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Sasakian metric as a Ricci soliton and related results

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Abstract: We prove the following results: (i) A Sasakian metric as a non-trivial Ricci soliton is null η -Einstein, and expanding. Such a characterization permits to identify the Sasakian metric on the Heisenberg group \mathcal{H}^{2n+1} as an explicit example of (non-trivial) Ricci soliton of such type. (ii) If an η -Einstein contact metric manifold M has a vector field V leaving the structure tensor and the scalar curvature invariant, then either V is an infinitesimal automorphism, or M is D -homothetically fixed K -contact.

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1 Introduction

A Ricci soliton is a natural generalization of an Einstein metric, and is defined on a Riemannian manifold (M, g) by

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) + 2Ric(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) = 0 \quad (1)$$

where $\mathcal{L}_V g$ denotes the Lie derivative of g along a vector field V , λ a constant, and arbitrary vector fields X, Y on M . The Ricci soliton is said to be shrinking, steady, and expanding accordingly as λ is negative, zero, and positive respectively. Actually, a Ricci soliton is a generalized fixed point of Hamilton's Ricci flow [7]: $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} g_{ij} = -2R_{ij}$, viewed as a dynamical system on the space of Riemannian metrics modulo diffeomorphisms and scalings. For

details, see Chow et al. [4]. The vector field V generates the Ricci soliton viewed as a special solution of the Ricci flow. A Ricci soliton is said to be a gradient Ricci soliton, if $V = -\nabla f$ (up to a Killing vector field) for a smooth function f . Ricci solitons are also of interest to physicists who refer to them as quasi-Einstein metrics (for example, see Friedan [6]).

An odd dimensional analogue of Kaehler geometry is the Sasakian geometry. The Kaehler cone over a Sasakian Einstein manifold is a Calabi-Yau manifold which has application in physics in superstring theory based on a 10-dimensional manifold that is the product of the 4-dimensional space-time and a 6-dimensional Ricci-flat Kaehler (Calabi-Yau) manifold (see Candelas et al. [3]). Sasakian geometry has been extensively studied since its recently perceived relevance in string theory. Sasakian Einstein metrics have received a lot of attention in physics, for example, p -brane solutions in superstring theory, Maldacena conjecture (AdS/CFS duality) [9]. For details, see Boyer, Galicki and Matzeu [2].

In [12] Sharma showed that if a K -contact (in particular, Sasakian) metric is a gradient Ricci soliton, then it is Einstein. This was also shown later independently by He and Zhu [8] for the Sasakian case. Recently, Sharma and Ghosh [13] proved that a 3-dimensional Sasakian metric which is a non-trivial (i.e. non-Einstein) Ricci soliton, is homothetic to the standard Sasakian metric on nil^3 . In this paper, we generalize these results and also answer the following question of H.-D. Cao (cited in [8]): “*Does there exist a shrinking Ricci soliton on a Sasakian manifold, which is not Einstein?*”, by proving

Theorem 1 *If the metric of a $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional Sasakian manifold M (η, ξ, g, φ) is a non-trivial (non-Einstein) Ricci soliton, then (i) M is null η -Einstein (i.e. D -homothetically fixed and transverse Calabi-Yau), (ii) the Ricci soliton is expanding, and (iii) the generating vector field V leaves the structure tensor φ invariant, and is an infinitesimal contact D -homothetic transformation.*

Conversely, we consider the following question: “What can we say about an η -Einstein contact metric manifold M which admits a vector field V that leaves φ invariant?” and answer it by assuming the invariance of the scalar curvature under V , in the form of the following result.

Theorem 2 *If an η -Einstein contact metric manifold M admits a vector field V that leaves the structure tensor φ and the scalar curvature invariant,*

then either V is an infinitesimal automorphism, or M is D -homothetically fixed and K -contact.

Remark 1 Note that a Ricci soliton as a Sasakian metric is different from the Sasaki-Ricci soliton in the context of transverse Kaehler structure in a Sasakian manifold, for example see Futaki et al. [5]).

