

On Slant Curves in Sasakian Lorentzian 3-Manifolds

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we study *C*-parallel mean curvature vector field and *C*-proper mean curvature vector field along a slant Frenet curve in a Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifold. In particular, we prove that a slant Frenet curve γ in a Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifold *M* satisfying $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}H = 0$ is a geodesic or pseudo-helix with $\kappa^2 = \tau^2$. For example, we find slant pseudo-helix in Lorentzian Heisenberg 3-space.

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1. Introduction

In [1], Baikoussis and Blair considered submanifolds in Sasakian space forms $M(\rho)$. They defined that the mean curvature vector field H has C-parallel if $\nabla H = \lambda \xi$, where λ is a non-zero differentiable function on M and ∇ the induced Levi-Civita connection. In [8], we studied curves with C-parallel and C-proper mean curvature vector fields in the tangent and normal bundles of Sasakian 3-manifolds. So we showed that γ has a C-parallel mean curvature vector field if and only if γ is a geodesic ($\lambda = 0$) or a helix with $\kappa = \sqrt{-\lambda \cos \theta}$ and $\tau = \lambda \sin \theta / \sqrt{-\lambda \cos \theta}$. In particular, for a Legendre curve γ in a Sasakian 3-manifold M, we proved that γ satisfies $\nabla_{\gamma'} H = \lambda \xi$ if and only if γ is a Legendre geodesic.

In this paper, we study *C*-parallel mean curvature vector field and *C*-proper mean curvature vector field in Sasakian Lorenzian 3-manifolds.

Let *H* be the mean curvature vector field of a curve in 3-dimensional contact Lorentzian 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 if $\Delta H = \lambda \xi$, where ∇ denotes the operator of covariant differentiation of *M*. Similarly, in the normal bundle we define *C*-parallel and *C*-proper 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 in the normal bundle if $\Delta^{\perp} H = \lambda \xi$, where ∇^{\perp} denotes the operator of covariant differentiation in the normal bundle of *M*.

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 ξ (see [5]). For a non-geodesic slant curve in a Sasakian 3-manifold, the direction ξ becomes $\xi = \cos \alpha_0 T + \sin \alpha_0 B$, where *T* and *B* are unit tangent vector field and binormal vector field respectively, that is, the characteristic vector field ξ is orthogonal to the principal normal vector field *N*.

In section 3, we study a slant Frenet curve with *C*-parallel mean curvature vector field and *C*-proper mean curvature vector field in Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifolds.

In [8], from the point of view of Riemannian structure, we found that a slant curve γ in a Sasakian 3-manifold satisfying $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}H = 0$ is a geodesic. Now, we prove that a slant Frenet curve γ in a Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifold M satisfying $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}H = 0$ is a geodesic or pseudo-helix with $\kappa^2 = \tau^2$.

Thus, we find a necessary and sufficient condition for a slant Frenet curve with *C*-parallel mean curvature vector field and *C*-proper mean curvature vector field in Sasakian Lorenzian 3-manifolds in the normal bundle.

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2. Preliminaries

2.1. Contact Lorentzian manifold

Let *M* be a (2n + 1)-dimensional differentiable manifold. *M* has an almost contact structure (φ, ξ, η) if it admits a tensor field φ of (1, 1), a vector field ξ and a 1-form η satisfying

$$\varphi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \ \eta(\xi) = 1.$$

Suppose *M* has an almost contact structure (φ, ξ, η) . Then $\varphi \xi = 0$ and $\eta \circ \varphi = 0$. Moreover, the endomorphism φ has rank 2n.

If a (2n + 1)-dimensional smooth manifold M with almost contact structure (φ, ξ, η) admits a compatible Lorentzian metric such that

$$g(\varphi X, \varphi Y) = g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{2.1}$$

then we say *M* has an almost contact Lorentzian structure (η, ξ, φ, g) . Setting $Y = \xi$ we have

$$\eta(X) = -g(X,\xi). \tag{2.2}$$

Next, if the compatible Lorentzian metric g satisfies

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

then η is a contact form on M, ξ the associated Reeb vector field, g an associated metric and $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ is called a *contact Lorentzian manifold*.

