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# \*-Ricci soliton on GSSF with Sasakian metric

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**Abstract.** We study generalized Sasakian-space-forms (GSSF)  $M^{2n+1}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$  with Sasakian metric admitting \*-Ricci soliton. We obtain that either such GSSF has  $k_1 = \frac{2n+1}{2n+2}$ ,  $k_2 = k_3 = -\frac{1}{2n+2}$  and \*-soliton is steady or  $k_1 = 0$ ,  $k_2 = k_3 = -1$  and \*-soliton is expanding. Also, we provide some examples in support of results. Further, we give an example that GSSF with Sasakian metric with  $k_1 \neq 0$  and  $k_1 \neq \frac{2n+1}{2n+2}$  do not admit the \*-Ricci soliton.

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#### 1 Introduction

Hamilton [9] in 1988 introduced the concept of Ricci soliton as a generalization of an Einstein metric as well as a self-similar solution of the Ricci flow of Hamilton [6]. A triplet  $(g, V, \nu)$  on a Riemannian manifold is a Ricci soliton if the Ricci tensor i.e. *Ric* satisfies the following equation [5]

$$Ric + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_V g = \nu g,$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_V$  is the Lie-derivative along the potential vector field V, g is a Riemannian metric and  $\nu$  a real scalar. The soliton is expanding, steady, or shrinking if  $\nu$  is < 0, = 0 or > 0, respectively.

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The Ricci soliton on an almost contact metric(a.c.m) manifold was studied extensively by many geometers ([10, 11, 13, 15, 16]).

In 1959 Tachibana [17] introduced the notion of \*-Ricci tensor and Hamada [8] studied the \*-Ricci tensor and defined it on an a.c.m manifold M as follows:

$$S^*(W,U) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{trace}(Z \mapsto R(W,\psi U)\psi Z), \ \forall \ W, U, Z \in TM,$$
(1.1)

where  $\psi$  is a (1, 1)-tensor field and R is a Riemann curvature tensor. Kaimakamis and Panagiotidou in [12] studied \*-Ricci soliton with  $V = \xi$  and defined it as

$$Ric^* + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_V g = \nu g. \tag{1.2}$$

Further, the \*-Ricci soliton with V belongs to principal curvature space and to the holomorphic distribution was studied by Chen [4]. Recently, Majhi et al. [14] and Ghosh and Patra [7] studied Sasakian manifold admitting (1.2).

The geometers [1] were interested to find the examples  $M^{2n+1}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$  of GSSF with non-constant functions  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$ . It is a significant project. In this paper, we study the existence and non-existence of \*-Ricci soliton on GSSF with Sasakian structure and obtain the functions  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$  and nature of \*-Ricci soliton i.e. whether \*-soliton is expanding or steady or shrinking along with examples.

#### 2 Preliminaries

A smooth manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  is called an a.c.m manifold if structure tensors  $(\psi, \xi, \eta, g)$  satisfies [2]:

$$\psi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \ \eta(\xi) = 1, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\psi\xi = 0, \ \eta \ o \ \psi = 0, \ \eta(W) = g(W,\xi), \tag{2.2}$$

$$g(\psi W, \psi U) = g(W, U) - \eta(W)\eta(U), \qquad (2.3)$$

where  $\psi$  is a (1, 1)-tensor field,  $\xi$  a structure vector field,  $\eta$  a 1-form and g a Riemannian metric and  $W, U \in TM$ .

An a.c.m manifold  $M^{2n+1}(\psi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called a GSSF if there exists three smooth functions  $k_1, k_2$ , and  $k_3$  on M such that the curvature tensor R is given by [1]

$$R(W,U)Z = k_1 \{g(U,Z)W - g(W,Z)U\} + k_2 \{g(W,\psi Z)\psi U$$

$$-g(U,\psi Z)\psi W + 2g(W,\psi U)\psi Z\} + k_3 \{g(W,Z)\eta(U)\xi$$

$$-g(U,Z)\eta(W)\xi + \eta(W)\eta(Z)U - \eta(U)\eta(Z)W\},$$
(2.4)

 $\forall W, U, Z \in TM$ . In particular M is a Sasakian space form if  $k_1 = \frac{c+3}{4}$ ,  $k_2 = k_3 = \frac{c-1}{4}$ , Kenmotsu space form if  $k_1 = \frac{c-3}{4}$ ,  $k_2 = k_3 = \frac{c+1}{4}$ , cosymplectic space form if  $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = \frac{c}{4}$ .

