

## Some Theorems on 3-dimensional Quasi-Sasakian Manifolds\*

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### Abstract

The object of the present paper is to study  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric and locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds with structure function  $\beta = \text{constant}$ . Also we study  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor and cyclic parallel Ricci tensor with  $\beta = \text{constant}$ . Applications of such manifold have been considered. The existence of 3-dimensional  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric and locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric quasi-Sasakian manifolds are also given by concrete examples.

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## 1. Introduction

The notion of quasi-Sasakian structure was introduced by D. E. Blair [6] to unify Sasakian and cosymplectic structures. S. Tanno [22] also added some remarks on quasi-Sasakian structures. The properties of quasi-Sasakian manifolds have been studied by several authors, viz., J. C. Gonzalez and D. Chinea [11], S. Kanemaki [12], [13] and J. A. Oubina [20]. B. H. Kim [15] studied quasi-Sasakian manifolds and proved that fibred Riemannian spaces with invariant fibres normal to the structure vector field do not admit nearly Sasakian or contact structure but a quasi-Sasakian or cosymplectic structure. Recently, quasi-Sasakian manifolds have been the subject of growing interest in view of finding the significant applications to physics, in particular to super gravity and magnetic theory [1], [2]. Quasi-Sasakian structures have wide applications in the mathematical analysis of string theory [3], [9]. Motivated by the roles of curvature tensor and Ricci tensor of quasi-sasakian manifolds in string theory [3] we like to study  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric quasi-Sasakian manifold and quasi-Sasakian manifold with  $\eta$ -parallel and cyclic parallel Ricci tensors in dimension three. On a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold, the structure function  $\beta$  was defined by Z. Olszak[17] and with the help of this function he has obtained necessary and sufficient conditions for the manifold to be conformally flat[18]. Next he has proved that if the manifold is additionally conformally flat with  $\beta = \text{constant}$ , then (a) the manifold is locally a product of  $R$  and a two-dimensional Kaehlerian space of constant Gauss curvature (the cosymplectic case), or, (b) the manifold is of constant positive curvature (the non-cosymplectic case, here the quasi-Sasakian structure is homothetic to a Sasakian structure).

The present paper is to study the 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifolds with  $\beta = \text{constant}$ . After preliminaries in section 4 we prove that  $\phi$ -symmetry and  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetry are equivalent on a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold. Section 5 and Section 6 deal with the study of 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold with  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor and cyclic Ricci tensor respectively. In section 7 we consider the applications of quasi-Sasakian manifolds. The last section contains some illustrative examples of a 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold with constant scalar curvature.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional connected differentiable manifold endowed with an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , where  $\phi, \xi, \eta$  are tensor fields on  $M$  of types  $(1, 1), (1, 0), (0, 1)$  respectively, such that [4],[5], [23].

$$\phi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad (2.1)$$

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad X, Y \in T(M),$$

where  $T(M)$  is the Lie algebra of vector fields of the manifold  $M$ .

Then also

$$\phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta \circ \phi = 0, \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi).$$

Let  $\Phi$  be the fundamental 2-form of  $M$  defined by

$$\Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y) \quad X, Y \in T(M).$$

Then  $\Phi(X, \xi) = 0, \quad X \in T(M)$ .  $M$  is said to be quasi-Sasakian if the almost contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  is normal and the fundamental 2-form  $\Phi$  is closed, that is, for every  $X, Y \in \mathcal{E}^{(2n+1)}$ , where  $\mathcal{E}^{(2n+1)}$  denotes the module of vector fields on  $M$ ,

$$[\phi, \phi](X, Y) + d\eta(X, Y)\xi = 0,$$

$$d\Phi = 0, \quad \Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y).$$

This was first introduced by Blair [6]. There are many types of quasi-Sasakian structures ranging from the cosymplectic case,  $d\eta = 0$  ( $\text{rank } \eta = 1$ ), to the Sasakian case,  $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^n \neq 0$  ( $\text{rank } \eta = 2n + 1, \Phi = d\eta$ ). The 1-form  $\eta$  has rank  $r' = 2p$  if  $d\eta^p \neq 0$  and  $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^p = 0$ , and has rank  $r' = 2p + 1$  if  $d\eta^p = 0$  and  $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^p \neq 0$ . We also say that  $r'$  is the rank of the quasi-Sasakian structure. Blair[6] also proved that there are no quasi-Sasakian structure of even rank. In order to study the properties of quasi-Sasakian manifolds Blair [6] proved some theorems regarding Kaehlerian manifolds and existence of quasi-Sasakian manifolds. S. Tanno [22] rectified some of these theorems. However, while Tanno studied locally product quasi-Sasakian manifolds he mentioned the following:

