



Characterizations of Generalized Quasi-Einstein Manifolds

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Abstract

We give characterizations of generalized quasi-Einstein manifolds for both even and odd dimensions.

1 Introduction

A Riemannian manifold (M, g) , $(n \geq 2)$, is said to be an *Einstein manifold* if its Ricci tensor S satisfies the condition $S = \frac{r}{n}g$, where r denotes the scalar curvature of M . The notion of a quasi-Einstein manifold was introduced by M. C. Chaki and R. K. Maity in [2]. A non-flat Riemannian manifold (M, g) , $(n \geq 2)$, is defined to be a *quasi-Einstein manifold* if the condition

$$S(X, Y) = \alpha g(X, Y) + \beta A(X)A(Y) \quad (1)$$

is fulfilled on M , where α and β are scalars of which $\beta \neq 0$ and A is a non-zero 1-form such that

$$g(X, \xi) = A(X), \quad (2)$$

for every vector field X ; ξ being a unit vector field. If $\beta = 0$, then the manifold reduces to an Einstein manifold.

The relation (1) can be written as follows

$$Q = \alpha I + \beta A \otimes \xi,$$

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where Q is the Ricci operator and I is the identity function.

Quasi-Einstein manifolds arose during the study of exact solutions of the Einstein field equations as well as during considerations of quasi-umbilical hypersurfaces. For instance, the Robertson-Walker space-times are quasi-Einstein manifolds. For more information about quasi-Einstein manifolds see [7], [8] and [9].

A non-flat Riemannian manifold is called a *generalized quasi-Einstein manifold* (see [6]), if its Ricci tensor S satisfies the condition

$$S(X, Y) = \alpha g(X, Y) + \beta A(X)A(Y) + \gamma B(X)B(Y), \quad (3)$$

where α, β and γ are certain non-zero scalars and A, B are two non-zero 1-forms. The unit vector fields ξ_1 and ξ_2 corresponding to the 1-forms A and B are defined by

$$g(X, \xi_1) = A(X) \quad , \quad g(X, \xi_2) = B(X), \quad (4)$$

respectively, and the vector fields ξ_1 and ξ_2 are orthogonal, i.e., $g(\xi_1, \xi_2) = 0$. If $\gamma = 0$, then the manifold reduces to a quasi-Einstein manifold.

The generalized quasi-Einstein condition (3) can be also written as

$$Q = \alpha I + \beta A \otimes \xi_1 + \gamma B \otimes \xi_2.$$

In [6], U. C. De and G. C. Ghosh showed that a 2-quasi umbilical hypersurface of an Euclidean space is a generalized quasi-Einstein manifold. In [11], the present authors generalized the result of De and Ghosh and they proved that a 2-quasi umbilical hypersurface of a Riemannian space of constant curvature $\widetilde{M}^{n+1}(c)$ is a generalized quasi-Einstein manifold.

Let M be an m -dimensional, $m \geq 3$, Riemannian manifold and $p \in M$. Denote by $K(\pi)$ or $K(u \wedge v)$ the sectional curvature of M associated with a plane section $\pi \subset T_p M$, where $\{u, v\}$ is an orthonormal basis of π . For any n -dimensional subspace $L \subseteq T_p M$, $2 \leq n \leq m$, its scalar curvature $\tau(L)$ is denoted by

$$\tau(L) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} K(e_i \wedge e_j),$$

where $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ is any orthonormal basis of L [4]. When $L = T_p M$, the scalar curvature $\tau(L)$ is just the scalar curvature $\tau(p)$ of M at p .

The well-known characterization of 4-dimensional Einstein spaces was given by I. M. Singer and J. A. Thorpe in [12] as follows:

Theorem 1.1. *A Riemannian 4-manifold M is an Einstein space if and only if $K(\pi) = K(\pi^\perp)$ for any plane section $\pi \subseteq T_p M$, where π^\perp denotes the orthogonal complement of π in $T_p M$.*

As a generalization of the Theorem 1.1, in [4], B.Y. Chen, F. Dillen, L.Verstraelen and L.Vrancken gave the following result:

Theorem 1.2. *A Riemannian $2n$ -manifold M is an Einstein space if and only if $\tau(L) = \tau(L^\perp)$ for any n -plane section $L \subseteq T_pM$, where L^\perp denotes the orthogonal complement of L in T_pM , at $p \in M$.*

