α -almost Ricci solitons on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds

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Abstract. We consider α -almost Ricci solitons on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds with an η -parallel Ricci tensor. Then we study α -almost Ricci solitons on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds satisfying the curvature conditions $P.\phi = 0$, Q.P = 0 and Q.R = 0 respectively. Finally, we construct an example of a 3-dimensional $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifold which admits an α -almost Ricci soliton.

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1. Introduction

In 1982, the notion of Ricci flow was introduced by Hamilton [16] to find the canonical metric on a smooth manifold. The Ricci flow is an evolution equation for metrics on a Riemannian manifold M defined as follows:

(1.1)
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}g = -2S,$$

where S denotes the Ricci tensor and g is a metric tensor. Ricci solitons are special solutions of the Ricci flow equation (1.1) of the form $g = \sigma(t)f_t^*g$ with the initial condition g(0) = g, where $f_t, t \in \{\mathbb{R}\}$ is a family of diffeomorphisms on M and $\sigma(t)$ is the scaling function. A Ricci soliton is a generalization of an Einstein metric. We recall the notion of Ricci solitons according to [6]. On the manifold M, a Ricci soliton is a triplet (g, V, λ) with g a Riemannian metric, V a vector field (called the soliton vector field) and λ a real scalar such that

(1.2)
$$\pounds_V g + 2S + 2\lambda g = 0,$$

where \pounds is the Lie derivative. Metrics satisfying (1.2) are interesting and useful in physics and are often referred to as quasi-Einstein metrics([5],[4]).

The Ricci soliton is said to be shrinking, steady or expanding whenever λ is negative, zero or positive, respectively. Ricci solitons have been studied by

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several authors such as ([10], [9], [8], [17], [16], [22], [24], [23], [25], [30]) and many others.

Ricci solitons have several generalizations, such as almost Ricci solitons ([12],[13],[15]), η -Ricci solitons ([1],[2],[7]), generalized Ricci solitons and many others.

As a generalization of Ricci soliton, Pigola et. al [21] introduced the notion of an almost Ricci soliton by considering the constant λ as a smooth function. Recently, Gomes et. al [15] extended the notion of an almost Ricci soliton to α -almost Ricci soliton (briefly, α -ARS) on a complete Riemannian manifold by

(1.3)
$$\frac{\alpha}{2}\pounds_V g + S + \lambda g = 0,$$

where $\alpha : M \to \mathbb{R}$ is a smooth function. In particular, a Ricci soliton is the 1-ARS with constant λ . In [14], Ghosh and Patra studied α -ARS on K-contact metric manifolds.

The projective curvature tensor P [29] in a manifold (M^{2n+1}, g) is defined by

(1.4)
$$P(U,V)W = R(U,V)W - \frac{1}{2n}[g(V,W)QU - g(U,W)QV],$$

where Q is the Ricci tensor operator defined by S(U, V) = g(QU, V) and $U, V, W \in \chi(M), \chi(M)$ being the Lie algebra of vector fields of M.

The paper is organized as follows:

After preliminaries in Section 2, we consider α -almost Ricci solitons on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds with an η -parallel Ricci tensor in Section 3. Next, in Section 4 we study α -almost Ricci solitons on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds satisfying the curvature condition $P.\phi = 0$. Section 5 is devoted to the study off α -almost Ricci solitons on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds satisfying the curvature condition Q.P = 0. In Section 6, we investigate α -almost Ricci solitons on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds satisfying the curvature condition Q.P = 0. In Section 6, we investigate α -almost Ricci solitons on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds satisfying the curvature condition Q.R = 0. Finally, in Section 7 we construct an example of a 3-dimensional $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifold admitting an α -almost Ricci soliton.

