

## ***C*-parallel Mean Curvature Vector Fields along Slant Curves in Sasakian 3-manifolds**

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ABSTRACT. In this article, using the example of C. Camci([7]) we reconfirm necessary sufficient condition for a slant curve. Next, we find some necessary and sufficient conditions for a slant curve in a Sasakian 3-manifold to have: (i) a *C*-parallel mean curvature vector field; (ii) a *C*-proper mean curvature vector field (in the normal bundle).

### **1. Introduction**

Euclidean submanifolds  $x : M^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  with *proper mean curvature vector field* for the Laplacian, that is the mean curvature vector field  $H$  satisfying

$$\Delta H = \lambda H, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

have been studied extensively (see [8] and references therein). For instance, all surfaces in Euclidean 3-space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with  $\Delta H = \lambda H$  are minimal, or an open portion

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of a totally umbilical sphere or a circular cylinder.

Arroyo, Barros and Garay [1], [3] studied curves and surfaces in the 3-sphere  $S^3$  with proper mean curvature vector fields. Chen studied surfaces in hyperbolic 3-space with proper mean curvature vector fields [9].

All the space forms which consist of a sphere  $S^3$ , an Euclidean  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and a hyperbolic space  $H^3$  admit canonical almost contact structures compatible to the metric. In particular, all 3-dimensional space forms are normal almost contact metric manifolds. Moreover, except the model space Sol of solvegeometry, all the model spaces of *Thurston Geometry* have canonical (homogeneous) normal almost contact metric structures.

In [13], J. Inoguchi generalized some results on submanifolds with proper mean curvature vector fields in the 3-sphere  $S^3$  obtained in [1], [3] to those in 3-dimensional Sasakian space forms.

In [15], C. Ozgur and M. M. Tripathi studied for Legendre curves in a Sasakian manifold having a parallel mean curvature vector fields and a proper mean curvature vector fields containing a biharmonic curve.

Generalizing a Legendre curve in a 3-dimensional contact metric manifold, we consider a slant curve whose tangent vector field has constant angle with characteristic direction  $\xi$  (see [10]). For a non-geodesic slant curve in a Sasakian 3-manifold, the direction  $\xi$  becomes  $\xi = \cos \alpha_0 T + \sin \alpha_0 B$ , where  $T$  and  $B$  are unit tangent vector field and binormal vector field, respectively. From this, we know that the characteristic vector field  $\xi$  is orthogonal to the principal normal vector field  $N$ .

On the other hand, the mean curvature vector field  $H$  of a curve  $\gamma$  in 3-dimensional contact Riemannian manifolds is defined by  $H = \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma} = \kappa N$ . Therefore, we have that  $\xi$  is orthogonal to  $H$  for a slant curve in Sasakian 3-manifolds.

In this paper, we consider  $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}H = \lambda\xi$  and  $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}H = \lambda\xi$  corresponding to  $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}H = \lambda H$  and  $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}H = \lambda H$ , respectively.

Let  $H$  be the mean curvature vector field of a curve in 3-dimensional contact Riemannian manifolds  $M$ . The mean curvature vector field  $H$  is said to be *C-parallel* if  $\nabla H = \lambda\xi$ . Moreover, the vector field  $H$  is said to be *C-proper mean curvature vector field* if  $\Delta H = \lambda\xi$ , where  $\nabla$  denotes the operator of covariant differentiation of  $M$ . Similarly, in the normal bundle we can define *C-parallel* and *C-proper mean curvature vector field* as follows:  $H$  is said to be *C-parallel in the normal bundle* if  $\nabla^{\perp}H = \lambda\xi$ , and  $H$  is said to be *C-proper mean curvature vector field in the normal bundle* if  $\Delta^{\perp}H = \lambda\xi$ , where  $\nabla^{\perp}$  denotes the operator of covariant differentiation in the normal bundle of  $M$ .

In section 3, using the example of C. Camci([7]) we reconfirm necessary sufficient condition for a slant curve. In section 4, we study a slant curve with *C-parallel* and *C-proper mean curvature vector field* in Sasakian 3-manifolds. In section 5, we find necessary and sufficient condition for a slant curve with *C-parallel* and *C-proper mean curvature vector field* in the normal bundle in Sasakian 3-manifolds.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be a 3-dimensional smooth manifold. A *contact form* is a one-form  $\eta$  such that  $d\eta \wedge \eta \neq 0$  on  $M$ . A 3-manifold  $M$  together with a contact form  $\eta$  is called a *contact 3-manifold* ([4], [5]). The *characteristic vector field*  $\xi$  is a unique vector field satisfying  $\eta(\xi) = 1$  and  $d\eta(\xi, \cdot) = 0$ .

