

## GENERALIZED $\eta$ -RICCI SOLITONS ON TRANS-SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS ASSOCIATED TO THE SCHOUTEN-VAN KAMPEN CONNECTION

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we study generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection on trans-Sasakian manifolds. We give an example of generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons on a trans-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection to prove our results.

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### 1. Introduction

The trans-Sasakian manifold was introduced by Oubina [37] as a class of almost contact metric manifolds. Later, Blair and Oubina [10] obtained some properties of this manifolds. A trans-Sasakian manifold is usually denoted by  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g, \sigma, \theta)$ , where both  $\sigma$  and  $\theta$  are smooth functions on  $M$  and  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an almost contact metric structure. In this case, it is said to be of type  $(\sigma, \theta)$ . A trans-Sasakian manifold of type  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(0, \theta)$  and  $(\sigma, 0)$  are cosymplectic,  $\theta$ -Kenmotsu [1, 30, 36, 48] and  $\sigma$ -Sasakian [31], respectively. In [18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, 34, 35, 49], the authors studied compact trans-Sasakian manifolds with some restrictions on the smooth functions  $\sigma, \theta$  and the vector field  $\xi$  appearing in their definition for getting conditions under which a trans-Sasakian manifold is homothetic to a Sasakian manifold. In addition, in [43, 44, 49], interesting results on the geometry of trans-Sasakian manifolds are obtained.

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Hamilton [25] introduced the concept of Ricci flow on a Riemannian manifold as follows:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}g = -2S$$

where  $S$  is the Ricci tensor of a manifold. A self-similar solution to the Ricci flow is called a Ricci soliton which is a generalization of Einstein metric. A Ricci soliton [25] is a triplet  $(g, V, \lambda)$  on a pseudo-Riemannian manifold  $M$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \mathcal{L}_V g + 2S + 2\lambda g = 0,$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_V$  is the Lie derivative in direction of the potential vector field  $V$ ,  $S$  is the Ricci tensor, and  $\lambda$  is a real constant. Ricci solitons are important in physics and are often referred as quasi-Einstein [12, 13]. The Ricci soliton is said to be shrinking, steady and expanding according as  $\lambda$  is negative, zero and positive, respectively. If the vector field  $V$  is the gradient of a potential function  $\psi$ , that is,  $V = \nabla\psi$ , then  $g$  is called a gradient Ricci soliton. In 2016, Nurowski and Randall [33] introduced the concept of generalized Ricci soliton as follows

$$(1.2) \quad \mathcal{L}_V g + 2\mu V^\flat \otimes V^\flat - 2\alpha S - 2\lambda g = 0,$$

where  $V^\flat$  is the canonical 1-form associated to  $V$ . Also, as a generalization of Ricci soliton, the notion of  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton was introduced by Cho and Kimura [16] which it is a 4-tuple  $(g, V, \lambda, \rho)$ , where  $V$  is a vector field on  $M$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $\rho$  are constants, and  $g$  is a pseudo-Riemannian metric satisfying the equation

$$(1.3) \quad \mathcal{L}_V g + 2S + 2\lambda g + 2\rho\eta \otimes \eta = 0,$$

where  $S$  is the Ricci tensor associated to  $g$ . Many authors studied the  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons [5, 6, 7, 26, 29, 38, 42]. In particular, if  $\rho = 0$ , then the  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton equation becomes the Ricci soliton equation. Motivated by the above works M. D. Siddiqi [40] introduced the notion of generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton as follows

$$(1.4) \quad \mathcal{L}_V g + 2\mu V^\flat \otimes V^\flat + 2S + 2\lambda g + 2\rho\eta \otimes \eta = 0.$$

Motivated by [2, 3, 11, 32] and the above works, we study generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons on trans-Sasakian manifolds associated to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. We give an example of generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on a trans-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we recall some necessary and fundamental concepts and formulas on trans-Sasakian manifolds which be used throughout the paper. In Section 3, we give the main results and their proofs. In Section 4, we give an example of trans-Sasakian admitting the generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional manifold,  $\varphi$  be a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field,  $\xi$  be a vector field,  $\eta$  be a 1-form, and  $g$  be a compatible Riemannian metric on  $M$  such

that

$$(2.1) \quad \varphi^2(X) = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \eta(\xi) = 1,$$

$$(2.2) \quad g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ . Then manifold  $(M, g)$  is called an almost contact metric manifold [8, 9] with an almost contact structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ . In this case, we have  $\varphi\xi = 0$ ,  $\eta \circ \varphi = 0$ ,  $g(X, \varphi Y) = -g(\varphi X, Y)$ , and  $\eta(X) = g(X, \xi)$ . The fundamental 2-form  $\Phi$  of  $M$  is given by

$$\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y),$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ . An almost contact metric manifold  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called trans-Sasakian manifold [37] if  $(M \times \mathbb{R}, J, G)$  belong to the class  $W_4$  [24], where  $J$  is the almost complex structure on  $M \times \mathbb{R}$  given by

