

# Some characterizations of hyperbolic Ricci solitons on nearly cosymplectic manifolds with respect to the Tanaka-Webster connection

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## ABSTRACT

It is known that a hyperbolic Ricci soliton is one of the generalization of the Ricci solitons and it is a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  furnished with a differentiable vector field  $U$  on  $M$  and two real numbers  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  ensuring  $Ric + \lambda L_U g + \frac{1}{2} L_U(L_U g) = \mu g$ , where  $L_U$  denotes the Lie derivative with respect to the vector field  $U$  on  $M$ . Furthermore, hyperbolic Ricci solitons yield similar solutions to hyperbolic Ricci flow. In this paper, we study hyperbolic Ricci solitons on nearly cosymplectic manifolds endowed with the Tanaka-Webster connection. We give some results for these manifolds when the potential vector field is a pointwise collinear with the Reeb vector field and a concircular vector field.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The notion of hyperbolic Ricci flow was introduced in [Kong and Liu \(2007\)](#). Let  $g_{ij}(t)$  be a family of Riemannian metrics on a Riemannian manifold  $(M_n, g_0)$ . The hyperbolic Ricci flow is defined by

$$\frac{\partial^2 g_{ij}}{\partial t^2} = -2R_{ij}$$

with  $g(0) = g_0$ ,  $\frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial t} = k_{ij}$ , where  $k_{ij}$  is a symmetric  $(0, 2)$ -type tensor field. A self-similar solution  $g(t)$  of the hyperbolic Ricci flow on  $M_n$  is a hyperbolic Ricci soliton if there exists a 1-parameter family of diffeomorphisms  $\rho(t) : M \rightarrow M$  and a positive function  $\sigma(t)$  such that

$$g(t) = \sigma(t)\rho(t)^*(g_0).$$

If we differentiate above equation twice, we get

$$-2Ric(g(t)) = \sigma''(t)\rho(t)^*(g_0) + 2\sigma'(t)\rho(t)^*(L_X g_0) + \sigma(t)\rho(t)^*(L_X L_X g_0),$$

where  $Ric$  is the Ricci curvature on  $M$ ,  $X$  is the time-dependent vector field and  $L$  is the Lie derivative. The family of metrics are said to be expanding, steady or shrinking if  $\sigma'$  is positive, zero or negative, respectively. Substituting  $\sigma''(0) = -2\mu$ ,  $\sigma(0) = 1$  and  $\sigma'(0) = \lambda$  in the above equation, we get

$$Ric(g_0) + \lambda L_X g_0 + \frac{1}{2} L_X L_X g_0 = \mu g_0$$

for some real constants  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ . According to this equation, a hyperbolic Ricci soliton on a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is defined by

$$Ric + \lambda L_X g + \frac{1}{2} L_X(L_X g) = \mu g. \tag{1}$$

A hyperbolic Ricci soliton is called expanding, steady or shrinking if  $\mu$  is negative, zero or positive, respectively. For recent papers about hyperbolic Ricci solitons see [Azami and Fasihi \(2023\)](#), [Azami and Fasihi \(2024\)](#), [Blaga and Özgür \(2023\)](#), [Faraji et al. \(2023\)](#).

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In this paper, we investigate hyperbolic Ricci solitons on nearly cosymplectic manifolds. The manifolds will be considered with the Tanaka-Webster connection. The paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we give some fundamental information about nearly cosymplectic manifolds. In Section 3, we express some properties of cosymplectic manifolds satisfying Tanaka-Webster connection. In the final section, we give our main results.

