

On semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifolds

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Abstract

In this paper, we study semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifolds. We obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for the scalar curvature to be constant in such a manifold. Ricci symmetric and decomposable semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifolds are studied. Also, we obtain a sufficient condition for such a manifold to be quasi Einstein. Finally, we construct two examples of a semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold.

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1 Introduction

Symmetric spaces play a significant role in the study of differential geometry. Cartan [19] studied Riemannian symmetric spaces and obtain its classification. A Riemannian manifold is said to be a locally symmetric manifold [19] if $\nabla R = 0$, where ∇ is the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the metric g . This notion has been diversified in various ways by several authors such as recurrent manifolds by Walker [18], projective symmetric manifolds by Soós [13], weakly symmetric manifolds by Tamassy and Binh [8], pseudosymmetric manifolds by Chaki [10] and so on.

The idea of recurrent manifolds has been generalized to Ricci recurrent manifolds by Patterson [15], 2-recurrent manifolds by Lichnerowicz [17], projective 2-recurrent manifolds by Ghosh [11] and others. A $(0, p)$ tensor field is said to be recurrent [18] if

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & (\nabla_X T)(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_p)T(Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_p) \\ & - T(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_p)(\nabla_X T)(Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_p) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

holds on (M^n, g) .

De and Guha [9] first studied generalized recurrent manifolds denoted by GK_n with non-zero associated 1-forms A and B . If $B = 0$, then the GK_n reduces to a recurrent manifold introduced by Ruse [16].

Prasad [6] initiated the notion of semi-generalized recurrent manifolds. A Riemannian manifold (M^n, g) is called a semi-generalized recurrent manifold if the curvature tensor R satisfies

$$(1.2) \quad (\nabla_X R)(Y, Z)W = \alpha(X)R(Y, Z)W + \beta(X)g(Z, W)Y,$$

where α and β are 1-forms ($\beta \neq 0$) and P, Q are vector fields given by

$$(1.3) \quad g(X, P) = \alpha(X), \quad g(X, Q) = \beta(X),$$

for arbitrary vector field X .

Let L denote the symmetric endomorphism of the tangent space at each point of M^n corresponding to the Ricci tensor S such that

$$(1.4) \quad S(X, Y) = g(LX, Y)$$

for every vector fields X and Y .

Chaki and Maity [5] introduced the notion of quasi Einstein manifold. A non-flat Riemannian manifold $(M^n, g)(n > 2)$ is called a quasi Einstein manifold if the Ricci tensor S is not identically zero and satisfies

$$(1.5) \quad S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + b\eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

where a, b ($b \neq 0$) are scalars and η is a non-zero 1-form defined by

$$\eta(X) = g(X, \rho),$$

where ρ is a unit vector field.

In 1973, Pokhariyal [12] defined the W_3 curvature tensor as

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} W_3(Y, Z, U, V) &= R(Y, Z, U, V) + \frac{1}{(n-1)}[g(Z, U)S(Y, V) \\ &- g(Z, V)S(Y, U)]. \end{aligned}$$

Hui [3] studied weakly W_3 symmetric manifolds and its decomposability showing that both the decompositions in such a manifold are weakly Ricci symmetric. In 2018, Moindi et al. [1] studied symmetric and semi-symmetric properties of the W_3 curvature tensor in K -contact Riemannian manifolds.

In this paper, we consider a non-flat Riemannian manifold (M^n, g) ($n > 2$) whose W_3 curvature tensor satisfies

$$(1.7) \quad (\nabla_X W_3)(Y, Z, U, V) = \alpha(X)W_3(Y, Z, U, V) + \beta(X)g(Z, U)g(Y, V),$$

where α, β are 1-forms, β is non-zero. Such a manifold is known as a semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold.

Singh and Khan [7] studied generalized recurrent and generalized conformally recurrent manifolds. In 2014, De and Pal [2] studied some geometric properties of generalized m -projectively recurrent manifolds. Generalized concircularly recurrent manifolds have been analysed by De and Gazi [4]. Motivated by these, we study semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifolds.

This paper is divided into sections as follows: After the introduction, we obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for the scalar curvature to be constant in a semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold. In section 3, Ricci symmetric semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifolds are studied. In the next section, we obtain a sufficient condition for such a manifold to be a quasi Einstein manifold. Section 5 is on the study of decomposable semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifolds. Finally, two examples of a semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold are constructed.

