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# Generalized $\eta$ -Ricci solitons on f-Kenmotsu 3-manifolds associated to the Schoutenvan Kampen connection

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**ABSTRACT:** In this paper, we investigate f-Kenmotsu 3-dimensional manifolds admitting generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. We provide an example of generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection on an f-Kenmotsu 3-dimensional manifold to prove our results.

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## 1. Introduction

The Kenmotsu manifold was introduced by Kenmotsu [20] in 1972 as new class of almost contact metric manifolds. Then, Olszak and Rosca [27] introduced f-Kenmotsu manifolds. By an f-Kenmotsu manifold we mean an almost contact metric manifold which is normal and locally conformal almost cosymplectic. The Schouten-van Kampen connection have been introduced for a study of non-holomorphic manifolds [31, 38]. Recently, Bjenancu [2] investigates Schouten-van Kampen connection on foliated manifolds. Olszak [26] study Schouten-van Kampen connection on almost contact metric structure. Many authors studied some calsses of almost contact metric manifolds with respecto to the Schouten-van Kampen connection [16, 19, 21, 28, 42].

On the other hand, the notion of Ricci flow on a Riemannian manifold introduced by Hamilton [17] and it is defined by

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

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where S is the Ricci tensor of a manifold. The special solutions of the Ricci flow equation are called Ricci solitons which are generalization of Einstein metrics. A Ricci soliton [15] is a triplet  $(g, V, \lambda)$  on a pseudo-Riemannian manifold M such that

$$\mathcal{L}_V g + 2S + 2\lambda g = 0,$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_V$  is the Lie derivative along the potential vector field V, S is the Ricci tensor, and  $\lambda$  is a real constant. Ricci solitons are interesting and useful in physics and are often referred as quasi-Einstein [11, 10]. The Ricci soliton is called shrinking, steady and expanding according as  $\lambda$  be negative, zero, positive, respectively. If the vector field V is the gradient of a potential function  $\psi$ , then g is called a gradient Ricci soliton. Nurowski and Randall [24] introduced the notion of generalized Ricci soliton as follows

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

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 [14] 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

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

where S is the Ricci tensor associated to g. Many authors studied the  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons [5, 4, 6, 18, 22, 29, 36]. In particular, if  $\rho = 0$ , then the  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton equation reduces to the Ricci soliton equation. Motivated by the above works M. D. Siddiqi [32] introduced the notion of generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton as follows

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

Motivated by [1, 9, 23] and the above studies, we investigate generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci solitons on f-Kenmotsu 3dimensional manifolds associated to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. We give an example of generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on a f-Kenmotsu 3-dimensional manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

The paper is orgonaized as follows. In Section 2, we recall some necessary and fundamental concepts and fourmulas on f-Kenmotsu 3-dimensional manifolds which be used throughout the paper. In Section 3, we give the main results and their proofs. In Section 4, we provide an example of an f-Kenmotsu 3-dimensional manifold admits in a generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

#### 2. Preliminaries

A (2n + 1)-dimensional Riemannian manifold (M, g) is called an almost contact metric manifold [7, 8] with an almost contact structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , whenever there exist a (1, 1)-tensor field  $\varphi$ , a vector field  $\xi$  and a 1-form  $\eta$  such that

$$\begin{split} \varphi^2(X) &= -X + \eta(X)\xi, \eta(\xi) = 1, \\ g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) &= g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \end{split}$$

for all vector fields X, Y. In this case, we get  $\varphi \xi = 0$ ,  $\eta \circ \varphi = 0$ , 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 said to be an f-Kenmotsu manifold [25] if

$$(\nabla_X \varphi)(Y) = f\{g(\varphi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi Y\}$$

for all vector fields X, Y, where  $f \in C^{\infty}(M)$  such that  $df \wedge \eta = 0$ . In particular, if f = c is a constant then the manifold becomes an c-Kenmotsu manifold [37]. If f = 1 then the manifold is a Kenmotsu manifold [20]. Clearly, an f-Kenmotsu manifold is cosymplectic manifold when f = 0. For an f-Kenmotsu manifold we have

$$\nabla_X \xi = f\{X - \eta(X)\xi\},\tag{1}$$

for any vector field X. Hence,

$$(\nabla_X \eta)Y = f\{g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)\},\tag{2}$$

for all vector fields X, Y. The condition  $df \wedge \eta = 0$  is true if  $\dim M \ge 5$ . This does not hold in general if  $\dim M = 3$  [27].

