

On f -biharmonic Curves in the Three-dimensional Lorentzian Sasakian Manifolds

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Abstract

The necessary and sufficient conditions for a proper f -biharmonic curve in the three-dimensional Lorentzian Sasakian manifolds are obtained. Moreover, we give some results for f -biharmonic Legendre curves.

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1. Introduction

Harmonic maps between (pseudo-) Riemannian manifolds have been studied extensively since the eminent work of Eells and Sampson [1]. In addition to this, biharmonic maps, which are generalizations of harmonic maps, constitute one of the dynamical topic of differential geometry (for a survey of biharmonic maps see [2]). Non-harmonic biharmonic maps are said to be proper biharmonic maps. Chen and Ishikawa showed that there does not exist proper biharmonic curves in Euclidean 3-space [3]. Moreover, they investigated proper biharmonic curves in Minkowski 3-space (see [4]). Caddeo, Montaldo and Piu studied biharmonic curves on a surface [5]. Caddeo, Oniciuc and Piu demonstrated that all non-geodesic biharmonic curves are helices in three-dimensional Heisenberg space [6]. Ou and Wang characterized non-geodesic biharmonic curves in Sol space and proved that there exists no non-geodesic biharmonic helix in Sol space [7]. Caddeo, Montaldo, Oniciuc and Piu found explicit formulae for biharmonic curves in Cartan-Vranceanu three-dimensional spaces [8].

In [9], Lu gave a generalization of biharmonic maps and introduced f -biharmonic maps. He derived the first variation formula and calculated the f -biharmonic map equation. Ou considered f -biharmonic curves on a generic manifold and gave a characterization for them in n -dimensional space forms [10]. Guvenç and Ozgur studied f -biharmonic Legendre curves in Sasakian space forms [11]. Karaca and Ozgur investigated f -biharmonic curves in Sol spaces, Cartan Vranceanu three-dimensional spaces and homogenous contact three-manifolds [12]. Du and Zhang examined f -biharmonic curves in Lorentz-Minkowski space [13].

In this paper, we investigate the curves of the three-dimensional Lorentzian Sasakian manifolds in order to specify f -biharmonic properties of them. We consider the Lorentzian Bianchi-Cartan-Vranceanu model of 3-dimensional Lorentzian Sasakian manifolds. Throughout the paper, all geometric objects (curves, manifolds, vector fields, functions etc.) are assumed to be smooth.

2. Preliminaries

2.1 Contact Lorentzian manifolds

A $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold M is said to be an almost contact manifold if it admits a global form η such that $\eta \wedge (d\eta)^n \neq 0$ everywhere. When a contact form η is given, we have a unique vector field ξ satisfying

$$\eta(\xi) = 1 \text{ and } d\eta(\xi, X) = 0,$$

where X is a vector field on M . The vector field ξ is called characteristic vector field. It is known that there exists a Lorentzian metric g and a $(1, 1)$ -tensor field such that

$$\eta(X) = -g(X, \xi), \quad d\eta(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y), \quad \phi^2(X) = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad (1)$$

where X and Y are vector fields on M . From (1), it follows that

$$\phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta \circ \phi = 0, \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) + \eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

A Lorentzian manifold M equipped with the tensors (g, ϕ, ξ, η) satisfying (1) is called Lorentzian contact metric manifold.

A Lorentzian contact metric manifold is Sasakian if and only if

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

for any vector fields X, Y on M , where ∇ is Levi-Civita connection of g [14].

Definition 1. A 1-dimensional integral submanifold of a contact manifold is called a Legendre curve [17].

2.2 Frenet-Serret equations

Let $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$ be a unit speed curve in a three-dimensional Lorentzian manifold M such that γ' satisfies $g(\gamma', \gamma') = \varepsilon_1 = \pm 1$. The constant ε_1 is said to be the causal character of γ . A unit speed curve is called spacelike or timelike if its causal character is 1 or -1, respectively. A unit speed curve is called a Frenet curve if $g(\gamma'', \gamma'') \neq 0$. A Frenet curve has an orthonormal frame field $\{T = \gamma', N, B\}$ along γ . Then the Frenet-Serret equations are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_T T &= \varepsilon_2 \kappa N, \\ \nabla_T N &= -\varepsilon_1 \kappa T - \varepsilon_3 \tau B, \\ \nabla_T B &= \varepsilon_2 \tau N, \end{aligned}$$

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

The constants ε_2 and ε_3 are 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. The equation $\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 = -\varepsilon_3$ holds.

