

## On Trans-Sasakian manifolds

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**Abstract.** The notion of *generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold* is introduced. Conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifolds are studied and introduced the idea of a manifold of *hyper generalized quasi-constant curvature* with various non-trivial examples.

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### §1. Introduction

Recently, Oubina ([1]) introduced the notion of trans-Sasakian manifolds which contains both the class of Sasakian and cosymplectic structures and are closely related to the locally conformal Kähler manifolds. A trans-Sasakian manifold of type  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(\alpha, 0)$  and  $(0, \beta)$  are the cosymplectic,  $\alpha$ -Sasakian and  $\beta$ -Kenmotsu manifold, respectively. The object of the present paper is to study conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifolds. Section 2 is concerned with some curvature identities of trans-Sasakian manifolds. In section 3, we introduce the notion of *generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifolds* and proved that in such a manifold the scalars  $2n(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)$  and  $\frac{r}{2n} - (\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)$  are the Ricci curvatures in the direction of the vector fields associated with the 1-forms of the manifold and satisfies the inequality  $\omega(\phi(\text{grad } \alpha)) < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}q + (2n - 1)\omega(\text{grad } \beta)$  where  $q$  is the length of the Ricci tensor and  $\omega$  is the associated non-zero 1-form. In 1972, Chen and Yano introduced the notion of a manifold of *quasi-constant curvature* ([3]). Generalizing this notion, M. C. Chaki ([4]) introduced the idea of a manifold of *generalized quasi-constant curvature*. It is shown that a 3-dimensional generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold is a manifold of *generalized quasi-constant curvature*.

In 2000, M. C. Chaki and R. K. Ghosh ([4]) introduced the notion of quasi-Einstein manifold and then studied by various authors ([5], [14]). The same notion is also introduced and studied by R. Deszcz and his co-authors in several papers ([7], [8], [9], [10]). The existence and applications of quasi-Einstein manifolds have been studied by various authors. The notion of  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold for contact structures is an analogous situation as the quasi-Einstein manifold.

In 2001, M. C. Chaki ([5]) introduced the notion of generalized quasi-Einstein manifold and studied its geometrical significance as well as its applications to the general relativity and cosmology ([6]). Subsequently, the physical significance of the generalized quasi-Einstein manifold is interpreted in ([14]).

The notion of *generalized quasi-Einstein manifold* by Chaki stands an analogous situation to that of the *generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold*. Thus the notion of *generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold* is geometrically and physically important.

Section 4 deals with a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold. As an extension of *generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold*, we introduce the notion of *hyper generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold*. Especially, if the associated vector fields  $\rho$  and  $\lambda$  of the corresponding 1-forms  $\omega$  and  $\pi$  of the *hyper generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold* are linearly dependent, then it reduces to the notion of *generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold*. The characteristic vector field  $\xi$  is always orthogonal to the associated vector field  $\rho$  but  $\xi$  is not necessarily orthogonal to the associated vector field  $\lambda$ , where  $\omega(X) = g(X, \rho)$  and  $\pi(X) = g(X, \lambda)$  for all  $X$ . In particular, if  $\rho$  and  $\lambda$  are linearly dependent, then  $\xi$  is orthogonal to both the vector fields  $\rho$  and  $\lambda$  in which case the notion reduces to the *generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold*.

As in the case of *generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold*, the notion of *hyper generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold* is equally geometrically and physically importance. Not only that but also one can easily extend the notion of *generalized quasi-Einstein manifold* to the notion of *hyper generalized quasi-Einstein manifold* for the Riemannian case and study their geometrical significance as well as its applications to the general relativity and cosmology. It is proved that a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold is a *hyper generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold*. It is shown that a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold is an  $\eta$ -Einstein if and only if  $\phi(\text{grad } \alpha) = (2n - 1)(\text{grad } \beta)$ . Also it is proved that a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold is a *generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold* if and only if the structure function  $\beta$  is a non-vanishing constant.

The notion of generalized quasi-constant curvature introduced by Chaki ([6]) is a geometrically important concept as its existence and physical in-

terpretation is given by Chaki ([6]) and also by various authors ([14]). In this section we also introduce the notion of *hyper generalized quasi-constant curvature*.

Especially, if the associated vector fields  $\rho$  and  $\lambda$  of the corresponding 1-forms  $\omega$  and  $\pi$  of the *hyper generalized quasi-constant curvature* are linearly dependent, then it reduces to the notion of *generalized quasi-constant curvature*. The characteristic vector field  $\xi$  is always orthogonal to the associated vector field  $\rho$  but  $\xi$  is not necessarily orthogonal to the associated vector field  $\lambda$ , where  $\omega(X) = g(X, \rho)$  and  $\pi(X) = g(X, \lambda)$  for all  $X$ . In particular, if  $\rho$  and  $\lambda$  are linearly dependent, then  $\xi$  is orthogonal to both the vector fields  $\rho$  and  $\lambda$  in which case the notion reduces to the *generalized quasi-constant curvature*.