2 Necessary and Sufficient Condition for the scalar curvature to be constant in a semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold

From equations (1.6) and (1.7), we have

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_X R)(Y, Z, U, V) &= \alpha(X)R(Y, Z, U, V) + \frac{1}{(n-1)} \left[\alpha(X) \{g(Z, U)S(Y, V) \right. \\ &\quad - g(Z, V)S(Y, U)\} - \{g(Z, U)(\nabla_X S)(Y, V) \\ &\quad \left. - g(Z, V)(\nabla_X S)(Y, U)\} \right] + \beta(X)g(Z, U)g(Y, V). \end{aligned}$$

Using Bianchi's second identity and equation (2.1), we have

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} &\alpha(X)R(Y, Z, U, V) + \alpha(Y)R(Z, X, U, V) + \alpha(Z)R(X, Y, U, V) \\ &+ \beta(X)g(Z, U)g(Y, V) + \beta(Y)g(X, U)g(Z, V) + \beta(Z)g(Y, U)g(X, V) \\ &+ \frac{1}{(n-1)} \left[\alpha(X) \{g(Z, U)S(Y, V) - g(Z, V)S(Y, U)\} \right. \\ &+ \alpha(Y) \{g(X, U)S(Z, V) - g(X, V)S(Z, U)\} \\ &+ \alpha(Z) \{g(Y, U)S(X, V) - g(Y, V)S(X, U)\} \\ &- \{g(Z, U)(\nabla_X S)(Y, V) - g(Z, V)(\nabla_X S)(Y, U)\} \\ &- \{g(X, U)(\nabla_Y S)(Z, V) - g(X, V)(\nabla_Y S)(Z, U)\} \\ &\left. - \{g(Y, U)(\nabla_Z S)(X, V) - g(Y, V)(\nabla_Z S)(X, U)\} \right] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Putting $Y = V = e_i$ in equation (2.2) and summing over $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$, we get

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} &\alpha(X)S(Z, U) + \alpha(R(Z, X)U) - \alpha(Z)S(X, U) \\ &+ n\beta(X)g(Z, U) + 2\beta(Z)g(X, U) \\ &+ \frac{1}{(n-1)} \left[\alpha(X) \{rg(Z, U) - 2S(Z, U)\} + \alpha(LZ)g(X, U) \right. \\ &- (n-1)\alpha(Z)S(X, U) + 2(\nabla_Z S)(X, U) \\ &\left. - \left\{ g(Z, U)dr(X) + g(X, U)\frac{dr(Z)}{2} \right\} \right] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Contracting equation (2.3) with Z and U , we obtain

$$(2.4) \quad \left(\frac{2n-3}{n-1} \right) r\alpha(X) - \left(\frac{3n-4}{n-1} \right) \alpha(LX) + (n^2+2)\beta(X) - \frac{1}{(n-1)} dr(X) = 0,$$

which can be written as

$$(2.5) \quad r\alpha(X) = \left(\frac{3n-4}{2n-3}\right)\alpha(LX) - \frac{(n^2+2)(n-1)}{(2n-3)}\beta(X) + \frac{1}{(2n-3)}dr(X).$$

Thus, we can state the following:

Theorem 2.1. *In a semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold, the scalar curvature r is constant if and only if*

$$r\alpha(X) = \left(\frac{3n-4}{2n-3}\right)\alpha(LX) - \frac{(n^2+2)(n-1)}{(2n-3)}\beta(X),$$

for all vector fields X .

Suppose r is constant in a semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold, i. e., $dr = 0$. Then, equation (2.5) becomes

$$(2.6) \quad r\alpha(X) = \left(\frac{3n-4}{2n-3}\right)\alpha(LX) - \frac{(n^2+2)(n-1)}{(2n-3)}\beta(X).$$

