

# N-Legendre and N-slant curves in the unit tangent bundle of surfaces

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## Abstract

Let  $(T_1\mathbb{M}, g_1)$  be a unit tangent bundle of some surface  $(\mathbb{M}, g)$  endowed with the induced Sasaki metric. In this paper, we define two kinds of curves called N-legendre and N-slant curves in which the inner product of its normal vector and Reeb vector is, respectively, equal to zero and to non-zero constant in  $(T_1\mathbb{M}, g_1)$ . Some several important characterizations of these curves are also obtained.

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## 1. Introduction

In classical differential geometry of curves, a slant curve is a class of curves such that the angle between the curve's tangent vector field and the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  is constant of a given contact metric manifold  $(M, g, \phi, \xi, \eta)$ . This class of curves is studied by many authors (Călin & Crasmareanu, 2013; Cho *et al.*, 2006; Fukunaga & Takahashi, 2015; Janssens & Vanhecke, 1981; Zhong & Lei, 2013).

As an extension, in contact metric manifold  $(M, g, \phi, \xi, \eta)$ , we define two new kinds of curves called N-legendre and its generalization N-slant curves, which are the classes of curves whose normal vectors and Reeb vectors  $\xi$  make an angle  $\pi/2$  and a constant angle different from  $\pi/2$ , respectively.

In Sasaki (1962), Sasaki studied the geometry of the tangent bundle  $TM$  endowed with the Sasaki metric  $g_s$  of a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  and he showed that there exists an almost complex structure  $J$  compatible with  $g_s$  in  $TM$ . The unit tangent  $T_1M$  is a hypersurface of  $TM$ . In Tashiro (1963), Tashiro constructed an almost contact metric structure  $(g_1^s, \phi', \xi', \eta')$  on  $T_1M$  which is endowed with the induced Sasaki metric  $g_s$ .

In Cho *et al.* (2006), it is proved that in Sasakian 3-manifold  $M$ , a curve  $\gamma$  will be slant if and only if the ratio

$$\frac{\tau \pm 1}{\kappa} \tag{1}$$

is a non-zero constant. Here,  $\tau$  and  $\kappa$  are the torsion and curvature of  $\gamma$ , respectively.

In Zhong & Lei (2013), the slant curves in a unit tangent bundle  $(T_1\mathbb{M}, g_1, \phi, \xi, \eta)$  of some surface  $\mathbb{M}$  are studied only when the curves are geodesic. How about of a nongeodesic case?

In this paper, we study the non-geodesic case by defining two new kinds of curves called N-legendre and N-slant curves in any contact metric manifold. We obtain some results in  $(T_1\mathbb{M}, g_1, \phi, \xi, \eta)$  and give some examples in  $\mathbb{S}^2, \mathbb{R}^2$  and “non-constant sectional curvature of a surface”.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $(M, g)$  be a  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold and  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection of  $g$ . The tangent bundle  $TM$  over  $M$  consists of all pairs  $p = (x, u)$ , where  $x$  is a point of  $M$  and  $u$  is a vector from the tangent space  $T_xM$ . We denote the natural projection of  $TM$  to  $M$  by  $\pi(p) = \pi(x, u) = x$ .

The tangent space  $T_pTM$  of  $TM$  at  $p$  splits into the horizontal and vertical subspaces  $H_p$  and  $V_p$  with respect to  $\nabla$  as

$$T_pTM = H_p \oplus V_p.$$

For a vector field  $X$  on  $M$ , the horizontal lift of  $X$  to a point  $p$  in  $TM$  is the unique vector  $X^h \in H_p$  given by

$$\pi^*(X^h) = X$$

The vertical lift of  $X$  to  $p$  is the unique vector  $X^v \in V_p$  such that

$$X^v(df) = X(f)$$

for all smooth functions  $f$  on  $M$ .

