

# Semi-Slant Pseudo-Riemannian Submersions From Indefinite Almost Para-Contact Manifolds

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersions from indefinite almost para-contact manifolds onto pseudo-Riemannian manifolds. We investigate necessary and sufficient conditions for foliations determined by horizontal and vertical distributions to be totally geodesic. We also obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for submersions to be totally geodesic and provide a non-trivial example. Moreover, we discuss the harmonicity of such submersions.

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## I. Introduction

The theory of Riemannian submersions was introduced by O' Neill [13] and Gray [8]. Several geometers studied Riemannian submersions with suitable surjective maps ([7], [12], [13], [16]). It is known that Riemannian submersions are related with physics and have their applications in the Kaluza-Klein theories ([3], [10]), Yang-Mills theory ([2], [24]), supergravity and superstring theories ([10], [11]), the theory of robotics ([1]).

In 1984, Chinea studied Riemannian submersions between almost contact manifolds and investigated some geometric properties and interrelations of structures between such manifolds [4], [5]. In 2010, Sahin introduced anti-invariant and semi-invariant Riemannian submersions from almost Hermitian manifolds onto Riemannian manifolds [17], [18]. He also gave the notion of a slant submersion from an almost Hermitian manifold onto a Riemannian manifold as a generalization of almost Hermitian submersions and anti-invariant submersions [19]. Further, in 2013, K. S. Park introduced semi-slant submersions from an almost Hermitian manifold onto a Riemannian manifold and obtained interesting results [14], [15].

In the present paper, our aim is to study semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersions from indefinite almost para-contact manifolds onto pseudo-Riemannian manifolds.

The composition of the paper is as follows. In section 2, we collect some basic definitions, formulas and results on indefinite almost para-contact manifolds and pseudo-Riemannian submersions. In section 3, we give an example of semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersions from indefinite almost para-contact manifolds onto pseudo-Riemannian manifolds. We investigate necessary and sufficient conditions for foliations determined by horizontal and vertical distributions to be totally geodesic. We also obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for submersions to be totally geodesic and check the harmonicity of such submersions.

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## II. Preliminaries:

**2.1 Almost Para-Contact Manifolds.** Let  $M$  be a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold and  $\phi$  be a  $(1,1)$  type tensor field,  $\xi$  a vector field, called characteristic vector field and  $\eta$  a 1-form on  $M$ . Then,  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  is called an almost para-contact structure on  $M$  if

$$(2.1) \quad \phi^2 X = X - \eta(X)\xi, \text{ for any } X \in \Gamma(TM), \eta(\xi) = 1$$

and the tensor field  $\phi$  induces an almost para-complex structure on the distribution

$$D = \ker(\eta) \text{ ([20], [25]).}$$

$M$  is said to be an almost para-contact manifold, if it is equipped with an almost para-contact structure. Again,  $M$  with an almost para contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$  is called an indefinite almost para-contact manifold if it is endowed with a pseudo-Riemannian metric  $g$  such that

$$(2.2) \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \varepsilon \eta(X)\eta(Y), \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM),$$

where  $\varepsilon = 1$  or  $-1$ , according as the characteristic vector field  $\xi$  is spacelike or timelike. It follows that

$$(2.3) \quad g(\xi, \xi) = \varepsilon, g(\xi, X)$$

$$(2.4) \quad = \varepsilon \eta(X),$$

$$(2.5) \quad g(X, \phi Y) = g(\phi X, Y),$$

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ .

In particular, if index  $g = 1$ , then the manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is called a Lorentzian almost para-contact manifold.

If the metric  $g$  is positive definite, then the manifold  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is the usual almost para-contact metric manifold ([21]).

The fundamental 2-form  $\Phi$  on  $M$  is defined by

$$(2.6) \quad \Phi(X, Y) = g(X, \phi Y),$$

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ .

Let  $M^{2n+1}$  be an almost para-contact manifold with the structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$ . An almost para-complex structure  $J$  on  $M^{2n+1} \times \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$(2.7) \quad J\left(X, f \frac{d}{dt}\right) = (\phi X + f\xi, \eta(X) \frac{d}{dt})$$

where  $X$  is tangent to  $M^{2n+1}$ ,  $t$  is the coordinate on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f$  is a smooth function on  $M^{2n+1}$

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$$(2.8) \quad N_J(X, Y) = [J, J](X, Y) = [JX, JY] + J^2[X, Y] - J[JX, Y] - J[X, JY],$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , vanishes.

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are vector fields on  $M^{2n+1}$ , then we have ([20], [25])

$$(2.9) \quad N_J = ((X, 0), (Y, 0)) = (N_\phi(X, Y) - 2d\eta(X, Y)\xi - (\mathcal{L}_\phi X)\eta - (\mathcal{L}_\phi X)\eta) \frac{d}{dt}$$

$$(2.10) \quad N_J = \left( (X, 0), \left( 0, \frac{d}{dt} \right) \right) = - \left( (\mathcal{L}_\phi X)\eta - (\mathcal{L}_\phi X)\eta \frac{d}{dt} \right)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_X$  is the Lie derivative respect to a vector field  $X$  and  $N_\phi, N^{(1)}, N^{(2)}, N^{(3)}, N^{(4)}$  are defined as

$$(2.11) \quad N_\phi(X, Y) = [\phi, \phi](X, Y) = [\phi X, \phi Y] + \phi^2[X, Y] - \phi[\phi X, Y] - \phi[X, \phi Y],$$

$$(2.12) \quad N^{(1)}(X, Y) = N_\phi(X, Y) - 2d\eta(X, Y)\xi,$$

$$(2.13) \quad N^{(2)}(X, Y) = (\mathcal{L}_{\phi X}\eta)Y - (\mathcal{L}_{\phi Y}\eta)X,$$

$$(2.14) \quad N^{(3)}(X) = (L_{\xi\phi})X$$

$$(2.15) \quad N^{(4)}(X) = (L_{\xi\eta})X.$$

For an almost para-contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$ , vanishing of  $N^{(1)}$  implies the vanishing of  $N^{(2)}, N^{(3)}$  and  $N^{(4)}$ . Moreover,  $N^{(2)}$  vanishes if and only if  $\xi$  is a killing vector field.

An indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g, \varepsilon)$  is called

- (i) normal, if  $N_\phi - 2d\eta \otimes \xi = 0$ ,
- (ii) para-contact, if  $\Phi = d\eta$ ,
- (iii) K-para-contact, if  $M$  is para-contact and  $\xi$  is killing,
- (iv) para-cosymplectic, if  $\nabla\Phi = 0$ , which implies  $\nabla\eta = 0$ , where  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection on  $M$ ,
- (v) almost para-cosymplectic, if  $d\eta = 0$  and  $d\Phi = 0$ ,
- (vi) weakly para-cosymplectic, if  $M$  is almost para-cosymplectic and
 
$$[R(X, Y), \phi] = R(X, Y)\phi - \phi R(X, Y) = 0,$$

where  $R$  is Riemannian curvature tensor on  $M$ ,

- (vii) para-Sasakian, if  $\Phi = d\eta$  and  $M$  is normal,
- (viii) quasi-para-Sasakian, if  $d\Phi = 0$  and  $M$  is normal.

**2.2 Pseudo-Riemannian Submersions:** Let  $(\bar{M}^m, \bar{g})$  and  $(M^n, g)$  be two connected pseudo-Riemannian manifolds of indices  $\bar{s} (0 \leq \bar{s} \leq m)$  and  $s (0 \leq s \leq n)$  respectively, with  $s > \bar{s}$ .

A pseudo-Riemannian submersion is a smooth map  $f : \bar{M}^m \rightarrow M^n$  which is onto and satisfies the following conditions ([7], [8], [13], [16]):

- (i) the derivative map  $f_p: T_p \bar{M} \rightarrow T_p M$  is surjective at each point  $p \in \bar{M}$
- (ii) fibres  $f^{-1}(q)$  of  $f$  over  $q \in M$  are pseudo-Riemannian submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$ ;
- (iii)  $f_*$  preserves the length of horizontal vectors.

A vector field on  $\bar{M}$  is called vertical if it is always tangent to fibres and it is called horizontal if it is always orthogonal to fibres. We denote by  $\mathcal{V}$  the vertical distribution and by  $\mathcal{H}$  the horizontal distribution. Also, we denote vertical and horizontal projections of a vector field  $E$  on  $\bar{M}$  by  $vE$  and by  $hE$  respectively. A horizontal vector field  $\bar{X}$  on  $\bar{M}$  is said to be basic if  $\bar{X}$  is  $f$ -related to a vector field  $X$  on  $M$  i.e.  $f_* \bar{X} = X \circ f$ .

Thus, every vector field  $X$  on  $M$  has a unique horizontal lift  $\bar{X}$  on  $\bar{M}$ .

We recall the following lemma for later use:

**Lemma 2.1.** ([7], [12]) If  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  is a pseudo-Riemannian submersion and  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y}$  are basic vector fields on  $\bar{M}$  that are  $f$ -related to the vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$  respectively, then we have the following properties:

- (i)  $\bar{g}(\bar{X}, \bar{Y}) = g(X, Y) \circ f$ ,
- (ii)  $h[\bar{X}, \bar{Y}]$  is a vector field and  $h[\bar{X}, \bar{Y}] = [X, Y] \circ f$ ,
- (iii)  $h(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y})$  is a basic vector field  $f$ -related to  $\nabla_X Y$ , where  $\bar{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  are the Levi-Civita connections on  $\bar{M}$  and  $M$  respectively,
- (iv)  $[E, U] \in \mathcal{V}$ , for any vector field  $U \in \mathcal{V}$  and for any vector field  $E \in \Gamma(T\bar{M})$ .

A pseudo-Riemannian submersion  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  determines tensor fields  $T$  and  $A$  of type (1,2) on  $\bar{M}$  defined by formulas ([7], [12], [13])

$$(2.16) \quad T(E, F) = T_E F = h(\bar{\nabla}_{hE} hF) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{vE} hF),$$

$$(2.17) \quad \mathcal{A}(E, F) = \mathcal{A}_E F = v(\bar{\nabla}_{hE} hF) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{vE} vF),$$

for any  $E, F \in \Gamma(T\bar{M})$ .

Let  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y}$  be horizontal vector fields and  $U, V$  be vertical vector fields on  $\bar{M}$ . Then, we have

$$(2.18) \quad \mathcal{T}_U \bar{X} = v(\bar{\nabla}_U \bar{X}), \mathcal{T}_U V = h(\bar{\nabla}_U V),$$

$$(2.19) \quad \bar{\nabla}_U \bar{X} = \mathcal{T}_U \bar{X} + h(\bar{\nabla}_U \bar{X}),$$

$$(2.20) \quad \mathcal{T}_U \bar{F} = 0, \mathcal{T}_{\bar{E}} F = \mathcal{T}_U \bar{F},$$

$$(2.21) \quad \bar{\nabla}_U V = \mathcal{T}_U V + u(\bar{\nabla}_U V),$$

$$(2.22) \quad \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y} = v(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y}), \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}} U = h(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}} U),$$

$$(2.23) \quad \bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}} U = \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}} U + v(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}} U),$$

$$(2.24) \quad \mathcal{A}_U F = 0, \mathcal{A}_{\bar{E}} F = \mathcal{A}_{h\bar{E}} F,$$

$$(2.25) \quad \bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y} = \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y} + h(\nabla_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y}),$$

$$(2.26) \quad h(\bar{\nabla}_U \bar{X}) = h(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}} U) = \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}} U,$$

$$(2.27) \quad \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y} = \frac{1}{2} v[\bar{X}, \bar{Y}],$$

$$(2.28) \quad \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y} = -\mathcal{A}_{\bar{Y}} \bar{X},$$

$$(2.29) \quad \mathcal{T}_U V = \mathcal{T}_V U,$$

$\forall E, F \in \Gamma(T\bar{M})$ .