Remark 2 Boyer et al. [2] have studied η -Einstein geometry as a class of distinguished Riemannian metrics on contact metric manifolds, and proved the existence of η -Einstein metrics on many different compact manifolds. We would also like to point out that Zhang [18] showed that compact Sasakian manifolds with constant scalar curvature and satisfying certain positive curvature condition is η -Einstein.

Remark 3 Theorem 2 provides a generalization of the infinitesimal version of the following result of Tanno [15] “The group of all diffeomorphisms Φ which leave the structure tensor φ of a contact metric manifold M invariant, is a Lie transformation group, and coincides with the automorphism group \mathcal{A} if M is Einstein.” Note that the scalar curvature of an Einstein metric is constant. We also note that the set of all vector fields on a contact metric manifold M , that leave φ and scalar curvature invariant, forms a Lie sub-algebra of the Lie algebra of all smooth vector fields on M .

2 A Brief Review Of Contact Geometry

A $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional smooth manifold is said to be contact if it has a global 1-form η such that $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^n \neq 0$ on M . For a contact 1-form η there exists a unique vector field ξ such that $d\eta(\xi, X) = 0$ and $\eta(\xi) = 1$. Polarizing $d\eta$ on the contact subbundle $\eta = 0$, we obtain a Riemannian metric g and a $(1,1)$ -tensor field φ such that

$$d\eta(X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y), \eta(X) = g(X, \xi), \varphi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi \quad (2)$$

g is called an associated metric of η and (φ, η, ξ, g) a contact metric structure. Following [1] we recall two self-adjoint operators $h = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_\xi\varphi$ and $l = R(\cdot, \xi)\xi$. The tensors $h, h\varphi$ are trace-free and $h\varphi = -\varphi h$. We also have these formulas for a contact metric manifold.

$$\nabla_X\xi = -\varphi X - \varphi hX \quad (3)$$

$$l - \varphi l \varphi = -2(h^2 + \varphi^2) \quad (4)$$

$$\nabla_\xi h = \varphi - \varphi l - \varphi h^2 \quad (5)$$

$$Trl = Ric(\xi, \xi) = 2n - Trh^2 \quad (6)$$

where ∇ , R , Ric and Q denote respectively, the Riemannian connection, curvature tensor, Ricci tensor and Ricci operator of g . For details see [1]

A vector field V on a contact metric manifold M is said to be an infinitesimal contact transformation if $\mathcal{L}_V \eta = \sigma \eta$ for some smooth function σ on M . V is said to be an infinitesimal automorphism of the contact metric structure if it leaves all the structure tensors η, ξ, g, φ invariant (see Tanno [14]).

A contact metric structure is said to be K -contact if ξ is Killing with respect to g , equivalently, $h = 0$. The contact metric structure on M is said to be Sasakian if the almost Kaehler structure on the cone manifold $(M \times R^+, r^2 g + dr^2)$ over M , is Kaehler. Sasakian manifolds are K -contact and K -contact 3-manifolds are Sasakian. For a Sasakian manifold,

$$(\nabla_X \varphi)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X \quad (7)$$

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y, \quad Q\xi = 2n\xi \quad (8)$$

For a Sasakian manifold, the restriction of φ to the contact sub-bundle D ($\eta = 0$) is denoted by J and $(D, J, d\eta)$ defines a Kaehler metric on D , with the transverse Kaehler metric g^T related to the Sasakian metric g as $g = g^T + \eta \otimes \eta$. One finds by a direct computation that the transverse Ricci tensor Ric^T of g^T is given by

$$Ric^T(X, Y) = Ric(X, Y) + 2g(X, Y)$$

for arbitrary vector fields X, Y in D . The Ricci form ρ and transverse Ricci form ρ^T are defined by

$$\rho(X, Y) = Ric(X, \varphi Y), \quad \rho^T(X, Y) = Ric^T(X, \varphi Y)$$

for $X, Y \in D$. The basic first Chern class $2\pi c_1^B$ of D is represented by ρ^T . In case $c_1^B = 0$, the Sasakian structure is said to be null (transverse Calabi-Yau). We refer to [2] for details.

