



## Invariant, Anti Invariant and Slant Submanifolds of Locally Poly-Norden Manifolds

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**ABSTRACT:** In this paper, we study locally almost 3-poly-Norden manifolds and prove several properties of the curvature tensor and Ricci tensor of these manifolds. We investigate invariant, anti-invariant and slant submanifolds of almost 3-poly-Norden manifolds from various views. We characterize these submanifolds and give non-trivial examples.

**Key Words:** Locally 3-poly-Norden manifold, integrable structure, slant submanifold.

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### 1. Introduction

As a generalization of invariant and anti-invariant submanifolds, we investigate slant submanifolds of almost 3-poly-Norden manifolds [12]. Many authors have studied special models of slant submanifolds in various structures, for example hemi-slant, invariant, anti-invariant, slant and semi-slant submanifolds of metallic manifolds have been reviewed in [1,3,6]. Furthermore, in [2,8] slant submanifolds of almost contact 3-structure manifolds, golden manifolds and locally conformal Kaehler manifolds have been investigated and the slant light-like submanifolds of indefinite cosymplectic manifold have been studied in [5].

At the present paper, we first define an almost 3-poly-Norden manifold and give an example for that in Section 2. In Section 3, we introduce  $\phi$ -invariant and  $\phi$ -anti-invariant submanifolds of almost 3-poly-Norden manifolds. Also, in Section 3, we investigate and characterize slant submanifolds and give an example of a slant submanifold of an almost 3-poly-Norden manifold.

### 2. Almost 3-Poly-Norden Manifolds

**Definition 2.1** Let  $(\overline{M}, g)$  be a smooth Riemannian manifold. An almost poly-Norden structure on  $\overline{M}$  is a  $(1,1)$ -tensor  $\phi$  which satisfies

$$\phi^2 = m\phi - I, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $I$  is identity operator on  $\overline{M}$ . In this case  $(\overline{M}, \phi)$  is called an almost poly-Norden manifold [10].

We say that Riemannian metric  $\overline{g}$  is  $\phi$ -compatible if

$$\overline{g}(\phi X, \phi Y) = m\overline{g}(\phi X, Y) - \overline{g}(X, Y), \quad (2.2)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\overline{M})$ . It follows  $\phi$  is symmetric with respect to  $\overline{g}$ , that is

$$\overline{g}(\phi X, Y) = \overline{g}(X, \phi Y). \quad (2.3)$$

The Levi-Civita connection on  $\overline{M}$  will be denoted by  $\overline{\nabla}$ .

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**Definition 2.2** An almost poly-Norden structure  $(\overline{M}, \phi)$  is called integrable if its Nijenhuis tensor field  $N_\phi$  vanishes, where  $N_\phi(X, Y) := \phi^2[X, Y] + [\phi X, \phi Y] - \phi[\phi X, Y] - \phi[X, \phi Y]$ .

Note that  $N_\phi = 0$  is equivalent to  $\overline{\nabla}\phi = 0$  [10].

**Definition 2.3** An almost poly-Norden Riemannian manifold  $(\overline{M}, \phi, \overline{g})$  is a locally almost poly-Norden manifold if  $\phi$  is parallel with respect to the Levi-Civita connection associated to  $\overline{g}$ .

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $(\overline{M}, \phi, \overline{g})$  be a locally almost poly-Norden Riemannian manifold, then we have  $(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi)Y = -(\overline{\nabla}_Y \phi)X$  for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\overline{M})$ .

**Proof:** In the account of the locally almost poly-Norden definition, we obtain for any  $X \in \Gamma(T\overline{M})$

$$(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi)X = 0, \quad (2.4)$$

since by putting  $Y := X$  in  $(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi)Y = 0$  for any  $X \in \Gamma(T\overline{M})$  in this case the above equation is obtained. So, we set  $X + Y$  instead of  $X$  in the Equation (2.4), and then for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\overline{M})$  we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} (\overline{\nabla}_{X+Y} \phi)(X + Y) &= 0, \\ (\overline{\nabla}_X \phi)X + (\overline{\nabla}_Y \phi)X + (\overline{\nabla}_X \phi)Y + (\overline{\nabla}_Y \phi)Y &= 0, \\ (\overline{\nabla}_X \phi)Y &= -(\overline{\nabla}_Y \phi)X. \end{aligned}$$

