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## RECURRENT IMMERSIONS

*Dedicated to Professor Dr. Alan West on his 65th birthday*

### 1. Introduction

In this paper we consider the relations between immersions of recurrent type with the immersions having certain planar properties. Namely, we investigate the weak recurrent immersions  $f : M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  of  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifolds  $M$  into  $(m + d)$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$ . We show that if the immersion  $f$  (or the submanifold  $M$ ) has P2-PNS property then it is weak 1-recurrent. We also show that if  $M$  is an isotropic submanifold in  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  then  $M$  is of AW(3) type if and only if  $M$  is weak 2-recurrent. Finally we consider the isotropic immersions with PP3-PNS property. We show that the isotropic submanifold has PP3-PNS property if and only if it is generalized weak 2-recurrent.

Let  $f : (M, g) \longrightarrow (N, \tilde{g})$  be an isometric immersion from an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  into  $(m + d)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(N, \tilde{g})$ . Immersions satisfying certain conditions imposed on the second fundamental form  $h$  were investigated by many authors. For instance, if the tensor field  $\bar{\nabla}h$  vanishes on  $M$  then the immersion  $f$  is said to be a parallel immersion. A parallel immersion is sometimes called extrinsically locally symmetric ([12]). Further if  $\bar{\nabla}h$  is recurrent (see Section 3) then the immersion is called a recurrent immersion ([10]). Recurrent immersions are special semi-parallel immersions. We recall that the immersion  $f$  is a semi-parallel immersion if the tensor field  $\bar{R} \cdot h$  vanishes on  $M$ . Semi-parallel

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immersions have been studied intensively by J. Deprez, F. Dillen, Ü. Lumiste, V. Mirzoyan and K. Riives. For more information see [9] and [14] and the literature cited there.

## 2. Planar normal sections

Let  $f : (M, g) \rightarrow (N, \tilde{g})$  be an isometric immersion from an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  into  $(m+d)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(N, \tilde{g})$ ,  $m \geq 2, d \geq 1$ . Let  $\nabla$ ,  $\bar{\nabla}$  and  $D$  denote the covariant derivatives in  $T(M)$ ,  $T^\perp(M)$  and  $N$ , respectively. Thus  $D_X$  is just the directional derivative in the direction  $X$  in  $N$ . For tangent vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  and the normal vector field  $\xi$  over  $M$  we have  $D_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y)$  and  $D_X \xi = -A_\xi X + \bar{\nabla}_X \xi$ , where  $h$  is the *second fundamental form* and  $A_\xi$  is the *shape operator* of  $M$ . We have also  $h(X, Y) = h(Y, X)$  and  $g(h(X, Y), \xi) = g(A_\xi X, Y)$ . A submanifold  $M$  is called *totally geodesic* if its second fundamental tensor  $h$  vanishes on  $M$  ([6]). We define  $\bar{\nabla} h$  and  $\bar{\nabla} \bar{\nabla} h$  as usual by

$$\begin{aligned}(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z) &= D_X(h(Y, Z)) - h(\nabla_X Y, Z) - h(Y, \nabla_X Z), \\(\bar{\nabla}_W \bar{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z) &= D_W((\bar{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z)) - (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(\nabla_W Y, Z) \\&\quad - (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(Y, \nabla_W Z) - (\bar{\nabla}_Y h)(\nabla_W X, Z),\end{aligned}$$

respectively, where  $X, Y, Z \in T_x(M)$ . The equations of Gauss, Codazzi and Ricci of  $M$  in  $N$  are the following

$$\begin{aligned}g(R(X, Y)Z, W) &= \tilde{g}(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z, W) + g(h(X, Y), h(Z, W)) \\&\quad - g(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)), \\ \tilde{g}(R(X, Y)Z, \nu) &= g((\bar{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z) - (\bar{\nabla}_Y h)(X, Z), \nu), \\ \tilde{g}(R(X, Y)\xi, \nu) &= g(R^D(X, Y)\xi, \eta) - g([A_\xi, A_\eta]X, Y),\end{aligned}$$

where  $X, Y, Z, W \in T_x(M)$  and  $\xi, \eta, \nu \in N_x(M)$ .