A contact metric manifold M is said to be η -Einstein in the wider sense, if the Ricci tensor can be written as

$$Ric(X, Y) = \alpha g(X, Y) + \beta \eta(X)\eta(Y) \quad (9)$$

for some smooth functions α and β on M . It is well-known (Yano and Kon [17]) that α and β are constant if M is K -contact, and has dimension greater than 3.

Given a contact metric structure (η, ξ, g, φ) , let $\bar{\eta} = a\eta, \bar{\xi} = \frac{1}{a}\xi, \bar{\varphi} = \varphi, \bar{g} = ag + a(a-1)\eta \otimes \eta$ for a positive constant a . Then $(\bar{\eta}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\varphi}, \bar{g})$ is again a contact metric structure. Such a change of structure is called a D -homothetic deformation, and preserves many basic properties like being K -contact (in particular, Sasakian). It is straightforward to verify that, under a D -homothetic deformation, a K -contact η -Einstein manifold transforms to a K -contact η -Einstein manifold such that $\bar{\alpha} = \frac{\alpha+2-2a}{a}$ and $\bar{\beta} = 2n - \bar{\alpha}$. We remark here that the particular value: $\alpha = -2$ remains fixed under a D -homothetic deformation, and as $\alpha + \beta = 2n$, β also remains fixed. Thus, we state the following definition.

Definition 1 *A K -contact η -Einstein manifold with $\alpha = -2$ is said to be D -homothetically fixed.*

3 Proofs Of The Results

Proof Of Theorem 1: Using the Ricci soliton equation (1) in the commutation formula (Yano [16], p.23)

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathcal{L}_V \nabla_X g - \nabla_X \mathcal{L}_V g - \nabla_{[V, X]} g)(Y, Z) = \\ & - g((\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(X, Y), Z) - g((\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(X, Z), Y) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

we derive

$$\begin{aligned} g((\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(X, Y), Z) &= (\nabla_Z Ric)(X, Y) \\ &- (\nabla_X Ric)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y Ric)(X, Z) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

As ξ is Killing, we have $\mathcal{L}_\xi Ric = 0$ which, in view of (3), the last equation of (8) and $h = 0$, is equivalent to $\nabla_\xi Q = Q\varphi - \varphi Q$. But for a Sasakian

manifold, Q commutes with φ , and hence Ric is parallel along ξ . Moreover, differentiating the last equation of (8), we have $(\nabla_X Q)\xi = Q\varphi X - 2n\varphi X$. Substituting ξ for Y in (11) and using these consequences we obtain

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(X, \xi) = -2Q\varphi X + 4n\varphi X \quad (12)$$

Differentiating this along an arbitrary vector field Y , using (7) and the last equation of (8), we find

$$(\nabla_Y \mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(X, \xi) - (\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(X, \varphi Y) = -2(\nabla_Y Q)\varphi X + 2\eta(X)QY - 4n\eta(X)Y$$

The use of the foregoing equation in the commutation formula [16]:

$$(\mathcal{L}_V R)(X, Y)Z = (\nabla_X \mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y \mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(X, Z) \quad (13)$$

for a Riemannian manifold, shows that

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}_V R)(X, Y)\xi - (\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(Y, \varphi X) + (\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(X, \varphi Y) &= -2(\nabla_X Q)\varphi Y \\ &+ 2(\nabla_Y Q)\varphi X + 2\eta(Y)QX - 2\eta(X)QY + 4n\eta(X)Y - 4n\eta(Y)X \end{aligned}$$

Substituting ξ for Y in the foregoing equation, using (12) and the formula $\nabla_\xi Q = 0$ noted earlier, we find that

$$(\mathcal{L}_V R)(X, \xi)\xi = 4(QX - 2nX) \quad (14)$$

Equation (1) gives $(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, \xi) + 2(2n + \lambda)\eta(X) = 0$, which in turn, gives

