

# Lightlike Submanifolds with Planar Normal Section in Semi Riemannian Product Manifolds

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## ABSTRACT

In the present paper we give conditions for screen semi invariant lightlike submanifolds of a semi-Riemannian product manifold to have degenerate planar normal sections. Also we give sufficient and efficient conditions for screen invariant and screen anti invariant lightlike submanifold of a semi-Riemannian product manifold to have non-degenerate planar normal sections.

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## 1. Introduction

Surfaces with planar normal sections in submanifolds of Riemannian manifolds were first studied by Bang-Yen Chen [5]. In [6],[8], Y. H. Kim initiated the study of semi-Riemannian setting of such surfaces. Both authors obtained similar results in these spaces. We investigated lightlike and half lightlike submanifolds with planar normal sections in [3] and [4]. We first showed that every lightlike surfaces of Minkowski 3- space has degenerate planar normal sections. Then we studied lightlike surfaces with non- degenerate planar normal sections and obtained a characterization for such lightlike surfaces.

In [4] we investigated half-lightlike submanifolds with planar normal sections of four dimensional semi-Riemannian space. We obtained necessary and sufficient conditions for a half lightlike submanifold of  $IR_2^4$  such that it had degenerate or non-degenerate planar normal sections.

In [7],[8] Kiliç, Sahin, Atceken and Keles introduced a new class of lightlike submanifold called screen semi-invariant (SSI) lightlike submanifolds of a semi-Riemannian product manifold. They gave examples of such submanifolds and studied the geometry of leaves of distributions which are involved in the definition of SSI- lightlike submanifolds. They obtained necessary and sufficient conditions for the SSI- lightlike submanifold to be locally product manifold and gave some characterizations for totally umbilical SSI-lightlike and screen anti-invariant lightlike submanifolds of semi-Riemannian product manifold. In this paper, we give conditions for a screen semi invariant or anti-invariant lightlike submanifold of a semi-Riemannian product manifold to have degenerate or non-degenerate planar normal sections.

## 2. Some fundamental concepts and definitions

A submanifold  $M^m$  immersed in a semi-Riemannian manifold  $(\bar{M}^{m+k}, \bar{g})$  is called a lightlike submanifold if it admits a degenerate metric  $g$  induced from  $\bar{g}$  whose radical distribution which is a semi-Riemannian complementary distribution of  $RadTM$  is of rank  $r$ , where  $1 \leq r \leq m$ .  $RadTM = TM \cap TM^\perp$ , where

$$TM^\perp = \cup_{x \in M} \{u \in T_x \bar{M} \mid \bar{g}(u, v) = 0, \forall v \in T_x M\}. \quad (2.1)$$

Let  $S(TM)$  be a screen distribution which is a semi-Riemannian complementary distribution of  $RadTM$  in  $TM$ . i.e.,  $TM = RadTM \perp S(TM)$ .

We consider a screen transversal vector bundle  $S(TM^\perp)$ , which is a semi-Riemannian complementary vector bundle of  $RadTM$  in  $TM^\perp$ . Since, for any local basis  $\{\xi_i\}$  of  $RadTM$ , there exists a lightlike transversal vector bundle  $ltr(TM)$  locally spanned by  $\{N_i\}$  [2]. Let  $tr(TM)$  be complementary ( but not orthogonal) vector bundle to  $TM$  in  $T\bar{M}^\perp|_M$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} tr(TM) &= ltrTM \perp S(TM^\perp), \\ T\bar{M}|_M &= S(TM) \perp [RadTM \oplus ltrTM] \perp S(TM^\perp). \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

Although  $S(TM)$  is not unique, it is canonically isomorphic to the factor vector bundle  $TM/RadTM$  [1]. The following result is important to this paper.

**Definition 2.1.** [3]. The lightlike second fundamental forms of a lightlike submanifold  $M$  do not depend on  $S(TM)$ ,  $S(TM^\perp)$  and  $ltr(TM)$ .

We say that a submanifold  $(M, g, S(TM), S(TM^\perp))$  of  $\bar{M}$  is

- Case1: r-lightlike if  $r < \min\{m, k\}$ ;
- Case2: Co-isotropic if  $r = k < m$ ;  $S(TM^\perp) = \{0\}$ ;
- Case3: Isotropic if  $r = m = k$ ;  $S(TM) = \{0\}$ ;
- Case4: Totally lightlike if  $r = k = m$ ;  $S(TM) = \{0\} = S(TM^\perp)$ .