Using (1), (2), and Weyl tensor in 3-dimensional Riemannian manifolds, we have

$$\begin{split} R(X,Y)\xi &= -(f^2 + \xi(f))\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\},\\ R(X,\xi)Y &= (f^2 + \xi(f))\{g(X,Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X\}, \end{split}$$

for all vector fields X, Y, where R is the Riemannian curvature tensor. The Ricci tensor S of a 3-dimensional f-Kenmotsu manifold M is given by

$$S(X,Y) = \left(\frac{r}{2} + f^2 + \xi(f)\right)g(X,Y) - \left(3f^2 + 3\xi(f) + \frac{r}{2}\right)\eta(X)\eta(Y),\tag{3}$$

for all vector fields X, Y, where r is the scalar curvature of M. From (3), we also get

$$S(X,\xi) = -2(f^2 + \xi(f))\eta(X),$$
(4)

for all vector field X.

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

$$H = \ker \eta, \qquad \hat{H} = \operatorname{span}\{\xi\}$$

thus we have  $TM = H \oplus \hat{H}$ . Hence, by this composition we can define the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ [3, 33] on M with respect to Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  as follows

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y - \eta(Y) \nabla_X \xi + ((\nabla_X \eta)(Y)) \xi$$
(5)

for all vector fields X, Y. From [28, 33, 34, 35] we get

$$\bar{\nabla}\xi = 0, \qquad \bar{\nabla}\eta = 0$$

and the torsion  $\overline{T}$  of  $\overline{\nabla}$  is determined by

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

for all vector fields X, Y. Suppose that  $\overline{R}$  and  $\overline{S}$  are the curvature tensors and the Ricci tensors of the connection  $\overline{\nabla}$ , respectively. From [42] on a 3-dimensional f-Kenmotsu manifold we have

$$\overline{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + f(g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X) \tag{6}$$

and

$$\bar{S}(X,Y) = S(X,Y) + (2f^2 + \xi(f))g(X,Y) + \xi(f)\eta(X)\eta(Y),$$
(7)

for all vector fields X, Y, where S denotes the Ricci tensor of the connection  $\nabla$ . Using (7), the Ricci operator  $\bar{Q}$  of the connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  on a 3-dimensional f-Kenmotsu manifold is given by

$$\overline{Q}X = QX + (2f^2 + \xi(f))X + \xi(f)\eta(X)\xi$$

for all vector field X. Let r and  $\bar{r}$  be the scalar curvature of the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  and the Schouten-van Kampen connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ . (7) yields

$$\bar{r} = r + 6f^2 + 4\xi(f).$$

Applying (6) we get

$$\overline{\mathcal{L}}_V g(X,Y) = \mathcal{L}_V g(X,Y) + f \left[ g(X,V)\eta(Y) + g(Y,V)\eta(X) - 2\eta(V)g(X,Y) \right],$$

for all vector fileds X, Y, V, where  $\overline{\mathcal{L}}_V g$  is the Lie derivative in direction vector field V with respect to the Schoutenvan Kampen connection,

$$(\overline{\mathcal{L}}_V g)(X, Y) := g(\overline{\nabla}_X V, Y) + g(X, \overline{\nabla}_Y V)$$

We define the generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection as follows

$$\alpha \bar{S} + \frac{\beta}{2} \overline{\mathcal{L}}_V g + \mu V^\flat \otimes V^\flat + \rho \eta \otimes \eta + \lambda g = 0, \tag{8}$$

where  $\bar{S}$  is the Ricci tensor of the connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ ,  $V^{\flat}$  denotes 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 becomes

