

Geodesics of Twisted-Sasaki Metric

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Abstract

The main purpose of the paper is to investigate geodesics on the tangent bundle with respect to the twisted-Sasaki metric. We establish a necessary and sufficient conditions under which a curve be a geodesic respect. Afterward, we also construct some examples of geodesics.

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1. Introduction

The geometry of the tangent bundle TM equipped with Sasaki metric has been studied by many authors such as Sasaki, S. [18], Yano, K. and Ishihara, S. [20], Dombrowski, p. [6], Salimov, A., Gezer, A., and Cengiz, N. [2, 7, 14–16]. The rigidity of Sasaki metric has incited some geometers to construct and study other metrics on TM . Musso, E. and Tricerri, F. have introduced the notion of Cheeger-Gromoll metric [13], Jian, W. and Yong, W. have introduced the notion of Rescaled Metric [9], Zagane, A. and Djaa, M. have introduced the notion of Mus-Sasaki metric [12, 21, 22].

The main idea in this note consists in the modification of the Sasaki metric. First we introduce a new metric called twisted-Sasaki metric on the tangent bundle TM . This new natural metric will lead us to interesting results. Afterward we establish a necessary and sufficient conditions under which a curve be a geodesic with respect to the twisted-Sasaki metric.

2. Preliminaries

Let (M^m, g) be an m -dimensional Riemannian manifold and (TM, π, M) be its tangent bundle. A local chart $(U, x^i)_{i=1, \dots, m}$ on M induces a local chart $(\pi^{-1}(U), x^i, y^i)_{i=1, \dots, m}$ on TM . Denote by Γ_{ij}^k the Christoffel symbols of g and by ∇ the Levi-Civita connection of g .

We have two complementary distributions on TM , the vertical distribution \mathcal{V} and the horizontal distribution \mathcal{H}

defined by :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{V}_{(x,u)} &= Ker(d\pi_{(x,u)}) = \{a^i \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i} |_{(x,u)}; a^i \in \mathbb{R}\}, \\ \mathcal{H}_{(x,u)} &= \{a^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} |_{(x,u)} - a^i u^j \Gamma_{ij}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} |_{(x,u)}; a^i \in \mathbb{R}\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $(x, u) \in TM$, such that $T_{(x,u)}TM = \mathcal{H}_{(x,u)} \oplus \mathcal{V}_{(x,u)}$.

Let $X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ be a local vector field on M . The vertical and the horizontal lifts of X are defined by

$$X^V = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}, \tag{2.1}$$

$$X^H = X^i \frac{\delta}{\delta x^i} = X^i \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - y^j \Gamma_{ij}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} \right\}. \tag{2.2}$$

For consequences, we have $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i})^H = \frac{\delta}{\delta x^i}$ and $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i})^V = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}$, then $(\frac{\delta}{\delta x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i})_{i=1,m}$ is a local adapted frame on TTM .

If $w = w^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \bar{w}^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \in T_{(x,u)}TM$, then its horizontal and vertical parts are defined by

$$w^h = w^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - w^i u^j \Gamma_{ij}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} \in \mathcal{H}_{(x,u)}, \tag{2.3}$$

$$w^v = (\bar{w}^k + w^i u^j \Gamma_{ij}^k) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} \in \mathcal{V}_{(x,u)}. \tag{2.4}$$

Lemma 2.1. [20] Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold, ∇ be the Levi-Civita connection and R its tensor curvature, then for all vector fields $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$, we have following relations

1. $[X^H, Y^H]_p = [X, Y]_p^H - (R_x(X, Y)u)^V$,
2. $[X^H, Y^V]_p = (\nabla_X Y)_p^V$,
3. $[X^V, Y^V]_p = 0$,

where $p = (x, u) \in TM$.

3. Twisted-Sasaki metric

3.1 Twisted-Sasaki metric

Definition 3.1. Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold and $f : M \rightarrow [0, +\infty[$ be a positive smooth function on M . On the tangent bundle TM , we define a twisted-Sasaki metric noted g^f by

- 1 $g^f(X^H, Y^H)_{(x,u)} = g_x(X, Y)$,
- 2 $g^f(X^H, Y^V)_{(x,u)} = 0$,
- 3 $g^f(X^V, Y^V)_{(x,u)} = g_x(X, Y) + f(x)g_x(X, u)g_x(Y, u)$,

where $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$, $(x, u) \in TM$, f is called twisting function.