On the other hand, in [10] D. Dumitru obtained the following result for odd dimensional Einstein spaces:

Theorem 1.3. *A Riemannian $(2n + 1)$ -manifold M is an Einstein space if and only if $\tau(L) + \frac{\lambda}{2} = \tau(L^\perp)$ for any n -plane section $L \subseteq T_pM$, where L^\perp denotes the orthogonal complement of L in T_pM , at $p \in M$.*

Theorem 1.2 and Theorem 1.3 were generalized by C.L. Bejan in [1] as follows:

Theorem 1.4. *Let (M, g) be a Riemannian $(2n + 1)$ -manifold, with $n \geq 2$. Then M is quasi-Einstein if and only if the Ricci operator Q has an eigenvector field ξ such that at any $p \in M$, there exist two real numbers a, b satisfying $\tau(P) + a = \tau(P^\perp)$ and $\tau(N) + b = \tau(N^\perp)$, for any n -plane section P and $(n + 1)$ -plane section N , both orthogonal to ξ in T_pM , where P^\perp and N^\perp denote respectively the orthogonal complements of P and N in T_pM .*

Theorem 1.5. *Let (M, g) be a Riemannian $2n$ -manifold, with $n \geq 2$. Then M is quasi-Einstein if and only if the Ricci operator Q has an eigenvector field ξ such that at any $p \in M$, there exist two real numbers a, b satisfying $\tau(P) + c = \tau(P^\perp)$, for any n -plane section P orthogonal to ξ in T_pM , where P^\perp denotes the orthogonal complement of P in T_pM .*

Motivated by the above studies, as generalizations of quasi-Einstein manifolds, we give characterizations of generalized quasi-Einstein manifolds for both even and odd dimensions.

2 Characterizations of Generalized Quasi-Einstein Manifolds

Now, we consider two results which characterize generalized quasi-Einstein spaces in even and odd dimensions, by generalizing the characterizations of quasi-Einstein spaces given in [1] :

Theorem 2.1. *Let (M, g) be a Riemannian $(2n + 1)$ -manifold, with $n \geq 2$. Then M is generalized quasi-Einstein if and only if the Ricci operator Q has*

eigenvector fields ξ_1 and ξ_2 such that at any $p \in M$, there exist three real numbers a, b and c satisfying

$$\tau(P) + a = \tau(P^\perp); \quad \xi_1, \xi_2 \in T_p P^\perp$$

$$\tau(N) + b = \tau(N^\perp); \quad \xi_1 \in T_p N, \xi_2 \in T_p N^\perp$$

and

$$\tau(R) + c = \tau(R^\perp); \quad \xi_1 \in T_p R, \xi_2 \in T_p R^\perp$$

for any n -plane sections P , N and $(n+1)$ -plane section R , where P^\perp , N^\perp and R^\perp denote the orthogonal complements of P , N and R in $T_p M$, respectively, and $a = \frac{(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)}{2}$, $b = \frac{(\alpha-\beta+\gamma)}{2}$, $c = \frac{(\gamma-\alpha-\beta)}{2}$.

Proof. Assume that M is a $(2n+1)$ -dimensional generalized quasi-Einstein manifold, such that

$$S(X, Y) = \alpha g(X, Y) + \beta A(X)A(Y) + \gamma B(X)B(Y), \quad (5)$$

for any vector fields X, Y holds on M , where A and B are defined by

$$g(X, \xi_1) = A(X), \quad g(X, \xi_2) = B(X).$$

The equation (5) shows that ξ_1 and ξ_2 are eigenvector fields of Q .

Let $P \subseteq T_p M$ be an n -plane orthogonal to ξ_1 and ξ_2 and let $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ be an orthonormal basis of it. Since ξ_1 and ξ_2 are orthogonal to P , we can take an orthonormal basis $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2n}, e_{2n+1}\}$ of P^\perp such that $e_{2n} = \xi_1$ and $e_{2n+1} = \xi_2$, respectively. Thus, $\{e_1, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2n}, e_{2n+1}\}$ is an orthonormal basis of $T_p M$. Then taking $X = Y = e_i$ in (5), we can write

$$S(e_i, e_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{2n+1} R(e_j, e_i, e_i, e_j) = \begin{cases} \alpha, & 1 \leq i \leq 2n-1 \\ \alpha + \beta, & i = 2n \\ \alpha + \gamma, & i = 2n+1 \end{cases}.$$