The Gauss and Weingarten equations are:

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y), \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM), \tag{2.3}$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_X V = -A_V X + \nabla_X^t V, \forall X \in \Gamma(TM), V \in \Gamma(tr(TM)), \tag{2.4}$$

where  $\{\nabla_X Y, A_V X\}$  and  $\{h(X, Y), \nabla_X^t V\}$  belong to  $\Gamma(TM)$  and  $\Gamma(tr(TM))$ , respectively.  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^t$  are linear connections on  $M$  and the vector bundle  $tr(TM)$ , respectively. Moreover, we have

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h^\ell(X, Y) + h^s(X, Y), \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM), \tag{2.5}$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_X N = -A_N X + \nabla_X^\ell N + D^s(X, N), N \in \Gamma(ltr(TM)), \tag{2.6}$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_X W = -A_W X + \nabla_X^s W + D^\ell(X, W), W \in \Gamma(S(TM^\perp)). \tag{2.7}$$

Denote the projection of  $TM$  on  $S(TM)$  by  $\bar{P}$ . Then by using (2.3), (2.5)-(2.7) and a metric connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ , we obtain

$$\bar{g}(h^s(X, Y), W) + \bar{g}(Y, D^\ell(X, W)) = g(A_W X, Y), \tag{2.8}$$

$$\bar{g}(D^s(X, N), W) = \bar{g}(N, A_W X). \tag{2.9}$$

From the decomposition of the tangent bundle of a lightlike submanifold, we have

$$\nabla_X \bar{P}Y = \nabla_X^* \bar{P}Y + h^*(X, \bar{P}Y), \tag{2.10}$$

$$\nabla_X \xi = -A_\xi^* X + \nabla_X^{*t} \xi, \tag{2.11}$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $\xi \in \Gamma(RadTM)$ . By using above equations, we obtain

$$\bar{g}(h^\ell(X, \bar{P}Y), \xi) = g(A_\xi^* X, \bar{P}Y), \tag{2.12}$$

$$\bar{g}(h^s(X, \bar{P}Y), N) = g(A_N X, \bar{P}Y), \tag{2.13}$$

$$\bar{g}(h^\ell(X, \xi), \xi) = 0, A_\xi^* \xi = 0. \tag{2.14}$$

In general, the induced connection  $\nabla$  on  $M$  is not a metric connection. Since  $\bar{\nabla}$  is a metric connection, by using (2.5) we get

$$(\nabla_X g)(Y, Z) = \bar{g}(h^\ell(X, Y), Z) + \bar{g}(h^\ell(X, Z), Y). \tag{2.15}$$

A lightlike submanifold  $(M, g, S(TM))$  of a semi-Riemannian manifold is called totally umbilical if there is a smooth function  $\varrho$ , such that

$$h(X, Y) = \varrho g(X, Y), \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM) \tag{2.16}$$

where  $\varrho$  is non-vanishing smooth function on a neighborhood  $U$  in  $M$ .

A lightlike submanifold  $(M, g, S(TM))$  of a semi-Riemannian manifold is called screen locally conformal if the shape operators  $A_N$  and  $A_\xi^*$  of  $M$  and  $S(TM)$ , respectively, are related by

$$A_N = \varphi A_\xi^* \tag{2.17}$$

where  $\varphi$  is non-vanishing smooth function on a neighborhood  $U$  in  $M$ . Therefore, it follows that  $\forall X, Y \in \Gamma(S(TM)), \xi \in RadTM$

$$h^*(X, \xi) = 0 \tag{2.18}$$

[2]

### 3. Screen Semi Invariant lightlike submanifolds of semi-Riemannian Product Manifolds

Let  $(M_1, g_1)$  and  $(M_2, g_2)$  be two  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ -dimensional semi-Riemannian manifolds with constant indexes  $q_1 > 0, q_2 > 0$ , respectively. Let  $\pi : M_1 \times M_2 \rightarrow M_1$  and  $\sigma : M_1 \times M_2 \rightarrow M_2$  the projections which are given by  $\pi(x, y) = x$  and  $\sigma(x, y) = y$  for any  $(x, y) \in M_1 \times M_2$ , respectively.

