

# Generalized $(k, \mu)$ -Space forms and Ricci solitons

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### Abstract

In this paper, we study Ricci-semisymmetric and Ricci pseudo-symmetric generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space forms along with characterization of generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space forms satisfying the curvature conditions  $Q(g, S) = 0$  and  $Q(S, R) = 0$ . Further, we study Ricci solitons in generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space forms and obtained some interesting results.

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## 1. Introduction

In [1], the authors generalized the notion of Sasakian space form defined generalized Sasakian space form as a contact metric manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  whose curvature tensor  $R$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(X, Y)Z &= f_1 \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \\
 &+ f_2 \{g(X, \phi Z)\phi Y - g(Y, \phi Z)\phi X + 2g(X, \phi Y)\phi Z\} \\
 &+ f_3 \{\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi\},
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$ , where  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  are smooth functions on  $M$ .

As a generalization of the notion of  $(k, \mu)$ -space form, Carriazo et al [4] introduced generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form as a contact metric manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  whose curvature tensor  $R$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(X, Y)Z &= f_1 \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \\
 &+ f_2 \{g(X, \phi Z)\phi Y - g(Y, \phi Z)\phi X + 2g(X, \phi Y)\phi Z\} \\
 &+ f_3 \{\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi\} \\
 &+ f_4 \{g(Y, Z)hX - g(X, Z)hY + g(hY, Z)X - g(hX, Z)Y\} \\
 &+ f_5 \{g(hY, Z)hX - g(hX, Z)hY + g(\phi hX, Z)\phi hY - g(\phi hY, Z)\phi hX\} \\
 &+ f_6 \{\eta(X)\eta(Z)hY - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)hX + g(hX, Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(hY, Z)\eta(X)\xi\},
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where  $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6$  are smooth functions on  $M$  and  $2h = L_\xi \phi$ ,  $L$  is the usual Lie derivative. They proved that the generalized Sasakian space form and the generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form share some properties and identities in common. Further the authors established that the generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space forms reduce to generalized  $(k, \mu)$  spaces for  $k = f_1 - f_3$ ,  $\mu = f_4 - f_6$  and to  $(k, \mu)$  spaces greater than or equal to 5 with  $k = -f_6$  and  $\mu = 1 - f_6$ .  $(k, \mu)$ -space form have been studied widely by several authors like [3, 13, 7, 19, 18, 21, 23] and various others.

Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold with the Riemannian metric  $\nabla$ . A tensor field  $F : \chi(M) \times \chi(M) \times \chi(M) \longrightarrow \chi(M)$  of type  $(1, 3)$  is said to be curvature-like if it has the properties of  $R$ . For example, the tensor  $R$  given by

$$R(X, Y)Z = (X \wedge_A Y)Z = A(Y, Z)X - A(X, Z)Y, \tag{3}$$

where  $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ ,  $\chi(M)$  is the set of all differentiable vector fields on  $M$ ,  $A$  is the symmetric  $(0, 2)$ -tensor,  $R$  is the Riemannian curvature tensor of type  $(1, 3)$  and  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection. For a  $(0, k)$ -tensor field  $T$ ,  $k \leq 1$ , on  $(M, g)$ , we define the tensor  $R \cdot T$  and  $Q(g, T)$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (R(X, Y) \cdot T)(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) &= -T(R(X, Y)X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_k) - T(X_1, R(X, Y)X_2, X_3, \dots, X_k) \\
 &\dots - T(X_1, X_2, \dots, R(X, Y)X_k)
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q(g, T)(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k, Y) &= -T((X \wedge Y)X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_k) - T(X_1, (X \wedge Y)X_2, X_3, \dots, X_k) \\
 &\dots - T(X_1, X_2, \dots, (X \wedge Y)X_k),
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

respectively [24]. If the tensors  $(R \cdot S)$  and  $Q(g, S)$  are linearly dependent, then  $M$  is called Ricci pseudo-symmetric [24]. Which is equivalent to