□

Now as a generalization of almost poly-Norden manifolds, we introduce almost 3-poly-Norden manifolds. Let  $J_i, i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , be hyper-Hermitian structures on the Riemannian manifold  $(\overline{M}, \overline{g})$  [9]. So, we have  $J_i^2 = -1$  and  $J_i \circ J_j = J_k$ . By limiting the  $m_i, m_j$  and  $m_k$  to the interval  $(0, 2)$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_i &= \frac{m_i}{2}I + \frac{\sqrt{4 - m_i^2}}{2}J_i, \\ \phi_j &= \frac{m_j}{2}I + \frac{\sqrt{4 - m_j^2}}{2}J_j, \\ \phi_k &= \frac{m_k}{2}I + \frac{\sqrt{4 - m_k^2}}{2}J_k, \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

where  $I$  is the identity tensor field. Now, by using the condition  $J_i \circ J_j = J_k$ , we get the  $\phi_i \circ \phi_j$  composition for any  $X \in \Gamma(T\overline{M})$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi_i \circ \phi_j(X) &= \phi_i\left(\frac{m_j}{2}X + \frac{\sqrt{4-m_j^2}}{2}J_j(X)\right) \\
&= \frac{m_j}{2}\phi_i(X) + \frac{\sqrt{4-m_j^2}}{2}\phi_i(J_j(X)) \\
&= \frac{m_j}{2}\left(\frac{m_i}{2}X + \frac{\sqrt{4-m_i^2}}{2}J_i\right) + \frac{\sqrt{4-m_j^2}}{2}\left(\frac{m_i}{2}J_j(X)\right) \\
&\quad + \frac{4-m_i^2}{2}J_i \circ J_j(X) \\
&= \frac{m_i m_j}{4}X + \frac{m_j \sqrt{4-m_i^2}}{4}J_i(X) + \frac{m_i \sqrt{4-m_j^2}}{4}J_j(X) \\
&\quad + \frac{\sqrt{(4-m_j^2)(4-m_i^2)}}{4}J_k(X) \\
&= \frac{m_i m_j}{4}X + \frac{m_j \sqrt{4-m_i^2}}{4}\left(\frac{-m_i}{\sqrt{4-m_i^2}}X + \frac{2}{\sqrt{4-m_i^2}}\phi_i(X)\right) \\
&\quad + \frac{m_i \sqrt{4-m_j^2}}{4}\left(\frac{-m_j}{\sqrt{4-m_j^2}}X + \frac{2}{\sqrt{4-m_j^2}}\phi_j(X)\right) \\
&\quad + \frac{\sqrt{(4-m_j^2)(4-m_i^2)}}{4}\left(\frac{-m_k}{\sqrt{4-m_k^2}}X + \frac{2}{\sqrt{4-m_k^2}}\phi_k(X)\right) \\
&= -\left(\frac{m_k \sqrt{(4-m_j^2)(4-m_i^2)}}{4\sqrt{4-m_k^2}} + \frac{m_i m_j}{4}\right)X + \frac{m_j}{2}\phi_i(X) \\
&\quad + \frac{m_i}{2}\phi_j(X) + \frac{\sqrt{(4-m_i^2)(4-m_j^2)}}{2\sqrt{4-m_k^2}}\phi_k(X).
\end{aligned}$$

So if we put  $\alpha = \frac{m_k \sqrt{(4-m_j^2)(4-m_i^2)}}{4\sqrt{4-m_k^2}} + \frac{m_i m_j}{4}$  and  $\beta = \frac{\sqrt{(4-m_i^2)(4-m_j^2)}}{2\sqrt{4-m_k^2}}$ , in that case we drive

$$\phi_i \circ \phi_j = -\alpha I + \frac{m_i}{2}\phi_j + \frac{m_j}{2}\phi_i + \beta\phi_k. \quad (2.6)$$

Thus, we say the Riemannian structure  $(\overline{M}, \overline{g}, \phi_i)_{i \in \{1,2,3\}}$  is an almost 3-poly-Norden manifold in which  $\phi_i$ 's are defined in the Equation (2.5).

It should be noted that, conversely if  $\phi_i, \phi_j$  and  $\phi_k$  for  $i, j, k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , are almost poly-Norden structures on manifold  $\overline{M}$ , then each given almost poly-Norden structure induces complex structures as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
J_i &= \frac{-m_i}{\sqrt{4-m_i^2}}I + \frac{2}{\sqrt{4-m_i^2}}\phi_i, \\
J_j &= \frac{-m_j}{\sqrt{4-m_j^2}}I + \frac{2}{\sqrt{4-m_j^2}}\phi_j, \\
J_k &= \frac{-m_k}{\sqrt{4-m_k^2}}I + \frac{2}{\sqrt{4-m_k^2}}\phi_k.
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.1** Let  $\overline{M} = \mathbb{R}^8$  and  $J_i$ 's be the natural hyper-complex structures on  $\mathbb{R}^8$ . In the above equa-