It is proved that a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold of dimension greater than three is of quasi-constant curvature if and only if  $\phi(\text{grad } \alpha) = (2n - 1)(\text{grad } \beta)$ . Also it is shown that a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold is a manifold of *generalized quasi-constant curvature* if and only if the structure function  $\beta$  is a non-vanishing constant. Then we obtain some mutually equivalent conditions on a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold. The last section deals with several non-trivial examples of trans-Sasakian manifolds constructed with global vector fields.

## §2. Trans-Sasakian manifolds

A  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  is said to be an almost contact metric manifold ([12]) if it admits a  $(1, 1)$  tensor field  $\phi$ , a contravariant vector field of  $\xi$ , a 1-form  $\eta$  and a Riemannian metric  $g$  which satisfy

$$(2.1) \quad \phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad \phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi,$$

$$(2.2) \quad g(\phi X, Y) = -g(X, \phi Y), \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi), \quad \eta(\xi) = 1,$$

$$(2.3) \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M^{2n+1}$ .

An almost contact metric manifold  $M^{2n+1}(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be trans-Sasakian manifold ([1]) if  $(M \times R, J, G)$  belong to the class  $W_4$  of the Hermitian manifolds where  $J$  is the almost complex structure on  $M \times R$  defined by

$$J(Z, f \frac{d}{dt}) = (\phi Z - f\xi, \eta(Z) \frac{d}{dt})$$

for any vector field  $Z$  on  $M$  and smooth function  $f$  on  $M \times R$  and  $G$  is the product metric on  $M \times R$ . This may be stated by the condition ([2])

$$(2.4) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)(Y) = \alpha\{g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X\} + \beta\{g(\phi X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi X\}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta$  are smooth functions on  $M$  and we say such a structure the trans-Sasakian structure of type  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . From (2.4) it follows that

$$(2.5) \quad \nabla_X \xi = -\alpha \phi X + \beta \{X - \eta(X)\xi\},$$

$$(2.6) \quad (\nabla_X \eta)(Y) = -\alpha g(\phi X, Y) + \beta g(\phi X, \phi Y).$$

In a trans-Sasakian manifold  $M^{2n+1}(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  the following relations hold ([11]):

$$(2.7) \quad R(X, Y)\xi = (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)[\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] - (X\alpha)\phi Y - (X\beta)\phi^2(Y) + 2\alpha\beta[\eta(Y)\phi X - \eta(X)\phi Y] + (Y\alpha)\phi X + (Y\beta)\phi^2(X),$$

$$(2.8) \quad \eta(R(X, Y)Z) = (\alpha^2 - \beta^2)[g(Y, Z)\eta(X) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)] - 2\alpha\beta[g(\phi X, Z)\eta(Y) - g(\phi Y, Z)\eta(X)] - (Y\alpha)g(\phi X, Z) - (X\beta)\{g(Y, Z) - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)\} + (X\alpha)g(\phi Y, Z) + (Y\beta)\{g(X, Z) - \eta(Z)\eta(X)\},$$

$$(2.9) \quad R(\xi, X)\xi = (\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)[\eta(X)\xi - X],$$

$$(2.10) \quad S(X, \xi) = [2n(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - (\xi\beta)]\eta(X) - ((\phi X)\alpha) - (2n - 1)(X\beta),$$

$$(2.11) \quad S(\xi, \xi) = 2n(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta),$$

$$(2.12) \quad (\xi\alpha) + 2\alpha\beta = 0,$$

$$(2.13) \quad Q\xi = [2n(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - \xi\beta]\xi + \phi(\text{grad}\alpha) - (2n - 1)(\text{grad}\beta).$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ .

### §3. Generalized $\eta$ -Einstein Trans-Sasakian manifolds

**Definition 3.1.** An almost contact metric manifold  $M^{2n+1}(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be  $\eta$ -Einstein if its Ricci tensor  $S$  of type  $(0, 2)$  is of the form

$$(3.1) \quad S = ag + b\eta \otimes \eta,$$

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

It is shown in ([11]) that the associated scalars  $a$  and  $b$  of the  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold are given by

$$a = \frac{r}{2n} - (\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta), \quad b = -\frac{r}{2n} + (2n + 1)(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta).$$

**Definition 3.2.** A trans-Sasakian manifold  $M(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is said to be *generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein* if its Ricci tensor  $S$  of type  $(0, 2)$  is of the form

$$(3.2) \quad S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + b\eta(X)\eta(Y) + c[\eta(X)\omega(Y) + \eta(Y)\omega(X)]$$

where  $a, b, c$  are non-zero scalars,  $\omega$  is a non-zero 1-form such that  $\omega(X) = g(X, \rho)$  for all  $X$ , and  $\xi$  and  $\rho$  are unit vector fields orthogonal to each other. The scalars  $a, b, c$  are called the associated scalars.

**Proposition 1.** *In a generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$ , the associated scalars are given by*

$$(3.3) \quad a = \frac{r}{2n} - (\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta),$$

$$(3.4) \quad b = -\frac{r}{2n} + (2n+1)(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta),$$

$$(3.5) \quad c = \omega(\phi\text{grad}\alpha) - (2n-1)\omega(\text{grad}\beta).$$

*Proof.* Setting  $X = Y = \xi$  in (3.2) and then using (2.11), we get

$$(3.6) \quad S(\xi, \xi) = a + b = 2n(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta).$$

Contracting (3.2) over  $X$  and  $Y$ , it yields

$$(3.7) \quad r = (2n+1)a + b,$$

where  $r$  is the scalar curvature of the manifold. From (3.6) and (3.7) we obtain (3.3) and (3.4).

