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## Sub-Manifolds of a Riemannian Manifold

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### Abstract

In this chapter, we introduce the theory of sub-manifolds of a Riemannian manifold. The fundamental notations are given. The theory of sub-manifolds of an almost Riemannian product manifold is one of the most interesting topics in differential geometry. According to the behaviour of the tangent bundle of a sub-manifold, with respect to the action of almost Riemannian product structure of the ambient manifolds, we have three typical classes of sub-manifolds such as invariant sub-manifolds, anti-invariant sub-manifolds and semi-invariant sub-manifolds. In addition, slant, semi-slant and pseudo-slant sub-manifolds are introduced by many geometers.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $i : M \rightarrow \tilde{M}$  be an immersion of an  $n$ -dimensional manifold  $M$  into an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{g})$ . Denote by  $g = i^*\tilde{g}$  the induced Riemannian metric on  $M$ . Thus,  $i$  become an isometric immersion and  $M$  is also a Riemannian manifold with the Riemannian metric  $g(X, Y) = \tilde{g}(X, Y)$  for any vector fields  $X, Y$  in  $M$ . The Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $M$  is called the induced metric on  $M$ . In local components,  $g_{ij} = g_{AB}B_j^B B_i^A$  with  $g = g_{ji}dx^j dx^i$  and  $\tilde{g} = g_{BA}dU^B dU^A$ .

If a vector field  $\xi_p$  of  $\tilde{M}$  at a point  $p \in M$  satisfies

$$\tilde{g}(X_p, \xi_p) = 0 \quad (1)$$

for any vector  $X_p$  of  $M$  at  $p$ , then  $\xi_p$  is called a normal vector of  $M$  in  $\tilde{M}$  at  $p$ . A unit normal vector field of  $M$  in  $\tilde{M}$  is called a normal section on  $M$  [3].

By  $T^\perp M$ , we denote the vector bundle of all normal vectors of  $M$  in  $\tilde{M}$ . Then, the tangent bundle of  $\tilde{M}$  is the direct sum of the tangent bundle  $TM$  of  $M$  and the normal bundle  $T^\perp M$  of  $M$  in  $\tilde{M}$ , i.e.,

$$T\tilde{M} = TM \oplus T^\perp M. \quad (2)$$

We note that if the sub-manifold  $M$  is of codimension one in  $\tilde{M}$  and they are both orientable, we can always choose a normal section  $\xi$  on  $M$ , i.e.,

$$g(X, \xi) = 0, \quad g(\xi, \xi) = 1, \quad (3)$$

where  $X$  is any arbitrary vector field on  $M$ .

By  $\tilde{\nabla}$ , denote the Riemannian connection on  $\tilde{M}$  and we put

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) \quad (4)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ , where  $\nabla_X Y$  and  $h(X, Y)$  are tangential and the normal components of  $\tilde{\nabla}_X Y$ , respectively. Formula (4) is called the Gauss formula for the sub-manifold  $M$  of a Riemannian manifold  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{g})$ .

**Proposition 1.1.**  $\nabla$  is the Riemannian connection of the induced metric  $g = i^* \tilde{g}$  on  $M$  and  $h(X, Y)$  is a normal vector field over  $M$ , which is symmetric and bilinear in  $X$  and  $Y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be differentiable functions on  $M$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\nabla}_{\alpha X}(\beta Y) &= \alpha\{X(\beta)Y + \beta\tilde{\nabla}_X Y\} \\ &= \alpha\{X(\beta)Y + \beta\nabla_X Y + \beta h(X, Y)\} \\ \nabla_{\alpha X}\beta Y + h(\alpha X, \beta Y) &= \alpha\beta\nabla_X Y + \alpha X(\beta)Y + \alpha\beta h(X, Y) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

This implies that

$$\nabla_{\alpha X}(\beta Y) = \alpha X(\beta)Y + \alpha\beta\nabla_X Y \quad (6)$$

and

$$h(\alpha X, \beta Y) = \alpha\beta h(X, Y). \quad (7)$$

Eq. (6) shows that  $\nabla$  defines an affine connection on  $M$  and Eq. (4) shows that  $h$  is bilinear in  $X$  and  $Y$  since additivity is trivial [1].

Since the Riemannian connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  has no torsion, we have

$$0 = \tilde{\nabla}_X Y - \tilde{\nabla}_Y X - [X, Y] = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) - \nabla_Y X - h(Y, X) - [X, Y]. \quad (8)$$

By comparing the tangential and normal parts of the last equality, we obtain

$$\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X = [X, Y] \quad (9)$$

and

$$h(X, Y) = h(Y, X). \quad (10)$$

These equations show that  $\nabla$  has no torsion and  $h$  is a symmetric bilinear map. Since the metric  $\tilde{g}$  is parallel, we can easily see that

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X g)(Y, Z) &= (\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{g})(Y, Z) \\ &= \tilde{g}(\tilde{\nabla}_X Y, Z) + \tilde{g}(Y, \tilde{\nabla}_X Z) \\ &= \tilde{g}(\nabla_X Y + h(X, Y), Z) + \tilde{g}(Y, \nabla_X Z + h(X, Z)) \\ &= \tilde{g}(\nabla_X Y, Z) + \tilde{g}(Y, \nabla_X Z) \\ &= g(\nabla_X Y, Z) + g(Y, \nabla_X Z) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  tangent to  $M$ , that is,  $\nabla$  is also the Riemannian connection of the induced metric  $g$  on  $M$ .

We recall  $h$  the second fundamental form of the sub-manifold  $M$  (or immersion  $i$ ), which is defined by

$$h : \Gamma(TM) \times \Gamma(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma(T^\perp M). \quad (12)$$

If  $h = 0$  identically, then sub-manifold  $M$  is said to be totally geodesic, where  $\Gamma(T^\perp M)$  is the set of the differentiable vector fields on normal bundle of  $M$ .

