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# **Definition of Ricci Solitons**

#### **Ricci Solitons**

(M, g, X) is a *Ricci soliton<sup>a</sup>*, where X is a smooth vector field on M, if there exists a constant  $\lambda$  such that

$$\operatorname{Ric} + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_X g = \lambda g \tag{1}$$

<sup>a</sup>R. S. Hamilton. *Three-manifolds with positive Ricci curvature*, J. Dif. Geo. 17, 255–306, (1982).

- X is called a potential vector field.
- Ricci solitons are said to be:
  - expanding if  $\lambda > 0$ ,
  - shrinking if  $\lambda < 0$  and
  - steady if λ = 0.

# Motivation for the Study of Ricci Solitons

- If X is identically zero or a Killing vector field, then Ricci soliton reduces to an Einstein manifold (that is, it becomes trivial.) Thus, Ricci solitons generalize the Einstein manifolds.
- The main motivation for the study of Ricci solitons comes from the theory of Ricci flow<sup>1</sup>.

#### Hamilton's Ricci Flow

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}g(t) = -2Ric(t)$$

- The fixed points of Ricci flow are Ricci flat manifolds (*Ric* = 0).
- A soliton of the Ricci flow is said to be *self-similar* if we allow the initial metric to change by homotheties and diffeomorphisms:

$$g(t) = \varphi(t)\phi(t)^*g(0)$$

where  $\varphi : I \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $\phi(t) : M \to M$ .

- Ricci solitons are the self-similar solutions of the Ricci flow.
- Ricci solitons are fixed points of the Ricci flow as a dynamical system, up to diffeomorphisms and scalings.

<sup>1</sup>R. S. Hamilton. *Three-manifolds with positive Ricci curvature*, J. Dif. Geo. 17, 255–306, (1982).

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### Gradient Ricci Solitons

#### Gradient Ricci Soliton

If the potential vector field X is gradient, that is  $X = \nabla f$ , for some smooth function f then the soliton (*M*, *g*, *f*) satisfying

$$Ric + Hessf = \lambda g$$

is called a gradient Ricci soliton<sup>a</sup>.

<sup>a</sup>R. S. Hamilton. *Three-manifolds with positive Ricci curvature*, J. Dif. Geo. 17, 255–306, (1982).

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### Some Examples of Gradient Ricci Solitons

#### Shrinker Ricci Solitons

- Gaussian Soliton:  $(\mathbb{R}^n, dx^2)$  with the potential function  $f = \frac{1}{4}|x|^2$ .
- Warped Product:  $\mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{S}^{n-k}$  round cylinder.
- 2 Steady Ricci Solitons
  - Hamilton's Cigar Soliton:  $(\sum, g) = (\mathbb{R}^2, \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{1 + x^2 + y^2})$  with potential function  $f = -ln(1 + x^2 + y^2)$ .
  - Bryant Soliton: Higher dimensioanl analogue of Cigar soliton.

#### Expanding Ricci Solitons

- Gaussian Soliton:  $(\mathbb{R}^n, dx^2)$  with potential function  $f = -\frac{1}{4}|x|^2$ .
- Doubly warped product manifold ℝ<sup>n+1</sup> × N where N<sup>n</sup> (n ≥ 2) is an Einstein manifold of positive scalar curvature.

# m-Bakry-Emery Ricci Tensor

In recent years, the Bakry-Emery-Ricci tensor

$$\operatorname{Ric}_{f} = \operatorname{Ric} + \operatorname{Hessf}$$
 (4)

has become an important object in the study of Riemannian geometry, particularly in the study of Ricci flow and Ricci solitons.

Then, some weakening convergence conditions on a semi-Riemannian manifold (*M<sup>n</sup>*; *g*) has been considered by introducing the m-Bakry-Emery-Ricci curvature<sup>2</sup> which is an important object related to the study in Riemannian geometry, particularly in the study of Ricci flow and Ricci solitons.

#### m-Bakry-Emery Ricci Tensor

$$Ric_{f}^{m} = Ric + Hessf - \frac{1}{m}df \otimes df; \quad 0 < m \le \infty$$
(5)

where f is a smooth function and m is a positive integer.

