

I study the construction of Einstein structures and Ricci soliton structures on a given  $C^\infty$ -differentiable manifold  $M^n$  of dimension  $n$ .

Let  $g_0$  be a pseudo-Riemannian metric on  $M^n$ . If  $g_0$  satisfies

$$2\text{Ric}[g_0] + L_X g_0 + \alpha g_0 = 0,$$

where  $X$  is some vector field and  $\alpha$  is some constant, then  $(M^n, g_0, X, \alpha)$  is called a *Ricci soliton structure* and  $g_0$  a *Ricci soliton*. Ricci solitons are special solutions of the *Ricci flow*.

I have two theme. The first is the following. From the result of Lauret(2003), the 3-dimensional Heisenberg group  $H_3$  admit only one left-invariant Riemannian metric up to isometry and scaling. From the result of Baird and Danielo(2007) and Lott(2007), the left-invariant Riemannian metric on  $H_3$  is a non-gradient expanding Ricci soliton. On the other hand, N.Rahmani and S.Rahmani (2006) proved that any left-invariant Lorentzian metric on  $H_3$  is classified into three types  $g_1$ ,  $g_2$  and  $g_3$ , up to isometry and scaling. They showed that  $g_2$  has negative constant curvature,  $g_3$  is flat and  $g_1$  is not Einstein. Under such the background, I characterize the left-invariant Lorentzian metric  $g_1$  as a Lorentzian Ricci soliton. Moreover, I treated the group  $E(2)$  of rigid motions of Euclidean 2-space and the group  $E(1, 1)$  of rigid motions of the Minkowski 2-space. In particularly, I proved that  $E(2)$  has a non-flat Lorentzian Ricci soliton.

Next, the second is the following. Many researchers studied what kind of condition a cohomogeneity one metrics with respect to a  $G$ -action becomes Einstein metric and the Ricci soliton. I studied an extension of 3-dimensional unimodular Lie groups with a Ricci soliton structure, and when the evolution in the extra 1-dimension moves like the Ricci flow, then this has a Ricci-flat metric (an Einstein metric with zero Ricci tensor).

There exists a left-invariant coframe  $\{\theta^i\}_{i=1}^3$  on three-dimensional unimodular Lie group  $G$  satisfying  $d\theta^i = 2\theta^j \wedge \theta^k$ , where  $(i, j, k)$  are cyclic permutation of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ . Then cohomogeneity one metrics with respect to  $G$  is described as

$$g = dt^2 + a(t)^2(\theta^1)^2 + b(t)^2(\theta^2)^2 + c(t)^2(\theta^3)^2. \quad (1)$$

For which  $\{a(t), b(t), c(t)\}$  the resulting cohomogeneity one metrics are several metrics, for example, constant curvature metrics and product metrics. When the triple of functions  $\{a(t), b(t), c(t)\}$  satisfies the Ricci flow equation, I examined whether the resulting cohomogeneity one metric is a Ricci-flat metric. Moreover I proved that these metrics have the Hyper-kähler structure.