Totally geodesic sub-manifolds are simplest sub-manifolds.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional sub-manifold of an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{g})$ . By  $h$ , we denote the second fundamental form of  $M$  in  $\tilde{M}$ .

$H = \frac{1}{n} \text{trace}(h)$  is called the mean curvature vector of  $M$  in  $\tilde{M}$ . If  $H = 0$ , the sub-manifold is called minimal.

On the other hand,  $M$  is called pseudo-umbilical if there exists a function  $\lambda$  on  $M$ , such that

$$\tilde{g}(h(X, Y), H) = \lambda g(X, Y) \quad (13)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$  and  $M$  is called totally umbilical sub-manifold if

$$h(X, Y) = g(X, Y)H. \quad (14)$$

It is clear that every minimal sub-manifold is pseudo-umbilical with  $\lambda = 0$ . On the other hand, by a direct calculation, we can find  $\lambda = \tilde{g}(H, H)$  for a pseudo-umbilical sub-manifold. So, every

totally umbilical sub-manifold is a pseudo-umbilical and a totally umbilical sub-manifold is totally geodesic if and only if it is minimal [2].

Now, let  $M$  be a sub-manifold of a Riemannian manifold  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{g})$  and  $V$  be a normal vector field on  $M$ ,  $X$  be a vector field on  $M$ . Then, we decompose

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X V = -A_V X + \nabla_X^\perp V, \quad (15)$$

where  $A_V X$  and  $\nabla_X^\perp V$  denote the tangential and the normal components of  $\nabla_X^\perp V$ , respectively. We can easily see that  $A_V X$  and  $\nabla_X^\perp V$  are both differentiable vector fields on  $M$  and normal bundle of  $M$ , respectively. Moreover, Eq. (15) is also called Weingarten formula.

**Proposition 1.2.** Let  $M$  be a sub-manifold of a Riemannian manifold  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{g})$ . Then

(a)  $A_V X$  is bilinear in vector fields  $V$  and  $X$ . Hence,  $A_V X$  at point  $p \in M$  depends only on vector fields  $V_p$  and  $X_p$ .

(b) For any normal vector field  $V$  on  $M$ , we have

$$g(A_V X, Y) = g(h(X, Y), V). \quad (16)$$

**Proof:** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be any two functions on  $M$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\nabla}_{\alpha X}(\beta V) &= \alpha \tilde{\nabla}_X(\beta V) \\ &= \alpha \{X(\beta)V + \beta \tilde{\nabla}_X V\} \\ -A_{\beta V} \alpha X + \nabla_{\alpha X}^\perp \beta V &= \alpha X(\beta)V - \alpha \beta A_V X + \alpha \beta \nabla_X^\perp V. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

This implies that

$$A_{\beta V} \alpha X = \alpha \beta A_V X \quad (18)$$

and

$$\nabla_{\alpha X}^\perp \beta V = \alpha X(\beta)V + \alpha \beta \nabla_X^\perp V. \quad (19)$$

Thus,  $A_V X$  is bilinear in  $V$  and  $X$ . Additivity is trivial. On the other hand, since  $g$  is a Riemannian metric,

$$X \tilde{g}(Y, V) = 0, \quad (20)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ .

Eq. (12) implies that

$$\tilde{g}(\tilde{\nabla}_X Y, V) + \tilde{g}(Y, \tilde{\nabla}_X V) = 0. \quad (21)$$

By means of Eqs. (4) and (15), we obtain

$$\tilde{g}(h(X, Y), V) - g(A_V X, Y) = 0. \tag{22}$$

The proof is completed [3].

Let  $M$  be a sub-manifold of a Riemannian manifold  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{g})$ , and  $h$  and  $A_V$  denote the second fundamental form and shape operator of  $M$ , respectively.

The covariant derivative of  $h$  and  $A_V$  is, respectively, defined by

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z) = \nabla_X^\perp h(Y, Z) - h(\nabla_X Y, Z) - h(Y, \nabla_X Z) \tag{23}$$

and

$$(\nabla_X A)_V Y = \nabla_X(A_V Y) - A_{\nabla_X^\perp V} Y - A_V \nabla_X Y \tag{24}$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$  and any vector field  $V$  normal to  $M$ . If  $\nabla_X h = 0$  for all  $X$ , then the second fundamental form of  $M$  is said to be parallel, which is equivalent to  $\nabla_X A = 0$ . By direct calculations, we get the relation

$$g((\nabla_X h)(Y, Z), V) = g((\nabla_X A)_V Y, Z). \tag{25}$$

**Example 1.1.** We consider the isometric immersion

$$\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4, \tag{26}$$

$$\phi(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, \sqrt{x_1^2 - 1}, x_2, \sqrt{x_2^2 - 1}) \tag{27}$$

we note that  $M = \phi(\mathbb{R}^2) \subset \mathbb{R}^4$  is a two-dimensional sub-manifold of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and the tangent bundle is spanned by the vectors

$TM = S_p \{ e_1 = (\sqrt{x_1^2 - 1}, x_1, 0, 0), e_2 = (0, 0, \sqrt{x_2^2 - 1}, x_2) \}$  and the normal vector fields

$$T^\perp M = sp \left\{ w_1 = (-x_1, \sqrt{x_1^2 - 1}, 0, 0), w_2 = (0, 0, -x_1, \sqrt{x_2^2 - 1}) \right\}. \tag{28}$$

By  $\tilde{\nabla}$ , we denote the Levi-Civita connection of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , the coefficients of connection, are given by