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(X) - g(\mathcal{L}_V \xi, X) + 2(\lambda + 2n)\eta(X) = 0 \quad (15)$$

$$\eta(\mathcal{L}_V \xi) = (2n + \lambda) \quad (16)$$

where we used the Lie-derivative of $g(\xi, \xi) = 1$ along V . Next, Lie-differentiating the formula $R(X, \xi)\xi = X - \eta(X)\xi$ [a consequence of the first formula in (8)] along V , and using equations (14) and (16) provides

$$4(QX - 2nX) - g(\mathcal{L}_V \xi, X)\xi + 2(2n + \lambda)X = -((\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(X))\xi$$

By the direct application of (15) to the the above equation we find

$$Ric(X, Y) = (n - \frac{\lambda}{2})g(X, Y) + (n + \frac{\lambda}{2})\eta(X)\eta(Y) \quad (17)$$

which shows that M is η -Einstein with scalar curvature

$$r = 2n(n + 1) - n\lambda \quad (18)$$

At this point, we recall the following integrability formula [12]:

$$\mathcal{L}_V r = -\Delta r + 2\lambda r + 2|Q|^2 \quad (19)$$

for a Ricci soliton, where $\Delta r = -\text{div}Dr$. A straightforward computation using (17) gives the squared norm of the Ricci operator as $|Q|^2 = 2n(n^2 - n\lambda + \frac{\lambda^2}{4} + 4n^2)$. Using this and (18) in (19), we obtain the quadratic equation $(2n + \lambda)(2n + 4 - \lambda) = 0$. As $\lambda = -2n$ corresponds to g becoming Einstein, we must have $\lambda = 2n + 4$ and hence the soliton is expanding, which proves part (ii). Moreover, equation (18) reduces to $r = -2n$. Thus equation (17) assumes the form

$$\text{Ric}(Y, Z) = -2g(Y, Z) + 2(n + 1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) \quad (20)$$

Hence, as defined in Section 2, M is a D -homothetically fixed null η -Einstein manifold, proving part (i). Using (20) in (11) provides

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(Y, Z) = 4(n + 1)\{\eta(Y)\varphi Z + \eta(Z)\varphi Y\} \quad (21)$$

Differentiating this along X , using equations (3) and (7), incorporating the resulting equation in (13), and finally contracting at X we get

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \text{Ric})(Y, Z) = 8(n + 1)\{g(Y, Z) - (2n + 1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z)\} \quad (22)$$

Equation (20) reduces the soliton equation (1) to the form

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(Y, Z) = -4(n + 1)\{g(Y, Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\} \quad (23)$$

Next, Lie-differentiating (20) along V , and using (23) shows

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}_V \text{Ric})(Y, Z) &= 8(n + 1)\{g(Y, Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\} \\ &+ 2(n + 1)\{\eta(Z)(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(Y) + \eta(Y)(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(Z)\} \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Comparing equations (22) with (24) and substituting ξ for Z leads to

$$\mathcal{L}_V \eta = -4(n + 1)\eta \quad (25)$$

Therefore, substituting ξ for Z in (23) and using (25) we immediately get $\mathcal{L}_V \xi = 4(n+1)\xi$. Operating (25) by d , noting d commutes with \mathcal{L}_V and using the first equation of (2) we find

$$(\mathcal{L}_V d\eta)(X, Y) = -4(n+1)g(X, \varphi Y)$$

Its comparison with the Lie-derivative of the first equation of (2) and the use of (23) yields $\mathcal{L}_V \varphi = 0$, completing the proof.

Before proving Theorem 2, we state and prove the following lemma.

Lemma 1 *If a vector field V leaves the structure tensor φ of the contact metric manifold M invariant, then there exists a constant c such that (i) $\mathcal{L}_V \eta = c\eta$, (ii) $\mathcal{L}_V \xi = -c\xi$, (iii) $\mathcal{L}_V g = c(g + \eta \otimes \eta)$.*

Though this lemma was proved by Mizusawa in [10], to make the paper self-contained, we provide a slightly different proof as follows.