A Frenet curve γ is a geodesic if and only if $\kappa = 0$.

Proposition 2. Let $\{T, N, B\}$ are orthonormal frame field in a Lorentzian 3-manifold. Then, [17],

$$T \wedge_L N = \varepsilon_3 B, \quad N \wedge_L B = \varepsilon_1 T, \quad B \wedge_L T = \varepsilon_2 N.$$

Proposition 3. The torsion of a Legendre curve is 1 in three-dimensional Sasakian Lorentzian manifolds [15].

2.3 f -Biharmonic maps

A map $\varphi: (M_m, g) \rightarrow (N_n, h)$ between two pseudo-Riemannian manifolds is called harmonic if it is a critical point of the energy

$$E(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \|d\varphi\|^2 dv_g,$$

where Ω is a compact domain of M_m . The tension field $\tau(\varphi)$ of φ is defined by

$$\tau(\varphi) = \text{tr}(\nabla^\varphi d\varphi) = \sum_{i=1}^m \varepsilon_i (\nabla_{e_i}^\varphi d\varphi(e_i) - d\varphi(\nabla_{e_i} e_i)),$$

where ∇^φ and $\{e_i\}$ denote the induced connection by φ on the bundle φ^*TN_n . A map φ is called harmonic if its tension field vanishes. The bienergy $E_2(\varphi)$ of a map φ is defined by

$$E_2(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \|\tau(\varphi)\|^2 dv_g,$$

and φ is called biharmonic if it is a critical point of the bienergy, where Ω is a compact domain of M_m . Clearly, all harmonic maps are biharmonic. Non-harmonic biharmonic maps are called proper biharmonic maps. The bitension field $\tau_2(\varphi)$ of φ is defined by

$$\tau_2(\varphi) = \sum_{i=1}^m \varepsilon_i ((\nabla_{e_i}^\varphi \nabla_{e_i}^\varphi - \nabla_{\nabla_{e_i}^\varphi e_i}^\varphi) \tau(\varphi) - R^N(\tau(\varphi), d\varphi(e_i)) d\varphi(e_i)), \quad (2)$$

where R^N denotes the curvature tensor of N_n . A map φ is called biharmonic if its bitension field vanishes.

A map φ is called f -harmonic with a function $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, if it is a critical point of the energy

$$E_f(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} f \|d\varphi\|^2 dv_g,$$

where Ω is a compact domain of M_m . The f -tension field $\tau_f(\varphi)$ of φ is given by

$$\tau_f(\varphi) = f\tau(\varphi) + d\varphi(\text{grad} f) \quad (3)$$

see [16]. The f -bitension field $\tau_{2,f}(\varphi)$ of φ is defined by

$$\tau_{2,f}(\varphi) = f\tau_2(\varphi) + \Delta f \tau(\varphi) + 2\nabla_{\text{grad} f}^\varphi \tau(\varphi). \quad (4)$$

A map φ is called f -biharmonic if its f -bitension field vanishes ([9, 13]). Non-harmonic and non-biharmonic f -biharmonic curves are called proper f -biharmonic curves and if f is a constant, then an f -biharmonic curve turns to be a biharmonic curve [9].