Let  $e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_{2n+1}$  are local orthonormal vector fields on  $M^{2n+1}$ , then Ricci curvature S is defined as [20]

$$S(W,U) = \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} g(R(e_i, W)U, e_i), \ \forall \ W, U \in TM.$$
(2.5)

**Definition 1.** M is called  $\eta$ -Einstein if  $S(W,U) = \delta g(W,U) + \mu \eta(W) \eta(U)$  $\forall W, U \in TM, \delta, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ . Further, an  $\eta$ -Einstein Sasakian manifold with  $\delta = -2$ and  $\mu = 2n + 2$  is called null-Sasakian and if  $\delta > -2$  then positive-Sasakian [3].

**Definition 2.** [18] On a contact metric manifold M a vector field V is said to be an infinitesimal contact transformation if  $\mathcal{L}_V \eta = f\eta$  for some  $f \in C^{\infty}$ on M and an infinitesimal automorphism of the contact metric structure if it leaves  $\eta, \xi, g, \psi$  invariant.

The following commutation formulae will be useful to obtain our results. On a Riemannian manifold M [19], we have

$$(\nabla_Z \mathcal{L}_V g)(W, U) = g((\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(Z, W), U) + g((\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(Z, U), W),$$
(2.6)

$$(\mathcal{L}_V R)(W, U)Z = (\nabla_W \mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(U, Z) - (\nabla_U \mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(W, Z), \qquad (2.7)$$

 $\forall W, U, Z \in TM.$ 

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Let  $M^{2n+1}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$  be a GSSF with Sasakian metric, then [1]

$$\nabla_W \xi = (k_3 - k_1) \psi W, \qquad (3.1)$$

$$(\nabla_W \psi)(U) = (k_1 - k_3) (g(W, U)\xi - \eta(U)W), \qquad (3.2)$$

$$(\nabla_W \eta)(U) = g(\nabla_W \xi, U) = (k_3 - k_1)g(\psi W, U),$$
 (3.3)

$$R(W,U)\xi = (k_1 - k_3)(\eta(U)W - \eta(W)U), \qquad (3.4)$$

 $\forall W, U \in TM.$ 

We set following:

$$F_1 = k_1 + (1+2n)k_2; F_2 = 2nk_1 + 3k_2 - k_3; F_3 = 3k_2 + (2n-1)k_3.$$
(3.5)

**Theorem 1.** [1] Let  $M^{2n+1}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$  be a GSSF with Sasakian metric, then  $k_2 = k_3 = k_1 - 1$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $M^{2n+1}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$  be a GSSF with Sasakian metric, then  $\xi k_1 = 0$ .

*Proof.* Using (2.4) in (2.5), we obtain

$$S(W,U) = F_2 g(W,U) - F_3 \eta(W) \eta(U), \qquad (3.6)$$

 $\forall W, U \in TM.$ 

Using Theorem 1 in (3.6), we get

$$QW = ((2n+2)k_1 - 2)W - ((2n+2)k_1 - (2n+2))\eta(W)\xi.$$
(3.7)

Differentiating (3.7) along  $\xi$  and using (3.1), we find that

$$(\nabla_{\xi}Q)W = ((2n+2)\xi k_1)(W - \eta(W)\xi).$$
(3.8)

Also, since  $\xi$  is Killing on a Sasakian manifold, therefore we have [7]

$$\nabla_{\xi} Q = 0. \tag{3.9}$$

Comparing (3.8) and (3.9), we get  $\xi k_1 = 0$ , which completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $M^{2n+1}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$  be a GSSF admitting \*-Ricci soliton with Sasakian metric, then

$$\nu = 2F_1 = 4(n+1)k_1 - 2(2n+1). \tag{3.10}$$

Moreover,  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  are constants and  $k_1 \in \{0, \frac{2n+1}{2n+2}\}$ .

*Proof.* Replacing U with  $\psi U$ , Z with  $\psi Z$  in (2.4) and using (1.1), we find

$$S^*(W,U) = F_1(g(W,U) - \eta(W)\eta(U)).$$
(3.11)

Using (3.11) in (1.2), we get

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(W, U) = 2\nu g(W, U) - 2F_1 g(\psi W, \psi U).$$
(3.12)

Differentiating (3.12) along  $Z \in TM$ , we find

$$(\nabla_Z \mathcal{L}_V g)(W, U) = -2F_1(g((\nabla_Z \psi)W, \psi U) + g((\nabla_Z \psi)U, \psi W)) \quad (3.13)$$
  
- 2(ZF\_1)g(\psi W, \psi U).