Remark 3.1. 1 If $f = 0$ g^f is the Sasaki metric [20],

- 2 $g^f(X^V, U^V) = \alpha g(X, u)$, $\alpha = 1 + fr^2$ and $r^2 = g(u, u)$,
where $X, U \in \Gamma(TM)$, $U_x = u \in T_xM$ and $(x, u) \in TM$.

In the following, we consider $f \neq 0$, $\alpha = 1 + fr^2$ and $r^2 = g(u, u) = \|u\|^2$ where $\|\cdot\|$ denote the norm with respect to (M, g) .

Lemma 3.1. Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold and $\rho : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a smooth function. For all $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$, $p = (x, u) \in TM$ and $u \in T_xM$, we have following relations

1. $X^H(\rho(r^2))_p = 0$,

$$2. X^V(\rho(r^2))_p = 2\rho'(r^2)g(X, u)_x,$$

$$3. X^H(g(Y, u))_p = g(\nabla_X Y, u)_x,$$

$$4. X^V(g(Y, u))_p = g(X, Y)_x.$$

Proof. Locally, if $U : x \in M \rightarrow U_x = u = u^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \in T_x M$ be a local vector field constant on each fiber $T_x M$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1. X^H(\rho(r^2))_p &= [X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}(\rho(r^2)) - \Gamma_{ij}^k X^i y^j \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k}(\rho(r^2))]_p \\ &= [X^i \rho'(r^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}(r^2) - \rho'(r^2) \Gamma_{ij}^k X^i y^j \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k}(r^2)]_p \\ &= \rho'(r^2) [X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} g_{st} y^s y^t - \Gamma_{ij}^k X^i y^j \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} g_{st} y^s y^t]_p \\ &= \rho'(r^2) [Xg(U, U)_x - 2(\Gamma_{ij}^k X^i y^j g_{sk} y^s)]_p \\ &= \rho'(r^2) [Xg(U, U)_x - 2g(U, \nabla_X U)_x] \\ &= 0. \\ 2. X^V(\rho(r^2))_p &= [X^i \rho'(r^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i} g_{st} y^s y^t]_p \\ &= 2\rho'(r^2) X^i g_{it} u^t \\ &= 2\rho'(r^2) g(X, u)_x. \end{aligned}$$

The other formulas are obtained by a similar calculation. \square

Lemma 3.2. *Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold, we have the following*

$$\begin{aligned} 1) X^H g^f(Y^H, Z^H) &= Xg(Y, Z), \\ 2) X^V g^f(Y^H, Z^H) &= 0, \\ 3) X^H g^f(Y^V, Z^V) &= g^f((\nabla_X Y)^V, Z^V) + g^f(Y^V, (\nabla_X Z)^V) + X(f)g(Y, u)g(Z, u), \\ 4) X^V g^f(Y^H, Z^H) &= f[g(X, Y)g(Z, u) + g(Y, u)g(X, Z)], \end{aligned}$$

where $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM)$.

Proof. Lemma 3.2 follows from Definition 3.1 and Lemma 3.1. \square

3.2 The Levi-Civita connection

We shall calculate the Levi-Civita connection ∇^f of TM with twisted-Sasaki metric g^f . This connection is characterized by the Koszul formula

$$\begin{aligned} 2g^f(\nabla_{\tilde{X}}^f \tilde{Y}, \tilde{Z}) &= \tilde{X}g^f(\tilde{Y}, \tilde{Z}) + \tilde{Y}g^f(\tilde{Z}, \tilde{X}) - \tilde{Z}g^f(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) \\ &\quad + g^f(\tilde{Z}, [\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}]) + g^f(\tilde{Y}, [\tilde{Z}, \tilde{X}]) - g^f(\tilde{X}, [\tilde{Y}, \tilde{Z}]). \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

for all $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}, \tilde{Z} \in \Gamma(TM)$.