Let  $M_1^{2p+1}(\phi_1, \xi_1, \eta_1, g_1)$  be a Sasakian manifold and let  $M_2^{2q}(J_2, G_2)$  a Kaehlerian manifold. Then  $M_1 \times M_2$  has a quasi-Sasakian structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  of rank  $2p+1$  such that

$$\phi X = (\phi_1 X_1, J_2 X_2), \quad \xi = (\xi_1, 0),$$

$$\eta(X) = \eta_1(X_1), \quad g(X, Y) = g_1(X_1, Y_1) + G_2(X_2, Y_2),$$

for the canonical decomposition  $X = (X_1, X_2)$  of a vector field  $X$  on  $M_1 \times M_2$  [6].

Conversely,

**Theorem** [22]: *Let  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a quasi-Sasakian manifold (more generally a normal almost contact Riemannian manifold) of rank  $2p+1$ . If  $g^*$  be defined by*

$$2g^*(X, Y) = -d\eta(X, \phi Y),$$

*$X, Y \in \mathcal{E}^{2n+1}$ , is positive definite on  $\mathcal{E}^{2p}$  and  $\bar{\nabla}\theta = 0$  with respect to the Riemannian metric  $\bar{g}$  defined by*

$$\bar{g}(X, Y) = \eta(X)\eta(Y) + g^*(\psi^2 X, \psi^2 Y) + g(\theta^2 X, \theta^2 Y),$$

*where the  $(1, 1)$  tensors  $\psi$  and  $\theta$  are given by*

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(X) &= \phi(X) && \text{if } X \in \mathcal{E}^{2p}, \\ &= 0 && \text{if } X \in \mathcal{E}^{2q} \oplus \mathcal{E}^1, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(X) &= \phi(X) && \text{if } X \in \mathcal{E}^{2q}, \\ &= 0 && \text{if } X \in \mathcal{E}^{2p+1}, \end{aligned}$$

*then  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, \bar{g})$  is also a quasi-Sasakian structure of rank  $2p+1$  and  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, \bar{g})$  is locally the product of Sasakian manifold and a Kaehler manifold. It is mentioned that  $\mathcal{E}^{2p+1}, \mathcal{E}^{2q}, \mathcal{E}^1$  are submodules of  $\mathcal{E}^{2n+1}$ . S. Tanno [22] also gave an example of a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold which is not Sasakian. For a quasi-Sasakian manifold we have the relation [7]*

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y = g(\nabla_{\phi X} \xi, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\nabla_{\phi X} \xi,$$

*which generalizes the well-known conditions  $\nabla \phi = 0$  and  $(\nabla_X \phi)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X$  characterizing respectively cosymplectic and Sasakian manifolds. The quasi-Sasakian condition also reflects in some properties of curvature and of*

the vector field  $\xi$ . In fact we have the following results.

**Lemma**[6], [19]: Let  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a quasi-Sasakian manifold. Then

- (i) the vector field  $\xi$  is Killing and its integral curves are geodesics;
- (ii) the Ricci curvature in the direction of  $\xi$  is given by  $||\nabla\xi||^2$ .

### 3. 3-dimensional Quasi-Sasakian Manifold

An almost contact metric manifold  $M$  is a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold if and only if [17]

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\beta \phi X, \quad X \in T(M), \quad (3.1)$$

for a certain function  $\beta$  on  $M$ , such that  $\xi\beta = 0$ ,  $\nabla$  being the operator of the covariant differentiation with respect to the Levi-Civita connection of  $M$ . Clearly, such a quasi-Sasakian manifold is cosymplectic if and only if  $\beta = 0$ . Here we have shown that the assumption  $\xi\beta = 0$  is not necessary.