- (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

An f-Kenmotsu manifold is said to be  $\eta$ -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. Now, we consider M is an f-Kenmotsu manifold and it satisfies the generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton (8) associated to the Schouten-van Kampen connection. Let the potential vector field V be a pointwise collinear vector field with the structure vector field  $\xi$ , that is,  $V = \theta \xi$  for some function  $\theta$  on M. Using (1) we have

$$\overline{\mathcal{L}}_{\theta\xi}g(X,Y) = g(\nabla_X\theta\xi,Y) + g(X,\nabla_Y\theta\xi) + 2\theta f(\eta(X)\eta(Y) - g(X,Y)) 
= X(\theta)\eta(Y) + Y(\theta)\eta(X),$$
(9)

for all vector fields X, Y. By definition of canonical 1-form associated to the vector field  $\xi$  we get

$$\xi^{\flat} \otimes \xi^{\flat}(X,Y) = \eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{10}$$

for all vector fields X, Y. Inserting  $V = \theta \xi$ , (7), (9), and (10) in (8) we arrive at

$$\alpha \left( S(X,Y) + (2f^2 + \xi(f))g(X,Y) + \xi(f)\eta(X)\eta(Y) \right) + \frac{\beta}{2}X(\theta)\eta(Y) + \frac{\beta}{2}Y(\theta)\eta(X) + (\mu\theta^2 + \rho)\eta(X)\eta(Y) + \lambda g(X,Y) = 0,$$
(11)

for all vector fields X, Y. We plug  $Y = \xi$  in (11) and using (6) to obtain

$$\frac{\beta}{2}X(\theta) + \frac{\beta}{2}\xi(\theta)\eta(X) + (\mu\theta^2 + \rho + \lambda)\eta(X) = 0,$$
(12)

for any vector field X. Taking  $X = \xi$  in the equation (12) gives

$$\beta\xi(\theta) = -(\mu\theta^2 + \rho + \lambda). \tag{13}$$

Applying (13) in (12), we conclude

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

which yields

$$\beta d\theta = -(\mu \theta^2 + \rho + \lambda)\eta. \tag{14}$$

Substituting (14) in (11), we deduce

$$\alpha \bar{S}(X,Y) = \lambda(-g(X,Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)), \tag{15}$$

for all vector fields X, Y, which implies  $\alpha \bar{r} = -2\lambda$ .

Therefore, this leads to the following:

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose that  $(M, g, \varphi, \xi, \eta)$  is an f-Kenmotsu 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  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $V = \theta \xi$  for some smooth function  $\theta$  on M, then M is an  $\eta$ -Einstein soliton and an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

From (15) we also have the following:

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $(M, g, \varphi, \xi, \eta)$  be an f-Kenmotsu 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  $V = \theta \xi$  for some smooth function  $\theta$  on M, then  $\alpha \bar{r} = -2\lambda$ .

**Remark 3.3.** Now, let M be an  $\eta$ -Einstein f-Kenmotsu 3-dimensional manifold with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection and  $V = \xi$ , that is,  $\overline{S} = ag + b\eta \otimes \eta$  for some functions a and b on M. If a and b are constants then manifold M satisfies a generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \alpha, \beta = 0, \mu = 0, -b\alpha, -a\alpha)$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection.

Substituting (7) in (15) we get

$$S(X,Y) + (2f^2 + \xi(f))g(X,Y) + \xi(f)\eta(X)\eta(Y) = \lambda(-g(X,Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y)),$$
(16)

for all vector fields X, Y. Applying (3) in (16) we obtain

$$\left(\frac{r}{2} + 3f^2 + 2\xi(f) + \lambda\right)(g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)) = 0, \tag{17}$$

for all vector fields X, Y. Using (17) implies that

$$\frac{r}{2} + 3f^2 + 2\xi(f) + \lambda = 0.$$
(18)

Thus we can state the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.4.** Let M be an f-Kenmotsu 3-dimensional manifold and it satisfies the generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton  $(g, \xi, \alpha, \beta, \mu, \rho, \lambda)$  with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection such that  $\alpha \neq 0$  then  $\lambda = -(\frac{r}{2}+3f^2+2\xi(f))$ .