On a contact 3-manifold  $(M, \eta)$ , there exists structure tensors  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad \varphi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

$$(2.2) \quad g(X, \varphi Y) = d\eta(X, Y), \quad X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M).$$

The structure tensors  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  are said to be the *associated contact metric structure* of  $(M, g)$ . A contact 3-manifold together with its associated contact metric structure is called a *contact metric 3-manifold*.

A contact metric 3-manifold  $M$  satisfies the following formula [16]:

$$(2.3) \quad (\nabla_X \varphi)Y = g(X + hX, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)(X + hX), \quad X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M),$$

where  $h = \mathcal{L}_\xi \varphi / 2$ .

A contact metric 3-manifold  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called a *Sasakian manifold* if it satisfies

$$(2.4) \quad (\nabla_X \varphi)Y = g(X, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)X$$

for all  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ .

Let  $\gamma : I \rightarrow M = (M^3, g)$  be a Frenet curve parametrized by the arc length in a Riemannian 3-manifold  $M^3$  with Frenet frame field  $(T, N, B)$ . Here  $T$ ,  $N$  and  $B$  are unit tangent, principal normal and binormal vector fields, respectively. Denote by  $\nabla$  the Levi-Civita connection of  $(M, g)$ . Then the Frenet frame satisfies the following *Frenet-Serret* equations:

$$(2.5) \quad \nabla_T T = \kappa N, \quad \nabla_T N = -\kappa T + \tau B, \quad \nabla_T B = -\tau N,$$

where  $\kappa = \|\nabla_T T\|$  and  $\tau$  are *geodesic curvature* and *geodesic torsion* of  $\gamma$ , respectively. A Frenet curve is said to be a *helix* if both of  $\kappa$  and  $\tau$  are constants.

## 3. Slant curves

Let  $M$  be a contact metric 3-manifold and  $\gamma(s)$  a Frenet curve parametrized by the arc length  $s$  in  $M$ . The *contact angle*  $\alpha(s)$  is a function defined by  $\cos \alpha(s) = g(T(s), \xi)$ . A curve  $\gamma$  is said to be a *slant curve* if its contact angle is constant. Slant curves of contact angle  $\pi/2$  are traditionally called *Legendre curves*. The Reeb flow is a slant curve of contact angle 0.

We take an adapted local orthonormal frame field  $\{X, \varphi X, \xi\}$  of  $M$  such that  $\eta(X) = 0$ .

Let  $\gamma$  be a non-geodesic Frenet curve in a Sasakian 3-manifold. Differentiating the formula  $g(T, \xi) = \cos \alpha$  along  $\gamma$ , it follows that

$$-\alpha' \sin \alpha = g(\kappa N, \xi) + g(T, -\varphi T) = \kappa \eta(N).$$

This equation implies the following result.

**Proposition 3.1([10]).** *A non-geodesic curve  $\gamma$  in a Sasakian 3-manifold  $M$  is a slant curve if and only if it satisfies  $\eta(N) = 0$ .*

Hence the unit tangent vector field  $T$  of a slant curve  $\gamma(s)$  has the form

$$(3.1) \quad T = \sin \alpha_0 \{\cos \beta(s)X + \sin \beta(s)\varphi X\} + \cos \alpha_0 \xi.$$

Then the principal normal vector field  $N$  and the characteristic vector field  $\xi$  are respectively given by the following without loss of generality

$$(3.2) \quad N = -\sin \beta(s)X + \cos \beta(s)\varphi X,$$

$$(3.3) \quad \xi = \cos \alpha_0 T + \sin \alpha_0 B$$

for some function  $\beta(s)$ . Differentiating  $g(N, \xi) = 0$  along  $\gamma$  and using the Frenet-Serret equations, we have

$$(3.4) \quad \kappa \cos \alpha_0 + (1 - \tau) \sin \alpha_0 = 0.$$

This implies that the ratio of  $\tau - 1$  and  $\kappa$  is a constant. Conversely, if  $\eta'(N) = 0$  and the ratio of  $\tau - 1$  and  $\kappa \neq 0$  is constant, then  $\gamma$  becomes clearly a slant curve. Thus we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 3.2([10]).** *A non-geodesic curve in a Sasakian 3-manifold  $M$  is a slant curve if and only if  $\eta'(N) = 0$  and its ratio of  $\tau - 1$  and  $\kappa$  is constant.*

The equation (3.4) implies the following result (compare with [2]).