It can be easily shown that a Riemannian submersion  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  has totally geodesic fibres if and only if  $T$  vanishes identically. By lemma (2.1), the horizontal distribution  $H$  is integrable if and only if  $A = 0$ . Also, in view of equations (2.28) and (2.29),  $\mathcal{A}$  is alternating on the horizontal distribution and  $T$  is symmetric on the vertical distribution.

Now, we recall the notion of harmonic maps between pseudo-Riemannian manifolds. Let  $(\bar{M}, \bar{g})$  and  $(M, g)$  be pseudo-Riemannian manifolds and let  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  be a smooth map. Then the second fundamental form of the map  $f$  is given by

$$(2.30) \quad (\bar{\nabla} f_*)(X, Y) = (\nabla_X^f f_* Y) \circ f - f_*(\bar{\nabla}_X Y),$$

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\bar{M})$ , where  $\nabla^f$  denotes the pullback connection of  $\nabla$  with respect to  $f$  and the tension field  $\tau$  of  $f$  is defined by

$$(2.31) \quad \tau(f) = \text{trace}(\bar{\nabla} f_*) = \sum_{i=1}^m (\bar{\nabla} f_*)(e_i, e_i),$$

where  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$  is an orthonormal frame on  $\bar{M}$ .

It is known that  $f$  is harmonic if and only if  $\tau(f) = 0$  [6].

In this paper, we study pseudo Riemannian submersions  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  such that

fibres  $f^{-1}(q)$  over  $q \in M$  be pseudo-Riemannian submanifolds admitting non-lightlike vector fields.

### III. Semi-Slant PSEUDO-Riemannian submersions

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(\bar{M}^{2m_1+1}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  be an indefinite almost para-contact manifold and  $(M^{m_2}, g)$  be a pseudo-Riemannian manifold with  $m_1 > m_2$ . A pseudoRiemannian submersion  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  is called a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion if the structure vector field  $\bar{\xi}$  is horizontal and there exists a distribution  $\bar{\mathcal{D}} \subseteq \ker \bar{\phi}$  such that

(i)  $\ker \bar{\phi} = \bar{\mathcal{D}} \oplus \bar{\mathcal{D}}^\perp$ ;

(ii)  $\bar{\phi}(\bar{\mathcal{D}}) = \bar{\mathcal{D}}$ ; and

(iii) for any non-zero vector field  $\bar{X}_p \in \bar{\mathcal{D}}_p^\perp$ , the angle  $\theta$  between  $\bar{\phi}\bar{X}_p$  and the space  $\bar{\mathcal{D}}_p^\perp$  is constant

This angle  $\theta$  is called semi-slant angle of the submersion.

If dimension  $\bar{\mathcal{D}} = 0$ , then the map  $f$  is a slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion and

if  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then it is a semi-invariant pseudo-Riemannian submersion.

For any vector field  $U \in \mathcal{V}$ , we put

$$(3.1) \quad U = PU + QU,$$

where  $PU \in \bar{\mathcal{D}}$  and  $QU \in \bar{\mathcal{D}}^\perp$ .

Also, for any vector field  $U \in \bar{\mathcal{D}}^\perp$ , we set

$$(3.2) \quad \bar{\phi}U = \psi U + \omega U,$$

where  $\psi U$  and  $\omega U$  are horizontal and vertical components of  $\bar{\phi}U$  respectively.

For any vector field  $\bar{X} \in \mathcal{H}$ , we put

$$(3.2) \quad \bar{\phi}\bar{X} = t\bar{X} + n\bar{X},$$

where  $t\bar{X}$  and  $n\bar{X}$  are horizontal and vertical components of  $\bar{\phi}\bar{X}$  respectively.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $\{(\mathbb{R}_6^{13}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g}); (x_1, \dots, x_6, y_1, \dots, y_6, z)^t\}$  be an indefinite almost para-contact manifold with

$$\bar{\phi}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right)_{i=1,2,\dots,6} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}, \quad \bar{\phi}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y_i}\right)_{i=1,2,\dots,6} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \quad \bar{\phi}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) = 0,$$

$\bar{\xi} = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ ,  $\bar{\eta} = 2dz$ , signature of  $\bar{g} = (-, -, +, +, +, -, -, -, +, +, +, +)$  and let  $(\mathbb{R}_2^6, g)$  be a pseudo-Riemannian manifold.

Define a submersion  $f: \{\mathbb{R}_6^{13}; (x_1, \dots, x_6, y_1, \dots, y_6, z)^t\} \rightarrow \{\mathbb{R}_2^6; (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_6)^t\}$

by

$$f((x_1, \dots, x_6, y_1, \dots, y_6, z)^t) \mapsto (x_2 \sin \alpha + y_2 \cos \alpha, x_3 \cos \alpha + y_3 \sin \alpha, x_4 \sin \alpha - y_4 \cos \alpha, -x_5 \cos \alpha + y_5 \sin \alpha, x_6 \sin \alpha - y_6 \cos \alpha, z)^t,$$

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

The vertical distribution  $\mathcal{V}$  is span of

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, \cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} - \sin \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}, -\sin \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + \cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3}, \cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4} + \sin \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y_4}, \sin \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} + \cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y_5}, \cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} + \sin \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y_6} \right\}$$