• When *f* is constant, the m-Bakry-Emery-Ricci tensor becomes the usual Ricci tensor so it gives an analog of the Ricci tensor for a Riemannian manifold.

<sup>2</sup>D. Bakry, M. Emery, *Diffusions hypercontractives, In Seminaire de probabilities,* XIX, 1983/84, Vol. 1123, Lecture Notes in Math. 177-206, Springer, Berlin (1985).

#### Generalized Quasi Einstein Manifolds (Catino, 2012)

A smooth manifold  $(M^n, g)$  (n > 2) is said to be *generalized quasi Einstein manifold* which was introduced by Catino<sup>a</sup> if there exist three smooth functions *f*,  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda$  such that

$$\operatorname{Ric} + \operatorname{Hessf} - \alpha df \otimes df = \lambda g \tag{6}$$

<sup>a</sup>G. Catino, *Generalized quasi Einstein manifolds with harmonic Weyl tensor*, Math. Z. **271** (2012), 751–756.

- According to him, a complete n-dimensional generalized quasi Einstein manifold with harmonic Weyl tensor and with zero radial Weyl curvature is locally a warped product whose fiber is an (n - 1)-dimensional Einstein manifold.
- Also, Jauregui and Wylie investigated the conformal diffeomorphisms of such manifold.

This generalized class reduces to:

- gradient Ricci soliton<sup>a</sup> when  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- *m*-quasi Einstein manifold<sup>b</sup> when α = 1/m, m ∈ N and λ ∈ R. Moreover, if λ ∈ R in (6), then this manifold is called gradient quasi Einstein manifold. Also, it is said to be expanding, steady or shrinking, when λ < 0, λ = 0 or λ > 0, respectively.
- *m*-generalized quasi Einstein manifold<sup>c</sup> when  $\alpha = \frac{1}{m}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lambda \in C^{\infty}(M)$ .
- $(m, \rho)$ -quasi Einstein manifold <sup>d</sup> when  $\alpha = \frac{1}{m}$  and  $\lambda \mapsto \rho r + \lambda$ , where *r* denotes the scalar curvature and  $\rho, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

<sup>a</sup>H. D. Cao, *Recent Progress on Ricci soliton*, Adv. Lect. Math. (ALM), **11** (2009), 1–38. <sup>b</sup>J. S. Case, Y. Shu, G. Wei, *Rigidity of quasi Einstein metrics*, Differ. Geom. Appl., **29** (2011), 93–100.

<sup>c</sup>G. Catino, *Generalized quasi Einstein manifolds with harmonic Weyl tensor*, Math. Z. **271** (2012), 751–756.

<sup>*d*</sup>G. Huang, Y. Wei, *The classification of*  $(m, \rho)$ –*quasi Einstein manifolds*, Ann. Glob. Anal. Geom., **44** (2013), 269–282.

## Mixed Super Quasi Einstein Manifolds

#### (Nivas et. al., 2011)

A Riemannian manifold  $(M^n, g)$  (n > 2) is called a mixed super quasi Einstein manifold<sup>a</sup> if its Ricci tensor of type (0, 2) is non-zero and satisfies the following condition

$$S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + bA(X)A(Y) + cB(X)B(Y) + d[A(X)B(Y) + A(Y)B(X)]$$
(7)  
+ eD(X, Y)

where a, b, c, d and e are real valued, non-zero scalar functions on ( $M^n$ , g), A, B are two non-zero 1-forms and D is symmetric (0,2)-tensor field such that

$$A(X) = g(X, U), \ B(X) = g(X, V); \ g(U, U) = g(V, V) = 1, \ g(U, V) = 0,$$
  
$$D(X, U) = 0, \ tr(D) = 0$$
(8)

<sup>a</sup>R. Nivas, A. Bajpai, *Certain Properties of Mixed Super Quasi Einstein Manifolds*, Gen. Math. Notes, Vol. 5, No. 1, 2011, 15–26 (2011).

## Mixed Super Quasi Einstein Manifolds

Special classes:

- If e = c = 0, then the manifold reduces to a generalized quasi Einstein manifold<sup>3</sup> denoted by G(QE)<sub>n</sub>..
- If e = d = c = 0, then the manifold reduces to a quasi Einstein manifold <sup>4</sup> denoted by (QE)<sub>n</sub>.
- If e = d = b = c = 0, then the manifold becomes an Einstein manifold whose Ricci tensor is proportional to the metric tensor.

