

# RICCI SOLITONS IN KENMOTSU MANIFOLD UNDER GENERALIZED D-CONFORMAL DEFORMATION

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we study Ricci solitons in generalized  $D$ -conformally deformed Kenmotsu manifold and we analyzed the nature of Ricci solitons when associated vector field is orthogonal to Reeb vector field.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

A Ricci soliton is a Riemannian metric  $g$  on a manifold  $M$  together with a vector field  $V$  such that

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

where  $\mathcal{L}_V$  denotes the Lie derivative along  $V$  and  $S$  and  $\lambda$  are respectively Ricci tensor and a constant. A Ricci soliton is said to be shrinking or steady or expanding according as  $\lambda$  is negative, zero or positive. A Ricci soliton is said to be a gradient Ricci soliton if the vector field  $V$  is gradient of some smooth function  $f$  on  $M$ .

R. Sharma [12] initiated the study of Ricci solitons in contact Riemannian geometry. Ghosh and R. Sharma [6] [7], R. Sharma [12] established results by considering  $K$ -contact, Kenmotsu, Sasakian and  $(\kappa, \mu)$ - contact metrics as Ricci solitons. Bejan and Crasmareanu [2] extended the study of Ricci solitons to paracontact manifolds. De and others [16][8] studied Ricci solitons in  $f$ -Kenmotsu manifolds. In [14] authors analyze, the behaviour of Generalized Sasakian space form and generalized  $(\kappa, \mu)$  space form under generalized  $D$ -conformal deformation. Several authors Nagaraja and Premalatha [9], De and Ghosh [5] and Shaik et al [11] studied the behaviour of normal almost contact metric,  $(\kappa, \mu)$  contact metric and trans-Sasakian manifolds under  $D$ -homothetic deformations. We make use of the invariance of certain contact structures under generalized  $D$ -conformal and  $D$ -homothetic deformations to study Ricci solitons.

This paper structures as follows: after a brief review of Kenmotsu manifolds in section 2, we study generalized  $D$ -conformally and  $D$  homothetically deformed Kenmotsu metrics as Ricci solitons in section 3.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

A  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional smooth manifold  $M$  is said to be an almost contact metric manifold if it admits an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  consisting of a tensor field  $\phi$  of type  $(1, 1)$ , a vector field  $\xi$ , a 1-form  $\eta$  and a Riemannian metric  $g$  compatible with  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  satisfying

$$\phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad \phi\xi = 0, \quad g(X, \xi) = \eta(X), \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \eta \circ \phi = 0, \quad (2.1)$$

and

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

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An almost contact metric manifold is said to be a Kenmotsu manifold [3] if

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y = -g(X, \phi Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi X, \quad (2.3)$$

$$\nabla_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi, \quad (2.4)$$

$$(\nabla_X \eta)Y = g(\nabla_X \xi, Y), \quad (2.5)$$

where  $\nabla$  denotes the Riemannian connection of  $g$ .

In a Kenmotsu manifold the following relations hold [4].

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X, \quad (2.6)$$

$$S(X, \xi) = -2n\eta(X), \quad (2.7)$$

$$S(\phi X, \phi Y) = S(X, Y) + 2n\eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad (2.8)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$ , where  $R$  and  $S$  denote, respectively, the curvature tensor of type  $(1, 3)$  and the Ricci tensor of type  $(0, 2)$  on  $M$ .

### 3. RICCI SOLITONS IN KENMOTSU MANIFOLDS UNDER GENERALIZED $D$ -CONFORMAL DEFORMATIONS

Let  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be an almost contact metric manifold, where  $g$  is a Ricci soliton. The generalized  $D$ -conformal deformation [1] on  $M$  is given by

$$\phi^* = \phi, \quad \xi^* = \frac{1}{a}\xi, \quad \eta^* = a\eta, \quad g^* = bg + (a^2 - b)\eta \otimes \eta. \quad (3.1)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are two positive functions on  $M$ .