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_1 = \frac{2x_1 \sqrt{x_1^2 - 1}}{2x_1^2 - 1} e_1 - \frac{1}{2x_1^2 - 1} w_1, \tag{29}$$

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_2 = \frac{2x_2 \sqrt{x_2^2 - 1}}{2x_2^2 - 1} e_2 - \frac{1}{2x_2^2 - 1} w_2 \tag{30}$$

and

$$\nabla_{e_2} e_1 = 0. \quad (31)$$

Thus, we have  $h(e_1, e_1) = -\frac{1}{2x_1^2-1}w_1$ ,  $h(e_2, e_2) = -\frac{1}{2x_2^2-1}w_2$  and  $h(e_2, e_1) = 0$ . The mean curvature vector of  $M = \phi(\mathbb{R}^2)$  is given by

$$H = -\frac{1}{2}(w_1 + w_2). \quad (32)$$

Furthermore, by using Eq. (16), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g(A_{w_1} e_1, e_1) &= g(h(e_1, e_1), w_1) = -\frac{1}{2x_1^2-1}(x_1^2 + x_1^2-1) = -1, \\ g(A_{w_1} e_2, e_2) &= g(h(e_2, e_2), w_1) = -\frac{1}{2x_2^2-1}g(w_1, w_2) = 0, \\ g(A_{w_1} e_1, e_2) &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} g(A_{w_2} e_1, e_1) &= g(h(e_1, e_1), w_2) = 0, \\ g(A_{w_2} e_1, e_2) &= 0, g(A_{w_2} e_2, e_2) = 1. \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

Thus, we have

$$A_{w_1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } A_{w_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (35)$$

Now, let  $M$  be a sub-manifold of a Riemannian manifold  $(\tilde{M}, g)$ ,  $\tilde{R}$  and  $R$  be the Riemannian curvature tensors of  $\tilde{M}$  and  $M$ , respectively. From then the Gauss and Weingarten formulas, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y)Z &= \tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{\nabla}_Y Z - \tilde{\nabla}_Y \tilde{\nabla}_X Z - \tilde{\nabla}_{[X, Y]} Z \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_X (\nabla_Y Z + h(Y, Z)) - \tilde{\nabla}_Y (\nabla_X Z + h(X, Z)) - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z - h([X, Y], Z) \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_X \nabla_Y Z + \tilde{\nabla}_X h(Y, Z) - \tilde{\nabla}_Y \nabla_X Z - \tilde{\nabla}_Y h(X, Z) - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z - h(\nabla_X Y, Z) + h(\nabla_Y X, Z) \\ &= \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z + h(X, \nabla_Y Z) - h(\nabla_X Z, Y) + \nabla_X^\perp h(Y, Z) \\ &\quad - A_{h(Y, Z)} X - \nabla_Y^\perp h(X, Z) + A_{h(X, Z)} Y - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z - h(\nabla_X Y, Z) + h(\nabla_Y X, Z) \\ &= \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z + \nabla_X^\perp h(Y, Z) - h(\nabla_X Y, Z) \\ &\quad - h(Y, \nabla_X Z) - \nabla_Y^\perp h(X, Z) + h(\nabla_Y X, Z) + h(\nabla_Y Z, X) \\ &\quad + A_{h(X, Z)} Y - A_{h(Y, Z)} X \\ &= R(X, Y)Z + (\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y h)(X, Z) + A_{h(X, Z)} Y - A_{h(Y, Z)} X \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

from which

$$\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z = R(X, Y)Z + A_{h(X, Z)}Y - A_{h(Y, Z)}X + (\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y h)(X, Z), \quad (37)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  tangent to  $M$ . For any vector field  $W$  tangent to  $M$ , Eq. (37) gives the Gauss equation

$$g(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z, W) = g(R(X, Y)Z, W) + g(h(Y, W), h(X, Z)) - g(h(Y, Z), h(X, W)). \quad (38)$$

On the other hand, the normal component of Eq. (37) is called equation of Codazzi, which is given by

$$(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z)^\perp = (\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y h)(X, Z). \quad (39)$$

If the Codazzi equation vanishes identically, then sub-manifold  $M$  is said to be curvature-invariant sub-manifold [4].

In particular, if  $\tilde{M}$  is of constant curvature,  $\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z$  is tangent to  $M$ , that is, sub-manifold is curvature-invariant. Whereas, in Kenmotsu space forms, and Sasakian space forms, this not true.

Next, we will define the curvature tensor  $R^\perp$  of the normal bundle of the sub-manifold  $M$  by

$$R^\perp(X, Y)V = \nabla_X^\perp \nabla_Y^\perp V - \nabla_Y^\perp \nabla_X^\perp V - \nabla_{[X, Y]}^\perp V \quad (40)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to sub-manifold  $M$ , and any vector field  $V$  normal to  $M$ . From the Gauss and Weingarten formulas, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y)V &= \tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{\nabla}_Y V - \tilde{\nabla}_Y \tilde{\nabla}_X V - \tilde{\nabla}_{[X, Y]} V \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_X (-A_V Y + \nabla_Y^\perp V) - \tilde{\nabla}_Y (-A_V X + \nabla_X^\perp V) + A_V [X, Y] - \nabla_{[X, Y]}^\perp V \\ &= -\tilde{\nabla}_X A_V Y + \tilde{\nabla}_Y A_V X + \tilde{\nabla}_X \nabla_Y^\perp V - \tilde{\nabla}_Y \nabla_X^\perp V + A_V [X, Y] - \nabla_{[X, Y]}^\perp V \\ &= -\nabla_X A_V Y - h(X, A_V Y) + \nabla_Y A_V X + h(Y, A_V X) \\ &\quad + \nabla_X^\perp \nabla_Y^\perp V - \nabla_Y^\perp \nabla_X^\perp V - A_{\nabla_Y^\perp V} X + A_{\nabla_X^\perp V} Y + A_V [X, Y] - \nabla_{[X, Y]}^\perp V \\ &= \nabla_X^\perp \nabla_Y^\perp V - \nabla_Y^\perp \nabla_X^\perp V - \nabla_{[X, Y]}^\perp V - A_{\nabla_Y^\perp V} X + A_{\nabla_X^\perp V} Y + A_V [X, Y] \\ &\quad - \nabla_X A_V Y + \nabla_Y A_V X - h(X, A_V Y) + h(Y, A_V X) \\ &= R^\perp(X, Y)V + h(A_V X, Y) - h(X, A_V Y) - (\nabla_X A)_V Y + (\nabla_Y A)_V X. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

