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On nearly Ricci recurrent manifolds

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Abstract. The object of the present paper is to introduce a new type of Ricci recurrent manifold called nearly Ricci recurrent manifold. Some geometric properties of nearly Ricci recurrent manifold have been studied. Finally we give an example of nearly Ricci recurrent manifold.

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1. Introduction

Let (M^n, g) be an n-dimensional Riemannian manifold with the matric g. A tensor field T of type (0, q) is said to recurrent [1] if the relation

$$(D_XT)(Y_1, Y_2, ..., Y_q)T(Z_1, Z_2, ..., Z_q) - T(Y_1, Y_2, ..., Y_q)(D_XT)(Z_1, Z_2, ..., Z_q) = 0$$

holds on (M^n, g) . From definition it follows that if at a point $x \in M$; $T(X) \neq 0$, then on some neighbourhood of x, there exits a unique 1-form A satisfying

$$(D_XT)(Y_1, Y_2, ..., Y_q) = A(X)T(Y_1, Y_2, ..., Y_q)$$

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In 1952, Patterson [2] introduced a Ricci recurrent manifolds. According to him, a manifold (M^n, g) of dimension n, was called Ricci recurrent if

$$(D_X S)(Y, Z) = A(X)S(Y, Z)$$

for some 1-form A. He denoted such a manifold by R_n . Ricci recurrent manifolds have been studied by several authors ([3], [4], [1], [5]) and many others. In a recent paper De, Guha and Kamilya [6] introduced the notion of generalized Ricci recurrent manifold as follows:

A non-flat Riemannian manifold $(M^n, g)(n > 2)$ is called generalized Ricci recurrent if the Ricci tensor S is non-zero and satisfies the condition:

$$(D_X S)(Y, Z) = A(X)S(Y, Z) + B(X)g(Y, Z),$$

where A and B non-zero 1-forms. Such a manifold where denoted by them as GR_n . If the associated 1-form B becomes zero, then the manifold GR_n reduces to a Ricci recurrent manifold R_n . This justifies the name generalized Ricci recurrent manifold and the symbols GR_n for it. Also in a paper De, and Guha [7] introduced a non flat Riemannian $(M^n, g)(n > 2)$ called a generalized recurrent manifold if its curvature tensor R(X, Y)Z of type (1,3) satisfies the condition:

$$(D_U R)(X,Y)Z = A(U)R(X,Y)Z + B(U)[g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y],$$

where A and B are two non-zero 1-forms and D denotes the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to metric tensor g. Such a manifold has been denoted by GK_n . If the associated 1-form B becomes zero, then the manifold GK_n reduces to recurrent manifold introduced by Ruse [8] and Waker [9] which was denoted by K_n . In recent papers Arslan etal [10], Shaikh and Patra [11], Mallick, De and De [12], Khairnar [Kh], Shaikh, Prakasha and Ahmad [14], Kumar, Singh and Chowdhary [15], Hui [16], Singh and Mayanglambam [17], Singh and Kishor [18] etc. explored various geometrical properties by using generalized recurrent and generalized Ricci recurrent manifold on Riemannian manifolds, Lorentzian Trans-Sasakian manifolds, LP-Sasakian manifolds, $(k - \mu)$ contact metric manifolds.

Further the authors Prasad and Yadav [19] considered a non-flat Riemannian manifold $(M^n, g)(n > 3)$ whose curvature tensor R satisfies the following condition:

$$(D_U R)(X, Y)Z = [A(U) + B(U)]R(X, Y)Z + B(U)[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y],$$

where A and B are two non-zero 1-forms and D has the meaning already mentioned. Such a manifold where called by them as nearly recurrent Riemannian manifold and denoted by $(NR)_n$.