Using (2.6) in (3.13), we obtain

$$g((\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(Z, W), U) + g((\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(Z, U), W) = -2F_1 g((\nabla_Z \psi) W, \psi U) \quad (3.14)$$
$$-2F_1 g((\nabla_Z \psi) U, \psi W) - 2(ZF_1) g(\psi W, \psi U).$$

Similarly, we have

$$g((\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(W, U), Z) + g((\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(W, Z), U) = -2F_1 g((\nabla_W \psi)U, \psi Z) \quad (3.15)$$
$$-2F_1 g((\nabla_W \psi)Z, \psi U) - 2(WF_1)g(\psi U, \psi Z),$$

$$g((\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(U, Z), W) + g((\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(U, W), Z) = -2F_1 g((\nabla_U \psi) Z, \psi W) \quad (3.16)$$
$$-2F_1 g((\nabla_U \psi) W, \psi Z) - 2(UF_1) g(\psi Z, \psi W).$$

Adding (3.15) and (3.16), then subtracting (3.14) we find that

$$g((\mathcal{L}_{V}\nabla)(W,U),Z) = F_{1}g((\nabla_{Z}\psi)W,\psi U) + F_{1}g((\nabla_{Z}\psi)U,\psi W) + (ZF_{1})g(\psi W,\psi U) - F_{1}g((\nabla_{U}\psi)Z,\psi W) - F_{1}g((\nabla_{U}\psi)W,\psi Z) - (UF_{1})g(\psi Z,\psi W) - F_{1}g((\nabla_{W}\psi)U,\psi Z) - F_{1}g((\nabla_{W}\psi)Z,\psi U) - (WF_{1})g(\psi U,\psi Z),$$
(3.17)

 $\forall W, U, Z \in TM.$ 

Putting  $U = \xi$  in (3.17) and using (3.2), Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, we obtain

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(W, \xi) = -2F_1 \psi W. \tag{3.18}$$

Further, differentiating (3.18) along  $U \in TM$  and using (3.1), (3.2), we find

$$(\nabla_U \mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(W, \xi) = (\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(W, \psi U) - 2(UF_1)\psi W$$
  
-2F<sub>1</sub>g(W, U)\xi + 2F<sub>1</sub>\eta(W)U. (3.19)

Using (3.19) in (2.7), we obtain

$$(\mathcal{L}_V R)(W, U)\xi = (\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(U, \psi W) - 2(WF_1)\psi U + 2F_1\eta(U)W$$
(3.20)  
 
$$- (\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(W, \psi U) + 2(UF_1)\psi W - 2F_1\eta(W)U.$$

Putting  $U = \xi$  in (3.20) and using (2.1), (3.18) and Theorem 2, we obtain

$$(\mathcal{L}_V R)(W,\xi)\xi = 4F_1(W - \eta(W)\xi).$$
 (3.21)

Putting  $U = \xi$ ,  $Z = \xi$  in (2.4), we get

$$R(W,\xi)\xi = (k_1 - k_3)(W - \eta(W)\xi).$$
(3.22)

Lie-differentiating (3.22) along V, we have

$$(\mathcal{L}_V R)(W,\xi)\xi = V(k_1 - k_3)(W - \eta(W)\xi)$$

$$+ (k_1 - k_3)(g(\mathcal{L}_V \xi, W)\xi - 2\eta(\mathcal{L}_V \xi)W - (\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(W)\xi).$$
(3.23)

Putting  $U = \xi$  in (3.11), we obtain

$$S^*(W,\xi) = 0. \tag{3.24}$$

Putting  $U = \xi$  in (1.2) and using (3.24), we get

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(W,\xi) = 2\nu\eta(W). \tag{3.25}$$

Lie-differentiating  $\eta(W) = g(W, \xi)$  along V and using (3.25), we find

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(W) - g(\mathcal{L}_V \xi, W) - 2\nu \eta(W) = 0.$$
(3.26)

Taking Lie-derivative of  $g(\xi, \xi) = 1$  along V and using (3.25), we have

$$\eta(\mathcal{L}_V\xi) = -\nu. \tag{3.27}$$

Using (3.26), (3.27) and Theorem 1 in (3.23), we obtain

$$(\mathcal{L}_V R)(W,\xi)\xi = 2\nu(W - \eta(W)\xi). \tag{3.28}$$

From (3.21) and (3.28), we get

$$\nu = 2F_1. \tag{3.29}$$

Using (3.5) and Theorem 1 in (3.29), we obtain (3.10). Further, since  $\nu$  is constant so  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  are constants. Moreover, from (3.5), we get  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  and  $F_3$  all are constants.

