

## $\eta$ -RICCI SOLITONS IN LORENTZIAN $\alpha$ -SASAKIAN MANIFOLDS

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**Abstract.** In the present paper, we have studied  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons in Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds satisfying certain curvature conditions. The existence of  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton in a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold has been proved by a concrete example.

**Keywords:**  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons; Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds; projective curvature tensor.

### 1. Introduction

In 1985, J. A. Oubina [14] defined and studied a new class of almost contact metric manifolds known as trans-Sasakian manifolds, which includes  $\alpha$ -Sasakian,  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu and cosymplectic structures. In 2005, A. Yildiz and C. Murathan [5] studied conformally flat and quasi-conformally flat Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds. Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds have been studied by many authors such as [1, 3, 6]. Recently, U. C. De and P. Majhi have studied  $\phi$ -Weyl semisymmetric and  $\phi$ -projectively semisymmetric generalized Sasakian space-forms and obtained some interesting results [21].

In 1982, R. S. Hamilton [20] 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. G. Perelman [12, 13] used Ricci flow and its surgery to prove Poincaré conjecture. The Ricci flow is an evolution equation for metrics on a Riemannian manifold defined as follows:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} g_{ij}(t) = -2R_{ij}.$$

A Ricci soliton emerges as the limit of the solutions of the Ricci flow. A solution to the Ricci flow is called Ricci soliton if it moves only by a one parameter group

of diffeomorphism and scaling. A Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda)$  on a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is a generalization of an Einstein metric such that [17, 18]

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

where  $S$  is the Ricci tensor,  $\mathcal{L}_V$  is the Lie derivative operator along the vector field  $V$  on  $M$  and  $\lambda$  is a real number. The Ricci soliton is said to be shrinking, steady or expanding according to  $\lambda$  being negative, zero or positive, respectively. Ricci solitons in the context of general relativity have been studied by M. Ali and Z. Ahsan [16].

As a generalization of Ricci solitons, the notion of  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons was introduced by J. T. Cho and M. Kimura [15]. They have studied Ricci solitons of real hypersurfaces in a non-flat complex space form and they defined  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton, which satisfies the equation

$$(1.2) \quad (\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) + 2S(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) + 2\mu\eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0,$$

where  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are real number. In particular, if  $\mu = 0$ , then the notion  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda, \mu)$  is reduced to the notion of Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda)$ . Recently,  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons have been studied by various authors such as A. Singh and S. Kishor [4], A. M. Blaga [9], D. G. Prakasha and B. S. Hadimani [11], S. Ghosh [19] and many others.

The paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we give a brief introduction of Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds. In Section 3, we discuss  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons in Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds. Section 4 is devoted to study  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons in  $\phi$ -projectively semisymmetric Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds. In Section 5, we study  $\eta$ -parallel  $\phi$ -tensor Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds admitting  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons.  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons in Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds admitting Codazzi type of Ricci tensor and cyclic parallel Ricci tensor have been studied in Section 6. In Section 7, we study  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons in recurrent Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds. Finally, we construct an example of 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold which admits an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton.

## 2. Preliminaries

A differentiable manifold of dimension  $n$  is called a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold if it admits a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $\phi$ , a contravariant vector field  $\xi$ , a covariant vector field  $\eta$  and a Lorentzian metric  $g$  which satisfy [5]

$$(2.1) \quad \eta(\xi) = -1,$$

$$(2.2) \quad \phi^2 X = X + \eta(X)\xi,$$

$$(2.3) \quad \phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(\phi X) = 0,$$

$$(2.4) \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

$$(2.5) \quad g(X, \xi) = \eta(X)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ .

Also Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds satisfy

$$(2.6) \quad \nabla_X \xi = -\alpha \phi X,$$

$$(2.7) \quad (\nabla_X \eta)Y = -\alpha g(\phi X, Y),$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the Lorentzian metric  $g$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Furthermore, on a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$ , the following relations hold [5, 6]:

$$(2.8) \quad g(R(X, Y)Z, \xi) = \eta(R(X, Y)Z) = \alpha^2[g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)],$$

$$(2.9) \quad R(\xi, X)Y = \alpha^2[g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X],$$

$$(2.10) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = \alpha^2[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y],$$

