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## ON RICCI-PSEUDOSYMMETRIC DOUBLY WARPED PRODUCTS

### 1. Introduction

Let  $(M, g)$  and  $(M', g')$  be Riemannian manifolds whose metrics need not be positive definite. If  $f : M \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  and  $\phi : M' \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  are smooth functions then the Cartesian product  $\bar{M} = M \times M'$  with the metric  $\bar{g} = \phi g \oplus f g'$  (more precisely,  $\bar{g} = (\phi \circ \pi')\pi^*g + (f \circ \pi)(\pi')^*g'$ ,  $\pi : \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  being the natural projection), is called a doubly warped product [5]. We will use the notation  $M_\phi \times_f M'$  for the manifold  $(M \times M', \phi g \oplus f g')$ . If  $f$  or  $\phi$  is constant then we obtain a (singly) warped product [2] (or semi-decomposable space [7]).

It is worth noticing that a doubly warped product is the special case of a so-called conformal product ( $\bar{g} = hg \oplus kg'$ , where  $h$  and  $k$  are functions defined on  $M \times M'$ ) investigated by Yano [11] and Wong [10]. Lorentzian doubly warped products have been studied by Beem and Powell [1]. In this paper we consider only essentially doubly warped products, i.e., such doubly warped products which are not singly warped.

Let  $(M, g)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional ( $n \geq 3$ ) Riemannian manifold. We denote by  $\nabla, \mathcal{R}, R, S$  and  $K$  the Levi-Civita connection, the curvature tensor, the Riemannian-Christoffel curvature tensor, the Ricci tensor and the scalar curvature of  $(M, g)$ , respectively.

A manifold  $(M, g)$  is said to be Ricci-pseudosymmetric [4] if at every point of  $M$  the following condition is satisfied:

(\*) the tensors  $R \cdot S$  and  $Q(g, S)$  are linearly dependent.

This condition is trivially satisfied at points at which  $S = \frac{K}{n}g$  (it is easy to see that the tensor  $Q(g, S)$  vanishes at  $x$  if and only if  $S = \frac{K}{n}g$  at  $x$ ). Thus

the condition (\*) is equivalent to the following relation

$$(1) \quad R \cdot S = LQ(g, S)$$

on the set  $U = \left\{ x \in M : S \neq \frac{K}{n}g \text{ at } x \right\}$ , where  $L$  is a function on  $U$ .

Obviously, any Ricci-semisymmetric manifold ( $R \cdot S = 0$ , cf. [8]) is Ricci-pseudosymmetric. Ricci-pseudosymmetric warped products have been studied by Deszcz [3].

The aim of the present paper is to study doubly warped products which are Ricci-pseudosymmetric. Theorem 2.1 contains necessary and sufficient conditions for a doubly warped product to be Ricci-pseudosymmetric.

In section 3 we consider some special cases. In particular, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for a doubly warped product of two Einstein manifolds to be Ricci-pseudosymmetric. Moreover, we prove that if in a Ricci-pseudosymmetric doubly warped product one from the two factors is an Einstein manifold then this product must be Ricci-semisymmetric.

Throughout this paper, by a manifold we mean a connected paracompact manifold of class  $C^\infty$  or analytic. By abuse of notation, concerning Riemannian manifolds we often write  $M$  instead of  $(M, g)$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold. For a tensor  $A$  of type  $(0, p)$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , on  $M$  we define the tensor fields  $R \cdot A$  and  $Q(g, A)$  by the formulas

$$\begin{aligned} (R \cdot A)(X_1, \dots, X_p; X, Y) &= (\mathcal{R}(X, Y) \cdot A)(X_1, \dots, X_p) = \\ &= -A(\mathcal{R}(X, Y)X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p) - \dots - A(X_1, \dots, X_{p-1}, \mathcal{R}(X, Y)X_p) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} Q(g, A)(X_1, \dots, X_p; X, Y) &= -((X \wedge Y) \cdot A)(X_1, \dots, X_p) = \\ &= A((X \wedge Y)X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p) + \dots + A(X_1, \dots, X_{p-1}, (X \wedge Y)X_p) \end{aligned}$$