Now, using (3.2) and Theorem 1 in (3.17), we get

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(W, U) = -2F_1 \eta(W) \psi U - 2F_1 \eta(U) \psi W.$$
(3.30)

Differentiating (3.30) along Z and using (3.2), (3.3), Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, we obtain

$$(\nabla_Z \mathcal{L}_V \nabla)(W, U) = -2F_1(g(\psi W, Z)\psi U + g(\psi U, Z)\psi W$$

$$+ \eta(W)g(Z, U)\xi + \eta(U)g(Z, W)\xi - 2\eta(W)\eta(U)Z).$$
(3.31)

Using (3.31) in (2.7), we obtain

$$(\mathcal{L}_V R)(Z, W)U = -2F_1(2g(\psi W, Z)\psi U + g(\psi U, Z)\psi W - g(\psi U, W)\psi Z (3.32) +\eta(W)g(Z, U)\xi - \eta(Z)g(W, U)\xi + 2\eta(Z)\eta(U)W - 2\eta(W)\eta(U)Z),$$

 $\forall W, U, Z \in TM.$ 

Contracting (3.32) over Z, we find

$$(\mathcal{L}_V S)(W, U) = -4F_1(g(W, U) - (2n+1)\eta(W)\eta(U)).$$
(3.33)

Changing W to  $\psi U$  and U to  $\psi W$  in (3.33), we obtain

$$(\mathcal{L}_V S)(\psi U, \psi W) = -4F_1 g(\psi W, \psi U). \tag{3.34}$$

Lie-differentiating (3.6) along V and using (3.12) and (3.26), we have

$$(\mathcal{L}_V S)(W, U) = (V(F_2) + 2F_2\nu - 2F_2F_1)g(W, U) + (2F_2F_1 \quad (3.35))$$
$$-V(F_3) - 4\nu F_3)\eta(W)\eta(U) - F_3(g(\mathcal{L}_V\xi, W)\eta(U) + g(\mathcal{L}_V\xi, U)\eta(W)),$$

 $\forall W, U \in TM.$ 

Changing W to  $\psi U$  and U to  $\psi W$  in (3.35), we find

$$(\mathcal{L}_V S)(\psi U, \psi W) = (2F_2\nu - 2F_2F_1)g(\psi W, \psi U).$$
(3.36)

From (3.34) and (3.36), we get

$$F_2\nu - F_2F_1 = -2F_1. \tag{3.37}$$

Using (3.5), (3.29) and Theorem 1 in (3.37), we have

$$(2n+2)\big((2n+2)k_1 - (2n+1)\big)k_1 = 0,$$

which gives either  $k_1 = \frac{2n+1}{2n+2}$  or  $k_1 = 0$ . Thus proof is complete.

**Corollary 1.** Let  $M^{2n+1}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$  be a GSSF admitting \*-Ricci soliton. If  $M^{2n+1}$  has Sasakian metric, then either \*-soliton is steady or expanding. In the first case M is  $\eta$ -Einstein and positive-Sasakian with killing \*-soliton vector field V. In second case M is null-Sasakian and V leaves  $\psi$  invariant.

*Proof.* In view of Theorem 3:

**Considering the case**  $k_1 = \frac{2n+1}{2n+2}$ . Then, from (3.10), we get  $\nu = 0$ . Hence, \*-soliton is steady. Using (3.5), Theorem 1 and  $k_1 = \frac{2n+1}{2n+2}$  in (3.6) and in (1.2), we find

$$S(W,U) = (2n-1)g(W,U) + \eta(W)\eta(U), \ (\mathcal{L}_V g)(W,U) = 0,$$

 $\forall W, U \in TM$ . Hence  $M^{2n+1}$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein positive-Sasakian and V is killing. **Considering the case when**  $k_1 = 0$ . Then (3.10) gives  $\nu = -2(2n+1)$  and hence \*-soliton is expanding. Using  $k_1 = 0$  and Theorem 1 in (3.6), we obtain

$$S(W, U) = -2g(W, U) + 2(n+1)\eta(W)\eta(U),$$

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 $\forall W, U \in TM$ . Hence  $M^{2n+1}$  is null-Sasakian.