As a consequence of (3.1), we have[17]

$$(\nabla_X \phi)(Y) = \beta(g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X), \quad X, Y \in T(M). \quad (3.2)$$

Because of (3.1) and (3.2), we find

$$\nabla_X(\nabla_Y \xi) = -(X\beta)\phi Y - \beta^2\{g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X\} - \beta\phi\nabla_X Y$$

which implies that

$$R(X, Y)\xi = -(X\beta)\phi Y + (Y\beta)\phi X + \beta^2\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\}. \quad (3.3)$$

Thus we get from (3.3)

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y, Z, \xi) &= (X\beta)g(\phi Y, Z) - (Y\beta)g(\phi X, Z) \\ &\quad - \beta^2\{\eta(Y)g(X, Z) - \eta(X)g(Y, Z)\}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

where  $R(X, Y, Z, W) = g(R(X, Y, Z), W)$ .

Putting  $X = \xi$ , in (3.4) we obtain

$$R(\xi, Y, Z, \xi) = \beta^2 \{g(Y, Z) - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\} + g(\phi Y, Z)\xi\beta. \quad (3.5)$$

Interchanging  $Y$  and  $Z$  of (3.5) yields

$$R(\xi, Z, Y, \xi) = \beta^2 \{g(Y, Z) - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\} + g(\phi Z, Y)\xi\beta. \quad (3.6)$$

Since  $R(\xi, Y, Z, \xi) = R(Z, \xi, \xi, Y) = R(\xi, Z, Y, \xi)$ , from (3.5) and (3.6) we have

$$\{g(\phi Y, Z) - g(\phi Z, Y)\}\xi\beta = 0.$$

Therefore, we can easily verify that  $\xi\beta = 0$ .

In a 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold, we always have

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY + S(Y, Z)X \\ &\quad - S(X, Z)Y - \frac{r}{2}(g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y), \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

where  $Q$  is the Ricci operator, that is,  $g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y)$  and  $r$  is the scalar curvature of the manifold.

Throughout this paper we consider  $\beta$  as a constant. Let  $M$  be a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold. Since  $\beta$  is a constant the Ricci tensor  $S$  of  $M$  is given in [18] takes the form

$$S(Y, Z) = \left(\frac{r}{2} - \beta^2\right)g(Y, Z) + \left(3\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2}\right)\eta(Y)\eta(Z), \quad (3.8)$$

where  $r$  is the scalar curvature of  $M$ .

As a consequence of (3.8), we get for the Ricci operator  $Q$

$$QX = \left(\frac{r}{2} - \beta^2\right)X + \left(3\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2}\right)\eta(X)\xi. \quad (3.9)$$

From (3.8) we have

$$S(X, \xi) = 2\beta^2\eta(X). \quad (3.10)$$

Moreover, as a consequence of (3.7)-(3.10), we find

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \beta^2(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y), \quad X, Y \in T(M). \quad (3.11)$$

As a consequence of (3.1) we also have [17]

$$(\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = g(\nabla_X \xi, Y) = -\beta g(\phi X, Y). \quad (3.12)$$

Also from (3.8) it follows that

$$S(\phi X, \phi Z) = S(X, Z) - 2\beta^2\eta(X)\eta(Z). \quad (3.13)$$

## 4. $\phi$ -Ricci Symmetric 3-dimensional Quasi-Sasakian Manifold

**Definition 4.1** A quasi-Sasakian manifold  $M^{2n+1}(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be  $\phi$ -symmetric if the curvature tensor  $R$  satisfies

$$\phi^2(\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z = 0,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W \in T(M)$ .

If  $X, Y, Z, W$  are orthogonal to  $\xi$ , then the manifold is said to be locally  $\phi$ -symmetric. The notion of locally  $\phi$ -symmetric on a Sasakian manifold was introduced by Takahashi [21].

**Definition 4.2** A quasi-Sasakian manifold  $M^{2n+1}(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric if the Ricci operator  $Q$  satisfies

$$\phi^2(\nabla_X Q)(Y) = 0,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y \in T(M)$  and  $S(X, Y) = g(QX, Y)$ .