For any normal vector  $U$  to  $M$ , we obtain



$$\begin{aligned}
g(\tilde{R}(X, Y)V, U) &= g(R^\perp(X, Y)V, U) + g(h(A_V X, Y), U) - g(h(X, A_V Y), U) \\
&= g(R^\perp(X, Y)V, U) + g(A_U Y, A_V X) - g(A_V Y, A_U X) \\
&= g(R^\perp(X, Y)V, U) + g(A_V A_U Y, X) - g(A_U A_V Y, X)
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

Since  $[A_U, A_V] = A_U A_V - A_V A_U$ , Eq. (42) implies

$$g(\tilde{R}(X, Y)V, U) = g(R^\perp(X, Y)V, U) + g([A_U, A_V]Y, X). \tag{43}$$

Eq. (43) is also called the Ricci equation.

If  $R^\perp = 0$ , then the normal connection of  $M$  is said to be flat [2].

When  $(\tilde{R}(X, Y)V)^\perp = 0$ , the normal connection of the sub-manifold  $M$  is flat if and only if the second fundamental form  $M$  is commutative, i.e.  $[A_U, A_V] = 0$  for all  $U, V$ . If the ambient space  $\tilde{M}$  is real space form, then  $(\tilde{R}(X, Y)V)^\perp = 0$  and hence the normal connection of  $M$  is flat if and only if the second fundamental form is commutative. If  $\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z$  tangent to  $M$ , then equation of codazzi Eq. (37) reduces to

$$(\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) = (\nabla_Y h)(X, Z) \tag{44}$$

which is equivalent to

$$(\nabla_X A)_V Y = (\nabla_Y A)_V X. \tag{45}$$

On the other hand, if the ambient space  $\tilde{M}$  is a space of constant curvature  $c$ , then we have

$$\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z = c\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} \tag{46}$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  on  $\tilde{M}$ .

Since  $\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z$  is tangent to  $M$ , the equation of Gauss and the equation of Ricci reduce to

$$\begin{aligned}
g(R(X, Y)Z, W) &= c\{g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)\} \\
&\quad + g(h(Y, Z), h(X, W)) - g(h(Y, W), h(X, Z))
\end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

and

$$g(R^\perp(X, Y)V, U) = g([A_U, A_V]X, Y), \tag{48}$$

respectively.

**Proposition 1.3.** A totally umbilical sub-manifold  $M$  in a real space form  $\tilde{M}$  of constant curvature  $c$  is also of constant curvature.

**Proof:** Since  $M$  is a totally umbilical sub-manifold of  $\tilde{M}$  of constant curvature  $c$ , by using Eqs. (14) and (46), we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(R(X, Y)Z, W) &= c\{g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)\} \\ &\quad + g(H, H)\{g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)\} \\ &= \{c + g(H, H)\}\{g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

This shows that the sub-manifold  $M$  is of constant curvature  $c + \|H^2\|$  for  $n > 2$ . If  $n = 2$ ,  $\|H\| = \text{constant}$  follows from the equation of Codazzi [3].

This proves the proposition.

On the other hand, for any orthonormal basis  $\{e_a\}$  of normal space, we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W) &= \sum_a \left[ g(h(Y, Z), e_a)g(h(X, W), e_a) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - g(h(X, Z), e_a)g(h(Y, W), e_a) \right] \\ &= \sum_a g(A_{e_a}Y, Z)g(A_{e_a}X, W) - g(A_{e_a}X, Z)g(A_{e_a}Y, W) \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

Thus, Eq. (45) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} g(R(X, Y)Z, W) &= c\{g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)\} \\ &\quad + \sum_a [g(A_{e_a}Y, Z)g(A_{e_a}X, W) - g(A_{e_a}X, Z)g(A_{e_a}Y, W)] \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

By using  $A_{e_a}$ , we can construct a similar equation to Eq. (47) for Eq. (23).

Now, let  $S$ - be the Ricci tensor of  $M$ . Then, Eq. (47) gives us

$$S(X, Y) = c\{ng(X, Y) - g(e_i, X)g(e_i, Y)\} \quad (52)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \sum_{e_a} [g(A_{e_a}e_i, e_i)g(A_{e_a}X, Y) - g(A_{e_a}X, e_i)g(A_{e_a}e_i, Y)] \\ &= c(n-1)g(X, Y) + \sum_{e_a} [Tr(A_{e_a})g(A_{e_a}X, Y) - g(A_{e_a}X, A_{e_a}Y)], \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

where  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  are orthonormal basis of  $M$ .