respectively, where  $X_i, X, Y \in \Xi(M)$ ,  $\Xi(M)$  being the Lie algebra of vector fields on  $M$ , and  $\mathcal{R}(X, Y)$  and  $X \wedge Y$  are derivations of the algebra of tensor fields on  $M$ . These derivations are extensions of endomorphisms  $\mathcal{R}(X, Y)$  and  $X \wedge Y$  of  $\Xi(M)$  defined by

$$\mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z$$

and

$$(X \wedge Y)Z = g(Z, Y)X - g(Z, X)Y$$

respectively, where  $X, Y, Z \in \Xi(M)$ . The Riemann-Christoffel curvature tensor  $R$  is given by

$$R(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = g(\mathcal{R}(X_1, X_2)X_3, X_4).$$

Let  $(\bar{M}, \bar{g})$  be an  $n$ -dimensional ( $n \geq 2$ ) doubly warped product  $M_\phi \times_f M'$  ( $\dim M = q$ ,  $1 \leq q < n$ ,  $\dim M' = n - q = s$ ).

In a suitable product chart  $x^1, \dots, x^n$  for  $\bar{M}$  we have

$$\bar{g}_{ij} dx^i dx^j = \phi g_{ab} dx^a dx^b + f g'_{\alpha\beta} dx_\alpha dx_\beta,$$

where  $i, j, \dots = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $a, b, \dots = 1, \dots, q$ ,  $\alpha, \beta, \dots = q+1, \dots, n$ ,  $g_{ab}$  and  $f$  are functions of  $(x^a)$  only,  $g'_{\alpha\beta}$  and  $\phi$  are functions of  $(x^\alpha)$  only.

We denote by  $R_{abcd}$  and  $S_{ab}$  the components of the Riemann-Christoffel curvature tensor  $R$  and the Ricci tensor  $S$  of  $(M, g)$ , respectively. Moreover, when  $\Omega$  is a quantity formed with respect to  $g$ , we denote by  $\bar{\Omega}$  (resp.  $\Omega'$ ) the similar quantity formed with respect to  $\bar{g}$  (resp.  $g'$ ). Analogically, if some formula is indicated by (i), writing (i)' we refer to the similar formula obtaining from (i) by interchanging  $g$  and  $g'$ .

In the sequel we shall use the following notation

$$(2) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G_{abcd} = g_{ad}g_{bc} - g_{ac}g_{bd}, \\ T_{ab} = -\frac{1}{2f} \left( \nabla_b f_a - \frac{1}{2f} f_a f_b \right), \\ tr(T) = g^{ab} T_{ab}, \\ O = f((s-1)P - tr(T)), \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} G'_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = g'_{\alpha\delta}g'_{\beta\gamma} - g'_{\alpha\gamma}g'_{\beta\delta}, \\ T'_{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{1}{2\phi} \left( \nabla'_\beta \phi_\alpha - \frac{1}{2\phi} \phi_\alpha \phi_\beta \right), \\ tr(T') = g'^{\alpha\beta} T'_{\alpha\beta}, \\ O' = \phi((q-1)P' - tr(T')), \end{array} \right.$$

where  $f_b = \partial_b f$ ,  $\phi_\alpha = \partial_\alpha \phi$ ,  $\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ ,  $P = g^{ab} f_a f_b / 4f^2 = \frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f^2}$ ,  $P' = g'^{\alpha\beta} \phi_\alpha \phi_\beta / 4\phi^2 = \frac{\Delta'_1 \phi}{4\phi^2}$ .