Again replacing  $X$  by  $\rho$  and  $Y$  by  $\xi$  in (3.2), respectively, and keeping in mind the relation (2.10), we obtain (3.5). This proves the proposition.

**Theorem 3.1.** *In a generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$ , the associated scalars  $2n(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)$  and  $\frac{r}{2n} - (\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)$  are the Ricci curvatures in the direction of the vector fields  $\xi$  and  $\rho$ , respectively, and the inequality  $\omega(\phi\text{grad}\alpha) < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}q + (2n-1)\omega(\text{grad}\beta)$  holds, where  $q$  is the length of the Ricci tensor  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Setting  $X = Y = \rho$  in (3.2) we obtain by virtue of (3.3) that

$$(3.8) \quad S(\rho, \rho) = \frac{r}{2n} - (\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta).$$

From (3.6) and (3.8), it follows that  $2n(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)$  and  $\frac{r}{2n} - (\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)$  are the Ricci curvatures in the direction of the vector fields  $\xi$  and  $\rho$  respectively. Let  $g(QX, Y) = S(X, Y)$  and  $q^2$  denote the square of the length of the Ricci tensor  $S$ , i.e.,

$$(3.9) \quad q^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} S(Qe_i, e_i),$$

where  $\{e_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n + 1\}$  is an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at any point of the manifold. From (3.2) it follows that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2n+1} S(Qe_i, e_i) = 2na^2 + (a + b)^2 + 2c^2$$

which implies that

$$q^2 - 2c^2 = 2na^2 + (a + b)^2.$$

Since  $a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq 0$ , we obtain  $q^2 - 2c^2 = 2na^2 + (a + b)^2 > 0$  and hence the equation

$$c < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}q.$$

Hence by virtue of (3.5) we have the required inequality. This proves the theorem.

**Definition 3.3** ([3]). A Riemannian manifold  $(M^m, g)$  ( $m \geq 3$ ) is said to be of *quasi-constant curvature* if its curvature tensor  $\tilde{R}$  of type  $(0, 4)$  satisfies the condition :

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = & p_1[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)] \\ & + p_2[g(X, W)A(Y)A(Z) - g(Y, W)A(X)A(Z) \\ & + g(Y, Z)A(X)A(W) - g(X, Z)A(Y)A(W)] \end{aligned}$$

where  $p_1, p_2$  are non-zero scalars and  $A$  is a non-zero 1-form such that  $g(X, U) = A(X)$  for all  $X$ , and  $U$  is a unit vector field.  $p_1, p_2$  and  $A$  are called the associated scalars and associated 1-form of the manifold, respectively.

The notion of a manifold of quasi-constant curvature is introduced by Chen and Yano ([3]). Generalizing this notion of quasi-constant curvature, Chaki ([4]) introduced the notion of generalized quasi-constant curvature as follows :

**Definition 3.4.** A Riemannian manifold  $(M^m, g)$  ( $m \geq 3$ ) is said to be of *generalized quasi-constant curvature* if its curvature tensor  $\tilde{R}$  of type  $(0, 4)$  satisfies the condition

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = & a[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)] \\ & + b[g(X, W)A(Y)A(Z) - g(Y, W)A(X)A(Z) \\ & + g(Y, Z)A(X)A(W) - g(X, Z)A(Y)A(W)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +c[g(X, W)\{A(Y)B(Z) + A(Z)B(Y)\} \\
& -g(X, Z)\{A(W)B(Y) + A(Y)B(W)\} \\
& +g(Y, Z)\{A(W)B(X) + A(X)B(W)\} \\
& -g(Y, W)\{A(Z)B(X) + A(X)B(Z)\}],
\end{aligned}$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are non-zero scalars, and  $A$  and  $B$  are non-zero 1-forms such that  $A(X) = g(X, U)$  and  $B(X) = g(X, V)$  for all  $X$ , and  $U$  and  $V$  are orthogonal vector fields.

**Theorem 3.2.** *A 3-dimensional generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein trans-Sasakian manifold is a manifold of generalized quasi-constant curvature.*

*Proof.* Since in a 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold the Weyl conformal curvature vanishes, its curvature tensor  $\tilde{R}$  of type  $(0, 4)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.12) \quad \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) &= g(Y, Z)S(X, W) - g(X, Z)S(Y, W) \\
&+ S(Y, Z)g(X, W) - S(X, Z)g(Y, W) \\
&+ \frac{r}{2}[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)].
\end{aligned}$$

By virtue of (3.2), (3.12) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.13) \quad \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) &= a_1[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)] \\
&+ b_1[g(X, W)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - g(Y, W)\eta(X)\eta(Z) \\
&+ g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\eta(W) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W)] \\
&+ c_1[g(X, W)\{\eta(Y)\omega(Z) + \eta(Z)\omega(Y)\} \\
&- g(X, Z)\{\eta(W)\omega(Y) + \eta(Y)\omega(W)\} \\
&+ g(Y, Z)\{\eta(W)\omega(X) + \eta(X)\omega(W)\} \\
&- g(Y, W)\{\eta(Z)\omega(X) + \eta(X)\omega(Z)\}]
\end{aligned}$$

where  $a_1 = \frac{3r}{2} - 2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)$ ,  $b_1 = -\frac{r}{2} + 3(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)$  and  $c_1 = \lambda(\phi\text{grad}\alpha) - \lambda(\text{grad}\beta)$  are three non-zero scalars. Comparing (3.11) with (3.13), it follows that the manifold under consideration is of generalized quasi-constant curvature. This proves the theorem.