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a non-geodesic slant curve in a Sasakian 3-manifold  $M$ . Then  $\tau = 1$  if and only if  $\gamma$  is a Legendre curve.*

Using the Example 4.2 of C. Camci([7]) we reconfirm necessary sufficient condition for a slant curve as following:

**Example 3.1.** In Sasakian space form  $R^3(-3)$ , we define  $\gamma(s) = (x(s), y(s), z(s))$  by

$$\begin{cases} x'(s) = -2\sqrt{1 - \sigma^2} \sin \theta, \\ y'(s) = 2\sqrt{1 - \sigma^2} \cos \theta, \\ z'(s) = 2\sigma + y(s)x'(s), \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta' = -2\sigma + \frac{2}{1+\sigma}$ . Then the tangent vector becomes

$$T = (\sqrt{1-\sigma^2} \cos \theta)e + (-\sqrt{1-\sigma^2} \sin \theta)\varphi e + \sigma\xi$$

and

$$(3.5) \quad \nabla_T T = \left[ \frac{-\sigma\sigma'}{\sqrt{1-\sigma^2}} \cos \theta - (\theta' + 2\sigma)\sqrt{1-\sigma^2} \sin \theta \right] e \\ + \left[ \frac{\sigma\sigma'}{\sqrt{1-\sigma^2}} \sin \theta - (\theta' + 2\sigma)\sqrt{1-\sigma^2} \cos \theta \right] \varphi e + \sigma'\xi.$$

Since  $\kappa^2 = \|\nabla_T T\|$ , we have

$$\kappa^2 = \frac{(\sigma')^2 + 4(1-\sigma)^2}{1-\sigma^2}$$

and  $N = \frac{1}{\kappa}\nabla_T T$ .

In 3-dimensional almost contact metric manifold  $M^3 = (M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , we define a cross product  $\wedge$  by

$$X \wedge Y = -g(X, \varphi Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\varphi X + \eta(X)\varphi Y,$$

where  $X, Y \in TM$ .

$$B = T \wedge N = -g(T, \varphi N)\xi - \eta(N)\varphi T + \eta(T)\varphi N.$$

So we get  $\eta(N) = \frac{1}{\kappa}\sigma'$  and  $\eta(B) = -g(T, \varphi N) = -\frac{1}{\kappa}(\theta' + 2\sigma)(1-\sigma^2) = \frac{2}{\kappa}\sigma - 1$ . Using the Frenet-Serret equation (2.5) we find

$$(3.6) \quad \left(\frac{\sigma'}{\kappa}\right)' + \kappa\sigma = \frac{2}{\kappa}(\tau - 1)(\sigma - 1),$$

If a curve  $\gamma$  is a slant curve, then  $\eta(N) = \frac{1}{\kappa}\sigma' = 0$  and we see  $\sigma$  is a constant.

$$\frac{\tau - 1}{\kappa} = \frac{\kappa\sigma}{2(\sigma - 1)} = \text{constant}.$$

Conversely, we suppose that  $\eta(N)' = 0$  and  $\frac{\tau-1}{\kappa} = \text{constant}$ , then using the equation (3.6) we obtain that a curve  $\gamma$  is a slant curve.

**Remark 3.4.** In ([7]), for the above curve in Sasakian space form  $R^3(-3)$ , he suppose that  $\sigma(s) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2\sqrt{2}s))$ , then  $\kappa = 2$  and  $\eta(N)' = \frac{1}{2}\sigma''(s)$  is not zero and therefore the curve  $\gamma$  is not a slant curve.

#### 4. Mean curvature vector fields

Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold and  $\gamma = \gamma(s) : I \rightarrow M$  a unit speed curve in  $M$ . Then the induced (or pull-back) vector bundle  $\gamma^*TM$  is defined by

$$\gamma^*TM := \bigcup_{s \in I} T_{\gamma(s)}M.$$

The Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  of  $M$  induces a connection  $\nabla^\gamma$  on  $\gamma^*TM$  as follows:

$$\nabla_{\frac{d}{ds}}^\gamma V = \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} V, \quad V \in \Gamma(\gamma^*TM).$$

The *Laplace-Beltrami operator*  $\Delta = \Delta^\gamma$  of  $\gamma^*TM$  is given explicitly by

$$\Delta = -\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}.$$

The mean curvature vector field  $H$  of a curve  $\gamma$  in 3-dimensional contact Riemannian manifolds is defined by

$$H = \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} = \kappa N.$$

In particular, for a Legendre curve  $\gamma$  in Sasakian manifolds we have

$$(4.1) \quad H = \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} = \kappa \varphi \dot{\gamma}.$$

Further, differentiating  $N = \varphi \dot{\gamma}$  along  $\gamma$ , then using (2.4) we get  $\tau = 1$ .