3. f -Biharmonic curves in Lorentzian Sasakian manifolds

We recall fundamental concepts about the Lorentzian Bianchi-Cartan-Vranceanu model of 3-dimensional Lorentzian Sasakian manifolds from [17]. Let us consider the set

$$D = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 1 + \frac{c}{2}(x^2 + y^2) > 0\},$$

where c is a real number. On the region D , the contact form η is taken

$$\eta = dz + \frac{ydx - xdy}{1 + \frac{c}{2}(x^2 + y^2)}.$$

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

Next, the Lorentzian metric is equipped as

$$g_c = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{\{1 + \frac{c}{2}(x^2 + y^2)\}^2} - (dz + \frac{ydx - xdy}{1 + \frac{c}{2}(x^2 + y^2)})^2.$$

The Lorentzian orthonormal frame field (e_1, e_2, e_3) on (D, g_c) is given by

$$e_1 = \{1 + \frac{c}{2}(x^2 + y^2)\} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad e_2 = \{1 + \frac{c}{2}(x^2 + y^2)\} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + x \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad e_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}.$$

Then the endomorphism field ϕ is given by

$$\phi(e_1) = e_2, \quad \phi(e_2) = -e_1, \quad \phi(e_3) = 0.$$

The Levi-Civita connection ∇ of (D, g_c) is described as

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{e_1}e_1 &= cye_2, \nabla_{e_1}e_2 = -cye_1 + e_3, \nabla_{e_1}e_3 = e_2, \\ \nabla_{e_2}e_1 &= -cxe_2 - e_3, \nabla_{e_2}e_2 = cxe_1, \nabla_{e_2}e_3 = -e_1, \\ \nabla_{e_3}e_1 &= e_2, \nabla_{e_3}e_2 = -e_1, \nabla_{e_3}e_3 = 0.\end{aligned}$$

The contact form η on D fulfills

$$d\eta(X, Y) = g_c(X, \phi Y), X, Y \in \chi(D).$$

Moreover the structure (g_c, ϕ, ξ, η) is Sasakian. The non-vanishing components of the curvature tensor R of (D, g_c) are given by

$$\begin{aligned}R(e_1, e_2)e_1 &= -(2c + 3)e_1, R(e_1, e_3)e_3 = -e_1, \\ R(e_2, e_1)e_1 &= -(2c + 3)e_2, R(e_2, e_3)e_3 = -e_2, \\ R(e_3, e_1)e_1 &= e_3, R(e_3, e_2)e_2 = e_3.\end{aligned}$$

For the sectional curvature K of (D, g_c) , we have

$$K(\xi, e_i) = -R(\xi, e_i, \xi, e_i) = -1, i = 1, 2,$$

and

$$K(e_1, e_2) = R(e_1, e_2, e_1, e_2) = 2c + 3.$$

So, (D, g_c) is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature $H = 2c + 3$.

For the case $H = -1$ (i.e. $c = -2$), the Lorentzian Sasakian manifold D turns to be anti-de Sitter 3-space.

Now, suppose that $\gamma: I \rightarrow (D, g_c)$ is a curve parametrized by arc-length and $\{T, N, B\}$ is an orthonormal frame field tangent to D along γ , where $T = T_1e_1 + T_2e_2 + T_3e_3$, $N = N_1e_1 + N_2e_2 + N_3e_3$ and $B = B_1e_1 + B_2e_2 + B_3e_3$.

The f -biharmonic condition for curves on (D, g_c) is obtained in the following theorem.

Theorem 4. Let $\gamma: I \rightarrow (D, g_c)$ be a curve parametrized by arc-length. Then γ is f -biharmonic if and only if the following relations are satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned}3\kappa\kappa'f + 2\kappa^2f' &= 0, \\ \kappa f'' + 2\kappa'f' + f[\kappa'' + \varepsilon_3\kappa^3 + \varepsilon_1\kappa\tau^2 + \kappa\varepsilon_2(\varepsilon_3 + 2(c + 2)\eta(B)^2)] &= 0, \\ -2\kappa\tau f' - f(2\kappa'\tau + \kappa\tau') + 2\varepsilon_1(c + 2)\kappa f\eta(N)\eta(B) &= 0.\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

Proof. Let $\gamma = \gamma(s)$ be a curve parametrized by arc-length. We use formula (4). From [17], we have

$$\tau(\gamma) = \varepsilon_1\nabla_T T = -\varepsilon_3\kappa N,\tag{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}R(T, N, T, N) &= \varepsilon_3 + 2(c + 2)B_3^2, \\ R(T, N, T, B) &= 2\varepsilon_1(c + 2)N_3B_3,\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

$$\tau_2(\gamma) = 3\varepsilon_3\kappa\kappa'T + \varepsilon_2(\kappa'' - \varepsilon_2\kappa(\varepsilon_1\kappa^2 + \varepsilon_3\tau^2))N + \varepsilon_1(2\kappa'\tau + \kappa\tau')B + \varepsilon_2\kappa R(T, N)T.\tag{8}$$