From now on we assume that  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  is an isometric immersion from an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $M$  into  $(m+d)$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$ , i.e.  $M$  is a submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$ . For  $x \in M$  and a non-zero vector  $X$  in  $T_x(M)$ , we define the  $(d+1)$ -dimensional affine subspace  $E(x, X)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  by  $E(x, X) = x + \text{span}\{X, N_x(M)\}$ . In a neighbourhood of  $x$ , the intersection  $M \cap E(x, X)$  is a regular curve  $\gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M$ . We suppose that the parameter  $t \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$  is a multiple of the arc-length, such that  $\gamma(0) = x$  and  $\gamma'(0) = X$ . Each choice of  $X \in T(M)$  yields a curve which is called the *normal section* of  $M$  at  $x$  in the direction of  $X$ , where  $X \in T_x(M)$  ([7]).

The immersion  $f$  (or the submanifold  $M$ ) is said to have *pointwise k-planar normal sections* (Pk-PNS) if for each normal section  $\gamma$  the higher

order derivatives  $\{\gamma'(0), \gamma''(0), \dots, \gamma^{(k+1)}(0)\}$  are linearly dependent as vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  ([1] - [3], [8]).

The immersion  $f$  (or the submanifold  $M$ ) is said to have *proper pointwise  $k$ -planar normal sections* (PPk-PNS) if it has Pk-PNS property and if it does not have *pointwise  $(k-1)$ -planar normal sections* (P(k-1)-PNS), where  $k > 1$ .

PROPOSITION 2.1 ([1]).  *$M$  has P2-PNS if and only if for each  $x \in M$  and each  $X \in T_x M$  the vectors  $h(X, X)$  and  $(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)$  are linearly dependent vectors in  $N_x(M)$ .*

PROPOSITION 2.2 ([2]).  *$M$  has P3-PNS if and only if for each  $x \in M$  and each  $X \in T_x M$  the vectors  $h(X, X)$ ,  $(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)$  and  $(\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) + 3h(A_{h(X,X)}X, X)$  are linearly dependent vectors in  $N_x(M)$ .*

DEFINITION 2.3. A submanifold  $M$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  is said to be *isotropic* if for each point  $x$  of  $M$  and each unit vector  $X \in T_x M$ ,  $\|h(X, X)\|$  depends only on  $x$  and not on  $X$  at  $x$ .  $M$  is isotropic if and only if  $\langle h(X, X), h(X, Y) \rangle = 0$  for any  $X, Y \in T_x M$  with  $\langle X, Y \rangle = 0$  ([15]).

THEOREM 2.4 ([13]). *Let  $M$  be an isotropic submanifold in  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$ . Then  $M$  has P3-PNS if and only if for each  $x \in M$  and each  $X \in T_x M$  the vectors  $h(X, X)$ ,  $(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)$  and  $(\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)$  are linearly dependent vectors in  $N_x(M)$ .*

THEOREM 2.5 ([1]). *Let  $M$  be an  $m$ -dimensional submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$ . Then  $M$  has P2-PNS if and only if*

$$\|h(X, X)\|^2 (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) = \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle h(X, X).$$

DEFINITION 2.6. A submanifold  $M$  is called *spherical* if  $M$  lies in a hypersphere of  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  ([7]).

THEOREM 2.7 ([7]). *Let  $M$  be an  $m$ -dimensional spherical submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$ . Then  $M$  has P2-PNS if and only if  $M$  has parallel second fundamental form, i.e.  $\bar{\nabla} h = 0$ .*

THEOREM 2.8 ([1]). *Let  $M$  be an  $m$ -dimensional submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  with P2-PNS property. If  $M$  does not have parallel second fundamental form (i.e.  $\bar{\nabla} h \neq 0$ ) then  $M$  must be hypersurface.*

THEOREM 2.9 ([8]). *Let  $M$  be a surface of  $\mathbb{R}^{2+d}$ . Then  $M$  has P2-PNS property if and only if  $M$  is one of the following surfaces:*

- (i) *a surface which lies locally in an affine 3-space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{2+d}$ ,  $d > 1$ , or*
- (ii) *an open portion of the product of two plane circles, i.e.  $S^1(a) \times S^1(b) \subset \mathbb{R}^4$  (flat torus) or*

(iii) an open portion of Veronese surface  $V^2$  in an affine 5-space  $\mathbb{R}^5$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{2+d}$ ,  $d > 3$ .