<sup>3</sup>M. C. Chaki, On Generalized quasi-Einstein manifold, *Publ. Math. Debrecen* **58** (2001) 638–691.

<sup>4</sup>M. C. Chaki and R. K. Maity, On-quasi Einstein Manifolds, *Publ. Math. Debrecen* . **57** (2000) 297–306.

- In 1969, Bishop and O'Neill<sup>5</sup>,<sup>6</sup> introduced the notion of warped product manifolds and the many authors have been considered such manifolds with regards to geometric and physical applications of these manifolds.
- For example, every surface of revolution (not crossing the axis of revolution) is isometric to a warped product B ×<sub>f</sub> F, with B the generating curve, F the circle of unit radius, and f(b) the distance to the axis of revolution.
- Morover, sphere and  $\mathbb{R}^n \{0\}$  are locally isometric to the warped product manifolds.
- Also, it is known that many well-known spacetimes, for instance Robertson-Walker, Schwarzchild, Reissner- Nordström-de Sitter spacetimes are warped products.
- Thus warped product manifolds play an important role in geometry as well as in general theory of relativity.

<sup>5</sup>R. L. Bishop and B. O'Neill, Manifolds of negative curvature, *Transactions of the American Mathematical Society*. **145** (1969) 1-49.

<sup>6</sup>B. O'Neill, Semi-Riemannian Geometry with Applications to Relativity, New York, Academic Press, (1983).

- Let (M, g) and (N, g
   <sup>¯</sup>) with dimM = q, dimN = n − q; (1 ≤ q < n) be Riemannian manifolds covered by systems of charts {φ, x<sup>α</sup>} and {ψ, x<sup>α</sup>}, respectively.
- Let *f* be a positive *C*<sup>∞</sup>-function on *M*.
- The warped product M×<sub>f</sub> N of (M, g) and (N, g)<sup>7</sup>,<sup>8</sup> is the manifold M×N with the metric g̃ = g×<sub>f</sub> ḡ.
- o More precisely,

$$g \times_{f} \bar{g} = \pi_{1}^{*} g + (f \circ \pi_{1})^{2} \pi_{2}^{*} \bar{g}$$
(9)

where  $\pi_i$  (1 ≤ *i* ≤ 2) are natural projections from  $M \times N \rightarrow M$  and  $M \times N \rightarrow N$ , respectively.

<sup>8</sup>B. O'Neill, Semi-Riemannian Geometry with Applications to Relativity, New York, Academic Press, (1983).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>R. L. Bishop and B. O'Neill, Manifolds of negative curvature, *Transactions of the American Mathematical Society*. **145** (1969) 1-49.

- The manifold (*M*, *g*) is called the base manifold.
- $(N, \bar{g})$  the fiber manifold.
- The function *f* is called the warping function.
- The warped product manifold with constant warping function is simply called Riemannian product<sup>9</sup>, <sup>10</sup>.

<sup>9</sup>R. L. Bishop and B. O'Neill, Manifolds of negative curvature, *Transactions of the American Mathematical Society*. **145** (1969) 1-49.

<sup>10</sup>B. O'Neill, Semi-Riemannian Geometry with Applications to Relativity, New York, Academic Press, (1983).

- Let  $\{\phi \times \psi : x^1, \dots, x^q, x^{q+1} = y^1, \dots, x^n = y^{n-q}\}$  be a product chart for  $M \times N$ .
- The local components of the metric  $\tilde{g} = g \times_f \bar{g}$  with respect to this chart are

$$\tilde{g}_{ij} = \begin{cases} g_{ab} & , \text{ if } i = a, j = b \\ f \bar{g}_{\alpha\beta} & , \text{ if } i = \alpha, j = \beta \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(10)

where  $a, b, c \dots \in \{1, \dots, q\}, \alpha, \beta, \gamma \dots \in \{q + 1, \dots, n\}$  and  $i, j, k \dots \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

 Here throughout this paper each object denoted by "tilde" is assumed to be from the warped product M×<sub>f</sub> N, each unmarked object is assumed to be from M and each object denoted by "bar" is assumed to be from N.