It is well known that  $(M, \phi^*, \xi^*, \eta^*, g^*)$  is also an almost contact metric manifold [1]. We note that the transformation (3.1) reduces to  $D$ -homothetic [15] or conformal according as  $a = b = \text{constant}$  or  $a^2 = b$  [13].

Let  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a Kenmotsu manifold and  $(M, \phi^*, \xi^*, \eta^*, g^*)$  be almost contact metric manifold obtained by generalized  $D$ -conformal deformation (3.1). It is well known that  $(M, \phi^*, \xi^*, \eta^*, g^*)$  is also a Kenmotsu manifold [13] and  $a, b$  are in the constant direction of  $\xi$ . Throughout this paper the quantity with  $*$  denote the quantities in  $(M, \phi^*, \xi^*, \eta^*, g^*)$  and qunities without  $*$  are from  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ .

The relation between the connections  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^*$  is given by [1]

$$\nabla_X^* Y = \nabla_X Y + \frac{(a^2 - b)}{a^2} g(\phi X, \phi Y)\xi, \quad (3.2)$$

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

Using (3.2) we now calculate the Riemann curvature tensor  $R^*$  of  $(M, \phi^*, \xi^*, \eta^*, g^*)$  as follows;

$$\begin{aligned} R^*(X, Y)Z &= R(X, Y)Z + \frac{a^2 - b}{a^2} [g(\phi Y, \phi Z)X - g(\phi X, \phi Z)Y] \\ &\quad + g(\phi Y, \phi Z)\xi \left[ \frac{2bX(a)}{a^3} - \frac{X(b)}{a^2} \right] - g(\phi X, \phi Z)\xi \left[ \frac{2bY(a)}{a^3} - \frac{Y(b)}{a^2} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

for any  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$ .

On contracting (3.3), we obtain the Ricci tensor  $S^*$  of generalized  $D$ -conformally deformed Kenmotsu manifold as

$$S^*(Y, Z) = S(Y, Z) + \frac{2n(a^2 - b)}{a^2} [g(Y, Z) - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)]. \quad (3.4)$$

Taking the Lie derivative of  $g^* = bg + (a^2 - b)\eta \otimes \eta$  along  $V$  and using (3.1) and (3.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathcal{L}_V g^*)(X, Y) + 2S^*(X, Y) + 2\lambda g^*(X, Y) \\ &= V(b)g(X, Y) + b(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) + [2aV(a) - V(b)]\eta(X)\eta(Y) \\ &+ (a^2 - b)\{(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(X)\eta(Y) + \eta(X)\mathcal{L}_V \eta(Y)\} + 2S(X, Y) \\ &+ \frac{4n(a^2 - b)}{a^2}\{g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)\} + 2\lambda\{bg(X, Y) + (a^2 - b)\eta(X)\eta(Y)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

We Lie-differentiate  $\eta(\xi) = 1$  along  $V$ , to get

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(\xi) + \eta(\mathcal{L}_V \xi) = 0. \quad (3.6)$$

Also Lie-differentiation of  $g(\xi, \xi) = 1$  along  $V$  gives

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(\xi, \xi) + 2\eta(\mathcal{L}_V \xi) = 0. \quad (3.7)$$

Further Setting  $X = Y = \xi$  in (1.1) and using (2.7), we obtain

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(\xi, \xi) = 4n - 2\lambda. \quad (3.8)$$

Using (3.8), equation (3.7) yields

$$\eta(\mathcal{L}_V \xi) = \lambda - 2n. \quad (3.9)$$

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$$(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(\xi) = 2n - \lambda. \quad (3.10)$$

By putting  $Y = \xi$  in (1.1), it follows that

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(X) = g(X, \mathcal{L}_V \xi) - 2S(X, \xi) - 2\lambda\eta(X) \quad (3.11)$$

As in [13], we know that  $\mathcal{L}_V \xi = \eta(\mathcal{L}_V \xi)\xi$  and using (2.7), (3.9) in (3.11), we get