COROLLARY 2.10 ([2]). Let  $M$  be a surface of  $\mathbb{R}^{2+d}$ . Then  $M$  has P2-PNS property if and only if  $M$  is one of the following surfaces:

- (i) a surface which lies locally in an affine 3-space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{2+d}$ ,  $d > 1$ ,
  - (a)  $\bar{\nabla}h \neq 0$  (quadrics, etc.),
  - (b)  $\bar{\nabla}h = 0$  (sphere or cylinder) or
- (ii)  $S^1(a) \times S^1(b) \subset \mathbb{R}^4$  (flat torus) or
- (iii)  $V^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^5$  (Veronese surface).

THEOREM 2.11 ([2]). Let  $M$  be a  $m$ -dimensional submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$ . Then  $M$  has P3-PNS property if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \|h(X, X)\|^2 \|(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)\|^2 - \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle^2 \} \\ & \{ (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) + 3h(A_{h(X, X)}X, X) \} \\ = & \{ \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) + 3h(A_{h(X, X)}X, X) \rangle \|(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)\|^2 \\ & - \langle (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) + 3h(A_{h(X, X)}X, X) \rangle \\ & \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle \} h(X, X) \\ + & \{ \|h(X, X)\|^2 \langle (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) + 3h(A_{h(X, X)}X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle \\ & - \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) + 3h(A_{h(X, X)}X, X) \rangle \\ & \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle \} (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X). \end{aligned}$$

REMARK 2.12. Every hypersurface has Pk-PNS property for arbitrary  $k > 1$  and every surface of codimension  $r$  has Pk-PNS property for arbitrary  $k > r$ .

### 3. Immersions of recurrent type

We denote by  $\nabla^p T$  the covariant differential of the  $p^{\text{th}}$  order,  $p \geq 1$ , of a  $(0, k)$ -tensor field  $T$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , defined on a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  with the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ . According to [16], the tensor  $T$  is said to be 1-recurrent, resp. 2-recurrent, if the following condition holds on  $M$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & (\nabla T)(X_1, \dots, X_k; X)T(Y_1, \dots, Y_k) \\ & = (\nabla T)(Y_1, \dots, Y_k; X)T(X_1, \dots, X_k), \end{aligned}$$

resp.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla^2 T)(X_1, \dots, X_k; X, Y)T(Y_1, \dots, Y_k) \\ & = (\nabla^2 T)(Y_1, \dots, Y_k; X, Y)T(X_1, \dots, X_k), \end{aligned}$$

where  $X, Y, X_1, Y_1, \dots, X_k, Y_k \in \Xi(M)$ ,  $\Xi(M)$  being the Lie algebra of the vector fields on  $M$ . From (1) it follows that at a point  $x \in M$  if the tensor

$T$  is non-zero then there exists a unique 1-form  $\phi$ , resp. a  $(0, 2)$ -tensor  $\psi$ , defined on a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$ , such that

$$(2) \quad \nabla T = T \otimes \phi, \quad \phi = d(\log \|T\|),$$

resp.

$$\nabla^2 T = T \otimes \psi,$$

holds on  $U$ , where  $\|T\|$  denotes the norm of  $T$ ,  $\|T\|^2 = g(T, T)$ . The tensor  $T$  is said to be *generalized 2-recurrent* if

$$\begin{aligned} & ((\nabla^2 T)(X_1, \dots, X_k; X, Y) - (\nabla T \otimes \phi)(X_1, \dots, X_k; X, Y))T(Y_1, \dots, Y_k) \\ &= ((\nabla^2 T)(Y_1, \dots, Y_k; X, Y) - (\nabla T \otimes \phi)(Y_1, \dots, Y_k; X, Y))T(X_1, \dots, X_k) \end{aligned}$$