We denote the product manifold by  $\bar{M} = (M_1 \times M_2, \bar{g})$ , where

$$\bar{g}(X, Y) = g_1(\pi_*X, \pi_*Y) + g_2(\sigma_*X, \sigma_*Y)$$

for any  $\forall X, Y \in \Gamma(T\bar{M})$ . Then we have

$$\pi_*^2 = \pi_*, \pi_*\sigma_* = \sigma_*\pi_* = 0,$$

$$\sigma_*^2 = \sigma_*, \pi_* + \sigma_* = I,$$

where  $I$  is identity transformation. Thus  $(\bar{M}, \bar{g})$  is an  $(m_1 + m_2)$ -dimensional semi-Riemannian manifold with constant index  $(q_1 + q_2)$ . The semi-Riemannian product manifold  $\bar{M} = M_1 \times M_2$  is characterized by  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are totally geodesic submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$ .

Now, if we put  $F = \pi_* - \sigma_*$ , then we can easily see that

$$\begin{aligned} F.F &= (\pi_* - \sigma_*)(\pi_* - \sigma_*) \\ F^2 &= \pi_*^2 - \pi_*\sigma_* - \sigma_*\pi_* + \sigma_*^2 = I \end{aligned}$$

$$F^2 = I, \bar{g}(FX, Y) = \bar{g}(X, FY)$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\bar{M})$ . If we denote the levi-civita connection on  $\bar{M}$  by  $\bar{\nabla}$ , then it can be seen that  $(\bar{\nabla}_X F)Y = 0$ , for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\bar{M})$ , that is,  $F$  is parallel with respect to  $\bar{\nabla}$  [10].

Let  $M$  be a submanifold of a Riemannian ( or semi-Riemannian) product manifold  $\bar{M} = M_1 \times M_2$ . If  $F(TM) = TM$ , then  $M$  is called invariant submanifold, if  $F(TM) \subset TM^\perp$ , then  $M$  is called anti-invariant submanifold.[10].

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(\bar{M}, \bar{g})$  be a semi Riemannian product manifold and  $M$  be a lightlike submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ . We say that  $M$  is SSI-lightlike submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  if the following statements are satisfied :

1- There exists a non-null distribution  $D \subseteq S(TM)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} S(TM) &= D \perp D^\perp, \\ FD &= D, \\ FD^\perp &\subseteq S(TM^\perp), \\ D \cap D^\perp &= \{0\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $D^\perp$  is orthogonal complementary to  $D$  in  $S(TM)$ .

2-  $RadTM$  is invariant with respect to  $F$ , that is  $F RadTM = RadTM$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} FltrTM &= ltrTM \\ TM &= D' \perp D^\perp, D' = D \perp RadTM. \end{aligned}$$

Hence it follows that  $D'$  is also invariant with respect to  $F$ . We denote the orthogonal complement to  $FD^\perp$  in  $S(TM^\perp)$  by  $D_0$ . Then, we have

$$tr(TM) = ltrTM \perp FD^\perp \perp D_0.$$

If  $D \neq \{0\}$  and  $D^\perp \neq \{0\}$ , then we say that  $M$  is a proper SSI-lightlike submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ . Hence, for on proper  $M$ , we have  $\dim(D) \geq 1$ ,  $\dim(D^\perp) \geq 1$ ,  $\dim M \geq 3$  and  $\dim \bar{M} \geq 5$ . Furthermore, there exists no proper SSI-lightlike hypersurface of a semi-Riemannian product manifold. If  $D = \{0\}$ , that is  $F S(TM) \subseteq S(TM^\perp)$ , then we say that  $M$  is screen anti invariant lightlike submanifold.