tions, put the indices  $i, j$  and  $k$  respectively 1, 2, 3. Now suppose  $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = 1$  then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_1 &= \frac{1}{2}I + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}J_1, & J_1 &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}I + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\phi_1, \\ \phi_2 &= \frac{1}{2}I + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}J_2, & J_2 &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}I + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\phi_2, \\ \phi_3 &= \frac{1}{2}I + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}J_3, & J_3 &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}I + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\phi_3, \\ \phi_1 \circ \phi_2(X) &= -\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+3}{4\sqrt{3}}\right)X + \frac{1}{2}\phi_1(X) + \frac{1}{2}\phi_2(X) + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3}}\phi_3(X).\end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.2** Suppose (1-1)-tensors  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  are defined as follows,

$$J_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad J_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad J_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

we put  $m_1 = \frac{1}{2}, m_2 = \frac{2}{3}, m_3 = \frac{3}{2}$  and by using equations (2.5) we get  $\phi_i, i = 1, 2, 3$ .

$$\phi_1 = \frac{1}{4}I + \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}J_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\phi_2 = \frac{1}{3}I + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}J_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \\ \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\phi_3 = \frac{3}{4}I + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4}J_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{7}}{4} \\ 0 & \frac{3}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{7}}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4} & \frac{3}{4} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{4} \end{pmatrix}.$$

If there exist a Riemannian metric  $g$  on almost 3-poly-Norden manifold  $\overline{M}$  such that for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\overline{M})$  and  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$

$$g(\phi_i X, Y) = g(X, \phi_i Y), \quad (2.7)$$

then  $\overline{M}$  has an almost 3-poly-Norden metric structure  $(\phi_i, g), i = 1, 2, 3$ , and  $(\overline{M}, \phi_i, g), i = 1, 2, 3$ , is called an almost 3-poly-Norden metric manifold.

This relation is equivalent to

$$g(\phi_i X, \phi_i Y) = m_i g(\phi_i X, Y) - g(X, Y), \quad (2.8)$$

and

$$g(\phi_i X, \phi_j Y) = -\alpha g(X, Y) + \frac{m_j}{2} g(X, \phi_i Y) + \frac{m_i}{2} g(X, \phi_j Y) + \beta g(X, \phi_k Y). \quad (2.9)$$

**Definition 2.4** An almost 3-poly-Norden manifold  $(\overline{M}, \phi_i)$  is called integrable if its Nijenhuis tensor fields  $N_{\phi_i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  vanish, where

$$N_{\phi_i}(X, Y) = \phi_i^2[X, Y] + [\phi_i X, \phi_i Y] - \phi_i[\phi_i X, Y] - \phi_i[X, \phi_i Y].$$

Note that  $N_{\phi_i} = 0$  is equivalent to  $\overline{\nabla} \phi_i = 0$ , where  $\overline{\nabla}$  is Levi-Civita connection on  $\overline{M}$ .

**Lemma 2.2** If  $(\overline{M}, g, \phi_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  is an integrable almost 3-poly-Norden manifold then we have  $(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)Y = -(\overline{\nabla}_Y \phi_i)X$ ,  $\forall X, Y \in \Gamma(T\overline{M})$ .

**Proof:** Since  $\overline{M}$  is an integrable manifold, thus  $(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)Y = 0$ ,  $\forall X, Y \in \Gamma(T\overline{M})$ . Set  $Y := X$ , in this case we get  $(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)X = 0$ ,  $\forall X \in \Gamma(T\overline{M})$ . Now put  $X + Y$  instead of  $X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\overline{\nabla}_{X+Y} \phi_i)(X + Y) &= 0, \\ (\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)(X) + (\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)(Y) + (\overline{\nabla}_Y \phi_i)(X) + (\overline{\nabla}_Y \phi_i)(Y) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

according to the above relations, the result is obtained.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3** Let  $(\overline{M}, \phi_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  be an integrable almost 3-poly-Norden manifold, then  $\forall X, Y \in \Gamma(T\overline{M})$ ,

$$i) (\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)\phi_i Y = -\phi_i(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)Y,$$

$$\begin{aligned} ii) (\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)\phi_j Y &= -\phi_j(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)Y + \frac{m_j}{2}(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)Y + \frac{m_i}{2}(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_j)Y + \beta(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_k)Y \\ &\quad - \phi_i \overline{\nabla}_X \phi_j Y + \phi_j \overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i Y. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof:** The proof of the first part is clear. We use the Equation (2.6) to prove the second part.