2. Preliminaries

Let (M^{2n+1}, g) be a smooth Riemannian manifold of dimension 2n + 1. On this manifold if there exist a (1,1)-type tensor field ϕ , a vector field ξ and a 1-form η satisfying

(2.1)
$$\phi^2 U = -U + \eta(U)\xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1,$$

(2.2)
$$g(\phi U, \phi V) = g(U, V) - \eta(U)\eta(V)$$

for any vector fields U, V, then (ϕ, ξ, η, g) is called an almost contact metric structure and M^{2n+1} is called an almost contact metric manifold (see [3]).

Usually ξ and η are called the Reeb or characteristic vector field and an almost contact 1-form respectively.

The fundamental 2-form Φ on an almost contact metric manifold M^{2n+1} is defined by $\Phi(U, V) = g(U, \phi V)$ for any vector fields U and V.

Let $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ be an almost contact manifold. We define on the product $M^{2n+1} \times \mathbb{R}$ an almost complex structure J by

$$J(U, f\frac{d}{dt}) = (\phi U - f\xi, \eta(U)\frac{d}{dt}),$$

where U denotes a vector field tangent to M^{2n+1} , t is the coordinate of \mathbb{R} and f is a C^{∞} -function on $M^{2n+1} \times \mathbb{R}$. We denote by $[\phi, \phi]$ the Nijenhuis tensor of ϕ (see [3]), if $[\phi, \phi] = -2d\eta \otimes \xi$ (or equivalently, the almost complex structure J is integrable), then the almost contact metric structure is said to be normal.

On an almost contact metric manifold if there hold $d\eta = 0$ and $d\Phi = 2\eta \wedge \Phi$, then the manifold is said to be an almost Kenmotsu manifold (see [26]). A normal almost Kenmotsu manifold is said to be a Kenmotsu manifold (see [18]) and this is also equivalent to

(2.3)
$$(\nabla_U \phi)V = g(\phi U, V)\xi - \eta(V)\phi U$$

for any vector fields U, V, where ∇ denotes the Levi-Civita connection of the metric g. On an almost Kenmotsu manifold, we set $h = \frac{1}{2} \pounds_{\xi} \phi$ and $h' = h \circ \phi$, where \pounds is the Lie derivative. It is easily seen that the above two operators are both symmetric. The following formulas can be seen in ([12],[11])

(2.4)
$$h\xi = h'\xi = 0, \quad tr(h) = tr(h') = 0, \quad h\phi + \phi h = 0,$$

(2.5)
$$\nabla_U \xi = U - \eta(U)\xi + h'U.$$

According to Pastore and Saltarelli [20], on an almost Kenmotsu manifold $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$, if ξ belongs to the generalized $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution, that is,

(2.6)
$$R(U,V)\xi = k(\eta(V)U - \eta(U)V) + \mu(\eta(V)h'U - \eta(U)h'V)$$

holds for certain smooth functions k and μ and any vector field $U, V \in \chi(M)$, then we say that M^{2n+1} is a generalized $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifold. In particular, if both k and μ in relation (2.6) are constants then M^{2n+1} is called a $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifold [12]. If on M^{2n+1} there holds

$$R(U,V)\xi = k(\eta(V)U - \eta(U)V) + \mu(\eta(V)hU - \eta(U)hV)$$

for any vector fields U, V and $k, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$, then M^{2n+1} is said to be a (k, μ) almost Kenmotsu manifold. Dileo and Pastore in [12] proved that a (k, μ) almost Kenmotsu manifold satisfies k = -1 and h = 0. Therefore, we regard (k, μ) -almost Kenmotsu manifolds as a special case of $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds. Following Dileo and Pastore [12], on any $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifold M^{2n+1} we have

(2.7)
$$h^{\prime 2}U = -(k+1)U + (k+1)\eta(U)\xi$$

for any vector field $U \in \chi(M)$ and $\mu = -2$. From (2.7) we know that h' = 0 identically if and only if k = -1 and $h' \neq 0$ everywhere if and only if k < -1. It follows from (2.6) that

(2.8)
$$R(\xi, U)V = k(g(U, V)\xi - \eta(V)U) - 2(g(h'U, V)\xi - \eta(V)h'U)$$

for any vector fields U, V.