#### §4. Conformally flat Trans-Sasakian manifolds

Let  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  ( $n > 1$ ) be a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold. Then its curvature tensor is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.1) \quad R(X, Y)Z &= \frac{1}{2n-1}[S(Y, Z)X - S(X, Z)Y + g(Y, Z)QX \\
&- g(X, Z)QY] - \frac{r}{2n(2n-1)}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y]
\end{aligned}$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  on  $M$ . Setting  $Z = \xi$  in (4.1) and using (2.7) and (2.10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.2) \quad & [(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - \frac{2n(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - \xi\beta}{2n-1} + \frac{r}{2n(2n-1)}][\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y] \\
& + 2\alpha\beta[\eta(Y)\phi X - \eta(X)\phi Y] \\
& - (X\alpha)\phi Y - (X\beta)\phi^2(Y) + (Y\alpha)\phi X + (Y\beta)\phi^2(X) \\
= & \frac{1}{2n-1}[\{\eta(Y)QX - \eta(X)QY\} - (2n-1)\{(Y\beta)X - (X\beta)Y\} \\
& - \{((\phi Y)\alpha)X - ((\phi X)\alpha)Y\}].
\end{aligned}$$

Again replacing  $Y$  by  $\xi$  in (4.2), we obtain by virtue of (2.12) that

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.3) \quad QX &= [\frac{r}{2n} - (\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)]X \\
& + [-\frac{r}{2n} + (2n+1)(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) + (2n-3)(\xi\beta)]\eta(X)\xi \\
& - (2n-1)\{(X\beta)\xi + \eta(X)\text{grad}\beta\} - ((\phi X)\alpha)\xi \\
& + \eta(X)\phi(\text{grad}\alpha) + (2n-1)(\xi\alpha)\phi X,
\end{aligned}$$

which can also be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.4) \quad S(X, Y) &= ag(X, Y) + b\eta(X)\eta(Y) \\
& - (2n-1)\{(X\beta)\eta(Y) + (Y\beta)\eta(X)\} - [((\phi X)\alpha)\eta(Y) \\
& + ((\phi Y)\alpha)\eta(X)] + (2n-1)(\xi\alpha)g(\phi X, Y)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \frac{r}{2n} - (\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)$  and  $b = -\frac{r}{2n} + (2n+1)(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - (2n-3)(\xi\beta)$ .

The symmetry property of the Ricci tensor yields from (4.4) that

$$(4.5) \quad (\xi\alpha) = 0.$$

Extending the notion of *generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold* we introduce the notion of *hyper generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold* as follows :

**Definition 4.1.** A trans-Sasakian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  is said to be *hyper generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold* if its Ricci tensor  $S$  of type  $(0, 2)$  is of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.6) \quad S(X, Y) &= ag(X, Y) + b\eta(X)\eta(Y) + c[\eta(X)\omega(Y) + \eta(Y)\omega(X)] \\
& + d[\eta(X)\pi(Y) + \eta(Y)\pi(X)]
\end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are non-zero scalars which are called the associated scalars,  $\omega$  and  $\pi$  are non-zero 1-forms such that  $\omega(X) = g(X, \rho)$ ,  $\pi(X) = g(X, \lambda)$  for all



$X$  ;  $\rho$  and  $\lambda$  being associated vector fields of the 1-forms  $\omega$  and  $\pi$  respectively such that  $\xi$  is orthogonal to  $\rho$ .

The name ‘hyper’ is used as in the case of hyper real numbers. Especially, if  $\lambda = \delta\rho$ ,  $\delta$  being a scalar, then the notion of *hyper generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold* reduces to the notion of *generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold*. This implies that  $\rho$  and  $\lambda$  are not necessarily mutually orthogonal whereas  $\xi$  is always orthogonal to  $\rho$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *A conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  ( $n > 1$ ) is a hyper generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold.*

*Proof.* If a trans-Sasakian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  ( $n > 1$ ) is conformally flat, then we have the relation (4.4). By virtue of (4.5), (4.4) yields,

$$(4.7) \quad S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + b\eta(X)\eta(Y) - (2n - 1)\{(X\beta)\eta(Y) + (Y\beta)\eta(X)\} - [((\phi X)\alpha)\eta(Y) + ((\phi Y)\alpha)\eta(X)],$$

which can also be written as

$$(4.8) \quad S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + b\eta(X)\eta(Y) + c[\eta(X)\omega(Y) + \eta(Y)\omega(X)] + d[\eta(X)\pi(Y) + \eta(Y)\pi(X)]$$

where  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are non-zero scalars given by where  $a = \frac{r}{2n} - (\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)$ ,  $b = -\frac{r}{2n} + (2n+1)(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - (2n-3)(\xi\beta)$ ,  $c = 1$  and  $d = -(2n-1)$ ;  $\omega$  and  $\pi$  are non-zero 1-forms such that  $\omega(X) = g(X, \rho) = g(X, \phi(\text{grad}\alpha)) = -((\phi X)\alpha)$ ,  $\pi(X) = g(X, \lambda) = g(X, \text{grad}\beta) = (X\beta)$  for all  $X$ . This proves the theorem.