$$\begin{aligned} (\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)\phi_j Y + \phi_j(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)Y &= \overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i \circ \phi_j Y - \phi_i \overline{\nabla}_X \phi_j Y + \phi_j \overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i Y - \phi_j \circ \phi_i \overline{\nabla}_X Y \\ &= -\alpha \overline{\nabla}_X Y + \frac{m_j}{2} \overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i Y + \frac{m_i}{2} \overline{\nabla}_X \phi_j Y + \beta \overline{\nabla}_X \phi_k Y \\ &\quad - \phi_i \overline{\nabla}_X \phi_j Y + \phi_j \overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i Y + \alpha \overline{\nabla}_X Y - \frac{m_i}{2} \phi_j \overline{\nabla}_X Y \\ &\quad - \frac{m_j}{2} \phi_i \overline{\nabla}_X Y - \beta \phi_k \overline{\nabla}_X Y \\ &= \frac{m_j}{2}(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)Y + \frac{m_i}{2}(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_j)Y + \beta(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_k)Y - \phi_i \overline{\nabla}_X \phi_j Y \\ &\quad + \phi_j \overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i Y. \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

From the previous results, the following lemma is clear.

**Lemma 2.4** If  $(\overline{M}, \phi_i, \bar{g}), i = 1, 2, 3$  is an almost 3-poly-Norden Riemannian manifold, then

$$\bar{g}((\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)Y, Z) = \bar{g}(Y, (\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i)Z)$$

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

### 3. Submanifolds of an Almost 3-Poly-Norden Manifold

Let  $(M, g)$  be a submanifold of an almost 3-poly-Norden manifold  $(\overline{M}, \overline{g}, \phi_i), i = 1, 2, 3$ , where  $g$  is the induced metric on  $M$ . We use same symbol  $g$  for the induced metric  $g$  and the metric  $\overline{g}$ . The Gauss and Weingarten formulas are given by [7]

$$\overline{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) \quad (3.1)$$

$$\overline{\nabla}_X V = -A_V X + \nabla_X^\perp V \quad (3.2)$$

where  $h$  is the second fundamental form and  $A$  is the shape operator, which are related to each other as follows

$$g(h(X, Y), V) = g(A_V X, Y),$$

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

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $(\overline{M}, g, \phi_i), i = 1, 2, 3$  be an integrable almost 3-poly-Norden Riemannian manifold, if  $\sigma_i$  is a (1-1)-tensor on submanifold  $(M, g)$  such that  $\sigma_i = \phi_i|_M$ , then  $(M, g, \sigma_i)$  is an integrable almost 3-poly-Norden submanifold if and only if  $h(X, \sigma_i Y) = \sigma_i h(X, Y)$ .*

**Proof:** First we show that  $(M, \sigma_i)$  is an almost 3-poly-Norden Riemannian submanifold and then by using Equation (3.1) we prove that it is integrable.

$$\sigma_i^2 X = \phi_i^2|_M X = m\phi_i|_M X - X = m\sigma_i X - X$$

since  $\overline{M}$  is integrable then  $(\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i|_M)Y = 0$  so we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i|_M Y - \phi_i|_M \overline{\nabla}_X Y &= 0, \\ \nabla_X \sigma_i Y + h(X, \sigma_i Y) - \sigma_i \nabla_X Y - \sigma_i h(X, Y) &= 0, \\ (\nabla_X \sigma_i)Y + h(X, \sigma_i Y) - \sigma_i h(X, Y) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

So  $(M, \sigma_i)$  is an integrable submanifold that is  $(\nabla_X \sigma_i)Y = 0$  if and only if  $h(X, \sigma_i Y) = \sigma_i h(X, Y)$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.1** *Let  $M$  be a submanifold of an almost 3-poly-Norden manifold  $(\overline{M}, \phi_i), i = 1, 2, 3$ . We say  $M$  is  $\phi_i$ -invariant of  $\overline{M}$  if  $\phi_i(TM) \subset TM$  and  $M$  is  $\phi_i$ -anti-invariant of  $\overline{M}$  if  $\phi_i(TM) \subset (TM^\perp)$ .*

For each  $X \in \Gamma(TM), V \in \Gamma(TM^\perp)$  and  $i = 1, 2, 3$  we put

$$\phi_i X = T_i X + N_i X \quad (3.3)$$

$$\phi_i V = t_i V - n_i V \quad (3.4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} T_i : \Gamma(TM) &\longrightarrow \Gamma(TM), & N_i : \Gamma(TM) &\longrightarrow \Gamma(TM^\perp), \\ t_i : \Gamma(TM^\perp) &\longrightarrow \Gamma(TM), & n_i : \Gamma(TM^\perp) &\longrightarrow \Gamma(TM^\perp), \end{aligned}$$