For a contact Lorentzian manifold *M*, one may define naturally an almost complex structure *J* on $M \times \mathbb{R}$ by

$$J(X, f\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}) = (\varphi X - f\xi, \eta(X)\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}),$$

where *X* is a vector field tangent to *M*, *t* the coordinate of \mathbb{R} and *f* a function on $M \times \mathbb{R}$. If the almost complex structure *J* is integrable, then the contact Lorentzian manifold *M* is said to be *normal* or *Sasakian*. It is known that a contact Lorentzian manifold *M* is normal if and only if *M* satisfies

$$[\varphi,\varphi] + 2d\eta \otimes \xi = 0,$$

where $[\varphi, \varphi]$ is the Nijenhuis torsion of φ .

Proposition 2.1 ([3, 4]). An almost contact Lorentzian manifold $(M^{2n+1}, \eta, \xi, \varphi, g)$ is Sasakian if and only if

$$(\nabla_X \varphi)Y = g(X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)X.$$

Using the similar arguments and computations in [2] we obtain

Proposition 2.2 ([3, 4]). Let $(M^{2n+1}, \eta, \xi, \varphi, g)$ be a contact Lorentzian manifold. Then

$$\nabla_X \xi = \varphi X - \varphi h X$$

If ξ is a killing vector field with respect to the Lorentzian metric *g*. Then we have

$$\nabla_X \xi = \varphi X. \tag{2.3}$$

2.2. Frenet-Serret equations

Let $\gamma : I \to M^3$ be a unit speed curve in Lorentzian 3-manifolds M^3 such that γ' satisfies $g(\gamma', \gamma') = \varepsilon_1 = \pm 1$. The constant ε_1 is called the *causal character* of γ . A unit speed curve γ is said to be a spacelike or timelike if its causal character is 1 or -1, respectively. A unit speed curve γ is said to be a *Frenet curve* if $g(\gamma'', \gamma'') \neq 0$. A Frenet curve γ admits a orthonormal frame field $\{T = \gamma', N, B\}$ along γ . Then the *Frenet-Serret* equations are following ([6, 7]):

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_{\gamma'}T = \varepsilon_2 \kappa N, \\ \nabla_{\gamma'}N = -\varepsilon_1 \kappa T - \varepsilon_3 \tau B, \\ \nabla_{\gamma'}B = \varepsilon_2 \tau N, \end{cases}$$
(2.4)

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where $\kappa = |\nabla_{\gamma'}\gamma'|$ is the *geodesic curvature* of γ and τ its *geodesic torsion*. The vector fields *T*, *N* and *B* are called tangent vector field, principal normal vector field, and binormal vector field of γ , respectively.

The constant ε_2 and ε_3 defined by $g(N, N) = \varepsilon_2$ and $g(B, B) = \varepsilon_3$, and called *second causal character* and *third causal character* of γ , respectively. Thus it satisfied $\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 = -\varepsilon_3$.

A Frenet curve γ is a *geodesic* if and only if $\kappa = 0$. A Frenet curve γ with constant geodesic curvature and zero geodesic torsion is called a *pseudo-circle*. A *pseudo-helix* is a Frenet curve γ whose geodesic curvature and torsion are constant.

Proposition 2.3 ([11]). Let $\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$ are orthonomal Frame field in a Lorentzian 3-manifold. Then

 $E_1 \wedge_L E_2 = \varepsilon_3 E_3, \quad E_2 \wedge_L E_3 = \varepsilon_1 E_1, \quad E_3 \wedge_L E_1 = \varepsilon_2 E_2.$

2.3. Slant curves

A one-dimensional integral submanifold of *D* in 3-dimensional contact manifold is called a *Legendre curve*, especially to avoid confusion with an integral curve of the vector field ξ . As a generalization of Legendre curve, the notion of slant curves was introduced in [5] for a contact Riemannian 3-manifold, that is, a curve in a contact 3-manifold is said to be *slant* if its tangent vector field has constant angle with the Reeb vector field.

Similarly a curve in a contact Lorentzian 3-manifold is said to be *slant* if its tangent vector field has constant angle with the Reeb vector field ,that is, $g(\gamma', \xi)$ is a constant. In particular, if $g(\gamma', \xi) = 0$ then γ is a Legendre curve.