**Theorem 4.2.** *A conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  ( $n > 1$ ) is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold if and only if*

$$(4.9) \quad \phi(\text{grad}\alpha) = (2n - 1)(\text{grad}\beta).$$

*Proof.* For a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold we have the relation (4.8). We first suppose that the conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold is  $\eta$ -Einstein. Then (4.8) yields

$$(4.10) \quad [\eta(X)\omega(Y) + \eta(Y)\omega(X)] - (2n - 1)[\eta(X)\pi(Y) + \eta(Y)\pi(X)] = 0$$

where  $\omega(X) = g(X, \phi\text{grad}\alpha)$  and  $\pi(X) = g(X, \text{grad}\beta)$ . Setting  $X = \xi$  in (4.10) we get

$$(4.11) \quad \omega(Y) - (2n - 1)[\pi(Y) + (\xi\beta)\eta(Y)] = 0.$$

Again replacing  $Y = \xi$  in (4.11), we have

$$(4.12) \quad (\xi\beta) = 0.$$

In view of (4.12) and (4.11) we obtain (4.9).

Conversely, if (4.9) holds, then  $\pi(X) = \frac{1}{(2n-1)}\omega(X)$  and hence  $(\xi\beta) = g(\xi, \text{grad}\beta) = \frac{1}{2n-1}g(\xi, \phi\text{grad}\alpha) = 0$  and hence (4.8) reduces to

$$(4.13) \quad S(X, Y) = \tilde{a}g(X, Y) + \tilde{b}\eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

where  $\tilde{a}$  and  $\tilde{b}$  are non-zero scalars given by

$$\tilde{a} = \frac{r}{2n} - (\alpha^2 - \beta^2), \quad \tilde{b} = -\frac{r}{2n} + (2n+1)(\alpha^2 - \beta^2).$$

The relation (4.13) implies that the manifold under consideration (4.9) is an  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold. This proves the theorem.

**Corollary 4.1.** *A conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  ( $n > 1$ ) is a generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold if and only if the structure function  $\beta$  is a non-vanishing constant.*

*Proof.* If  $\beta$  is a non-vanishing constant, then  $(X\beta) = 0$  for all  $X$  and hence (4.8) reduces to

$$(4.14) \quad S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + b\eta(X)\eta(Y) + c[\eta(X)\omega(Y) + \eta(Y)\omega(X)],$$

where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are non-zero scalars. The relation (4.14) is of the form (3.2) and hence the manifold is generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein. Conversely, if a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  ( $n > 1$ ) is a generalized  $\eta$ -Einstein manifold, then we have the relation (4.14). From (4.8) and (4.14), we have

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

which yields for  $Y = \xi$

$$(4.15) \quad (X\beta) + (\xi\beta)\eta(X) = 0,$$

since  $d \neq 0$ . Again, setting  $X = \xi$  in (4.15), we have  $(\xi\beta) = 0$ . Therefore, (4.15) takes the form

$$(X\beta) = 0,$$

for all  $X$  and hence  $\beta$  is a constant. This proves the corollary.

Extending the notion of generalized quasi-constant curvature of M. C. Chaki ([4]), we introduce the notion of *hyper generalized quasi-constant curvature* as follows:

**Definition 4.2.** A Riemannian manifold  $(M^m, g)$  ( $m \geq 3$ ) is said to be of *hyper generalized quasi-constant curvature* if its curvature tensor  $\tilde{R}$  of type (0, 4) is of the form

$$(4.16) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = & \delta_1[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)] \\ & + \delta_2[g(X, W)A(Y)A(Z) - g(Y, W)A(X)A(Z) \\ & + g(Y, Z)A(X)A(W) - g(X, Z)A(Y)A(W)] \\ & + \delta_3[g(X, W)\{A(Y)B(Z) + A(Z)B(Y)\} \\ & - g(X, Z)\{A(Y)B(W) + A(W)B(Y)\} \\ & + g(Y, Z)\{A(X)B(W) + A(W)B(X)\} \\ & - g(Y, W)\{A(X)B(Z) + A(Z)B(X)\}] \\ & + \delta_4[g(X, W)\{A(Y)D(Z) + A(Z)D(Y)\} \\ & - g(X, Z)\{A(Y)D(W) + A(W)D(Y)\} \\ & + g(Y, Z)\{A(X)D(W) + A(W)D(X)\} \\ & - g(Y, W)\{A(X)D(Z) + A(Z)D(X)\}], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) are non-vanishing scalars and  $A, B$  and  $D$  are non-zero 1-forms given by  $A(X) = g(X, \xi)$ ,  $B(X) = g(X, \rho)$ ,  $D(X) = g(X, \lambda)$  such that  $\xi$  is orthogonal to  $\rho$ .