From (3.3) and (3.4) we can easily get the following equations

$$g(T_i X, Y) = g(X, T_i Y), \quad (3.5)$$

$$g(n_i U, V) = g(U, n_i V), \quad (3.6)$$

$$g(n_i X, V) = g(X, t_i V), \quad (3.7)$$

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

**Lemma 3.2** For any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM), U, V \in \Gamma(TM^\perp)$  the following relations are satisfied.

$$T_i^2 = mT_i - I - t_i N_i, \quad N_i = \frac{1}{m}(N_i T_i + n_i N_i), \quad (3.8)$$

$$t_i = \frac{1}{m}(T_i t_i + t_i n_i), \quad n_i^2 = mn_i - I - N_i t_i. \quad (3.9)$$

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $(M, g)$  be a submanifold of an almost 3-poly-Norden manifold  $(\overline{M}, \phi_i), i = 1, 2, 3$ . Then  $M$  is a  $\phi_i$ -invariant submanifold if and only if the induced structure  $(T_i, g)$  and  $(n_i, g)$  of  $M$  are almost poly-Norden 3-structure.

**Proof:** If  $M$  is  $\phi_i$ -invariant submanifold in this case, according to (3.3),  $N_i = 0$ . So according to the first equality of the (3.8) and the second part of the (3.9),  $(T_i, g)$  and  $(n_i, g)$  are almost 3-poly-Norden structures and vice versa.  $\square$

The covariant derivative of  $T_i$  and  $N_i(t_i$  and  $n_i), i = 1, 2, 3$ , respectively, are given by

$$(\nabla_X T_i)Y = \nabla_X T_i Y - T_i \nabla_X Y, \quad (\overline{\nabla}_X N_i)Y = \nabla_X^\perp N_i Y - N_i \nabla_X Y, \quad (3.10)$$

$$(\nabla_X t_i)V = \nabla_X t_i V - t_i \nabla_X V, \quad (\overline{\nabla}_X n_i)V = \nabla_X^\perp n_i V - n_i \nabla_X^\perp V. \quad (3.11)$$

**Lemma 3.3** Let  $M$  be a submanifold of an integrable almost 3-poly-Norden manifold  $(\overline{M}, \phi_i), i = 1, 2, 3$ , then for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM), V \in \Gamma(TM^\perp)$  we get

$$g((\overline{\nabla}_X N_i)Y, V) = g((\nabla_X t_i)V, Y).$$

**Proof:** Since the  $\phi_i$  is integrable then for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , we have  $\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i Y = \phi_i \overline{\nabla}_X Y$ . Now by using Gauss and Weingarten formulas and Equations (3.3) and (3.4) we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\nabla}_X T_i Y + \overline{\nabla}_X N_i Y &= \phi_i(\nabla_X Y + h(X, Y)), \\ \nabla_X T_i Y + h(X, T_i Y) - A_{N_i Y} X + \nabla_X^\perp N_i Y &= T_i \nabla_X Y + N_i \nabla_X Y + t_i h(X, Y) \\ &+ n_i h(X, Y). \end{aligned}$$

Separating the tangential and normal components implies

$$(\nabla_X T_i)Y = A_{N_i Y} X + t_i h(X, TY), \quad (3.12)$$

$$(\overline{\nabla}_X N_i)Y = n_i h(X, Y) - h(X, T_i Y). \quad (3.13)$$

And for any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(TM^\perp)$ , we get  $\overline{\nabla}_X \phi_i V = \phi_i \overline{\nabla}_X V$ . In the similar way, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\nabla}_X t_i V + \overline{\nabla}_X n_i V &= \phi_i(-A_V X + \nabla_X^\perp V), \\ \nabla_X t_i V + h(X, t_i V) - A_{n_i V} X + \nabla_X^\perp n_i V &= -T_i A_V X - N_i A_V X + t_i \nabla_X^\perp V \\ &+ n_i \nabla_X^\perp V. \end{aligned}$$

So we get it by separating the tangential and normal component

$$(\nabla_X t_i)V = A_{n_i V} X - T_i A_V X, \quad (3.14)$$

$$(\overline{\nabla}_X n_i)V = -h(X, t_i V) - N_i A_V X. \quad (3.15)$$

And finally, by using the above equations and (3.5) and (3.6) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g((\overline{\nabla}_X N_i)Y, V) &= g(h(X, Y), n_i V) - g(h(X, T_i Y), V) \\ &= g(A_{n_i V} X - T_i A_V X, Y) \\ &= g((\nabla_X t_i)V, Y). \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Lemma 3.4** *Let  $M$  be a submanifold of an integrable almost 3-poly-Norden manifold  $(\overline{M}, \phi_i), i = 1, 2, 3$ . Then  $(\nabla_X N_i)Y = 0$  and  $(\nabla_X t_i)V = 0$ , for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM), V \in \Gamma(TM^\perp)$  if and only if the shape operator  $A$  satisfies*

$$A_{n_i V} X = T_i A_V X = T_i A_V X = A_V T_i X, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