Using (2.5), we have

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a curve in a contact Riemannian 3-manifold  $M$ . Then*

$$(4.2) \quad \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} = -\kappa^2 T + \kappa' N + \kappa \tau B,$$

$$(4.3) \quad \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} = -3\kappa \kappa' T + (\kappa'' - \kappa^3 - \kappa \tau^2) N + (2\kappa' \tau + \kappa \tau') B.$$

#### 4.1. C-parallel mean curvature vector field

For a slant curve  $\gamma$  in Sasakian 3-manifolds, from (3.3) and (4.2) we find that  $\gamma$  satisfies  $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} H = \lambda \xi$  if and only if

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{cases} \kappa^2 = -\lambda \cos \alpha_0, \\ \kappa' = 0, \\ \kappa \tau = \lambda \sin \alpha_0. \end{cases}$$

Therefore we obtain:

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a slant curve in a Sasakian 3-manifold. Then  $\gamma$  has a C-parallel mean curvature vector field if and only if  $\gamma$  is a geodesic ( $\lambda = 0$ ) or helix with  $\kappa = \sqrt{-\lambda \cos \alpha_0}$ ,  $\tau = \frac{\lambda}{\kappa} \sin \alpha_0$ ,  $\lambda$  is a non-zero constant.*

In particular, for a Legendre curve we have the following:

**Corollary 4.3.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a Legendre curve in a Sasakian 3-manifold. Then  $\gamma$  satisfies  $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}H = \lambda\xi$  if and only if  $\gamma$  satisfies  $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}H = 0$ .*

#### 4.2. C-proper mean curvature vector field

For a slant curve  $\gamma$  in Sasakian 3-manifolds, from (3.3) and (4.3) we find that  $\gamma$  satisfies  $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}H = \lambda\xi$  if and only if

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{cases} 3\kappa\kappa' = \lambda \cos \alpha_0, \\ -\kappa'' + \kappa^3 + \kappa\tau^2 = 0, \\ -(2\kappa'\tau + \kappa\tau') = \lambda \sin \alpha_0. \end{cases}$$

Hence we have:

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a slant curve in a Sasakian 3-manifold. Then  $\gamma$  has no C-proper mean curvature vector field.*

*Proof.* We assume that  $\lambda = \lambda_0 \neq 0$ , where  $\lambda_0$  is a constant. Then from the above first equation we get  $\kappa^2 = \frac{2}{3}(\lambda_0 \cos \alpha_0)s + a$ ,  $a$  is a constant. Applying this result to the second equation of (4.5), it is a contradiction.  $\square$

For the case of  $\lambda = 0$ , we have the following:

**Corollary 4.5.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a slant curve in a Sasakian 3-manifold. Then  $\gamma$  satisfies  $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}H = 0$  if and only if  $\gamma$  is a geodesic.*

In [15], C. Ozgur and M. M. Tripathi showed that Legendre curves satisfying  $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}H = 0$  or  $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}H = 0$  in Sasakian 3-manifolds are geodesic.

#### 5. Mean curvature vector fields in the normal bundle

The *normal bundle* of  $\gamma$  in  $M$  is defined by

$$T^{\perp}\gamma = \bigcup_{s \in I} (\mathbb{R}\dot{\gamma}(s))^{\perp}.$$

The connection  $\nabla^{\perp}$  of the normal bundle  $T^{\perp}\gamma$  is called the *normal connection*. The Laplace-Beltrami operator

$$\Delta^{\perp} = -\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\perp}\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\perp}$$

of the normal bundle  $T^{\perp}\gamma$  is called the *normal Laplacian* of  $\gamma$ .