#### 4. Lightlike Submanifolds with Planar Normal Section in Semi Riemannian Product Manifolds

Let  $M$  be a screen semi invariant lightlike submanifold of a  $\bar{M}$  semi-Riemannian product manifold. Since  $M$  be a screen semi lightlike sunmanifolds of  $\bar{M}$ ,  $F RadTM = RadTM$ . For a point  $p$  in  $M$  and lightlike vector  $\{\xi_1, \xi_2\}$  which spans the radical distribution of a lightlike submanifold, the vector  $F\xi = aF\xi_1 + bF\xi_2$  and transversal distribution  $tr(TM)$  to  $M$  at  $p$  determine a subspace  $E(p, F\xi)$  through  $p$  in  $\bar{M}$ . The intersection of  $M$  and  $E(p, F\xi)$  gives a lightlike curve  $\gamma$  in a neighborhood of  $p$ , which is called the normal section of  $M$  at the point  $p$  in the direction of  $F\xi$ . From this we have

$$F\xi = aF\xi_1 + bF\xi_2 = a\xi_2 + b\xi_1 \tag{4.1}$$

$$\gamma'(s) = F\xi = a\xi_2 + b\xi_1 \tag{4.2}$$

$$\gamma''(s) = \bar{\nabla}_{F\xi} F\xi = -b(b\tau(\xi_1) + a\tau(\xi_2))\xi_1 - a(b\tau(\xi_1) + a\tau(\xi_2))\xi_2 \tag{4.3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'''(s) = & \bar{\nabla}_{F\xi} \bar{\nabla}_{F\xi} F\xi = -b^2\xi_1(b\tau(\xi_1) + a\tau(\xi_2))\xi_1 \\ & + b^2(b\tau(\xi_1) + a\tau(\xi_2))\tau(\xi_1)\xi_1 \\ & - ab\xi_1(b\tau(\xi_1) + a\tau(\xi_2))\xi_1 - ab(b\tau(\xi_1) + a\tau(\xi_2))\tau(\xi_1)\xi_2 \\ & - ba\xi_2(b\tau(\xi_1) + a\tau(\xi_2))\xi_1 - ba(b\tau(\xi_1) + a\tau(\xi_2))\tau(\xi_2)\xi_1 \\ & - a^2\xi_2(b\tau(\xi_1) + a\tau(\xi_2))\xi_2 - a^2(b\tau(\xi_1) + a\tau(\xi_2))\tau(\xi_2)\xi_2 \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

Then,  $\gamma'''(s)$  is a linear combination of  $\gamma'(s)$  and  $\gamma''(s)$ . Thus (4.1), (4.3) and (4.4) give  $\gamma'''(s) \wedge \gamma''(s) \wedge \gamma'(s) = 0$ . We have a SSI lightlike submanifold of a semi-Riemannian product manifold always has degenerate planar normal sections.

**Corollary 4.1.** *Every screen semi invariant lightlike submanifolds of semi-Riemannian product manifold has degenerate planar normal sections.*

Now, Let  $M$  be a screen anti invariant lightlike submanifold of a  $\bar{M}$  semi-Riemannian product manifold. For  $M$  be a SSI lightlike submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$  we can get  $D = \{0\}$  and  $F(S(TM)) \subseteq S(TM^\perp)$ . Then  $S(TM) = D^\perp$ ,  $FD = D$  that is  $F TM \subseteq TM^\perp$ . Now, we will check screen anti lightlike submanifolds with non-degenerate

planar normal sections. For a point  $p$  in  $M$  and a non-degenere vector  $w \in S(TM)$  tangent to  $M$  at  $p$ , the vector  $w$  and transversal space  $tr(TM)$  to  $M$  at  $p$  determine a subspace  $E(p, w)$  in  $\bar{M}$  through  $p$ . The intersection of  $M$  and  $E(p, w)$  give a non-degenerate curve  $\gamma$  in a neighborhood of  $p$ , which is called the normal section of  $M$  at  $p$  in the direction of  $w$ . Now, we research the conditions for a screen anti invariant lightlike submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  to have non-degenerate planar normal sections.