Contraction of equation (2.1) yields

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_X S)(Z, U) &= \alpha(X)S(Z, U) + n\beta(X)g(Z, U) + \frac{1}{(n-1)} \left[\alpha(X)\{rg(Z, U) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - S(Z, U)\} - \{dr(X)g(Z, U) - (\nabla_X S)(Z, U)\} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Making use of (2.6) and $dr = 0$ in (2.7), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X S)(Z, U) &= \alpha(X)S(Z, U) + \frac{(n-1)}{(n-2)(2n-3)} \left[(n^2 - 3n - 2)\beta(X) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (3n-4)\alpha(LX) \right] g(Z, U), \end{aligned}$$

which can be written as

$$(\nabla_X S)(Z, U) = \alpha(X)S(Z, U) + n\gamma(X)g(Z, U),$$

where

$$\gamma(X) = \frac{(n-1)}{n(n-2)(2n-3)} \left[(n^2 - 3n - 2)\beta(X) + (3n-4)\alpha(LX) \right].$$

This leads to the theorem:

Theorem 2.2. *A semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold with constant scalar curvature is semi-generalized Ricci recurrent.*

3 Ricci symmetric semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold

Assume that the semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold is Ricci symmetric. Then, $\nabla S = 0$, i. e., $\nabla L = 0$. This implies that r is constant and $dr = 0$. Then, from equation (2.7), we have

$$(3.1) \quad \left(\frac{n-2}{n-1}\right)\alpha(X)S(Z, U) + \left\{\frac{r}{(n-1)}\alpha(X) + n\beta(X)\right\}g(Z, U) = 0.$$

Since r is constant, equation (2.6) holds. Substituting the value of $\beta(X)$ from equation (2.6) in (3.1), we have

$$S(Z, U) = \frac{n}{(n-2)(n^2+2)} \left[r(n^2-3n-2) - (3n-4)\frac{\alpha(LX)}{\alpha(X)} \right] g(Z, U),$$

which can be written as

$$S(Z, U) = \lambda g(Z, U),$$

where $\lambda = \frac{n}{(n-2)(n^2+2)} \left[r(n^2-3n-2) - (3n-4)\frac{\alpha(LX)}{\alpha(X)} \right]$. Thus, we have:

Theorem 3.1. *A Ricci symmetric semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold is an Einstein manifold.*

4 Sufficient condition for a semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold to be a quasi Einstein manifold

Equation (2.7) yields

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_X S)(Y, Z) &= \alpha(X)S(Y, Z) + \frac{n}{(n-1)} \left[(n-1)\beta(X) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{r}{n}\alpha(X) - \frac{dr(X)}{n} \right] g(Y, Z). \end{aligned}$$

A vector field P defined by $g(X, P) = \alpha(X)$ is said to be a concircular vector field if

$$(4.2) \quad (\nabla_X \alpha)(Y) = \nu g(X, Y) + \omega(X)\alpha(Y),$$

where ν is a non-zero scalar and ω is a closed 1-form. If P is unit, then equation (4.2) can be written as

$$(4.3) \quad (\nabla_X \alpha)(Y) = \nu [g(X, Y) - \alpha(X)\alpha(Y)].$$

Suppose a semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold admits a unit concircular vector field P . Using Ricci identity in equation (4.3), we have

$$(4.4) \quad \alpha(R(X, Y)Z) = -\nu^2 [g(X, Z)\alpha(Y) - g(Y, Z)\alpha(X)].$$

Contraction of equation (4.4) with respect to Y and Z gives

$$(4.5) \quad \alpha(LX) = (n-1)\nu^2\alpha(X),$$

where L is the Ricci operator given by

$$S(X, Y) = g(LX, Y).$$

This implies

$$(4.6) \quad S(X, P) = (n-1)\nu^2\alpha(X).$$

We know that

$$(4.7) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Y, P) = \nabla_X S(Y, P) - S(\nabla_X Y, P) - S(Y, \nabla_X P).$$

Using equation (4.6) in (4.7), we have

$$(\nabla_X S)(Y, P) = (n-1)\nu^2\nabla_X\alpha(Y) - (n-1)\nu^2\alpha(\nabla_X Y) - S(Y, \nabla_X P),$$

or

$$(\nabla_X S)(Y, P) = (n-1)\nu^2(\nabla_X\alpha)(Y) - S(Y, \nabla_X P).$$

Applying equation (4.3) in the above equation, we get

$$(4.8) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Y, P) = (n-1)\nu^3[g(X, Y) - \alpha(X)\alpha(Y)] - S(Y, \nabla_X P).$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X\alpha)(Y) &= \nabla_X\alpha(Y) - \alpha(\nabla_X Y) = \nabla_X g(Y, P) - g(\nabla_X Y, P) \\ &= g(Y, \nabla_X P), \quad \text{since } (\nabla_X g)(Y, P) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of equation (4.3), this implies