Differentiating $g(T,\xi) = a$ along γ in Lorentzian Sasakian manifold, then

$$a' = g(\varepsilon_2 \kappa N, \xi) + g(\gamma', \varphi \gamma') = -\varepsilon_2 \kappa \eta(N).$$

This equation implies

Proposition 2.4 ([10]). A non-geodesic Frenet curve γ in a Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifold M^3 is a slant curve if and only if $\eta(N) = 0$.

Differentiating $\eta(N) = 0$, using (2.3) and the Frenet-Serret equation (2.4) we have

Theorem 2.1 ([10]). A non-geodesic slant Frenet curve in a Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifold M is the ratio of $\tau - 1$ and κ is constant.

In particular, let γ be a non-geodesic Frenet curve in a Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifold M. If γ is a Legendre curve then $\tau = 1$.

Moreover, we have

Lemma 2.1 ([10]). Let γ be a slant Frenet curve in 3-dimensioal almost contact Lorentzian manifold M. Then we find an orthonormal frame field in M as following:

$$T = \gamma', \quad N = \frac{\varphi T}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2}}, \quad B = \frac{\xi + \varepsilon_1 a T}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2}},$$

also $\xi = -\varepsilon_1 a T + \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2} B$.

Thus γ is a spacelike curve with spacelike normal vector field or timelike curve.

3. Main results

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

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

The Levi-Civita connection ∇ of *M* induces a connection ∇^{γ} on γ^*TM as follows:

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

The Laplacian operator $\Delta = \Delta^{\gamma}$ of γ^*TM is given explicitly by

$$\Delta = -\varepsilon_1 \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}.$$

The mean curvature vector field *H* of a curve γ in 3-dimensional contact Lorentzian manifolds is defined by

$$H = \varepsilon_1 \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} = -\varepsilon_3 \kappa N.$$

In particular, for a Legendre curve γ we get

$$H = \varepsilon_1 \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} = -\varepsilon_3 \kappa \varphi \dot{\gamma}.$$

Differentiating $\varphi \dot{\gamma}$ along γ , we get $\tau = 1$.

Using (2.4), we have

Lemma 3.1. Let γ be a Frenet curve in a Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifold M. Then

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma} = \varepsilon_3 \kappa^2 T + \varepsilon_2 \kappa' N + \varepsilon_1 \kappa \tau B, \tag{3.1}$$

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma} = 3\varepsilon_3\kappa\kappa'T + \{\varepsilon_2\kappa'' - \kappa(\varepsilon_1\kappa^2 + \varepsilon_3\tau^2)\}N + \varepsilon_1(2\kappa'\tau + \kappa\tau')B.$$
(3.2)

Let *H* be the mean curvature vector field of a curve in 3-dimensional contact Lorentzian 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*-parallel if $\Delta H = \lambda \xi$, where ∇ denotes the operator of covariant differentiation of *M*. Similarly, *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 in the normal bundle if $\Delta^{\perp} H = \lambda \xi$, where ∇^{\perp} denotes the operator of covariant differentiation of *M*.

For a slant Frenet curve γ in Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifolds, Using the Lemma 2.1 and (3.1) we find that γ satisfies $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} H = \lambda \xi$ if and only if

$$\begin{cases} \kappa^2 = \varepsilon_1 a \lambda, \\ \kappa' = 0, \\ \kappa \tau = \lambda \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2}. \end{cases}$$
(3.3)

Therefore we obtain:

Theorem 3.1. Let γ be a slant Frenet curve in a Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifold with C-parallel mean curvature vector field. we have

(*i*) If γ is a Legendre curve or $\lambda = 0$, then it is a geodesic.

(ii) If γ is not Legendre curve and $\lambda \neq 0$, then it is a pseudo-helix with $\kappa = \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 a \lambda}$, $\tau = \sqrt{\frac{(\varepsilon_1 + a^2)\lambda}{\varepsilon_1 a}}$.

Next, for a slant Frenet curve γ in Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifolds, from the Lemma 2.1 and (3.2) we find that γ satisfies $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}} H = \lambda \xi$ if and only if

$$\begin{cases} 3\kappa\kappa' = -a\lambda, \\ \kappa'' - \varepsilon_2\kappa(\varepsilon_1\kappa^2 + \varepsilon_3\tau^2) = 0, \\ \varepsilon_3(2\kappa'\tau + \kappa\tau') = \lambda\sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2}. \end{cases}$$
(3.4)

Hence we have:

Proposition 3.1. Let γ be a slant Frenet curve in a Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifold. Then γ has a C-proper mean curvature vector field if and only if γ satisfies $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}H = 0$.