Lemma 3.3. *Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold and (TM, g^f) its tangent bundle equipped with the twisted-Sasaki metric.*

If ∇ (resp ∇^f) denotes the Levi-Civita connection of (M, g) (resp (TM, g^f)), then we have following relations

- 1) $g^f(\nabla_{X^H}^f Y^H, Z^H) = g^f((\nabla_X Y)^H, Z^H)$,
- 2) $g^f(\nabla_{X^H}^f Y^H, Z^V) = -\frac{1}{2}g^f((R(X, Y)u)^V, Z^V)$,
- 3) $g^f(\nabla_{X^H}^f Y^V, Z^H) = \frac{1}{2}g^f((R(u, Y)X)^H, Z^H)$,
- 4) $g^f(\nabla_{X^H}^f Y^V, Z^V) = g^f((\nabla_X Y)^V, Z^V) + \frac{1}{2\alpha}X(f)g(Y, u)g^f(U^V, Z^V)$,
- 5) $g^f(\nabla_{X^V}^f Y^H, Z^H) = \frac{1}{2}g^f((R(u, X)Y)^H, Z^H)$,
- 6) $g^f(\nabla_{X^V}^f Y^H, Z^V) = \frac{1}{2\alpha}Y(f)g(X, u)g^f(U^V, Z^V)$,
- 7) $g^f(\nabla_{X^V}^f Y^V, Z^H) = \frac{-1}{2}g(X, u)g(Y, u)g^f((grad f)^H, Z^H)$,
- 8) $g^f(\nabla_{X^V}^f Y^V, Z^V) = \frac{f}{\alpha}g(X, Y)g^f(U^V, Z^V)$,

for all vector fields $X, Y, U \in \Gamma(TM)$, $U_x = u \in T_x M$ and $(x, u) \in TM$, where R denotes the curvature tensor of (M, g) .

Proof. The proof of Lemma 3.3 follows directly from Kozul formula (3.1), Lemma 2.1, Definition 3.1 and Lemma 3.2.

1) The statement is obtained as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 2g^f(\nabla_{X^H}^f Y^H, Z^H) &= X^H g^f(Y^H, Z^H) + Y^H g^f(Z^H, X^H) - Z^H g^f(X^H, Y^H) \\
 &\quad + g^f(Z^H, [X^H, Y^H]) + g^f(Y^H, [Z^H, X^H]) - g^f(X^H, [Y^H, Z^H]) \\
 &= Xg(Y, Z) + Yg(Z, X) - Zg(X, Y) + g^f(Z^H, [X, Y]^H) \\
 &\quad + g^f(Y^H, [Z, X]^H) - g^f(X^H, [Y, Z]^H) \\
 &= Xg(Y, Z) + Yg(Z, X) - Zg(X, Y) + g(Z, [X, Y]) \\
 &\quad + g(Y, [Z, X]) - g(X, [Y, Z]) \\
 &= 2g(\nabla_X Y, Z) \\
 &= 2g^f((\nabla_X Y)^H, Z^H).
 \end{aligned}$$

2) Direct calculations give

$$\begin{aligned}
 2g^f(\nabla_{X^H}^f Y^H, Z^V) &= X^H g^f(Y^H, Z^V) + Y^H g^f(Z^V, X^H) - Z^V g^f(X^H, Y^H) \\
 &\quad + g^f(Z^V, [X^H, Y^H]) + g^f(Y^H, [Z^V, X^H]) - g^f(X^H, [Y^H, Z^V]) \\
 &= g^f(Z^V, [X^H, Y^H]) \\
 &= -g^f((R(X, Y)u)^V, Z^V).
 \end{aligned}$$

The other formulas are obtained by a similar calculation. □

As a direct consequence of Lemma 3.3, we get the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1. *Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold and (TM, g^f) its tangent bundle equipped with the twisted-Sasaki metric. If ∇ (resp ∇^f) denotes the Levi-Civita connection of (M, g) (resp (TM, g^f)), then we have:*

1. $(\nabla_{X^H}^f Y^H)_p = (\nabla_X Y)_p^H - \frac{1}{2}(R_x(X, Y)u)^V$,
2. $(\nabla_{X^H}^f Y^V)_p = (\nabla_X Y)_p^V + \frac{1}{2\alpha}X_x(f)g_x(Y, u)U_p^V + \frac{1}{2}(R_x(u, Y)X)^H$,
3. $(\nabla_{X^V}^f Y^H)_p = \frac{1}{2\alpha}Y_x(f)g_x(X, u)U_p^V + \frac{1}{2}(R_x(u, X)Y)^H$,
4. $(\nabla_{X^V}^f Y^V)_p = \frac{-1}{2}g_x(X, u)g_x(Y, u)(grad f)_p^H + \frac{f}{\alpha}g_x(X, Y)U_p^V$,

for all vector fields $X, Y, U \in \Gamma(TM)$, $U_x = u \in T_x M$ and $p = (x, u) \in TM$, where R denotes the curvature tensor of (M, g) .