The map

$$X \rightarrow X^h$$

is an isomorphism between the vector spaces  $T_xM$  and  $H_{(x,u)}$ . Similarly, the map

$$X \rightarrow X^v$$

is an isomorphism between  $T_xM$  and  $V_{(p,u)}$ . Each tangent vector  $\tilde{X} \in T_{(p,u)}(TM)$  can be written in the form

$$\tilde{X} = X^h + Y^v$$

where  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$  are uniquely determined vectors.

For each system of local coordinates  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  in  $M$ , one defines, in the standard way, the system of local coordinates  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$  in  $TM$ . Let

$$X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$

be a local vector field on  $M$ . The vertical and the horizontal lifts of  $X$  are defined, respectively, by

$$X^v = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i},$$

$$X^h = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - X^i u^j \Gamma_{ij}^k \frac{\partial}{\partial u_k}.$$

The canonical vertical vector field  $\mathcal{U} = u^v$  on  $TM$  does not depend of the choice of local coordinates and it is defined globally on  $TM$ . We define a Sasaki metric  $g^S$  on a tangent bundle  $TM$  of Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  by

$$\begin{cases} i) g_p^s(X^h, Y^h) = g_p^s(X^v, Y^v) = g_x(X, Y) \\ ii) g_p^s(X^h, Y^v) = 0 \end{cases}$$

for all vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$  and for all  $p = (x, u) \in TM$ . For more detail Hathout & Dida (2006) and Sasaki (1962).

The vertical and the horizontal lifts induce on  $TM$  an almost complex structure  $J$ , which is compatible with  $g^S$ ,

that is, respectively,

$$JX^v = -X^h, \quad JX^h = X^v.$$

### 3. Unit tangent bundle

The unit tangent bundle of a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is the  $(2n - 1)$ -dimensional hypersurface

$$T_1M = \{p = (x, u) \in TM : g_x(u, u) = 1\}$$

where the canonical vertical vector field  $\mathcal{U} = u^v$  is normal to  $T_1M$ .

Definition 1. The tangential lift of a vector field  $X$  on  $M$  is a vector field  $X^t$  tangent to  $T_1M$  defined by

$$X^t = X^v - g(X^v, \mathcal{U})\mathcal{U}.$$

The induced Riemannian metric  $g_1^S$  on  $T_1M$  is uniquely determined by

$$\begin{cases} i) g_1^s(X^h, Y^h) = g^s(X^h, Y^h) \\ ii) g_1^s(X^h, Y^t) = 0 \\ iii) g_1^s(X^t, Y^t) = g^s(X^v, Y^v) - g^s(X^v, \mathcal{U})g^s(Y^v, \mathcal{U}) \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $X$  and  $Y$  are vector fields on  $(M, g)$ .

Any vector  $\tilde{X} \in T_{(x,u)}(T_1M)$  decomposes in

$$\tilde{X} = X^h + Y^t$$

where  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)$  are uniquely determined vectors. The Lie algebra of  $C^\infty$  vector fields on  $T_1M$  is the set

$$\mathcal{X}(TM) = \{X^h + Y^t : X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(M)\}.$$

In Tashiro (1963), it is proved that there is a contact structure  $(g_1^s, \phi', \xi', \eta')$  in  $T_1M$ . And in Blair *et al.* (2002) it is given that at any point  $(x, u)$  we have

$$\begin{cases} \xi' = u^h, \quad \eta'(\tilde{X}) = g_1^s(\tilde{X}, \xi') \\ \phi'(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = g_1^s(\tilde{X}, \phi' \tilde{Y}) = 2d\eta'(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) \\ \phi'(X^h) = X^t, \quad \phi'(X^t) = -X^h + \eta'(X^h)\xi' \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where  $X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$  and  $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} \in \mathcal{X}(TM)$ .