## 2. NEARLY COSYMPLECTIC MANIFOLDS

An  $n = (2k + 1)$ -dimensional smooth manifold  $M$  is called an almost contact metric manifold if it admits a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $\phi$ , a contravariant vector field  $\xi$ , a 1-form  $\eta$  and a Riemannian metric  $g$  which fulfill, Blair (1976)

$$\phi^2(U) = -U + \eta(U)\xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(\phi U) = 0, \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(\phi U, \phi V) &= g(U, V) - \eta(U)\eta(V), \quad g(\phi U, V) = -g(U, \phi V), \\ g(U, \xi) &= \eta(U), \quad \forall U, V \in \chi(M). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

An almost contact metric manifold  $(M, g, \eta, \xi, \phi)$  is called a contact metric manifold if

$$g(U, \phi V) = d\eta(U, V).$$

An almost contact metric manifold  $(M, g, \eta, \xi, \phi)$  is said to be a nearly cosymplectic manifold if

$$(\nabla_U \phi)V + (\nabla_V \phi)U = 0, \quad \forall U, V \in \chi(M).$$

For a nearly cosymplectic manifold, we have

$$\nabla_\xi \xi = 0 \text{ and } \nabla_\xi \eta = 0.$$

On the other hand, for a  $(1, 1)$ -type tensor field  $H$  which is defined as

$$\nabla_U \xi = HU. \quad (4)$$

It is known that  $H$  is skew symmetric and anti-commutative with  $\phi$ . Moreover,  $H$  satisfies  $H\xi = 0$  and  $\eta \circ H = 0$  and fulfills the following situations, Nicola et al. (2018):

$$(\nabla_\xi \phi)U = \phi HU = \frac{1}{3}(\nabla_\xi \phi)U,$$

$$g((\nabla_U \phi)V, HW) = \eta(V)g(H^2U, \phi W) - \eta(U)g(H^2V, \phi W),$$

$$(\nabla_U H)V = g(H^2U, V)\xi - \eta(V)H^2U,$$

$$\text{tr}(H^2) = \text{constant},$$

$$R(V, W)\xi = \eta(V)H^2W - \eta(W)H^2V,$$

$$S(\xi, W) = -\eta(W)\text{tr}(H^2),$$

$$S(\phi V, W) = S(V, \phi W), \quad \phi Q = Q\phi,$$

$$S(\phi V, \phi W) = S(V, W) + \eta(V)\eta(W)\text{tr}(H^2).$$

## 3. NEARLY COSYMPLECTIC MANIFOLDS ADMITTING TANAKA-WEBSTER CONNECTION

Let  $(M, g, \eta, \xi, \phi)$  be an almost contact metric manifold. The Tanaka-Webster connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  with respect to the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  is defined by

$$\bar{\nabla}_U V = \nabla_U V + (\nabla_U \eta)(V)\xi - \eta(V)\nabla_U \xi - \eta(U)\phi V, \quad (5)$$

for all  $U, V \in \chi(M)$ , Tanno (1969). Using (3) and (4), we rewrite equation (5) as

$$\bar{\nabla}_U V = \nabla_U V + g(\nabla_U \xi, V)\xi - \eta(V)HU - \eta(U)\phi V. \quad (6)$$

Putting  $V = \xi$  in (6) and using (2) and (4), we obtain

$$\bar{\nabla}_U \xi = 0. \tag{7}$$

Using (6), the Riemannian curvature tensor  $\bar{R}$  of the connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}(U, V)W &= R(U, V)W - g(W, HU)HV - g(H^2V, W)\eta(U)\xi - 2g(V, HU)\phi W\eta(U)\eta(W)\phi HV \\ &\quad + g(H^2U, W)\eta(V)\xi - \eta(V)(\nabla_U \phi)W - \eta(V)g(HU, \phi W)\xi + g(W, HV)HU \\ &\quad + \eta(W)\eta(U)H^2V - \eta(W)\eta(V)H^2U - \eta(V)\eta(W)\phi HU \\ &\quad + \eta(U)(\nabla_V \phi)W + \eta(U)g(HV, \phi W)\xi. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Taking contraction in (8), the Ricci tensor  $\bar{Ric}$  of the connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{Ric}(V, W) &= Ric(V, W) + 2g(HV, \phi W) - \eta(V)div(\phi)W + g(W, HV)tr(H) \\ &\quad - \eta(W)\eta(V)tr(H^2) - \eta(V)\eta(W)tr(\phi H) + 2g(HW, HV), \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where  $Ric$  denotes the Ricci tensor of the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ . Contracting in (9), the scalar curvature  $\bar{r}$  is obtained as

$$\bar{r} = r - tr(H^2)(2k + 1),$$

where  $r$  is the scalar curvature of the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ , Ayar (2022).

