MULTIPLY WARPED PRODUCTS: GENERALIZED KASNER SPACE-TIMES

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ABSTRACT. We will study expressions that relate the Ricci (respectively, scalar) curvature of a multiply warped product with the Ricci (respectively, scalar) curvatures of its base and fibers as well as warping functions. Then we will introduce and consider a kind of generalization of Kasner space-times called as the generalized Kasner space-time which has the metric of the form

$$\mathrm{d}s^2 = -\mathrm{d}t^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \varphi^{2p_i} \mathrm{d}x_i^2.$$

Moreover, we state necessary and sufficient conditions for a multiply generalized Robertson-Walker space-time to be Einstein (respectively, with constant scalar curvature) generalized Kasner space-times of dimension 4.

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1. PRELIMINARIES

1.1. Basic Definitions

Definition 1.1 Let (B, g_B) and (F_i, g_{F_i}) be *pseudo-Riemannian* manifolds and also let $b_i \colon B \to (0, \infty)$ be smooth functions for any $i \in \{1, 2, \cdots, m\}$. The *multiply warped product* is the *product* manifold $M = B \times F_1 \times F_2 \times \cdots \times F_m$ furnished with the metric tensor $g = g_B \oplus b_1^2 g_{F_1} \oplus b_2^2 g_{F_2} \oplus \cdots \oplus b_m^2 g_{F_m}$ defined by

 $g = \pi^*(g_B) \oplus (b_1 \circ \pi)^2 \sigma_1^*(g_{F_1}) \oplus \cdots \oplus (b_m \circ \pi)^2 \sigma_m^*(g_{F_m})$

Definition 1.2 The multiply warped product (M, g) is a Lorentzian multiply warped product if (F_i, g_{F_i}) are all Riemannian for any $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and either (B, g_B) is Lorentzian or else (B, g_B) is a one-dimensional manifold with a negative definite metric $-dt^2$.

Definition 1.3 If *B* is an open connected interval *I* of the form $I = (t_1, t_2)$ equipped with the negative definite metric $g_B = -dt^2$, where $-\infty \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq \infty$ and (F_i, g_{F_i}) is Riemannian for any $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ then the Lorentzian multiply warped product (M, g) is called a multiply generalized Robertson-Walker space-time.

Definition 1.4 A generalized Kasner space-time (M, g) is a Lorentzian multiply warped product of the form $M = I \times_{\varphi^{p_1}} F_1 \times \cdots \times_{\varphi^{p_m}} F_m$ with the metric $g = -dt^2 \oplus \varphi^{2p_1} g_{F_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \varphi^{2p_m} g_{F_m}$ where $\varphi \colon I \to$ $(0, \infty)$ is smooth and $p_i \in \mathbb{R}$, for any $i \in \{1, \cdots, m\}$ and also $I = (t_1, t_2)$ with $-\infty \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq \infty$.

1.2. Examples

• Schwarzschild Space-time: If r < 2m, then

$$ds^{2} = -\left(\frac{2m}{r} - 1\right)^{-1} dr^{2} + \left(\frac{2m}{r} - 1\right) dt^{2} + r^{2} d\Omega^{2}$$

where $d\Omega^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2$ on \mathbb{S}^2 .

$$ds^{2} = -dt^{2} + b_{1}^{2}(t)dr^{2} + b_{2}^{2}(t)d\Omega^{2}$$

where

$$b_1(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2m}{F^{-1}(t)} - 1} \quad \text{and} \quad b_2(t) = F^{-1}(t) \quad \text{also}$$
$$t = F(r) = 2m \arccos\left(\sqrt{\frac{2m-r}{2m}}\right) - \sqrt{r(2m-r)} \quad \text{such that}$$
$$\lim_{r \to 2m} F(r) = m\pi \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{r \to 0} F(r) = 0.$$

• Kasner Space-time: If t > 0, then

 $g = -\mathrm{d}t^2 \oplus t^{2p_1} \mathrm{d}x^2 \oplus t^{2p_2} \mathrm{d}y^2 \oplus t^{2p_3} \mathrm{d}z^2$

where $p_1 + p_2 + p_3 = (p_1)^2 + (p_2)^2 + (p_3)^2 = 1$.