The motivation of the above studies, we define a new type of non flat Riemannian manifold is called nearly Ricci recurrent manifolds if the Ricci tensor S is non zero and satisfies the condition:

$$(D_X S)(Y, Z) = [A(X) + B(X)]S(Y, Z) + B(X)g(Y, Z)$$
(1.1)

where A and B non-zero 1-forms, P and Q be two vector fields such that

$$A(X) = g(P, X), \quad B(X) = g(Q, X)$$
 (1.2)

Such a manifold shall be called as a nearly Ricci recurrent manifold and 1-forms A and B shall be called its associated 1-form and n dimensional nearly Ricci recurrent manifold of this kind shall be denoted by $N \{R(R_n)\}$. The name nearly Ricci recurrent Riemannian manifold was chosen because if B = 0 in (1.1) then the manifold reduces to a Ricci recurrent manifold which is very close to Ricci recurrent space. This justifies the name Nearly Ricci recurrent manifold for the manifold defined by (1.1) and the use of the symbol $N \{R(R_n)\}$ for it.



In this paper, after preliminaries, the existence of a $N \{R(R_n)\}$ is first established and then it proved that the scalar curvature of $N \{R(R_n)\}$ cannot be zero. In section 4, the necessary and sufficient condition for constant scalar curvature of $N \{R(R_n)\}$ is obtained. Here it is established if A is closed then B is also closed and conversely in section 5. In section 6, it is shown that if the scalar curvature is constant in $N \{R(R_n)\}$ then the eigen value of the Ricci tensor S corresponding to the given eigen vector not exist. In section 7, it is proved that in Conformally flat $N \{R(R_n)\}$ with constant scalar curvature if the 1-form A is closed then R(X,Y).S = 0 if and only if $\{A(X) + B(X)\} A(LZ) = \{A(Z) + B(Z)\} A(LX)$. In section 8, a necessary and sufficient condition for $N \{R(R_n)\}$ to be a $(NR)_n$ is obtained. Finally the existence of nearly Ricci recurrent manifold $N \{R(R_n)\}$ is ensured by a non trivial example.

2. Preliminaries

Let L denotes the symmetric endomorphism of the tangent space at each point of the manifold corresponding to the Ricci tensor S that is g(LX, Y) = S(X, Y) for every vector field X, Y. Therefore,

$$g((D_X L)Y, Z) = (D_X S)(Y, Z).$$
 (2.1)

From (1.1), we have

$$dr(X) = [A(X) + B(X)]r + nB(X).$$
(2.2)

3. Existence of a $N \{R(R_n)\}$ $(n \ge 2)$

In this section, it show that there exist a Riemannian manifold $(M^n, g)(n \ge 2)$ whose Ricci tensor S of type (0,2) satisfies the condition

$$(D_X S)(Y, Z) = [A(X) + B(X)]S(Y, Z) + B(X)g(Y, Z)$$

and for which $(D_X S)(Y, Z) \neq A(X)S(Y, Z)$. For this we consider a Riemannian manifold (M^n, g) which admits a linear connection \overline{D} defined by

$$\overline{D}_X Y = D_X Y + \frac{1}{2} B(X) LY + \frac{1}{2} B(X) Y$$
(3.1)

where B is non zero 1-form L is a symmetric endomorphism of the tangent space at each point (M^n, g) corresponding to the Ricci tensor S defined by g(LX, Y) = S(X, Y) and $L^2X = X$ and which satisfies the condition

$$(\overline{D}_X S)(Y, Z) = A(X)S(Y, Z)$$
(3.2)

If (3.2) holds, then

$$XS(Y,Z) - S(\overline{D}_XY,Z) - S(Y,\overline{D}_XZ) = A(X)S(Y,Z)$$

$$\Rightarrow XS(Y,Z) - S\left(D_XY + \frac{1}{2}B(X)LY + \frac{1}{2}B(X)Y,Z\right) - S\left(Y,D_XZ + \frac{1}{2}B(X)LZ + \frac{1}{2}B(X)Z\right) = A(X)S(Y,Z)$$

From this, we get

$$(D_X S)(Y, Z) = [A(X) + B(X)]S(Y, Z) + B(X)g(Y, Z)$$

The connection D is not identical with \overline{D} . Hence $(D_X S)(Y, Z) \neq A(X)S(Y, Z)$. Thus a Riemannian manifold $(M^n, g)(n \geq 2)$ admits a linear connection \overline{D} which satisfies (3.1) and (3.2) then the manifold is a $N\{R(R_n)\}$.