Therefore, the scalar curvature  $r$  of sub-manifold  $M$  is given by

$$r = cn(n-1) \sum_{e_a} Tr^2(A_{e_a}) - \sum_{e_a} Tr(A_{e_a})^2 \quad (54)$$

$\sum_{e_a} Tr(A_{e_a})^2$  is the square of the length of the second fundamental form of  $M$ , which is denoted by  $|A_{e_a}|^2$ . Thus, we also have

$$\|h^2\| = \sum_{i,j=1}^n g(h(e_i, e_j), h(e_i, e_j)) = \|A^2\|. \quad (55)$$

## 2. Distribution on a manifold

An  $m$ -dimensional distribution on a manifold  $\tilde{M}$  is a mapping  $\mathcal{D}$  defined on  $\tilde{M}$ , which assigns to each point  $p$  of  $\tilde{M}$  an  $m$ -dimensional linear subspace  $\mathcal{D}_p$  of  $T_{\tilde{M}}(p)$ . A vector field  $X$  on  $\tilde{M}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{D}$  if we have  $X_p \in \mathcal{D}_p$  for each  $p \in \tilde{M}$ . When this happens, we write  $X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ . The distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  is said to be differentiable if for any  $p \in \tilde{M}$ , there exist  $m$ -differentiable linearly independent vector fields  $X_j \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  in a neighborhood of  $p$ .

The distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  is said to be involutive if for all vector fields  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  we have  $[X, Y] \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ . A sub-manifold  $M$  of  $\tilde{M}$  is said to be an integral manifold of  $\mathcal{D}$  if for every point  $p \in M$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_p$  coincides with the tangent space to  $M$  at  $p$ . If there exists no integral manifold of  $\mathcal{D}$  which contains  $M$ , then  $M$  is called a maximal integral manifold or a leaf of  $\mathcal{D}$ . The distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  is said to be integrable if for every  $p \in \tilde{M}$ , there exists an integral manifold of  $\mathcal{D}$  containing  $p$  [2].

Let  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and distribution be a linear connection on  $\tilde{M}$ , respectively. The distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  is said to be parallel with respect to  $\tilde{M}$ , if we have

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}) \text{ for all } X \in \Gamma(T\tilde{M}) \text{ and } Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}) \quad (56)$$

Now, let  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{g})$  be Riemannian manifold and  $\mathcal{D}$  be a distribution on  $\tilde{M}$ . We suppose  $\tilde{M}$  is endowed with two complementary distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$ , i.e., we have  $T\tilde{M} = \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{D}^\perp$ . Denoted by  $P$  and  $Q$  the projections of  $T\tilde{M}$  to  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$ , respectively.

**Theorem 2.1.** All the linear connections with respect to which both distributions  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  are parallel, are given by

$$\nabla_X Y = P \nabla'_X P Y + Q \nabla'_X Q Y + P S(X, P Y) + Q S(X, Q Y) \quad (57)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\tilde{M})$ , where  $\nabla'$  and  $S$  are, respectively, an arbitrary linear connection and arbitrary tensor field of type  $(1, 2)$  on  $\tilde{M}$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $\nabla'$  is an arbitrary linear connection on  $\tilde{M}$ . Then, any linear connection  $\nabla$  on  $\tilde{M}$  is given by

$$\nabla_X Y = \nabla'_X Y + S(X, Y) \tag{58}$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\tilde{M})$ . We can put

$$X = PX + QX \tag{59}$$

for any  $X \in \Gamma(T\tilde{M})$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_X Y &= \nabla_X(PY + QY) = \nabla_X PY + \nabla_X QY = \nabla'_X PY + S(X, PY) \\ &+ \nabla'_X QY + S(X, QY) = P\nabla'_X PY + Q\nabla'_X PY + PS(X, PY) + QS(X, PY) \\ &+ P\nabla'_X QY + Q\nabla'_X QY + PS(X, QY) + QS(X, QY) \end{aligned} \tag{60}$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\tilde{M})$ .

The distributions  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  are both parallel with respect to  $\nabla$  if and only if we have

$$\phi(\nabla_X PY) = 0 \text{ and } P(\nabla_X QY) = 0. \tag{61}$$

From Eqs. (58) and (61), it follows that  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  are parallel with respect to  $\nabla$  if and only if

$$Q\nabla'_X PY + QS(X, PY) = 0 \text{ and } P\nabla'_X QY + PS(X, QY) = 0. \tag{62}$$

Thus, Eqs. (58) and (62) give us Eq. (57).

Next, by means of the projections  $P$  and  $Q$ , we define a tensor field  $F$  of type  $(1, 1)$  on  $\tilde{M}$  by

$$FX = PX - QX \tag{63}$$

for any  $X \in \Gamma(T\tilde{M})$ . By a direct calculation, it follows that  $F^2 = I$ . Thus, we say that  $F$  defines an almost product structure on  $\tilde{M}$ . The covariant derivative of  $F$  is defined by

$$(\nabla_X F)Y = \nabla_X FY - F\nabla_X Y \tag{64}$$

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\tilde{M})$ . We say that the almost product structure  $F$  is parallel with respect to the connection  $\nabla$ , if we have  $\nabla_X F = 0$ . In this case,  $F$  is called the Riemannian product structure [2].

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{g})$  be a Riemannian manifold and  $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}^\perp$  be orthogonal distributions on  $\tilde{M}$  such that  $T\tilde{M} = \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{D}^\perp$ . Both distributions  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  are parallel with respect to  $\nabla$  if and only if  $F$  is a Riemannian product structure.