Then from (2.5) we have:

**Lemma 5.1.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a curve in contact Riemannian 3-manifold  $M$ . Then*

$$(5.1) \quad \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\perp}\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\perp}\dot{\gamma} = \kappa'N + \kappa\tau B,$$

$$(5.2) \quad \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\perp}\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\perp}\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\perp}\dot{\gamma} = (\kappa'' - \kappa\tau^2)N + (2\kappa'\tau + \kappa\tau')B.$$

### 5.1. $C$ -parallel mean curvature vector field in the normal bundle

For a slant curve  $\gamma$  in Sasakian 3-manifolds, from (3.3) and (5.1) we find that  $\gamma$  satisfies  $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\perp} H = \lambda \xi$  if and only if

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{cases} \lambda \cos \alpha_0 = 0, \\ \kappa' = 0, \\ \kappa \tau = \lambda \sin \alpha_0. \end{cases}$$

From this, we have:

**Theorem 5.2.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a non-geodesic slant curve in a Sasakian 3-manifold. Then  $\gamma$  has a  $C$ -parallel mean curvature vector field in normal bundle if and only if  $\gamma$  is a circle ( $\lambda = 0$ ) or a Legendre helix ( $\lambda \neq 0$ ) with  $\lambda = \kappa$ ,  $\kappa$  and  $\tau$  are non-zero constant.*

*Proof.* From the second equation of (5.3) we can see that  $\kappa$  is a constant. Using the first equation of (5.3), we get  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\gamma$  is a Legendre curve. If  $\lambda = 0$ , then a slant curve  $\gamma$  becomes a circle as  $\kappa$  is a constant and  $\tau = 0$ . If  $\lambda \neq 0$  then a slant curve  $\gamma$  is a Legendre curve and  $\lambda = \kappa$ .  $\square$

### 5.2. $C$ -proper mean curvature vector field in the normal bundle

For a slant curve  $\gamma$  in Sasakian 3-manifolds, from (3.3) and (5.2) we find that  $\gamma$  satisfies  $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\perp} H = \lambda \xi$  if and only if

$$(5.4) \quad \begin{cases} \lambda \cos \alpha_0 = 0, \\ -\kappa'' + \kappa \tau^2 = 0, \\ -(2\kappa' \tau + \kappa \tau') = \lambda \sin \alpha_0. \end{cases}$$

From this, we get

**Theorem 5.3.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a non-geodesic slant curve in a Sasakian 3-manifold. Then the slant curve  $\gamma$  has a  $C$ -proper mean curvature vector field in the normal bundle if and only if  $\gamma$  is a circle ( $\lambda = 0$ ) or a Legendre curve ( $\lambda \neq 0$ ) with  $\kappa = a \exp(s) + b \exp(-s)$ ,  $\tau = 1$  and  $\lambda = -2\{a \exp(s) - b \exp(-s)\}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.*

*Proof.* (I) For the case of  $\lambda = 0$ , we have

$$(5.5) \quad \begin{cases} \kappa'' - \kappa \tau^2 = 0, \\ 2\kappa' \tau + \kappa \tau' = 0. \end{cases}$$

Since a curve  $\gamma$  is a non-geodesic slant curve, by Theorem 3.2,  $\tau = a\kappa + 1$ , where  $a$  is a constant. From the second equation of (5.5), we have that  $\kappa' = 0$  or  $3a\kappa + 2 = 0$ .



For the case of  $\kappa' = 0$ , we get  $\kappa = \text{constant} \neq 0$  and  $\tau = 0$ .

For the case of  $3a\kappa + 2 = 0$ , using the first equation of (5.5) we have  $\tau = 0$ . However, it is contradictory to slant curve condition. Hence, for a non-geodesic slant curve  $\gamma$  in a Sasakian 3-manifold,  $\gamma$  satisfies  $\Delta_\gamma^\perp H = 0$  if and only if  $\gamma$  is a circle with  $\kappa = \text{constant} \neq 0$  and  $\tau = 0$ .

(II) For the case of  $\lambda \neq 0$ , we can see that  $\gamma$  is a Legendre curve satisfying

$$(5.6) \quad \begin{cases} \kappa'' - \kappa = 0, \\ 2\kappa' = -\lambda. \end{cases}$$

From this, for a slant curve  $\gamma$  in a Sasakian 3-manifold,  $\gamma$  satisfies  $\Delta_\gamma^\perp H = \lambda\xi$  if and only if  $\gamma$  is a Legendre curve with  $\kappa = a \exp(s) + b \exp(-s)$ ,  $\tau = 1$  and  $\lambda = -2\{a \exp(s) - b \exp(-s)\}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.  $\square$

Now, we consider slant curve satisfying (4.4) in the Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$ .