Moreover, from [13], we have

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{grad f}^{\gamma}\tau(\gamma) &= f'\nabla_T(\nabla_T T) = \varepsilon_2f'[\kappa'N + \kappa(-\varepsilon_1\kappa T - \varepsilon_3\tau B)], \\ \Delta f\tau(\gamma) &= f''\nabla_T T = f''\varepsilon_2\kappa N.\end{aligned}\tag{9}$$

Therefore, combining equations (6), (8) and (9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{2,f}(\gamma) &= 3\varepsilon_3\kappa\kappa'fT + \varepsilon_2f(\kappa'' - \varepsilon_2\kappa(\varepsilon_1\kappa^2 + \varepsilon_3\tau^2))N + \varepsilon_1f(2\kappa'\tau + \kappa\tau')B \\ &\quad + \varepsilon_2f\kappa R(T, N)T + \varepsilon_2\kappa f''N + 2\varepsilon_2f'[\kappa'N + \kappa(-\varepsilon_1\kappa T - \varepsilon_3\tau B)].\end{aligned}\tag{10}$$

If we take inner product of equation (10) with T, N and B , respectively and use the equations (7), we get (5). ■

Corollary 5. Let $\gamma: I \rightarrow (D, g_c)$ be a Legendre curve parametrized by arc-length. Then γ is f -biharmonic if and only if the following relations are satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned} 3\kappa\kappa'f + 2\kappa^2f' &= 0, \\ \kappa f'' + 2\kappa'f' + f[\kappa'' + \varepsilon_3\kappa^3 + \varepsilon_1\kappa + \kappa\varepsilon_2(\varepsilon_3 + 2(c+2)\eta(B)^2)] &= 0, \\ -\kappa f' + f(-\kappa' + \varepsilon_1(c+2)\kappa\eta(N)\eta(B)) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we express the following results for $c \neq -2$.

Proposition 6. Let $\gamma: I \rightarrow (D, g_c)$ be an f -biharmonic curve parametrized by arc-length. If κ is a non-zero constant, then γ is biharmonic.

Proof. Under the assumption κ is a non-zero constant, from the first equation in (5), obviously we get $f' = 0$. So, γ is a biharmonic curve. ■

Proposition 7. Let $\gamma: I \rightarrow (D, g_c)$ be an f -biharmonic curve parametrized by arc-length. If τ is a non-zero constant and $\eta(N)\eta(B) = 0$ (i.e., $N_3B_3 = 0$), then γ is biharmonic.

Proof. Under the assumption τ is a non-zero constant and $\eta(N)\eta(B) = 0$, using the first and third equations in (5), we get

$$\frac{\kappa'}{\kappa} = -\frac{2f'}{3f} \tag{11}$$

and

$$\tau\left(\frac{\kappa'}{\kappa} + \frac{f'}{f}\right) = 0. \tag{12}$$

Putting equation (11) in (12) shows that f is constant, therefore γ is a biharmonic curve. ■

Corollary 8. If $\gamma: I \rightarrow (D, g_c)$ is an f -biharmonic Legendre curve parametrized by arc-length and $\eta(N)\eta(B) = 0$, then γ is biharmonic.

Proposition 9. Let $\gamma: I \rightarrow (D, g_c)$ be an f -biharmonic curve parametrized by arc-length. If τ is a non-zero constant, then $f = e^{\int \frac{3\varepsilon_1(c+2)\eta(N)\eta(B)}{\tau}}$.

Proof. Under the assumption τ is a non-zero constant, if we use the first and third equations in (5), we obtain

$$\frac{\kappa'}{\kappa} = -\frac{2f'}{3f} \tag{13}$$

and

$$-2\kappa\tau f' - 2f\kappa'\tau + 2\varepsilon_1(c+2)\kappa f\eta(N)\eta(B) = 0. \tag{14}$$

Setting equation (13) in (14), we get the result. ■

Corollary 10. If $\gamma: I \rightarrow (D, g_c)$ is an f -biharmonic Legendre curve parametrized by arc-length, then $f = e^{\int 3\varepsilon_1(c+2)\eta(N)\eta(B)}$.