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

for all vector field  $X$  on  $M$ , smooth function  $f$  on  $M \times \mathbb{R}$ , and  $G$  is the product metric on  $M \times \mathbb{R}$ . This may be expressed by the condition [10]

$$(2.3) \quad (\nabla_X \varphi)Y = \sigma(g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X) + \theta(g(\varphi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi X),$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ , for some smooth functions  $\sigma, \theta$  on  $M$ . In this case, we say that the trans-Sasakian structure is of type  $(\sigma, \theta)$ . By virtue of (2.3), we have

$$(2.4) \quad \nabla_X \xi = -\sigma\varphi X + \theta(X - \eta(X)\xi),$$

$$(2.5) \quad (\nabla_X \eta)Y = -\sigma g(\varphi X, Y) + \theta g(\varphi X, \varphi Y),$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ . Using (2.3) and (2.4), we have

$$(2.6) \quad 2\sigma\theta + \xi(\sigma) = 0,$$

$$(2.7) \quad \varphi(\nabla\sigma) = 2n\nabla\theta.$$

Further, we have the following relations [17]

$$(2.8) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = (\sigma^2 - \theta^2)(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + 2\sigma\theta(\eta(Y)\varphi X - \eta(X)\varphi Y) \\ + (Y(\sigma))\varphi X - (X(\sigma))\varphi Y + (Y(\theta))\varphi^2 X - (X(\theta))\varphi^2 Y,$$

$$(2.9) \quad R(X, \xi)\xi = (\sigma^2 - \theta^2 - \xi(\theta))\{X - \eta(X)\xi\},$$

$$(2.10) \quad R(\xi, X)Y = (\sigma^2 - \theta^2)\{g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X\} + (Y(\theta))\{X - \eta(X)\xi\} \\ + 2\sigma\theta\{g(\varphi Y, X)\xi + \eta(Y)\varphi X\} + (Y(\sigma))\varphi X \\ + g(\varphi Y, X)\nabla\sigma - g(\varphi X, \varphi Y)\nabla\theta,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ , where  $R$  is the Riemannian curvature tensor. From (2.8) and definition of the Ricci tensor  $S$  of a trans-Sasakian manifold  $M$  we also get

$$(2.11) \quad S(X, \xi) = (2n(\sigma^2 - \theta^2) - \xi(\theta))\eta(X) - (2n - 1)X(\theta) - (\varphi X)\sigma,$$

for all vector field  $X$ .

Let  $M$  be an almost contact metric manifold and  $TM$  be the tangent bundle of  $M$ . We have two naturally defined distribution on tangent bundle  $TM$  as follows

$$(2.12) \quad H = \ker \eta, \quad \hat{H} = \text{span}\{\xi\},$$

thus we get  $TM = H \oplus \hat{H}$ . Therefore, by this composition we can define the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  [4, 41] on  $M$  with respect to Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  as follows

$$(2.13) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y - \eta(Y)\nabla_X \xi + ((\nabla_X \eta)(Y))\xi$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ . From [41] we have

$$(2.14) \quad \bar{\nabla} \xi = 0, \quad \bar{\nabla} g = 0, \quad \bar{\nabla} \eta = 0,$$

and the torsion  $\bar{T}$  of  $\bar{\nabla}$  is given by

$$(2.15) \quad \bar{T}(X, Y) = \eta(X)\nabla_Y \xi - \eta(Y)\nabla_X \xi + 2d\eta(X, Y)\xi,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ . Let  $\bar{R}$  and  $\bar{S}$  be the curvature tensors and the Ricci tensors of the connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ , respectively. From [27] on a trans-Sasakian we have

$$(2.16) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + \sigma\{\eta(Y)\varphi X - g(\varphi X, Y)\xi\} - \theta\{\eta(Y)X - g(X, Y)\xi\}$$

and

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{S}(X, Y) &= S(X, Y) - (2n-2)\sigma\theta g(\varphi X, Y) + \{\xi(\theta) + 2n\theta^2\}g(X, Y) \\ &\quad - 2\sigma^2\eta(X)\eta(Y) + \{(\varphi X)\sigma + (2n-1)(X\theta)\}\eta(Y), \end{aligned}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ , where  $S$  denotes the Ricci tensor of the connection  $\nabla$ . Hence,

$$(2.18) \quad \bar{S}(X, \xi) = 0,$$

$$(2.19) \quad \bar{S}(\xi, X) = (2n-1)\{(\xi\theta)\eta(X) - X\theta\} - (\phi X)\sigma.$$