- (a) $-1/3 \le p_1 < 0 < p_2 \le p_3 < 1$ by excluding the case of two p_i 's zero and one p_i equal to 1.
- (b) the Kasner space-time is globally hyperbolic
- (c) By [5], the Kasner space-time is future-directed time-like and future-directed null geodesic complete but it is past-directed time-like and past-directed null geodesic incomplete. Moreover, it is also space-like geodesic incomplete.
- (d) The Kasner space-time is Einstein with $\lambda = 0$ (i.e., Ricci-flat).
 - Static Bañados-Teitelboim-Zanelli (BTZ) Space-time: If
 $r < r_H,$ then

$$\mathrm{d}s^2 = -N^{-2}\mathrm{d}r^2 + N^2\mathrm{d}t^2 + r^2\mathrm{d}\Omega^2$$

where $d\Omega^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2$ on \mathbb{S}^2 and

$$N^2 = m - rac{r^2}{l^2}$$
 with $r_H = l\sqrt{m}.$

2. MULTIPLY GENERALIZED ROBERTSON-WALKER SPACE-TIMES

Let $M = I \times_{b_1} F_1 \times \cdots \times_{b_m} F_m$ be a multiply GRW space-time with the metric $g = -dt^2 \oplus b_1^2 g_{F_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus b_m^2 g_{F_m}$. Then

Theorem 2.1 If $\partial/\partial t \in \mathfrak{X}(I)$ and $v_i \in \mathfrak{X}(F_i)$, for any $i \in \{1, \cdots, m\}$. If $v = \sum_{i=1}^m v_i \in \mathfrak{X}(F)$, then $\operatorname{Ric}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v\right) = \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\operatorname{Ric}_{F_i}(v_i, v_i) + \left(b_i b_i'' + (s_i - 1)(b_i')^2 + b_i b_i' \sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^m s_k \frac{b_k'}{b_k}\right) g_{F_i}(v_i, v_i) - s_i \frac{b_i'}{b_i}\right)$

Theorem 2.2 If τ denotes the scalar curvature, then

$$\tau = 2\sum_{i=1}^{m} s_i \frac{b_i''}{b_i} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\tau_{F_i}}{b_i^2} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} s_i (s_i - 1) \frac{(b_i')^2}{b_i^2} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^{m} s_k s_i \frac{b_i' b_k'}{b_i b_k}$$

Remark 2.3 Let (M, g) be an arbitrary *n*-dimensional pseudo-Riemannian manifold.

• If (M, g) is Einstein and $n \ge 3$, then λ is constant and $\lambda = \tau/n$ where τ is the constant scalar curvature of (M, g).

- If (M, g) is Einstein and n = 2 then λ is not necessarily constant.
- If (M, g) has constant sectional curvature k, then (M, g) is Einstein with $\lambda = k(n 1)$ and has constant scalar curvature $\tau = n(n 1)k$
- (M, g) is Einstein with Ricci curvature λ and n = 3 then (M, g) is a space of constant (sectional) curvature $K = \lambda/2$.
- If (M, g) is a Lorentzian manifold then (M, g) is Einstein if and only if $\operatorname{Ric}(v, v) = 0$ for any null vector field v on M.

Theorem 2.4 The space-time (M, g) is Einstein with Ricci curvature λ if and only if the following conditions are satisfied for any $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$

- each fiber (F_i, g_{F_i}) is Einstein with Ricci curvature λ_{F_i} for any $i \in \{1, \cdots, m\}$
- $\sum_{i=1}^{m} s_i \frac{b_i''}{b_i} = \lambda$ and

•
$$\lambda_{F_i} + b_i b_i'' + (s_i - 1)(b_i')^2 + b_i b_i' \sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^m s_k \frac{b_k'}{b_k} = \lambda b_i^2$$

Proposition 2.5 If the space-time (M, g) has constant scalar curvature τ , then each fiber (F_i, g_{F_i}) has constant scalar curvature τ_{F_i} , for any $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$.

Let (M, g) be an *n*-dimensional pseudo-Riemannian manifold.