**Proof:** By using (3.13)

$$g(h(X, Y), n_i V) - g(h(X, T_i Y), V) = 0.$$

According to the relation between  $h$  and  $A$  and Equation (3.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(A_{n_i V} X, Y) - g(A_V X, T_i Y) &= 0, \\ g(A_{n_i V} X, Y) - g(T_i A_V X, Y) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

So equality is achieved on the left. On the other hand, since  $(\nabla_X t_i)V = 0$ , then by using (3.14) we get

$$g(A_{n_i V} X - T_i A_V X, Y) = 0.$$

The right-hand of equation can also be obtained by the following statement,

$$g(X, A_{n_i V} Y) - g(X, A_V T_i Y) = 0.$$

Conversely, all of the above steps are reversible. □

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $\overline{R}$  is the curvature tensor of an integrable almost 3-poly-Norden  $(\overline{M}, \phi_i, g), i = 1, 2, 3$ . Then for any  $X, Y, Z, W \in \Gamma(TM)$ , following relations hold*

- i)  $\overline{R}(X, Y)\phi_i = -\phi_i \overline{R}(X, Y),$
- ii)  $\overline{R}(X, \phi_i Y) = \overline{R}(\phi_i X, Y),$
- iii)  $\overline{R}(\phi_i X, \phi_i Y) = m_i \overline{R}(\phi_i X, Y) - \overline{R}(X, Y),$
- iv)  $g(\overline{R}(X, Y)\phi_i Z, \phi_i W) = m_i g(\overline{R}(X, Y)Z, \phi_i W) - g(\overline{R}(X, Y)Z, W),$
- v)  $g(\overline{R}(X, Y)\phi_i Z, W) = g(\overline{R}(X, Y)Z, \phi_i W),$
- vi)  $\overline{R}(\phi_i X, \phi_j Y)Z = -\alpha \overline{R}(X, Y)Z + \frac{m_j}{2} \overline{R}(X, \phi_i Y)Z + \frac{m_i}{2} \overline{R}(X, \phi_j Y)Z + \beta \overline{R}(X, \phi_k Y)Z,$
- vii)  $g(\overline{R}(X, Y)\phi_i Z, \phi_j W) = -\alpha g(\overline{R}(X, Y)Z, W) + \frac{m_j}{2} g(\overline{R}(X, Y)Z, \phi_i W) + \frac{m_i}{2} g(\overline{R}(X, Y)Z, \phi_j W) + \beta g(\overline{R}(X, Y)Z, \phi_k W).$

**Proof:** By using Equations (2.6), (2.7) part (i) and properties of curvature tensor we prove only (vi) and (vii) items.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vi)} \quad g(\overline{R}(\phi_i X, \phi_j Y)Z, W) &= \overline{R}(\phi_i X, \phi_j Y, Z, W) \\ &= \overline{R}(Z, W, \phi_i X, \phi_j Y) = g(\overline{R}(Z, W)\phi_i X, \phi_j Y) \\ &= g(\phi_i \overline{R}(Z, W)X, \phi_j Y) = g(\overline{R}(Z, W)X, \phi_i \circ \phi_j Y) \\ &= -\alpha g(\overline{R}(Z, W)X, Y) + \frac{m_j}{2} g(\overline{R}(Z, W)X, \phi_i Y) \\ &\quad + \frac{m_i}{2} g(\overline{R}(Z, W)X, \phi_j Y) + \beta g(\overline{R}(Z, W)X, \phi_k Y) \\ &= -\alpha \overline{R}(X, Y, Z, W) + \frac{m_j}{2} \overline{R}(X, \phi_i Y, Z, W) \\ &\quad + \frac{m_i}{2} \overline{R}(X, \phi_j Y, Z, W) + \beta \overline{R}(X, \phi_k Y, Z, W). \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
vii) \quad & g(\bar{R}(X, Y)\phi_i Z, \phi_j W) = g(\phi_i \bar{R}(X, Y)Z, \phi_j W) \\
& = g(\bar{R}(X, Y)Z, \phi_i \circ \phi_j W) = -\alpha \bar{g}(\bar{R}(X, Y)Z, W) + \frac{m_j}{2} g(\bar{R}(X, Y)Z, \phi_i W) \\
& + \frac{m_i}{2} g(\bar{R}(X, Y)Z, \phi_j W) + \beta g(\bar{R}(X, Y)Z, \phi_k W).
\end{aligned}$$

□

So, the following results can be obtained directly by using the previous theorem.