**Proof:** For any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\tilde{M})$ , we can write

$$\tilde{\nabla}_Y PX = \tilde{\nabla}_{PY} PX + \tilde{\nabla}_{QY} PX \tag{65}$$

and

$$\tilde{\nabla}_Y X = \tilde{\nabla}_{PY} PX + \tilde{\nabla}_{PY} QX + \tilde{\nabla}_{QY} PX + \tilde{\nabla}_{QY} QX, \quad (66)$$

from which

$$g(\tilde{\nabla}_{QY} PX, QZ) = QYg(PX, QZ) - g(\nabla_{QY} QZ, PX) = 0 - g(\tilde{\nabla}_{QY} QZ, PX) = 0, \quad (67)$$

that is,  $\nabla_{QY} PX \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  and so  $P\tilde{\nabla}_{QY} PX = \tilde{\nabla}_{QY} PX$ ,

$$Q\tilde{\nabla}_{QY} PX = 0. \quad (68)$$

In the same way, we obtain

$$g(\tilde{\nabla}_{PY} QX, PZ) = PYg(QX, PZ) - g(QX, \tilde{\nabla}_{PY} PZ) = 0, \quad (69)$$

which implies that

$$P\tilde{\nabla}_{PY} QX = 0 \text{ and } Q\tilde{\nabla}_{PY} QX = \tilde{\nabla}_{PY} QX. \quad (70)$$

From Eqs. (66), (68) and (70), it follows that

$$P\tilde{\nabla}_Y X = \tilde{\nabla}_{PY} PX + \tilde{\nabla}_{QY} PX. \quad (71)$$

By using Eqs. (64) and (71), we obtain

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_Y P)X = \tilde{\nabla}_Y PX - P\tilde{\nabla}_Y X = \tilde{\nabla}_{PY} PX + \tilde{\nabla}_{QY} PX - \tilde{\nabla}_{PY} PX - \tilde{\nabla}_{QY} PX = 0. \quad (72)$$

In the same way, we can find  $\tilde{\nabla}Q = 0$ . Thus, we obtain

$$\tilde{\nabla}F = \tilde{\nabla}(P-Q) = 0. \quad (73)$$

This proves our assertion [2].

**Theorem 2.3.** Both distributions  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  are parallel with respect to Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  if and only if they are integrable and their leaves are totally geodesic in  $\tilde{M}$ .

**Proof:** Let us assume both distributions  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  are parallel. Since  $\nabla$  is a torsion free linear connection, we have

$$[X, Y] = \nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}), \text{ for any } X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}) \quad (74)$$

and

$$[U, V] = \nabla_U V - \nabla_V U \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp), \text{ for any } U, V \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp) \quad (75)$$

Thus,  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  are integrable distributions. Now, let  $M$  be a leaf of  $\mathcal{D}$  and denote by  $h$  the second fundamental form of the immersion of  $M$  in  $\tilde{M}$ . Then by the Gauss formula, we have

$$\nabla_X Y = \nabla'_X Y + h(X, Y) \tag{76}$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$ , where  $\nabla'$  denote the Levi-Civita connection on  $M$ . Since  $\mathcal{D}$  is parallel from Eq. (76) we conclude  $h = 0$ , that is,  $M$  is totally in  $\tilde{M}$ . In the same way, it follows that each leaf of  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  is totally geodesic in  $\tilde{M}$ .

Conversely, suppose  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  be integrable and their leaves are totally geodesic in  $\tilde{M}$ . Then by using Eq. (4), we have

$$\nabla_X Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}) \text{ for any } X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}) \tag{77}$$

and

$$\nabla_U V \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp) \text{ for any } U, V \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp). \tag{78}$$

Since  $g$  is a Riemannian metric tensor, we obtain

$$g(\nabla_U Y, V) = -g(Y, \nabla_U V) = 0 \tag{79}$$

and

$$g(\nabla_X V, Y) = -g(V, \nabla_X Y) = 0 \tag{80}$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D})$  and  $U, V \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}^\perp)$ . Thus, both distributions  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  are parallel on  $\tilde{M}$ .

### 3. Locally decomposable Riemannian manifolds

Let  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{g})$  be  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold and  $F$  be a tensor  $(1,1)$ -type on  $\tilde{M}$  such that  $F^2 = I, F \neq \mp I$ .

If the Riemannian metric tensor  $\tilde{g}$  satisfying

$$\tilde{g}(X, Y) = \tilde{g}(FX, FY) \tag{81}$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\tilde{M})$  then  $\tilde{M}$  is called almost Riemannian product manifold and  $F$  is said to be almost Riemannian product structure. If  $F$  is parallel, that is,  $(\tilde{\nabla}_X F)Y = 0$ , then  $\tilde{M}$  is said to be locally decomposable Riemannian manifold.

Now, let  $\tilde{M}$  be an almost Riemannian product manifold. We put

$$P = \frac{1}{2}(I + F), Q = \frac{1}{2}(I - F). \tag{82}$$

Then, we have

$$P + Q = I, \quad P^2 = P, \quad Q^2 = Q, \quad PQ = QP = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad F = P - Q. \quad (83)$$

Thus,  $P$  and  $Q$  define two complementary distributions  $P$  and  $Q$  globally. Since  $F^2 = I$ , we easily see that the eigenvalues of  $F$  are 1 and  $-1$ . An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue 1 is in  $P$  and an eigenvector corresponding to  $-1$  is in  $Q$ . If  $F$  has eigenvalue 1 of multiplicity  $p$  and eigenvalue  $-1$  of multiplicity  $q$ , then the dimension of  $P$  is  $p$  and that of  $Q$  is  $q$ . Conversely, if there exist in  $\tilde{M}$  two globally complementary distributions  $P$  and  $Q$  of dimension  $p$  and  $q$ , respectively. Then, we can define an almost Riemannian product structure  $F$  on  $\tilde{M}$  by  $\tilde{M}$  by  $F = P - Q$  [7].