Lemma 2.6 For any $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $v \in C^{\infty}_{>0}(B)$. Then

(i)
$$\operatorname{grad}_{g} v^{t} = t v^{t-1} \operatorname{grad}_{g} v$$

(ii) $\frac{\Delta_{g} v^{t}}{v^{t}} = t \left[(t-1) \frac{\|\operatorname{grad}_{g} v\|_{g}^{2}}{v^{2}} + \frac{\Delta_{g} v}{v} \right]$

Lemma 2.7 Let L_g be a differential operator on $C^{\infty}_{>0}(M)$ defined by

$$L_g v = \sum_{i=1}^k r_i \frac{\Delta_g v^{a_i}}{v^{a_i}}$$

here $r_i, a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\zeta := \sum_{i=1}^k r_i a_i$ also $\eta := \sum_{i=1}^k r_i a_i^2$. Then,

(i)
$$L_g v = (\eta - \zeta) \frac{\|\operatorname{grad}_g v\|_g^2}{v^2} + \zeta \frac{\Delta_g v}{v}$$

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(ii) If $\zeta \neq 0$ and $\eta \neq 0$, for $\alpha = \frac{\zeta}{\eta}$ and $\beta = \frac{\zeta^2}{\eta}$ then we have $L_g v = \beta \frac{\Delta_g v^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}{v_{\frac{1}{\alpha}}^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}.$

3. GENERALIZED KASNER SPACE-TIMES

Let (M, g) be a generalized Kasner space-time of the form $M = I \times_{\varphi^{p_1}} F_1 \times \cdots \times_{\varphi^{p_m}} F_m$ with the metric $g = -dt^2 \oplus \varphi^{2p_1} g_{F_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \varphi^{2p_m} g_{F_m}$.

Notation 3.1 For a generalized Kasner space-time,

$$(\zeta;\eta) \qquad \qquad \zeta := \sum_{l=1}^m s_l p_l \quad \text{and} \quad \eta := \sum_{l=1}^m s_l p_l^2.$$

Theorem 3.2 The space-time (M, g) is Einstein with Ricci curvature λ if and only if

(i) each fiber (F_i, g_{F_i}) is Einstein with Ricci curvature λ_{F_i} for any $i \in \{1, \cdots, m\},$ (ii) $\lambda = \sum_{l=1}^m s_l \frac{(\varphi^{p_l})''}{\varphi^{p_l}} = (\eta - \zeta) \frac{(\varphi')^2}{\varphi^2} + \zeta \frac{\varphi''}{\varphi}$ and (iii) $\frac{\lambda_{F_i}}{\varphi^{2p_i}} + p_i \left[(\zeta - 1) \frac{(\varphi')^2}{\varphi^2} + \frac{\varphi''}{\varphi} \right] = \lambda.$ **Remark 3.3** If we assume that $\zeta \neq 0$, then $\eta \neq 0$. Hence, (iii) is equivalent to

$$rac{\lambda_{F_i}}{arphi^{2p_i}} + rac{p_i}{\zeta} rac{(arphi^\zeta)''}{arphi^\zeta} = \lambda,$$

and (ii) is equivalent to

$$\lambda = \frac{\zeta^2}{\eta} \frac{(\varphi^{\frac{\eta}{\zeta}})''}{\varphi^{\frac{\eta}{\zeta}}}.$$

Theorem 3.4 The space-time (M, g) has constant scalar curvature τ if and only if

(i) each fiber (F_i, g_{Fi}) has constant scalar curvature τ_{Fi} for any i ∈ {1, · · · , m} and
(ii) τ = 2ζ^{φ''} + [(ζ − 2)ζ + n]^{(φ')²}/_{Fi} + ∑^m τ_{Fi}/_{Fi}

(ii)
$$\tau = 2\zeta \frac{\tau}{\varphi} + [(\zeta - 2)\zeta + \eta] \frac{\tau}{\varphi^2} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\tau_i}{\varphi^{2p_i}}$$

Remark 3.5 If $\zeta \neq 0$, then (ii) is equivalent to

$$\tau = \frac{4\zeta^2}{\zeta^2 + \eta} \frac{(\varphi^{\frac{\zeta^2 + \eta}{2\zeta}})''}{\varphi^{\frac{\zeta^2 + \eta}{2\zeta}}} + \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\tau_{F_i}}{\varphi^{2p_i}}$$

Remark 3.6 In order for a classical Kasner space-time to be Einstein or to have a constant scalar curvature is $p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = 0$.