By the use of (5) for any $1 \leq i \leq 2n+1$, we can write

$$S(e_1, e_1) = K(e_1 \wedge e_2) + K(e_1 \wedge e_3) + \dots + K(e_1 \wedge e_{2n-1}) + K(e_1 \wedge \xi_1) + K(e_1 \wedge \xi_2) = \alpha,$$

$$S(e_2, e_2) = K(e_2 \wedge e_1) + K(e_2 \wedge e_3) + \dots + K(e_2 \wedge e_{2n-1}) + K(e_2 \wedge \xi_1) + K(e_2 \wedge \xi_2) = \alpha,$$

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$$S(e_{2n-1}, e_{2n-1}) = K(e_{2n-1} \wedge e_1) + K(e_{2n-1} \wedge e_2) + \dots + K(e_{2n-1} \wedge \xi_1) + K(e_{2n-1} \wedge \xi_2) = \alpha,$$

$$S(\xi_1, \xi_1) = K(\xi_1 \wedge e_1) + K(\xi_1 \wedge e_2) + \dots + K(\xi_1 \wedge e_{2n-1}) + K(\xi_1 \wedge \xi_2) = \alpha + \beta,$$

$$S(\xi_2, \xi_2) = K(\xi_2 \wedge e_1) + K(\xi_2 \wedge e_2) + \dots + K(\xi_2 \wedge e_{2n-1}) + K(\xi_2 \wedge \xi_1) = \alpha + \gamma.$$

Now, by summing up the first n -equations, we get

$$2\tau(P) + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n < j \leq 2n+1} K(e_i \wedge e_j) = n\alpha. \tag{6}$$

By summing up the last $(n + 1)$ -equations, we also get

$$2\tau(P^\perp) + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n+1 < i \leq 2n+1} K(e_i \wedge e_j) = (n + 1)\alpha + \beta + \gamma. \tag{7}$$

Then, by subtracting the equation (6) from (7), we obtain

$$\tau(P^\perp) - \tau(P) = \frac{(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)}{2}. \tag{8}$$

Similarly, let $N \subseteq T_pM$ be an n -plane orthogonal to ξ_2 and let $\{e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}, e_n\}$ be an orthonormal basis of it. Since ξ_2 is orthogonal to N , we can take an orthonormal basis $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2n}, e_{2n+1}\}$ of N^\perp orthogonal to ξ_1 , such that $e_n = \xi_1$ and $e_{2n+1} = \xi_2$, respectively. Thus, $\{e_1, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2n}, e_{2n+1}\}$ is an orthonormal basis of T_pM . By making use of the above $(2n + 1)$ equations for $S(e_i, e_i)$, $1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1$, from the sum of the first n -equations we obtain

$$2\tau(N) + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n < j \leq 2n+1} K(e_i \wedge e_j) = n\alpha + \beta, \tag{9}$$

and from the sum of the last $(n + 1)$ -equations, we have

$$2\tau(N^\perp) + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n+1 < i \leq 2n+1} K(e_i \wedge e_j) = (n + 1)\alpha + \gamma. \tag{10}$$

By subtracting the equation (9) from (10), we find

$$\tau(N^\perp) - \tau(N) = \frac{(\alpha - \beta + \gamma)}{2}.$$

Analogously, let $R \subseteq T_pM$ be an $(n + 1)$ -plane orthogonal to ξ_2 and let $\{e_1, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1}\}$ be an orthonormal basis of it. Since ξ_2 is orthogonal to R , we can take an orthonormal basis $\{e_{n+2}, \dots, e_{2n}, e_{2n+1}\}$ of R^\perp orthogonal to ξ_1 , such that $e_{n+1} = \xi_1$ and $e_{2n+1} = \xi_2$, respectively. Thus, $\{e_1, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2n}, e_{2n+1}\}$ is an orthonormal basis of T_pM . Similarly writing again the above $(2n + 1)$ -equations for $S(e_i, e_i)$, $1 \leq i \leq 2n + 1$, from the sum of the first $(n + 1)$ -equations we get

$$2\tau(R) + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n+1 < j \leq 2n+1} K(e_i \wedge e_j) = (n + 1)\alpha + \beta, \tag{11}$$

and from the sum of the last n -equations, we have

$$2\tau(R^\perp) + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n < i \leq 2n+1} K(e_i \wedge e_j) = n\alpha + \gamma. \quad (12)$$