4. Nature of scalar curvature of a $N \{R(R_n)\}$

From (2.2), we get if r = 0, then B = 0. Since the 1-form B cannot be zero. Hence we can state the following theorem:

Theorem 4.1. The scalar curvature of a $N \{R(R_n)\}$ $(n \ge 2)$ cannot be zero.

Now suppose that $N \{R(R_n)\}$ is of constant scalar curvature. Then from (2.2) it follows that

$$[A(X) + B(X)]r + nB(X) = 0$$

Hence we have

$$A(X) = -\left(1 + \frac{n}{r}\right)B(X) \tag{4.1}$$

Again if (4.1) holds, then from (2.2) we get r = constant. Hence we have the following theorem:

Theorem 4.2. A $N \{R(R_n)\}$ $(n \ge 2)$ is of constant scalar curvature if and only if the condition (4.1) holds.

5. Nature of the 1-forms A and B

We have

$$d^{2}r(X,Y) = \frac{1}{2} \left[Xdr(Y) - Ydr(X) - dr([X,Y]) \right]$$
(5.1)

Now in virtue of (2.2), we get from (5.1)

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[X \left\{ (A(Y) + B(Y))r + nB(Y) \right\} - Y \left\{ (A(X) + B(X))r + nB(X) \right\} - nB \left([X, Y] \right) \right]$$

or $rdA(X, Y) + (n+r)dB(X, Y) = 0$

Since *B* is closed then rdA(X, Y) = 0. But $r \neq 0$, *A* is closed. Conversely if *A* is closed then *B* is closed. Hence we have the following theorem:

Theorem 5.1. In a $N \{R(R_n)\}$ if B is closed then A is closed. Conversely if A is closed then B is closed, provided $r \neq 0$.

6. $N \{R(R_n)\}$ with constant scalar curvature

Let us suppose that the scalar curvature r of a $N \{R(R_n)\}$ be constant. Now from (1.1), we have

$$(D_X S)(Y,Z) - (D_Z S)(Y,X) = [A(X) + B(X)]S(Y,Z) - [A(Z) + B(Z)]S(Y,X) + B(X)g(Y,Z) - B(Z)g(Y,X)$$
(6.1)

In view of (2.1), we have from (6.1)

$$g((D_XL)Z,Y) - g((D_ZL)X,Y) = [A(X) + B(X)]g(LZ,Y) - [A(Z) + B(Z)]g(LX,Y) + B(X)g(Z,Y) - B(Z)g(X,Y)$$

or $(D_XL)Z - (D_ZL)X = [A(X) + B(X)]LZ - [A(Z) + B(Z)]LX + B(X)Z - B(Z)X$

which on contraction gives

$$dr(X) = 2[A(X) + B(X)]r - 2[A(LX) + B(LX)] + 2(n-1)B(X).$$
(6.2)

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From (2.2) and (6.2), we have

$$2[A(LX) + B(LX)] = [A(X) + B(X)]r + (n-2)B(X)$$

or
$$B(X) = \frac{2}{r+n-2}[A(LX) + B(LX)] - \frac{r}{r+n-2}A(X)$$
 (6.3)

In view of (2.2) and (6.3), we get

$$dr(X) = -\frac{2r}{r+n-2}A(X) + \frac{2(r+n)}{r+n-2}[A(LX) + B(LX)].$$

Now if r is constant then

$$S(X,P) + S(X,Q) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{n}{r}}g(X,P)$$
(6.4)

Hence we can state the following theorem:

Theorem 6.1. In a $N \{R(R_n)\}$, none of P and Q can be an eigen vector corresponding to any eigen values.