Using (3.11) in (1.2), we have

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(W, U) = (2\nu - 2F_1)g(W, U) + 2F_1\eta(W)\eta(U).$$
(3.38)

Now comparing (3.33) and (3.35), we get

$$V(F_2)g(W,U) + F_2(\mathcal{L}_V g)(W,U) - V(F_3)\eta(W)\eta(U) - F_3((\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(W)\eta(U)(3.39)) + (\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(U)\eta(W)) = -4F_1(g(W,U) - (2n+1)\eta(W)\eta(U)).$$

Using  $k_1 = 0$ , (3.38), Theorem 3 and putting  $U = \xi$  and  $\psi W$  in place of W in (3.39), we obtain  $F_3(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(\psi W) = 0$ .

Since  $F_3 \neq 0$ , therefore, we get

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(\psi W) = 0. \tag{3.40}$$

By putting  $\psi W$  in place of W in (3.40), we find

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(W) = \eta(W)(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(\xi). \tag{3.41}$$

Using (3.26), (3.27) and  $\nu = -2(2n+1)$  in (3.41), we get

$$(\mathcal{L}_V \eta)(W) = -2(2n+1)\eta(W). \tag{3.42}$$

Taking exterior derivative of (3.42), we get

$$(\mathcal{L}_V d\eta)(W, U) = -2(2n+1)d\eta(W, U).$$
(3.43)

As on Sasakian manifold

$$d\eta(W,U) = g(W,\psi U). \tag{3.44}$$

Using (3.44) in (3.43), we find

$$(\mathcal{L}_V d\eta)(W, U) = -2(2n+1)g(W, \psi U).$$
(3.45)

Lie-derivative of (3.44) along V gives

$$(\mathcal{L}_V d\eta)(W, U) = (\mathcal{L}_V g)(W, \psi U) + g(W, (\mathcal{L}_V \psi)U).$$
(3.46)

Replacing U by  $\psi U$  and using  $k_1 = 0$ , Theorem 1,  $\nu = 2F_1 = -2(2n+1)$  in (3.38), we obtain

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(W, \psi U) = -2(2n+1)g(W, \psi U).$$
(3.47)

From (3.45), (3.46) and (3.47), we get  $\mathcal{L}_V \psi = 0$ . Whereby proof is complete.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $M^{2n+1}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$  be a GSSF admitting \*-Ricci soliton with  $V = b\xi$ . If M admits Sasakian metric, then (i) \*-Ricci soliton is steady and V is a constant multiple of  $\xi$ , (ii) M is \*-Ricci flat and  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  are constant.

*Proof.* (i) Suppose that  $V = b\xi$ , for some function b. Then, from (1.2), we obtain

$$bg(\nabla_W \xi, U) + (Wb)\eta(U) + bg(\nabla_U \xi, W) + (Ub)\eta(W) + 2S^*(W, U) \quad (3.48)$$
$$-2\nu g(W, U) = 0.$$

Putting  $U = \xi$  in (3.48) and using (3.1), (3.24) and Theorem 1, we find

$$(Wb) + (\xi b)\eta(W) - 2\nu\eta(W) = 0.$$
(3.49)

Putting  $W = \xi$  in (3.49), we get  $\xi b = \nu$ . Using it in (3.49), we find

$$(db)(W) - \nu \eta(W) = 0.$$
 (3.50)

Taking exterior derivative of (3.50), we obtain  $\nu d\eta = 0$ . Which gives  $\nu = 0$  as  $M^{2n+1}$  has Sasakian metric. Therefore, from (3.50), we get, (db)(W) = 0. Hence, b is a constant. Hence we have (i).

Taking  $\nu = 0$  and b = constant in (3.48), we obtain

$$bg(\nabla_W \xi, U) + bg(\nabla_U \xi, W) + 2S^*(W, U) = 0.$$
(3.51)

Using (3.1) in (3.51), we get  $S^*(W, U) = 0$ . Hence,  $M^{2n+1}$  is \*-Ricci flat. Using this fact, (3.5) and Theorem 1 in (3.11), we get  $k_1 = \frac{2n+1}{2n+2}$  and  $k_2 = k_3 = \frac{-1}{2n+2}$ . Thus proof is complete.