From (2.16), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathcal{L}}_V g(X, Y) &= g(\bar{\nabla}_X V, Y) + g(X, \bar{\nabla}_Y V) \\ &= \mathcal{L}_V g(X, Y) - \sigma g(\varphi X, V)\eta(Y) - \sigma g(\varphi Y, V)\eta(X) \\ &\quad - 2\theta\eta(V)g(X, Y) + \theta g(X, V)\eta(Y) + \theta g(Y, V)\eta(X), \end{aligned}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, V$ , where  $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_V g$  denotes the Lie derivative of  $g$  along the vector field  $V$  with respect to  $\bar{\nabla}$ . Using (2.17), the Ricci operator  $\bar{Q}$  of the connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  is determined by

$$(2.20) \quad \bar{Q}X = QX - (2n-2)\sigma\theta\varphi X + \{\xi(\theta) + 2n\theta^2\}X - 2\sigma^2\eta(X)\xi + \{(\varphi X)\sigma + (2n-1)(X\theta)\}\xi,$$

for any vector field  $X$ . Let  $r$  and  $\bar{r}$  be the scalar curvature of the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  and the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ . The equation (2.17) yields

$$(2.21) \quad \bar{r} = r + 2n\{2(\xi\theta) - \sigma^2 + (2n+1)\theta^2\}.$$

The generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton associated to the Schouten-van Kampen connection is defined by

$$(2.22) \quad \alpha\bar{S} + \frac{\beta}{2}\bar{\mathcal{L}}_V g + \mu V^\flat \otimes V^\flat + \rho\eta \otimes \eta + \lambda g = 0,$$

where  $\bar{S}$  denotes the Ricci tensor of the connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ ,

$$(\bar{\mathcal{L}}_V g)(Y, Z) := g(\bar{\nabla}_Y V, Z) + g(Y, \bar{\nabla}_Z V),$$

$V^\flat$  is the canonical 1-form associated to  $V$  that is  $V^\flat(X) = g(V, X)$  for all vector field  $X$ ,  $\lambda$  is a smooth function on  $M$ , and  $\alpha, \beta, \mu, \rho$  are real constants such that  $(\alpha, \beta, \mu) \neq (0, 0, 0)$ .

The generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton equation reduces to

- (1) the  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton equation when  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\mu = 0$ ,
- (2) the Ricci soliton equation when  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\mu = 0$ , and  $\rho = 0$ ,
- (3) the generalized Ricci soliton equation when  $\rho = 0$ .

### 3. Main results and their proofs

A trans-Sasakian manifold is said to  $\eta$ -Einstein if its Ricci tensor  $S$  is of the form

$$S = ag + b\eta \otimes \eta,$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are smooth functions on manifold. Let  $M$  be a trans-Sasakian manifold. Now, we consider  $M$  satisfies the generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton (2.22) associated to the Schouten-van Kampen connection and the potential vector field  $V$  is a point-wise collinear vector field with the structure vector field  $\xi$ , that is,  $V = \gamma\xi$  for some function  $\gamma$  on  $M$ . Using (2.4) we get

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{\mathcal{L}}_{\gamma\xi} g(X, Y) &= \mathcal{L}_{\gamma\xi} g(X, Y) - 2\gamma\theta(g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)) \\ &= X(\gamma)\eta(Y) + Y(\gamma)\eta(X), \end{aligned}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ . Also, we have

$$(3.2) \quad \xi^\flat \otimes \xi^\flat(X, Y) = \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ . Applying  $V = \gamma\xi$ , (2.17), (3.1), and (3.2) in the equation (2.22) we infer

$$(3.3) \quad \alpha\bar{S}(X, Y) + \frac{\beta}{2}X(\gamma)\eta(Y) + \frac{\beta}{2}Y(\gamma)\eta(X) + (\mu\gamma^2 + \rho)\eta(X)\eta(Y) + \lambda g(X, Y) = 0,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ . We plug  $Y = \xi$  in the above equation and using (2.18) to yield

$$(3.4) \quad \frac{\beta}{2}X(\gamma) + \frac{\beta}{2}\xi(\gamma)\eta(X) + (\mu\gamma^2 + \rho + \lambda)\eta(X) = 0.$$