Proof. We assume that $\lambda = \lambda_0 \neq 0$, where λ_0 is a constant. Then from the above first equation we get $\kappa^2 = -\frac{2}{3}(a\lambda_0)s + c$, *c* is a constant. Applying this result to the second equation of (3.4), it is a contradiction.

Moreover, using (3.4) for the case of $\lambda = 0$ we have

Theorem 3.2. Let γ be a slant Frenet curve in a Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifold. Then γ satisfies $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}H = 0$ if and only if γ is a geodesic or pseudo-helix with $\kappa^2 = \tau^2$.

Remark 3.1. In [8], from the point of view of Riemannian structure, we proved that a slant curve γ in a Sasakian 3-manifold satisfying $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}} H = 0$ is a geodesic.

The *normal bundle* of γ in *M* is defined by

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

here γ is a spacelike or timelike. The connection ∇^{\perp} of the normal bundle $T^{\perp}\gamma$ is called the *normal connection*. The Laplacian operator

$$\Delta^{\perp} = -\varepsilon_1 \nabla^{\perp}_{\dot{\gamma}} \nabla^{\perp}_{\dot{\gamma}}$$

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

Then from (2.4) we have:

Lemma 3.2. Let γ be a Frenet curve in contact Lorentzian 3-manifold M. Then

$$\nabla^{\perp}_{\dot{\gamma}} \nabla^{\perp}_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} = \varepsilon_2 \kappa' N + \varepsilon_1 \kappa \tau B, \tag{3.5}$$

$$\nabla^{\perp}_{\dot{\gamma}} \nabla^{\perp}_{\dot{\gamma}} \nabla^{\perp}_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} = (\varepsilon_2 \kappa'' - \varepsilon_3 \kappa \tau^2) N + \varepsilon_1 (2\kappa' \tau + \kappa \tau') B.$$
(3.6)

For a slant Frenet curve γ in Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifolds, from the Lemma 2.1 and (3.5) we find that γ satisfies $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} H = \lambda \xi$ if and only if

$$\begin{cases} a\lambda = 0, \\ \kappa' = 0, \\ \kappa\tau = \lambda\sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2}. \end{cases}$$
(3.7)

From which, we have

Theorem 3.3. Let γ be a non-geodesic slant Frenet curve in a Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifold. Then γ has a *C*-parallel mean curvature vector field in normal bundle if and only if γ is a pseudo-circle($\lambda = 0$) or a Legendre helix($\lambda \neq 0$) with $\kappa = \lambda$ and $\tau = 1$, λ is a non-zero constant.

Proof. From the second equation of (3.7) we can see that κ is a constant. Using the first equation of (3.7), we get $\lambda = 0$ or γ is a Legendre curve. If $\lambda = 0$, then a slant Frenet curve γ becomes a pseudo-circle as κ is a constant and $\tau = 0$. If $\lambda \neq 0$ then a slant Frenet curve γ is a Legendre helix and $\lambda = \kappa$.

Next, from the Lemma 2.1 and (3.6) we find that γ satisfies $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\perp} H = \lambda \xi$ if and only if

$$\begin{cases} a\lambda = 0, \\ \varepsilon_2 \kappa'' - \varepsilon_3 \kappa \tau^2 = 0, \\ -\varepsilon_1 (2\kappa' \tau + \kappa \tau') = \lambda \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2}. \end{cases}$$
(3.8)

From which, we have

Theorem 3.4. Let γ be a non-geodesic slant Frenet curve in a Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifold. Then γ has a *C*-proper mean curvature vector field in the normal bundle if and only if γ is a pseudo-circle($\lambda = 0$) or a Legendre curve($\lambda \neq 0$) with $\kappa = p \cos(s) + q \sin(s)$, $\tau = 1$ and $\lambda = 2\{p \sin(s) - q \cos(s)\}$ where *p* and *q* are constants.

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

$$\begin{cases} \varepsilon_2 \kappa'' - \varepsilon_3 \kappa \tau^2 = 0, \\ 2\kappa' \tau + \kappa \tau' = 0. \end{cases}$$
(3.9)

Since a curve γ is a non-geodesic slant Frenet curve, by Theorem 2.1, $\tau = Q\kappa + 1$, where Q is a constant. From the second equation of (3.9), we have that $\kappa' = 0$ or $3Q\kappa + 2 = 0$.