$$\begin{aligned} \nu[g(X, Y) - \alpha(X)\alpha(Y)] &= g(Y, \nabla_X P), \\ \Rightarrow g(\nu X, Y) - g(\nu\alpha(X)P, Y) &= g(\nabla_X P, Y), \\ \text{or, } \nabla_X P &= \nu[X - \alpha(X)P]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$S(Y, \nabla_X P) = S(Y, \nu X) - S(Y, \nu\alpha(X)P),$$

$$(4.9) \quad \text{which implies } S(Y, \nabla_X P) = \nu[S(X, Y) - \alpha(X)S(Y, P)].$$

Making use of equation (4.9) in (4.8), we have

$$(4.10) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_X S)(Y, P) &= (n-1)\nu^3[g(X, Y) - \alpha(X)\alpha(Y)] \\ &\quad - \nu[S(X, Y) - \alpha(X)S(Y, P)]. \end{aligned}$$

Applying equation (4.6) in (4.10), we obtain

$$(4.11) \quad (\nabla_X S)(Y, P) = (n-1)\nu^3 g(X, Y) - \nu S(X, Y).$$

From equation (4.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X S)(Y, P) &= \left(\frac{n-2}{n}\right)\alpha(X)S(Y, P) + (n-1)\left[\beta(X) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{r}{n(n-2)}\alpha(X) + \frac{dr(X)}{n(n-1)}\right]g(Y, P). \end{aligned}$$

Using equations (4.8) and (4.11), the above equation becomes

$$(4.12) \quad \begin{aligned} (n-1)\nu^3 g(X, Y) - \nu S(X, Y) &= \frac{(n-2)}{n(n-1)}\nu^2\alpha(X)\alpha(Y) \\ &+ (n-1)\left[\beta(X) - \frac{r}{n(n-2)}\alpha(X) + \frac{dr(X)}{n(n-1)}\right]\alpha(Y). \end{aligned}$$

If the scalar curvature is constant, then $dr = 0$. From equation (2.6), we have

$$r\alpha(X) = \left(\frac{3n-4}{2n-3}\right)\alpha(LX) - \frac{(n^2+2)(n-1)}{(2n-3)}\beta(X),$$

which can be written as

$$(4.13) \quad \beta(X) = \frac{1}{(n^2+2)}\left[(3n-4)\nu^2 - \left(\frac{2n-3}{n-1}\right)r\right]\alpha(X).$$

Making use of equation (4.13) and $dr = 0$ in (4.12), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (n-1)\nu^3 g(X, Y) - \nu S(X, Y) &= \left[(n-1)\nu^2 + \frac{1}{n(n-2)(n^2+2)}\{(n-1)(3n-4)\nu^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - r(n^2-3n-2)\}\right]\alpha(X)\alpha(Y). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i. e., } (n-1)\nu^3 g(X, Y) - \nu S(X, Y) &= \frac{(n-1)}{(n-2)(n^2+2)}\left[\{(n^3+n^2-2n-4)\nu^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - r(n^2-3n-2)\}\right]\alpha(X)\alpha(Y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(X, Y) &= (n-1)\nu^2 g(X, Y) + \frac{(n-1)}{(n-2)(n^2+2)}\left[\left\{\frac{r}{\nu}(n^2-3n-2) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - (n^3+n^2-2n-4)\nu\right\}\right]\alpha(X)\alpha(Y), \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or, } S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + b\alpha(X)\alpha(Y),$$

where $a = (n-1)\nu^2$ and $b = \frac{(n-1)}{(n-2)(n^2+2)} \left[\left\{ \frac{r}{\nu}(n^2-3n-2) - (n^3+n^2-2n-4)\nu \right\} \right]$ are two non-zero constants. Hence, the manifold is a quasi Einstein manifold. Thus, we have the theorem:

Theorem 4.1. *A semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold which admits a unit concircular vector field and whose associated scalar is a non-zero constant is a quasi Einstein manifold.*