Definition 2.1. A $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifold M is said to be an η parallel Ricci tensor [27] if

$$g((\nabla_U Q)V, W) = 0$$

for arbitrary vector fields U, V, W.

Proposition 2.1([28]). On a $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifold with k < -1 the Ricci operator is given by

(2.9)
$$QU = -2nU + 2n(k+1)\eta(U)\xi - 2nh'U,$$

where the Ricci operator is defined by S(U, V) = g(QU, V).

Proposition 2.2. For an α -almost Ricci soliton on a $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifold we have $\lambda = -2nk$.

Proof: Let (g,ξ,α,λ) be an α -ARS on a $(k,\mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifold M^{2n+1} . Then we have

(2.10)
$$\frac{\alpha}{2}(\pounds_{\xi}g)(U,V) + S(U,V) + \lambda g(U,V) = 0.$$

Now

(2.11)
$$(\pounds_{\xi}g)(U,V) = g(\nabla_U\xi,V) + g(U,\nabla_V\xi).$$

Using (2.5) in the above equation, we get

(2.12)
$$(\pounds_{\xi}g)(U,V) = 2[g(U,V) - \eta(U)\eta(V) + g(h'U,V)].$$

Substituting the value of $(\pounds_{\xi}g)(U,V)$ from (2.12) in (2.10), we have

(2.13)
$$S(U,V) = -(\alpha + \lambda)g(U,V) + \alpha \eta(U)\eta(V) - \alpha g(h'U,V).$$

Now replacing U and V by ξ in the above equation and using (2.9), we get

$$(2.14) \qquad \qquad \lambda = -2nk.$$

This completes the proof.

Again putting $W = \xi$ in (1.4), we get

(2.15)
$$P(U,V)\xi = R(U,V)\xi - \frac{1}{2n}[\eta(V)QU - \eta(U)QV].$$

Using (2.6) and (2.13) in the above equation, we get

(2.16)
$$P(U,V)\xi = (k + \frac{\alpha + \lambda}{2n})(\eta(V)U - \eta(U)V) + (\mu + \frac{\alpha}{2n})(\eta(V)h'U - \eta(U)h'V).$$

3. α -ARS on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds with η parallel Ricci tensor

In this section we consider α -ARS on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds with η -parallel Ricci tensor. Then from Definition 2.1., we get

(3.1)
$$g((\nabla_U Q)V, W) = 0.$$

From (2.13) we have

(3.2)
$$QV = -(\alpha + \lambda)V + \alpha \eta(V)\xi - \alpha h'V,$$

Taking covariant differentiation of (3.2) with respect to U, we obtain

$$(\nabla_U Q)V = -(U\alpha)V - (U\lambda)V + (U\alpha)\eta(V)\xi - (U\alpha)h'V$$

(3.3)
$$+\alpha[((\nabla_U \eta)V)\xi + \eta(V)\nabla_U \xi] - \alpha\nabla_U h'V + \alpha h'\nabla_U V.$$

Using (2.5) in the foregoing equation, we obtain

$$(\nabla_U Q)V = -(U\alpha)V - (U\lambda)V + (U\alpha)\eta(V)\xi - (U\alpha)h'V +\alpha[g(U,V)\xi - 2\eta(U)\eta(V)\xi + g(h'U,V)\xi + \eta(V)U + \eta(V)h'U] (3.4) -\alpha\nabla_U h'V + \alpha h'\nabla_U V.$$