We have the following formulas [6]:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}_{abcd} &= \phi R_{abcd} + \frac{\Delta'_1 \phi}{4f} G_{abcd}, \\ \bar{R}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &= f R'_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} + \frac{\Delta_1 f}{4\phi} G'_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}, \\ \bar{R}_{\alpha\beta c\delta} &= f T_{ac} g'_{\beta\delta} + \phi T'_{\beta\delta} g_{ac}, \\ \bar{R}_{ab c\delta} &= \frac{\phi_\delta}{4f} (f_b g_{ac} - f_a g_{bc}), \\ \bar{R}_{\alpha\beta\gamma d} &= \frac{f_d}{4\phi} (\phi_\beta g'_{\alpha\gamma} - \phi_\alpha g'_{\beta\gamma}), \\ \bar{R}_{ab\gamma\delta} &= 0, \\ \bar{S}_{ab} &= S_{ab} - s T_{ab} + \frac{O'}{f} g_{ab}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{S}_{\alpha\beta} = S'_{\alpha\beta} - qT'_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{O}{\phi}g'_{\alpha\beta},$$

$$\bar{S}_{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{n-2}{4f\phi}f_{\alpha}\phi_{\beta}.$$

The last relation implies that  $\bar{M}$  cannot be Einsteinian.

Using these formulas, by an elementary but somewhat lengthy calculation, we see that the only non-zero components of  $Q(\bar{g}, \bar{S})$  and  $\bar{R} \cdot \bar{S}$  are those related to :

$$(3) \quad Q(\bar{g}, \bar{S})_{abc\delta} = \frac{n-2}{4f}\phi_{\delta}(f_b g_{ac} + f_a g_{bc}),$$

$$(3') \quad Q(\bar{g}, \bar{S})_{\alpha\beta\gamma d} = \frac{n-2}{4\phi}f_d(\phi_{\beta}g'_{\alpha\gamma} + \phi_{\alpha}g'_{\beta\gamma}),$$

$$(4) \quad Q(\bar{g}, \bar{S})_{\alpha b\gamma d} = \phi g_{bd}(S'_{\alpha\gamma} - qT'_{\alpha\gamma}) - f g'_{\alpha\gamma}(S_{bd} - sT_{bd}) + (O - O')g'_{\alpha\gamma}g_{bd},$$

$$(5) \quad Q(\bar{g}, \bar{S})_{abcd} = \phi Q(g, S)_{abcd} - \phi s Q(g, T)_{abcd},$$

$$(5') \quad Q(\bar{g}, \bar{S})_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = f Q(g', S')_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} - f q Q(g', T')_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta},$$

$$(6) \quad (\bar{R} \cdot \bar{S})_{abc\delta} = -\frac{\phi_{\delta}}{4f\phi}(f_a S_{bc} + f_b S_{ac} - f^e S_{ea} g_{bc} - f^e S_{eb} g_{ac}) \\ + (q-2)(f_a T_{bc} + f_b T_{ac}) + s(f^e T_{ea} g_{bc} + f^e T_{eb} g_{ac}) \\ - \frac{n-2}{4f^2}\phi^{\omega}T'_{\omega\delta}(f_a g_{bc} + f_b g_{ac}),$$

$$(6') \quad (\bar{R} \cdot \bar{S})_{\alpha\beta\gamma d} = -\frac{f_d}{4f\phi}(\phi_{\alpha}S'_{\beta\gamma} + \phi_{\beta}S'_{\alpha\gamma} - \phi^{\omega}S'_{\omega\alpha}g'_{\beta\gamma} - \phi^{\omega}S'_{\omega\beta}g'_{\alpha\gamma} \\ + (s-2)(\phi_{\alpha}T'_{\beta\gamma} + \phi_{\beta}T'_{\alpha\gamma}) + q(\phi^{\omega}T'_{\omega\alpha}g'_{\beta\gamma} \\ + \phi^{\omega}T'_{\omega\beta}g'_{\alpha\gamma})) - \frac{n-2}{4\phi^2}f^e T_{ed}(\phi_{\alpha}g'_{\beta\gamma} + \phi_{\beta}g'_{\alpha\gamma}),$$

