# Focal Curve of Biharmonic Curves in the Special Three-Dimensional φ-Ricci Symmetric Para-Sasakian Manifold P

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we study biharmonic curves in the special three-dimensional  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric para-Sasakian manifold P. Finally, we construct parametric equations of focal curve of biharmonic curves in the special three-dimensional  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric para-Sasakian manifold P.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The differential geometry of space curves is a classical subject which usually relates geometrical intuition with analysis and topology. For any unit speed curve  $\gamma$ , the focal curve  $C_{\gamma}$  is defined as the centers of the osculating spheres of  $\gamma$ . Since the centerof any sphere tangent to at a point lies on the normal plane to  $\gamma$  at that point, the focal curve of  $\gamma$  may be parameterized using the Frenet frame  $(\mathbf{t}(s), \mathbf{n}_1(s), \mathbf{n}_2(s))$  of  $\gamma$  as follows:

$$C_{\nu}(s) = (\gamma + c_1 \mathbf{n}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{n}_2)(s),$$

Where the coefficients  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  are smooth functions that are called focal curvatures of  $\gamma$ .

The aim of this paper is to study biharmonic curves in the special three-dimensional  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric para-Sasakian manifold P.

A smooth map  $\phi$ :  $N \rightarrow M$  is said to be biharmonic if it is a critical point of the bienergy functional:

$$E_2(\phi) = \int_N \frac{1}{2} |T(\phi)|^2 dv_h,$$

Where  $T(\phi) = tr \nabla^{\phi} d\phi$  is the tension field of  $\phi$ 

The Euler--Lagrange equation of the bienergy is given by  $T_2(\phi) = 0$ . Here the section  $T_2(\phi)$  is defined by

$$T_{2}(\phi) = -\Delta_{\phi}T(\phi) + trR(R(\phi), d\phi)d\phi, \qquad (1.1)$$

and called the bitension field of  $\phi$ . Non-harmonic biharmonic maps are called proper biharmonic maps.

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**Preliminaries:** An n-dimensional differentiable manifold M is said to admit an almost para-contact Riemannian structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , where  $\phi$  is a  $\xi$  tensor field,  $\xi$  is a vector field,  $\eta$  is a 1-form and g is a Riemannian metric on M such that

$$\phi \xi = 0, \eta(\xi) = 1, g(X, \xi) = \eta(X), \tag{2.1}$$

$$\phi^2(X) = X - \eta(X)\xi, \tag{2.2}$$

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \tag{2.3}$$

for any vector fields X,Y on M.

In addition, if  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  satisfy the equations

$$d\eta = 0, \nabla_{x} \xi = \phi X, \tag{2.4}$$

$$(\nabla_X \phi) Y = -g(X, Y) \xi - \eta(Y) X + 2\eta(X) \eta(Y) \xi, X, Y \in \chi(M),$$
(2.5)

then M is called a para-Sasakian manifold or, briefly a P-Sasakian manifold. In particular, a P-Sasakian manifold M is called a special para-Sasakian manifold or briefly a SP-Sasakian manifold if M admits a 1-form  $\eta$  satisfying

$$(\nabla_X \eta) Y = -g(X, Y) + \eta(X) \eta(Y). \tag{2.6}$$

It is known [16] that in a *P*–Sasakian manifold the following relations hold:

$$S(X,\xi) = -(n-1)\eta(X),$$

$$Q\xi = -(n-1)\xi,$$

$$R(X,Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X$$

$$R(\xi,X)Y = \eta(Y)X - g(X,Y)\xi,$$

$$R(\xi, X)\xi = X - \eta(X)\xi,$$

$$\eta(R(X,Y)Z) = \eta(Y)g(X,Z) - \eta(X)g(Y,Z),$$

$$S(\phi X, \phi Y) = S(X,Y) + (n-1)\eta(X)\eta(Y),$$

for any vector fields X, Y, Z on M.

A para-Sasakian manifold is said to be Einstein if the Ricci tensor S is of the form

$$S(X,Y) = \lambda g(X,Y)$$

Where  $\lambda$  is a constant.

# Special Three-Dimensional $\phi$ -Ricci Symmetric Para-Sasakian Manifold P

**Definition 3.1:** A para-Sasakian manifold M is said to be locally  $\phi$ -symmetric if

$$\phi^2((\nabla_{xx}R)(X,Y)Z)=0,$$

for all vector fields X,Y,Z,W orthogonal to  $\xi$ . This notion was introduced by Takahashi [16], for a Sasakian manifold.

