

## Some results on gradient almost quasi-Yamabe and gradient Yamabe solitons

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### Abstract

In this current article, we study the gradient almost quasi-Yamabe solitons and gradient Yamabe solitons inside the setting of 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifolds. It is shown that if a 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold admits a gradient almost quasi-Yamabe soliton, then either the manifold is of constant sectional curvature  $\kappa = -\beta^2$  or the gradient of the potential function  $f$  is pointwise collinear with  $\xi$ . Also, if the second order metric tensor field  $g$  of a 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold is a gradient quasi-Yamabe soliton, then either the manifold is of constant sectional curvature  $\kappa = -\beta^2$  or the gradient of the potential function  $f$  is pointwise collinear with  $\xi$ . We also study the existence of gradient Yamabe solitons on 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifolds.

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### 1. Introduction

The Yamabe flow was proposed by Richard S. Hamilton (for details see [7]) to construct Yamabe metrics on compact Riemannian manifolds. According to the author, a Riemannian metric  $g$  of a complete Riemannian manifold  $M$  of dimension greater than or equal to three is said to be Yamabe soliton if it satisfies

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_V g = (r - \lambda)g, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_V$  denotes the Lie-derivative along the direction of  $V$ , which is called the potential vector field of the soliton,  $r$  is the scalar curvature of the manifold and  $\lambda$  is a constant, which is called the soliton constant. The Yamabe soliton is a self-similar solution of Yamabe flow on a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  defined as follows

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(g(t)) = -r(g(t)),$$

where  $r$  is the scalar curvature of  $M$ . When establishing the characteristics of the Yamabe soliton, the potential vector field  $V$  and the soliton constant  $\lambda$  are crucial factors. According to whether  $\lambda < 0$ ,  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\lambda > 0$ , the Yamabe

soliton is said to be shrinking, steady or expanding.

By simply generalizing the classical Yamabe soliton (1.1) and treating the soliton constant  $\lambda$  to a smooth function on  $M$ , in 2013 E. Barbosa and E. Ribeiro [2] introduced almost Yamabe soliton. Within the context of hypersurfaces in Euclidean spaces, an almost Yamabe soliton was completely classified by T. Seko and S. Maeta [12].

Moreover, A Yamabe soliton reduces to gradient Yamabe soliton if  $V = \text{grad}(f)$ , for some smooth function  $f$  defined on  $M$ . In this case, from (1.1) we have

$$\nabla^2 f = (r - \lambda)g, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\nabla^2 f$  is the Hessian of the function  $f$ .

As a generalization of gradient Yamabe soliton, G. Huang and H. Li [9] introduced the notion of quasi-Yamabe gradient soliton. A Riemannian metric  $g$  defined on a smooth manifold  $M$  of dimension greater than two is said to be a quasi-Yamabe gradient soliton if it satisfies

$$\nabla^2 f = (r - \lambda)g + \frac{1}{p}df \otimes df \quad (1.3)$$

for some constant  $\lambda$  and a positive constant  $p$ .

The generalized version of quasi-Yamabe gradient soliton, so called almost quasi-Yamabe gradient soliton was initiated in [10] by setting the soliton constant  $\lambda$  to be a smooth function on  $M$ . In [10], the authors got some fascinating formula and give a necessary and sufficient condition under which an arbitrary compact almost Yamabe soliton is necessarily gradient. Recently, Xiaomin Chen [4] defined the notion

of almost quasi-Yamabe solitons, namely the Riemannian metric  $g$  satisfies

$$\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_V g = (r - \lambda)g + \frac{1}{p}V^b \otimes V^b, \quad (1.4)$$

where  $V^b$  is the 1-form associated to  $V$ ,  $\lambda$  is a smooth function defined on the manifold and  $p$  is a positive constant. This notion is denoted by  $(g, V, p, \lambda)$ . The soliton  $(g, V, p, \lambda)$  is said to be closed if the 1-form  $V^b$  is closed. Moreover, if the potential vector field  $V$  is vanishes identically in (1.4), then the soliton  $(g, V, p, \lambda)$  becomes trivial. Otherwise, it will be called non-trivial. Furthermore, the soliton  $(g, V, p, \lambda)$  reduces to an almost Yamabe soliton when  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Moreover, if  $V$  is the gradient of a smooth function  $f$  defined on  $M$ , then the soliton (1.4) will be called almost quasi-Yamabe gradient soliton, denoted by  $(g, \nabla f, p, \lambda)$ . Later in [6], S. Ghosh et al. studied almost quasi-Yamabe and gradient almost quasi-Yamabe solitons in the context of Kenmotsu manifolds.