4. APPLICATIONS

4.1. 4-Dimensional Generalized Kasner Space-Times

Definition 4.1 Let (M, g) be a generalized Kasner space-time of the form $M = I \times_{\varphi^{p_1}} F_1 \times \cdots \times_{\varphi^{p_m}} F_m$ with the metric $g = -dt^2 \oplus$ $\varphi^{2p_1}g_{F_1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \varphi^{2p_m}g_{F_m}$.

- (M, g) is said to be of Type (I) if m = 1 and $\dim(F) = 3$.
- (M, g) is said to be of Type (II) if m = 2 and $\dim(F_1) = 1$ and $\dim(F_2) = 2$.
- (M,g) is said to be of Type (III) if m = 3 and dim(F₁) = 1, dim(F₂) = 1 and dim(F₃) = 1.

Classification of Einstein Type (I) generalized Kasner space-times:

Alías L. J., Romero A. and Sánchez M., Spacelike hypersurfaces of constant mean curvature and Calabi-Bernstein type problems,
Tohôku Math. J. 49, (1997), 337-345.

Classification of Type (I) generalized Kasner space-times with constant scalar curvature:

Ehrlich P. E., Jung Y.-T. and Kim S.-B., *Constant scalar curvatures on warped product manifolds*, Tsukuba J. Math., **20** (1), (1996), 239-256.

Classification of Einstein Type (II) generalized Kasner space-times:

Here, $\zeta = p_1 + 2p_2$ and $\eta = p_1^2 + 2p_2^2$.

$$\begin{cases} (\eta - \zeta) \frac{(\varphi')^2}{\varphi^2} + \zeta \frac{\varphi''}{\varphi} = \lambda \\ p_1 \left[(\zeta - 1) \frac{(\varphi')^2}{\varphi^2} + \frac{\varphi''}{\varphi} \right] = \lambda \\ \frac{\lambda_{F_2}}{\varphi^{2p_2}} + p_2 \left[(\zeta - 1) \frac{(\varphi')^2}{\varphi^2} + \frac{\varphi''}{\varphi} \right] = \lambda. \end{cases}$$

A	I	$\varphi_0 = cte > 0$	I	$(arphi_{\zeta}; 0)$	$(arphi_{\zeta}; \lambda)$	$\varphi_0 = cte > 0$	$(arphi^{rac{\eta}{\zeta}};0)$	$(\varphi^{\zeta}; 3\lambda; *)$	I
metric	$-\mathrm{d}t^2 + g_{F_1} + g_{F_2}$	$-\mathrm{d}t^2 + \varphi_0^{2p_1} g_{F_1} + \varphi_0^{-p_1} g_{F_2} \bigg $	no metric	$-\mathrm{d}t^2 + \varphi^{2p_1}g_{F_1} + \varphi^{2p_2}g_{F_2}$	$-\mathrm{d}t^2 + \varphi^{2p_1}g_{F_1} + g_{F_2}$	$-\mathrm{d}t^2 + \varphi_0^{2p_1}g_{F_1} + \varphi_0^{2p_2}g_{F_2}$	$-\mathrm{d}t^2 + g_{F_1} + \varphi^{2p_2}g_{F_2}$	$-\mathrm{d}t^2 + \varphi^{2p_1}g_{F_1} + \varphi^{2p_1}g_{F_2}$	no metric
p_2	0	$-\frac{1}{2}p_1$	$-rac{1}{2}p_1$	$0, -2p_1$	0	$\neq 0$	$\neq 0$	$\neq 0$	$\neq 0$
p_1	0	$\neq 0$	$0 \neq 0$	$0 \neq 0$	$\neq 0$	p_1	0	p_2	p_1
F_2			_						
	0	0	≠ 0	0	\prec	0	0 >	0	$\neq 0$
Y Y	0	0	-	0 0	$\neq 0$	0 0	0 > 0	0 0 <	$\neq 0 \neq 0$
$\frac{\eta}{\zeta^2}$ λ λ_1	0 0 -	0 0 -	- + 0	1 0 0	$1 \neq 0 \lambda$	$\neq 1 0 0$	$\neq 1 \mid 0 \mid < 0$	$\neq 1 > 0 0$	$\neq 1 \neq 0 \neq 0$
η $\frac{\eta}{\zeta^2}$ λ λ	0 0 - 0	$\frac{3}{2}p_1^2 \neq 0 - 0 0 0$	$\frac{3}{2}p_1^2 \neq 0 - \neq 0$	ζ^2 1 0 0	$\zeta^2 = 1 \neq 0 \lambda$	$\neq 0 \neq 1 0 0$	$\neq 0 \neq 1 0 < 0$	$\neq 0 \neq 1 > 0 0$	$\neq 0 \neq 1 \neq 0 \neq 0$