4. Geodesics of twisted-Sasaki metric.

Lemma 4.1. *Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold. If $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ are vector fields on M and $(x, u) \in TM$ such that $Y_x = u$, then we have*

$$d_x Y(X_x) = X_{(x,u)}^H + (\nabla_X Y)_{(x,u)}^V.$$

Proof. Let (U, x^i) be a local chart on M in $x \in M$ and $\pi^{-1}(U), x^i, y^j$ be the induced chart on TM , if $X_x = X^i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_x$ and $Y_x = Y^i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_x = u$, then

$$d_x Y(X_x) = X^i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{(x,u)} + X^i(x) \frac{\partial Y^k}{\partial x^i}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} \Big|_{(x,u)}.$$

Thus the horizontal part is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} (d_x Y(X_x))^h &= X^i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big|_{(x,u)} - X^i(x) Y^j(x) \Gamma_{ij}^k(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} \Big|_{(x,u)} \\ &= X_{(x,u)}^H, \end{aligned}$$

and the vertical part is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} (d_x Y(X_x))^v &= \{X^i(x) \frac{\partial Y^k}{\partial x^i}(x) + X^i(x) Y^j(x) \Gamma_{ij}^k(x)\} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k} \Big|_{(x,u)} \\ &= (\nabla_X Y)_{(x,u)}^V. \end{aligned}$$

□

Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold and $x : I \rightarrow M$ be a curve on M . We define a curve $C : I \rightarrow TM$ by for all $t \in I$, $C(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ where $y(t) \in T_{x(t)}M$ i.e. $y(t)$ is a vector field along $x(t)$.

Definition 4.1. ([17, 20]) Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold. If $x(t)$ is a curve on M , the curve $C(t) = (x(t), \dot{x}(t))$ is called the natural lift of curve $x(t)$.

Definition 4.2. ([20]) Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold and ∇ denotes the Levi-Civita connection of (M, g) . A curve $C(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ is said to be a horizontal lift of the cure $x(t)$ if and only if $\nabla_{\dot{x}} y = 0$.

Lemma 4.2. *Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold and ∇ denotes the Levi-Civita connection of (M, g) . If $x(t)$ be a curve on M and $C(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ be a curve on TM , then*

$$\dot{C} = \dot{x}^H + (\nabla_{\dot{x}} y)^V. \quad (4.1)$$

Proof. Locally, if $Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ is a vector field such $Y(x(t)) = y(t)$, then we have

$$\dot{C}(t) = dC(t) = dY(x(t)).$$

Using Lemma 4.1, we obtain

$$\dot{C}(t) = dY(x(t)) = \dot{x}^H + (\nabla_{\dot{x}} y)^V.$$

□

Theorem 4.1. *Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold and (TM, g^f) its tangent bundle equipped with the twisted-Sasaki metric. If ∇ (resp. ∇^f) denotes the Levi-Civita connection of (M, g) (resp. (TM, g^f)) and $C(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ is the cure on TM such $y(t)$ is a vector field along $x(t)$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_C^f \dot{C} &= (\nabla_{\dot{x}} \dot{x})^H + (R(y, \nabla_{\dot{x}} y) \dot{x})^H - \frac{1}{2} g(\nabla_{\dot{x}} y, y)^2 (\text{grad } f)^H \\ &\quad + (\nabla_{\dot{x}} \nabla_{\dot{x}} y)^V + \frac{1}{\alpha} [\dot{x}(f) g(\nabla_{\dot{x}} y, y) + f \|\nabla_{\dot{x}} y\|^2] y^V. \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