#### Lemma

On the warped product manifold  $M \times_f N$ , if  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$  and  $V, W \in \chi(N)$ , then

(1)  $\tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y$ 

(2) 
$$\tilde{\nabla}_X V = \tilde{\nabla}_V X = (\frac{Xf}{f})V$$

(3)  $\tilde{\nabla}_V W = -f\bar{g}(V, W)\nabla f + \bar{\nabla}_V W$ 

where  $\nabla f$  denotes the gradient of f.

#### Lemma

Let  $M \times_f N$  be a warped product manifold. For all  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$  and  $U, V, W \in \chi(N)$ ,

(1)  $\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z$ 

(2) 
$$\tilde{R}(V,X)Y = -(\frac{H^{f}(X,Y)}{f})V$$

(3)  $\tilde{R}(X, Y)V = \tilde{R}(V, W)X = 0$ 

(4) 
$$\tilde{R}(X, W)V = -(\frac{\tilde{g}(V, W)}{f})\tilde{\nabla}_X gradf$$

(5) 
$$\tilde{R}(V,W)U = \bar{R}(V,W)U - \frac{\|gradf\|^2}{f^2}[g(W,U)V - g(V,U)W]$$

where H<sup>f</sup> denotes the Hessian of f.

#### Lemma

Let  $M \times_f N$  be a warped product manifold with dimM = q, dimN = n - q. For all  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$  and  $U, V, W \in \chi(N)$ ,

(1) 
$$\tilde{S}(X,Y) = S(X,Y) - \frac{n-q}{f}H^{f}(X,Y)$$

$$(2) \quad \tilde{S}(X,V) = 0$$

(3) 
$$\tilde{S}(V,W) = \bar{S}(V,W) - \left[\frac{\Delta f}{f} + (n-q-1)\frac{\|gradf\|^2}{f^2}\right]g(V,W)$$

where  $H^{f}$  and  $\Delta f$  denote the Hessian and the Laplacian of f, respectively<sup>a</sup>.

<sup>a</sup>B. O'Neill, Semi-Riemannian Geometry with Applications to Relativity, New York, Academic Press, (1983).

 In this section, we express the Ricci tensor of warped product manifold with respect to the base and the fiber when the warped product manifold is also a generalized quasi Einstein manifold in the sense of Chaki.

#### Theorem 1

Let  $M \times_f N$  be a warped product manifold which is also a  $G(QE)_n$  with dimM = m, dimN = d > 1 and the generator vector fields  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$ . Then for all  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$  and  $U, V \in \chi(N)$ , the followings hold:

(1) If 
$$\xi_1, \xi_2 \in \chi(M)$$
, then

$$S(X,Y) = ag(X,Y) + \frac{d}{f}H^{f}(X,Y) + bg(X,\xi_{1})g(Y,\xi_{1})$$
(11)  
+ c[g(X,\xi\_{1})g(Y,\xi\_{2}) + g(X,\xi\_{2})g(Y,\xi\_{1})]

$$\bar{S}(U,V) = f^2 \left( a + \frac{\Delta f}{f} + \frac{d-1}{f^2} ||gradf||^2 \right) \bar{g}(U,V)$$
(12)

#### Theorem Continued..

(2) If  $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in \chi(N)$ , then

$$S(X,Y) = ag(X,Y) + \frac{d}{f}H^{f}(X,Y)$$
(13)

$$\bar{S}(U,V) = f^{2} \left( a + \frac{\Delta f}{f} + \frac{d-1}{f^{2}} \|gradf\|^{2} \right) \bar{g}(U,V) + bf^{4} \bar{g}(U,\xi_{1}) \bar{g}(V,\xi_{1})$$
(14)  
+ $cf^{4} [\bar{g}(U,\xi_{1}) \bar{g}(V,\xi_{2}) + \bar{g}(U,\xi_{2}) \bar{g}(V,\xi_{1})]$ 

(3) If  $\xi_1 \in \chi(M)$  and  $\xi_2 \in \chi(N)$ , then

$$S(X,Y) = ag(X,Y) + \frac{d}{f}H^{f}(X,Y) + bg(X,\xi_{1})g(Y,\xi_{1})$$
(15)

$$\bar{S}(U,V) = t^2 \left( a + \frac{\Delta f}{f} + \frac{d-1}{f^2} \|gradf\|^2 \right) \bar{g}(U,V)$$
(16)

Theorem Continued...