holds on  $M$ , where  $\phi$  is a 1-form on  $M$ . From this it follows that at a point  $x \in M$  if the tensor  $T$  is non-zero then there exists unique a  $(0, 2)$ -tensor  $\psi$ , defined on a some neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that

$$\nabla^2 T = \nabla T \otimes \phi + T \otimes \psi,$$

holds on  $U$ . As an immediate consequence of (2) we have the following relation

$$(3) \quad R \cdot T = 0,$$

i.e.  $T$  is a semi-symmetric tensor. We recall that the  $(0, k+2)$ -tensor  $R \cdot T$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (R \cdot T)(X_1, \dots, X_k; X, Y) &= (\mathcal{R}(X, Y) \cdot T)(X_1, \dots, X_k) \\ &= -T(\mathcal{R}(X, Y)X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) - \dots - T(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{k-1}, \mathcal{R}(X, Y)X_k), \end{aligned}$$

where the curvature operator  $\mathcal{R}(X, Y)$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{R}(X, Y)Z = [\nabla_X, \nabla_Y]Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]}Z,$$

and  $[X, Y]$  is the Lie bracket of  $X$  and  $Y$ . If the tensor  $\nabla T$  vanishes on  $M$  then  $T$  is called parallel. Evidently, every parallel tensor  $T$  fulfils (3).

We adopt the above definitions to define weak recurrent immersions.

Let  $f: M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  be an isometric immersion from an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $M$  into  $(m+d)$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$ . The immersion  $f$  (or the submanifold  $M$ ) is called *weak 1-recurrent* if there exists a 1-form  $\eta$  on  $M$  such that at every point  $x \in M$  and for every vector  $X \in T_x(M)$  we have

$$(4) \quad (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) = h(X, X)\eta(X),$$

whenever  $h(X, X) \neq 0$  holds at  $x$ .

REMARK. Every recurrent immersion is weak 1-recurrent. The converse statement is not true.

LEMMA 3.1 ([6]). *Let  $f : M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  be a recurrent immersion then  $f$  is semiparallel.*

DEFINITION 3.2. Let  $M$  be an  $m$ -dimensional submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$ . For each point  $x \in M$ , the first normal space  $N_x^1(M)$  at  $x$  is defined by (see [7]):  $N_x^1(M) = \text{span}\{h(X, Y) : X, Y \in T_x(M)\} \subset N_x(M)$ .

LEMMA 3.3 ([6]). *Let  $f : M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  be a weak 1-recurrent immersion and let  $x \in M$ . Then  $(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) = 0$  or  $\dim(N_x^1(M)) \leq 1$  holds at  $x$ .*

THEOREM 3.4. *Let  $f : M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  be an isometric immersion. Then  $M$  has PP2-PNS property if and only if  $M$  (or  $f$ ) is weak 1-recurrent.*

Proof. Let  $X$  be a vector at a point  $x$  at which  $h(X, X) \neq 0$ . Suppose that  $M$  has PP2-PNS property. Then by Theorem 2.5 we have at  $x$

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) = \frac{\langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle}{\|h(X, X)\|^2} h(X, X).$$

We put

$$\phi(X) = \frac{\langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle}{\|h(X, X)\|^2}.$$

If we consider  $\phi$  as a 1-form then the immersion  $f$  must be weak 1-recurrent. Conversely, suppose that if  $M$  (or  $f$ ) is weak 1-recurrent then by Theorem 2.5 we can deduce that  $M$  has PP2-PNS property. This completes the proof of the theorem.

DEFINITION 3.5. Let  $f : M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  be an isometric immersion. The immersion  $f$  (or the submanifold  $M$ ) is called AW(3) type if for each  $X \in T_x(M)$  the following equation holds ([3]):

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \quad & \|h(X, X)\|^2 \{(\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) + 3h(A_{h(X, X)} X, X)\} \\ & = \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) + 3h(A_{h(X, X)} X, X) \rangle h(X, X). \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 3.6 ([5]). The helical cylinder  $H^2$  embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  by

$$x(\theta, \phi) = \{(\theta, a \cos \phi, a \sin \phi, b\phi) : \theta, \phi \in \mathbb{R}, \theta \neq 0\}$$

is of type AW(3).