**Definition 3.2:** A para-Sasakian manifold M is said to be  $\phi$ -symmetric if

$$\phi^2((\nabla_w R)(X,Y)Z) = 0,$$

for all vector fields X,Y,Z,W on M.

**Definition 3.3:** A para-Sasakian manifold M is said to be  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric if the Ricci operator satisfies

$$\phi^2((\nabla_x Q)(Y)) = 0,$$

for all vector fields X and Y on M and S(X,Y) = g(QX,Y).

If X,Y are orthogonal to  $\xi$ , then the manifold is said to be locally  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric.

We consider the three-dimensional manifold

$$P = \left\{ \left(x^{1}, x^{2}, x^{3}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{3} : \left(x^{1}, x^{2}, x^{3}\right) \neq (0, 0, 0) \right\},\$$

Where  $(x^1, x^2, x^3)$  are the standard coordinates in R<sup>3</sup>. We choose the vector fields

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = e^{x^1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2}, \mathbf{e}_2 = e^{x^1} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right), \mathbf{e}_3 = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}$$
 (3.1)

are linearly independent at each point of P. Let g be the Riemannian metric defined by

$$g(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_1) = g(\mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_2) = g(\mathbf{e}_3, \mathbf{e}_3) = 1,$$
 (3.2)

$$g(\mathbf{e}_1,\mathbf{e}_2) = g(\mathbf{e}_2,\mathbf{e}_3) = g(\mathbf{e}_1,\mathbf{e}_3) = 0.$$

Let n be the 1-form defined by

$$\eta(Z) = g(Z, \mathbf{e_3})$$
 for any  $Z \in \chi(P)$ .

Let be the (1,1) tensor field defined by

$$\phi(\mathbf{e}_1) = \mathbf{e}_2, \phi(\mathbf{e}_2) = \mathbf{e}_1, \phi(\mathbf{e}_3) = 0.$$
 (3.3)

Then using the linearity of and g we have

$$\eta(e_3) = 1, \tag{3.4}$$

$$\phi^2(Z) = Z - \eta(Z)\mathbf{e}_3,\tag{3.5}$$

$$g(\phi Z, \phi W) = g(Z, W) - \eta(Z)\eta(W) \tag{3.6}$$

for any  $Z,W \in \chi(P)$ . Thus for  $\mathbf{e}_3 = \xi$ ,  $(\phi,\xi,\eta,g)$  defines an almost para-contact metric structure on P.

Let  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection with respect to g. Then, we have

$$[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2] = 0, [\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_3] = \mathbf{e}_1, [\mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3] = \mathbf{e}_2.$$

Taking  $\mathbf{e}_3 = \xi$  and using the Koszul's formula, we obtain

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{e}_1} \mathbf{e}_1 = -\mathbf{e}_3, \nabla_{\mathbf{e}_1} \mathbf{e}_2 = 0, \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{e}_1} \mathbf{e}_3 = \mathbf{e}_1,$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{e}_2} \mathbf{e}_1 = 0, \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{e}_2} \mathbf{e}_2 = -\mathbf{e}_3, \nabla_{\mathbf{e}_2} \mathbf{e}_3 = \mathbf{e}_2, \tag{3.7}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{e}_2} \mathbf{e}_1 = 0$$
,  $\nabla_{\mathbf{e}_2} \mathbf{e}_2 = 0$ ,  $\nabla_{\mathbf{e}_2} \mathbf{e}_3 = 0$ .

Moreover we put

$$R_{ijk} = R(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j)\mathbf{e}_k, R_{ijkl} = R(\mathbf{e}_i, \mathbf{e}_j, \mathbf{e}_k, \mathbf{e}_l),$$

Where the indices i,j,k and l take the values 1,2 and 3.

$$R_{122} = -\mathbf{e}_1, R_{133} = -\mathbf{e}_1, R_{233} = -\mathbf{e}_2,$$

$$R_{1212} = R_{1313} = R_{2323} = 1 (3.8)$$

Biharmonic Curve in the Special Three-Dimensional  $\phi$ -Ricci Symmetric Para-Sasakian Manifold P: Let us consider biharmonicity of curves in the special three-dimensional  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric para-Sasakian manifold P. Let  $\{\mathbf{t},\mathbf{n}_1\mathbf{n}_2\}$ , be the Frenet frame field along  $\gamma$ . Then, the Frenet frame satisfies the following Frenet--Serret equations:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}}\mathbf{t} = \kappa \mathbf{n}_1$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{t}} \mathbf{n}_1 = -\kappa \mathbf{t} + \tau \mathbf{n}_2 \tag{4.1}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{t}}\mathbf{n}_{2} = -\tau \mathbf{n}_{1}$$