7. Conformally flat $N \{R(R_n)\}$ with constant scalar curvature

In Conformally flat (M^n, g) it known [20]

$$(D_X S)(Y,Z) - (D_Z S)(Y,X) = \frac{1}{2(n-1)} [dr(X)g(Y,Z) - dr(Z)g(X,Y)],$$
(7.1)

From (2.2) and (7.1), we get

$$(D_X S)(Y,Z) - (D_Z S)(Y,X) = \frac{1}{2(n-1)} [\{A(X) + B(X)\} rg(Y,Z) + nB(X)g(Y,Z) - \{A(Z) + B(Z)\} rg(Y,X) - nB(Z)g(Y,X)].$$
(7.2)

Putting Y = P in (7.2), we get

$$[(A(X) + B(X)]A(LZ) - [(A(Z) + B(Z)]A(LX) + [B(X)A(Z) - B(Z)A(X)] = \frac{1}{2(n-1)}[\{A(X) + B(X)\}rA(Z) + nB(X)A(Z) - \{A(Z) + B(Z)\}rA(X) - nB(Z)A(X)],$$

or $A(X)B(Z) - A(Z)B(X) = \frac{2(n-1)}{r-n+2}[\{A(X) + B(X)\}A(LZ) - \{(A(Z) + B(Z)\}A(LX)]]$
(7.3)

Now from (1.1), we get

$$(D_U D_V S)(Y, Z) = [(D_U A)(V) + A(D_U V) + (D_U B)(V) + B(D_U V)]S(Y, Z) + [A(U) + B(U)][A(V) + B(V)]S(Y, Z) + [A(V)B(U) + B(U)B(V) + (D_U B)(V) + B(D_U V)]g(Y, Z)$$

From above, we have

$$(D_U D_V S)(Y, Z) - (D_V D_U S)(Y, Z) - (D_{[U,V]}S)(Y, Z) = [(D_U A)(V) - (D_V A)(U) + (D_U B)(V) - (D_V B)(U)]S(Y, Z) [(D_U B)(V) - (D_V B)(U) + A(V)B(U - A(U)B(V))]g(Y, Z)$$



which gives

$$(R(U,V).S)(Y,Z) = [(dA(U,V) + dB(U,V)]S(Y,Z) + dB(U,V)g(Y,Z) [A(V)B(U) - A(U)B(V)]g(Y,Z).$$
(7.4)

Suppose the 1-form A is closed. Then in virtue of theorem (5.1) and (7.3) we get from (7.4)

$$(R(U,V).S)(Y,Z) = \frac{2(n-1)}{r-n+2} [\{A(X) + B(X)\}A(LZ) - \{A(Z) + B(Z)\}A(LX)]$$

Hence we have the following theorem:

Theorem 7.1. In a Conformally flat $N \{R(R_n)\}$ with constant scalar curvature, R(X,Y).S = 0 if and only if $\{A(X) + B(X)\}A(LZ) = \{A(Z) + B(Z)\}A(LX).$

8. Necessary and sufficient condition for a $N \{R(R_n)\}$ to be a $(NR)_n$

It is known that the Conformal curvature tensor C of type (0, 4) of a Riemannian manifold $(M^n, g)(n > 3)$ is given by

$${}^{\prime}C(X,Y,Z,W) = {}^{\prime}R(X,Y,Z,W) - \frac{1}{n-2}[S(Y,Z)g(X,W) - S(X,Z)g(Y,W) + S(X,W)g(Y,Z) - S(Y,W)g(X,Z)] - \frac{r}{(n-1)(n-2)}[g(Y,Z)g(X,W) - g(X,Z)g(Y,W)],$$

$$(8.1)$$

where C(X, Y, Z, W) = g(C(X, Y)Z, W), R(X, Y, Z, W) = g(R(X, Y)Z, W) and C is the Conformal curvature tensor of type (1,3). Now let M^n be a nearly Ricci recurrent manifold $N\{R(R_n)\}$ specified by a non-zero1-form B.