Especially, if  $\lambda = \delta\rho$ ,  $\delta$  being a scalar, then the notion of a manifold of *hyper generalized quasi-constant curvature* reduces to the notion of *generalized quasi-constant curvature*. This implies that  $\rho$  and  $\lambda$  are not necessarily mutually orthogonal whereas  $\xi$  is always orthogonal to  $\rho$ . We have used the term “*hyper*”, since if  $B$  and  $D$  are linearly dependent, then (4.16) reduces to the form of (3.11).

**Theorem 4.3.** *A conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  ( $n > 1$ ) is a manifold of hyper generalized quasi-constant curvature.*

*Proof.* In a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  ( $n > 1$ ) we have the relations (4.1) and (4.8). By virtue of (4.8) the relation (4.1) can be written as

$$(4.17) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = & \gamma_1[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)] \\ & + \gamma_2[g(X, W)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - g(Y, W)\eta(X)\eta(Z) \\ & + g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\eta(W) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W)] \\ & + \gamma_3[g(X, W)\{\eta(Y)\omega(Z) + \eta(Z)\omega(Y)\} \\ & - g(X, Z)\{\eta(W)\omega(Y) + \eta(Y)\omega(W)\} \\ & + g(Y, Z)\{\eta(W)\omega(X) + \eta(X)\omega(W)\} \\ & - g(Y, W)\{\eta(Z)\omega(X) + \eta(X)\omega(Z)\}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +\gamma_4[g(X, W)\{\eta(Y)\pi(Z) + \eta(Z)\pi(Y)\} \\
& -g(X, Z)\{\eta(W)\pi(Y) + \eta(Y)\pi(W)\} \\
& +g(Y, Z)\{\eta(W)\pi(X) + \eta(X)\pi(W)\} \\
& -g(Y, W)\{\eta(Z)\pi(X) + \eta(X)\pi(Z)\}]
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\gamma_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are non-zero scalars given by  $\gamma_1 = \frac{1}{2n-1}[\frac{r}{2n} - 2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)]$ ,  $\gamma_2 = \frac{1}{2n-1}[-\frac{r}{2n} + (2n+1)(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - (2n-3)(\xi\beta)]$ ,  $\gamma_3 = \frac{1}{2n-1}$  and  $\gamma_4 = -1$ ,  $\omega(X) = g(X, \phi \text{grad}\alpha)$ , and  $\pi(X) = g(X, \text{grad}\beta)$  for all  $X$ . From (4.16) and (4.17), it follows that the manifold under consideration is *hyper generalized quasi-constant curvature*.

**Theorem 4.4.** *A conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  ( $n > 1$ ) is a manifold of quasi-constant curvature if and only if*

$$\phi(\text{grad}\alpha) = (2n-1)(\text{grad}\beta).$$

*Proof.* We first suppose that in a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  ( $n > 1$ ), the relation  $\phi(\text{grad}\alpha) = (2n-1)(\text{grad}\beta)$  holds. Then we have the relation (4.13). By virtue of (4.13) the relation (4.1) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.18) \quad \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) &= \tilde{\gamma}[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)] \\
&+ \tilde{\delta}[g(X, W)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - g(Y, W)\eta(X)\eta(Z) \\
&+ g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\eta(W) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W)]
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{\gamma}$  and  $\tilde{\delta}$  are non-zero scalars given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\gamma} &= \frac{1}{2n-1}[\frac{r}{2n} - 2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta)], \\
\tilde{\delta} &= \frac{1}{2n-1}[-\frac{r}{2n} + (2n+1)(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - (2n-3)(\xi\beta)].
\end{aligned}$$

From (4.18) it follows by virtue of Definition 3.3 that the manifold is of quasi-constant curvature.

Conversely, if the manifold is of quasi-constant curvature, then (4.17) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.19) \quad & \gamma_3[g(X, W)\{\eta(Y)\omega(Z) + \eta(Z)\omega(Y)\} - g(X, Z)\{\eta(W)\omega(Y) \\
& + \eta(Y)\omega(W)\} + g(Y, Z)\{\eta(W)\omega(X) + \eta(X)\omega(W)\} \\
& - g(Y, W)\{\eta(Z)\omega(X) + \eta(X)\omega(Z)\}] + \gamma_4[g(X, W)\{\eta(Y)\pi(Z) \\
& + \eta(Z)\pi(Y)\} - g(X, Z)\{\eta(W)\pi(Y) + \eta(Y)\pi(W)\} \\
& + g(Y, Z)\{\eta(W)\pi(X) + \eta(X)\pi(W)\} - g(Y, W)\{\eta(Z)\pi(X) \\
& + \eta(X)\pi(Z)\}] = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\{e_i\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n + 1$  be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space at any point of the manifold. Setting  $X = W = e_i$  in (4.19) and taking summation over  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1$ , we get

$$(4.20) \quad \begin{aligned} & \gamma_3(2n - 1)[\eta(Y)\omega(Z) + \eta(Z)\omega(Y)] \\ & + \gamma_4[(2n - 1)\{\eta(Y)\pi(Z) + \eta(Z)\pi(Y)\} + 2g(Y, Z)(\xi\beta)] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\gamma_3 = \frac{1}{2n-1}$  and  $\gamma_4 = -1$ , (4.20) implies that

$$(4.21) \quad \begin{aligned} & \eta(Y)\omega(Z) + \eta(Z)\omega(Y) - 2g(Y, Z)(\xi\beta) \\ & - (2n - 1)\{\eta(Y)\pi(Z) + \eta(Z)\pi(Y)\} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $Y$  by  $\xi$  in (4.21), we get

$$(4.22) \quad \omega(Z) - (2n - 1)\pi(Z) = 0,$$

which implies  $\phi(\text{grad}\alpha) = (2n - 1)(\text{grad}\beta)$ . This proves the theorem.