(4) If  $\xi_1 \in \chi(N)$  and  $\xi_2 \in \chi(M)$  ise,

$$S(X,Y) = ag(X,Y) + \frac{d}{f}H^{f}(X,Y)$$
(17)

$$\bar{S}(U,V) = f^2 \left( a + \frac{\Delta f}{f} + \frac{d-1}{f^2} \|gradf\|^2 \right) \bar{g}(U,V) + bf^4 \bar{g}(U,\xi_1) \bar{g}(V,\xi_1)$$
(18)

Now, by using Theorem 1, we give some characterizations about this manifold with related to the certain Ricci-Hessian type equations such as  $Ric_f^m = \lambda g$ , for some smooth function  $\lambda$ :

#### Theorem 2

Let  $M \times_f N$  be a warped product manifold which is also a  $G(QE)_n$  with dimM = m, dimN = d > 1 and the generator vector fields  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$ . Then, the followings hold:

- (1) If  $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in \chi(M)$  and  $\Delta f = \frac{1}{f} ||\nabla f||^2$ , then *M* is a mixed super quasi Einstein and *N* is an Einstein manifold.
- (2) If  $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in \chi(N)$ , then *M* is a *d*-quasi Einstein manifold in the sense of Case and *N* is a generalized quasi Einstein manifold in the sense of Chaki.
- (3) If  $\xi_1 \in \chi(M)$  and  $\xi_2 \in \chi(N)$ , then *M* is a generalized quasi Einstein manifold in the sense of Catino and *N* is an Einstein manifold.
- (4) If  $\xi_1 \in \chi(N)$  and  $\xi_2 \in \chi(M)$ , then *M* is an Einstein and *N* is a quasi Einstein manifold in the sense of Chaki.

We consider a Riemannian metric g on the 4-dimensional real number space  $\mathbb{R}^4$  by

$$ds^{2} = g_{ij}dx^{i}dx^{j} = (dt)^{2} + t^{4}[(dx)^{2} + (dy)^{2}] + e^{2t}(dz)^{2}$$
(19)

where  $-1 - \sqrt{7} < t < 1 - \sqrt{3}$  or  $-1 + \sqrt{7} < t < 1 + \sqrt{3}$  and  $\{t, x, y, z\}$  are the standard coordinates of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Then the only non vanishing components of the Christoffel symbols, the curvature tensor and the Ricci tensor are

$$\Gamma_{xx}^{t} = \Gamma_{yy}^{t} = -2t^{3}, \ \Gamma_{zz}^{t} = -e^{2t}, \ \Gamma_{tx}^{x} = \Gamma_{ty}^{y} = \frac{2}{t}, \ \Gamma_{zt}^{z} = 1$$
 (20)

$$R_{xyyx} = 4t^6, \ R_{txxt} = R_{tyyt} = 2t^2,$$
 (21)

$$R_{tzzt} = e^{2t}, \ R_{xzzx} = R_{yzzy} = 2e^{2t}t^3,$$
 (22)

$$R_{tt} = 1 + \frac{4}{t^2}, \ R_{xx} = R_{yy} = 2t^2[t+3], \ R_{zz} = \frac{4e^{2t}}{t} + e^{2t}$$
 (23)

and the components which can be obtained from these by symmetry properties. Also it can be shown that the scalar curvature is

$$r = \frac{16}{t^2} + \frac{8}{t} + 2 \tag{24}$$

which is non zero and non constant.