We have  $\bar{\mathcal{D}} = \text{Span} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \right\} \subset \mathcal{V}$  and

$$\bar{\mathcal{D}}^\perp = \text{Span} \left\{ \cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} - \sin \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}, -\sin \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + \cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y_3}, \cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4} + \sin \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y_4}, \sin \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_5} + \cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y_5}, \cos \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial x_6} + \sin \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y_6} \right\}.$$

It can be seen that  $\bar{\mathcal{D}}$  is invariant with respect to  $\bar{\phi}$  and semi-slant angle of submersion  $f$  is  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} - 2\alpha$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-

contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudoRiemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . If  $U, V$  are vertical and  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y}$  are horizontal vector fields on  $\bar{M}$ , then we have

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{g}(\omega QU, V) &= \bar{g}(U, \omega QV), \\ \bar{g}(t\bar{X}, \bar{Y}) &= \bar{g}(\bar{X}, t\bar{Y}), \\ \bar{g}(\psi QU, \bar{X}) &= \bar{g}(U, n\bar{X}). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Using equations (2.5), (3.1) and (3.2), for any vector fields  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}$ , we have

$$\bar{g}(\phi PU + \psi QU + \omega QU, V) = \bar{g}(U, \phi PV + \psi QV + \omega QV)$$

which implies

$$\bar{g}(\omega QU, V) = \bar{g}(U, \omega QV).$$

Similarly, for any vector fields  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y} \in \mathcal{H}$ , we have equations (3.5) and (3.6).

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  be an indefinite almost para-contact manifold and  $(M, g)$  a pseudo-Riemannian manifold. Then, a pseudo-Riemannian submersion  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  is a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion if and only if there exists  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  such that

$$(3.7) \quad (Q\omega)^2 = \lambda \bar{\phi}^2.$$

Moreover, if  $\theta$  is semi-slant angle of the pseudo-Riemannian submersion, then  $\lambda = \cos^2 \theta$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V \in \bar{\mathcal{D}}^\perp$ . Then, we have

$$(3.8) \quad \cos \theta = \frac{\bar{g}(\bar{\phi}V, Q\omega V)}{|\bar{\phi}V||Q\omega V|}.$$

Again, we have

$$(3.9) \quad \cos \theta = \frac{|Q\omega V|}{|\bar{\phi}V|}.$$

From equations (2.5), (3.2) and (3.8), we have

$$(3.10) \quad \cos \theta = \frac{\bar{g}(V, (Q\omega)^2 V)}{|\bar{\phi}V||Q\omega V|}.$$

In view of equations (3.9) and (3.10), we have

$$(3.11) \quad \cos^2 \theta = \frac{\bar{g}(V, (Q\omega)^2 V)}{g(V, \bar{\phi}^2 V)}$$

Equation (3.11) implies that  $\cos^2 \theta = \text{constant}$  if and only if  $(Q\omega)^2$  and  $\bar{\phi}^2$  are conformally parallel.

Hence, we get  $(Q\omega)^2 = \lambda \bar{\phi}^2$ , for some  $\lambda \in [0, \infty)$ .

Again, by using equations (3.7) and (3.11), we have  $\lambda = \cos^2 \theta$ . Consequently, we get  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudoRiemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . If  $\theta$  is semi-slant angle of the pseudo-Riemannian submersion, then for  $U, V \in \bar{\mathcal{D}}^\perp$ ,

$$(3.12) \quad \bar{g}(Q\omega U, Q\omega V) = (\bar{g}(U, V) - \varepsilon \bar{\eta}(U)\bar{\eta}(V))\cos^2 \theta,$$

$$(3.13) \quad \bar{g}(\psi U \psi V) = \bar{g}(\bar{\phi}U, \bar{\phi}V)\sin^2 \theta - \bar{g}(P\omega U, P\omega V).$$

*Proof.* Let  $U, V \in \bar{\mathcal{D}}^\perp$ . On replacing  $V$  by  $Q\omega V$  in equation (3.4), we get

$$\bar{g}(Q\omega U, Q\omega V) = \bar{g}(U, (Q\omega)^2 V).$$

In view of equations (2.2) and (3.7), above equation implies equation (3.12). Similarly, we have equation (3.13).

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudo-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then,  $(\psi \bar{\mathcal{D}}^\perp)^\perp$  is invariant with respect to  $\bar{\phi}$ .



*Proof.* Let  $U \in (\psi\bar{D}^\perp)^\perp \subset \mathcal{H}$ . For any  $V \in \bar{D}^\perp$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}(\bar{\phi}U, Q\omega V) &= \bar{g}(U, \bar{\phi}(Q\omega V)) \\ &= \bar{g}(U, \psi Q\omega V + \omega Q\omega V) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $\bar{\phi}U \in (\psi\bar{D}^\perp)^\perp$ .

Again, for any  $V \in \bar{D}^\perp$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}(\bar{\phi}U, V) &= \bar{g}(U, \bar{\phi}V) \\ &= \bar{g}(U, \psi V + P\omega V + Q\omega V) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $\bar{\phi}U \in (\psi\bar{D})^\perp$ .

Hence,  $\bar{\phi}(\psi\bar{D}^\perp)^\perp \subseteq (\psi\bar{D})^\perp$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** Let  $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}\}$  be a basis of  $D^1$  and  $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial y^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial y^1}\}$  a basis of

$$\bar{D}l = 2m_1 + 1 - m_2 - k.$$

Then  $\{\psi(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}) \csc \theta, \psi(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}) \csc \theta, \psi(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}) \csc \theta, \dots, \psi(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}) \csc \theta\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\psi\bar{D}^\perp$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}\left(\psi\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right) \csc \theta, \psi\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right) \csc \theta\right) &= \bar{g}\left(\psi\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right), \psi\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right)\right) \csc^2 \theta \\ &= \bar{g}\left(\phi\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right) \csc \theta, \phi\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right)\right) \sin^2 \theta \csc^2 \theta - \bar{g}\left(P_\omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right), P_\omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right)\right) \csc^2 \theta \\ &= \delta^{ij} \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 3.4.** If  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}$  are any orthonormal vector fields in  $\bar{D}^\perp$ , then