# 4 Examples of \*-Ricci soliton on GSSF with Sasakian metric

**Example 1.** Consider  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : y \neq 0\}$  with

$$\begin{cases} \psi(e_1) = e_2, \ \psi(e_2) = -e_1, \ \psi(e_3) = 0, \quad \eta = -2ydx + dz, \\ e_3 = \xi = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad g = dx \otimes dx + dy \otimes dy + \eta \otimes \eta, \\ e_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \ e_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 2y\frac{\partial}{\partial z}. \end{cases}$$
(4.1)

Moreover,

$$[e_l, e_3] = 0$$
 for  $l = 1, 2; [e_1, e_2] = 2e_3.$  (4.2)

The Koszul's formula  $\forall W, U, Z \in TM$  with Riemannian connection  $\nabla$  is

$$2g(\nabla_W U, Z) = Wg(U, Z) + Ug(Z, W) - Zg(W, U)$$

$$-g(W, [U, Z]) - g(U, [W, Z]) + g(Z, [W, U]).$$
(4.3)

From (4.2) and (4.3), we get

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_{e_1} e_1 = 0, \ \nabla_{e_2} e_1 = -e_3, \ \nabla_{e_3} e_1 = -e_2, \ \nabla_{e_1} e_2 = e_3, \ \nabla_{e_2} e_2 = 0, \\ \nabla_{e_3} e_2 = e_1, \ \nabla_{e_1} e_3 = -e_2, \ \nabla_{e_2} e_3 = e_1, \ \nabla_{e_3} e_3 = 0. \end{cases}$$
(4.4)

Using (4.1) and (4.4), we can see that M is a Sasakian manifold. Using (3.11), (4.2) and (4.4), we find

$$\begin{cases} R(e_l, e_3)e_3 = e_l, \ R(e_l, e_p)e_p = -3e_l, \ l \neq p, \ l, p = 1, 2, \\ R(e_l, e_p)e_s = 0, l \neq p \neq s, \ l, p, s = 1, 2, 3, \ R(e_l, e_3)e_l = -e_3, \ l = 1, 2, \\ S^*(e_l, e_l) = -3, l = 1, 2, \ S^*(e_3, e_3) = S^*(e_l, e_p) = 0, l \neq p, l, p = 1, 2, 3. \end{cases}$$
(4.5)

Using (2.4) and (4.5), we find that M is a GSSF with  $k_1 = 0$ ,  $k_2 = k_3 = -1$ . The potential field on M is given by

$$V = (-3x - \frac{c_4}{2}y - \frac{c_3}{2})\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + (\frac{c_4}{2}x + \frac{c_1}{2} - 3y)\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + (\frac{c_4}{2}x^2 + c_1x - 6z - \frac{c_4}{2}y^2 + c_2)\frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

Then, we have  $[V, e_1] = 3e_1 + \frac{c_4}{2}e_2$ ,  $[V, e_2] = -\frac{c_4}{2}e_1 + 3e_2$ ,  $[V, e_3] = 6e_3$ . Now, we can see that

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(e_l, e_p) + 2S^*(e_l, e_p) = 2\nu g(e_l, e_p),$$

for  $\nu = -6$  and l, p = 1, 2, 3.

Therefore  $M^3(0, -1, -1)$  is the GSSF with Sasakian metric admitting *expanding* \*-*Ricci soliton*.

**Example 2.** Consider  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x, y \neq 0\}$  with

$$\begin{cases} \psi(e_1) = e_2, \ \psi(e_2) = -e_1, \ \psi(e_3) = 0, \ \eta = \frac{4}{4+3x^2+3y^2}(ydx - xdy) + dz, \\ e_3 = \xi = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \ g = \frac{1}{(1+\frac{3x^2}{4}+\frac{3y^2}{4})^2}(dx \otimes dx + dy \otimes dy) + \eta \otimes \eta, \\ e_1 = (1+\frac{3x^2+3y^2}{4})\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, e_2 = (1+\frac{3x^2+3y^2}{4})\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + x\frac{\partial}{\partial z}. \end{cases}$$
(4.6)

Moreover,

$$[e_l, e_3] = 0$$
 for  $l = 1, 2; [e_1, e_2] = -\frac{3y}{2}e_1 + \frac{3x}{2}e_2 + 2e_3.$  (4.7)