Motivated by the above studies, the present manuscript we make the contribution to investigate almost quasi-Yamabe soliton metric on 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifolds. In this present paper, we are going to study almost quasi-Yamabe gradient solitons and gradient Yamabe solitons in the context of 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifolds. In order to prove some results, we need to recall some definitions and some lemmas on Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold admitting almost quasi-Yamabe gradient solitons, which are contained in Section 2. Next, we study 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu

manifolds whose metric tensor satisfies gradient almost quasi-Yamabe solitons. Finally, in the last section, we have to discuss the existence of gradient Yamabe solitons on a 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifolds and then to establish some results on 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifolds admitting gradient Yamabe solitons.

## 2. Some preliminaries on Lorentzian $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifolds

A smooth manifold  $M$  of dimension  $m$  is called Lorentzian Kenmotsu manifold if it admits a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $\varphi$ , a covariant vector field  $\xi$ , a 1-form  $\eta$  and Lorentzian metric  $g$  which satisfy on  $M$ , respectively such that [3]

$$\eta(\xi) = -1, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\varphi^2(X) = X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad (2.2)$$

$$\varphi(\xi) = 0, \quad \eta(\varphi X) = 0, \quad (2.3)$$

$$g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y), \quad (2.4)$$

$$g(X, \xi) = \eta(X), \quad (2.5)$$

$$g(\varphi X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y), \quad (2.6)$$

for any smooth vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ .

Now a Lorentzian Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  is called Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold if it satisfies

$$(\nabla_X \varphi)Y = \beta\{g(\varphi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi X\} \quad (2.7)$$

for any smooth vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ , where  $\nabla$  denotes the Levi-Civita connection of the Lorentzian metric  $g$  and  $\beta$  is a constant function defined on  $M$ . Then from (2.7), it follows that

$$\nabla_X \xi = \beta\{X - \eta(X)\xi\}, \quad (2.8)$$

which gives

$$(\nabla_X \eta)Y = \beta\{g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)\}, \quad (2.9)$$

for any smooth vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ .

Further, on a Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  of dimension  $m$ , the following relations are satisfied for arbitrary smooth vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$  (see [1], [11]):

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \beta^2\{\eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X\}, \quad (2.10)$$

$$R(\xi, X)Y = \beta^2\{\eta(Y)X - g(X, Y)\xi\}, \quad (2.11)$$

$$S(X, \xi) = -(m-1)\beta^2\eta(X), \quad (2.12)$$

$$Q\xi = -(m-1)\beta^2\xi, \quad (2.13)$$

where  $R$ ,  $S$  and  $Q$  are the Riemann curvature tensor, the Ricci tensor of  $(0, 2)$ , and the Ricci operator of  $M$ , respectively, and  $Q$  is given by  $S(X, Y) = g(QX, Y)$ .

If  $\beta = 1$ , the Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold reduces to a Lorentzian Kenmotsu manifold introduced by Mihai and et. al [17]. Also, Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifolds have been studied by several geometer- (see [1], [5], [8], [11], [13]) and many others.