$\{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, Q\omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}\right) \sec \theta, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, Q\omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}\right) \sec \theta, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}, Q\omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}\right) \sec \theta\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\bar{D}^\perp$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}\left(Q\omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right) \sec \theta, Q\omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right) \sec \theta\right) &= \bar{g}\left(Q\omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right), Q\omega\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right)\right) \sec^2 \theta \\ &= \bar{g}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right) - \varepsilon^\eta \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right) \eta\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right) \\ &= \delta^{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.5.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \longrightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudo-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then, for any  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y} \in H$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &h(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{P}U}(\bar{\phi}PV)) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{P}U}(\bar{\phi}PV)) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{Q}U}(\bar{\phi}PV)) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{Q}U}(\bar{\phi}PV)) \\ &+ h(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{P}U}(\psi QV)) + \mathcal{T}_{\bar{P}U}(\psi QV) + \mathcal{T}_{\bar{P}U}(\omega QV) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{P}U}(\omega QV)) \\ (3.14) \quad &+ h(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{Q}U}(\psi QV)) + \mathcal{T}_{\bar{Q}U}(\psi QV) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{Q}U}(\omega PV)) + \mathcal{T}_{\bar{Q}U}(\omega QV) \\ &= (\bar{\nabla}_U \bar{\phi})V + t(\mathcal{T}uV) + n(\mathcal{T}uV) + \bar{\phi}(P(u\bar{\nabla}_U V)) + \psi(Q(u\bar{\nabla}_U V)) + \omega(Q(u\bar{\nabla}_U V)), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(t\bar{Y}) + \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(t\bar{Y}) + \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(n\bar{Y}) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(n\bar{Y})) \\ (3.15) \quad &= (\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}} \bar{\phi})\bar{Y} + t(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y}) + n(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y}) + \bar{\phi}(P(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y})) \\ &+ \psi(Q(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y})) + \omega(Q(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y})) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(\bar{\phi}PU) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(\bar{\phi}PU)) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(\psi QU)) \\ (3.16) \quad &+ \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(\psi QU) + \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(\omega QU) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(\omega QU)) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{\phi}\right)U + t(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}U) + n(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}U) + \bar{\phi}(P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}U)) \\
 &\quad + \psi(Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}U)) + \omega(Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}U)), \\
 (3.17) \quad &h(\bar{\nabla}_U(t\bar{X})) + \mathcal{T}_U(t\bar{X}) + \mathcal{T}_U(n\bar{X}) + v(\bar{\nabla}_U(n\bar{X})) \\
 &= (\nabla_U\phi)X + t(h\nabla_U X) + n(h\nabla_U X) + \phi(P(\mathcal{T}_U X)) \\
 &\quad + \psi(Q(\mathcal{T}_U \bar{X})) + \omega(Q(\mathcal{T}_U \bar{X})).
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* For  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}$ , we have

$$\bar{\nabla}_U(\bar{\phi}V) = \bar{\nabla}_{P\bar{U}+Q\bar{U}}(\bar{\phi}(PV + QV)),$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\bar{\nabla}_U\bar{\phi})V + t(\mathcal{T}_U V) + n(\mathcal{T}_U V) + \bar{\phi}(P(v\bar{\nabla}_U V)) + \psi(Q(v\bar{\nabla}_U V)) + \omega(Q(v\bar{\nabla}_U V)) \\
 &= h(\bar{\nabla}_{P\bar{U}}(\bar{\phi}PV)) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{P\bar{U}}(\bar{\phi}PV)) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{Q\bar{U}}(\bar{\phi}PV)) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{Q\bar{U}}(\bar{\phi}PV)) \\
 &\quad + h(\bar{\nabla}_{P\bar{U}}(\psi QV)) + \mathcal{T}_{P\bar{U}}(\omega QV) + \mathcal{T}_{P\bar{U}}(\psi QV) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{P\bar{U}}(\omega QV)) \\
 &\quad + h(\bar{\nabla}_{Q\bar{U}}(\psi QV)) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{Q\bar{U}}(\omega QV)) + \mathcal{T}_{Q\bar{U}}(\psi QV) + \mathcal{T}_{Q\bar{U}}(\omega QV)
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have other equations

By using similar steps as in lemma (3.5), we have

**Lemma 3.6.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \longrightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudo-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then, for any  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y} \in H$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.18) \quad &\mathcal{T}_{P\bar{U}}(\bar{\phi}PV) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{Q\bar{U}}(\bar{\phi}PV)) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{P\bar{U}}(\psi QV)) \\
 &+ \mathcal{T}_{P\bar{U}}(\omega QV) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{Q\bar{U}}(\psi QV)) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{Q\bar{U}}(\omega QV)) \\
 &= t(\mathcal{T}_U V) + \psi(Q(v\bar{\nabla}_U V));
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.19) \quad &u(\bar{\nabla}_{P\bar{U}}(\bar{\phi}PV)) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{Q\bar{U}}(\bar{\phi}PV)) + \mathcal{T}_{P\bar{U}}(\psi QV) \\
 &+ v(\bar{\nabla}_{P\bar{U}}(\omega QV)) + \mathcal{T}_{Q\bar{U}}(\psi QV) + \mathcal{T}_{Q\bar{U}}(\omega QV) \\
 &= n(\mathcal{T}_U V) + \bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_U V) + \omega(Q(v\bar{\nabla}_U V)).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.20) \quad h(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(t\bar{Y})) + \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(n\bar{Y}) = t(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \psi(Q(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}));$$

$$(3.21) \quad \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(t\bar{Y}) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(n\bar{Y})) = n(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \omega(Q(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y})) + \bar{\phi}P(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}).$$