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(X) = (2n - \lambda)\eta(X). \quad (3.12)$$

Finally with the use of (3.12), (3.5) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathcal{L}_V g^*)(X, Y) + 2S^*(X, Y) + 2\lambda g^*(X, Y) \\ &= 2(1 - b)S(X, Y) + \{V(b) + \frac{4n(a^2 - b)}{a^2}\}g(X, Y) \\ &+ \{2aV(a) - V(b) + \frac{4n(a^2 - b)(a^2 - 1)}{a^2}\}\eta(X)\eta(Y). \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

i.e  $g^*$  is a Ricci soliton iff

$$S(X, Y) = \alpha g(X, Y) + \beta \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad (3.14)$$

where  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2(b-1)}\{V(b) + \frac{4n(a^2 - b)}{a^2}\}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{1}{2(b-1)}\{2aV(a) - V(b) + \frac{4n(a^2 - b)(a^2 - 1)}{a^2}\}$ .

By substituting (3.14) in (3.4) and using (3.1) we obtain

$$S^*(X, Y) = \frac{1}{(b-1)}\left[\left\{\frac{V(b)}{2b} + \frac{2n(a^2 - b)}{a^2}\right\}g^*(X, Y) + \left\{\frac{V(a)}{a} - \frac{V(b)}{2b}\right\}\eta^*(X)\eta^*(Y)\right]. \quad (3.15)$$

Therefore, we have the following theorem

**Theorem 3.1.** *Under generalized  $D$ -conformal deformation of a Kenmotsu manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ ,  $\eta$ -Einstein Ricci soliton remains  $\eta$ -Einstein Ricci soliton.*

When  $a = b = \text{constant}$ , equation (3.15) reduces to

$$S^*(X, Y) = \frac{2n}{a} g^*(X, Y). \quad (3.16)$$

**Corollary 3.1.** *Under D-homothetic deformation of a Kenmotsu manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ ,  $\eta$ -Einstein Ricci soliton deforms to an Einstein metric.*

When  $a^2 = b$ , equation (3.15) reduces to

$$S^*(X, Y) = \frac{V(a)}{a(a^2 - 1)} g^*(X, Y). \quad (3.17)$$

**Corollary 3.2.** *Under a conformally deformed Kenmotsu manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ ,  $\eta$ -Einstein Ricci soliton deforms to an Einstein metric.*

A vector field  $V$  on a Riemannian manifold is said to be concurrent [10] if

$$(\nabla_X V) = \rho X, \quad (3.18)$$

for all  $X$ , where  $\rho$  is a constant.

We have

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) = g(\nabla_X V, Y) + g(X, \nabla_Y V). \quad (3.19)$$

By virtue of (3.18), (3.19) becomes

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) = 2\rho g(X, Y). \quad (3.20)$$

Setting  $Y = \xi$  in (3.20), we get

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(X) = g(X, \mathcal{L}_V \xi) + 2\rho \eta(X). \quad (3.21)$$

It is well known that [13]  $\mathcal{L}_V \xi = \eta(\mathcal{L}_V \xi)\xi$ , therefore (3.21) yields

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(X) = (\lambda - 2n + 2\rho). \quad (3.22)$$

In view of (3.20) and (3.22), (3.5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathcal{L}_V g^*)(X, Y) + 2S^*(X, Y) + 2\lambda g^*(X, Y) \\ &= 2S(X, Y) + \{V(b) + 2\rho b + \frac{4n(a^2 - b)}{a^2} + 2\lambda b\}g(X, Y) \\ & \quad \{2aV(a) - V(b) + 4(a^2 - b)(\lambda + \rho - n) - \frac{4n(a^2 - b)}{a^2}\}\eta(X)\eta(Y). \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

i.e  $g^*$  is a Ricci soliton iff

$$S(X, Y) = Ag(X, Y) + B\eta(X)\eta(Y) \quad (3.24)$$

where  $A = -\{\frac{V(b)}{2} + \rho b + \frac{2n(a^2 - b)}{a^2} + \lambda b\}$ ,  $B = -\{aV(a) - \frac{V(b)}{2} + 2(a^2 - b)(\lambda + \rho - n) - \frac{2n(a^2 - b)}{a^2}\}$ .