Where  $\kappa$  is the curvature of  $\gamma$  and  $\tau$  its torsion and

$$g(\mathbf{t},\mathbf{t}) = 1, g(\mathbf{n}_1,\mathbf{n}_1) = 1, g(\mathbf{n}_2,\mathbf{n}_2) = 1,$$
 (4.2)

$$g(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{n}_1) = g(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{n}_2) = g(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2) = 0.$$

With respect to the orthonormal basis  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$ , we can write

$$\mathbf{t} = t_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + t_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + t_3 \mathbf{e}_3,$$

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = n_1^1 \mathbf{e}_1 + n_1^2 \mathbf{e}_2 + n_1^3 \mathbf{e}_3, \tag{4.3}$$

$$\mathbf{n}_2 = \mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{n}_1 = n_2^1 \mathbf{e}_1 + n_2^2 \mathbf{e}_2 + n_2^3 \mathbf{e}_3.$$

**Theorem 4.1:** (see [12])  $\gamma$ :  $I \rightarrow P$  is a biharmonic curve if and only if

$$\kappa = \text{constant} \neq 0,$$
  
 $\kappa^2 + \tau^2 = 1,$   
 $\tau' = 0.$  (4.4)

**Proof:** Using Frenet formulas (4.1), we have (4.4).

**Theorem 4.2:** [12] All of biharmonic curves in the special three-dimensional  $\phi$ -Ricci symmetric para-Sasakian manifold P are helices.

**Theorem 4.3:** [12] Let  $\gamma$ :  $I \rightarrow P$  be a unit speed nongeodesic curve with constant curvature. Then, the parametricurve. Then, the parametric equations of  $\gamma$  are

$$x^{1}(s) = -s\cos\varphi + a_{1}$$

$$x^{2}(s) = a_{2} - \frac{\sin^{3}\varphi}{\kappa^{2} - \sin^{4}\varphi} e^{-s\cos\varphi + a_{1}} (\left[\Pi + \cos\varphi\right]\cos\left[\Pi s + a\right]$$

$$+ \left[ -\Pi + \cos \varphi \right] \sin \left[ \Pi s + a \right], \tag{4.5}$$

$$x^{3}(s) = C_{3} - \frac{\sin^{3}\varphi}{\kappa^{2} - \sin^{4}\varphi} e^{-s\cos\varphi + C_{1}} (-\cos\varphi\cos\left[\Pi s + a\right]$$

$$+[\Pi s + C]\sin[\Pi s + a]),$$

Where a,  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$  are constants of integration and  $\Pi = \frac{\sqrt{\kappa^2 - \sin^2 \varphi}}{\sin \varphi}.$ 

## Focal Curve of Biharmonic Curves in the Special Threedimensional φ-Ricci Symmetric Para-sasakian Manifold

P: For a unit speed curve  $\gamma$ , the curve consisting of the centers of the osculating spheres of  $\gamma$  is called the parametrized focal curve of  $\gamma$ . The hyperplanes normal to  $\gamma$  at a point consist of the set of centers of all spheres tangent to  $\gamma$  at that point. Hence the center of the osculating spheres at that point lies in such a normal plane. Therefore, denoting the focal curve by  $C_{\gamma}$  we can write

$$C_{\gamma}(s) = (\gamma + c_1 \mathbf{n}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{n}_2)(s)$$
 (5.1)

Where the coefficients  $c_1$ :  $c_2$  are smooth functions of the parameter of the curve  $\gamma$ , called the first and second focal curvatures of  $\gamma$ , respectively. Further, the focal curvatures  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  are defined by

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{\kappa}, c_2 = \frac{c_1'}{\tau}, \kappa \neq 0, \tau \neq 0.$$
 (5.2)

**Lemma 5.1:** Let  $\gamma: I \to P$  be a unit speed biharmonic curve and  $C_{\gamma}$  its focal curve on P. Then,

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{\kappa} = \text{constantand} c_2 = 0. \tag{5.3}$$