$$(R \cdot S) = fQ(g, S), \tag{6}$$

holding on the set  $U_S = \{x \in M : S \neq 0 \text{ at } x\}$ , where  $f$  is some function on  $U_S$ . Also if the tensors  $R \cdot R$  and  $Q(S, R)$  are linearly dependent, then  $M$  is said to be Ricci generalized pseudo-symmetric [24]. This is equivalent to

$$R \cdot R = fQ(S, R). \tag{7}$$

In [12], Kowalczyk studied semi-Riemannian manifolds satisfying  $Q(S, R) = 0$  and  $Q(g, S) = 0$ , where  $S, R$  are the Ricci tensor and curvature tensor respectively. De et al. [6, 14] studied Ricci pseudo-symmetric and Ricci generalized pseudo-symmetric P-sasakian manifolds and generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -paracontact metric manifolds.

Ricci soliton, introduced by Hamilton [8] are natural generalizations of the Einstein metrics and is defined on a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . A Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda)$  defined on  $(M, g)$  as

$$(L_V g)(X, Y) + 2S(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) = 0, \tag{8}$$

where  $L_V$  denotes the Lie-derivative of Riemannian metric  $g$  along a vector field  $V$ ,  $\lambda$  be a constant and  $X, Y$  are arbitrary vector fields on  $M$ . A Ricci soliton is said to be shrinking or steady or expanding to the extent that  $\lambda$  is negative, zero or positive respectively. Ricci solitons have been considered broadly with regards to contact geometry; we may refer to [22, 5, 20, 9, 16, 17, 15, 11] and references therein.

The paper is organized as follows: The section 2 contains some basic results on almost contact geometry and generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space forms. Section 3 deals with the curvature conditions like Ricci-semisymmetric, Ricci pseudo-symmetric,  $Q(g, S) = 0$  and  $Q(S, R) = 0$  on generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space forms. Also we study Ricci solitons in generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space forms and obtained some interesting results.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some general definitions and fundamental equations are presented which will be utilized later. A  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional smooth manifold  $M$  is said to be contact if it has a global 1-form  $\eta$  such that  $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^n \neq 0$  on  $M$ . Given a contact 1-form  $\eta$  there always exists a unique vector field  $\xi$  such that  $(d\eta)(\xi, X) = 0$ . Polarization of  $d\eta$  on the contact subbundle  $D$  (defined by  $D = 0$ ), yields a Riemannian metric  $g$  and a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $\phi$  such that

$$\phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad \phi\xi = 0, \quad g(X, \xi) = \eta(X), \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad \eta \circ \phi = 0, \tag{9}$$

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{10}$$

$$g(X, \phi Y) = d\eta(X, Y), \quad g(X, \phi Y) = -g(Y, \phi X), \tag{11}$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ . In a contact metric manifold, we characterize a  $(1, 1)$  tensor field  $h$  by  $h = \frac{1}{2}L_\xi \phi$ , where  $L$  signifies the Lie differentiation. At this point  $h$  is symmetric and satisfies  $h\phi = -\phi h$ . Likewise we have  $Tr \cdot h = Tr \cdot \phi h = 0$

and  $h\xi = 0$ .

Moreover, if  $\nabla$  signifies the Riemannian connection of  $g$ , then the following relation holds:

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\phi X - \phi hX. \quad (12)$$

In a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold the following relations hold [2] [10];

$$h^2 = (k-1)\phi^2, \quad k \leq 1, \quad (13)$$

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y = g(X+hX, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)(X+hX), \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X h)Y &= [(1-k)g(X, \phi Y) - g(X, \phi hY)]\xi \\ &\quad - \eta(Y)[(1-k)\phi X + \phi hX] - \mu \eta(X)\phi hY. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Also in a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form, the following relations hold.