Proof: Lie-differentiating the formulas $\varphi\xi = 0$ and $\eta(\varphi X) = 0$ and using $\mathcal{L}_V \varphi = 0$, we find $\mathcal{L}_V \xi = -c\xi$, and $\mathcal{L}_V \eta = c\eta$ for a smooth function c on M . Next, Lie-derivative of the formula $\eta(X) = g(X, \xi)$ along V gives

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, \xi) = 2c\eta(X) \tag{26}$$

The Lie-derivative of the first equation of (2) along V provides

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, \varphi Y) = ((dc) \wedge \eta)(X, Y) + cg(X, \varphi Y) \tag{27}$$

Substituting ξ for Y in the above equation we get $dc = (\xi c)\eta$. Taking its exterior derivative, and then exterior product with η shows $(\xi c)(d\eta) \wedge \eta = 0$. By definition of the contact structure, $(d\eta) \wedge \eta$ is nowhere zero on M , and so $\xi c = 0$. Hence $dc = 0$, i.e. c is constant. Using this consequence, and equations (26) and (27) we obtain (iii), completing the proof.

Proof Of Theorem 2 : By virtue of Lemma 1, we have

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(Y, Z) = c\{g(Y, Z) + \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\} \tag{28}$$

Differentiating this and using (3) we get

$$(\nabla_X \mathcal{L}_V g)(Y, Z) = -c\{\eta(Z)g(Y, \varphi X + \varphi hX) + \eta(Y)g(Z, \varphi X + \varphi hX)\} \tag{29}$$

Equation (10) can be written

$$(\nabla_X \mathcal{L}_V g)(Y, Z) = g((\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(X, Y), Z) + g((\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(X, Z), Y) \quad (30)$$

A straightforward computation using (29) and (30) shows

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(Y, Z) = -c\{\eta(Z)\varphi Y + \eta(Y)\varphi Z + g(Y, \varphi h Z)\xi\}$$

Its covariant differentiation and use of (2) provides

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X \mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(Y, Z) &= -c\{\eta(Z)(\nabla_X \varphi)Y + \eta(Y)(\nabla_X \varphi)Z \\ &\quad - g(Z, \varphi X + \varphi h X)\varphi Y - g(Y, \varphi X + \varphi h X)\varphi Z \\ &\quad - g(\varphi h Y, Z)(\varphi X + \varphi h X) + g((\nabla_X \varphi h)Y, Z)\xi\} \end{aligned}$$

Using this in the commutation formula (13) for a Riemannian manifold, contracting at X , and using equations (2), (3) and also the well known formula: $(\text{div} \varphi)X = -2n\eta(X)$ for a contact metric (see [1]), we find

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}_V Ric)(Y, Z) &= c\{-2g(Y, Z) + 2g(hY, Z) \\ &\quad + 2(2n + 1)\eta(Y)\eta(Z)\} - cg((\nabla_\xi \varphi h)Y, Z) \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Also, Lie-differentiating (9) along V and using Lemma 1 we have

$$(\mathcal{L}_V Ric)(Y, Z) = (V\alpha + c\alpha)g(Y, Z) + (V\beta + c(\alpha + 2\beta))\eta(Y)\eta(Z) \quad (32)$$

Comparing the previous two equations shows that

$$\begin{aligned} [V\alpha + c(\alpha + 2)]g(Y, Z) + [V\beta + c(\alpha + 2\beta - 2(2n + 1))]\eta(Y)\eta(Z) \\ - c[2g(hY, Z) - g((\nabla_\xi \varphi h)Y, Z)] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

On one hand, we substitute $Y = Z = \xi$ in the above equation getting one equation, and on the other hand, we contract the above equation (noting that both h and φh are trace-free) getting another equation. Solving the two equations we obtain

$$V\alpha + c(\alpha + 2) = 0, \quad V\beta + c(\alpha + 2\beta - 4n - 2) = 0 \quad (33)$$