Using the above value of $(\nabla_U Q)V$ from (3.4) in (3.1), we get

$$-(U\alpha)g(V,W) - (U\lambda)g(V,W) + (U\alpha)\eta(V)\eta(W) - (U\alpha)g(h'V,W)$$
$$+\alpha[g(U,V)\eta(W) - 2\eta(U)\eta(V)\eta(W) + g(h'U,V)\eta(W) + g(U,W)\eta(V)$$

$$(3.5) +g(h'U,W)\eta(V)] - \alpha g(\nabla_U h'V,W) + \alpha g(h'\nabla_U V,W) = 0.$$

Putting $V = \xi$ in the above equation and using (2.1), (2.5) and (2.7), we obtain

(3.6)
$$(U\lambda)\eta(W) + \alpha [k\{g(U,W) - \eta(U)\eta(W)\} - 2g(h'U,W)] = 0.$$

Putting $W = \xi$ in the above equation, we get

$$(3.7) (U\lambda) = 0,$$

which implies $\lambda = \text{constant}$.

Using (3.7) in (3.6), we obtain

(3.8)
$$\alpha[k\{g(U,W) - \eta(U)\eta(W)\} - 2g(h'U,W)] = 0.$$

Putting $U = W = e_i$ in (3.8), where $\{e_i\}$ is an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at each point of the manifold and taking summation over $i(1 \le i \le 2n + 1)$, we get

$$2nk\alpha = 0,$$

which implies $\alpha = 0$, since k < -1.

Using this values of α in (1.3), we get

$$S(U, V) = -\lambda g(U, V).$$

Thus we can state the following:

Theorem 3.1. If a $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifold admits an α -almost Ricci soliton with η -parallel Ricci tensor, then it becomes an Einstein manifold.

4. α -ARS on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds satisfying the curvature condition $P.\phi = 0$

In this section we study α -ARS on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds with curvature condition $P.\phi = 0$, that is,

(4.1)
$$(P.\phi)(U,V)W = 0.$$

from which it follows that

(4.2)
$$P(U,V)\phi W - \phi(P(U,V)W) = 0.$$

Putting $W = \xi$ in (4.2), we get

(4.3)
$$\phi(P(U,V)\xi) = 0.$$

Using (2.16) in (4.3), we get

(4.4)
$$(k + \frac{\alpha + \lambda}{2n})(\eta(V)\phi U - \eta(U)\phi V)$$
$$+ (\mu + \frac{\alpha}{2n})(\eta(V)\phi h'U - \eta(U)\phi h'V)) = 0$$

Replacing U by ϕU in the foregoing equation and using (2.1) and (2.4), we get

(4.5)
$$(k + \frac{\alpha + \lambda}{2n})(-U + \eta(U)\xi)\eta(V) -(\mu + \frac{\alpha}{2n})\eta(V)\phi hU = 0.$$

Again replacing U by ϕU and putting $V = \xi$ in the above equation, we get

(4.6)
$$(k + \frac{\alpha + \lambda}{2n})\phi U + (\mu + \frac{\alpha}{2n})hU = 0.$$

Taking inner product of (4.6) with respect to Z, we get

(4.7)
$$(k + \frac{\alpha + \lambda}{2n})g(\phi U, Z) + (\mu + \frac{\alpha}{2n})g(hU, Z) = 0.$$

Interchanging U and Z in the above equation, we get

(4.8)
$$(k + \frac{\alpha + \lambda}{2n})g(U, \phi Z) + (\mu + \frac{\alpha}{2n})g(U, hZ) = 0.$$

Subtracting (4.8) from (4.7), we obtain

$$(k + \frac{\alpha + \lambda}{2n})g(\phi U, Z) = 0.$$

It follows that

(4.9)
$$\alpha + \lambda = -2nk.$$

Using (2.14) in the above equation, we get

$$\alpha = 0.$$

Using this value of α in (1.3), we get

$$S(U,V) = -\lambda g(U,V).$$

Thus we can state the following:

Theorem 4.1. If a $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifold admits an α -almost Ricci soliton and satisfies the curvature condition $P.\phi = 0$, then the manifold is an Einstein manifold.