Again by subtracting (11) from (12), it follows that

$$\tau(R^\perp) - \tau(R) = \frac{(\gamma - \alpha - \beta)}{2}.$$

Therefore the direct statement is satisfied for

$$a = \frac{(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)}{2}, \quad b = \frac{(\alpha - \beta + \gamma)}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad c = \frac{(\gamma - \alpha - \beta)}{2}.$$

Conversely, let v be an arbitrary unit vector of T_pM , at $p \in M$, orthogonal to ξ_1 and ξ_2 . We take an orthonormal basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2n}, e_{2n+1}\}$ of T_pM such that $v = e_1$, $e_{n+1} = \xi_1$ and $e_{2n+1} = \xi_2$. We consider n -plane section N and $(n+1)$ -plane section R in T_pM as follows

$$N = \text{span}\{e_2, \dots, e_{n+1}\}$$

and

$$R = \text{span}\{e_1, \dots, e_{n+1}\},$$

respectively. Then we have

$$N^\perp = \text{span}\{e_1, e_{n+2}, \dots, e_{2n}, e_{2n+1}\}$$

and

$$R^\perp = \text{span}\{e_{n+2}, \dots, e_{2n}, e_{2n+1}\}.$$

After some calculations we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(v, v) &= [K(e_1 \wedge e_2) + K(e_1 \wedge e_3) + \dots + K(e_1 \wedge e_{n+1})] \\ &\quad + [K(e_1 \wedge e_{n+2}) + \dots + K(e_1 \wedge e_{2n}) + K(e_1 \wedge e_{2n+1})] \\ &= [\tau(R) - \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n+1} K(e_i \wedge e_j)] + [\tau(N^\perp) - \sum_{n+2 \leq i < j \leq 2n+1} K(e_i \wedge e_j)] \\ &= [\tau(R^\perp) - c - \tau(N)] + [\tau(N) + b - \tau(R^\perp)] = b - c. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $S(v, v) = b - c$, for any unit vector $v \in T_pM$, orthogonal to ξ_1 and ξ_2 . Then we can write for any $1 \leq i \leq 2n+1$,

$$S(e_i, e_i) = b - c.$$

Since $S(v, v) = (b - c)g(v, v)$ for any unit vector $v \in T_pM$ orthogonal to ξ_1 and ξ_2 , it follows that

$$S(X, X) = (b - c)g(X, X) + (a - b)A(X)A(X) \tag{13}$$

and

$$S(Y, Y) = (b - c)g(Y, Y) + (a + c)B(Y)B(Y), \tag{14}$$

for any $X \in [\text{span}\{\xi_1\}]^\perp$ and $Y \in [\text{span}\{\xi_2\}]^\perp$, where A and B denote dual forms of ξ_1 and ξ_2 with respect to g , respectively.

In view of the equations (13) and (14), we get from their symmetry that S with tensors $(b - c)g + (a - b)A \otimes A$ and $(b - c)g + (a + c)B \otimes B$ must coincide on the complement of ξ_1 and ξ_2 , respectively, that is,

$$S(X, Y) = (b - c)g(X, Y) + (a - b)A(X)A(Y) + (a + c)B(X)B(Y), \tag{15}$$

for any $X, Y \in [\text{span}\{\xi_1, \xi_2\}]^\perp$.

Since ξ_1 and ξ_2 are eigenvector fields of Q , we also have

$$S(X, \xi_1) = 0$$

and

$$S(Y, \xi_2) = 0,$$

for any $X, Y \in T_pM$ orthogonal to ξ_1 and ξ_2 . Thus, we can extend the equation (15) to

$$S(X, Z) = (b - c)g(X, Z) + (a - b)A(X)A(Z) + (a + c)B(X)B(Z), \tag{16}$$

for any $X \in [\text{span}\{\xi_1, \xi_2\}]^\perp$ and $Z \in T_pM$.

