a Riemannian metric on  $B \times F$ .

**Definition 3.1.** [1] *The product manifold of  $B$  and  $F$  together with the Riemannian metric  $g$  defined by (17) is called the warped product of  $B$  and  $F$  by the warping function  $\varphi$  (and is denoted by  $(M := B \times_\varphi F, g)$ ).*

In particular, if  $\varphi = 1$ , then the warped product becomes the usual product of the Riemannian manifolds.

For simplification, in the rest of the paper we shall simply denote by  $X$  the horizontal lift of  $X \in \chi(B)$  and by  $V$  the vertical lift of  $V \in \chi(F)$ .

Notice that the lift on  $M$  of the gradient and the Hessian satisfy:

$$\text{grad}(\widetilde{f}) = \widetilde{\text{grad}(f)}, \tag{18}$$

$$(\text{Hess}(\widetilde{f}))(X, Y) = (\text{Hess}(\widetilde{f}))(X, Y), \text{ for any } X, Y \in \mathcal{L}(B), \tag{19}$$

for any smooth function  $f$  on  $B$ .

Also, the scalar curvatures are connected by the relation [7]:

$$\text{scal} = \widetilde{\text{scal}}_B + \frac{\widetilde{\text{scal}}_F}{\varphi^2} - \pi^* \left( 2m \frac{\Delta(\varphi)}{\varphi} + m(m-1) \frac{|\text{grad}(\varphi)|^2}{\varphi^2} \right). \tag{20}$$

### 3.2. Warped product almost quasi-Yamabe solitons

We shall construct a gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton on a warped product manifold.

Let  $(B, g_B)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold,  $\varphi > 0$  a smooth function on  $B$  and  $f, \mu$  smooth functions on  $B$  such that:

$$\Delta(f) + \mu|\text{grad}(f)|^2 = n \frac{(\text{grad}(f))(\varphi)}{\varphi}. \tag{21}$$

In this case, any gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton  $(g_B, \text{grad}(f), \lambda_B, \mu_B)$  on  $(B, g_B)$  is given by  $\lambda_B = \text{scal}_B - \frac{(\text{grad}(f))(\varphi)}{\varphi}$  and  $\mu_B = \mu$ .

Take  $(F, g_F)$  an  $m$ -dimensional manifold with

$$\text{scal}_F = \pi^*((\lambda - \lambda_B)\varphi^2 + 2m\varphi\Delta(\varphi) + m(m-1)|\text{grad}(\varphi)|^2)|_F, \tag{22}$$

where  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  are the projection maps from the product manifold  $B \times F$  to  $B$  and  $F$ , respectively,  $g := \pi^*g_B + (\varphi \circ \pi)^2\sigma^*g_F$  is a Riemannian metric on  $B \times F$ ,  $\lambda_B = \text{scal}_B - \frac{(\text{grad}(f))(\varphi)}{\varphi}$  and  $\lambda$  is a smooth function on  $B$ .

With the above notations, we prove:

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $(B, g_B)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold,  $\varphi > 0$ ,  $f, \mu$  smooth functions on  $B$  satisfying (21) and  $(F, g_F)$  an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold with the scalar curvature given by (22). Then  $(g, \xi, \pi^*(\lambda), \pi^*(\mu))$ , where  $\xi = \text{grad}(\widetilde{f})$ , is a gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton on the warped product manifold  $(B \times_\varphi F, g)$  if and only if  $(g_B, \text{grad}(f), \lambda_B = \text{scal}_B - \frac{(\text{grad}(f))(\varphi)}{\varphi}, \mu)$  is a gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton on  $(B, g_B)$ .*

*Proof.* The gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton  $(g, \xi, \pi^*(\lambda), \pi^*(\mu))$  on  $(B \times_\varphi F, g)$  is given by:

$$\text{Hess}(\widetilde{f}) + (\pi^*(\lambda) - \text{scal})g + \pi^*(\mu)d\widetilde{f} \otimes d\widetilde{f} = 0. \tag{23}$$

Notice that from (20), (21) and (22) we deduce that

$$\pi^*(\lambda) - \text{scal} = \pi^*(\lambda_B) - \widetilde{\text{scal}}_B,$$

hence for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{L}(B)$  we get:

$$H^f(X, Y) + (\lambda_B - \text{scal}_B)g_B(X, Y) + \mu df(X)df(Y) = 0 \tag{24}$$

i.e.  $(g_B, \text{grad}(f), \lambda_B, \mu)$  is a gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton on  $(B, g_B)$ , where  $H^f$  denotes the lift of  $\text{Hess}(f)$ .