Then in view of (1.1), (2.2) and (8.1), we get

$$(D_U 'C)(X, Y, Z, W) - [A(U) + B(U)] 'C(X, Y, Z, W) = (D_U 'R)(X, Y, Z, W) - [A(U) + B(U)] 'R(X, Y, Z, W) - \frac{B(U)}{(n-1)} [g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)],$$
(8.2)

Conversely if (8.2) holds, then putting $Y = Z = e_j$ in (8.2) where $\{e_j\}, j = 1, 2, 3, ..., n$ is orthonormal basis of the tangent space at each point of the manifold and l is summed for $l \le j \le n$, we get

$$(D_U C)(X, W) - [A(U) + B(U)]C(X, W) = (D_U S)(X, W) - [A(U) + B(U)]S(X, W) - B(U)g(X, W)$$
(8.3)

But in view of C(X, W) = 0, we get from (8.3) that

$$(D_U S)(X, W) - [A(U) + B(U)]S(X, W) - B(U)g(X, W).$$

From (8.2) and (8.3), we can state the following theorem:

Theorem 8.1. A necessary and sufficient condition that Riemannian manifold M^n be a $N \{R(R_n)\}$ is that (8.2) holds.

In particular, if the M^n Conformal to a flat space or if n = 3 then C = 0. In the first case it follows (8.2) that the $N \{R(R_n)\}$ is a $(NR)_n$. In the second case it follows that $N \{R(R_3)\}$ is a $(NR)_3$. Thus we can state the following theorem:

Theorem 8.2. Every $N \{R(R_n)\}$ (n > 3) is a $(NR)_n$ if it is Conformal to a flat space and every $N \{R(R_3)\}$ is a $(NR)_3$.



9. Example

Let us consider the 3-dimensional manifold $M = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3, z \neq 0\}$, where (x, y, z) are standard co-ordinate of \mathbb{R}^3 .

We choose the vector fields

$$e_1 = e^{iy} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \ e_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \ e_3 = e^{-iy} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$
 (9.1)

which is linearly independently at each point of M.

Let *g* be the Riemannian metric denoted by

$$g(e_i, e_j) = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$$
(9.2)

Let D be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to metric g. Then from equation (9.1), we have

$$[e_1, e_2] = -ie_1, [e_1, e_3] = 0, [e_2, e_3] = -ie_3.$$
(9.3)

The Riemannian connection D of the metric g is given by

$$2g(D_XY,Z) = Xg(Y,Z) + Yg(X,Z) - Zg(X,Y) - g(X,[Y,Z]) - g(Y,[X,Z]) + g(Z,[X,Y]),$$
(9.4)

which is known as Koszul's formula. Using (9.2) and (9.3) in (9.4), we get

$$D_{e_1}e_1 = ie_2, \quad D_{e_1}e_2 = -ie_1, \quad D_{e_1}e_3 = 0,$$

$$D_{e_2}e_1 = 0, \quad D_{e_2}e_2 = 0, \quad D_{e_2}e_1 = 0,$$

$$D_{e_3}e_1 = 0, \quad D_{e_3}e_2 = ie_3, \quad D_{e_3}e_3 = -ie_2.$$
(9.5)

The curvature tensor is given by

$$R(X,Y)Z = D_X D_Y Z - D_Y D_X Z - D_{[X,Y]} Z$$
(9.6)