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)\xi &= (f_1 - f_3)\{\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y\} \\ &\quad + (f_4 - f_6)\{\eta(Y)hX - \eta(X)hY\}, \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} QX &= \{2nf_1 + 3f_2 - f_3\}X + \{(2n-1)f_4 - f_6\}hX \\ &\quad - \{3f_2 + (2n-1)f_3\}\eta(X)\xi, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S(X, Y) &= \{2nf_1 + 3f_2 - f_3\}g(X, Y) + \{(2n-1)f_4 - f_6\}g(hX, Y) \\ &\quad - \{3f_2 + (2n-1)f_3\}\eta(X)\eta(Y), \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

$$S(X, \xi) = 2n(f_1 - f_3)\eta(X), \quad (19)$$

$$r = 2n\{(2n+1)f_1 + 3f_2 - 2f_3\}, \quad (20)$$

where  $Q$  is the Ricci operator,  $S$  is the Ricci tensor and  $r$  is the scalar curvature of  $M(f_1, \dots, f_6)$ .

### 3. Generalized $(k, \mu)$ -Space forms and Ricci solitons

A generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form is said to be Ricci-semisymmetric if its Ricci tensor  $S$  satisfies the condition  $R \cdot S = 0$ . Then we have

$$S(R(X, Y)U, V) + S(U, R(X, Y)V) = 0. \quad (21)$$

Taking  $X = U = \xi$  in the equation (21), we get

$$S(R(\xi, Y)\xi, V) + S(\xi, R(\xi, Y)V) = 0. \quad (22)$$

Using (16) and (19) in (22), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (f_1 - f_3)\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, V) - S(Y, V)\} \\ + (f_4 - f_6)\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(hY, V) - S(hY, V)\} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Replacing  $Y$  by  $hY$  in (23) and using (13), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (f_1 - f_3)\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(hY, V) - S(hY, V)\} \\ - (k-1)(f_4 - f_6)\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, V) - S(Y, V)\} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Eliminating  $g(hY, V)$  and  $S(hY, V)$  from (23) and (24), we get

$$\{(k-1)(f_4 - f_6)^2 + (f_1 - f_3)^2\}\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, V) - S(Y, V)\} = 0. \quad (25)$$

Now for  $k = 1$ , either  $f_1 = f_3$  or  $S(Y, V) = 2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, V)$ .

On the other hand for  $k < 1$ , either  $S(Y, V) = 2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, V)$  or

$$(f_1 - f_3)^2 = (1-k)(f_4 - f_6)^2. \quad (26)$$

Then from (26), we have  $f_1 = f_3$  implies  $f_4 = f_6$ .

Thus from the above discussions we state the following:

**Theorem 1.** *If a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form  $M(f_1, \dots, f_6)$  with  $f_1 \neq f_3$  is Ricci-semisymmetric, then space form is an Einstein manifold.*

Suppose the generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form satisfying the curvature condition  $Q(S, R) = 0$ . Then we have

$$(X \wedge_S Y \cdot R)(U, V)W = 0. \tag{27}$$

Using (7) in (27), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &S(Y, R(U, V)W)X - S(X, R(U, V)W)Y - S(Y, U)R(X, V)W \\ &+ S(X, U)R(Y, V)W - S(Y, V)R(U, X)W + S(X, V)R(U, Y)W \\ &- S(Y, W)R(U, V)X + S(X, W)R(U, V)Y = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

Replacing  $X = U = \xi$  in (28), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &S(Y, R(\xi, V)W)\xi - S(\xi, R(\xi, V)W)Y - S(Y, \xi)R(\xi, V)W \\ &+ S(\xi, \xi)R(Y, V)W - S(Y, V)R(\xi, \xi)W + S(\xi, V)R(\xi, Y)W \\ &- S(Y, W)R(\xi, V)\xi + S(\xi, W)R(\xi, V)Y = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Using (16) and (19) in (29), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &-(f_1 - f_3)\eta(W)S(Y, V)\xi - (f_4 - f_6)\eta(W)S(Y, hV)\xi \\ &- 2n(f_1 - f_3)^2g(V, W)Y - 2n(f_1 - f_3)(f_4 - f_6)g(V, hW)Y \\ &+ 2n(f_1 - f_3)R(Y, V)W + 2n(f_1 - f_3)^2g(Y, W)\eta(V)\xi \\ &+ 2n(f_1 - f_3)(f_4 - f_6)g(Y, hW)\eta(V)\xi - (f_1 - f_3)S(Y, W)\eta(V)\xi \\ &- 2n(f_1 - f_3)(f_4 - f_6)\eta(V)\eta(W)hY + (f_1 - f_3)S(Y, W)V \\ &+ (f_4 - f_6)S(Y, W)hV + 2n(f_1 - f_3)^2g(V, Y)\eta(W)\xi \\ &+ 2n(f_1 - f_3)(f_4 - f_6)g(V, hY)\eta(W)\xi = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