#### 4. MAIN RESULTS

Before expressing our main results, we should remind definitions of the nearly quasi-Einstein manifolds and Einstein manifolds.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold. If  $Ric = \alpha g + \beta E$  for some functions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  on  $M$ , where  $E$  is a non-zero tensor of type  $(0, 2)$ , then the manifold  $(M, g)$  is called a nearly quasi-Einstein manifold. If  $\beta = 0$ , then the manifold  $(M, g)$  is said to be an Einstein manifold. Here,  $Ric$  denotes the Ricci tensor of the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ .

Now, we can give our findings.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $M$  be a nearly cosymplectic manifold with the Tanaka-Webster connection admitting a hyperbolic Ricci soliton. If the potential vector field  $X$  is a pointwise collinear with  $\xi$ , then  $M$  is a nearly-quasi Einstein manifold.

**Proof.** If the potential vector field  $X$  is a pointwise collinear with  $\xi$ , then there exists a smooth function  $b$  such that  $X = b\xi$ . Using (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{L}_X g)(U, V) &= g(\bar{\nabla}_U X, V) + g(\bar{\nabla}_V X, U) \\ &= g(U(b)\xi + b\bar{\nabla}_U \xi, V) + g(V(b)\xi + b\bar{\nabla}_V \xi, U) \\ &= U(b)\eta(V) + V(b)\eta(U) \\ &= g(\nabla b, U)\eta(V) + g(\nabla b, V)\eta(U) \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

for all  $U, V \in \chi(M)$ , where  $\nabla$  denotes the gradient operator. The Lie derivative of (7) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{L}_X \circ \bar{L}_X)g(U, V) &= X\bar{L}_X g(U, V) - \bar{L}_X g(\bar{L}_X U, V) - \bar{L}_X g(U, \bar{L}_X V) \\ &= X[g(\nabla b, U)\eta(V) + g(\nabla b, V)\eta(U)] \\ &\quad - [g(\nabla b, \bar{L}_X U)\eta(V) + g(\nabla b, V)\eta(\bar{L}_X U)] \\ &\quad - [g(\nabla b, \bar{L}_X V)\eta(U) + g(\nabla b, U)\eta(\bar{L}_X V)] \\ &= Xg(\nabla b, U)\eta(V) + g(\nabla b, U)X\eta(V) + Xg(\nabla b, V)\eta(U) \\ &\quad + g(\nabla b, V)X\eta(U) - g(\nabla b, \bar{L}_X U)\eta(V) - g(\nabla b, V)\eta(\bar{L}_X U) \\ &\quad - g(\nabla b, \bar{L}_X V)\eta(U) - g(\nabla b, U)\eta(\bar{L}_X V). \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Putting (10) and (11) in (1), we occur