**Proof:** Using (3.3) and (5.2), we get (5.3).

**Lemma 5.2:** Let  $\gamma: I \to P$  be a unit speed biharmonic curve and  $C_{\gamma}$  its focal curve on P Then,

$$C_{\nu}(s) = (\gamma + c_1 \mathbf{n}_1)(s) \tag{5.4}$$

**Theorem 5.3:** Let  $\gamma: I \to P$  be a biharmonic curve parametrized by arc length. If  $C_{\gamma}$  is a focal curve of  $\gamma$ , then the parametric equations of  $C_{\gamma}$  are

$$\tilde{x}^{1}(s) = -\frac{c_{1}\sin^{2}\varphi}{2\kappa}s^{2} + (\bar{a}_{1} - \cos\varphi)s + \bar{a}_{2} + a_{1}$$

$$\tilde{x}^{2}(s) = a_{2} - \frac{\sin^{3}\varphi}{\kappa^{2} - \sin^{4}\varphi}e^{-s\cos\varphi + C_{1}}(\Pi\cos[\Pi s + a] + [-\Pi + \cos\varphi]\sin[\Pi s + a])$$

$$+ \frac{c_{1}\sin\varphi}{\kappa}e^{-\frac{\sin^{2}\varphi}{2}s^{2} + \bar{a}_{1}s + \bar{a}_{2}}(\Pi\sin[\Pi s + a] + \cos\varphi\cos[\Pi s + a])$$

$$+ \frac{c_{1}\sin\varphi}{\kappa}e^{-\frac{\sin^{2}\varphi}{2}s^{2} + \bar{a}_{1}s + \bar{a}_{2}}(-\Pi\cos[\Pi s + a] + \cos\varphi\sin[\Pi s + a]),$$

$$\tilde{x}^{3}(s) = a_{3} - \frac{\sin^{3}\varphi}{\kappa^{2} - \sin^{4}\varphi}e^{-s\cos\varphi + a_{1}}(-\cos\varphi\cos[\Pi s + a] + [\Pi s + a]\sin[\Pi s + a])$$

$$- \frac{c_{1}\sin\varphi}{\kappa}e^{-\frac{\sin^{2}\varphi}{2}s^{2} + \bar{a}_{1}s + \bar{a}_{2}}(-\Pi\cos[\Pi s + a] + \cos\varphi\sin[\Pi s + a]),$$

Where  $a, \bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, a_1, a_2, a_3$  are constants of integration and  $\Pi = \frac{\sqrt{\kappa^2 - \sin^2 \varphi}}{\sin \varphi}$ 

**Proof:** Let  $C_{\nu}$  is a focal curve of  $\gamma$  Recalling [12], we have

$$\mathbf{T} = \sin \varphi \cos[\mathbf{I} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{s} + a] \mathbf{e}_1 + \sin \varphi \sin[\mathbf{I} \mathbf{I} \mathbf{s} + a] \mathbf{e}_2 + \cos \varphi \mathbf{e}_3, \tag{5.6}$$

Where  $\Pi = \frac{\sqrt{\kappa^2 - \sin^2 \varphi}}{\sin \varphi}$  and a is a constant of integration.

On the other hand, using first equation of (4.3) we get

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{t}}\mathbf{t} = \left(t_{1}^{'} + t_{1}t_{3}\right)\mathbf{e}_{1} + \left(t_{2}^{'} + t_{2}t_{3}\right)\mathbf{e}_{2} + \left(t_{3}^{'} - \left(t_{1}^{2} - t_{2}^{2}\right)\right)\mathbf{e}_{3}. \tag{5.7}$$

From (4.1) and (5.6), we get

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{t}} \mathbf{t} = \sin \varphi \left( -\Pi \sin \left[ \Pi s + a \right] + \cos \varphi \cos \left[ \Pi s + a \right] \right) \mathbf{e}_{1} + \sin \varphi \left( \Pi \cos \left[ \Pi s + a \right] + \cos \varphi \sin \left[ \Pi s + a \right] \right) \mathbf{e}_{2} - \sin^{2} \varphi \mathbf{e}_{3},$$

$$(5.8)$$

Where  $\Pi = \frac{\sqrt{\kappa^2 - \sin^2 \varphi}}{\sin \varphi}.$ 

Taking into account Frenet formulas (4.1), we derive that

$$\mathbf{n}_{1} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \nabla_{\mathbf{t}} \mathbf{t} = \frac{1}{\kappa} [(\Pi \sin \varphi \sin [\Pi s + a] + \cos \varphi \sin \varphi \cos [\Pi s + a]) \mathbf{e}_{1} + (-\Pi \sin \varphi \cos [\Pi s + a] + \cos \varphi \sin \varphi \sin [\Pi s + a]) \mathbf{e}_{2} - \sin^{2} \varphi \mathbf{e}_{3}].$$
(5.9)