Let  $(M, g, S(TM))$  be a screen conformal lightlike submanifold of  $(\bar{g}, \bar{M})$ . In this case  $S(TM)$  is integrable. We denote integral submanifold of  $S(TM)$  by  $M'$ . Then, using (2.5), (2.10) and (2.17) we obtain

$$\gamma'(s) = w, S(TM) = Sp\{w\}, Fw \in S(TM^\perp) \tag{4.5}$$

$$\gamma''(s) = \bar{\nabla}_w w = \nabla_w^* w + h^*(w, w) + h(w, w) \tag{4.6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'''(s) = & \nabla_w^* \nabla_w^* w + h^*(w, \nabla_w^* w) + h(w, \nabla_w^* w) - A_{h^*(w, w)} w \\ & + \nabla_w^\perp h^*(w, w) - A_{h(w, w)} w + \nabla_w^\perp h(w, w) \end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

Then, using (2.16), (2.17) and (2.18) we find

$$A_{h(w, w)} w = \varphi A_{h^*(w, w)} w, \tag{4.8}$$

where  $\varphi$  is non-vanishing smooth function on a neighborhood  $U$  in  $M$ .

Where  $\nabla^*$  and  $\nabla$  are linear connections on  $S(TM)$  and  $\Gamma(TM)$  respectively and  $\gamma'(s) = w$ . From the definition of normal section and that  $S(TM) = Sp\{w\}$ , we have

$$w \wedge \nabla_w^* w = 0 \tag{4.9}$$

and

$$w \wedge \nabla_w^* \nabla_w^* w = 0. \tag{4.10}$$

Then, from (4.8), (4.5), (4.6) and (4.7), we obtain that if  $(h^*(w, w) + h(w, w)) \wedge (\nabla_w^\perp h^*(w, w) + \nabla_w^\perp h(w, w)) = 0$ , we can say  $\gamma'''(s) \wedge \gamma''(s) \wedge \gamma'(s) = 0$ . Thus,  $M$  has non-degenerate planar normal sections. Proof of conversely is trivial.

If  $M$  is totally geodesic screen anti invariant lightlike submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ , we have  $h(w, w) = 0, A_{h^*(w,w)}^* = 0$ . Hence (4.5)-(4.6) become

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'(s) &= w \\ \gamma''(s) &= \nabla_w^* w + h^*(w, w) \\ \gamma'''(s) &= \nabla_w^* \nabla_w^* w + h^*(w, \nabla_w^* w) \\ &\quad - A_{h^*(w,w)}^* w + \nabla_w^\perp h^*(w, w). \end{aligned}$$

In this case, if  $h^*(w, w) \wedge \nabla_w^\perp h^*(w, w) = 0$ , then we have  $\gamma'''(s) \wedge \gamma''(s) \wedge \gamma'(s) = 0$ .

Proof of conversely is trivial.

Consequently, we have the following,

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $M$  be a screen anti invariant lightlike submanifold of a  $\bar{M}$  semi Riemannian product manifold. Then*

1.  *$M$  is screen conformal lightlike submanifold with non-degenerate planar normal sections if and only if*

$$(h^*(w, w) + h(w, w)) \wedge (\nabla_w^\perp h^*(w, w) + \nabla_w^\perp h(w, w)) = 0. \tag{4.11}$$

Where  $w \in S(TM)$

2.  *$M$  is totally geodesic lightlike submanifold with non-degenerate planar normal sections if and only if*

$$h^*(w, w) \wedge \nabla_w^\perp h^*(w, w) = 0. \tag{4.12}$$

Now, let  $M$  be a screen invariant lightlike submanifold of a  $\bar{M}$  semi-Riemannian product manifold. Since  $M$  be a screen invariant lightlike submanifolds of  $\bar{M}$ , we can get  $D^\perp = \{0\}$  and  $F(S(TM)) \subseteq S(TM)$ . Then  $S(TM) = D, FD = D$  that is  $FTM = TM$ . Now, we will check screen invariant lightlike submanifold with non-

degenerate planar normal sections. For a point  $p$  in  $M$  and a non-degenerate vector  $Fw_1 \in S(TM)$  tangent to  $M$  at  $p$  and  $S(TM) = sp\{w_1, w_2\}$ ,  $Fw_1 = w_2, Fw_2 = w_1$ , the vector  $w$  and transversal space  $tr(TM)$  to  $M$  at  $p$  determine a subspace  $E(p, Fw_1)$  in  $\bar{M}$  through  $p$ . The intersection of  $M$  and  $E(p, Fw_1)$  give a non-degenerate curve  $\gamma$  in a neighborhood of  $p$ , which is called the normal section of  $M$  at  $p$  in the direction of  $Fw_1$ . Now, we research the conditions for a screen invariant lightlike submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  to have non-degenerate planar normal sections.