Classification of Type (II) generalized Kasner spacetimes with constant scalar curvature:

Here, $\zeta = p_1 + 2p_2$ and $\eta = p_1^2 + 2p_2^2$.

$$\tau = 2\zeta \frac{\varphi''}{\varphi} + \left[(\zeta - 2)\zeta + \eta \right] \frac{(\varphi')^2}{\varphi^2} + \frac{\tau_{F_2}}{\varphi^{2p_2}}.$$

φ eq.	$ au= au_{F_2}$	$ au=\eta rac{(arphi')^2}{arphi^2}$	$ au=\eta rac{(arphi')^2}{arphi^2}+rac{ au_{F_2}}{arphi^{2p_2}}$	$-2u'' = -\tau u; \qquad u = \varphi^{\zeta}$	$-2u'' = -\tau u; \qquad u = \varphi^{\zeta}$	$-2u'' = -(\tau - \tau_{F_2}); u = \varphi^{\zeta}$	$-2u'' = - au u + au_{F_2} u^{-rac{1}{3}}; u = arphi^{\zeta}$	$u=(arphi^{\zeta})^{rac{1+rac{\eta}{\zeta^2}}{2}}$	$u=(arphi^{\zeta})^{rac{1+rac{\gamma}{\zeta^2}}{2}}$	$-3u'' = -\tau u + \tau_{F_2}; u = \varphi^{\frac{2}{3}\zeta}$
p_2	0	$-\frac{1}{2}p_1$	$-\frac{1}{2}p_1$	0	$-2p_{1}$	0	$-2p_{1}$	$0 \neq 0$	$\neq 0$	<u>ىاد</u>
p_1	0	$\neq 0$	0 ≠	0 ≠	$\neq 0$	€ 0	€ 0	p_1	p_1	ر ابی
$ au_{F_2}$	$ au_{F_2}$	0	$0 \neq 0$	0	0	$\neq 0$	$\neq 0$	0	$0 \neq 0$	$0 \neq 0$
$\frac{\eta}{\zeta^2}$	I	I	I				~ 1	$\neq 1$	$\neq 1, \frac{1}{3}$	100
ι	0	$rac{3}{2}p_1^2$	$rac{3}{2}p_1^2$	ζ^2	ζ^2	ζ^2	ζ^2	$\eta \neq 0$	$\eta \neq 0$	$\frac{\zeta^2}{3}$
Ş	0	0	0	$\zeta \neq 0$	$\zeta \neq 0$	$\zeta \neq 0$	$\zeta \neq 0$	$\zeta \neq 0$	$\zeta \neq 0$	$\zeta \neq 0$

Classification of Einstein Type (III) generalized Kasner space-times:

Here,
$$\zeta = p_1 + p_2 + p_3$$
 and $\eta = p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2$.

$$\begin{cases} (\eta - \zeta) \frac{(\varphi')^2}{\varphi^2} + \zeta \frac{\varphi''}{\varphi} = \lambda \\ p_1 \left[(\zeta - 1) \frac{(\varphi')^2}{\varphi^2} + \frac{\varphi''}{\varphi} \right] = \lambda \\ p_2 \left[(\zeta - 1) \frac{(\varphi')^2}{\varphi^2} + \frac{\varphi''}{\varphi} \right] = \lambda \\ p_3 \left[(\zeta - 1) \frac{(\varphi')^2}{\varphi^2} + \frac{\varphi''}{\varphi} \right] = \lambda. \end{cases}$$