$$(7) \quad (\bar{R} \cdot \bar{S})_{\alpha b\gamma d} = T'_{\alpha\gamma}S_{bd} - T_{bd}S'_{\alpha\gamma} + (q-s)T'_{\alpha\gamma}T_{bd} + \frac{O'-O}{f}T'_{\alpha\gamma}g_{bd} \\ + \frac{O'-O}{\phi}T_{bd}g'_{\alpha\gamma} + \frac{f}{\phi}(S_{be} - sT_{be})T'_d g'_{\alpha\gamma} \\ - \frac{\phi}{f}(S'_{\alpha\omega} - qT'_{\alpha\omega})T'_{\gamma}{}^{\omega}S_{bd} + \frac{n-2}{(4f\phi)^2}(\Delta_1 f \phi_{\alpha}\phi_{\gamma}g_{bd} \\ - \Delta'_1 \phi f_b f_d g'_{\alpha\gamma}),$$

$$(8) \quad (\bar{R} \cdot \bar{S})_{abcd} = (R \cdot S)_{abcd} - s(R \cdot T)_{abcd} + \frac{\Delta'_1 \phi}{4f\phi}Q(g, B)_{abcd},$$

$$(8') \quad (\bar{R} \cdot \bar{S})_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = (R' \cdot S')_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} - q(R' \cdot T')_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} + \frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f\phi}Q(g', B')_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta},$$

where  $B_{ab} = S_{ab} - sT_{ab} + \frac{n-2}{4f^2}f_a f_b$ ,  $B'_{\alpha\beta} = S'_{\alpha\beta} - sT'_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{n-2}{4\phi^2}\phi_\alpha \phi_\beta$ .

In the sequel we assume that  $\bar{M} = M_\phi \times_f M'$  ( $\dim \bar{M} = n \geq 3$ ) is an essentially doubly warped product (more precisely, we assume that  $df \neq 0$  and  $d\phi \neq 0$  everywhere). Since  $\bar{S} \neq \frac{\bar{K}}{n}\bar{g}$  everywhere, so  $\bar{M}$  is Ricci-pseudosymmetric if and only if

$$(9) \quad \bar{R} \cdot \bar{S} = L Q(\bar{g}, \bar{S}),$$

where  $L$  is a function on  $\bar{M}$ .

**THEOREM 2.1.** *A doubly warped product  $M_\phi \times_f M'$  is Ricci-pseudosymmetric if and only if the following relations are satisfied:*

$$(10) \quad f^e T_{ea} = h f_a, \text{ where } h \text{ is a function of } (x^a) \text{ only,}$$

$$(10') \quad \phi^\omega T'_{\omega\delta} = \chi \phi_\delta, \text{ where } \chi \text{ is a function of } (x^\alpha) \text{ only,}$$

$$(11) \quad hf + \chi\phi + Lf\phi = 0,$$

$$(12) \quad S_{ab} + (q-2)T_{ab} = \frac{1}{q}(K + (q-2)\text{tr}(T))g_{ab},$$

$$(12') \quad S'_{\alpha\beta} + (s-2)T'_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{s}(K' + (s-2)\text{tr}(T'))g'_{\alpha\beta},$$

$$(13) \quad (n-2)fT_{be}T_d^e = T_{bd}(V - (n-2)Lf\phi) - hg_{bd}(V + (n-2)\phi\chi) \\ + \frac{n-2}{4f^2} \frac{\Delta'_1 \phi}{4\phi} (\Delta_1 f g_{bd} - f_b f_d),$$

$$(13') \quad (n-2)\phi T'_{\alpha\omega} T'^\omega_\gamma = T'_{\alpha\gamma}(-V - (n-2)Lf\phi) - \chi g'_{\alpha\gamma}(-V - (n-2)hf) \\ + \frac{n-2}{4\phi^2} \frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f} (\Delta'_1 \phi g'_{\alpha\gamma} - \phi_\alpha \phi_\gamma),$$

$$\text{where } V = \frac{f}{q}(K + (q-2)\text{tr}(T)) - O - \frac{\phi}{s}(K' + (s-2)\text{tr}(T')) + O',$$

$$(14) \quad f(R \cdot T)_{abcd} + \left( \frac{\Delta'_1 \phi}{4\phi} - L\phi f \right) Q(g, T)_{abcd} \\ = \frac{1}{4f^2} \frac{\Delta'_1 \phi}{4\phi} Q(g, df \otimes df)_{abcd},$$

$$(14') \quad \phi(R' \cdot T')_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} + \left( \frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f} - Lf\phi \right) Q(g', T')_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \\ = \frac{1}{4\phi^2} \frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f} Q(g', d\phi \otimes d\phi)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}.$$