If  $X, Y$  are orthogonal to  $\xi$ , then the manifold is said to be locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric.

From the definition it follows that  $\phi$ -symmetric implies  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric, but the converse, is not, in general true.  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric Sasakian manifolds have been studied by De and Sarkar [8].

Let us suppose that the manifold is  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric. Then by definition

$$\phi^2(\nabla_X Q)(Y) = 0.$$

Using (2.1) we have from above

$$-(\nabla_X Q)(Y) + \eta((\nabla_X Q)(Y))\xi = 0. \quad (4.1)$$

From (4.1) it follows that

$$-g(\nabla_X Q(Y), Z) + S(\nabla_X Y, Z) + \eta((\nabla_X Q)(Y))\eta(Z) = 0. \quad (4.2)$$

Putting  $Y = \xi$ , we get from (4.2)

$$-g(\nabla_X Q(\xi), Z) + S(\nabla_X \xi, Z) + \eta((\nabla_X Q)(\xi))\eta(Z) = 0. \quad (4.3)$$

In view of (3.1) and (3.9), we get from (4.3)

$$-g(2\beta^2 \nabla_X \xi, Z) + S(\nabla_X \xi, Z) + \eta((\nabla_X Q)(\xi))\eta(Z) = 0. \quad (4.4)$$

Putting  $\phi Z$  instead of  $Z$  in (4.4) yields

$$2\beta^2 g(\phi X, \phi Z) = S(\phi X, \phi Z), \quad (4.5)$$

since  $M$  is non-cosymplectic.

Using (3.13), (4.5) yields

$$S(X, Z) = 2\beta^2 g(X, Z). \quad (4.6)$$

Using (4.6), in (3.7) we have

$$R(X, Y)Z = \beta^2 \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}.$$

Then clearly,

$$\phi^2(\nabla_W R)(X, Y)Z = 0.$$

This helps us to conclude the following:

**Theorem 4.1.** *On a 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetry and  $\phi$ -symmetry are equivalent provided  $\beta$  is a constant.*

Differentiating (3.9) covariantly along  $W$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_W Q)(X) &= \frac{1}{2} \{dr(W)X - dr(W)\eta(X)\xi\} + (3\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2})(\nabla_W \eta)(X)\xi \\ &+ (3\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2})\eta(X)(\nabla_W \xi). \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

Applying  $\phi^2$  on both side of (4.7) and using (2.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^2(\nabla_W Q)(X) &= \frac{1}{2} \{dr(W)(-X + \eta(X)\xi) \\ &+ (6\beta^2 - r)\eta(X)\phi^2(\nabla_W \xi)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$



Now if  $X$  is orthogonal to  $\xi$ , (4.8) gives

$$\phi^2(\nabla_W Q)(X) = -\frac{1}{2}dr(W)X.$$

From above expression we can state

**Theorem 4.2.** *A 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold with  $\beta = \text{constant}$ , is locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric if and only if the scalar curvature is constant.*

## 5. $\eta$ -Parallel Ricci Tensor

**Definition 5.1.** The Ricci tensor  $S$  of a quasi-Sasakian manifold is called  $\eta$ -parallel if it satisfies

$$(\nabla_X S)(\phi Y, \phi Z) = 0,$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y, Z$ . The notion of  $\eta$ -parallelity for Sasakian manifold was introduced by Kon[16].

**Definition 5.2.** A 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold is said to be an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold if the Ricci tensor is of the form

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

where  $a$  and  $b$  are smooth functions on  $M$ .

From (3.8) we get

$$(\nabla_X S)(\phi Y, \phi Z) = \frac{1}{2}dr(X)g(\phi Y, \phi Z). \quad (5.1)$$

If the Ricci tensor is  $\eta$ -parallel, then from (5.1)

$$\frac{1}{2}dr(X)g(\phi Y, \phi Z) = 0. \quad (5.2)$$

from which it follows that

$$dr(X) = 0.$$

Hence we find that the scalar curvature is constant. Moreover,  $\beta$  is constant. Thus in view of (3.8) a 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold  $M$  with  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.