Using (9.3) and (9.5) in (9.6), we get

$$R(e_{1}, e_{2}) e_{1} = -e_{2}, \quad R(e_{1}, e_{2}) e_{2} = e_{1}, \quad R(e_{1}, e_{2}) e_{3} = 0$$

$$R(e_{2}, e_{3}) e_{1} = 0, \quad R(e_{2}, e_{3}) e_{2} = -e_{3}, \quad R(e_{2}, e_{3}) e_{3} = e_{2}$$

$$R(e_{1}, e_{3}) e_{1} = e_{3}, \quad R(e_{1}, e_{3}) e_{2} = 0 \qquad R(e_{1}, e_{3}) e_{3} = -e_{1}$$

$$R(e_{1}, e_{1}) e_{1} = R(e_{1}, e_{1}) e_{2} = R(e_{1}, e_{1}) e_{3} = 0$$

$$R(e_{2}, e_{2}) e_{1} = R(e_{2}, e_{2}) e_{2} = R(e_{2}, e_{2}) e_{3} = 0$$

$$R(e_{3}, e_{3}) e_{1} = R(e_{3}, e_{3}) e_{2} = R(e_{3}, e_{3}) e_{3} = 0.$$
(9.7)

The Ricci tensor is given by

$$S(e_i, e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} g(R(e_i, X)Y, e_i)$$
(9.8)

From (9.7) and (9.8), we get

$$S(e_1, e_1) = 0, \quad S(e_2, e_2) = 2, \quad S(e_3, e_3) = 0$$
(9.9)

and the scalar curvature is r = 2.



Since $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ forms a basis of Riemannian manifold any vector field $X, Y, Z \in \chi(M)$ can be written as

$$X = a_1e_1 + b_1e_2 + c_1e_3, \ Y = a_2e_1 + b_2e_2 + c_2e_3,$$

where $a_j, b_j, c_j \in \stackrel{\geq}{<}{}^+$ (the set of all positive real numbers), j = 1, 2, 3. Hence

$$S(X,Y) = b_1 b_2 (9.10)$$

$$g(X,Y) = a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2$$
(9.11)

By view of (9.10), we get

$$(D_{e_j}S)(X,Y) = D_{e_j}S(X,Y) - S(D_{e_j}X,Y) - S(X,D_{e_j}Y)$$
$$(D_{e_1}S)(X,Y) = -i(a_1b_2 + a_2b_1)$$
$$(D_{e_2}S)(X,Y) = 0$$
$$(D_{e_2}S)(X,Y) = -i(b_1c_2 + b_2c_1)$$

Consequently, the manifold under consideration is neither Ricci symmetric nor Ricci recurrent. Let us now consider 1-form non vanishes

$$A(e_1) = \frac{5i(a_1b_2 + a_2b_1)}{3a_1a_2 - b_1b_2 + 3c_1c_2}, \quad B(e_1) = \frac{-3i(a_1b_2 + a_2b_1)}{3a_1a_2 - b_1b_2 + 3c_1c_2}$$

$$A(e_2) = 0, \qquad B(e_2) = 0$$

$$A(e_3) = \frac{5i(b_1c_2 + b_2c_1)}{3a_1a_2 - b_1b_2 + 3c_1c_2}, \quad B(e_3) = \frac{-3i(b_1c_2 + b_2c_1)}{3a_1a_2 - b_1b_2 + 3c_1c_2}$$
(9.12)

at any point $x \in M$. From (1.1), we have

$$(D_{e_j}S)(X,Y) = [A(e_j) + B(e_j)]S(X,Y) + B(e_j)g(X,Y), \quad j = 1,2,3.$$
(9.13)

It can be easily seen that the Riemannian manifold with 1-forms satisfies relation (9.13). Hence the manifold under consideration is a nearly Ricci recurrent manifold (M^3, g) , which is neither Ricci recurrent nor Ricci symmetric. Thus we have the following theorem:

Theorem 9.1. There exist a nearly Ricci recurrent manifold (M^3, g) , which is neither Ricci recurrent nor Ricci symmetric.

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