Ð	I	$\varphi_0 = cte > 0$	$(\phi_{\zeta};0)$	$\varphi_0 = cte > 0$	$(arphi^{\zeta}; 3\lambda; *)$
metric	$-\mathrm{d}t^2 + g_{F_1} + g_{F_2} + g_{F_3}$	$-\mathrm{d}t^2 + \varphi_0^{2p_1} g_{F_1} + \varphi_0^{2p_2} g_{F_2} + \varphi_0^{2p_3} g_{F_3}$	$-\mathrm{d}t^2 + \varphi^{2p_1}g_{F_1} + \varphi^{2p_2}g_{F_2} + \varphi^{2p_3}g_{F_3}$	$-\mathrm{d}t^2 + \varphi_0^{2p_1} g_{F_1} + \varphi_0^{2p_2} g_{F_2} + \varphi_0^{2p_3} g_{F_3}$	$-\mathrm{d}t^2 + \varphi^{2p_1}g_{F_1} + \varphi^{2p_1}g_{F_2} + \varphi^{2p_1}g_{F_3}$
p_3	0	p_3	p_3	p_3	p_1
p_2	0	p_2	p_2	p_2	p_1
p_1	0	p_1	p_1	p_1	p_1
X	0	0	0	0	0 <
$\frac{\eta}{\zeta^2}$	I	I.	,	$\neq 1$	$\neq 1$
μ	0	$0 \neq 0$	ζ^2	$0 \neq 0$	$\neq 0$
Ç	0	0	$\neq 0$	$0 \neq 0$	$\neq 0$

Classification of Type (III) generalized Kasner spacetimes with constant scalar curvature:

Here,
$$\zeta = p_1 + p_2 + p_3$$
 and $\eta = p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2$.

If $\zeta \neq 0$ and $u = \varphi^{\frac{\zeta^2 + \eta}{2\zeta}}$ then

$$-\frac{4\zeta^2}{\zeta^2+\eta}u'' = -\tau u$$

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{A}e^{i\sqrt{-\tau\frac{\zeta^2+\eta}{4\zeta^2}t}} + \mathcal{B}e^{-i\sqrt{-\tau\frac{\zeta^2+\eta}{4\zeta^2}t}} & \text{if } \tau < 0, \\\\ \mathcal{A}t + \mathcal{B} & \text{if } \tau = 0, \\\\ \mathcal{A}e^{\sqrt{\tau\frac{\zeta^2+\eta}{4\zeta^2}t}} + \mathcal{B}e^{-\sqrt{\tau\frac{\zeta^2+\eta}{4\zeta^2}t}} & \text{if } \tau > 0, \end{cases}$$

with constants \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} such that u > 0.

If
$$\zeta = 0$$
 and $u = \varphi^{\frac{\zeta^2 + \eta}{2\zeta}}$ then
$$\begin{cases} \tau = \eta \frac{(\varphi')^2}{\varphi^2}, \\ \varphi > 0. \end{cases}$$

Since $\eta > 0$, the latter is equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} \left(\varphi\frac{\sqrt{\tau}}{\sqrt{\eta}} + \varphi'\right) \left(\varphi\frac{\sqrt{\tau}}{\sqrt{\eta}} - \varphi'\right) = 0, \\ \varphi > 0. \end{cases}$$

Solutions of the equation above are given as,

$$\varphi(t) = C e^{\pm \frac{\sqrt{\tau}}{\sqrt{\eta}}t},$$

where C is a positive constant.

4.2. BTZ Black Holes

All the cases considered in [Hong S.-T., Choi J. and Park Y.-J., (2+1) BTZ Black hole and multiply warped product spacetimes, Gen. Relativity Gravitation, **35**, (2003), 2105-2116] i.e.,

$$ds^{2} = N^{2}dt^{2} - N^{-2}dr^{2} + r^{2}d\phi^{2}$$

can be expressed as a (2+1) multiply generalized Robertson-Walker space-time, i.e.,

$$ds^{2} = -dt^{2} + b_{1}^{2}(t)dx^{2} + b_{2}^{2}(t)d\phi^{2}$$

by considering the corresponding square lapse function N^2 where

$$b_1(t) = N(F^{-1}(t))$$

 $b_2(t) = F^{-1}(t),$

with

$$F(r) = \int_{a}^{r} \frac{1}{N(\mu)} \mathrm{d}\mu$$

• The space-time is Einstein with Ricci curvature λ if and only if the square lapse function N^2 satisfies

$$N^2(r) = \frac{\lambda}{2}r^2 + c,$$

with a suitable constant c.

• The space-time has constant scalar curvature $\tau = \lambda$ if and only if the square lapse function N^2 has the form

$$N^{2}(r) = -c_{1}\frac{1}{r} + \frac{\lambda}{6}r^{2} + c_{2},$$

with suitable constants c_1 and c_2 .

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