Conversely, notice that the left-hand side term in (23) computed in  $(X, V)$ , for  $X \in \mathcal{L}(B)$  and  $V \in \mathcal{L}(F)$  vanishes identically and for each situation  $(X, Y)$  and  $(V, W)$ , we can recover the equation (23) from (21) and the fact that  $(g_B, \text{grad}(f), \lambda_B, \mu)$  is a gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton on  $(B, g_B)$ . Indeed, taking the trace of (24) we get

$$\Delta(f) + n(\lambda_B - \text{scal}_B) + \mu|\text{grad}(f)|^2 = 0$$

and using (21) we obtain

$$\pi^*(\lambda_B) - \widetilde{\text{scal}}_B = -\frac{(\text{grad}(f))(\varphi)}{\varphi}.$$

We know that for any  $V, W \in \mathcal{L}(F)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} H^f(V, W) &= (\text{Hess}(\widetilde{f}))(V, W) = g(\nabla_V(\text{grad}(\widetilde{f})), W) = \\ &= \pi^* \left[ \frac{(\text{grad}(f))(\varphi)}{\varphi} \right] |_{F\widetilde{\varphi}^2}|_F g_F(V, W) \end{aligned}$$

and we deduce that

$$H^f(V, W) + (\pi^*(\lambda_B) - \widetilde{\text{scal}}_B)|_F g(V, W) = 0.$$

□

**Example 3.3.** Consider  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3, z > 0\}$ , where  $(x, y, z)$  are the standard coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,

$$g_M := \frac{1}{z^2}(dx \otimes dx + dy \otimes dy + dz \otimes dz) \text{ and } \xi_M := -z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

Let  $(g_M, \xi_M, -8, 2)$  be the gradient quasi-Yamabe soliton on the Riemannian manifold  $(M, g_M)$  and let  $S^3$  be the 3-sphere with the round metric  $g_S$  (which is Einstein with the Ricci tensor equals to  $2g_S$ ). Thus we obtain the gradient quasi-Yamabe soliton  $(g, \xi, -2, 2)$  on the "generalized cylinder"  $M \times S^3$ , where  $g = g_M + g_S$  and  $\xi$  is the lift on  $M \times S^3$  of the gradient vector field  $\xi_M = \text{grad}(f)$ , where  $f(x, y, z) := -\ln z$ .

### 3.3. Some consequences of condition (21)

Let us make some remarks on the class of manifolds that satisfy the condition:

$$\Delta(f) + \mu|\xi|^2 = n \frac{d\varphi(\xi)}{\varphi}, \tag{25}$$

for  $\varphi > 0$ ,  $f$  and  $\mu$  smooth functions on the oriented and compact Riemannian manifold  $(B, g_B)$  and  $\xi := \text{grad}(f)$ .

Remark that if

$$\text{Hess}(f) - \frac{n}{2\varphi}(df \otimes d\varphi + d\varphi \otimes df) + \mu df \otimes df = 0, \tag{26}$$

then (25) is satisfied. Computing  $\text{Hess}(f)(X, Y) := g_B(\nabla_X \xi, Y)$  we get

$$\nabla \xi = \frac{n}{2\varphi}(df \otimes \text{grad}(\varphi) + d\varphi \otimes \xi) - \mu df \otimes \xi.$$

Also notice that in this case, if  $(g_B, \xi, \lambda_B, \mu)$  is a gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton on  $(B, g_B)$ , then the metric  $g_B$  is precisely

$$g_B = -\frac{n}{2\varphi(\lambda_B - \text{scal}_B)}(df \otimes d\varphi + d\varphi \otimes df)$$

and  $\text{scal}_B = \lambda_B + \frac{d\varphi(\xi)}{\varphi}$ .

In what follows, we shall focus on condition (26). We've checked that [2]:

$$\begin{aligned} |\text{Hess}(f) - \frac{\Delta(f)}{n}g_B|^2 &= |\text{Hess}(f)|^2 - \frac{(\Delta(f))^2}{n}, \\ (\text{div}(\text{Hess}(f)))(\xi) &= \text{div}(\text{Hess}(f)(\xi)) - |\text{Hess}(f)|^2, \end{aligned}$$

therefore:

$$(\text{div}(\text{Hess}(f)))(\xi) = \text{div}(\text{Hess}(f)(\xi)) - |\text{Hess}(f) - \frac{\Delta(f)}{n}g_B|^2 - \frac{(\Delta(f))^2}{n}. \tag{27}$$