5. α -ARS on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds satisfying the curvature condition Q.P = 0

In this section we study α -ARS on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds with curvature condition Q.P = 0, which implies

(5.1)
$$(Q.P)(U,V)W = 0.$$

From (5.1), we get

$$(5.2)Q(P(U,V)W) - P(QU,V)W - P(U,QV)W - P(U,V)QW = 0.$$

Using (3.2) in (5.2), we get

(5.3)
$$2(\alpha + \lambda)P(U, V)W + \alpha\eta(P(U, V)W)\xi - \alpha h'P(U, V)W - \alpha\eta(U)P(\xi, V)W + \alpha P(h'U, V)W - \alpha\eta(V)P(U, \xi)W + \alpha P(U, h'V)W - \alpha\eta(W)P(U, V)\xi + \alpha P(U, V)h'W = 0.$$

Putting $W = \xi$ in the above equation, we get

(5.4)
$$\{2(\alpha + \lambda) - \alpha\}P(U, V)\xi - \alpha h'P(U, V)\xi - \alpha \eta(U)P(\xi, V)\xi + \alpha P(h'U, V)\xi - \alpha \eta(V)P(U, \xi)\xi + \alpha P(U, h'V)\xi = 0.$$

Using (2.16) in (5.4), we obtain

(5.5)
$$\lambda[(k + \frac{\alpha + \lambda}{2n}(\eta(V)U - \eta(U)V) + (\mu + \frac{\alpha}{2n})(\eta(V)h'U - \eta(U)h'V)] = 0.$$

Replacing U by ϕU in the above equation, we get

(5.6)
$$\lambda[(k+\frac{\alpha+\lambda}{2n})\phi U - (\mu+\frac{\alpha}{2n})hU] = 0.$$

Taking the inner product of (5.6) with respect to Z, we get

(5.7)
$$\lambda[(k+\frac{\alpha+\lambda}{2n})g(\phi U,Z) - (\mu+\frac{\alpha}{2n})g(hU,Z)] = 0.$$

Interchanging U and Z in the above equation, we get

(5.8)
$$\lambda[(k+\frac{\alpha+\lambda}{2n})g(\phi Z,U) - (\mu+\frac{\alpha}{2n})g(hZ,U)] = 0.$$

Subtracting (5.8) from (5.7), we get

(5.9)
$$\lambda(k + \frac{\alpha + \lambda}{2n})g(\phi U, Z) = 0.$$

It follows that

$$\lambda(k + \frac{\alpha + \lambda}{2n}) = 0,$$

which implies either $\lambda = 0$ or $\alpha + \lambda = -2nk$. Again using (2.14), $\alpha + \lambda = -2nk$ implies $\alpha = 0$.

Using this value of α in (1.3), we get

$$S(U,V) = -\lambda g(U,V).$$

Hence we conclude the following:

Theorem 5.1. If a $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifold admits an α -almost Ricci soliton and satisfies the curvature condition Q.P = 0, then either the Ricci soliton is steady or the manifold is an Einstein manifold.

6. α -ARS on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds satisfying the curvature condition Q.R = 0

In this section we study α -ARS on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds with curvature condition Q.R = 0. Therefore

(6.1)
$$(Q.R)(U,V)W = 0$$

for all smooth vector fields U, V, W. The explicit form of the above equation is

(6.2)
$$Q(R(U,V)W) - R(QU,V)W - R(U,QV)W - R(U,V)QW = 0.$$

Using (3.2) in (6.2), we obtain

$$2(\alpha + \lambda)R(U, V)W + \alpha\eta(R(U, V)W)\xi - \alpha h'R(U, V)W - \alpha\eta(U)R(\xi, V)W$$

(6.3)+ $\alpha R(h'U, V)W - \eta(V)R(U, \xi)W + \alpha R(U, h'V)W + \alpha R(U, V)h'W = 0.$

