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## \*-RICCI SOLITONS ON $(\epsilon)$ -PARA SASAKIAN 3-MANIFOLDS

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## Abstract

In the present paper we study \*-Ricci solitons in  $(\epsilon)$ -para Sasakian manifolds and prove that if an  $(\epsilon)$ -para Sasakian 3-manifold with constant scalar curvature admits a \*-Ricci soliton, then the \*-Ricci soliton is steady if and only if  $\mathcal{L}_V \xi$  is g-orthogonal to  $\xi$  provided  $a = \text{Tr}\phi$  is constant. Beside these, we study gradient \*-Ricci solitons on  $(\epsilon)$ -para Sasakian 3-manifolds.

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## **1** Introduction

In this paper, we introduce a new type of Ricci solitons, called \*-*Ricci solitons* in  $(\epsilon)$ -para Sasakian manifolds with indefinite metric which play a functional role in contemporary mathematics. The properties of a manifold solely depend on the nature of the metric defined on it. With the help of *indefinite metric*, A. Bejancu and K. L. Duggal [1] introduced  $(\epsilon)$ -Sasakian manifolds. Also, Xufeng and Xiaoli [18] showed that every  $(\epsilon)$ -Sasakian manifold must be a real hypersurface of some indefinite Kähler manifold. In 2010, Tripathi et.al[14] studied  $(\epsilon)$ -almost paracontact manifolds, and in particular,  $(\epsilon)$ -para Sasakian manifolds. They introduced the notion of an  $(\epsilon)$ -para Sasakian structure. Since Sasakian manifolds with indefinite metric play significant role in physics [8], our natural trend is to study various contact manifolds with indefinite metric.

A Ricci soliton is a generalization of an Einstein metric. We recall the notion of Ricci soliton according to [5]. On manifold M, a Ricci soliton is a triple  $(g, V, \lambda)$ with g a Riemannian metric, V a vector field, called potential vector field and  $\lambda$ a real scalar such that

$$\pounds_V g + 2S + 2\lambda g = 0,\tag{1}$$

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