Now, let consider the n -plane section P and $(n + 1)$ -plane section R in T_pM as follows

$$P = \text{span}\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$$

and

$$R = \text{span}\{e_1, \dots, e_n, \xi_1\},$$

respectively. Then we have

$$P^\perp = \text{span}\{\xi_1, e_{n+2}, \dots, e_{2n+1}\}$$

and

$$R^\perp = \text{span}\{e_{n+2}, \dots, e_{2n}, e_{2n+1}\}.$$

Similarly after some calculations we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} S(\xi_1, \xi_1) &= [K(\xi_1 \wedge e_1) + K(\xi_1 \wedge e_2) + \dots + K(\xi_1 \wedge e_n)] \\ &\quad + [K(\xi_1 \wedge e_{n+2}) + \dots + K(\xi_1 \wedge e_{2n}) + K(\xi_1 \wedge e_{2n+1})] \\ &= [\tau(R) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} K(e_i \wedge e_j)] + [\tau(P^\perp) - \sum_{n+2 \leq i < j \leq 2n+1} K(e_i \wedge e_j)] \\ &= [\tau(R^\perp) - c - \tau(P)] + [\tau(P) + a - \tau(R^\perp)] = a - c. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we can write

$$S(\xi_1, \xi_1) = (b - c)g(\xi_1, \xi_1) + (a - b)A(\xi_1)A(\xi_1). \quad (17)$$

Analogously, let consider n -plane sections P and N in T_pM as follows

$$P = \text{span}\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$$

and

$$N = \text{span}\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2n}\},$$

respectively. Therefore we have

$$P^\perp = \text{span}\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2n}, \xi_2\}$$

and

$$N^\perp = \text{span}\{e_1, \dots, e_n, \xi_2\}.$$

Similarly after some calculations we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(\xi_2, \xi_2) &= [K(\xi_2 \wedge e_1) + K(\xi_2 \wedge e_2) + \dots + K(\xi_2 \wedge e_n)] \\ &\quad + [K(\xi_2 \wedge e_{n+1}) + \dots + K(\xi_2 \wedge e_{2n})] \\ &= [\tau(N^\perp) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} K(e_i \wedge e_j)] + [\tau(P^\perp) - \sum_{n+1 \leq i < j \leq 2n} K(e_i \wedge e_j)] \\ &= [\tau(N) + b - \tau(P)] + [\tau(P) + a - \tau(N)] = a + b. \end{aligned}$$

Then we may write

$$S(\xi_2, \xi_2) = (b - c)g(\xi_2, \xi_2) + (a + c)B(\xi_2)B(\xi_2). \quad (18)$$

By making use of the equations (16), (17) and (18), we obtain from the symmetry of the Ricci tensor S

$$S(X, Y) = (b - c)g(X, Y) + (a - b)A(X)A(Y) + (a + c)B(X)B(Y),$$

for any $X, Y \in T_pM$. Thus, M is a generalized quasi-Einstein manifold for $\alpha = b - c$, $\beta = a - b$ and $\gamma = a + c$, which finishes the proof of the theorem. \square

Similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1, we can give the following theorem for an even dimensional generalized quasi-Einstein manifold:

Theorem 2.2. *Let (M, g) be a Riemannian $2n$ -manifold, with $n \geq 2$. Then M is generalized quasi-Einstein if and only if the Ricci operator Q has eigenvector fields ξ_1 and ξ_2 such that at any $p \in M$, there exist three real numbers a, b and c satisfying*

$$\tau(P) + a = \tau(P^\perp); \quad \xi_1, \xi_2 \in T_p P^\perp$$

$$\tau(N) + b = \tau(N^\perp); \quad \xi_1, \xi_2 \in T_p N^\perp$$

and

$$\tau(R) + c = \tau(R^\perp); \quad \xi_1 \in T_p R, \xi_2 \in T_p R^\perp$$

for any n -plane sections P, R and $(n-1)$ -plane section N , where P^\perp, N^\perp and R^\perp denote the orthogonal complements of P, N and R in $T_p M$, respectively and $a = \frac{(\beta+\gamma)}{2}, b = \frac{(2\alpha+\beta+\gamma)}{2}, c = \frac{(\gamma-\beta)}{2}$.

Proof. Let P and R be n -plane sections and N be an $(n-1)$ -plane section such that

$$P = \text{span}\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$$

$$R = \text{span}\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2n}\},$$

and

$$N = \text{span}\{e_2, \dots, e_n\},$$

respectively. Therefore the orthogonal complements of these sections can be written as

$$P^\perp = \text{span}\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2n}\}$$

$$R^\perp = \text{span}\{e_1, \dots, e_n\},$$

and

$$N^\perp = \text{span}\{e_1, e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2n}\}.$$

Then the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1. □

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