It is well admitted that the Riemann curvature tensor for a 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold always satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= g(Y, Z)QX - g(X, Z)QY \\ &+ S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y - \frac{r}{2}\{g(Y, Z)X \\ &- g(X, Z)Y\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

Let  $M$  be a 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold. Then replacing  $Z$  by  $\xi$  in (2.14) and using the equations (2.5), (2.10) and (2.12), we infer

$$(\beta^2 + \frac{r}{2})\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\} = \{\eta(Y)QX - \eta(X)QY\}. \quad (2.15)$$

Again, replacing  $Y$  by  $\xi$  in equation (2.15) and then using (2.1), (2.13), we obtain

$$QX = (\beta^2 + \frac{r}{2})X + (3\beta^2 + \frac{r}{2})\eta(X)\xi \quad (2.16)$$

and hence

$$S(X, Y) = (\beta^2 + \frac{r}{2})g(X, Y) + (3\beta^2 + \frac{r}{2})\eta(X)\eta(Y). \quad (2.17)$$

Thus, we can say that a 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  is a  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.

To proceed our prime theorems, we need the following Lemmas:

**Lemma 2.1.** *In a 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$ , the Riemann curvature  $R$  can be expressed as*

$$R(X, Y)Z = (2\beta^2 + \frac{r}{2})\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} + (3\beta^2 + \frac{r}{2})\{g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi\} + (3\beta^2 + \frac{r}{2})\{\eta(Y)\eta(Z)X - \eta(X)\eta(Z)Y\} \quad (2.18)$$

for any smooth vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  on  $M$ .

**Proof:** In view of (2.16) and (2.17) from equation (2.14) we obtain (2.18). This completes the proof.

**Lemma 2.2.** *On a 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$ , we have*

$$\xi(r) = -6\beta(r + 6\beta^2). \quad (2.19)$$

**Proof:** Taking covariant differentiation of (2.16) along an arbitrary smooth vector field  $Y$  on  $M$  and then using (2.8) we obtain

$$(\nabla_Y Q)X = \frac{1}{2}Y(r)X + \frac{1}{2}Y(r)\eta(X)\xi +$$

$$(3\beta^3 + \frac{r\beta}{2})\{g(X, Y)\xi - 2\eta(X)\eta(Y)\xi + \eta(X)Y\}, \quad (2.20)$$

for any smooth vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ .

Contracting the forgoing equation over  $Y$  and using the well-known formula

$$trace\{Y \rightarrow (\nabla_Y Q)X\} = \frac{1}{2}\nabla_Y(r),$$

we get

$$\xi(r)\eta(X) = -6\beta(r + 6\beta^2)\eta(X).$$

Since the above relation holds for all smooth vector field  $X$  on  $M$ , we obtain

$$\xi(r) = -6\beta(r + 6\beta^2).$$

This completes the proof.

**Lemma 2.3 ([4]).** *For an almost quasi-Yamabe gradient soliton  $(g, \nabla f, p, \lambda)$ , the Riemann curvature  $R$  satisfies*

$$R(X, Y)\nabla f = \frac{r - \lambda}{p}\{Y(f)X - X(f)Y\}$$

$$+X(r - \lambda)Y - Y(r - \lambda)X \quad (2.21)$$

for any smooth vector fields  $X, Y$  on the manifold.

(3.3)

### 3. Gradient almost quasi-Yamabe solitons on 3-Lorentzian $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifolds

In this section, we investigate the properties of 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifolds admitting gradient almost quasi-Yamabe solitons.

**Theorem 3.1.** *If a 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  admits an almost quasi-Yamabe gradient soliton  $(g, \nabla f, p, \lambda)$ , then either the manifold  $M$  is of constant sectional curvature  $\kappa = -\beta^2$  or the gradient of the potential function  $f$  is pointwise collinear with the characteristic vector field  $\xi$ .*

**Proof:** Let us assume that  $(g, \nabla f, p, \lambda)$  be an almost quasi-Yamabe gradient soliton on 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$ . Then the gradient soliton equation (1.3) we can write

$$\nabla_X \nabla f = (r - \lambda)X + \frac{1}{p}X(f)\nabla f \quad (3.1)$$

for any smooth vector fields  $X$  on  $M$ .