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{Ric}(U, V) &= \mu g(U, V) - \lambda(\bar{L}_X g)(U, V) - \frac{1}{2}(\bar{L}_X \circ \bar{L}_X)g(U, V) \\ &= \mu g(U, V) - \lambda g(\nabla b, U)\eta(V) - \lambda g(\nabla b, V)\eta(U) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}Xg(\nabla b, U)\eta(V) - \frac{1}{2}g(\nabla b, U)X\eta(V) - \frac{1}{2}Xg(\nabla b, V)\eta(U) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}g(\nabla b, V)X\eta(U) + \frac{1}{2}g(\nabla b, \bar{L}_X U)\eta(V) + \frac{1}{2}g(\nabla b, V)\eta(\bar{L}_X U) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}g(\nabla b, \bar{L}_X V)\eta(U) + \frac{1}{2}g(\nabla b, U)\eta(\bar{L}_X V). \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Taking a non-vanishing  $(0, 2)$ -type tensor  $E$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(U, V) &= -\lambda g(\nabla b, U)\eta(V) - \lambda g(\nabla b, V)\eta(U) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2}[Hess(b)(X, U)\eta(V) - Hess(b)(X, V)\eta(U) + (\bar{\nabla}_U X)(b)\eta(V) \\
 &\quad + (\bar{\nabla}_V X)(b)\eta(U) + V(b)g(\bar{\nabla}_U X, \xi) + U(b)g(\bar{\nabla}_V X, \xi)].
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{13}$$

Equation (12) becomes

$$\bar{Ric}(U, V) = \mu g(U, V) + E(U, V).$$

This shows that  $M$  is a nearly quasi-Einstein manifold with respect to the Tanaka-Webster connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $M$  be a nearly cosymplectic manifold with the Tanaka-Webster connection admitting a hyperbolic Ricci soliton. If the potential vector field is the Reeb vector field  $\xi$ , then  $M$  is an Einstein manifold.*

**Proof.** Taking  $b = 1$  in (13) shows that  $\bar{Ric}(U, V) = \mu g(U, V)$ . This gives us  $M$  is an Einstein manifold.

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $M$  be a nearly cosymplectic manifold with the Tanaka-Webster connection admitting a hyperbolic Ricci soliton. If the potential vector field is a concircular vector field  $X$ , then*

$$\mu = -2tr(H^2) - tr(H) + 2f^2 + 2\lambda f.$$

**Proof.** It is known that if  $X$  is concircular vector field on  $M$ , then there exists a smooth function  $f$  such that

$$\nabla_U X = fU \tag{14}$$

for all  $U \in \chi(M)$ . Using (14), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\bar{L}_X g)(U, V) &= g(\bar{\nabla}_U X, V) + g(\bar{\nabla}_V X, U) \\
 &= g(fU, V) + g(U, fV) \\
 &= 2fg(U, V).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{15}$$

Using equation (15), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\bar{L}_X \circ \bar{L}_X)g(U, V) &= X\bar{L}_X g(U, V) - \bar{L}_X g(\bar{L}_X U, V) - \bar{L}_X g(U, \bar{L}_X V) \\
 &= X(2fg(U, V)) - 2fg(\bar{L}_X U, V) - 2fg(U, \bar{L}_X V) \\
 &= 2(Xf)g(U, V) + 2fg(\bar{\nabla}_X U, V) + 2fg(U, \bar{\nabla}_X V) \\
 &\quad - 2fg(\bar{\nabla}_U X, V) + 2fg(\bar{\nabla}_V X, U) - 2fg(U, \bar{\nabla}_X V) + 2fg(U, \bar{\nabla}_V X) \\
 &= 2(Xf)g(U, V) + 2fg(\bar{\nabla}_U X, V) + 2fg(U, \bar{\nabla}_V X) \\
 &= 2(Xf)g(U, V) + 4f^2g(U, V).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{16}$$

Putting (15) and (16) in (1), we deduce

$$Ric(U, V) + (Xf)g(U, V) + 2f^2g(U, V) + 2\lambda fg(U, V) = \mu g(U, V).$$

Substituting  $U = V = \xi$  in (9), we obtain  $\mu = -2tr(H^2) - tr(H) + 2f^2 + 2\lambda f$ .

## 5. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we study hyperbolic Ricci solitons on nearly cosymplectic manifolds with respect to the Tanaka-Webster connection by considering the potential vector field as a pointwise collinear with the Reeb vector field and a concircular vector field. Our results in the present work may provide an insight for further studies on hyperbolic Ricci solitons with respect to some other connections.

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