Putting $W = \xi$ in the above equation and using (2.6), we get

(6.4) $\lambda[k(\eta(V)U - \eta(U)V) + \mu(\eta(V)h'U - \eta(U)h'V)] = 0.$

Replacing U by ϕU in (6.4), we obtain

(6.5)
$$\lambda[k\eta(V)\phi U - \mu\eta(V)hU] = 0.$$

Taking the inner product of (6.5) with respect to Z, we get

(6.6)
$$\lambda[k\eta(V)g(\phi U,Z) - \mu\eta(V)g(hU,Z)] = 0.$$

Interchanging U and Z in the above equation, we get

(6.7)
$$\lambda[k\eta(V)g(\phi Z,U) - \mu\eta(V)g(hZ,U)] = 0.$$

Subtracting (6.7) from (6.6), we infer

$$\lambda kg(\phi U, Z) = 0.$$

This implies

 $\lambda k = 0.$

Since k < -1, then the above equation implies $\lambda = 0$.

Thus we can state the following:

Theorem 6.1. If a $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifold admits an α -almost Ricci soliton and satisfies the curvature condition Q.R = 0, then the Ricci soliton is steady.

7. Example

We consider the 3-dimensional manifold $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}\}$, where (x, y, z) are the standard coordinates in \mathbb{R}^3 . Let ξ, e_2, e_3 be three vector fields in \mathbb{R}^3 which satisfy [12]

$$[\xi, e_2] = -e_2 - e_3, \quad [\xi, e_3] = -e_2 - e_3, \quad [e_2, e_3] = 0.$$

Let g be the Riemannian metric defined by

$$g(\xi,\xi) = g(e_2,e_2) = g(e_3,e_3) = 1$$
 and $g(\xi,e_2) = g(\xi,e_3) = g(e_2,e_3) = 0.$

Let η be the 1-form defined by $\eta(W) = g(W, \xi)$, for any $W \in \chi(M)$. Let ϕ be the (1,1)-tensor field defined by

$$\phi \xi = 0, \quad \phi e_2 = e_3, \quad \phi e_3 = -e_2.$$

Then using the linearity of ϕ and g, we have

$$\begin{split} \eta(\xi) &= 1, \\ \phi^2 U &= -U + \eta(U)\xi, \\ g(\phi U, \phi V) &= g(U, V) - \eta(U)\eta(V) \end{split}$$

for any $U, V \in \chi(M)$. Thus the structure (ϕ, ξ, η, g) is an almost contact structure.

Moreover, $h'\xi = 0$, $h'e_2 = e_3$ and $h'e_3 = e_2$.

In [19] the authors obtained the expression for the curvature tensor and the Ricci tensor as follows:

$$\begin{split} R(\xi,e_2)\xi &= 2(e_2+e_3), \quad R(\xi,e_2)e_2 = -2\xi, \quad R(\xi,e_2)e_3 = -2\xi, \\ R(e_2,e_3)\xi &= R(e_2,e_3)e_2 = R(e_2,e_3)e_3 = 0, \\ R(\xi,e_3)\xi &= 2(e_2+e_3), \quad R(\xi,e_3)e_2 = -2\xi, \quad R(\xi,e_3)e_3 = -2\xi. \end{split}$$

With the help of the expressions of the curvature tensor, we conclude that the characteristic vector field ξ belongs to the $(k, \mu)'$ -nullity distribution with k = -2 and $\mu = -2$.

Using the expression of the curvature tensor, we find the values of the Ricci tensor as follows:

$$S(\xi,\xi) = -4$$
, $S(e_2, e_2) = S(e_3, e_3) = -2$.

From (2.13) we obtain

$$S(\xi,\xi) = -\lambda, S(e_2,e_2) = -(\alpha + \lambda)$$
 and $S(e_3,e_3) = -(\alpha + \lambda).$

Therefore $\alpha = -2$ and $\lambda = 4$.

Hence it is α -ARS on $(k, \mu)'$ -almost Kenmotsu manifolds.

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