The g -trace of equation (9) gives the scalar curvature

$$r = (2n + 1)\alpha + \beta \quad (34)$$

The divergence of (9) along with the contracted second Bianchi identity yields $dr = 2d\alpha + 2(\xi\beta)\eta$. Taking its exterior derivative, and then exterior product with η we have $(\xi\beta)\eta \wedge d\eta = 0$. As $\eta \wedge d\eta$ vanishes nowhere on M , we find $\xi\beta = 0$ whence $dr = 2d\alpha$. Hence $V\alpha = Vr = 0$, by hypothesis. Thus, it follows from (34) that $V\beta = 0$. Consequently, equations (33) reduce to: $c(\alpha + 2) = 0$ and $c(\alpha + 2\beta - 4n - 2) = 0$, and hence imply that, either $c = 0$ in which case V is an infinitesimal automorphism, or $\alpha = -2$ and $\alpha + 2\beta = 4n + 2$. In the second case, adding the two equations gives $\alpha + \beta = 2n$. But, from equation (9) we have $\alpha + \beta = Tr.l$. Therefore, $Tr.l = 2n$, and applying equation (6) we obtain $h = 0$, i.e. M is K -contact. As $\alpha = -2$, the η -Einstein structure is D -homothetically fixed, completing the proof.

4 An Explicit Example

An explicit example of non-trivial Ricci soliton as a Sasakian metric is the $(2n+1)$ -dimensional Heisenberg group \mathcal{H}^{2n+1} (which arose from quantum mechanics) of matrices of type $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & Y & z \\ O^t & I_n & X^t \\ 0 & O & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, where $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n), Y = (y_1, \dots, y_n), O = (0, \dots, 0) \in R^n, z \in R$. As a manifold, this is just R^{2n+1} with coordinates (x^i, y^i, z) where $i = 1, \dots, n$, and has the left-invariant Sasakian structure (η, ξ, φ, g) defined by $\eta = \frac{1}{2}(dz - \sum_{i=1}^n y^i dx^i)$, $\xi = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$, $\varphi(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}$, $\varphi(\frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$, $\varphi(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}) = 0$, and the Riemannian metric $g = \eta \otimes \eta + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^n ((dx^i)^2 + (dy^i)^2)$. Its φ -sectional curvature (i.e. the sectional curvature of plane sections orthogonal to ξ) is equal to -3 , so its Ricci tensor satisfies equation (20), as shown by Okumura [11], and hence \mathcal{H}^{2n+1} is a D -homothetically fixed null η -Einstein manifold. Setting $V = \sum_{i=1}^n (V^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \bar{V}^i \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}) + Vz \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$, using equations: $\mathcal{L}_V \xi = 4(n+1)\xi$, $\mathcal{L}_V \varphi = 0$ obtained in the proof of Theorem 1, and the aforementioned actions of φ on the coordinate basis vectors, shows that V^i and \bar{V}^i do not depend on z and yields the PDEs:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial V^i}{\partial x^j} &= \frac{\partial \bar{V}^i}{\partial y^j}, \quad \frac{\partial V^i}{\partial y^j} = -\frac{\partial \bar{V}^i}{\partial x^j}, \quad y^i \frac{\partial V^i}{\partial y^j} = \frac{\partial V^z}{\partial y^j} \\ \bar{V}^j &= y^j \frac{\partial V^z}{\partial z} - y^i \frac{\partial \bar{V}^i}{\partial y^j}, \quad \frac{\partial V^z}{\partial z} = -4(n+1) \end{aligned}$$

The last equation readily integrates as $V^z = -4(n+1)z + F(x^i, y^i)$. For a special solution, assuming $F = 0$, $V^i = cx^i$, $\bar{V}^i = cy^i$ and substituting in the above PDEs, we get $c = -2(n+1)$, and hence the Ricci soliton vector field $V = -2(n+1)(x^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i} + 2z \frac{\partial}{\partial z})$. For dimension 3, this reduces to $V = -4(x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + 2z \frac{\partial}{\partial z})$ which occurs on p. 37 of [4] without the factor 4, but gets adjusted with our $\lambda = 6$ which is 4 times their $\lambda = 3/2$.

Remark 4 *Another conclusion that we draw for Theorem 1 is the following: The value $-2n$ for the scalar curvature r obtained during the proof, and the equation (17) show that the generalized Tanaka-Webster scalar curvature [1] $W = r - Ric(\xi, \xi) + 4n$ vanishes.*

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