Hence, we know that there is a contact metric structure denoted by  $(g_1, \phi_1, \xi_1, \eta_1)$  in  $T_1M$  such that

$$\eta_1 = \frac{1}{2}\eta', \quad \xi_1 = \frac{1}{2}\xi', \quad \phi_1 = \phi', \quad g_1 = \frac{1}{4}g_1^s \quad (4)$$

The Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla_1$  of  $(T_1M, g_1)$  is described completely by

$$\begin{cases} i) \nabla_1 X^h Y^h = (\nabla_1^s X^h Y^h)^\top = (\nabla_X Y)^h - \frac{1}{2}(R(X, Y)u)^t \\ ii) \nabla_1 X^h Y^t = (\nabla_1^s X^h Y^t)^\top = (\nabla_X Y)^t + \frac{1}{2}(R(u, Y)X)^h \\ iii) \nabla_1 X^t Y^h = (\nabla_1^s X^t Y^h)^\top = \frac{1}{2}(R(u, X)Y)^h \\ iv) \nabla_1 X^t Y^t = (\nabla_1^s X^t Y^t)^\top = -g(Y, u)X^t. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

For more information see Blair (2002) and Zhong & Lei (2013).

#### 4. N-Legendre and N-slant curves

In this section, we suppose that  $(\mathbb{M}, g)$  is a surface with sectional curvature  $\mathbb{K}$ ,  $\gamma : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{M}$  is a curve and  $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (\gamma(t), X(t))$  is also a curve in almost contact metric structure  $(T_1\mathbb{M}, g_1, \phi, \xi, \eta)$  given in Equation (4).

**Definition 2.** (Zhong & Lei, 2013). The curve  $\gamma$  is a slant curve in  $(M, g, \phi, \xi, \eta)$  if the angle between the tangent vector field  $T$  of  $\gamma$  and  $\xi$  is constant.

Now, we define two new kinds of curves called N-legendre and N-slant curves by the following definition.

**Definition 3.** Let  $\gamma$  be a curve in an almost contact metric structure manifold  $(M, g, \phi, \xi, \eta)$ . The curve  $\gamma$  is called a N-legendre (resp. N-slant) curve if the angle between the normal vector field  $N$  of  $\gamma$  and  $\xi$  is  $\pi/2$  (resp.  $[0, \pi] - \{\pi/2\}$ ), i.e.

$$\langle N, \xi \rangle = 0 \quad (\text{resp. } \langle N, \xi \rangle = c)$$

where  $c$  is a non-zero constant.

Assume that the curve  $\tilde{\gamma}(t)$  is parameterized by the arc-length with Frenet frame apparatus  $(\tilde{T}, \tilde{N}, \tilde{B}, \tilde{\kappa}, \tilde{\tau})$ . Then,

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{T}(t) = \frac{d\gamma^i}{dt} \partial_{x^i} + \frac{dX^i}{dt} \partial_{u^i} \\ = \frac{d\gamma^i}{dt} (\partial_{x^i})^h (\gamma(t)) \\ + \left( \frac{dX^i}{dt} + \frac{d\gamma^i}{dt} X^k \Gamma_{jk}^i \right) \partial_{u^i} (\gamma(t)) \\ = (E^h + (\nabla_E X)^v) (\gamma(t)) \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

where  $E = \gamma'(t)$ .

Let  $\theta$  be the angle between  $\tilde{T}$  and  $\xi$ . Using Equations (2) and (4), we get

$$g_1(\tilde{T}, \xi) = \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}g(E, X). \quad (7)$$

Differentiating both side of the Equation (7) with respect to  $s$ , and using Equations (3),(4),(5) and (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds} g_1(\tilde{T}, \xi) &= g_1(\nabla_1 \tilde{T}(t) \tilde{T}, \xi) + g_1(\tilde{T}, \nabla_1 \tilde{T}(t) \xi) \\ &= \tilde{\kappa} g_1(\tilde{N}, \xi) + g_1(\tilde{T}(t), (2\nabla_E X \\ &+ R(u, \nabla_E X)u)^h + (R(E, u)u)^t) \\ &= \tilde{\kappa} g_1(\tilde{N}, \xi) + 8g(E, \nabla_E X) - 8R(E, X, X, \nabla_E X) \\ &= -\theta' \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

and

$$g_1(\tilde{N}, \xi) = \frac{8}{\tilde{\kappa}} \left( R(E, X, X, \nabla_E X) - g(E, \nabla_E X) \right) - \frac{\theta' \sin \theta}{\tilde{\kappa}} \quad (8)$$

where  $\xi(t) = 2X^h$  and  $R$  is the curvature tensor of  $\mathbb{M}$ .