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

For the case of $3Q\kappa + 2 = 0$, using the first equation of (3.9) we have $\tau = 0$. However, it is contradictory to slant Frenet curve condition.

Hence, for a non-geodesic slant Frenet curve γ in a Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifold, γ satisfies $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\perp} H = 0$ if and only if γ is a pseudo-circle with $\kappa = constant \neq 0$ and $\tau = 0$.

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

$$\begin{cases} \kappa'' + \kappa = 0, \\ 2\kappa' = -\lambda. \end{cases}$$
(3.10)

From this, for a slant Frenet curve γ in a Sasakian Lorentzian 3-manifold, γ satisfies $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\perp} H = \lambda \xi$ if and only if γ is a Legendre curve with $\kappa = p \cos(s) + q \sin(s)$, $\tau = 1$ and $\lambda = 2\{p \sin(s) - q \cos(s)\}$ where p and q are constants.

For Riemannian structure, we found

Remark 3.2 ([8]). Let γ be a non-geodesic slant curve in a Sasakian 3-manifold. Then the slant curve γ has a *C*-proper mean curvature vector field in the normal bundle if and only if γ 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.

4. Example

The Heisenberg group \mathbb{H}_3 is a Lie group which is diffeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^3 and the group operation is defined by

$$(x, y, z) * (\overline{x}, \overline{y}, \overline{z}) = (x + \overline{x}, y + \overline{y}, z + \overline{z} + \frac{x\overline{y}}{2} - \frac{\overline{x}y}{2})$$

The mapping

$$\mathbb{H}_{3} \to \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \ \middle| \ a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} : (x, y, z) \mapsto \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & x & z + \frac{xy}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

is an isomorphism between \mathbb{H}_3 and a subgroup of $GL(3,\mathbb{R})$.

Now, we take the contact form

$$\eta = dz + (ydx - xdy).$$

Then the characteristic vector field of η is $\xi = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$.

Now, we equip the Lorentzian metric as following:

$$g = dx^{2} + dy^{2} - (dz + (ydx - xdy))^{2}$$
.

We take a left-invariant Lorentzian orthonormal frame field (e_1, e_2, e_3) on (\mathbb{H}_3, g) :

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

and the commutative relations are derived as follows:

$$[e_1, e_2] = 2e_3, \ [e_2, e_3] = [e_3, e_1] = 0.$$

Then the endomorphism field φ is defined by

$$\varphi e_1 = e_2, \ \varphi e_2 = -e_1, \ \varphi e_3 = 0.$$

The Levi-Civita connection ∇ of (\mathbb{H}_3, g) is described as ([9])

$$\nabla_{e_1}e_1 = \nabla_{e_2}e_2 = \nabla_{e_3}e_3 = 0, \quad \nabla_{e_1}e_2 = e_3 = -\nabla_{e_2}e_1, \quad (4.1)$$
$$\nabla_{e_2}e_3 = -e_1 = \nabla_{e_3}e_2, \quad \nabla_{e_3}e_1 = e_2 = \nabla_{e_1}e_3.$$

The contact form η satisfies $d\eta(X,Y) = g(X,\varphi Y)$. Moreover the structure (η,ξ,φ,g) is Sasakian. The Riemannian curvature tensor R of (\mathbb{H}_3,g) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} R(e_1, e_2)e_1 &= 3e_2, \quad R(e_1, e_2)e_2 &= -3e_1, \\ R(e_2, e_3)e_2 &= -e_3, \quad R(e_2, e_3)e_3 &= -e_2, \\ R(e_3, e_1)e_3 &= e_1, \quad R(e_3, e_1)e_1 &= e_3, \end{aligned}$$



the others are zero.

The sectional curvature is given by ([3])

$$K(\xi, e_i) = -R(\xi, e_i, \xi, e_i) = -1, \text{ for } i = 1, 2,$$

and

$$K(e_1, e_2) = R(e_1, e_2, e_1, e_2) = 3.$$

Hence Lorentzian Heisenberg space (\mathbb{H}_3, g) is the Lorentzian Sasakian space forms with constant holomorphic sectional curvature $\mu = 3$.