**Proof.** Assume that  $M_\phi \times_f M'$  is Ricci-pseudosymmetric manifold.

Using (9), (6) and (3), we have

$$(15) \quad -\frac{\phi_\delta}{\phi}(f_a S_{bc} + f_b S_{ac} - f^e S_{ea} g_{bc} - f^e S_{eb} g_{ac} + (q-2)(f_a T_{bc} + f_b T_{ac}) + s(f^e T_{ea} g_{bc} + f^e T_{eb} g_{ac})) - \frac{n-2}{f} \phi^\omega T'_{\omega\delta}(f_a g_{bc} + f_b g_{ac}) = (n-2)L\phi_\delta(f_a g_{bc} + f_b g_{ac}).$$

Multiplying this equation by  $\phi_\gamma$  and antisymmetrizing the resulting relation, we get

$$(\phi^\omega T'_{\omega\delta} \phi_\gamma - \phi^\omega T'_{\omega\gamma} \phi_\delta)(f_a g_{bc} + f_b g_{ac}) = 0$$

which implies

$$\phi^\omega T'_{\omega\delta} \phi_\gamma = \phi^\omega T'_{\omega\gamma} \phi_\delta.$$

Thus we have (10'). Analogically, starting from the equation  $(\bar{R} \cdot \bar{S})_{\alpha\beta\gamma d} = L Q(\bar{g}, \bar{S})_{\alpha\beta\gamma d}$ , we obtain (10). Substituting (10) and (10') into (15), we have

$$(16) \quad f_a S_{bc} + f_b S_{ac} - f^e S_{ea} g_{bc} - f^e S_{eb} g_{ac} + (q-2)(f_a T_{bc} + f_b T_{ac}) + (sh + (n-2)\phi\left(\frac{\chi}{f} + L\right))(f_a g_{bc} + f_b g_{ac}) = 0.$$

Transvecting now this equation with  $f^c$  and using (10), we get (11). Thus  $\phi\left(\frac{\chi}{f} + L\right) = -h$  and (16) takes the form

$$(17) \quad f_a S_{bc} + f_b S_{ac} - f^e S_{ea} g_{bc} - f^e S_{eb} g_{ac} + (q-2)(f_a T_{bc} + f_b T_{ac}) - (q-2)h(f_a g_{bc} + f_b g_{ac}) = 0.$$

Contracting (17) with  $g^{bc}$ , in virtue of (10), we obtain

$$f^e S_{ea} = \frac{1}{q}(K + (q-2)(tr(T) - qh))f_a$$

which turns (17) into

$$f_a \left( S_{bc} + (q-2)T_{bc} - \frac{1}{q}(K + (q-2)tr(T))g_{bc} \right) + f_b \left( S_{ac} + (q-2)T_{ac} - \frac{1}{q}(K + (q-2)tr(T))g_{ac} \right) = 0.$$

This equation immediately leads to (12).

Substituting into the equality  $(\bar{R} \cdot \bar{S})_{\alpha b \gamma d} = L Q(\bar{g}, \bar{S})_{\alpha b \gamma d}$  the formulas (4), (7), (12), (12') and then transvecting the resulting relation with  $f^b$  (or  $\phi^\alpha$ ), by (10), (10') and (11), we easily obtain (13) (or (13')).

Finally, taking into account the equality  $(\bar{R} \cdot \bar{S})_{abcd} = L Q(\bar{g}, \bar{S})_{abcd}$  and using (12), we get (14).