Applying the divergence to (26), computing it in  $\xi$  and taking into account that

$$\text{div}\left(\frac{1}{\varphi}df \otimes d\varphi\right) = \left(\frac{\Delta(f)}{\varphi} - \frac{d\varphi(\xi)}{\varphi^2}\right)d\varphi + \frac{1}{\varphi}i_{\nabla_{\xi}\text{grad}(\varphi)}g_B$$

and

$$\text{div}(\mu df \otimes df) = \frac{\mu}{2}d(|\xi|^2) + \mu\Delta(f)df + d\mu(\xi)df,$$

we get:

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{div}(\text{Hess}(f)))(\xi) &= n\left(\frac{\Delta(f)}{\varphi} - \frac{d\varphi(\xi)}{\varphi^2}\right)d\varphi(\xi) + \frac{n}{\varphi}g_B(\nabla_{\xi}\text{grad}(\varphi), \xi) - \\ &\quad - \frac{\mu}{2}d(|\xi|^2)(\xi) - \mu\Delta(f)|\xi|^2 - d\mu(\xi)|\xi|^2 \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

and we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{div}(\text{Hess}(f)(\xi)) &= |\text{Hess}(f) - \frac{\Delta(f)}{n}g_B|^2 + \frac{(\Delta(f))^2}{n} + n\left(\frac{\Delta(f)}{\varphi} - \frac{d\varphi(\xi)}{\varphi^2}\right)d\varphi(\xi) + \\ &\quad + \frac{n}{\varphi}g_B(\nabla_{\xi}\text{grad}(\varphi), \xi) - \frac{\mu}{2}d(|\xi|^2)(\xi) - \mu\Delta(f)|\xi|^2 - d\mu(\xi)|\xi|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Integrating with respect to the canonical measure on  $B$ , we have:

$$\int_B d(|\xi|^2)(\xi) = \int_B \langle \text{grad}(|\xi|^2), \xi \rangle = - \int_B \langle |\xi|^2, \text{div}(\xi) \rangle = - \int_B |\xi|^2 \cdot \Delta(f).$$

Using:

$$|\xi|^2 \cdot \Delta(f) = |\xi|^2 \cdot \text{div}(\xi) = \text{div}(|\xi|^2\xi) - |\xi|^2$$

taking  $\mu$  constant and integrating (29) on  $B$ , from the above relations and the divergence theorem, we obtain:

$$\int_B |Hess(f) - \frac{\Delta(f)}{n} g_B|^2 + (n+1) \int_B \Delta(f) \cdot \frac{d\varphi(\xi)}{\varphi} + \frac{(2-\mu)n+2}{2n} \int_B |\xi|^2 -$$

$$-n \int_B \frac{(d\varphi(\xi))^2}{\varphi^2} + n \int_B g_B(\frac{1}{\varphi} \nabla_\xi grad(\varphi), \xi) = 0. \tag{30}$$

Assume now that  $\mu$  is constant and consider the product manifold  $B \times F$ , in which case (26) and (25) (for  $\varphi = 1$ ) become:

$$Hess(f) + \mu df \otimes df = 0 \text{ and } \Delta(f) + \mu |\xi|^2 = 0. \tag{31}$$

**Remark 3.4.** *i) In the case of product manifold (for  $\varphi = 1$ ), the chosen manifold  $(F, g_F)$  is of scalar curvature  $scal_F = \pi^*(\lambda - scal_B)|_F$ . In particular, for  $\lambda = scal_B$ ,  $(F, g_F)$  is locally isometric to an Euclidean space. Moreover,  $\nabla_\xi \xi = -\mu |\xi|^2 \xi$ , therefore,  $\xi$  is a generalized geodesic vector field with the potential function  $\Delta(f)$ .*

*ii) For  $\varphi = 1$  and  $\mu$  constant, we obtain:*

$$\mu^2 \int_B |\xi|^4 = 0$$

and we can state:

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $(B, g_B)$  be an oriented and compact  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold,  $f$  a smooth function on  $B$  and  $\mu$  a real constant satisfying (31). Then  $\mu = 0$  hence,  $f$  is harmonic and  $\nabla \xi = 0$ .*

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $(B, g_B)$  be an oriented, compact and complete  $n$ -dimensional ( $n > 1$ ) Riemannian manifold,  $f$  a smooth function on  $B$  and  $\mu$  a real constant satisfying (31). Then  $B$  is conformal to a sphere in the  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional Euclidean space.*

*Proof.* From the above observations, we have:

$$\int_B |Hess(f) - \frac{\Delta(f)}{n} g_B|^2 = \int_B |Hess(f)|^2 - \int_B \frac{(\Delta(f))^2}{n} = \frac{n-1}{n} \mu^2 \int_B |\xi|^4 = 0,$$

so  $Hess(f) = \frac{\Delta(f)}{n} g_B$  which implies by [11] that  $B$  is conformal to a sphere in the  $(n + 1)$ -dimensional Euclidean space.  $\square$

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