Putting  $X = Y = V = \xi$  in (3.24) we obtain

$$\lambda = \frac{2n(a^2 - b + 1)}{(2a^2 - b)} - \rho \quad (3.25)$$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a Kenmotsu manifold and  $(M, \phi^*, \xi^*, \eta^*, g^*)$  be obtained by generalized D-conformal deformation with the vector field  $V$  a concurrent vector field. If  $(M, g)$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein then  $(M, g^*)$  is a Ricci soliton. And this Ricci soliton is shrinking or expanding or steady accordingly  $\rho$  is  $>$  or  $<$  or  $=$  to  $\frac{2n(a^2 - b + 1)}{(2a^2 - b)}$  respectively.*

Contracting (3.14), we have

$$r = \frac{n}{b-1} \left\{ V(b) + \frac{4n(a^2-b)}{a^2} + 2(a^2-b) \right\} + \frac{aV(a)}{(b-1)} \quad (3.26)$$

Let us now use the formula [12]

$$\mathcal{L}_V r = -\Delta r + 2R_{ij}R^{ij} + 2\lambda r. \quad (3.27)$$

As  $r$  is constant, we get

$$R_{ij}R^{ij} = -\lambda r. \quad (3.28)$$

Using (3.26), (3.28) becomes

$$R_{ij}R^{ij} = -\frac{n\lambda}{b-1} \left[ V(b) + \frac{4n(a^2-b)}{a^2} + 2(a^2-b) \right] + \frac{\lambda aV(a)}{(b-1)}. \quad (3.29)$$

Using the formula (3.27), we write

$$\mathcal{L}_V r^* = -\Delta r^* + 2R_{ij}^*(R^*)^{ij} + 2\lambda r^*. \quad (3.30)$$

Since  $r^*$  is a constant, we get

$$R_{ij}^*(R^*)^{ij} = -\lambda r^*. \quad (3.31)$$

On contracting (3.4), we obtain

$$r^* = r + \frac{4n^2(a^2-b)}{a^2}. \quad (3.32)$$

By making use of (3.32) and (3.26), (3.31) becomes

$$R_{ij}^*(R^*)^{ij} = -\lambda \left[ \frac{n}{b-1} \left\{ V(b) + \frac{4n(a^2-b)}{a^2} + 2(a^2-b) \right\} + \frac{aV(a)}{(b-1)} + \frac{4n^2(a^2-b)}{a^2} \right]. \quad (3.33)$$

Comparing this with (3.4), we get

$$R_{ij}^*(R^*)^{ij} = R_{ij}R^{ij} + \frac{16n^4(a^2-b)^2}{a^4} [(g_{i,j} - \eta_i\eta_j)(g^{i,j} - \eta^i\eta^j)]. \quad (3.34)$$

After simplification equation (3.34) gives

$$R_{ij}^*(R^*)^{ij} = R_{ij}R^{ij} + \frac{32n^5(a^2-b)^2}{a^4} \quad (3.35)$$

In view of (3.33) and (3.35), using (3.29), we obtain

$$\lambda = -\frac{8n^3(a^2-b)}{a^2}. \quad (3.36)$$

Thus we can state the following.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Ricci soliton in a generalized  $D$ -conformally deformed Kenmotsu manifold is shrinking or expanding accordingly as  $a^2 > b$  or  $a^2 < b$  respectively.*

When  $a = b = \text{constant}$ , equation (3.36) reduces to

$$\lambda = -\frac{8n^3(a-1)}{a}. \quad (3.37)$$

**Corollary 3.3.** *A Ricci soliton in a  $D$ -homothetic deformed Kenmotsu manifold is shrinking or expanding according as  $a > 1$  or  $a < 1$  respectively.*