Taking  $X = \xi$  in (3.4) gives

$$(3.5) \quad \beta\xi(\gamma) = -(\mu\gamma^2 + \rho + \lambda).$$

Inserting (3.5) in (3.4), we conclude

$$(3.6) \quad \beta X(\gamma) = -(\mu\gamma^2 + \rho + \lambda)\eta(X),$$

which yields

$$(3.7) \quad \beta d\gamma = -(\mu\gamma^2 + \rho + \lambda)\eta.$$

Applying (3.7) in (3.3) we obtain

$$(3.8) \quad \alpha\bar{S}(X, Y) = \lambda(-g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)),$$

which implies  $\alpha\bar{r} = -2n\lambda$ . We plug  $Y = \xi$  in the equation (3.8) and using (2.19) to obtain

$$(3.9) \quad (2n - 1)\{(\xi\theta)\eta(X) - X\theta\} - (\phi X)\sigma = 0,$$

for any vector field  $X$ . Using (2.7) we have  $\xi\theta = 0$  then  $(2n - 1)X\theta = -(\phi X)\sigma$ . This conclude that  $\nabla\theta = 0$ . Thus  $\theta$  is a constant and  $\varphi(\nabla\sigma) = 0$ . Therefore, this leads to the following:

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(M, g, \varphi, \xi, \eta)$  be a trans-Sasakian and it admits a generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \alpha, \beta, \mu, \rho, \lambda)$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection such that  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $V = \gamma\xi$  for some smooth function  $\gamma$  on  $M$ , then  $M$  is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Also,  $\theta$  is a constant and  $\varphi(\nabla\sigma) = 0$*

From (3.8) we also have the following:

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $(M, g, \varphi, \xi, \eta)$  be a trans-Sasakian 3-dimensional manifold. If  $M$  admits a generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \alpha, \beta, \mu, \rho, \lambda)$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection such that  $V = \gamma\xi$  for some smooth function  $\gamma$  on  $M$ , then  $\alpha\bar{r} = -2n\lambda$ .*

Now, let  $M$  be an  $\eta$ -Einstein quasi-Sasakian 3-dimensional manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection and  $V = \xi$ . Then we get  $\bar{S} = ag + b\eta \otimes \eta$  for some functions  $a$  and  $b$  on  $M$ . We have  $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_\xi g = 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\bar{S} + \frac{\beta}{2}\bar{\mathcal{L}}_\xi g + \mu\xi^b \otimes \xi^b + \rho\eta \otimes \eta + \lambda g \\ = a\alpha g + b\alpha\eta \otimes \eta + \mu\eta \otimes \eta + \rho\eta \otimes \eta + \lambda g \\ = (a\alpha + \lambda)g + (b\alpha + \mu + \rho)\eta \otimes \eta. \end{aligned}$$

From the above equation  $M$  admits a generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \alpha, \beta, \mu, \rho, \lambda)$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection if  $\lambda = -a\alpha$  and  $\rho = -b\alpha - \mu$ .

Hence, we can state the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.2.** *Suppose that  $M$  is a  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection, that is,  $\bar{S} = ag + b\eta \otimes \eta$  for some constants  $a$  and  $b$  on  $M$ . Then manifold  $M$  satisfies a generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \alpha, \beta, \mu, -b\alpha - \mu, -a\alpha)$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.*

**Definition 3.1.** A vector field  $V$  is said to a conformal Killing vector field with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection if

$$(3.10) \quad (\bar{\mathcal{L}}_V g)(X, Y) = 2hg(X, Y),$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ , where  $h$  is some function on  $M$ . The conformal Killing vector field  $V$  is called

- proper when  $h$  is not constant,
- homothetic vector field when  $h$  is a constant,
- Killing vector field when  $h = 0$ .

Let vector field  $V$  is a conformal Killing vector field and satisfies in (3.10). By (3.10), (2.17), and (2.22) we have

$$(3.11) \quad \alpha \bar{S}(X, Y) + \beta hg(X, Y) + \mu V^\flat(X) V^\flat(Y) + \rho \eta(X) \eta(Y) + \lambda g(X, Y) = 0.$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ . By inserting  $Y = \xi$  in the above equation we get

$$(3.12) \quad g(\beta h \xi + \mu \eta(V) V + \rho \xi + \lambda \xi, X) = 0.$$

Since  $X$  is arbitraray vector field we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.3.** *If the metric  $g$  of a trans-Sasakian manifold satisfies the generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \alpha, \beta, \mu, \rho, \lambda)$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection where  $V$  is conformally Killing vector field, that is  $\mathcal{L}_V g = 2hg$  then*

$$(3.13) \quad (\beta h + \rho + \lambda) \xi + \mu \eta(V) V = 0.$$

**Definition 3.2.** A nonvanishing vector field  $V$  on pseudo-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is called torse-forming [46] if

$$(3.14) \quad \nabla_X V = fX + \omega(X)V,$$

for any vector field  $X$ , where  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection of  $g$ ,  $f$  is a smooth function and  $\omega$  is a 1-form. The vector field  $V$  is called