Let us now define associated scalar functions as

$$a = \frac{6}{t^2} + \frac{2}{t}, \quad b = 2 - \frac{8}{t^2}, \quad c = (\frac{4}{t^2} - 1)tan(2\lambda)$$
 (25)

and the 1-forms

$$A = \left(e^{t}\sin(\lambda), 0, 0, \cos(\lambda)\right)$$
(26)

and

$$B = \left(e^{t}\cos(\lambda), 0, 0, -\sin(\lambda)\right)$$
(27)

where  $\lambda$  is some non-zero function of (x<sup>4</sup>) satisfying the conditions

$$sin^2(\lambda) = rac{t^2 + 2t - 6}{4(t-1)}$$
 and  $cos^2(\lambda) = rac{t^2 - 2t - 2}{-4(t-1)}$ 

Then, we can show that

and all the cases other than (1)-(4) are trivial. Thus, the Ricci tensor of this manifold satisfies  $G(QE)_4$  metric condition. Moreover, we find

$$||A|| = ||B|| = 1$$
, and  $A \perp B$  (28)

and so

$$r = 4a + b = \frac{16}{(x^4)^2} + \frac{8}{(x^4)} + 2$$
<sup>(29)</sup>

Therefore, this proves that the manifold under consideration is a generalized quasi Einstein manifold with non-zero and non-constant scalar curvature.

Furthermore, to define a warped product metric on  $G(QE)_n$ , we consider the warping function  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^+$  defined by  $f(t) = e^t$  which is positive definite, smooth function. Thus, we can define the line element on  $\mathbb{R}^3 \times_{e^t} \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  denote the base and fiber respectively. That is,

$$ds^{2} = g_{ij}dx^{i}dx^{j} = [(dt)^{2} + t^{4}(dx)^{2} + t^{4}(dy)^{2}] + e^{2t}(dz)^{2}$$
(30)

Then the local components of non vanishing components of the Christoffel symbols, the curvature tensor and the Ricci tensor for the warped product manifold  $\tilde{M} = B \times_f I$  endowed with the metric  $\tilde{g} = g + f^2 \tilde{g}$ , are obtained as follows:

$$\tilde{\Gamma}^{a}_{bc} = \Gamma^{a}_{bc}, \ \tilde{\Gamma}^{a}_{11} = -ff^{a}, \ \tilde{\Gamma}^{1}_{1a} = \frac{f_{a}}{f}, \ \tilde{\Gamma}^{1}_{11} = \bar{\Gamma}^{1}_{11}$$
 (31)

$$\tilde{R}^{a}_{bcd} = R^{a}_{bcd}, \quad \tilde{R}^{1}_{d1b} = -\frac{1}{f} \nabla_{d} f_{b}$$
(32)

$$\begin{split} \tilde{S}_{bc} &= S_{bc} + \frac{1}{f} (\nabla_c f_b) \quad \tilde{S}_{c1} = 0, \quad \tilde{S}_{11} = f(\Delta f) \\ \tilde{r} &= r + \frac{2\Delta f}{f} \end{split}$$

Hence we can state that:

#### Theorem 3

Let  $M^4 = \{t, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^4 : t \in (-1 - \sqrt{7}, 1 - \sqrt{3}) \cup (-1 + \sqrt{7}, 1 + \sqrt{3})\}$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  endowed with the Riemannian metric given by

$$ds^{2} = g_{ij}dx^{i}dx^{j} = [(dt)^{2} + t^{4}(dx)^{2} + t^{4}(dy)^{2}] + e^{2t}(dz)^{2}$$

where *t*, *x*, *y*, *z* are the standard coordinates of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Then  $M^4 = \mathbb{R}^3 \times_{e^t} \mathbb{R}$  is a generalized quasi Einstein warped product manifold with non zero and non constant scalar curvature.

 Recall that a smooth vector field φ on a Riemannian manifold (M<sup>n</sup>, g) is called conformal if it satisfies

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi}g = 2\Omega g \tag{33}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_{\phi}$  denotes the Lie derivative in the direction of  $\phi$  and  $\Omega$  is some smooth function on *M*, which is called a conformal factor.

- If  $\Omega$  is constant, then the vector field  $\phi$  is said to be *homothetic*.
- If  $\Omega$  is identically zero, then the vector field  $\phi$  is said to be *Killing*.
- Particularly, if the vector field φ satisfies the condition

$$\nabla_X \phi = \Omega X \tag{34}$$

for all X and a smooth function  $\Omega$ , then it is called *closed conformal vector field*.