Taking inner product with  $Z$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &-(f_1 - f_3)\eta(W)S(Y, V)\eta(Z) - (f_4 - f_6)\eta(W)S(Y, hV)\eta(Z) \\ &- 2n(f_1 - f_3)^2g(V, W)g(Y, Z) - 2n(f_1 - f_3)(f_4 - f_6)g(V, hW)g(Y, Z) \\ &+ 2n(f_1 - f_3)g(R(Y, V)W, Z) + 2n(f_1 - f_3)^2g(Y, W)\eta(V)\eta(Z) \\ &+ 2n(f_1 - f_3)(f_4 - f_6)g(Y, hW)\eta(V)\eta(Z) - (f_1 - f_3)S(Y, W)\eta(V)\eta(Z) \\ &- 2n(f_1 - f_3)(f_4 - f_6)\eta(V)\eta(W)g(hY, Z) + (f_1 - f_3)S(Y, W)g(V, Z) \\ &+ (f_4 - f_6)S(Y, W)g(hV, Z) + 2n(f_1 - f_3)^2g(V, Y)\eta(W)\eta(Z) \\ &+ 2n(f_1 - f_3)(f_4 - f_6)g(V, hY)\eta(W)\eta(Z) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

Let  $\{e_i\}, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, (2n + 1)$  be a local orthonormal basis in the tangent space  $T_pM$  at each point  $p \in M$ . Taking  $V = W = e_i$  in (31) and summing over  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, (2n + 1)$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} &(2n + 1)(f_1 - f_3)\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, Z) - S(Y, Z)\} \\ &+ (f_4 - f_6)\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(hY, Z) - S(hY, Z)\} = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

Replacing  $Y$  by  $hY$  in (32) and using (13), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &(2n + 1)(f_1 - f_3)\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(hY, Z) - S(hY, Z)\} \\ &- (k - 1)(f_4 - f_6)\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, Z) - S(Y, Z)\} = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

Multiplying (32) by  $(2n + 1)(f_1 - f_3)$  and (33) by  $(f_4 - f_6)$  and subtracting from (32) to (33), we get

$$\{(k - 1)(f_4 - f_6)^2 + (2n + 1)^2(f_1 - f_3)^2\}\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, Z) - S(Y, Z)\} = 0. \tag{34}$$

Now for  $k = 1$ , either  $f_1 = f_3$  or  $S(Y, V) = 2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, V)$ .

On the other hand for  $k < 1$ , either  $S(Y, V) = 2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, V)$  or

$$(2n + 1)^2(f_1 - f_3)^2 = (1 - k)(f_4 - f_6)^2. \tag{35}$$

Then from (35), we have  $f_1 = f_3$  implies  $f_4 = f_6$ .

Thus we can state the following:

**Theorem 2.** *If a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form  $M(f_1, \dots, f_6)$  with  $f_1 \neq f_3$  satisfying the condition  $Q(S, R) = 0$ , then the space form is an Einstein manifold.*

Suppose, we consider Ricci pseudo-symmetric generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form  $M(f_1, \dots, f_6)$ , that is, the manifold satisfying the curvature condition  $R \cdot S = fQ(g, S)$ , then we have from (6)

$$(R(X, Y) \cdot S)(U, V) = fQ(g, S)(X, Y; U, V), \tag{36}$$

which is equivalent to

$$(R(X, Y) \cdot S)(U, V) = f((X \wedge_g Y \cdot S)(U, V)). \tag{37}$$

Using (6) in (37), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & -S(R(X, Y)U, V) - S(U, R(X, Y)V) \\ & = f\{-g(Y, U)S(X, V) + g(X, U)S(Y, V) - g(Y, V)S(U, X) + g(X, V)S(U, Y)\}. \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