Let γ be a slant Frenet curve in Lorentzian Heisenberg space (H_3, g) parametrized by arc-length. Then the tangent vector field has the form

$$T = \gamma' = \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2} \cos\beta e_1 + \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2} \sin\beta e_2 + ae_3, \tag{4.2}$$

where a = constant, $\beta = \beta(s)$. Using (4.1), we get

$$\nabla_{\gamma'}\gamma' = \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2}(\beta' + 2a)(-\sin\beta e_1 + \cos\beta e_2).$$
(4.3)

since γ is a non-geodesic, we may assume that $\kappa = \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2}(\beta' + 2a) > 0$ without loss of generality. Then the normal vector field

$$N = -\sin\beta e_1 + \cos\beta e_2.$$

The binormal vector field $\varepsilon_3 B = T \wedge_L N = -a \cos \beta e_1 - a \sin \beta e_2 - \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2} e_3$. From the Lemma 2.1, we see that $\varepsilon_2 = 1$, so we have $\varepsilon_3 = -\varepsilon_1$. Hence

$$B = \varepsilon_1 (a \cos \beta e_1 + a \sin \beta e_2 + \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2 e_3})$$

Using the Frenet-Serret equation (2.4), we have

Lemma 4.1. Let γ be a Frenet slant curve in Lorentzian Heisenberg space (\mathbb{H}_3, g) parametrized by arc-length. Then γ admits a orthonormal frame field $\{T, N, B\}$ along γ and

$$\kappa = \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2} (\beta' + 2a), \tag{4.4}$$

$$\tau = 1 + \varepsilon_1 a (\beta' + 2a).$$

Let $\gamma(s) = (x(s), y(s), z(s))$ be a curve in Lorentzian Heisenberg space (\mathbb{H}_3, g) . Then the tangent vector field γ' of γ is

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

Using the relations:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = e_1 + ye_3, \ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = e_2 - xe_3, \ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = e_3,$$

If γ is a slant curve in (\mathbb{H}_3, g) , then from (4.2) the system of differential equations for γ are given by

$$\frac{dx}{ds}(s) = \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2} \cos \beta(s), \tag{4.5}$$

$$\frac{dy}{ds}(s) = \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2} \sin \beta(s), \qquad (4.6)$$

$$\frac{dz}{ds}(s) = a + \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2} (x(s) \sin \beta(s) - y(s) \cos \beta(s)).$$

Now, we construct a slant Frenet curve γ with *C*-parallel mean curvature vector fields in the Lorentzian Heisenberg space (\mathbb{H}_3 , *g*). From the Theorem 3.1 and (4.4) we have

Proposition 4.1. Let $\gamma : I \to (\mathbb{H}_3, g)$ be a non-geodesic slant Frenet curve parametrized by arc-length in the Lorentzian *Heisenberg space* (\mathbb{H}_3, g) . Then

(i) γ satisfies C-parallel mean curvature vector fields if and only if γ is a slant pseudo-helix with

$$\beta'(s) = \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon_1 a \lambda}}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2}} - 2a, \quad for \ a = \eta(\gamma').$$

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(*ii*) γ satisfies $\Delta_{\dot{\gamma}}^{\perp} H = 0$ if and only if γ is a slant pseudo-helix with

$$\beta'(s) = -a \pm \sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2}.$$

Namely, β' is a constant, say A, hence $\beta(s) = As + b$, $b \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus, from (4.5) and (4.6) we have the following result :

Corollary 4.1 ([10]). Let $\gamma : I \to (\mathbb{H}_3, g)$ be a non-geodesic slant Frenet curve parametrized by arc-length in the Lorentzian Heisenberg space (\mathbb{H}_3, g) . If γ is slant pseudo-helix, then the parametric equations of γ are given by

$$\begin{cases} x(s) = \frac{1}{A}\sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2}\sin(As + b) + x_0, \\ y(s) = -\frac{1}{A}\sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2}\cos(As + b) + y_0, \\ z(s) = \{a + \frac{\varepsilon_1 + a^2}{A}\}s - \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon_1 + a^2}}{A}\{x_0\cos(As + b) + y_0\sin(As + b)\} + z_0. \end{cases}$$

where b, x_0, y_0, z_0 are constants.

In particular, from the Theorem 3.1, if γ is a Legendre curve, it is a geodesic.

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