In the next lemma we prove some formulas which are needed for the proof of our main results:

#### Lemma 4

Let  $(M^n, g, f, \lambda)$  be an *m*-generalized quasi Einstein manifold admitting a closed conformal vector field  $\phi \in \chi(M)$  with conformal factor  $\Omega$ . Then the followings hold:

$$\mathbf{D} \nabla \phi(f) = \frac{1}{m} \phi(f) \nabla f + (n-1) \nabla \Omega + \lambda \phi.$$

2) 
$$Hess(\phi(f)) = \frac{1}{m}[d(\phi(f)) \otimes df + \phi(f)Hessf] + (n-1)Hess\Omega + d\lambda \otimes \phi^{\flat}.$$

$$\frac{1}{m}d(\phi(f)) \otimes df + d\lambda \otimes \phi^{\flat} \text{ is symmetric.}$$

Now, we give some characterizations of an *m*-generalized quasi Einstein manifold endowed with closed conformal vector fields. Then, we obtain some rigidity conditions for this class of manifolds:

#### Theorem 5

Let  $(M^n, g, f, \lambda)$  be an *m*-generalized quasi Einstein manifold admitting a closed conformal vector field  $\phi$  with conformal factor  $\Omega$ . Then, its Ricci tensor is of the form

$$Ric = \lambda g + \left(\frac{1-n}{\|\phi\|} d\Omega(U) - \lambda\right) U^{\flat} \otimes U^{\flat}$$
(35)

where  $U^{\flat}$  is a 1-form corresponding to the unit vector field U in the direction of  $\phi$ .

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Theorem 5 says that an *m*-generalized quasi Einstein manifold admitting closed conformal vector field  $\phi$  with conformal factor  $\Omega$  is a quasi Einstein manifold in the sense that Chaki.

• Also, by using the equation (34), we see that the unit vector field U in the direction of  $\phi$  satisfies

$$\nabla_X U = \frac{\Omega}{||\phi||} [X - U^{\flat}(X)U]$$
(36)

which means that the U is a unit concircular vector field.

• The term *concircular* comes from the concircular transformation introduced first by K. Yano [21].

#### Remark

K. Yano [22] proved that in order that a Riemannian manifold admits a concircular vector field, it is necessary and sufficient that there exists a coordinate system with respect to which the fundamental quadratic differential form may be written in the form

$$ds^2 = (dx^1)^2 + e^q g^*_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta \tag{37}$$

where  $g_{\alpha\beta}^* = g_{\alpha\beta}^*(x^{\gamma})$  are the functions of  $x^{\gamma}$  only  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta = 2, 3, ..., n)$  and  $q = q(x^1) \neq \text{ constant}$  is a function of  $x^1$  only.

- Thus, in view of this remark the first fundamental form of (M<sup>n</sup>, g, f, λ) admitting a closed conformal vector field φ has the form (37).
- Since e<sup>q/2</sup> is always a positive function, this also implies that such manifold is a warped product *I*×<sub>e<sup>q/2</sup></sub> *M*<sup>\*</sup>, where (*M*<sup>\*</sup>, *g*<sup>\*</sup>) is an (*n* − 1)-dimensional Riemannian manifold.

- Moreover, A. Gebarowski [23] proved that warped product *I* ×<sub>e<sup>q/2</sup></sub> *M*<sup>\*</sup> is conformally conservative, (i.e. *divC* = 0, where *C* denotes the conformal curvature tensor) if and only if *M*<sup>\*</sup> is an Einstein manifold.
- Since every conformally flat manifold is conformally conservative, this result can be summarized as follows:

#### Theorem 6

Let  $(M^n, g, f, \lambda)$  be an *m*-generalized quasi Einstein manifold admitting a non-trivial closed conformal vector field  $\phi$ . Then

- $(M^n, g)$  is a warped product manifold  $I \times_{e^{q/2}} M^*$ , where *I* is a real interval,  $(M^*, g^*)$  is an (n-1)-dimensional Riemannian manifold and *q* is a smooth function on *I*.
- In addition, if (M<sup>n</sup>, g) is conformally flat, then it has the same warped product structure with an (n - 1)-dimensional Einsteinian fiber.

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