Now assume that relations (10)–(14') are satisfied. Combining these relations with formulas (3)–(8') we obtain our assertion. This completes the proof.

Since  $\nabla_b(\Delta_1 f) = 2(\nabla_b f_a)f^a$ , so using (2) we get

$$f^a T_{ab} = -\frac{1}{4} \nabla_b \left( \frac{\Delta_1 f}{f} \right).$$

Now (10) immediately leads to the following

**COROLLARY 2.1.** *Let  $M_\phi \times_f M'$  be a Ricci-pseudosymmetric manifold. Then  $h = 0$  ( $\chi = 0$ ) if and only if  $d \left( \frac{\Delta_1 f}{f} \right) = 0$  ( $d \left( \frac{\Delta'_1 \phi}{\phi} \right) = 0$ ).*

### 3. Main results

**LEMMA 3.1.** *Let  $M_\phi \times_f M'$  be a Ricci-pseudosymmetric manifold. If  $M$  (resp.  $M'$ ) is an Einstein manifold and  $\dim M > 2$  (resp.  $\dim M' > 2$ ), then  $\Delta'_1 \phi = 0$  (resp.  $\Delta_1 f = 0$ ).*

**PROOF.** Assume that  $M$  is an Einstein manifold and  $q > 2$ . Substituting  $S = \frac{K}{q}g$  into (12), we have  $T = \frac{1}{q} \text{tr}(T)g$  which implies  $R \cdot T = 0$  and  $Q(g, T) = 0$ . Thus (14) takes the form  $\frac{1}{4f^2} \frac{\Delta'_1 \phi}{4\phi} Q(g, df \otimes df) = 0$ , whence we immediately obtain  $\Delta'_1 \phi = 0$ .

As an immediate consequence of Lemma 3.1 we get

**COROLLARY 3.1.** *Let  $M_\phi \times_f M'$  be a Ricci-pseudosymmetric manifold. If the metric  $\phi g \oplus f g'$  is positive definite then neither  $M$  nor  $M'$  can be an Einstein manifold.*

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $M$  and  $M'$  ( $\dim M, \dim M' > 2$ ) be Einstein manifolds and  $f$  and  $\phi$  be smooth positive functions on  $M$  and  $M'$ , respectively. If the doubly warped product  $M_\phi \times_f M'$  is Ricci-pseudosymmetric then  $M$  and  $M'$  are Ricci-flat,  $M_\phi \times_f M'$  is Ricci-semisymmetric and functions  $f$  and  $\phi$  satisfy following equations*

$$(18) \quad \nabla^2 f = \frac{1}{2f} df \otimes df, \quad \nabla'^2 \phi = \frac{1}{2\phi} d\phi \otimes d\phi,$$

$$(19) \quad \Delta_1 f = 0, \quad \Delta'_1 \phi = 0.$$

*Conversely, if  $M$  and  $M'$  are Ricci-flat manifolds and  $f$  and  $\phi$  are positive functions on  $M$  and  $M'$ , respectively, satisfying equations (18) and (19), then  $M_\phi \times_f M'$  is Ricci-semisymmetric manifold.*

**Proof.** Assume that  $M$  and  $M'$  are Einstein manifolds and  $q, s > 2$ . Using Lemma 3.1, we have (19), which by Corollary 2.1 implies  $h = 0$  and  $\chi = 0$ . This, in view of (11), leads to  $L = 0$ . As in the proof of Lemma 3.1, we obtain  $T = \frac{1}{q} \text{tr}(T)g$ . This, by (10) and  $h = 0$ , gives  $T = 0$  which is equivalent to (18). Now it is easy to see that the covector field  $d(\sqrt{f})$  is parallel. Thus  $R \cdot df = 0$  and  $f^a S_{ab} = 0$  which implies  $K = 0$ . In the same way we get  $K' = 0$ .