Now, we assume that  $S(TM)$  is integrable, then, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'(s) &= Fw_1 = w_2 \\ \gamma''(s) &= \bar{\nabla}_{Fw_1} Fw_1 = \bar{\nabla}_{w_2} w_2 = \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2 + h^*(w_2, w_2) + h(w_2, w_2) \\ \gamma'''(s) &= \bar{\nabla}_{w_2} \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2 + \bar{\nabla}_{w_2} h^*(w_2, w_2) + \bar{\nabla}_{w_2} h(w_2, w_2) \\ &= \nabla_{w_2}^* \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2 + h^*(w_2, \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2) + h(w_2, \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2) \\ &\quad - A_{h^*(w_2, w_2)}^* w_2 + \nabla_{w_2}^\perp h^*(w_2, w_2) - A_{h(w_2, w_2)} w_2 + \nabla_{w_2}^\perp h(w_2, w_2). \end{aligned}$$

If  $M$  is totally geodesic,  $h^*(w_2, w_2) = h(w_2, w_2) = 0$ , that is

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'(s) &= w_2 \\ \gamma''(s) &= \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2 \\ \gamma'''(s) &= \nabla_{w_2}^* \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2. \end{aligned}$$

Because of  $\dim(S(TM)) = 2$ , we find  $\gamma'''(s) \wedge \gamma''(s) \wedge \gamma'(s) = 0$ .

Now, we assume that  $M$  is totally umbilical and  $S(TM)$  is parallel distribution, then  $h^* = 0$  and  $A_{h(w_2, w_2)} \in \Gamma(Rad(TM))$  in  $M$ , we can find

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'(s) &= w_2 \\ \gamma''(s) &= \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2 + h(w_2, w_2) \\ \gamma'''(s) &= \nabla_{w_2}^* \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2 + h(w_2, \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2) - A_{h(w_2, w_2)} w_2 + \nabla_{w_2}^\perp h(w_2, w_2). \end{aligned}$$

If  $M$  has non-degenerate planar normal section, then we use above equations

$$\gamma'''(s) \wedge \gamma''(s) \wedge \gamma'(s) = w_2 \wedge (h(w_2, w_2)) \wedge (\bar{\nabla}_{w_2} h(w_2, w_2)) = 0,$$

namely,  $h(w_2, w_2) \wedge \bar{\nabla}_{w_2} h(w_2, w_2) = 0$ .

If  $M$  is screen conformal submanifold,

$$A_N = \varphi A_\xi^* \tag{4.13}$$

where  $\varphi$  is non-vanishing smooth function on a neighborhood  $U$  in  $M$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'(s) &= w_2 \\ \gamma''(s) &= \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2 + h^*(w_2, w_2) + h(w_2, w_2) \\ \gamma'''(s) &= \nabla_{w_2}^* \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2 + h^*(w_2, \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2) + h(w_2, \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2) \\ &\quad - A_{h^*(w_2, w_2)} w_2 - A_{h(w_2, w_2)} w_2 + \nabla_{w_2}^\perp h(w_2, w_2), \end{aligned}$$

since  $A_{h^*(w_2, w_2)} w_2, A_{h(w_2, w_2)} w_2 \in S(TM)$  and  $\gamma'''(s) \wedge \gamma''(s) \wedge \gamma'(s) = 0$ , we find

$$w_2 \wedge \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2 \\ +h^*(w_2, w_2) + h(w_2, w_2) \end{pmatrix} \wedge \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{w_2}^* \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2 + h^*(w_2, \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2) \\ +h(w_2, \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2) - A_{h^*(w_2, w_2)} w_2 \\ -A_{h(w_2, w_2)} w_2 + \nabla_{w_2}^\perp h(w_2, w_2) \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$

namely, we obtain

$$(h^*(w_2, w_2) + h(w_2, w_2)) \wedge (\bar{\nabla}_{w_2} (h^*(w_2, w_2) + h(w_2, w_2))) = 0.$$