Conversely, if the quasi-Sasakian manifold  $M$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein, then

$$(\nabla_X S)(\phi Y, \phi Z) = 0.$$

Thus we can state the following:

**Theorem 5.1.** *In a 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold with  $\beta = \text{constant}$ , the Ricci tensor is  $\eta$ -parallel if and only if  $M$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein.*

Again the equation (5.1) yields

**Theorem 5.2.** *In a 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold with  $\beta = \text{constant}$ , the Ricci tensor is  $\eta$ -parallel if and only if the scalar curvature is constant.*

From Theorem 4.2 and Theorem 5.2 we can state the following:

**Corollary 5.1.** *In a 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold with  $\beta = \text{constant}$ , the Ricci tensor is  $\eta$ -parallel if and only if the manifold is locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric.*

## 6. Cyclic Parallel Ricci Tensor

A. Gray [10] introduced two classes of Riemannian manifold determined by covariant derivative of Ricci tensor. The class  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of all Riemannian manifold whose Ricci tensor  $S$  is a Codazzi tensor, that is,

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

The class  $\mathcal{B}$  consisting of all Riemannian manifolds whose Ricci tensor is cyclic parallel, that is,

$$(\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) + (\nabla_Y S)(X, Z) + (\nabla_Z S)(X, Y) = 0. \quad (6.1)$$

A Riemannian manifold is said to satisfy cyclic parallel Ricci tensor if the Ricci tensor is non-zero and satisfies the condition (6.1). It is known [14] that Cartan hypersurface are manifolds with non-parallel Ricci tensor satisfying the condition (6.1).

From (6.1), it follows that  $r = \text{constant}$ .

Differentiating (3.8) covariantly along  $X$ , using (3.12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) &= \frac{1}{2} dr(X)(g(Y, Z) - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)) + (3\beta^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{r}{2})((\nabla_X \eta)(Y)\eta(Z) + (\nabla_X \eta)(Z)\eta(Y)) \\ &= -\beta(3\beta^2 - \frac{r}{2})\{g(\phi X, Y)\eta(Z) - g(\phi X, Z)\eta(Y)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (6.2)$$

Using (6.2), clearly

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

Thus we are in a position to state the following:

**Theorem 6.1.** *A 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold with  $\beta = \text{constant}$ , satisfies cyclic parallel Ricci tensor if and only if the scalar curvature is constant.*

From Theorem 4.2 and Theorem 6.1 we have the following:

**Corollary 6.1.** *A 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold with  $\beta = \text{constant}$ , satisfies cyclic parallel Ricci tensor if and only if it is locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric.*

From Corollary 5.1 and Corollary 6.1 we have the following:

**Theorem 6.2.** *A 3-dimensional non-cosymplectic quasi-Sasakian manifold with  $\beta = \text{constant}$ , satisfies cyclic parallel Ricci tensor if and only if it satisfies  $\eta$ -parallel Ricci tensor.*

## 7. Example of 3-dimensional Quasi-Sasakian Manifolds

**Example 1.** It is known [17] that a conformally flat 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold is of positive constant curvature, hence it is an Einstein manifold and therefore the manifold is  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric.

**Example 2.** We consider the three-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3, (x, y, z) \neq 0\}$ , where  $(x, y, z)$  are standard co-ordinate of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

The vector fields

$$e_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad e_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad e_3 = 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

are linearly independent at each point of  $M$ . Let  $g$  be the Riemannian metric defined by

$$g(e_1, e_3) = g(e_1, e_2) = g(e_2, e_3) = 0$$

$$g(e_1, e_1) = g(e_2, e_2) = g(e_3, e_3) = 1$$

Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(Z) = g(Z, e_3)$  for any  $Z \in T(M)$ .

Let  $\phi$  be the  $(1, 1)$  tensor field defined by

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

Then using the linearity of  $\phi$  and  $g$ , we have

$$\eta(e_3) = 1,$$

$$\phi^2 Z = -Z + \eta(Z)e_3,$$

$$g(\phi Z, \phi W) = g(Z, W) - \eta(Z)\eta(W),$$

for any  $Z, W \in T(M)$ .