5 Decomposable semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold

A Riemannian manifold $(M^n, g)(n > 2)$ is said to be a decomposable Riemannian manifold [14] if it can be expressed in the form $M^n = M_1^p X M_2^{n-p}$ for some p , $2 \leq p \leq (n-2)$, i. e., in some coordinate neighbourhood of M^n , the metric g can be written as

$$(5.1) \quad ds^2 = g_{ij}dx^i dx^j = \bar{g}_{ab}dx^a dx^b + g_{\alpha\beta}^* dx^\alpha dx^\beta,$$

where \bar{g}_{ab} are functions of x^1, x^2, \dots, x^p denoted by \bar{x} , $g_{\alpha\beta}^*$ are functions of $x^{p+1}, x^{p+2}, \dots, x^n$ denoted by x^* , a, b, c, \dots runs from 1 to p and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots$ runs from $p+1$ to n . M_1^p and M_2^{n-p} are called the components of M^n .

Suppose a semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold $(M^n, g)(n > 2)$ is decomposable. Then, $M^n = M_1^p X M_2^{n-p}$ for some p , $2 \leq p \leq (n-2)$. Let $\bar{X}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Z}, \bar{U}, \bar{V} \in \chi(M_1)$, $X^*, Y^*, Z^*, U^*, V^* \in \chi(M_2)$. Since M^n is decomposable, we have

$$S(\bar{X}, \bar{Y}) = \bar{S}(\bar{X}, \bar{Y}),$$

$$S(X^*, Y^*) = S^*(X^*, Y^*),$$

$$(\nabla_{\bar{X}} S)(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z}) = (\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}} S)(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z}),$$

$$(\nabla_{X^*} S)(Y^*, Z^*) = (\nabla_{X^*}^* S)(Y^*, Z^*)$$

and $r = \bar{r} + r^*$.

From equation (1.6), we have

$$(5.2) \quad W_3(\bar{X}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Z}, \bar{U}) = \bar{W}_3(\bar{X}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Z}, \bar{U}),$$

$$W_3(X^*, Y^*, Z^*, U^*) = W_3^*(X^*, Y^*, Z^*, U^*),$$

$$W_3(Y^*, \bar{Z}, \bar{U}, \bar{V}) = 0 = W_3(\bar{Y}, Z^*, U^*, V^*) = W_3(\bar{Y}, Z^*, \bar{U}, \bar{V}) = W_3(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z}, U^*, \bar{V}),$$

$$(5.3) \quad W_3(\bar{Y}, Z^*, U^*, \bar{V}) = \frac{1}{(n-1)} g(Z^*, U^*) S(\bar{Y}, \bar{V}),$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
W_3(Y^*, \bar{Z}, U^*, \bar{V}) &= -\frac{1}{(n-1)}g(\bar{Z}, \bar{V})S(Y^*, U^*), \\
W_3(\bar{Y}, Z^*, \bar{U}, V^*) &= -\frac{1}{(n-1)}g(Z^*, V^*)S(\bar{Y}, \bar{U}), \\
(\nabla_{X^*}W_3)(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z}, \bar{U}, \bar{V}) &= 0 = (\nabla_{\bar{X}}W_3)(Y^*, Z^*, U^*, V^*).
\end{aligned}$$

From equation (1.7), we get

$$(\nabla_{\bar{X}}W_3)(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z}, \bar{U}, \bar{V}) = \alpha(\bar{X})W_3(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z}, \bar{U}, \bar{V}) + \beta(\bar{X})g(\bar{Z}, \bar{U})g(\bar{Y}, \bar{V}),$$

$$(5.5) \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha(X^*)W_3(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z}, \bar{U}, \bar{V}) + \beta(X^*)g(\bar{Z}, \bar{U})g(\bar{Y}, \bar{V}) = 0.$$

Also,

$$\beta_{(\bar{p}, p^*)}(0 \oplus v) = 0,$$

where $\bar{p} \in M_1, p^* \in M_2$ and $v \in T_{p^*}(M_2)$. Also, for every $(\bar{p}, p^*) \in M^n$, we have from equation (1.7),

$$(5.6) \quad (\nabla_{X^*}W_3)_{(\bar{p}, p^*)}(Y^*, Z^*, U^*, V^*) = (\nabla_{X^*}^*W_3)_{p^*}(Y^*, Z^*, U^*, V^*)$$

and the R. H. S does not depend on $\bar{p} \in M_1$.