**Definition 3.5.** A vector field V is said to be a conformal Killing vector field if

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

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 with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection and satisfies in  $\overline{\mathcal{L}}_V g = 2hg$ . By (7) and (8) we have

$$\alpha \bar{S}(X,Y) + \beta hg(X,Y) + \mu V^{\flat}(X)V^{\flat}(Y) + \rho \eta(X)\eta(Y) + \lambda g(X,Y) = 0.$$
<sup>(19)</sup>

for all vector fields X, Y. By inserting  $Y = \xi$  in (19) we have

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

Since X is arbitrary vector field, we get the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.6.** If the metric g of an f-Kenmotsu 3-dimensional 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

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

**Definition 3.7.** A nonvanishing vector field V on pseudo-Riemannian manifold (M,g) is called torse-forming [40] if

$$\nabla_X V = fX + \omega(X)V,\tag{20}$$

for all 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 [12, 39] whenever in (20) the 1-form  $\omega$  vanishes identically,
- concurrent [30, 41] if in (20) the 1-form  $\omega$  vanishes identically and f = 1,
- parallel vector field if in (20)  $f = \omega = 0$ ,
- torqued vector field [13] if in (20)  $\omega(V) = 0$ .

Let  $(g, V, \alpha, \beta, \mu, \rho, \lambda)$  be a generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on an f-Kenmotsu 3-dimensional manifold where V is a torseforming vector filed with respect to the Schouten-van Kampen connection and satisfied in  $\bar{\nabla}_X V = fX + \omega(X)V$ . Then

$$\alpha \bar{S}(X,Y) + (\overline{\mathcal{L}}_V g)(X,Y) + \mu V^{\flat}(X) V^{\flat}(Y) + \rho \eta(X) \eta(Y) + \lambda g(X,Y) = 0,$$
(21)

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

$$(\overline{\mathcal{L}}_V g)(X, Y) = 2fg(X, Y) + \omega(X)g(V, Y) + \omega(Y)g(V, X),$$
(22)

for all vector fields X, Y. Applying (22) into (21) we obtain

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

for all vector fields X, Y. We take contraction of the above equation over X and Y to obtain

 $\alpha \bar{r} + 3\left[\beta f + \lambda\right] + \rho + \beta \omega(V) + \mu |V|^2 = 0.$ 

Therefore we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.8.** If the metric g of an f-Kenmotsu 3-dimensional 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 torse-forming vector filed and satisfied in (20), then

$$\lambda = -\frac{1}{3} \left[ \alpha (r + 6f^2 + 4\xi(f)) + \rho + \beta \omega(V) + \mu |V|^2 \right] - \beta f_1^2$$

#### 4. Example

In this section, we give an example of f-Kenmotsu 3-dimensional 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

$$e_1 = z^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \qquad e_2 = z^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \qquad e_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

We define the metric g by

$$g(e_i, e_j) = 1$$
 if  $i = j$  and  $g(e_i, e_j) = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ ,

for  $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . 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. Hence,  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defines an almost contact structure on M. We have

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

$$\nabla_{e_i} e_j = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{z} e_3 & 0 & -\frac{2}{z} e_1 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{z} e_3 & -\frac{2}{z} e_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We see that the structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta)$  satisfies the formula  $\nabla_X \xi = f(X - \eta(X)\xi)$  for  $f = -\frac{2}{z}$ , thus  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ becomes an f-Kenmotsu 3-dimensional manifold. Now, using (5) we get the Schouten-van-Kampen connection on M as  $\overline{\nabla}_{e_i} e_j = 0$  for  $1 \le i, j \le 3$ . Therefore  $\overline{S} = 0$ . If we consider  $V = \xi$  then  $\overline{\mathcal{L}}_V g = 0$ . Therefore  $(g, \xi, \alpha, \beta, \mu, \rho = -\mu, \lambda = 0)$  is a generalized  $\eta$ -Ricci soliton on manifold M.

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