$$(2.11) \quad R(\xi, X)\xi = \alpha^2[X + \eta(X)\xi],$$

$$(2.12) \quad S(X, \xi) = (n-1)\alpha^2\eta(X), \quad S(\xi, \xi) = -(n-1)\alpha^2,$$

$$(2.13) \quad Q\xi = (n-1)\alpha^2\xi,$$

$$(2.14) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = \alpha g(X, Y)\xi - \alpha \eta(Y)X$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  on  $M$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  is said to be a generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold if its Ricci tensor  $S$  is of the form [7]

$$S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + b\eta(X)\eta(Y) + cg(\phi X, Y),$$

where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are smooth functions on  $M$ . If  $c = 0$ ,  $b = c = 0$  and  $b = 0$ , then the manifold is said to be an  $\eta$ -Einstein, Einstein and a special type of generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold, respectively.

**Definition 2.2.** The projective curvature tensor  $C$  in an  $n$ -dimensional Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold  $M$  is defined by

$$(2.15) \quad P(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-1}[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y],$$

where  $R$  is the Riemannian curvature tensor and  $r$  is the scalar curvature of the manifold.

### 3. $\eta$ -Ricci solitons in Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds

Suppose that a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold admits an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$ . Then (1.2) holds and thus we have

$$(3.1) \quad (\mathcal{L}_\xi g)(X, Y) + 2S(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) + 2\mu\eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0.$$

In a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold, we find

$$(3.2) \quad (\mathcal{L}_\xi g)(X, Y) = g(\nabla_X \xi, Y) + g(X, \nabla_Y \xi) = -2\alpha g(X, \phi Y).$$

Combining (3.1) and (3.2), it follows that

$$(3.3) \quad S(X, Y) = -\lambda g(X, Y) + \alpha g(\phi X, Y) - \mu\eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

It yields

$$(3.4) \quad QX = -\lambda X + \alpha\phi X - \mu\eta(X)\xi.$$

By taking  $Y = \xi$  in (3.3) and using (2.1), (2.3) and (2.5), we get

$$(3.5) \quad S(X, \xi) = (\mu - \lambda)\eta(X).$$

Thus from (2.12) and (3.5), we obtain

$$(3.6) \quad \mu - \lambda = (n - 1)\alpha^2.$$

Hence in view of (3.3) and (3.6), we can state the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  is an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton in a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold, then the manifold is a generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold of the form (3.3) and  $\mu - \lambda = (n - 1)\alpha^2$ .*

In particular, if we take  $\mu = 0$  in (3.3) and (3.6), then we obtain

$$(3.7) \quad S(X, Y) = -\lambda g(X, Y) + \alpha g(\phi X, Y),$$

$$(3.8) \quad \lambda = -(n - 1)\alpha^2,$$

respectively. Thus we have

**Corollary 3.1.** *If  $(g, \xi, \lambda)$  is a Ricci soliton in a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold, then the manifold is a special type of generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold and its Ricci soliton is always shrinking.*

Now, let  $(g, V, \lambda, \mu)$  be a Ricci soliton in a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold such that  $V$  is pointwise collinear with  $\xi$ , i.e.,  $V = b\xi$ , where  $b$  is a function. Then (1.2) holds and we have

$$bg(\nabla_X \xi, Y) + (Xb)\eta(Y) + bg(X, \nabla_Y \xi) + (Yb)\eta(X)$$

$$+2S(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) + 2\mu\eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0$$

which in view of (2.6) takes the form

$$(3.9) \quad -2b\alpha g(\phi X, Y) + (Xb)\eta(Y) + (Yb)\eta(X)$$

$$+2S(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) + 2\mu\eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0.$$

Putting  $Y = \xi$  in (3.9) and using (2.1), (2.3), (2.5) and (2.12), we find

$$(3.10) \quad -(Xb) + [(\xi b) + 2(n-1)\alpha^2 + 2\lambda - 2\mu]\eta(X) = 0.$$

Again putting  $X = \xi$  in (3.10) and using (2.1), we get

$$(3.11) \quad (\xi b) + (n-1)\alpha^2 + \lambda - \mu = 0.$$

Combining the equations (3.10) and (3.11), it follows that

$$(3.12) \quad db = [(n-1)\alpha^2 + \lambda - \mu]\eta.$$

Now applying  $d$  on (3.12), we get

$$(3.13) \quad [(n-1)\alpha^2 + \lambda - \mu]\eta = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu - \lambda = (n-1)\alpha^2, \quad d\eta \neq 0.$$