Suppose $\beta(X^*) = 0, \forall X^* \in \chi(M_2)$, then equation (5.5) yields

$$(5.7) \quad \alpha(X^*)W_3(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z}, \bar{U}, \bar{V}) = 0,$$

and

$$(5.8) \quad \alpha(X^*)\bar{W}_3(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z}, \bar{U}, \bar{V}) = 0.$$

If M_1 is not W_3 flat, i. e., $(\bar{W}_3)_{\bar{p}_0} \neq 0$, for some $\bar{p}_0 \in M_1$, then equations (5.7) and (5.8) gives

$$(5.9) \quad \alpha_{(\bar{p}, p^*)}(0 \oplus v) = 0.$$

Then, equation (1.7) yields

$$(\nabla_{X^*}W_3)_{(\bar{p}, p^*)}(Y^*, Z^*, U^*, V^*) = 0,$$

for every $\bar{p} \in M_1, p^* \in M_2$ and $v \in T_{p^*}(M_2)$. It follows that if M_1 is not W_3 flat, then

$$(5.10) \quad \alpha_{(\bar{p}, p^*)}(W_3)_{p^*}(Y^*, Z^*, U^*, V^*) = 0,$$

for all $\bar{p} \in M_1, p^* \in M_2$.

Assume that

$$(5.11) \quad (\nabla_X W_3)(Y, Z, U, V) = \bar{\alpha}(X)W_3(Y, Z, U, V) + \bar{\beta}(X)g(Z, U)g(Y, V),$$

where $\bar{\alpha}$ and $\bar{\beta}$ are 1-forms.

Using (5.11) in equation (1.7), we obtain

$$(5.12) \quad [\alpha(X) - \bar{\alpha}(X)]W_3(Y, Z, U, V) + [\beta(X) - \bar{\beta}(X)]g(Z, U)g(Y, V) = 0.$$

Contraction of equation (5.12) over Y and V gives

$$(5.13) \quad [\alpha(X) - \bar{\alpha}(X)] \left[S(Z, U) - \frac{1}{(n-1)} \{rg(Z, U) - S(Z, U)\} \right] + [\beta(X) - \bar{\beta}(X)]g(Z, U) = 0.$$

Again contracting equation (5.13) over Z and U , we have

$$\beta(X) = \bar{\beta}(X),$$

which implies, from equation (5.12)

$$\alpha(X) = \bar{\alpha}(X),$$

for all $X \in M^n$ provided $W_3 \neq 0$, i. e., the manifold is not W_3 flat. Thus, the 1-forms α and β are uniquely determined provided that the manifold is not W_3 flat. So, from equation (5.9), we have

$$(5.14) \quad \alpha_{(\bar{p}, p^*)}(X^*) = 0,$$

for all $\bar{p} \in M_1, p^* \in M_2$.

Hence, from equation (5.7), we can conclude that either

1. $\alpha(X^*) = 0$, or
2. M_1 is W_3 flat.

Also, from equation (1.7), we get

$$(5.15) \quad (\nabla_{X^*} W_3)(Y^*, \bar{Z}, \bar{U}, V^*) = \alpha(X^*)W_3(Y^*, \bar{Z}, \bar{U}, V^*) + \beta(X^*)g(\bar{Z}, \bar{U})g(Y^*, V^*).$$

Consider case (1). From equation (5.15), we have

$$(\nabla_{X^*} W_3)(Y^*, \bar{Z}, \bar{U}, V^*) = 0,$$

which by virtue of (5.3) gives

$$(5.16) \quad (\nabla_{X^*} S)(Y^*, V^*) = 0,$$

i. e., the component M_2 is Ricci symmetric. Using equations (5.4), (5.6), (5.9), (5.10) and (5.14), and $\alpha(X^*) = 0, \beta(X^*) = 0$, for all $X^* \in M_2$, we have from (1.7),

$$(\nabla_{X^*} W_3)(Y^*, Z^*, U^*, V^*) = 0,$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_{X^*} R)(Y^*, Z^*, U^*, V^*) &+ \frac{1}{(n-1)} [g(Z^*, U^*)(\nabla_{X^*} S)(Y^*, V^*) \\ &- g(Z^*, V^*)(\nabla_{X^*} S)(Y^*, U^*)] = 0, \end{aligned}$$

which by virtue of equation (5.16) yields

$$(\nabla_{X^*} R)(Y^*, Z^*, U^*, V^*) = 0.$$

Hence, M_2 is locally symmetric. Similarly, we can prove for M_1 . Thus, we can state the theorem:

Theorem 5.1. *Let M^n be a decomposable semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold which is not W_3 flat such that $M^n = M_1^p X M_2^{n-p}$, $2 \leq p \leq (n-2)$. If $\beta(X^*) = 0$ for all $X^* \in M_2$, (respectively $\beta(\bar{X}) = 0$ for all $\bar{X} \in M_1$), then either (1) or (2) holds.*

1. $\alpha(X^*) = 0$, $\forall X^* \in \chi(M_2)$, (respectively $\alpha(\bar{X}) = 0$, $\forall \bar{X} \in \chi(M_1)$), and hence M_2 (respectively M_1) is Ricci symmetric as well as locally symmetric.
2. M_2 (respectively M_1) is W_3 flat.

Also, from equation (1.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_{\bar{X}} W_3)(\bar{Y}, Z^*, U^*, \bar{V}) &= \alpha(\bar{X}) W_3(\bar{Y}, Z^*, U^*, \bar{V}) \\ (5.17) \qquad \qquad \qquad &+ \beta(\bar{X}) g(Z^*, U^*) g(\bar{Y}, \bar{V}). \end{aligned}$$

Using equation (5.3) in (5.17), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(n-1)} g(Z^*, U^*) (\nabla_{\bar{X}} S)(\bar{Y}, \bar{V}) &= \frac{\alpha(\bar{X})}{n-1} g(Z^*, U^*) S(\bar{Y}, \bar{V}) \\ (5.18) \qquad \qquad \qquad &+ \beta(\bar{X}) g(Z^*, U^*) g(\bar{Y}, \bar{V}). \end{aligned}$$

Assume $g(Z^*, U^*) \neq 0$, then equation (5.18) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_{\bar{X}} S)(\bar{Y}, \bar{V}) &= \alpha(\bar{X}) S(\bar{Y}, \bar{V}) + (n-1) \beta(\bar{X}) g(\bar{Y}, \bar{V}), \\ \Rightarrow (\nabla_{\bar{X}} S)(\bar{Y}, \bar{V}) &= A(\bar{X}) S(\bar{Y}, \bar{V}) + n B(\bar{X}) g(\bar{Y}, \bar{V}), \end{aligned}$$

where $A(\bar{X}) = \alpha(\bar{X})$ and $B(\bar{X}) = \frac{(n-1)}{n} \beta(\bar{X})$ are two non-zero 1-forms. This leads to the theorem:

Theorem 5.2. *Let M^n be a decomposable semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold which is not W_3 flat such that $M^n = M_1^p X M_2^{n-p}$, $2 \leq p \leq (n-2)$. Then M_1 (respectively M_2) is semi-generalized Ricci recurrent.*

6 Example of a semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold

Example 1: Consider \mathbb{R}^4 with the Riemannian metric defined by

$$(6.1) \quad ds^2 = g_{ij} dx^i dx^j = (1 - 4q)[(dx^1)^2 + (dx^2)^2 + (dx^3)^2 + (dx^4)^2],$$

where $q = \frac{e^{x^1}}{k^2}$, for a non-zero constant k and $x^1 \neq 0$. The non-vanishing components of the Christoffel's symbols, the Riemannian curvature tensors and the Ricci tensors are

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{22}^1 &= \Gamma_{33}^1 = \Gamma_{44}^1 = \frac{2q}{1 - 4q}, \\ \Gamma_{11}^1 &= \Gamma_{12}^2 = \Gamma_{13}^3 = \Gamma_{14}^4 = -\frac{2q}{1 - 4q}, \\ R_{1221} &= R_{1331} = R_{1441} = -\frac{2q}{1 - 4q}, \\ S_{11} &= \frac{6q}{(1 - 4q)^2}, \quad S_{22} = S_{33} = \frac{2q}{(1 - 4q)^2} \end{aligned}$$

and the components which can be obtained by symmetry properties. Using

$$(6.2) \quad r = g^{ij} S_{ij},$$

we get $r = \frac{12q}{(1 - 4q)^3}$, which is non-zero. By virtue of equation (1.6), we get the non-zero components of the W_3 curvature tensor as

$$(W_3)_{1221} = -\frac{4q}{1 - 4q}, \quad (W_3)_{1331} = (W_3)_{1441} = -\frac{8q}{3(1 - 4q)},$$

whose non-zero covariant derivatives are

$$(W_3)_{1221,1} = -\frac{4q}{(1 - 4q)^2}, \quad (W_3)_{1331,1} = (W_3)_{1441,1} = -\frac{8q}{3(1 - 4q)^2}$$

and their symmetric components. Here “,” denotes the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the metric g . To show that (\mathbb{R}^4, g) is a semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold, we choose the 1-forms α and β as

$$\alpha_i = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1 - 4q}, & i = 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_i = 0, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