Let  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{g}, F)$  be a locally decomposable Riemannian manifold and we denote the integral manifolds of the distributions  $P$  and  $Q$  by  $M^p$  and  $M^q$ , respectively. Then we can write  $\tilde{M} = M^p \times M^q$ , ( $p, q > 2$ ). Also, we denote the components of the Riemannian curvature  $R$  of  $\tilde{M}$  by  $R_{dcb\alpha}$   $1 \leq a, b, c, d \leq n = p + q$ .

Now, we suppose that the two components are both of constant curvature  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ . Then, we have

$$R_{dcb\alpha} = \lambda \{g_{da}g_{cb} - g_{ca}g_{db}\} \quad (84)$$

and

$$R_{zyxw} = \mu \{g_{zw}g_{yx} - g_{yw}g_{zx}\}. \quad (85)$$

Then, the above equations may also be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} R_{kjih} = & \frac{1}{4}(\lambda + \mu) \{ (g_{kh}g_{ji} - g_{jh}g_{ki}) + (F_{kh}F_{ji} - F_{jh}F_{ki}) \} \\ & + \frac{1}{4}(\lambda - \mu) \{ (F_{kh}g_{ji} - F_{jh}g_{ki}) + (g_{kh}F_{ji} - g_{jh}F_{ki}) \}. \end{aligned} \quad (86)$$

Conversely, suppose that the curvature tensor of a locally decomposable Riemannian manifold has the form

$$\begin{aligned} R_{kjih} = & a \{ (g_{kh}g_{ji} - g_{jh}g_{ki}) + (F_{kh}F_{ji} - F_{jh}F_{ki}) \} \\ & + b \{ (F_{kh}g_{ji} - F_{jh}g_{ki}) + (g_{kh}F_{ji} - g_{jh}F_{ki}) \}. \end{aligned} \quad (87)$$

Then, we have

$$R_{cdba} = 2(a + b) \{g_{da}g_{cb} - g_{ca}g_{db}\} \quad (88)$$

and

$$R_{zyxw} = 2(a - b) \{g_{zw}g_{yx} - g_{yw}g_{zx}\}. \quad (89)$$

Let  $\tilde{M}$  be an  $m$ -dimensional almost Riemannian product manifold with the Riemannian structure  $(F, \tilde{g})$  and  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional sub-manifold of  $\tilde{M}$ . For any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ , we put

$$FX = fX + wX, \tag{90}$$

where  $fX$  and  $wX$  denote the tangential and normal components of  $FX$ , with respect to  $M$ , respectively. In the same way, for  $V \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ , we also put

$$FV = BV + CV, \tag{91}$$

where  $BV$  and  $CV$  denote the tangential and normal components of  $FV$ , respectively.

Then, we have

$$f^2 + Bw = I, Cw + wf = 0 \tag{92}$$

and

$$fB + BC = 0, wB + C^2 = I. \tag{93}$$

On the other hand, we can easily see that

$$g(X, fY) = g(fX, Y) \tag{94}$$

and

$$g(X, Y) = g(fX, fY) + g(wX, wY) \tag{95}$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  [6].

If  $wX = 0$  for all  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ , then  $M$  is said to be invariant sub-manifold in  $\tilde{M}$ , i.e.,  $F(T_M(p)) \subset T_M(p)$  for each  $p \in M$ . In this case,  $f^2 = I$  and  $g(fX, fY) = g(X, Y)$ . Thus,  $(f, g)$  defines an almost product Riemannian on  $M$ .

Conversely,  $(f, g)$  is an almost product Riemannian structure on  $M$ , the  $w = 0$  and hence  $M$  is an invariant sub-manifold in  $\tilde{M}$ .

Consequently, we can give the following theorem [7].

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $M$  be a sub-manifold of an almost Riemannian product manifold  $\tilde{M}$  with almost Riemannian product structure  $(F, \tilde{g})$ . The induced structure  $(f, g)$  on  $M$  is an almost Riemannian product structure if and only if  $M$  is an invariant sub-manifold of  $\tilde{M}$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $M$  be a sub-manifold of an almost Riemannian product  $\tilde{M}$  with almost product Riemannian structure  $(F, \tilde{g})$ . For each non-zero vector  $X_p \in T_M(p)$  at  $p \in M$ , we denote the slant angle between  $FX_p$  and  $T_M(p)$  by  $\theta(p)$ . Then  $M$  said to be slant sub-manifold if the angle  $\theta(p)$  is constant, i.e., it is independent of the choice of  $p \in M$  and  $X_p \in T_M(p)$  [5].

Thus, invariant and anti-invariant immersions are slant immersions with slant angle  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , respectively. A proper slant immersion is neither invariant nor anti-invariant.



**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $M$  be a sub-manifold of an almost Riemannian product manifold  $\tilde{M}$  with almost product Riemannian structure  $(F, \tilde{g})$ .  $M$  is a slant sub-manifold if and only if there exists a constant  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , such that

$$f^2 = \lambda I. \quad (96)$$

Furthermore, if the slant angle is  $\theta$ , then it satisfies  $\lambda = \cos^2 \theta$  [9].

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $M$  be a sub-manifold of an almost Riemannian product manifold  $\tilde{M}$  with almost Riemannian product structure  $(F, \tilde{g})$ .  $M$  is said to be semi-slant sub-manifold if there exist distributions  $\mathcal{D}^\theta$  and  $\mathcal{D}^T$  on  $M$  such that

(i)  $TM$  has the orthogonal direct decomposition  $TM = \mathcal{D} \oplus \mathcal{D}^T$ .

(ii) The distribution  $\mathcal{D}^\theta$  is a slant distribution with slant angle  $\theta$ .

(iii) The distribution  $\mathcal{D}^T$  is an invariant distribution, .e.,  $F(\mathcal{D}^T) \subseteq \mathcal{D}^T$ .