Proof. Using Lemma 4.2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla_{\dot{C}}^f \dot{C} &= \nabla_{[\dot{x}^H + (\nabla_{\dot{x}} y)^V]}^f [\dot{x}^H + (\nabla_{\dot{x}} y)^V] \\
 &= \nabla_{\dot{x}^H}^f \dot{x}^H + \nabla_{\dot{x}^H}^f (\nabla_{\dot{x}} y)^V + \nabla_{(\nabla_{\dot{x}} y)^V}^f \dot{x}^H + \nabla_{(\nabla_{\dot{x}} y)^V}^f (\nabla_{\dot{x}} y)^V \\
 &= (\nabla_{\dot{x}} \dot{x})^H - \frac{1}{2} (R(\dot{x}, \dot{x}) y)^V + (\nabla_{\dot{x}} \nabla_{\dot{x}} y)^V + \frac{1}{2\alpha} \dot{x}(f) g(\nabla_{\dot{x}} y, y) y^V \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (R(y, \nabla_{\dot{x}} y) \dot{x})^H + \frac{1}{2\alpha} \dot{x}(f) g(\nabla_{\dot{x}} y, y) y^V + \frac{1}{2} (R(y, \nabla_{\dot{x}} y) \dot{x})^H \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} g(\nabla_{\dot{x}} y, y) g(\nabla_{\dot{x}} y, y) (grad f)^H + \frac{f}{\alpha} g(\nabla_{\dot{x}} y, \nabla_{\dot{x}} y) y^V \\
 &= (\nabla_{\dot{x}} \dot{x})^H + (R(y, \nabla_{\dot{x}} y) \dot{x})^H - \frac{1}{2} g(\nabla_{\dot{x}} y, y)^2 (grad f)^H \\
 &\quad + (\nabla_{\dot{x}} \nabla_{\dot{x}} y)^V + \frac{1}{\alpha} [\dot{x}(f) g(\nabla_{\dot{x}} y, y) + f \|\nabla_{\dot{x}} y\|^2] y^V.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 4.2. Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold and (TM, g^f) its tangent bundle equipped with the twisted-Sasaki metric. If $C(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ is the curve on (TM, g^f) such $y(t)$ is a vector field along $x(t)$, then $C(t)$ is a geodesic on TM if and only if

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_{\dot{x}} \dot{x} = \frac{1}{2} g(\nabla_{\dot{x}} y, y)^2 grad f - R(y, \nabla_{\dot{x}} y) \dot{x} \\ \nabla_{\dot{x}} \nabla_{\dot{x}} y = -\frac{1}{\alpha} [\dot{x}(f) g(\nabla_{\dot{x}} y, y) + f \|\nabla_{\dot{x}} y\|^2] y. \end{cases} \quad (4.3)$$

Proof. The statement is a direct consequence of Theorem 4.1 and definition of geodesic. □

Using Theorem 4.2, we deduce following.

Corollary 4.1. Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold and (TM, g^f) its tangent bundle equipped with the twisted-Sasaki metric. The natural lift $C(t) = (x(t), \dot{x}(t))$ of any geodesic $x(t)$ on (M, g) is a geodesic on (TM, g^f) .

Corollary 4.2. Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold, (TM, g^f) its tangent bundle equipped with the twisted-Sasaki metric. The horizontal lift $C(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ of the curve $x(t)$ is a geodesic on (TM, g^f) if and only if $x(t)$ is a geodesic on (M, g) .

Remark 4.1. Let (M^m, g) be an m -dimensional Riemannian manifold. If $C(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ horizontal lift of the curve $x(t)$, locally we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla_{\dot{x}} y = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{dy^k}{dt} + \Gamma_{ij}^k y^i \frac{dx^j}{dt} = 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow y'(t) = A(t) \cdot y(t),
 \end{aligned}$$

where, $A(t) = [a_{kj}]$, $a_{kj} = \sum_{i=1}^m -\Gamma_{ij}^k \frac{dx^j}{dt}$.

Remark 4.2.

Using the Remark 4.1, we can construct an infinity of examples of geodesics on (TM, g^f) .

Example 4.1. We consider on \mathbb{R} the metric $g = e^x dx^2$.

The Christoffel symbols of the Levi-cita connection associated with g are

$$\Gamma_{11}^1 = \frac{1}{2} g^{11} \left(\frac{\partial g_{11}}{\partial x^1} + \frac{\partial g_{11}}{\partial x^1} - \frac{\partial g_{11}}{\partial x^1} \right) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

1) The geodesics $x(t)$ such that $x(0) = a \in \mathbb{R}$, $x'(0) = v \in \mathbb{R}$ of g satisfies the equation

$$\frac{d^2 x^s}{dt^2} + \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{dx^i}{dt} \frac{dx^j}{dt} \Gamma_{ij}^s = 0 \Leftrightarrow x'' + \frac{1}{2} (x')^2 = 0.$$

Hence, we get $x'(t) = \frac{2v}{2+vt}$ and $x(t) = a + 2\ln(1 + \frac{vt}{2})$.