**Theorem 3.3** *Let  $\bar{S}$  be the Ricci tensor of an integrable almost 3-poly-Norden manifold  $(\bar{M}, \phi_i, g), i = 1, 2, 3$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned}
i) \quad & \bar{S}(\phi_i^2 X, Y) = m_i \bar{S}(\phi_i X, Y) - \bar{S}(X, Y), \\
ii) \quad & \bar{S}(X, \phi_i^2 Y) = m_i \bar{S}(X, \phi_i Y) - \bar{S}(X, Y), \\
iii) \quad & \bar{S}(\phi_i X, Y) = \bar{S}(X, \phi_i Y), \\
iv) \quad & \bar{S}(\phi_i X, \phi_Y) = m_i \bar{S}(\phi_i X, Y) - \bar{S}(X, Y), \\
v) \quad & \bar{S}(\phi_i X, \phi_j Y) = -\alpha \bar{S}(X, Y) + \frac{m_j}{2} \bar{S}(X, \phi_i Y) + \frac{m_i}{2} \bar{S}(X, \phi_j) + \beta \bar{S}(X, \phi_k Y).
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.4** *Let  $\bar{M}$  be an integrable almost 3-poly-Norden manifold then we get:*

$$\begin{aligned}
i) \quad & (\bar{\nabla}_W \bar{R})(X, Y)\phi_i Z = \phi_i (\bar{\nabla}_W \bar{R})(X, Y)Z \\
ii) \quad & (\bar{\nabla}_W \bar{S})(\phi_i X, Y) = (\bar{\nabla}_Z \bar{S})(X, \phi_i Z)
\end{aligned}$$

#### 4. Slant Submanifolds of Almost 3-Poly-Norden Manifolds

**Definition 4.1** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a submanifold of an almost 3-poly-Norden manifold  $(\bar{M}, g, \phi_i), i = 1, 2, 3$ . Let  $X$  be a nonzero vector field tangent to  $M$  at  $p$  and  $\theta(X)$  be the angle between  $T_p M$  and  $\phi_i X$ . If  $\theta(X)$  is independent of the choice of  $p \in M$  and  $X \in T_p M$ , then  $M$  is called a 3-slant submanifold and  $\theta = \theta(X)$  is called slant angle.*

Thus, if

- i)  $\theta = 0$ ,  $M$  is  $\phi_i$ -invariant submanifold.
- ii)  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $M$  is  $\phi_i$ -anti-invariant submanifold.
- iii)  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $M$  is called proper 3-slant submanifold.

According to the above definition we have:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{g(\phi_i X, T_j X)}{|\phi_i X| |T_j X|}, \quad i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}. \quad (4.1)$$

**Lemma 4.1** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a submanifold of an almost 3-poly-Norden manifold  $(\bar{M}, g, \phi_i)$ . If  $M$  is a 3-slant submanifold with slant angle  $\theta$ , then for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  we have:*

$$i) \quad g(T_i X, T_i Y) = \cos^2 \theta [m_i g(X, T_i Y) - g(X, Y)],$$

$$ii) \ g(T_i X, T_i Y) = \cos^2[-\alpha g(X, Y) + \frac{m_j}{2} g(X, T_i Y) + \frac{m_i}{2} g(X, T_j Y) + \beta g(X, T_k Y)],$$

$$iii) \ g(N_i X, N_i Y) = \sin^2 \theta [m_i g(X, T_i Y) - g(X, Y)],$$

$$iv) \ g(N_i X, N_j Y) = \sin^2 \theta [\alpha g(X, Y) + \frac{m_j}{2} g(X, T_i Y) + \frac{m_i}{2} g(X, T_j Y) + \beta g(X, T_k Y)].$$

**Proof:** By using Equation (4.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} i) \ g(T_i X, T_i Y) &= \cos^2 \theta g(\phi_i X, \phi_i Y) = \cos^2 \theta g(\phi_i^2 X, Y) = \cos^2 \theta g((m_i \phi_i - I)X, Y) \\ &= \cos^2 \theta [m_i g(\phi_i X, Y) - g(X, Y)] = \cos^2 \theta [m_i g(X, T_i Y) - g(X, Y)]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ii) \ g(T_i X, T_j Y) &= \cos^2 \theta g(\phi_i X, \phi_j Y) = \cos^2 \theta g(X, \phi_i \circ \phi_j Y) \\ &= \cos^2 [-\alpha g(X, Y) + \frac{m_j}{2} g(X, \phi_i Y) + \frac{m_i}{2} g(X, \phi_j Y) + \beta g(X, \phi_k Y)] \\ &= \cos^2 [-\alpha g(X, Y) + \frac{m_j}{2} g(X, T_i Y) + \frac{m_i}{2} g(X, T_j Y) + \beta g(X, T_k Y)]. \end{aligned}$$