**Example 5.1** ([6], [10], [12]). The Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  is a Cartesian 3-space  $\mathbb{R}^3(x, y, z)$  furnished with the group structure

$$(x', y', z') \cdot (x, y, z) = (x' + x, y' + y, z' + z + (x'y - y'x)/2).$$

Define the left-invariant metric  $g$  by

$$g = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{4} + \eta \otimes \eta, \quad \eta = \frac{1}{2}\{dz + \frac{1}{2}(ydx - xdy)\}.$$

We take a left-invariant orthonormal frame field  $(e_1, e_2, e_3)$ :

$$e_1 = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad e_2 = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial y} + x\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad e_3 = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

Then the commutative relations are derived as follows:

$$(5.7) \quad [e_1, e_2] = 2e_3, \quad [e_2, e_3] = [e_3, e_1] = 0.$$

The dual frame field  $(\theta^1, \theta^2, \theta^3)$  is given by

$$\theta^1 = \frac{1}{2}dx, \quad \theta^2 = \frac{1}{2}dy, \quad \theta^3 = \frac{1}{2}dz + \frac{ydx - xdy}{4}.$$

Then the 1-form  $\eta = \theta^3$  is a contact form and the vector field  $\xi = e_3$  is the characteristic vector field on  $\mathbb{H}_3$ .

We define a (1,1)-tensor field  $\varphi$  by

$$\varphi e_1 = e_2, \quad \varphi e_2 = -e_1, \quad \varphi \xi = 0.$$

Then we find

$$(5.8) \quad d\eta(X, Y) = g(X, \varphi Y),$$

and hence,  $(\eta, \xi, \varphi, g)$  is a contact Riemannian structure. Moreover, we see that it becomes a Sasakian structure.

Let  $\gamma$  be a slant curve in  $\mathbb{H}_3$ . Then for a constant  $\theta$  we put  $\gamma'(s) = T(s) = T_1 e_1 + T_2 e_2 + T_3 e_3$  and  $T_1(s) = \sin \theta \cos \beta(s)$ ,  $T_2 = \sin \theta \sin \beta(s)$ ,  $T_3 = \cos \theta$ . By using Frenet-Serret equations (2.5) we compute the geodesic curvature  $\kappa$  and the geodesic torsion  $\tau$  for a slant curve  $\gamma$  in  $\mathbb{H}_3$ . Then we obtain

$$(5.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \kappa &= \sin \theta (\beta'(s) - 2 \cos \theta), \\ \tau &= \cos \theta (\beta'(s) - 2 \cos \theta) + 1, \end{aligned}$$

where we assume that  $\sin \theta (\beta'(s) - 2 \cos \theta) > 0$ .

Here, the tangent vector field  $T$  of  $\gamma$  is also represented by the following:

$$T = \left( \frac{dx}{ds}, \frac{dy}{ds}, \frac{dz}{ds} \right) = \frac{dx}{ds} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{dy}{ds} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{dz}{ds} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

Then it follows that

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = 2T_1, \quad \frac{dy}{ds} = 2T_2, \quad \frac{dz}{ds} = 2T_3 + \frac{1}{2} \left( x \frac{dy}{ds} - y \frac{dx}{ds} \right).$$

From C-parallel mean curvature vector field condition of the theorem 4.2 and (5.9), we find  $\beta(s) = As + a$ , where  $A = -\frac{\lambda}{\sin^2 \theta} (\sin \theta - \cos^2 \theta) + 2 \cos \theta$ . Then we can find an explicit parametric equations of slant curves  $\gamma$  which are helices: Then every slant curve with *C-parallel mean curvature vector fields* in  $\mathbb{H}_3$  is represented as

$$\begin{cases} x(s) = \frac{2}{A} \sin \theta \sin(As + a) + b, \\ y(s) = -\frac{2}{A} \sin \theta \cos(As + a) + c, \\ z(s) = \left( 2 \cos \theta + \frac{2 \sin^2 \theta}{A} \right) s - \frac{1}{A} \sin \theta \{ b \cos(As + a) + c \sin(As + a) \} + d, \end{cases}$$

for a constant contact angle  $\theta$ , where  $A, a, b, c, d$  are constants. These slant helices satisfy  $\kappa^2 = -\lambda \cos \theta$ ,  $\kappa \tau = \lambda \sin \theta$ , where  $\lambda$  is a non-zero constant.

In the same way, we can find the slant curves satisfying C-parallel or C-proper mean curvature vector field (in the normal bundle).

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