By substituting  $a^2 = b$ , equation (3.36) gives

$$\lambda = 0 \quad (3.38)$$

**Corollary 3.4.** *Ricci soliton in a conformally deformed Kenmotsu manifold is steady provided  $a$  and  $b$  are constants along  $\xi$  direction.*

By substituting (3.26) in (3.32) we have

$$r^* = \frac{1}{(b-1)} [aV(a) + n\{V(b) + \frac{2(a^2-b)(a^2+2n)}{a^2}\}]. \quad (3.39)$$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Under generalized  $D$ -conformal deformation  $\eta$ -Einstein Ricci soliton remains  $\eta$ -Einstein and the scalar curvature for a generalized  $D$ -conformally deformed Kenmotsu manifold is given by (3.39).*

When  $a = b = \text{constant}$ , equation (3.39) becomes

$$r^* = \frac{2n(a^2+2n)}{a}. \quad (3.40)$$

**Corollary 3.5.**  *$D$ -homothetically deformed Kenmotsu manifold has a constant positive scalar curvature.*

Now (3.5) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathcal{L}_V g^*)(X, Y) + 2S^*(X, Y) + 2\lambda g^*(X, Y) \\ &= g^*(\nabla_X^* V, Y) + g^*(X, \nabla_Y^* V) + 2S(X, Y) \\ &+ \frac{4n(a^2-b)}{a^2} \{g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)\} + 2\lambda \{bg(X, Y) + (a^2-b)\eta(X)\eta(Y)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.41)$$

Making use of (2.1), (3.3) in (3.41), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &= b(\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) + \{g(X, V)\eta(Y) + g(Y, V)\eta(X) - 2\eta(X)\eta(Y)\eta(V) \\ &+ \eta(\nabla_X V)\eta(Y) + \eta(\nabla_Y V)\eta(X)\}(a^2-b) + 2S(X, Y) \\ &+ \frac{4n(a^2-b)}{a^2} \{g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)\} + 2\lambda \{bg(X, Y) + (a^2-b)\eta(X)\eta(Y)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.42)$$

If  $V \perp \xi$ , it provides  $\eta(\nabla_X V) = -g(\phi V, \phi X)$ . Hence by using (1.1), the above equation becomes

$$= 2(1-b)S(X, Y) + \frac{4n(a^2-b)}{a^2} \{g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)\} + 2\lambda(a^2-b)\eta(X)\eta(Y). \quad (3.43)$$

i.e  $g^*$  is a Ricci soliton iff

$$S(X, Y) = Cg(X, Y) + D\eta(X)\eta(Y). \quad (3.44)$$

Where  $C = \frac{2n(a^2-b)}{a^2(b-1)}$  and  $D = \frac{(a^2-b)(\lambda a^2-2n)}{a^2(b-1)}$ .

By putting  $X = Y = \xi$  in (3.44) we obtain

$$\lambda = -\frac{2n(b-1)}{(a^2-b)}. \quad (3.45)$$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a Kenmotsu manifold and  $(M, \phi^*, \xi^*, \eta^*, g^*)$  be obtained by generalized  $D$ -conformal deformation with the associated vector field  $V$  is orthogonal to Reeb vector field. If  $(M, g)$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein then  $(M, g^*)$  is a Ricci soliton. And If  $b > 1$ , this Ricci soliton is shrinking or expanding accordingly as  $a^2 > b$  or  $a^2 < b$  respectively.*

When  $a = b = \text{constant}$ , equation (3.45) becomes

$$\lambda = -\frac{2n}{a}. \quad (3.46)$$

**Corollary 3.6.** *A Ricci soliton in a  $D$ -homothetic deformed Kenmotsu manifold is shrinking.*

If  $a^2 = b$ , then from (3.45), It follows that

**Corollary 3.7.** *For constants  $a$  and  $b$  along  $\xi$ , there does not exist a conformally deformed Kenmotsu metric which is a Ricci soliton.*

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