**Corollary 4.2.** *A conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  ( $n > 1$ ) is a manifold of generalized quasi-constant curvature if and only if the structure function  $\beta$  is a non-vanishing constant.*

*Proof.* If  $\beta$  is constant, then  $(Y\beta) = 0$  for all  $Y$  and hence (4.17) reduces to the form of generalized quasi-constant curvature.

Conversely, if the manifold is of generalized quasi-constant curvature, then, from the relation (4.17), it follows that

$$(4.23) \quad \begin{aligned} & \gamma_4[g(X, W)\{\eta(Y)\pi(Z) + \eta(Z)\pi(Y)\} \\ & - g(X, Z)\{\eta(W)\pi(Y) + \eta(Y)\pi(W)\} \\ & + g(Y, Z)\{\eta(W)\pi(X) + \eta(X)\pi(W)\} \\ & - g(Y, W)\{\eta(Z)\pi(X) + \eta(X)\pi(Z)\}] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Contracting (4.23) over  $X$  and  $W$ , we get

$$(4.24) \quad \gamma_4[(2n - 1)\{\eta(Y)\pi(Z) + \eta(Z)\pi(Y)\} - 2g(Y, Z)(\xi\beta)] = 0,$$

which yields for  $Y = \xi$

$$(4.25) \quad (2n - 1)\pi(Z) - (2n + 1)(\xi\beta)\eta(Z) = 0.$$

Now, setting  $Z = \xi$  in the above relation, we have  $(\xi\beta) = 0$ . Hence, (4.25) takes the form  $(Z\beta) = 0$  for all  $Z$ , which implies that  $\beta$  is a constant. This proves the corollary.

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  ( $n > 1$ ) be a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold. Then the following conditions are mutually equivalent:*

- (1)  $M$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein.
- (2)  $M$  is a manifold of quasi-constant curvature.
- (3)  $\xi$  is the eigenvector field of the Ricci operator  $Q$ .
- (4)  $M$  satisfies  $\phi(\text{grad}\alpha) = (2n - 1)(\text{grad}\beta)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(M^{2n+1}, g)$  ( $n > 1$ ) be a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold. We first suppose that  $M$  is  $\eta$ -Einstein. Then (4.1) and (3.1) hold good. In view of (4.1) and (3.1) we have

$$(4.26) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = & \frac{1}{2n-1}(2a - \frac{r}{2n})[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) \\ & - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)] + \frac{b}{2n-1}[g(X, W)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) \\ & - g(Y, W)\eta(X)\eta(Z) + g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\eta(W) \\ & - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W)], \end{aligned}$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are non-zero scalars given by

$$a = \frac{r}{2n} - (\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta), \quad b = -\frac{r}{2n} + (2n+1)(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \xi\beta).$$

The relation (4.26) implies that the manifold under consideration is a manifold of quasi-constant curvature. Hence (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2).

Next, let  $M^{2n+1}$  ( $n > 1$ ) be a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold which is of quasi-constant curvature. Then (3.10) holds good. For  $U = \xi$ , (3.10) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = & p_1[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)] \\ & + p_2[g(X, W)\eta(Y)\eta(Z) - g(Y, W)\eta(X)\eta(Z) \\ & + g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\eta(W) - g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W)], \end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$(4.27) \quad S(Y, Z) = (2np_1 + p_2)g(Y, Z) + (2n-1)p_2\eta(Y)\eta(Z).$$

From (4.27) it follows that  $Q\xi = 2n(p_1 + p_2)\xi$  which yields  $\xi$  is the eigenvector of the Ricci operator  $Q$ . Hence (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3).

Again, let in a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  ( $n > 1$ )  $\xi$  is the eigenvector of the Ricci operator  $Q$ . Then from (4.3) it follows by virtue of (4.5) that  $\phi(\text{grad}\alpha) = (2n-1)(\text{grad}\beta)$ . Thus (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4).

Finally, let in a conformally flat trans-Sasakian manifold  $M^{2n+1}$  ( $n > 1$ ) the condition  $\phi(\text{grad}\alpha) = (2n-1)(\text{grad}\beta)$  holds. Using this condition in (4.4) we obtain by virtue of (4.5) that the manifold is  $\eta$ -Einstein. Hence (4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). This completes the proof.