Let  $(T, N)$  be a Frenet frame on  $\gamma$ . The unit vector  $X$  can be expressed using Equation (7) by

$$X = \frac{2}{r} \cos \theta T + 2\beta N \quad (9)$$

where  $r = g(E, E)$  and  $\beta$  is  $C^\infty$  function given from

$$\frac{4}{r^2} \cos^2 \theta + 4\beta^2 = 1$$

by

$$\beta = \pm \frac{1}{r} \sqrt{\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^2 - \cos^2 \theta}. \quad (10)$$

The differentiation of the Equation (9) with respect to  $s$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_E X &= 2 \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right)' T + 2\kappa \cos \theta N + 2\beta' N - 2r\beta\kappa T \\ &= 2 \left( \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right)' - r\beta\kappa \right) T + 2(\kappa \cos \theta + \beta') N. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

The vectors  $X$  and  $\nabla_E X$  are orthogonal (i.e.  $g(X, \nabla_E X) = 0$ ). Using Equations (11) and (7), the vector  $E$  can be given by

$$E = 2 \cos \theta X + \frac{2r}{\|\nabla_E X\|} \left( \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right)' - r\beta\kappa \right) \nabla_E X. \quad (12)$$

Substituting Equations (11), (10) and (12) into Equation (8) and taking an account that

$$\begin{aligned} R(E, X, X, \nabla_E X) &= 2r \left( \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right)' - r\beta\kappa \right) \frac{R(\nabla_E X, X, X, \nabla_E X)}{\|\nabla_E X\|} \\ &= 2r \left( \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right)' - r\beta\kappa \right) \mathbb{K}(s), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbb{K}(s)$  is the sectional curvature of  $\mathbb{M}$ , we get

$$g_1(\tilde{N}, \xi) = 16r \frac{(1-\mathbb{K}(s))}{\tilde{\kappa}} \left( \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \right)' \pm r\kappa \sqrt{\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^2 - \cos^2 \theta} \right) - \frac{\theta' \sin \theta}{\tilde{\kappa}}. \quad (13)$$

#### 5. Main results

**Proposition 4.** In the unit tangent bundle of a unit sphere  $\mathbb{S}^2$ , all legendre and slant curves are  $\tilde{N}$ -legendre curves.

**Proof.** Let  $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (\gamma(t), X(t))$  be a legendre or slant curve in  $T_1\mathbb{S}^2$  parameterized by the arc-length. In  $\mathbb{S}^2$ , the sectional curvature  $\mathbb{K}$  is equal to 1, and using the Equation (13) we get

$$g_1(\tilde{N}, \xi) = 0.$$

From Definition (3),  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is a  $\tilde{N}$ -legendre curve in  $T_1\mathbb{S}^1$ . Thus, the proof is completed.

Theorem 5. Let  $\tilde{\gamma}$  be a non-slant curve in  $T_1\mathbb{S}^2$ , then  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is  $\tilde{N}$ -slant curve if the angle  $\theta$  satisfies

$$\theta = \arccos c \int \tilde{\kappa}$$

where  $c$  is a non-zero constant.

Proof. Let  $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (\gamma(t), X(t))$  be a non-slant curve in  $T_1\mathbb{S}^2$  parameterized by the arc length. Taking account that  $\mathbb{K} = 1$ , and using Definition (3) and Equation (13), we have

$$g_1(\tilde{N}, \xi) = -\frac{\theta' \sin \theta}{\tilde{\kappa}} = c \quad \text{constant}$$

and

$$(\cos \theta)' = -c\tilde{\kappa}.$$

The resolution of a last ODE gives

$$\theta = \arccos c \int \tilde{\kappa}$$

and thus the proof is completed.