$$(3.22) \quad \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(\bar{\phi}P\bar{U}) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(\psi Q\bar{U})) + \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(\omega Q\bar{U}) = t(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}U) + \psi(Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}U));$$

$$(3.23) \quad v(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(\bar{\phi}P\bar{U})) + \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(\psi Q\bar{U}) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(\omega Q\bar{U})) = n(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}U) + \bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}U) + \omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}U)$$

$$(3.24) \quad h(\bar{\nabla}_U(t\bar{X})) + \mathcal{T}_U(n\bar{X}) = t(h\bar{\nabla}_U\bar{X}) + \psi(Q\mathcal{T}_U\bar{X});$$

$$(3.25) \quad \mathcal{T}_U(t\bar{X}) + v(\bar{\nabla}_U(n\bar{X})) = n(h\bar{\nabla}_U\bar{X}) + \bar{\phi}(P\mathcal{T}_U\bar{X}) + \omega Q(\mathcal{T}_U\bar{X}).$$

**Lemma 3.7.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \longrightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudo-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then, for any  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y} \in H$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.26) \quad &h(\bar{\nabla}_{P\bar{U}}(\bar{\phi}PV)) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{P\bar{U}}(\bar{\phi}PV)) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{Q\bar{U}}(\bar{\phi}PV)) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{Q\bar{U}}(\bar{\phi}PV)) \\
 &+ h(\bar{\nabla}_{P\bar{U}}(\psi QV)) + \mathcal{T}_{P\bar{U}}(\psi QV) + \mathcal{T}_{P\bar{U}}(\omega QV) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{P\bar{U}}(\omega QV)) \\
 &+ h(\bar{\nabla}_{Q\bar{U}}(\psi QV)) + \mathcal{T}_{Q\bar{U}}(\psi QV) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{Q\bar{U}}(\omega QV)) + \mathcal{T}_{Q\bar{U}}(\omega QV), \\
 &= \bar{g}(U, V)\bar{\xi} + t(\mathcal{T}_U V) + n(h\bar{\nabla}_U V) + \bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_U V) \\
 &\quad + \psi Q(v\bar{\nabla}_U V) + \omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_U V)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.27) \quad &h(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(t\bar{Y})) + \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(t\bar{Y}) + \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(n\bar{Y}) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(n\bar{Y})) \\
 &= \bar{g}(\bar{X}, \bar{Y})\bar{\xi} - \varepsilon\bar{\eta}(\bar{Y})\bar{X} + t(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + n(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) \\
 &\quad + \bar{\phi}P(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \psi Q(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \omega Q(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.28) \quad &\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(\bar{\phi}P\bar{U}) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(\bar{\phi}P\bar{U})) + h(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(\psi Q\bar{U})) \\
 &+ \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(\psi Q\bar{U}) + \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}(\omega Q\bar{U}) + v(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(\omega Q\bar{U})) \\
 &= \bar{g}(\bar{X}, U)\bar{\xi} + t(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}U) + n(\mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}}U) \\
 &\quad + \bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}U) + \psi Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}U) + \omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}U),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.29) \quad \begin{aligned} & h(\bar{\nabla}_U(t\bar{X})) + \mathcal{J}_U(t\bar{X}) + \mathcal{J}_U(n\bar{X}) + v(\bar{\nabla}_U(n\bar{X})) \\ &= \bar{g}(U, \bar{X})\bar{\xi} - \varepsilon\bar{\eta}(\bar{X})U + t(h\bar{\nabla}_U\bar{X}) + n(h\bar{\nabla}_U\bar{X}) \\ & \quad + \bar{\phi}P(\mathcal{J}_U\bar{X}) + \psi Q(\mathcal{J}_U\bar{X}) + \omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_U\bar{X}). \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \longrightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudo-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then, the fibres of  $f$  are totally geodesic if and only if

$$(3.30) \quad \bar{\nabla}_U(\bar{\phi}V) = \bar{\phi}(v\bar{\nabla}_U V)$$

for any  $U, V \in v$ .

Proof. Let  $U, V \in v$ . By using equation (3.1), we have

$$\bar{\nabla}_U(\bar{\phi}V) = (\bar{\nabla}_U\bar{\phi})V + \bar{\phi}(\bar{\nabla}_{PU}PV + \bar{\nabla}_{PU}QV + \bar{\nabla}_{QU}PV + \bar{\nabla}_{QU}QV).$$

In view of equation (2.18) and (3.1), the above equation implies

$$\bar{\nabla}_U(\bar{\phi}V) = (\bar{\nabla}_U\bar{\phi})V + \bar{\phi}(\mathcal{J}_U V) + \bar{\phi}(v\bar{\nabla}_U V).$$

Since the manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  is para-cosymplectic, we have  $(\bar{\nabla}_U\bar{\phi}) = 0$ . So from above equation, we have

$$(3.31) \quad \bar{\nabla}_U(\bar{\phi}V) = \bar{\phi}(\mathcal{J}_U V) + \bar{\phi}(v\bar{\nabla}_U V)$$

Now, fibres are totally geodesic if and only if  $TuV = 0$ , which implies equation

$$(3.30)$$

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \longrightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudo-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then, the horizontal distribution  $\mathcal{H}$  defines a totally

geodesic foliation if and only if

$$(3.32) \quad \begin{aligned} & \bar{g}(t(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}Y) + \psi Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}Y), \psi QU) \\ & + \bar{g}(n(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}Y) + \omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}PU) \\ & + \bar{g}(n(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}Y) + \omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \omega QU) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y} \in \mathcal{H}$ . and  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}$ .