Proposition 11. Let $\gamma: I \rightarrow (D, g_c)$ be a non-geodesic curve parametrized by arc-length and suppose that $\tau = 0$. In this case, γ is f -biharmonic if and only if the following equations are valid:

$$f^2\kappa^3 = c_1^2, \tag{15}$$

$$(f\kappa)'' = -f\kappa(\varepsilon_3\kappa^2 + \varepsilon_2(\varepsilon_3 + 2(c+2)\eta(B)^2)), \tag{16}$$

$$\eta(N)\eta(B) = 0, \tag{17}$$

where $c_1 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Under the assumption $\tau = 0$, if we use equations in (5) by integrating first equation, we deduce the results. ■

Proposition 12. Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow (D, g_c)$ be a non-geodesic curve parametrized by arc-length and suppose that τ and κ are non-constants. In this case, γ is f -biharmonic if and only if the following equations are valid:

$$f^2 \kappa^3 = c_1^2, \tag{18}$$

$$(f\kappa)'' = -f\kappa(\varepsilon_3 \kappa^2 + \varepsilon_1 \tau^2 + \varepsilon_2(\varepsilon_3 + 2(c+2)\eta(B)^2)), \tag{19}$$

$$\kappa^2 f^2 \tau = e^{\int \frac{2\varepsilon_1(c+2)\eta(N)\eta(B)}{\tau}}, \tag{20}$$

where $c_1 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Under the assumption τ and κ are non-constants, if we use equations in (5) by integrating first and third equations, we obtain (18), (19) and (20). ■

From the last two propositions, we can give the following theorem.

Theorem 13. An arc-length parametrized curve $\gamma : I \rightarrow (D, g_c)$ is proper f -biharmonic if and only if one of the following situations is true:

(i) $\tau = 0$, $f = c_1 \kappa^{-3/2}$ and the curvature κ solves the equation below:

$$3(\kappa')^2 - 2\kappa\kappa'' = -4\kappa^2[\varepsilon_3 \kappa^2 + \varepsilon_2(\varepsilon_3 + 2(c+2)\eta(B)^2)].$$

(ii) $\tau \neq 0$, $\frac{\tau}{\kappa} = \frac{e^{\int \frac{2\varepsilon_1(c+2)\eta(N)\eta(B)}{\tau}}}{c_1^2}$, $f = c_1 \kappa^{-3/2}$ and the curvature κ solves the equation below:

$$3(\kappa')^2 - 2\kappa\kappa'' = -4\kappa^2[\varepsilon_3 \kappa^2(1 - \varepsilon_2 \frac{e^{\int \frac{4\varepsilon_1(c+2)\eta(N)\eta(B)}{\tau}}}{c_1^4}) + \varepsilon_2(\varepsilon_3 + 2(c+2)\eta(B)^2)].$$

Proof. (i) The first equation of (5) gives

$$f = c_1 \kappa^{-3/2}. \tag{21}$$

By replacing the above equation into (16), we obtain the result.

(ii) From the first equation of (5), we have

$$f = c_1 \kappa^{-3/2}. \tag{22}$$

Setting the above equation in (20), we get

$$\frac{\tau}{\kappa} = \frac{e^{\int \frac{2\varepsilon_1(c+2)\eta(N)\eta(B)}{\tau}}}{c_1^2}. \tag{23}$$

And finally putting equations (22) and (23) in (19), we obtain the result. ■

Consequently, we can express the following corollary.

Corollary 14. An arc-length parametrized f -biharmonic curve $\gamma : I \rightarrow (D, g_c)$ with constant geodesic curvature is biharmonic.

4. Conclusions

In this paper, we obtain some characterizations for f -biharmonic curves in Lorentzian Bianchi-Cartan-Vranceanu model of 3-dimensional Lorentzian Sasakian manifolds.

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