Substituting (3.1) in (5.9), we arrive at

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$$\mathbf{n}_{1} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \left( -\frac{\sin^{2} \varphi}{2} s^{2} + \overline{a_{1}} s + \overline{a_{2}}, \right.$$

$$\left. e^{-\frac{\sin^{2} \varphi}{2} s^{2} + \overline{a_{1}} s + \overline{a_{2}}} \left( \Pi \sin \varphi \sin \left[ \Pi s + a \right] + \cos \varphi \sin \varphi \cos \left[ \Pi s + a \right] \right) + \right.$$

$$\left. e^{-\frac{\sin^{2} \varphi}{2} s^{2} + \overline{a_{1}} s + \overline{a_{2}}} \left( -\Pi \sin \varphi \cos \left[ \Pi s + a \right] + \cos \varphi \sin \varphi \sin \left[ \Pi s + a \right] \right), - \right.$$

$$\left. e^{-\frac{\sin^{2} \varphi}{2} s^{2} + \overline{a_{1}} s + \overline{a_{2}}} \left( -\Pi \sin \varphi \cos \left[ \Pi s + a \right] + \cos \varphi \sin \varphi \sin \left[ \Pi s + a \right] \right) \right),$$

$$\left. (5.10) \right.$$

Where  $\bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2$  are constants of integration.

Next, we substitute (5.10) and (4.5) into (5.4), we get (5.5). The proof is completed.

**Theorem 5.3:** Let  $\gamma: I \to P$  be a biharmonic curve parametrized by arc length. If  $C_{\gamma}$  is a focal curve of  $\gamma$ , then the parametric equations of  $C_{\gamma}$  in terms of  $\tau$  are

$$\vec{x}^{1}(s) = -\frac{c_{1}\sin^{2}\varphi}{2\sqrt{1-\tau^{2}}}s^{2} + \left(\overline{a_{1}} - \cos\varphi\right)s + \overline{a_{2}} + a_{1}$$

$$\tilde{x}^{2}(s) = a_{2} - \frac{\sin^{3}\varphi}{1-\tau^{2} - \sin^{4}\varphi}e^{-s\cos\varphi + a_{1}}(\Omega\cos[\Omega s + a] + \left[-\Omega + \cos\varphi\right]\sin[\Omega s + a]) + (5.11)$$

$$\frac{c_{1}\sin\varphi}{\sqrt{1-\tau^{2}}}e^{-\frac{\sin^{2}\varphi}{2}s^{2} + \overline{a_{1}}s + \overline{a_{2}}}(\Omega\sin[\Omega s + a] + \cos\varphi\cos[\Omega s + a]) + (5.11)$$

$$\frac{c_{1}\sin\varphi}{\sqrt{1-\tau^{2}}}e^{-\frac{\sin^{2}\varphi}{2}s^{2} + \overline{a_{1}}s + \overline{a_{2}}}(-\Omega\cos[\Omega s + a] + \cos\varphi\sin[\Omega s + a]),$$

$$\tilde{x}^{3}(s) = a_{3} - \frac{\sin^{3}\varphi}{1-\tau^{2} - \sin^{4}\varphi}e^{-s\cos\varphi + a_{1}}(-\cos\varphi\cos[\Omega s + a] + \left[\Omega s + a\right]\sin[\Omega s + C]) - (-\cos\varphi\cos[\Omega s + a] + \cos\varphi\sin[\Omega s + a]),$$

$$\frac{c_{1}\sin\varphi}{\sqrt{1-\tau^{2}}}e^{-\frac{\sin^{2}\varphi}{2}s^{2} + \overline{a_{1}}s + \overline{a_{2}}}(-\Omega\cos[\Omega s + a] + \cos\varphi\sin[\Omega s + a]),$$

Where  $a, \bar{a}_1, \bar{a}_2, a_1, a_2, a_3$  are constants of integration and  $\Omega = \frac{\sqrt{\cos^2 \varphi - \tau^2}}{\sin \varphi}$ .

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