- concircular [15, 45] whenever in the equation (3.14) the 1-form  $\omega$  vanishes identically,
- concurrent [39, 47] if in equation (3.14) the 1-form  $\omega$  vanishes identically and  $f = 1$ ,

- parallel vector field if in equation (3.14)  $f = \omega = 0$ ,
- torqued vector field [14] if in equation (3.14)  $\omega(V) = 0$ .

Let  $(g, V, \alpha, \beta, \mu, \rho, \lambda)$  be a generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on a trans-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection where  $V$  is a torse-forming vector field with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection that is,  $\bar{\nabla}_X V = fX + \omega(X)V$ . Then

$$(3.15) \quad \alpha \bar{S}(X, Y) + (\bar{\mathcal{L}}_V g)(X, Y) + \mu V^b(X) V^b(Y) + \rho \eta(X) \eta(Y) + \lambda g(X, Y) = 0,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ . On the other hand,

$$(3.16) \quad (\bar{\mathcal{L}}_V g)(X, Y) = 2fg(X, Y) + \omega(X)g(V, Y) + \omega(Y)g(V, X),$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ . Applying (3.16) into (3.15) we arrive at

$$(3.17) \quad \begin{aligned} & \alpha \bar{S}(X, Y) + [\beta f + \lambda] g(X, Y) + \rho \eta(X) \eta(Y) \\ & + \frac{\beta}{2} [\omega(X)g(V, Y) + \omega(Y)g(V, X)] + \mu g(V, X)g(V, Y) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

We take contraction of the above equation over  $X$  and  $Y$  to obtain

$$(3.18) \quad \alpha \bar{r} + (2n + 1) [\beta f + \lambda] + \rho + \beta \omega(V) + \mu |V|^2 = 0.$$

Therefore we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.4.** *If the metric  $g$  of a trans-Sasakian manifold satisfies the generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \alpha, \beta, \mu, \rho, \lambda)$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection where  $V$  torse-forming vector field and satisfied in  $\bar{\nabla}_X V = fX + \omega(X)V$ , then*

$$(3.19) \quad \lambda = -\frac{1}{2n+1} [\alpha (r + 2n\{2(\xi\theta) - \sigma^2 + (2n+1)\theta^2\}) + 2n + \rho + \beta \omega(V) + \mu |V|^2] - \beta f.$$

#### 4. Example

In this section, we give an example of trans-Sasakian manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

**Example 4.1.** Let  $(x, y, z)$  be the standard coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | z \neq 0\}$ . We consider the linearly independent vector fields

$$e_1 = z \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad e_2 = z \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad e_3 = z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

We define the metric  $g$  by  $g(e_i, e_j) = 1$  if  $i = j$  and  $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  and otherwise  $g(e_i, e_j) = 0$ .



We define an almost contact structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta)$  on  $M$  by

$$\xi = e_3, \quad \eta(X) = g(X, e_3), \quad \varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

for all vector field  $X$ . Note the relations  $\varphi^2(X) = -X + \eta(X)\xi$ ,  $\eta(\xi) = 1$ , and  $g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)$  hold. Thus  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defines an almost contact structure on  $M$ . We have

$[, ]$	$e_1$	$e_2$	$e_3$
$e_1$	0	0	$-e_1$
$e_2$	0	0	$-e_2$
$e_3$	$e_1$	$e_2$	0

The Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  of  $M$  is determined by

$$\nabla_{e_i} e_j = \begin{pmatrix} e_3 & 0 & -e_1 \\ 0 & e_3 & -e_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We see that the structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta)$  is a trans-Sasakian structure with  $\sigma = 0$  and  $\theta = -1$ . Now, using (2.16) we get the Schouten-van- Kampen connection on  $M$  as  $\bar{\nabla}_{e_i} e_j = 0$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$ . Hence  $\bar{S} = 0$ . If we consider  $V = \xi$  then  $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_V g = 0$ . Therefore  $(g, \xi, \alpha, \beta, \mu, \rho = -\mu, \lambda = 0)$  is a generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on manifold  $M$ .

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