Thus from (3.12) and (3.13), we obtain  $db = 0$ , i.e.,  $b$  is a constant. Therefore, (3.9) takes form

$$(3.14) \quad S(X, Y) = -\lambda g(X, Y) + b\alpha g(\phi X, Y) - \mu\eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

Hence in view of (3.13) and (3.14), we can state the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.2.** *If  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  is an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton in an  $n$ -dimensional Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold, such that  $V$  is pointwise collinear with  $\xi$ , then  $V$  is a constant multiple of  $\xi$  and the manifold is a generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold of the form (3.14) and  $\mu - \lambda = (n-1)\alpha^2$ .*

#### 4. $\eta$ -Ricci solitons in $\phi$ -projectively semisymmetric Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds

**Definition 4.1.** A Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is said to be  $\phi$ -projectively semisymmetric if [20]

$$P(X, Y) \cdot \phi = 0$$

for all  $X, Y$  on  $M$ .

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional  $\phi$ -projectively semisymmetric Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold admits  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton. Therefore  $P(X, Y) \cdot \phi = 0$  turns into

$$(4.1) \quad (P(X, Y) \cdot \phi)Z = P(X, Y)\phi Z - \phi P(X, Y)Z = 0$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ . From (2.15), it follows that

$$(4.2) \quad P(X, Y)\phi Z = R(X, Y)\phi Z - \frac{1}{n-1}[S(Y, \phi Z)X - S(X, \phi Z)Y],$$

$$(4.3) \quad \phi P(X, Y)Z = \phi R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-1}[S(Y, Z)\phi X - S(X, Z)\phi Y].$$

Combining the equations (4.1), (4.2) and (4.3), we have

$$(4.4) \quad R(X, Y)\phi Z - \phi R(X, Y)Z - \frac{1}{n-1}[S(Y, \phi Z)X - S(X, \phi Z)Y] \\ + \frac{1}{n-1}[S(Y, Z)\phi X - S(X, Z)\phi Y] = 0$$

which by taking  $Y = \xi$  and using (2.3), (2.9) and (2.12) is reduced to

$$(4.5) \quad S(X, \phi Z) = (n-1)\alpha^2 g(X, \phi Z).$$

In view of (3.3), (4.5) takes the form

$$(4.6) \quad [\lambda + (n-1)\alpha^2]g(X, \phi Z) - \alpha g(\phi X, \phi Z) = 0.$$

By replacing  $X$  by  $\phi X$  in (4.6) and using (2.2), we get

$$(4.7) \quad [\lambda + (n-1)\alpha^2]g(\phi X, \phi Z) - \alpha g(X, \phi Z) = 0.$$

By adding (4.6) and (4.7), we obtain

$$[\lambda + (n-1)\alpha^2 - \alpha](g(\phi X, \phi Z) + g(X, \phi Z)) = 0$$

from which it follows that  $\lambda = -(n-1)\alpha^2 + \alpha$  and hence from (3.6), we get  $\mu = \alpha$ . Thus we can state the following theorem:

**Theorem 4.1.** *If  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  is an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton in an  $n$ -dimensional  $\phi$ -projectively semisymmetric Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold, then  $\lambda = -(n-1)\alpha^2 + \alpha$  and  $\mu = \alpha$ .*

Now from the relations (3.3), (3.6) and (4.7), we obtain

$$(4.8) \quad S(X, Y) = (n-1)\alpha^2 g(X, Y).$$

Thus we have

**Corollary 4.1.** *An  $n$ -dimensional  $\phi$ -projectively semisymmetric Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold admitting an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  is an Einstein manifold.*

**5.  $\eta$ -parallel  $\phi$ -tensor Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds admitting  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons**

In this section, we study the  $\eta$ -parallel  $\phi$ -tensor in Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds. If the  $(1, 1)$  tensor  $\phi$  is  $\eta$ -parallel, then we have [10]

$$(5.1) \quad g((\nabla_X \phi)Y, Z) = 0$$

for all  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ . From (2.14) and (5.1), we get

$$(5.2) \quad g(X, Y)\eta(Z) - \eta(Y)g(X, Z) = 0, \quad \text{where } \alpha \neq 0.$$