Replacing  $X = U = \xi$  in (38), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & S(R(\xi, Y)\xi, V) + S(\xi, R(\xi, Y)V) \\ & = f\{g(Y, \xi)S(\xi, V) - g(\xi, \xi)S(Y, V) + g(Y, V)S(\xi, \xi) - g(\xi, V)S(\xi, Y)\}. \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

Using (9), (16) and (19) in (39), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (f_1 - f_3 - f)\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, V) - S(Y, V)\} \\ & + (f_4 - f_6)\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(hY, V) - S(hY, V)\} = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

Replacing  $Y$  by  $hY$  in (40) and using (13), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (f_1 - f_3 - f)\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(hY, V) - S(hY, V)\} \\ & - (k - 1)(f_4 - f_6)\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, V) - S(Y, V)\} = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

Multiplying (40) by  $(f_1 - f_3 - f)$  and (41) by  $(f_4 - f_6)$  and subtracting from (40) to (41), we obtain

$$\{(k - 1)(f_4 - f_6)^2 + (f_1 - f_3 - f)^2\}\{2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, V) - S(Y, V)\} = 0. \tag{42}$$

Now for  $k = 1$ , either  $f = f_1 - f_3$  or  $S(Y, V) = 2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, V)$ .

On the other hand for  $k < 1$ , either  $S(Y, V) = 2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, V)$  or

$$(f_1 - f_3 - f)^2 = (1 - k)(f_4 - f_6)^2. \tag{43}$$

Then from (35), we have  $f = f_1 - f_3$  implies  $f_4 = f_6$ .

Thus we can state the following:

**Theorem 3.** *A generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form  $M(f_1, \dots, f_6)$  with  $f_1 \neq f_3$  is Ricci pseudo-symmetric, then the space form is an Einstein manifold.*

Suppose the generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form satisfying the curvature condition  $Q(g, S) = 0$ . Then we have

$$(X \wedge_g Y \cdot S)(U, V) = 0. \tag{44}$$

Using (3) and (6) in (44), we get

$$-g(Y, U)S(X, V) + g(X, U)S(Y, V) - g(Y, V)S(U, X) + g(X, V)S(U, Y) = 0. \tag{45}$$

Taking  $X = U = \xi$  in (45) and using (19) and (9), we obtain

$$S(Y, V) = 2n(f_1 - f_3)g(Y, V). \tag{46}$$

Thus we can state the following:

**Theorem 4.** If a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form  $M(f_1, \dots, f_6)$  satisfying the condition  $Q(g, S) = 0$ , then the space form is either Ricci flat or an Einstein manifold.

**Definition 5.** A vector field  $V$  is said to be conformal Killing vector field if it satisfies  $L_V g = \rho g$ , for some function  $\rho$ .

If the manifold admitting a Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda)$  is an Einstein manifold then the vector field  $V$  is conformal Killing. Now by substituting (46) in (8), we get

$$(L_V g)(X, Y) = \rho g(X, Y). \quad (47)$$

Where  $\rho = -2\{2n(f_1 - f_3) + \lambda\}$ . i.e.  $V$  is conformal Killing.

This leads to the following:

**Theorem 6.** Let  $(g, V, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton in generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form  $M(f_1, \dots, f_6)$ . The potential vector field  $V$  is conformal Killing if and only if  $Q(g, S) = 0$ , holds in  $M$ .

**Proposition 7.** Let  $(g, V, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton in generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form  $M(f_1, \dots, f_6)$  with  $f_1 \neq f_3$  and  $f_4 \neq f_6$ . The potential vector field  $V$  is conformal Killing if and only if the space form is Ricci-semisymmetric.

**Proposition 8.** Let  $(g, V, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton in generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form  $M(f_1, \dots, f_6)$  with  $f \neq f_1 - f_3$  and  $f_4 \neq f_6$ . The potential vector field  $V$  is conformal Killing if and only if the space form is Ricci pseudo-semisymmetric.