The proofs of the items (iii) and (iv) are similar to the proofs of (i) and (ii), respectively.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a submanifold of an almost 3-poly-Norden manifold  $(\overline{M}, g, \phi_i), i = 1, 2, 3$ . If  $M$  is a 3-slant submanifold of  $\overline{M}$ , then there exist  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  such that*

$$i) \ T_i^2 = \lambda(m_i T_i - I),$$

$$ii) \ T_i T_j = \lambda(-\alpha I + \frac{m_j}{2} T_i + \frac{m_i}{2} T_j + \beta T_k).$$

**Proof:** Let  $M$  be a 3-slant submanifold of an almost 3-poly-Norden manifold  $\overline{M}$ , hence the angle  $\theta$  is constant, so put  $\lambda = \cos^2 \theta \in [0, 1]$ . Now let use the previous lemma

$$\begin{aligned} i) \ g(T_i^2 X, Y) &= g(T_i X, T_i Y) = \cos^2 \theta [m_i g(T_i X, Y) - g(X, Y)] \\ &= \cos^2 \theta g(m_i T_i X - X, Y) = \cos^2 \theta g((m_i T_i - I)X, Y), \end{aligned}$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , therefore we have  $T_i^2 = \lambda(m_i T_i - I)$ .

Conversely, suppose there is a real number  $\lambda$  in the interval  $[0, 1]$  such that  $T_i^2 = \lambda(m_i T_i - I)$ , put  $\lambda = \cos^2 \theta \in [0, 1]$ , hence  $\lambda$  is independent of the choice  $X$ .

$$\begin{aligned} ii) \ g(T_i T_j X, Y) &= g(T_i X, T_j Y) \\ &= \cos^2 [-\alpha g(X, Y) + \frac{m_j}{2} g(T_i X, Y) + \frac{m_i}{2} g(T_j X, Y) + \beta g(T_k X, Y)] \\ &= \cos^2 [g((\alpha + \frac{m_j}{2} T_i + \frac{m_i}{2} T_j + \beta T - k)X, Y), \end{aligned}$$

so we have  $T_i T_j = \lambda(-\alpha I + \frac{m_j}{2} T_i + \frac{m_i}{2} T_j + \beta T_k)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a submanifold of an almost 3-poly-Norden manifold  $(\overline{M}, g, \phi_i), i = 1, 2, 3$ . If  $M$  is a 3-slant submanifold with slant angle  $\theta$ , then*

$$i) \ (\nabla_X T_i^2)Y = m_i \cos^2 \theta (\nabla_X T_i)Y,$$

$$ii) (\nabla_X T_i T_j)Y = \cos^2 \theta \left[ \frac{m_j}{2} (\nabla_X T_i)Y + \frac{m_i}{2} (\nabla_X T_j)Y + \beta (\nabla_X T_k)Y \right].$$

**Proof:** By using Lemma 4.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} i) (\nabla_X T_i^2)Y &= \nabla_X T_i^2 Y - T_i^2 \nabla_X Y \\ &= \nabla_X \cos^2 \theta (m_i T_i Y - Y) - \cos^2 \theta (m_i T_i \nabla_X Y - \nabla_X Y) \\ &= m_i \cos^2 \theta \nabla_X T_i Y - \cos^2 \theta \nabla_X Y - m_i \cos^2 \theta T_i \nabla_X Y + \cos^2 \theta \nabla_X Y \\ &= m_i \cos^2 \theta (\nabla_X T_i)Y. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ii) (\nabla_X T_i T_j)Y &= \nabla_X T_i T_j Y - T_i T_j \nabla_X Y \\ &= \nabla_X \cos^2 \theta \left( -\alpha + \frac{m_j}{2} T_i + \frac{m_i}{2} T_j + \beta T_k \right) Y \\ &\quad - \cos^2 \theta \left( -\alpha + \frac{m_j}{2} T_i + \frac{m_i}{2} T_j + \beta T_k \right) \nabla_X Y \\ &= (-\alpha \cos^2 \theta + \alpha \cos^2 \theta) \nabla_X Y + \left( \frac{m_j}{2} \cos^2 \theta \right) (\nabla_X T_i)Y \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{m_i}{2} \cos^2 \theta \right) (\nabla_X T_j)Y + \beta \cos^2 \theta (\nabla_X T_k)Y \\ &= \cos^2 \theta \left[ \frac{m_j}{2} (\nabla_X T_i)Y + \frac{m_i}{2} (\nabla_X T_j)Y + \beta (\nabla_X T_k)Y \right]. \end{aligned}$$

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