Then, the natural lift

$$C_1(t) = (x(t), x'(t)) = (a + 2\ln(1 + \frac{vt}{2}), \frac{2v}{2+vt})$$

is a geodesic on $T\mathbb{R}$.

2) The curve $C_2(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ such $\nabla_{\dot{x}}y = 0$ satisfies the equation

$$\frac{dy^s}{dt} + y^i \Gamma_{ij}^s \frac{dx^j}{dt} = 0 \Leftrightarrow y' + \frac{1}{2}yx' = 0,$$

after that $y(t) = k \cdot \exp(-\frac{v}{2+tv})$, $k \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then, the horizontal lift

$$C_2(t) = (x(t), y(t)) = (a + 2\ln(1 + \frac{vt}{2}), k \cdot \exp(-\frac{v}{2+tv}))$$

is a geodesic on $T\mathbb{R}$.

Corollary 4.3. Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold and (TM, g^f) its tangent bundle equipped with the twisted-Sasaki metric. If f be a constant function, then the curve $C(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ is a geodesic on (TM, g^f) if and only if

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_{\dot{x}}\dot{x} = -R(y, \nabla_{\dot{x}}y)\dot{x} \\ \nabla_{\dot{x}}\nabla_{\dot{x}}y = -\frac{f}{\alpha}\|\nabla_{\dot{x}}y\|^2y. \end{cases} \quad (4.4)$$

Proof. The statement is a direct consequence of Theorem 4.2. □

Theorem 4.3.

Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold, (TM, g^f) its tangent bundle equipped with the twisted-Sasaki metric and $x(t)$ be a geodesic on M . If $C(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ is a geodesic on TM such that $\|y(t)\|$ is not a constant, then f is a constant along the curve $x(t)$.

Proof. Let $x(t)$ be a geodesic on M , then $\nabla_{\dot{x}}\dot{x} = 0$. Using the first equation of formula (4.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g(\nabla_{\dot{x}}\dot{x}, \dot{x}) = 0 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}g(\nabla_{\dot{x}}y, y)^2g(\text{grad } f, \dot{x}) - g(R(y, \nabla_{\dot{x}}y)\dot{x}, \dot{x}) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}g(\nabla_{\dot{x}}y, y)^2\dot{x}(f) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \dot{x}(f) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

as $\|y(t)\|$ is a constant $\Leftrightarrow \dot{x}g(y, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow g(\nabla_{\dot{x}}y, y) = 0$. □

Corollary 4.4. Let (M, g) be a Riemannian manifold and (TM, g^f) its tangent bundle equipped with the twisted-Sasaki metric. If $C(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ is the cure on (TM, g^f) such $\|y(t)\|$ is a constant, then the curve $C(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ is a geodesic on (TM, g^f) if and only if

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_{\dot{x}}\dot{x} = -R(y, \nabla_{\dot{x}}y)\dot{x} \\ \nabla_{\dot{x}}\nabla_{\dot{x}}y = -\frac{f}{\alpha}\|\nabla_{\dot{x}}y\|^2y. \end{cases} \quad (4.5)$$

Proof. The statement is a direct consequence of Theorem 4.2, and we have

$\|y(t)\|$ is a constant $\Leftrightarrow \dot{x}g(y, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow g(\nabla_{\dot{x}}y, y) = 0$. □

Theorem 4.4. Let (M, g) be a flat Riemannian manifold and (TM, g^f) its tangent bundle equipped with the twisted-Sasaki metric. Then, the cure $C(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ is a geodesic on TM if and only if

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_{\dot{x}}\dot{x} = \frac{1}{2}g(\nabla_{\dot{x}}y, y)^2\text{grad } f \\ \nabla_{\dot{x}}\nabla_{\dot{x}}y = -\frac{1}{\alpha}[\dot{x}(f)g(\nabla_{\dot{x}}y, y) + f\|\nabla_{\dot{x}}y\|^2]y. \end{cases} \quad (4.6)$$

Proof. The statement is a direct consequence of Theorem 4.1. □

Corollary 4.5. *Let (M, g) be a flat Riemannian manifold and (TM, g^f) its tangent bundle equipped with the twisted-Sasaki metric. If f is a constant function, then the curve $C(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ is a geodesic on TM implies that $x(t)$ is a geodesic on M .*

Proof. The statement is a direct consequence of Theorem 4.4. □

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