Proof. Let  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y} \in \mathcal{H}$ . For any  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}$ , equation (2.2) implies

$$\bar{g}(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}, U) = \bar{g}(\bar{\phi}(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}U).$$

By splitting horizontal and vertical components and the using equation (3.1), (3.2),

(3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}, U) &= \bar{g}(t(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}'), \bar{\phi}PU) + \bar{g}(t(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \psi QU) + \bar{g}(t(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \omega QU) \\ & + \bar{g}(n(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}PU) + \bar{g}(n(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \psi QU) + \bar{g}(n(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \omega QU) \\ & + \bar{g}(\bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}PU) + \bar{g}(\bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \psi QU) + \bar{g}(\bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \omega QU) \\ & + \bar{g}(\psi Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}PU) + \bar{g}(\psi Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \psi QU) + \bar{g}(\psi Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \omega QU) \\ & + \bar{g}(\omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}PU) + \bar{g}(\omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \psi QU) + \bar{g}(\omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \omega QU) \\ &= \bar{g}(t(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \psi QU) + \bar{g}(n(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}PU) + \bar{g}(n(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \omega QU) \\ & + \bar{g}(\bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}PU) + \bar{g}(\bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \omega QU) + \bar{g}(\psi Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \psi QU) \\ & + \bar{g}(\omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}PU) + \bar{g}(\omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \omega QU) \\ &= \bar{g}(t(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \psi Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \psi QU) \\ & + \bar{g}(n(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}PU) \\ & + \bar{g}(n(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \omega QU), \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y} \in \mathcal{H}$  if and only if right side of a above equation vanishes. Hence

$\mathcal{H}$  defines a totally geodesic foliation if and only if equation (3.32) is satisfied.

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \longrightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudoRiemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then following statements are equivalent:

(a) The horizontal distribution  $\mathcal{H}$  defines a totally geodesic foliation,

$$(b) \quad \bar{g}(t(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \psi Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \psi QU)$$

$$+ \bar{g}(n(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}PU)$$

$$+ \bar{g}(n(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), \omega QU) = 0,$$

$$(c) \quad \bar{g}(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}, t\psi QU \pm \psi Q\omega QU) = 0,$$

$$(d) \quad \bar{g}(nt(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \bar{\phi}Pn(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \omega Qn(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \bar{\phi}^2P(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y})$$

$$+ n\psi Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \bar{\phi}P\omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}) + \omega Q\omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}), U) = 0,$$

for all  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y} \in \mathcal{H}, U \in \mathcal{V}$ .

Proof. In theorem (3.9), we have proved (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b). Similarly, we can prove (b)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (c), (c)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (d) and

(d)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (a).

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**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudo-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then, the horizontal distribution  $\mathcal{H}$  defines a totally geodesic foliation if and only if

$$(3.33) \quad \bar{g}(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(t\bar{Y}) + h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(n\bar{Y}), \psi QU) + \bar{g}(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(t\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}PU + \omega QU) + \bar{g}(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(n\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}PU + \omega QU) = 0,$$

for all  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y} \in \mathcal{H}$  and  $U \in \mathcal{V}$ .

Proof. Let  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y} \in \mathcal{H}, U \in \mathcal{V}$ . Then, by using equation (2.2), we have

$$\bar{g}(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}, U) = \bar{g}(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(\bar{\phi}\bar{Y}) - (\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{\phi})\bar{Y}, \bar{\phi}U).$$

Now, by using equations (3.2) and (3.3) in above equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}, U) &= \bar{g}(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(t\bar{Y}) + h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(n\bar{Y}), \psi QU) \\ &\quad + \bar{g}(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(t\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}PU + \omega QU) \\ &\quad + \bar{g}(v\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}(n\bar{Y}), \bar{\phi}PU + \omega QU). \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{H}$  is totally geodesic if and only if  $\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y} \in \mathcal{H}$ , which implies  $\bar{g}(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}}\bar{Y}, U) = 0$ . Hence, the proof follows from equation (3.34).

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudoRiemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then, the vertical distribution  $\mathcal{V}$  defines a totally geodesic foliation if and only if

$$(3.35) \quad \bar{g}(t(h\bar{\nabla}_U V) + \psi Q(v\bar{\nabla}_U V), t\bar{X}) + \bar{g}(n(h\bar{\nabla}_U V) + \bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_U V) + \omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_U V), n\bar{X}) = 0,$$

for all  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}, \bar{X} \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Proof. Let  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}, \bar{X} \in \mathcal{H}$ . Using equation (2.2), we have

$$\bar{g}(\bar{\nabla}_U V, \bar{X}) = \bar{g}(\bar{\phi}(\bar{\nabla}_U V), \bar{\phi}\bar{X}) + \varepsilon\bar{\eta}(\bar{\nabla}_U V)\bar{\eta}(\bar{X}).$$

By using equations (3.2) and (3.3) in above equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{g}(\bar{\nabla}_U V, \bar{X}) &= \bar{g}(t(h\bar{\nabla}_U V) + \psi Q(v\bar{\nabla}_U V), t\bar{X}) \\ &\quad + \bar{g}(n(h\bar{\nabla}_U V) + \bar{\phi}P(v\bar{\nabla}_U V) + \omega Q(v\bar{\nabla}_U V), n\bar{X}) \\ &\quad + \varepsilon\bar{\eta}(\bar{\nabla}_U V)\bar{\eta}(\bar{X}) \end{aligned}$$

Now, the proof follows from equation (3.36).