Putting  $Z = \xi$  in (5.2), we find

$$g(X, Y) = -\eta(X)\eta(Y)$$

which by replacing  $Y$  by  $QY$  and using (2.12) yields

$$(5.3) \quad S(X, Y) = -\alpha^2(n-1)\eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

From (3.3) and (5.3), it follows that

$$\lambda g(X, Y) - \alpha g(\phi X, Y) + (\mu - (n-1)\alpha^2)\eta(X)\eta(Y) = 0$$

which by replacing  $Y$  by  $\phi Y$  becomes

$$(5.4) \quad \lambda g(X, \phi Y) - \alpha g(\phi X, \phi Y) = 0.$$

Now by replacing  $X$  by  $\phi X$  in (5.4) and using (2.2), we find

$$(5.5) \quad \lambda g(\phi X, \phi Y) - \alpha g(X, \phi Y) = 0.$$

By adding (5.4) and (5.5), we obtain  $\lambda = \alpha$  and hence from (3.6) we get  $\mu = \alpha + (n-1)\alpha^2$ . Thus we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 5.1.** *If  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  is an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton in an  $n$ -dimensional Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold and if the tensor  $\phi$  is  $\eta$ -parallel, then  $\lambda = \alpha$  and  $\mu = \alpha + (n-1)\alpha^2$ .*

Now from the relations (3.3), (3.6) and (5.5), we obtain

$$(5.6) \quad S(X, Y) = -(n-1)\alpha^2\eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

Thus we have

**Corollary 5.1.** *If  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  is an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton in an  $n$ -dimensional Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold and if the tensor  $\phi$  is  $\eta$ -parallel, then the manifold is a special type of  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.*

**6.  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons in Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds admitting Codazzi type of Ricci tensor and cyclic parallel Ricci tensor**

In this section, we consider  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons in Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds admitting Codazzi type of Ricci tensor and cyclic parallel Ricci tensor. A. Gray [2] introduced the notion of cyclic parallel Ricci tensor and Codazzi type of Ricci tensor.

**Definition 6.1.** A Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is said to have Codazzi type of Ricci tensor if its Ricci tensor  $S$  of type  $(0, 2)$  is non-zero and satisfies the following condition

$$(\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) = (\nabla_Y S)(X, Z)$$

for all  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ ,

Taking covariant derivative of (3.3) and making use of (2.7) and (2.14), we find

$$(6.1) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) = \alpha^2[g(X, Y)\eta(Z) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)] \\ + \alpha\mu[g(\phi X, Y)\eta(Z) + g(\phi X, Z)\eta(Y)].$$

If the Ricci tensor  $S$  is of Codazzi type, then

$$(6.2) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) = (\nabla_Y S)(X, Z).$$

In view of (6.1), (6.2) takes the form

$$\alpha^2[g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)] + \alpha\mu[g(\phi X, Z)\eta(Y) - g(\phi Y, Z)\eta(X)] = 0$$

which by putting  $X = \xi$  and using (2.1), (2.3)-(2.5) gives

$$(6.3) \quad \alpha g(\phi Y, \phi Z) - \mu g(\phi Y, Z) = 0, \quad \alpha \neq 0.$$

Now by replacing  $Z$  by  $\phi Z$  in (6.3) and using (2.2), we find

$$(6.4) \quad \alpha g(\phi Y, Z) - \mu g(\phi Y, \phi Z) = 0.$$

By adding (6.3) and (6.4), we obtain  $\mu = \alpha$  and hence from (3.6) we get  $\lambda = \alpha - (n - 1)\alpha^2$ . Thus we have the following:

**Theorem 6.1.** *Let  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  be an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton in an  $n$ -dimensional Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold and if the manifold has Ricci tensor of Codazzi type, then  $\lambda = \alpha - (n - 1)\alpha^2$  and  $\mu = \alpha$ .*

**Definition 6.2.** A Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is said to have cyclic parallel Ricci tensor if its Ricci tensor  $S$  of type  $(0, 2)$  is non-zero and satisfies the following condition

$$(6.5) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) + (\nabla_Y S)(Z, X) + (\nabla_Z S)(X, Y) = 0$$

for all  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ .



Let  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  be an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton in an  $n$ -dimensional Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold and the manifold has cyclic parallel Ricci tensor, then (6.5) holds. Taking covariant derivative of (3.3) and making use of (2.7) and (2.14), we find

$$(6.6) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) = \alpha^2[g(X, Y)\eta(Z) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)] \\ + \alpha\mu[g(\phi X, Y)\eta(Z) + g(\phi X, Z)\eta(Y)].$$

Similarly, we have

$$(6.7) \quad (\nabla_Y S)(Z, X) = \alpha^2[g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(Y, X)\eta(Z)] \\ + \alpha\mu[g(\phi Y, Z)\eta(X) + g(\phi Y, X)\eta(Z)],$$

and

$$(6.8) \quad (\nabla_Z S)(X, Y) = \alpha^2[g(Z, X)\eta(Y) - g(Z, Y)\eta(X)] \\ + \alpha\mu[g(\phi Z, X)\eta(Y) + g(\phi Z, Y)\eta(X)].$$

By using (6.6)-(6.8) in (6.5), we obtain

$$\alpha\mu[g(\phi X, Y)\eta(Z) + g(\phi X, Z)\eta(Y) + g(\phi Y, Z)\eta(X)] = 0$$

which by taking  $Z = \xi$  reduces to

$$(6.9) \quad \alpha\mu g(\phi X, Y) = 0.$$

Since the manifold under consideration is non-cosymplectic and  $g(\phi X, Y) \neq 0$ , in general, therefore (6.9) yields  $\mu = 0$ . Therefore the  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton becomes Ricci soliton. Thus we have the following:

**Theorem 6.2.** *An  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton in a non-cosymplectic Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold whose Ricci tensor is of Codazzi-type becomes a Ricci soliton.*

## 7. $\eta$ -Ricci solitons on recurrent Lorentzian $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifolds

**Definition 7.1.** An  $n$ -dimensional Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold is said to be recurrent if there exists a non-zero 1-form  $A$  such that [8]

$$(7.1) \quad (\nabla_X R)(Y, Z)W = A(X)R(Y, Z)W$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  and  $W$  on  $M$ . If the 1-form  $A$  vanishes, then the manifold reduces to a symmetric manifold.

Assume that  $M$  is a recurrent Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold. Therefore the curvature tensor of the manifold satisfies (7.1). By a suitable contraction of (7.1), we get

$$(7.2) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Z, W) = A(X)S(Z, W).$$

This implies that

$$(7.3) \quad \nabla_X S(Z, W) - S(\nabla_X Z, W) - S(Z, \nabla_X W) = A(X)S(Z, W)$$

which by taking  $W = \xi$  and using (2.6) and (2.12) yields

$$(7.4) \quad S(Z, \phi X) = (n-1)\alpha^2 g(\phi X, Z) + (n-1)\alpha A(X)\eta(Z), \quad \alpha \neq 0.$$

In view of (3.3), (7.4) takes the form

$$(7.5) \quad \alpha g(X, Z) + \alpha \eta(X)\eta(Z) = [\lambda + (n-1)\alpha^2]g(\phi X, Z) + (n-1)\alpha A(X)\eta(Z).$$

Suppose the associated 1-form  $A$  is equal to the associated 1-form  $\eta$ , then from (7.5), we have

$$(7.6) \quad \alpha g(X, Z) = [\lambda + (n-1)\alpha^2]g(\phi X, Z) + (n-2)\alpha \eta(X)\eta(Z).$$

By replacing  $Z$  by  $\phi Z$  in (7.6), we get

$$(7.7) \quad \alpha g(X, \phi Z) = [\lambda + (n-1)\alpha^2]g(\phi X, \phi Z)$$

which by replacing  $X$  by  $\phi X$  and using (2.2), becomes

$$(7.8) \quad \alpha g(\phi X, \phi Z) = [\lambda + (n-1)\alpha^2]g(X, \phi Z).$$

By adding (7.7) and (7.8), we obtain  $\lambda = -(n-1)\alpha^2 - \alpha$  and hence from (3.6) we get  $\mu = -\alpha$ . Thus we can state the following:

**Theorem 7.1.** *If  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  is an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton in an  $n$ -dimensional recurrent Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold, then  $\lambda = -(n-1)\alpha^2 - \alpha$  and  $\mu = -\alpha$ .*

Now from the relations (3.3), (3.6) and (7.7), we obtain

$$(7.9) \quad S(X, Y) = (n-1)\alpha^2 g(X, Y).$$

Thus we have

**Corollary 7.1.** *An  $n$ -dimensional recurrent Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold admitting an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  is an Einstein manifold.*