From (4.3) and (4.7), we get

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_{e_1} e_1 = \frac{3y}{2} e_2, \nabla_{e_2} e_1 = -\frac{3x}{2} e_2 - e_3, \nabla_{e_3} e_1 = -e_2, \nabla_{e_1} e_2 = -\frac{3y}{2} e_1 + e_3, \\ \nabla_{e_2} e_2 = \frac{3x}{2} e_1, \nabla_{e_3} e_2 = e_1, \nabla_{e_1} e_3 = -e_2, \nabla_{e_2} e_3 = e_1, \nabla_{e_3} e_3 = 0. \end{cases}$$
(4.8)

Using (4.6) and (4.8), we can see that M is a Sasakian manifold. Using (3.11), (4.7) and (4.8), we find

$$\begin{cases} R(e_l, e_p)e_s = 0, l \neq p \neq s, \ l, p, s = 1, 2, 3, \ R(e_l, e_3)e_3 = e_l, l = 1, 2, \\ R(e_l, e_3)e_l = -e_3, \ l = 1, 2, \ R(e_l, e_p)e_p = 0, \ l \neq p, \ l, p = 1, 2, \\ S^*(e_l, e_p) = 0, \ l, p = 1, 2, 3. \end{cases}$$
(4.9)

Using (2.4) and (4.9), we find that *M* is a GSSF with  $k_1 = \frac{3}{4}, k_2 = k_3 = -\frac{1}{4}$ . The potential field V on M is given by

$$V = \frac{3}{32} \left( -y^2 + x^2 + \frac{4}{3} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{3xy}{16} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{y}{8} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$
 (4.10)

Then, we have  $[V, e_1] = -\frac{3}{16}ye_2$ ,  $[V, e_2] = \frac{3}{16}ye_1$ ,  $[V, e_3] = 0$ . Now, we can see that

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(e_p, e_s) + 2S^*(e_p, e_s) = 2\nu g(e_p, e_s),$$

for  $\nu = 0$  and p, s = 1, 2, 3. Hence  $M^3(\frac{3}{4}, -\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{4})$  is the GSSF with Sasakian metric admitting steady \*-Ricci soliton.

Now, we give an example of GSSF of arbitrary dimension with Sasakian metric admitting \*-Ricci soliton:

**Example 3.** Consider  $M = \{(x^p, y^p, z) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n+1} : y^p \neq 0, p = 1, \dots, n\}$ with

$$\begin{cases} \psi(e_p) = e_{n+p}, \ \psi(e_{n+p}) = -e_p, \ \psi(e_{2n+1}) = 0, \ \eta = -2\sum_{p=1}^n y^p dx^p + dz, \\ e_{2n+1} = \xi = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \ g = \sum_{p=1}^n (dx^p \otimes dx^p + dy^p \otimes dy^p) + \eta \otimes \eta, \\ e_p = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^p}, \ e_{n+p} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^p} + 2y^p \frac{\partial}{\partial z}. \end{cases}$$
(4.11)

We denote by  $A = \{1, \dots, 2n+1\}, B = \{1, \dots, 2n\}, C = \{n+1, \dots, 2n\}.$ Then

$$\begin{cases} [e_p, e_{n+p}] = 2e_{2n+1}, & [e_p, e_s] = 0, \ s \neq n+p, s \in A, \\ [e_q, e_s] = 0, \ s \neq q-n, s \in A, q \in C. \end{cases}$$
(4.12)

From (4.3) and (4.12), we get

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_{e_p} e_{2n+1} = -e_{n+p} = \nabla_{e_{2n+1}} e_p, \nabla_{e_q} e_q = 0, \ q \in A, \\ \nabla_{e_l} e_s = 0, \ l, s \in B, \ s \notin \{l, l+n, l-n\}, \\ \nabla_{e_p} e_{n+p} = e_{2n+1} = -\nabla_{e_{n+p}} e_p, \nabla_{e_{2n+1}} e_t = e_{t-n} = \nabla_{e_t} e_{2n+1}, t \in C. \end{cases}$$
(4.13)

Using (4.11) and (4.13), we can see that M is a Sasakian manifold. Using (3.11), (4.12) and (4.13), we find

$$\begin{cases} R(e_{2n+1}, e_1)e_{2n+1} = -e_1, R(e_1, e_{n+1})e_1 = 3e_{n+1}, S^*(e_{2n+1}, e_{2n+1}) = 0, \\ S^*(e_l, e_l) = -(2n+1), \ l \in B, S^*(e_q, e_s) = 0, \ q \neq s, \ q, s \in A. \end{cases}$$
(4.14)

Using (2.4) and (4.14), we find that M is a GSSF with  $k_1 = 0, k_2 = -1, k_3 = -1$ .