Thus for  $e_3 = \xi$ , the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defines an almost contact metric structure on  $M$ .

Let  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to the metric  $g$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [e_1, e_2] &= e_1 e_2 - e_2 e_1 \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e_3. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$[e_1, e_3] = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad [e_2, e_3] = 0.$$

The Riemannian connection  $\nabla$  of the metric  $g$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} 2g(\nabla_X Y, Z) &= Xg(Y, Z) + Yg(Z, X) - Zg(X, Y) \\ &\quad - g(X, [Y, Z]) + g(Y, [Z, X]) + g(Z, [X, Y]) \end{aligned} \quad (7.1)$$

which is known as Koszul's formula.

Using (7.1) we have

$$2g(\nabla_{e_1} e_3, e_1) = 0 = 2g\left(\frac{1}{4} e_2, e_1\right). \quad (7.2)$$

Again by (7.1)

$$2g(\nabla_{e_1} e_3, e_2) = -g\left(-\frac{1}{2} e_3, e_3\right) = 2g\left(\frac{1}{4} e_2, e_2\right) \quad (7.3)$$

and

$$2g(\nabla_{e_1} e_3, e_3) = 0 = 2g\left(\frac{1}{4} e_2, e_3\right). \quad (7.4)$$

From (7.2), (7.3) and (7.4) we obtain

$$2g(\nabla_{e_1} e_3, X) = 2g\left(\frac{1}{4} e_2, X\right),$$

for all  $X \in T(M)$ .

Thus

$$\nabla_{e_1} e_3 = \frac{1}{4} e_2.$$

(7.1) further yields

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{e_1} e_3 &= \frac{1}{4} e_2, & \nabla_{e_1} e_2 &= -\frac{1}{4} e_3, & \nabla_{e_1} e_1 &= 0, \\ \nabla_{e_2} e_3 &= -\frac{1}{4} e_1, & \nabla_{e_2} e_2 &= 0, & \nabla_{e_2} e_1 &= \frac{1}{4} e_3, \\ \nabla_{e_3} e_3 &= 0, & \nabla_{e_3} e_2 &= -\frac{1}{4} e_1, & \nabla_{e_3} e_1 &= \frac{1}{4} e_2. \end{aligned} \quad (7.5)$$

We see that the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  satisfies the formula  $\nabla_X \xi = -\beta \phi X$  for  $\beta = \frac{1}{4}$ . Hence the manifold is a 3-dimensional quasi-Sasakian manifold with the constant structure function  $\beta = \frac{1}{4}$ .

It is known that

$$R(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z.$$

With the help of the above formula and using (7.5) it can be easily verified that

$$\begin{aligned} R(e_1, e_2)e_3 &= 0, & R(e_2, e_3)e_3 &= \frac{1}{16} e_2, & R(e_1, e_3)e_3 &= \frac{1}{16} e_1, \\ R(e_1, e_2)e_2 &= -\frac{3}{16} e_1, & R(e_2, e_3)e_2 &= -\frac{1}{16} e_3, & R(e_1, e_3)e_2 &= 0, \\ R(e_1, e_2)e_1 &= \frac{3}{16} e_2, & R(e_2, e_3)e_1 &= 0, & R(e_1, e_3)e_1 &= -\frac{1}{16} e_3. \end{aligned}$$

From the above expression of the curvature tensor we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} S(e_1, e_1) &= g(R(e_1, e_2)e_2, e_1) + g(R(e_1, e_3)e_3, e_1) \\ &= -\frac{1}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have

$$S(e_2, e_2) = -\frac{1}{8} \quad \text{and} \quad S(e_3, e_3) = \frac{1}{8}.$$

Now clearly

$$\phi^2(\nabla_X Q)(Y) = 0,$$

for all  $X$  and  $Y \in T(M)$ .

Hence  $M$  is locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric.

Also,

$$r = S(e_1, e_1) + S(e_2, e_2) + S(e_3, e_3) = -\frac{1}{8}.$$

Therefore the scalar curvature  $r$  is constant. So Theorem 4.2 is verified. It is straight forward to verify that the Ricci tensor of  $M$  is  $\eta$ -parallel, cyclic parallel and  $\eta$ -Einstein.

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