**Theorem 3.12.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-cosymplectic manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudo-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then, the vertical distribution  $\mathcal{V}$  defines a totally geodesic foliation if and only if

$$(3.37) \quad \bar{g}(h\bar{\nabla}_U(\bar{\phi}PV) + h\bar{\nabla}_U(\psi QV) + h\bar{\nabla}_U(\omega QV), t\bar{X}) + \bar{g}(v\bar{\nabla}_U(\bar{\phi}PV) + v\bar{\nabla}_U(\psi QV) + v\bar{\nabla}_U(\omega QV), n\bar{X}) = 0,$$

for all  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}, \bar{X} \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Proof. Let  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $\bar{X} \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Using equation (2.2), we have

$$\bar{g}(\bar{\nabla}_U V, \bar{X}) = \bar{g}(\bar{\phi}(\bar{\nabla}_U V), \bar{\phi}\bar{X}) + \varepsilon\bar{\eta}(\bar{\nabla}_U V)\bar{\eta}(\bar{X}).$$

As  $\bar{M}$  is almost para-cosymplectic manifold, we have  $(\bar{\nabla}_U\bar{\phi})V = 0$  and so by using equations (3.2) and (3.3) in above equation, we get

$$(3.38) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{g}(\bar{\nabla}_U V, \bar{X}) &= \bar{g}(h\bar{\nabla}_U(\bar{\phi}PV) + h\bar{\nabla}_U(\psi QV) + h\bar{\nabla}_U(\omega QV), t\bar{X}) \\ &\quad + \bar{g}(v\bar{\nabla}_U(\bar{\phi}PV) + v\bar{\nabla}_U(\psi QV) + v\bar{\nabla}_U(\omega QV), n\bar{X}) \\ &\quad + \varepsilon\bar{\eta}(\bar{\nabla}_U V)\bar{\eta}(\bar{X}). \end{aligned}$$

Now, the vertical distribution  $\mathcal{V}$  defines a totally geodesic foliation if and only if  $\bar{\nabla}_U V \in \mathcal{V}$ , for all  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}$ . This completes the proof.

Now, by using similar steps as in theorem 22 and theorem 24 of [22], we have

**Theorem 3.13.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudoRiemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then, the submersion  $f$  is an affine map on  $\mathcal{H}$ .

**Theorem 3.14.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudoRiemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then, the submersion  $f$  is an affine map if and only if  $h(\bar{\nabla}_E hF) + \mathcal{A}_{hE}vF + \mathcal{T}_{vE}vF$  is  $f$ -related to  $\nabla_X Y$ , for any  $E, F \in \Gamma(T\bar{M})$ .

**Theorem 3.15.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudo-Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . Then, the submersion map  $f$  is totally geodesic if and only if

$$(3.39) \quad \mathcal{T}_U V + \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}} V + h\bar{\nabla}_U \bar{Y} = 0,$$

for any  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y} \in \mathcal{H}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $E = \bar{X} + U, F = \bar{Y} + V \in \Gamma(T\bar{M})$ .

In view of equation (2.30) and theorem (3.13), by splitting  $E, F$  in horizontal and vertical components, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\nabla} f_*)(E, F) &= (\bar{\nabla} f_*)(U, V) + (\bar{\nabla} f_*)(\bar{X}, V) + (\bar{\nabla} f_*)(U, \bar{Y}) \\ &= -f_*(h(\bar{\nabla}_U V + \bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}} V + \bar{\nabla}_U \bar{Y})), \end{aligned}$$

Which gives

$$(3.40) \quad (\bar{\nabla} f_*)(E, F) = -f_*(\mathcal{T}_U V + \mathcal{A}_{\bar{X}} V + h\bar{\nabla}_U \bar{Y}).$$

Now,  $f$  is totally geodesic if and if  $(\bar{\nabla} f_*)(E, F) = 0$ , which implies equation (3.39).

**Theorem 3.16.** Let  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  be a semi-slant pseudo-Riemannian submersion from an indefinite almost para-contact manifold  $(\bar{M}^{2m_1+1}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\xi}, \bar{\eta}, \bar{g})$  onto a pseudoRiemannian manifold  $(M^{m_2}, g)$ . If the fibres  $f^{-1}(q)$  of  $f$  over  $q \in M$  are totally geodesic, then  $f$  is a harmonic map.

*Proof.* The tension field  $\tau(f)$  of the map  $f: \bar{M} \rightarrow M$  is defined as

$$(3.14) \quad \tau(f) = \text{trace}(\bar{\nabla} f_*).$$

Let  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{2m_1+1-m_2}, e_{2m_1+1-m_2+1} = \bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \dots, \bar{e}_{m_2}\}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $\Gamma(TM)$ , where  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{2m_1+1-m_2}\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\{\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \dots, \bar{e}_{m_2}\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then, we have

$$(3.42) \quad \tau(f) = \sum_{i=1}^{2m_1+1-m_2} \bar{g}(e_i, e_i)(\bar{\nabla} f_*)(e_i, e_i) + \sum_{j=1}^{m_2} \bar{g}(\bar{e}_j, \bar{e}_j)(\bar{\nabla} f_*)(\bar{e}_j, \bar{e}_j).$$

For any vertical vector fields  $U, V \in \mathcal{V}$ , using equation (2.18), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\nabla} f_*)(U, V) &= (\nabla_U^f(f_* V)) \circ f - f_*(\bar{\nabla}_U V) \\ (3.42) \quad &= -f_*(h\bar{\nabla}_U V) \\ &= -f_*(\mathcal{T}_U V), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\nabla^f$  is the pullback connection of  $\nabla$  with respect to  $f$ . For any horizontal vector fields  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y} \in \mathcal{H}$ , which are  $f$ -related to  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  respectively, lemma 2.1 and theorem 3.13 imply

$$\begin{aligned} (3.44) (\bar{\nabla} f_*)(\bar{X}, \bar{Y}) &= (\nabla_{\bar{X}}^f(f_* \bar{Y})) \circ f - f_*(\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y}) \\ &= (\nabla_{f_* \bar{X}}(f_* \bar{Y})) \circ f - f_*(h\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{X}} \bar{Y}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

In view of equations (3.42), (3.43), (3.44) and theorem 3.14, we get

$$(3.45) \quad \tau(f) = - \sum_{i=1}^{4m+3-n} \bar{g}(e_i, e_i) f_*(\mathcal{T}_{e_i} e_i).$$

Now, if the fibres  $f^{-1}(q)$  of  $f$  over  $q \in M$  are totally geodesic, then  $\mathcal{T} = 0$ . So the proof of the theorem follows from equation (3.45).

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