Conversely, taking into account the formulas (6)–(8'), we see that  $\bar{R} \cdot \bar{S} = 0$ . This completes the proof.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $M_\phi \times_f M'$  be Ricci-pseudosymmetric manifold. If  $M$  or  $M'$  is an Einstein manifold whose dimension is greater than 2, then  $M_\phi \times_f M'$  is Ricci-semisymmetric manifold.*

**Proof.** Assume that  $M$  is an Einstein manifold and  $q > 2$ . Using Lemma 3.1, we have  $\Delta_1' \phi = 0$  which, in view of Corollary 2.1, implies  $\chi = 0$ . Thus, by (11),  $L = -\frac{h}{\phi}$  and our assertion is equivalent to the equality  $h = 0$ . Suppose that  $h \neq 0$ . We restrict our considerations to the open subset  $W$  on which  $h \neq 0$  (and also  $d\left(\frac{\Delta_1 f}{f}\right) \neq 0$ ).

The equation (13') takes the form

$$(20) \quad (n-2)\phi T'_{\alpha\omega} T'^{\omega}_{\gamma} = T'_{\alpha\gamma}(-V + (n-2)hf) - \frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f} \frac{n-2}{4\phi^2} \phi_\alpha \phi_\gamma,$$

where  $V = \frac{f}{q}(K + (q-2)\text{tr}(T)) - O - \frac{\phi}{s}(K' + (s-2)\text{tr}(T')) + O'$ .

Differentiating (20), we have

$$T'_{\alpha\gamma} \partial_a (-V + (n-2)hf) = \partial_a \left( \frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f} \right) \frac{n-2}{4\phi^2} \phi_\alpha \phi_\gamma$$

which, after standard calculation leads to

$$(21) \quad T'_{\alpha\gamma} = c \frac{n-2}{4\phi^2} \phi_\alpha \phi_\gamma, \quad c = \text{constant}.$$

This turns (20) into

$$(22) \quad c(-V + (n-2)hf) = \frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f}.$$

Substituting (21) into (2) and differentiating the resulting relation covariantly, using Ricci-identity, we have  $\phi^\omega R'_{\omega\alpha\beta\gamma} = 0$ . Thus  $R' \cdot T' = 0$  and (14')



takes the form

$$\left(\frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f} + hf\right) Q(g', T')_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \frac{1}{4\phi^2} \frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f} Q(g', d\phi \otimes d\phi)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}.$$

This equation, in view of (21), leads to

$$(23) \quad c(n-2) \left(\frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f} + hf\right) = \frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f}.$$

Comparing (23) with (22), we have

$$-V = (n-2) \frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f}.$$

But this relation, in virtue of definitions of  $V$ ,  $O$  and  $P$ , can be written in the form

$$(24) \quad \frac{\phi K'}{s} = \frac{fK}{q} + (q-1) \left(\frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f} + 2hf\right).$$

The relation (23) implies  $hf = c_1 \frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f}$ ,  $c_1 = \text{constant}$ . Substituting this equation into (24), we have

$$(25) \quad \frac{\phi K'}{s} = \frac{fK}{q} + c_2 \frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f}, \quad c_2 = \text{constant}.$$

If  $c_2 = 0$ , then we immediately obtain  $f = \text{constant}$  (because  $K = \text{constant}$ ). If  $c_2 \neq 0$ , then differentiating (25) and using the equality  $hf_b = f^a T_{ab} = -\partial_b \left(\frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f}\right)$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{q} f_a K - c_2 h f_a = 0.$$

This implies  $h = \frac{K}{c_2 q}$  and consequently,  $h = \text{constant}$ . Now, differentiating (23), we have  $\partial_b \left(\frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f}\right) = 0$  which implies  $(\partial_b \left(\frac{\Delta_1 f}{4f}\right) = -hf_b) h = 0$ , a contradiction. This completes the proof.

**Remark 3.1.** Examples of Ricci-flat manifolds on which there exist functions satisfying the conditions (18) and (19) we can obtain taking Walker's metrics (see [9], pp. 51, 59).

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