Proposition 6. Let  $\tilde{\gamma} = (\gamma, X)$  be a slant curve in  $T_1\mathbb{M}$  and  $\gamma$  be a curve of velocity 2, where  $\mathbb{M}$  is a non-unit sphere (i.e.  $\mathbb{M} \neq \mathbb{S}^2$ ). If the torsion  $\tilde{\tau}$  of the curve  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is equal to  $\mathbb{K}$ , then  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is  $\tilde{N}$ -legendre (resp.  $\tilde{N}$ -slant) curve if and only if  $\gamma$  is a geodesic (resp. has a non-zero constant curvature  $\kappa$ ).

Proof. Let  $\tilde{\gamma} = (\gamma, X)$  be a slant curve in  $T_1\mathbb{M}$  and  $\gamma$  be a curve of velocity 2, where  $\mathbb{M}$  is a non-unit sphere (i.e.  $\mathbb{M} \neq \mathbb{S}^2$ ). If we suppose that  $\tilde{\tau} = \mathbb{K}$  and using Equations (1) and (13), we get

$$g_1(\tilde{N}, \xi) = 32 \frac{(1 - \tilde{\tau})}{\tilde{\kappa}} (\pm 2\kappa) = \bar{c}\kappa,$$

where  $\bar{c}$  is a non-zero constant. Thus, the curve  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is  $\tilde{N}$ -legendre (resp.  $\tilde{N}$ -slant) curve if and only if  $\kappa = 0$  (resp. nonzero constant). This completes the proof.

Example 7. Let  $\mathbb{S}_p^2$  be a unit sphere of diameter  $p$ . All slant and  $\tilde{N}$ -slant curves  $\tilde{\gamma}$  in  $T_1\mathbb{S}_p^2$  of Frenet frame apparatus  $(\tilde{T}, \tilde{N}, \tilde{B}, \tilde{\kappa}, 1/p^2)$  are curves of projection curves  $\gamma$ , the circle in  $\mathbb{S}_p^2$ .

Theorem 8. Let  $\tilde{\gamma} = (\gamma, X)$  be a slant curve in  $T_1\mathbb{M}$  and  $\gamma$  be a curve of velocity 2, where  $\mathbb{M}$  is a non-unit sphere (i.e.  $\mathbb{M} \neq \mathbb{S}^2$ ). The curve  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is  $\tilde{N}$ -slant curve if and only if the ratio

$$\frac{(1 - \mathbb{K})\kappa}{\tilde{\kappa}}$$

is a non-zero constant.

Proof. Let  $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (\gamma(t), X(t))$  be a slant curve in  $T_1\mathbb{M}$  parameterized by the arc-length and suppose that the curve  $\gamma$  has velocity 2. From Equation (13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(\tilde{N}, \xi) &= \pm 16r \frac{(1 - \mathbb{K})\kappa}{\tilde{\kappa}} \\ &= \pm (32(1 - \mathbb{K})) \frac{\kappa}{\tilde{\kappa}} \\ &= c \frac{(1 - \mathbb{K})\kappa}{\tilde{\kappa}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  is a non-zero constant. Then, using Definition (3), we can say that  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is a  $\tilde{N}$ -slant curve if and only if the ratio

$$\frac{(1 - \mathbb{K})\kappa}{\tilde{\kappa}}$$

is a non-zero constant which completes the proof.

Example 9. Under the condition of the Thm. 8, in  $T_1\mathbb{R}^2$  all slant curves  $\tilde{\gamma}$  with a geodesic curve projection  $\gamma$  are  $\tilde{N}$ -legendre curves. If  $\gamma$  is not geodesic then  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is  $\tilde{N}$ -slant curve if and only if the ratio

$$\frac{\kappa}{\tilde{\kappa}}$$

is a non-zero constant.

Theorem 10. Let  $\tilde{\gamma} = (\gamma, X)$  be a non-slant curve in  $T_1\mathbb{M}$  and  $\gamma$  be a curve of velocity 2, where  $\mathbb{M}$  is a non-unit sphere (i.e.  $\mathbb{M} \neq \mathbb{S}^2$ ). If the angle  $\theta$  is linear, then

1. The curve  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is  $\tilde{N}$ -legendre curve if and only if

$$(\mathbb{K} - 1)(a \pm \kappa) = a/16$$

for constant  $a = \theta'/4$ .