Now executing the inner product of (2.21) with  $\xi$  yields

$$g(R(X, Y)\nabla f, \xi) = \left\{ X(r - \lambda) - \frac{r - \lambda}{p}X(f) \right\} \eta(Y) - \left\{ Y(r - \lambda) - \frac{r - \lambda}{p}Y(f) \right\} \eta(X). \quad (3.2)$$

By virtue of the relation  $g(R(X, Y)\nabla f, \xi) + g(R(X, Y)\xi, \nabla f) = 0$  from (2.10), we acquire

$$g(R(X, Y)\nabla f, \xi) = \beta^2 \{ \eta(Y)X(f) - \eta(X)Y(f) \}.$$

Therefore, from (3.2) and (3.3) we have

$$\left\{ X(r - \lambda) - \frac{r - \lambda}{p}X(f) \right\} \eta(Y) - \left\{ Y(r - \lambda) - \frac{r - \lambda}{p}Y(f) \right\} \eta(X) = \beta^2 \{ \eta(Y)X(f) - \eta(X)Y(f) \}.$$

Replacing  $\varphi X$  and  $\xi$  instead of the vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively in the foregoing equation and using the equation (2.1) we get

$$\left( \beta^2 + \frac{r - \lambda}{p} \right) (\varphi X)f = (\varphi X)(r - \lambda). \quad (3.4)$$

On the other hand, contracting (2.21) over  $Y$  and then using (2.17), we get

$$\left\{ \beta^2 + \frac{r}{2} - \frac{2(r - \lambda)}{p} \right\} (\varphi X)f = -2(\varphi X)(r - \lambda). \quad (3.5)$$

In view of (3.4), equation (3.5) reduces to

$$\left( 3\beta^2 + \frac{r}{2} \right) (\varphi X)f = 0. \quad (3.6)$$

This means that either  $r = -6\beta^2$  or  $(\varphi X)f = 0$ .

**Case (i):** If  $r = -6\beta^2$ , then (2.17) reduces to

$$S(X, Y) = \left( \beta^2 + \frac{r}{2} \right) g(X, Y)$$

for any smooth vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ . This shows that the manifold  $M$  is an Einstein manifold. Also, from (2.18) we have

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

for any smooth vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  on  $M$ .

This means that the manifold  $M$  is of constant sectional curvature  $\kappa = -\beta^2$ .

**Case (ii):** If  $(\varphi X)f = 0$ , then  $(\varphi^2 X)f = 0$  and hence  $\nabla f = -\xi(f)\xi$ . Therefore, the gradient of

the potential function  $f$  is pointwise collinear with  $\xi$ . This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.2.** *If a 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  admits a quasi-Yamabe gradient soliton  $(g, \nabla f, p, \lambda)$ , then either the manifold  $M$  is of constant sectional curvature  $\kappa = -\beta^2$  or the gradient of the potential function  $f$  of the soliton is pointwise collinear with the characteristic vector field  $\xi$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $g$  be a quasi-Yamabe soliton on a Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  of dimension three. Then we have from (2.21) that

$$R(X, Y)\nabla f = \frac{r - \lambda}{p} \{ Y(f)X - X(f)Y \} + X(r)Y - Y(r)X \quad (3.7)$$

Since  $\lambda$  is constant, equations (3.4) and (3.5) are respectively simplified as

$$\left( \beta^2 + \frac{r - \lambda}{p} \right) (\varphi X)f = (\varphi X)r, \quad (3.8)$$

$$\left\{ \beta^2 + \frac{r}{2} - \frac{2(r - \lambda)}{p} \right\} (\varphi X)f = -2(\varphi X)r. \quad (3.9)$$

By combining (3.8) and (3.9), one immediately has

$$\left( 3\beta^2 + \frac{r}{2} \right) (\varphi X)f = 0. \quad (3.10)$$

Then maintaining the same argument as in the proof of Theorem 3.1 we can easily see that either the manifold  $M$  is of constant sectional curvature  $\kappa = -\beta^2$  or the gradient of the potential function  $f$  of the soliton is pointwise collinear with the characteristic vector field  $\xi$ . This completes the proof.