DEFINITION 3.7. Let  $f : M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  be an isometric immersion. The immersion  $f$  (or the submanifold  $M$ ) is called *weak 2-recurrent* (or *weak*

*birecurrent*) if there exists a 2-form  $\phi$  on  $M$  such that at every point  $x \in M$  and for every vector  $X \in T_x(M)$  we have

$$(6) \quad (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) = h(X, X)\psi(X, X),$$

whenever  $h(X, X) \neq 0$  holds at  $x$ .

**THEOREM 3.8.** *Let  $M$  be an isotropic submanifold in  $\mathbb{R}^{m+d}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $M$  is of  $AW(3)$  type and
- (ii)  $M$  is weak 2-recurrent.

**Proof.** Let  $X$  be a vector at a point  $x$  at which  $h(X, X) \neq 0$ . Suppose that  $M$  is isotropic submanifold of  $AW(3)$  type. Then by Definition 3.5  $(\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) + 3h(A_{h(X,X)}X, X)$  and  $h(X, X)$  are linearly dependent. Since  $M$  is isotropic  $(\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)$  and  $h(X, X)$  are linearly dependent too. This means that

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) = \frac{\langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle}{\|h(X, X)\|^2} h(X, X).$$

We put

$$\psi(X, X) = \frac{\langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle}{\|h(X, X)\|^2}.$$

If we consider  $\psi$  as a 2-form then, by Definition 3.7,  $f$  is weak 2-recurrent. Conversely, if  $M$  is weak 2-recurrent then, by (5) and (6),  $M$  is of  $AW(3)$  type. This completes the proof of the theorem.

**DEFINITION 3.9.** Let  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  be an isometric immersion. The immersion  $f$  (or the submanifold  $M$ ) is called *generalized weak 2-recurrent* (or *generalized weak birecurrent*) if there exist a 2-form  $\psi$  and 1-form  $\phi$  on  $M$  such that at every point  $x \in M$  and for every vector  $X \in T_x(M)$  we have

$$(7) \quad (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) = h(X, X)\psi(X, X) + (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)\phi(X),$$

whenever  $h(X, X) \neq 0$  and  $(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \neq 0$  hold at  $x$ .

**THEOREM 3.10.** *Let  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+d}$  be an isometric immersion. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $M$  is isotropic submanifold with PP3-PNS property,
- (ii)  $M$  (or the immersion  $f$ ) is generalized weak 2-recurrent.

**Proof.** Suppose that  $M$  is isotropic submanifold with PP3-PNS property. Then by Theorem 2.4 the vectors  $h(X, X)$ ,  $(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)$  and

$(\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)$  are linearly dependent in  $N_x(M)$ . So combining Proposition 2.2 and Theorem 2.11 with Theorem 2.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\|h(X, X)\|^2 \|(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)\|^2 - \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle^2\} (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \\ &= \{\langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle \|(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)\|^2 \\ &\quad - \langle (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle\} h(X, X) \\ &\quad + \{\|h(X, X)\|^2 \langle (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle\} (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $M$  has PP3-PNS property then by definition it does not have P2-PNS. Thus

$$\|h(X, X)\|^2 \|(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)\|^2 \neq \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle^2$$

holds at every point  $x \in M$ . Hence taking

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(X, X) &= \frac{\langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle \|(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)\|^2}{\|h(X, X)\|^2 \|(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)\|^2 - \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{\langle (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle}{\|h(X, X)\|^2 \|(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)\|^2 - \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle^2} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(X) &= \frac{\langle (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle \|h(X, X)\|^2}{\|h(X, X)\|^2 \|(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)\|^2 - \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{\langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle}{\|h(X, X)\|^2 \|(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X)\|^2 - \langle h(X, X), (\bar{\nabla}_X h)(X, X) \rangle^2} \end{aligned}$$

we obtain (7), for each  $X \in T_x(M)$ . Conversely, if  $M$  is generalized weak 2-recurrent submanifold then by Definition 3.9 and Theorem 2.4,  $M$  must be isotropic with P3-PNS property.

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