**Example.** We consider the 3-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in R^3 : z > 0\}$ , where  $(x, y, z)$  are the standard coordinates of  $R^3$ . Let  $e_1, e_2$  and  $e_3$  be the vector fields on  $M$  given by

$$e_1 = e^{-z} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad e_2 = e^{-z} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right), \quad e_3 = \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \xi,$$

which are linearly independent at each point  $p$  of  $M$ . Let  $g$  be the Lorentzian like (semi-Riemannian) metric defined by

$$g(e_1, e_1) = g(e_2, e_2) = 1, \quad g(e_3, e_3) = -1, \quad g(e_1, e_2) = g(e_1, e_3) = g(e_2, e_3) = 0.$$

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(X) = g(X, e_3) = g(X, \xi)$  for all  $X \in \chi(M)$ , and let  $\phi$  be the (1,1)-tensor field defined by

$$\phi e_1 = e_1, \quad \phi e_2 = e_2, \quad \phi e_3 = 0.$$

By applying linearity of  $\phi$  and  $g$ , we have

$$\eta(\xi) = g(\xi, \xi) = -1, \quad \phi^2 X = X + \eta(X)\xi \quad \text{and} \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)$$

for all  $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ . Thus for  $e_3 = \xi$ , the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defines a Lorentzian almost paracontact metric structure on  $M$ .

Then we have

$$[e_1, e_2] = 0, \quad [e_1, e_3] = \alpha e_1, \quad [e_2, e_3] = \alpha e_2.$$

The Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  of the Lorentzian metric  $g$  is given by

$$2g(\nabla_X Y, Z) = Xg(Y, Z) + Yg(Z, X) - Zg(X, Y) - g(X, [Y, Z]) + g(Y, [Z, X]) + g(Z, [X, Y]),$$

which is known as Koszul's formula. Using Koszul's formula, we can easily calculate

$$(7.10) \quad \nabla_{e_1} e_1 = \alpha e_3, \quad \nabla_{e_1} e_2 = 0, \quad \nabla_{e_1} e_3 = \alpha e_1, \quad \nabla_{e_2} e_1 = 0,$$

$$\nabla_{e_2} e_2 = \alpha e_3, \quad \nabla_{e_2} e_3 = \alpha e_2, \quad \nabla_{e_3} e_1 = 0, \quad \nabla_{e_3} e_2 = 0, \quad \nabla_{e_3} e_3 = 0.$$

Also, one can easily verify that

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\alpha \phi X \quad \text{and} \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = \alpha g(X, Y)\xi - \alpha \eta(Y)X.$$

Therefore, the manifold is a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold. From the above results, we can easily obtain the components of the curvature tensor as follows:

$$(7.11) \quad R(e_1, e_2)e_1 = -\alpha^2 e_2, \quad R(e_1, e_3)e_1 = -\alpha^2 e_3, \quad R(e_2, e_3)e_1 = 0,$$

$$R(e_1, e_2)e_2 = \alpha^2 e_1, \quad R(e_1, e_3)e_2 = 0, \quad R(e_2, e_3)e_2 = -\alpha^2 e_3,$$

$$R(e_1, e_2)e_3 = 0, \quad R(e_1, e_3)e_3 = -\alpha^2 e_1, \quad R(e_2, e_3)e_3 = -\alpha^2 e_2$$

from which it is clear that

$$(7.12) \quad R(X, Y)Z = \alpha^2 [g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y].$$

Hence the manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, g)$  is a Lorentzian  $\alpha$ -Sasakian manifold of constant curvature  $\alpha^2$ . With the help of the above results we get the components of Ricci tensor and scalar curvature as follows:

$$(7.13) \quad S(e_1, e_1) = S(e_2, e_2) = 2\alpha^2, \quad S(e_3, e_3) = -2\alpha^2,$$

Therefore,  $r = \sum_{i=1}^3 \epsilon_i S(e_i, e_i) = 6\alpha^2$ , where  $\epsilon_i = g(e_i, e_i)$ . From the equation (3.3) and (7.13), we obtain  $\lambda = \alpha(1 - 2\alpha)$  and  $\mu = \alpha$ . Thus the data  $(g, \xi, \lambda, \mu)$  for  $\lambda = \alpha(1 - 2\alpha)$  and  $\mu = \alpha$  defines an  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ .

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