### §5. Examples of trans-Sasakian manifolds

**Example 1** We consider the 3-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in R^3 : z \neq 0\}$ , where  $(x, y, z)$  are the standard coordinates in  $R^3$ . Let  $\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$  be linearly independent global frame on  $M$  given by

$$E_1 = e^{-z} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad E_2 = e^{-z} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right), \quad E_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

Let  $g$  be the Riemannian metric defined by  $g(E_1, E_3) = g(E_2, E_3) = g(E_1, E_2) = 0$ ,  $g(E_1, E_1) = g(E_2, E_2) = g(E_3, E_3) = 1$ . Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(U) = g(U, E_3)$  for any  $U \in \chi(M)$ . Let  $\phi$  be the  $(1, 1)$  tensor field defined by  $\phi E_1 = E_2$ ,  $\phi E_2 = -E_1$ ,  $\phi E_3 = 0$ . Then using the linearity of  $\phi$  and  $g$ , we have  $\eta(E_3) = 1$ ,  $\phi^2 U = -U + \eta(U)E_3$  and  $g(\phi U, \phi W) = g(U, W) - \eta(U)\eta(W)$  for any  $U, W \in \chi(M)$ . Thus for  $E_3 = \xi$ ,  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defines an almost contact metric structure on  $M$ .

Let  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to the Lorentzian metric  $g$  and  $R$  the curvature tensor of  $g$ . Then we have

$$[E_1, E_2] = ye^{-z}E_1 + e^{-2z}E_3, \quad [E_1, E_3] = E_1, \quad [E_2, E_3] = E_2.$$

Taking  $E_3 = \xi$  and using Koszul formula for the Riemannian metric  $g$ , we can easily calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{E_1} E_3 &= E_1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-2z}E_2, & \nabla_{E_3} E_3 &= 0, & \nabla_{E_2} E_3 &= E_2 + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2z}E_1, \\ \nabla_{E_2} E_2 &= -E_3, & \nabla_{E_2} E_1 &= -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2z}E_3, & \nabla_{E_1} E_2 &= \frac{1}{2}e^{-2z}E_3 + ye^{-z}E_1, \\ \nabla_{E_1} E_1 &= -E_3 - ye^{-z}E_2, & \nabla_{E_3} E_2 &= \frac{1}{2}e^{-2z}E_1, & \nabla_{E_3} E_1 &= -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2z}E_2. \end{aligned}$$

From the above it can be easily seen that  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an trans-Sasakian structure on  $M$ . Consequently,  $M^3(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a trans-Sasakian manifold with  $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2z} \neq 0$  and  $\beta = 1$ .

**Example 2.** We consider the 3-dimensional manifold  $M = \{(x, y, z) \in R^3 : z \neq 0\}$ , where  $(x, y, z)$  are the standard coordinates in  $R^3$ . Let  $\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$  be linearly independent global frame on  $M$  given by

$$E_1 = -z \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right), \quad E_2 = -z \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad E_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

Let  $g$  be the Riemannian metric defined by  $g(E_1, E_3) = g(E_2, E_3) = g(E_1, E_2) = 0$ ,  $g(E_1, E_1) = g(E_2, E_2) = g(E_3, E_3) = 1$ . Let  $\eta$  be the 1-form defined by  $\eta(U) = g(U, E_3)$  for any  $U \in \chi(M)$ . Let  $\phi$  be the  $(1, 1)$  tensor field defined by  $\phi E_1 = E_2$ ,  $\phi E_2 = -E_1$ ,  $\phi E_3 = 0$ . Then using the linearity of  $\phi$  and  $g$  we have

$\eta(E_3) = 1$ ,  $\phi^2U = -U + \eta(U)E_3$  and  $g(\phi U, \phi W) = g(U, W) - \eta(U)\eta(W)$  for any  $U, W \in \chi(M)$ . Thus, for  $E_3 = \xi$ ,  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  defines an almost contact metric structure on  $M$ .

Let  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to the Lorentzian metric  $g$  and  $R$  the curvature tensor of  $g$ . Then we have

$$[E_1, E_2] = -yE_2 - z^2E_3, \quad [E_1, E_3] = \frac{1}{z}E_1, \quad [E_2, E_3] = \frac{1}{z}E_2.$$

Taking  $E_3 = \xi$  and using Koszul formula for the Riemannian metric  $g$ , we can easily calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{E_1}E_3 &= \frac{1}{z}E_1 + \frac{1}{2}z^2E_2, & \nabla_{E_3}E_3 &= 0, & \nabla_{E_2}E_3 &= \frac{1}{z}E_2 - \frac{1}{2}z^2E_1, \\ \nabla_{E_2}E_2 &= -yE_1 - \frac{1}{z}E_3, & \nabla_{E_1}E_2 &= -\frac{1}{2}z^2E_3, & \nabla_{E_2}E_1 &= \frac{1}{2}z^2E_3 + yE_2, \\ \nabla_{E_1}E_1 &= -\frac{1}{z}E_3, & \nabla_{E_3}E_2 &= -\frac{1}{2}z^2E_1, & \nabla_{E_3}E_1 &= \frac{1}{2}z^2E_2. \end{aligned}$$

From the above it can be easily seen that  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an trans-Sasakian structure on  $M$ . Consequently,  $M^3(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a trans-Sasakian manifold with  $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}z^2 \neq 0$  and  $\beta = \frac{1}{z}$ .

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