**Proposition 9.** Let  $(g, V, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton in generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form  $M(f_1, \dots, f_6)$  with  $f_1 \neq f_3$  and  $f_4 \neq f_6$ . The potential vector field  $V$  is conformal Killing if and only if  $Q(S, R) = 0$ , holds in  $M$ .

Suppose that a generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form  $M(f_1, \dots, f_6)$ , admits a Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda)$ , then from (8), we have

$$g(\nabla_X V, Y) + g(X, \nabla_Y V) + 2S(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) = 0. \quad (48)$$

Replacing  $X = Y = \xi$  in (48), we get

$$2g(\nabla_\xi V, \xi) + 2S(\xi, \xi) + 2\lambda = 0. \quad (49)$$

If  $V \perp \xi$ , it provides  $\eta(\nabla_X V) = g(\phi X + \phi hX, V)$ . Hence  $\eta(\nabla_\xi V) = 0$ . Therefore on using (19) in (49), we obtain

$$\lambda = -2n(f_1 - f_3). \quad (50)$$

Hence we can state the following:

**Theorem 10.** A generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form  $M(f_1, \dots, f_6)$  admitting a Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda)$ , where the potential vector field  $V$  is orthogonal to  $\xi$  is shrinking if  $f_1 > f_3$ , expanding if  $f_1 < f_3$  or steady if  $f_1 = f_3$ .

**Definition 11.** A vector field  $V$  is called torse forming vector field if it satisfies  $\nabla_X V = fX + \gamma(X)V$ , where  $f$  is a smooth function and  $\gamma$  is a 1-form.

From (48) and using (18), we can write

$$\nabla_X V = -\{2nf_1 + 3f_2 - f_3 + \lambda\}X - \{(2n - 1)f_4 - f_6\}hX + \{3f_2 + (2n - 1)f_3\}\eta(X)\xi. \quad (51)$$

If  $(2n - 1)f_4 = f_6$ , then the vector field  $V (= b\xi)$  is torse forming, where  $f = -\{2nf_1 + 3f_2 - f_3 + \lambda\}$ ,  $\gamma(X)$  is 1-form and  $b = 3f_2 + (2n - 1)f_3$ .

Thus we state the following:

**Theorem 12.** A generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form  $M(f_1, \dots, f_6)$  admitting a Ricci soliton  $(g, V, \lambda)$ , where the vector field  $V$  is collinear with  $\xi$ . Then the the vector field  $V$  is torse forming.

If the vector field  $V$  is torse forming vector field, then equation (48) becomes

$$2fg(X, Y) + \gamma(X)g(V, Y) + \gamma(Y)g(V, X) + 2S(X, Y) + 2\lambda g(X, Y) = 0. \quad (52)$$

Taking  $Y = \xi$  in (52), we get

$$\{2f + 4n(f_1 - f_3) + 2\lambda\}\eta(X) + \gamma(\xi)g(V, X) + \gamma(X)\eta(V) = 0. \quad (53)$$

Replacing  $X$  by  $\xi$  in (53), we obtain

$$\lambda = -\{\eta(V)\gamma(\xi) + f + 2n(f_1 - f_3)\}. \quad (54)$$

If  $f = -\eta(V)\gamma(\xi)$ , then from (54), we get

$$\lambda = 2n(f_3 - f_1). \quad (55)$$

Thus we can state the following:

**Theorem 13.** *If  $(g, V, \lambda)$  is a Ricci soliton in a generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -space form  $M(f_1, \dots, f_6)$  and  $V$  is torse forming with  $f = -\eta(V)\gamma(\xi)$ , then the Ricci soliton is shrinking if  $f_1 > f_3$ , expanding if  $f_1 < f_3$  or steady if  $f_1 = f_3$ .*

## 4. Conclusions

Generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -Space forms generalize the notion of  $(k, \mu)$ -Space forms and generalized Sasakian space forms. Some semi-symmetry, Ricci pseudo symmetry on generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -Space form leads to the Einstein condition. Further the potential vector field of a Ricci soliton in a generalized  $(k, \mu)$ -Space form reduces to torse forming or conformal Killing under certain conditions.

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