Conversely, we assume that  $M$  has planar non-degenerate normal sections. Then,

$$w_2 \wedge (h^*(w_2, w_2) + h(w_2, w_2)) \wedge \begin{pmatrix} \nabla_{w_2}^* \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2 + h^*(w_2, \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2) \\ +h(w_2, \nabla_{w_2}^* w_2) - A_{h^*(w_2, w_2)} w_2 \\ -A_{h(w_2, w_2)} w_2 + \nabla_{w_2}^\perp h(w_2, w_2) \end{pmatrix} = 0,$$

namely

$$(h^*(w_2, w_2) + h(w_2, w_2)) \wedge (\bar{\nabla}_{w_2} (h^*(w_2, w_2) + h(w_2, w_2))) = 0,$$

or

$$w_2 \wedge (h(w_2, w_2)) \wedge (\bar{\nabla}_{w_2} h(w_2, w_2)) = 0.$$

If  $h^*(w_2, w_2) + h(w_2, w_2) = 0$ ,  $M$  is totally geodesic, if  $A_{h^*(w_2, w_2)} w_2, A_{h(w_2, w_2)} w_2 \in S(TM)$ ,  $M$  is screen conformal,  $(h^*(w_2, w_2) + h(w_2, w_2)) \wedge (\bar{\nabla}_{w_2} (h^*(w_2, w_2) + h(w_2, w_2))) = 0$ , if  $h^* = 0$  and  $A_{h(w_2, w_2)} \in \Gamma(Rad(TM))$  in  $M$ , namely  $M$  is totally umbilical, then  $(h(w_2, w_2)) \wedge (\bar{\nabla}_{w_2} h(w_2, w_2)) = 0$

Consequently, we have the following,

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $M$  be a screen invariant lightlike submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  semi-Riemannian product manifold.. Then

1.  $M$  is screen invariant submanifold with non degenerate planar normal sections if and only if  $M$  is totally geodesic submanifold,
2.  $M$  is totally umbilical screen invariant submanifold with non degenerate planar normal sections if and only if

$$(h(w_2, w_2)) \wedge (\bar{\nabla}_{w_2} h(w_2, w_2)) = 0, \tag{4.14}$$

3.  $M$  is screen conformal screen invariant submanifold with non degenerate planar normal sections if and only if

$$(h^*(w_2, w_2) + h(w_2, w_2)) \wedge (\bar{\nabla}_{w_2} (h^*(w_2, w_2) + h(w_2, w_2))) = 0. \tag{4.15}$$

**Example 4.1.** Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be  $R_1^3$  and  $R^2$ , respectively. Then  $\bar{M} = M_1 \times M_2$  is a semi-Riemannian product manifold with metric tensor  $\bar{g} = \pi^*g_1 + \sigma^*g_2$ , where  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are standard metric tensors  $R_1^3$  and  $R^2$  with  $(-, +, +)$  and  $(+, +)$ ,  $\pi^*$  and  $\sigma^*$  are projections of  $\Gamma(T\bar{M})$  to  $\Gamma(TM_1)$  and  $\Gamma(TM_2)$ , respectively. Let  $M$  be a submanifold of  $\bar{M}$  given by equations

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \sqrt{2}u_1 + u_3, x_2 = u_1 + u_3 \\ x_3 &= u_1 + \left(\sqrt{2} - 1\right)u_3, x_4 = u_2 + \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\sqrt{2}}u_3 \\ x_5 &= u_2 - \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\sqrt{2}}u_3 \end{aligned}$$

$M$  is SSI-lightlike submanifold of  $\bar{M}$ [9]. Now, we choose degenerate normal section curve  $\gamma$  through  $\xi = (\sqrt{2}u_1, u_1, u_1, 0, 0)$ . In this case, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'(s) &= \xi = \left(\sqrt{2}u_1, u_1, u_1, 0, 0\right) \\ \gamma''(s) &= \nabla_\xi \xi = \left(2u_1, \sqrt{2}u_1, \sqrt{2}u_1, 0, 0\right) \\ \gamma'''(s) &= \nabla_\xi \nabla_\xi \xi = \left(2\sqrt{2}u_1, 2u_1, 2u_1, 0, 0\right). \end{aligned}$$

From this, we can say that  $\gamma'(s), \gamma''(s), \gamma'''(s)$  are linear dependent, Namely  $\gamma'(s) \wedge \gamma''(s) \wedge \gamma'''(s) = 0$ . Therefore  $M$  has degenerate planar normal sections.

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