2. The curve is  $\tilde{N}$ -slant curve if and only if

$$\theta = \arcsin \left( \frac{c\tilde{\kappa}}{16(\mathbb{K}(s) - 1)(a_1 \pm 4\kappa) - a_1} \right)$$

where  $a_1 = \theta'$  and  $c$  are non-zero constants.

Proof. Let  $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (\gamma(t), X(t))$  be a non-slant curve in  $T_1\mathbb{M}$ , where  $\mathbb{M}$  is a non-unit sphere, which means that

$\mathbb{K} \neq 1$ . And let be  $\gamma$  a curve with a velocity 2. If the angle  $\theta$  is linear (i.e.  $\theta = a_1 t + b$ ), then the Equation (13) turns into

$$g_1(\tilde{N}, \xi) = 16 \frac{(1-\mathbb{K}(s))}{\tilde{\kappa}} \left( -a_1 \sin \theta \pm 4\kappa \sin \theta \right) - \frac{a_1 \sin \theta}{\tilde{\kappa}}. \tag{14}$$

The  $\tilde{N}$ -legendre condition of the curve  $\tilde{\gamma}$  means that the Equation (14) vanishes. Hence

$$16 \frac{(1-\mathbb{K}(s))}{\tilde{\kappa}} (-a_1 \sin \theta \pm 4\kappa \sin \theta) = \frac{a_1 \sin \theta}{\tilde{\kappa}}$$

and thus

$$(\mathbb{K}-1)(a \pm \kappa) = a/16$$

with  $a = a_1/4$ . Thus, item 1 in Theorem (10) is proved.

The  $\tilde{N}$ -slant condition of the curve  $\tilde{\gamma}$  gives

$$g_1(\tilde{N}, \xi) = c = 16 \frac{(1-\mathbb{K}(s))}{\tilde{\kappa}} (-a_1 \sin \theta \pm 4\kappa \sin \theta) - \frac{a_1 \sin \theta}{\tilde{\kappa}},$$

where  $c$  is a non-zero constant, and thus we get

$$\sin \theta = \frac{c\tilde{\kappa}}{16(1-\mathbb{K}(s))(-a_1 \pm 4\kappa) - a_1}$$

$$\theta = \arcsin \left( \frac{c\tilde{\kappa}}{16(1-\mathbb{K}(s))(-a_1 \pm 4\kappa) - a_1} \right).$$

Thus, item 2 in Theorem (10) is proved.

### 6. Conclusion

One of the important hypersurface of the tangent bundle  $TM$  is the unit tangent bundle  $T_1M$  which is an almost contact manifold. Zhong *et al.* (2013), studied the slant curves, which are generalizations of the Legendrian curves in  $T_1M$ , as curves whose tangent vector make a

constant angle with the Reeb vector field. In this paper, we studied N-Legendre and N-slant curves whose normal vector make a constant angle with the Reeb vector field. Also, some important characterizations about these curves are given in  $\mathbb{S}^2, \mathbb{R}^2$ , “a surface of sectional curvature of  $\mathbb{K} \neq 1$ ” and “a linear angle case”.

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## منحنيات ان-ليجندر N-Legendre و ان-سلانت N-Slant في وحدة حزمة مماس الأسطح

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### ملخص

لنفرض أن  $(T_1M, g_1)$  هي وحدة حزمة مماس لبعض الأسطح  $(M, g)$  مقدمة مع مقياس ساساكي (Sasaki) المستحث. في البحث الحالي، نحدد نوعين من المنحنيات تسمى منحنيات ان-ليجندر (N-Legendre) و ان-سلانت (N-Slant) كمنحنيات لديها ناتج ضرب داخلي لمتجه طبيعي و متجه ريب (Reeb) يعادل الثابت الصفري واللاصفري، على التوالي، وتم الحصول على العديد من الخصائص الهامة لهذه المنحنيات.