In a semi-slant sub-manifold, if  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then semi-slant sub-manifold is called semi-invariant sub-manifold [8].

**Example 3.1.** Now, let us consider an immersed sub-manifold  $M$  in  $\mathbb{R}^7$  given by the equations

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = x_5^2 + x_6^2, x_3 + x_4 = 0. \quad (97)$$

By direct calculations, it is easy to check that the tangent bundle of  $M$  is spanned by the vectors

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \cos\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} + \sin\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} \\ z_2 &= -u \sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + u \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, z_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4}, \\ z_4 &= -u \sin\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} + u \cos\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6}, z_5 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7}, \end{aligned} \quad (98)$$

where  $\theta, \beta$  and  $u$  denote arbitrary parameters.

For the coordinate system of  $\mathbb{R}^7 = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7) | x_i \in \mathbb{R}, 1 \leq i \leq 7\}$ , we define the almost product Riemannian structure  $F$  as follows:

$$F\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, F\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, 1 \leq i \leq 3 \text{ and } 4 \leq j \leq 7. \quad (99)$$

Since  $Fz_1$  and  $Fz_3$  are orthogonal to  $M$  and  $Fz_2, Fz_4, Fz_5$  are tangent to  $M$ , we can choose a  $\mathcal{D} = S_p\{z_2, z_4, z_5\}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp = S_p\{z_1, z_3\}$ . Thus,  $M$  is a 5-dimensional semi-invariant sub-manifold of  $\mathbb{R}^7$  with usual almost Riemannian product structure  $(F, \langle, \rangle)$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $M$  be sub-manifold of  $\mathbb{R}^8$  by given

$$(u + v, u - v, u \cos\alpha, u \sin\alpha, u + v, u - v, u \cos\beta, u \sin\beta) \quad (100)$$

where  $u, v$  and  $\beta$  are the arbitrary parameters. By direct calculations, we can easily see that the tangent bundle of  $M$  is spanned by

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \cos\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + \sin\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} + \cos\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} + \sin\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_8} \\ e_2 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6}, e_3 = -u \sin \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + u \cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4}, \\ e_4 &= -u \sin \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} + u \cos \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_8}. \end{aligned} \tag{101}$$

For the almost Riemannian product structure  $F$  of  $\mathbb{R}^8 = \mathbb{R}^4 \times \mathbb{R}^4$ ,  $F(TM)$  is spanned by vectors

$$\begin{aligned} Fe_1 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \cos\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + \sin\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} - \cos\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_7} - \sin\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_8}, \\ Fe_2 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6}, Fe_3 = e_3 \text{ and } Fe_4 = -e_4. \end{aligned} \tag{102}$$

Since  $Fe_1$  and  $Fe_2$  are orthogonal to  $M$  and  $Fe_3$  and  $Fe_4$  are tangent to  $M$ , we can choose  $\mathcal{D}^T = Sp\{e_3, e_4\}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^\perp = Sp\{e_1, e_2\}$ . Thus,  $M$  is a four-dimensional semi-invariant sub-manifold of  $\mathbb{R}^8 = \mathbb{R}^4 \times \mathbb{R}^4$  with usual Riemannian product structure  $F$ .

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $M$  be a sub-manifold of an almost Riemannian product manifold  $\tilde{M}$  with almost Riemannian product structure  $(F, \tilde{g})$ .  $M$  is said to be pseudo-slant sub-manifold if there exist distributions  $\mathcal{D}_\theta$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\perp$  on  $M$  such that

- i. The tangent bundle  $TM = \mathcal{D}_\theta \oplus \mathcal{D}^\perp$ .
- ii. The distribution  $\mathcal{D}_\theta$  is a slant distribution with slant angle  $\theta$ .
- iii. The distribution  $\mathcal{D}^\perp$  is an anti-invariant distribution, i.e.,  $F(\mathcal{D}^\perp) \subseteq T^\perp M$ .

As a special case, if  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then pseudo-slant sub-manifold becomes semi-invariant and anti-invariant sub-manifolds, respectively.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $M$  be a sub-manifold of  $\mathbb{R}^6$  by the given equation

$$(\sqrt{3}u, v, v \sin \theta, v \cos \theta, s \cos t, -s \cos t) \tag{103}$$

where  $u, v, s$  and  $t$  arbitrary parameters and  $\theta$  is a constant.

We can check that the tangent bundle of  $M$  is spanned by the tangent vectors

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &= \sqrt{3} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, e_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} + \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}, \\ e_3 &= \cos t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} - \cos t \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3}, e_4 = -s \sin t \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + s \sin t \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3}. \end{aligned} \tag{104}$$

For the almost product Riemannian structure  $F$  of  $\mathbb{R}^6$  whose coordinate systems  $(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, x_3, y_3)$  choosing

$$\begin{aligned}
 F\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}, 1 \leq i \leq 3, \\
 F\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}\right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, 1 \leq j \leq 3,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{105}$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 Fe_1 &= \sqrt{3} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, Fe_2 = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} - \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \\
 Fe_3 &= \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} + \sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}, Fe_4 = -\sin\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3} - \cos\theta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{106}$$

Thus,  $\mathcal{D}_\theta = S_p\{e_1, e_2\}$  is a slant distribution with slant angle  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{4}$ . Since  $Fe_3$  and  $Fe_4$  are orthogonal to  $M$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^\perp = S_p\{e_3, e_4\}$  is an anti-invariant distribution, that is,  $M$  is a 4-dimensional proper pseudo-slant sub-manifold of  $\mathbb{R}^6$  with its almost Riemannian product structure  $(F, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ .

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