The potential field is given by

$$V = \sum_{p=1}^{n} \left( -(2n+1)y^{p} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{p}} - (2n+1)x^{p} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{p}} \right) - 2(2n+1)z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

Then, we have

$$[V, e_s] = (2n+1)e_s, s \in B, \ [V, e_{2n+1}] = 2(2n+1)e_{2n+1}.$$

Now, we can see that

$$(\mathcal{L}_V g)(e_q, e_s) + 2S^*(e_q, e_s) = 2\nu g(e_q, e_s), \ q, s \in A$$

for  $\nu = -2(2n+1)$ . Hence  $M^{2n+1}(0, -1, -1)$  is the GSSF with Sasakian metric admitting expanding \*-Ricci soliton.

Now, we give an example of GSSF with Sasakian metric which does not admit \*-Ricci soliton.

**Example 4.** Consider  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x, y \neq 0\}$  with

$$\begin{cases} \psi(e_1) = e_2, \ \psi(e_2) = -e_1, \ \psi(e_3) = 0, \ \eta = \frac{ydx - xdy}{4(1 + x^2 + y^2)} + \frac{1}{2}dz, \\ e_3 = \xi = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \ g = \frac{1}{4(1 + x^2 + y^2)^2}(dx \otimes dx + dy \otimes dy) + \eta \otimes \eta, \\ e_1 = 2(1 + x^2 + y^2)\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad e_2 = 2(1 + x^2 + y^2)\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + x\frac{\partial}{\partial z}. \end{cases}$$
(4.15)

Moreover,

$$[e_1, e_3] = 0, \ [e_1, e_2] = -4ye_1 + 4xe_2 + 2e_3, \ [e_2, e_3] = 0.$$
(4.16)

From (4.3) and (4.16), we get

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_{e_1} e_1 = 4y e_2, \nabla_{e_2} e_1 = -4x e_2 - e_3, \ \nabla_{e_3} e_1 = -e_2, \nabla_{e_2} e_2 = 4x e_1, \\ \nabla_{e_1} e_2 = -4y e_1 + e_3, \nabla_{e_3} e_2 = e_1 = \nabla_{e_2} e_3, \nabla_{e_1} e_3 = -e_2, \nabla_{e_3} e_3 = 0. \end{cases}$$
(4.17)

Using (4.15) and (4.17), we can see that M is a Sasakian manifold. Using (4.16) and (4.17), we find

$$\begin{cases} R(e_1, e_2)e_1 = -13e_2, R(e_l, e_p)e_s = 0, \ l \neq p \neq s, \ l, p, s = 1, 2, 3, \\ R(e_1, e_2)e_2 = 13e_1, \ R(e_l, e_3)e_3 = e_l, \ R(e_l, e_3)e_l = -e_3, \ l = 1, 2, \end{cases}$$
(4.18)

Using (2.4) and (4.18) we find that M is a GSSF with  $k_1 = 4, k_2 = 3, k_3 = 3$ . Suppose that  $M^3(4,3,3)$  admits \*-Ricci soliton. Then, we can assume  $V = \alpha e_1 + \beta e_2 + \gamma e_3$  locally with respect to orthonormal frame  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  for some smooth functions. Using (3.11) and Theorem 3 in (1.2), we obtain

$$g(\nabla_W V, U) + g(W, \nabla_U V) - 26\eta(W)\eta(U) = 26g(W, U).$$
(4.19)

From (4.19), we get the following:

$$\begin{cases} e_1(\alpha) - 4\beta y = 13, \ e_2(\beta) - 4\alpha x = 13, \ e_2(\gamma) + e_3(\beta) = 2\alpha, \\ e_3(\gamma) = 26, \ e_1(\beta) + 4\alpha y + e_2(\alpha) + 4\beta x = 0, \ e_1(\gamma) + e_3(\alpha) = -2\beta. \end{cases}$$
(4.20)

We find that the system of equations (4.20) is inconsistent. Thus, M does not admit \*-Ricci soliton.

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