Again, if  $p \rightarrow \infty$ , then the soliton (1.3) reduces to an almost gradient Yamabe soliton  $(g, \nabla f, \lambda)$ .

Thus we can state the following:

**Corollary 3.3.** *If a 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  admits an almost gradient Yamabe soliton  $(g, \nabla f, \lambda)$ , then either  $M$  is of constant sectional curvature  $\kappa = -\beta^2$  or the gradient of the potential function  $f$  of the soliton is pointwise collinear with the characteristic vector field  $\xi$ .*

#### 4. Gradient Yamabe solitons on 3-Lorentzian $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifolds

In this section, we study the existence of gradient Yamabe solitons on a 3-Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *There does not exist a non-trivial gradient Yamabe soliton on a 3-dimensional Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$ .*

**Proof:** If  $(g, \nabla f, \lambda)$  is a gradient Yamabe soliton on  $M$ , then (1.2) takes the form:

$$\nabla_Y \nabla f = (r - \lambda)Y. \quad (4.1)$$

Differentiating (4.1) covariantly along arbitrary smooth vector field  $X$  on  $M$  we get

$$\nabla_X \nabla_Y \nabla f = X(r)Y + (r - \lambda)\nabla_X Y. \quad (4.2)$$

Interchanging the vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  in equation (4.2) we obtain

$$\nabla_Y \nabla_X \nabla f = Y(r)X + (r - \lambda) \nabla_Y X. \quad (4.3)$$

Replacing  $Y$  by  $[X, Y]$  in equation (4.1) gives

$$\nabla_{[X, Y]} \nabla f = (r - \lambda)(\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X). \quad (4.4)$$

Therefore, from (4.2), (4.3) and (4.4), we obtain that

$$R(X, Y) \nabla f = X(r)Y - Y(r)X. \quad (4.5)$$

Contraction of (4.5) along  $Y$  yields

$$S(X, \nabla f) = -2X(r), \quad (4.6)$$

which in view of the equation (2.17), yields

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\beta^2 + \frac{r}{2}\right)X(f) + \left(3\beta^2 + \frac{r}{2}\right)\eta(X)\xi(f) \\ = -2X(r). \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

Replacing  $\xi$  instead of  $X$  in (4.7) and using (2.1) and **lemma 2.2.**, we get

$$\beta\xi(f) = -6(r + 6\beta^2). \quad (4.8)$$

Next replacing  $Y$  by  $\xi$  in (4.5) and using (2.11) and (2.19), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \beta^2\{X(f)\xi - \xi(f)X\} \\ = X(r)\xi + 6\beta(r + 6\beta^2)X. \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

In view of (4.8), equation (4.9) reduces to

$$\beta^2 X(f) = X(r). \quad (4.10)$$

Combining (4.7) and (4.10), we acquire

$$(r + 6\beta^2)\{X(f) + \eta(X)\xi(f)\} = 0. \quad (4.11)$$

This implies that either

$$r = -6\beta^2 \text{ or } X(f) + \eta(X)\xi(f) = 0.$$

If possible, let  $r \neq -6\beta^2$ , then equation (4.11) gives  $X(f) + \eta(X)\xi(f) = 0$  and hence  $\nabla(f) = -\xi(f)\xi$ . Using this in (4.8) infers that

$$\beta\nabla(f) = 6(r + 6\beta^2)\xi. \quad (4.12)$$

Differentiating it along  $Y$  and then using (4.1) and taking reference of (2.1) and (2.8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 6\beta(r + 6\beta^2)\eta(Y)\xi - 6Y(r)\xi \\ = \beta(5r + \lambda + 36\beta^2)Y. \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

Taking  $Y = \xi$  in (4.13) and using (2.1), (2.19), we get

$$25r = \lambda - 144\beta^2.$$

This means that the manifold  $M$  admitting gradient Yamabe soliton possesses the constant scalar curvature. Therefore, from (4.11) we have

$f = \text{constant}$ .

Hence the gradient Yamabe soliton  $(g, \nabla f, \lambda)$  on a 3-Lorentzian  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold  $M$  is trivial. This completes the proof.

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