Then, equation (1.7) reduces to

$$(6.3) \quad (W_3)_{1221,1} = \alpha_1(W_3)_{1221},$$

$$(6.4) \quad (W_3)_{1331,1} = \alpha_1(W_3)_{1331},$$

$$(6.5) \quad (W_3)_{1441,1} = \alpha_1(W_3)_{1441}$$

and the other cases hold trivially.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R. H. S of (6.3)} &= \alpha_1(W_3)_{1221} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1-4q}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{4q}{1-4q}\right) \\ &= -\frac{4q}{(1-4q)^2} = (W_3)_{1221,1} \\ &= \text{L. H. S of (6.3)}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, equations (6.4) and (6.5) can be proved. Therefore, (\mathbb{R}^4, g) is a semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold.

Example 2: Define a Riemannian metric g on \mathbb{R}^4 by

$$(6.6) \quad ds^2 = g_{ij}dx^i dx^j = (x^1)^{\frac{1}{3}}[(dx^1)^2 + (dx^2)^2 + (dx^3)^2] + (dx^4)^2, \text{ where } x^1 \neq 0.$$

We obtain the non-vanishing components of the Christoffel's symbols, the curvature tensors and the Ricci tensors as

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{22}^1 &= \Gamma_{33}^1 = \frac{1}{6x^1}, \\ \Gamma_{11}^1 &= \Gamma_{12}^2 = \Gamma_{13}^3 = -\frac{1}{6x^1}, \\ R_{1221} &= -\frac{5}{36(x^1)^{\frac{5}{3}}} = R_{1331}, \quad R_{2332} = -\frac{1}{36(x^1)^{\frac{5}{3}}}, \\ S_{11} &= -\frac{5}{18(x^1)^2}, \quad S_{22} = S_{33} = \frac{1}{9(x^1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

and their symmetric components.

Using (6.2), we get $r = \frac{1}{2(x^1)^{\frac{7}{3}}}$, which is non-zero and non constant. From equation (1.6), we obtain

$$(W_3)_{1221} = -\frac{5}{108(x^1)^{\frac{5}{3}}} = (W_3)_{1331}, \quad (W_3)_{2332} = -\frac{1}{36(x^1)^{\frac{5}{3}}},$$

and the components obtained by symmetric properties. Using these, we get the covariant derivatives of the W_3 curvature tensors as

$$(W_3)_{1221,1} = \frac{25}{324(x^1)^{\frac{8}{3}}} = (W_3)_{1331,1}, \quad (W_3)_{2332,1} = \frac{5}{108(x^1)^{\frac{8}{3}}}.$$

To show that the manifold under consideration is semi-generalized W_3 recurrent, we choose the 1-forms α and β as

$$\alpha_i = \begin{cases} -\frac{5}{3(x^1)}, & i = 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_i = 0, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

From equation (1.6), we have

$$(6.7) \quad (W_3)_{1221,1} = \alpha_1(W_3)_{1221},$$

$$(6.8) \quad (W_3)_{1331,1} = \alpha_1(W_3)_{1331},$$

$$(6.9) \quad (W_3)_{2332,1} = \alpha_1(W_3)_{2332},$$

and all other cases hold trivially. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R. H. S of (6.7)} &= \alpha_1(W_3)_{1221} \\ &= \left(-\frac{5}{3(x^1)}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{5}{108(x^1)^{\frac{8}{3}}}\right) \\ &= \frac{25}{324(x^1)^{\frac{8}{3}}} = (W_3)_{1221,1} \\ &= \text{L. H. S of (6.7)} \end{aligned}$$

and equations (6.8) and (6.9) can be proved in a similar manner. Therefore, \mathbb{R}^4 with the given metric is a semi-generalized W_3 recurrent manifold.

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