

Generalized *QR* (*GQR*)- Lightlike Submanifolds of Indefinite Quaternion Kähler Manifolds

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Abstract: In this article, we introduce a new class of submanifolds namely GQR- lightlike submanifold of indefinite quaternion Kähler manifolds. It is observed that there is no inclusive relation between QR lightlike submanifolds and SQR lightlike submanifolds. We introduce a generalized submanifold, namely GQR-lightlike submanifold of indefinite quaternion Kähler manifold which contains QR lightlike submanifolds and SQR lightlike submanifolds. Further, we study various distributions of GQR- lightlike submanifolds and establish some important results.

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1. Introduction

A quaternionic Kähler manifold is an oriented $4n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold whose restricted holonomy group is contained in the subgroup¹ $Sp(n)Sp(1)$ of $SO(4n)$. As the restricted holonomy group of the manifold to be a part of Burger's work², the study on these manifolds drew attention to researchers. The indefinite quaternion Kähler manifolds were studied in^{3,4}. Further, the lightlike hypersurfaces, quaternion lightlike submanifolds, Screen real lightlike submanifolds, QR-lightlike submanifolds, screen QR lightlike submanifolds, and screen CR-lightlike submanifolds of indefinite quaternion Kähler manifolds were studied in¹. We observed that QR lightlike submanifold does not contain quaternion

lightlike submanifold, screen-real lightlike submanifold but lightlike real hypersurfaces are its special cases. Also, the screen QR-lightlike submanifold does not contain screen-real lightlike submanifolds and screen real hypersurfaces but quaternion lightlike submanifolds are its special cases. Due to this, we conclude that there is no inclusive relation between QR-lightlike submanifold and screen-QR lightlike submanifolds. Therefore, we introduce a new class of submanifolds of indefinite quaternion Kähler manifold namely generalized QR (GQR) lightlike submanifold as an umbrella space that contains QR-lightlike submanifolds and Screen-QR lightlike submanifolds as its special cases. This paper is organized as follows:

In section 2, we recall all basic terminologies of the quaternion Kähler manifold which are used throughout the paper. In section 3, we give the definition of GQR-lightlike submanifold, an example of GQR-lightlike submanifold and some necessary conditions on the dimension of GQR lightlike submanifold. Further, we establish some important equations on GQR-lightlike submanifolds and study various distributions of these submanifolds.

2. Preliminaries

Suppose \tilde{N} be an n -dimensional manifold with a 3-dimensional vector bundle \mathbb{Q} consisting three tensors J_1, J_2 and J_3 of the type $(1, 1)$ over \tilde{N} . Let a local basis $\{J_1, J_2, J_3\}$ of \mathbb{Q} in any coordinate neighbourhood U of \tilde{N} such that

$$(2.1) \quad J_1^2 = -I, \quad J_2^2 = -I, \quad J_3^2 = -I,$$

and

$$(2.2) \quad J_2 J_3 = -J_3 J_2 = J_1, \quad J_3 J_1 = -J_1 J_3 = J_2, \quad J_1 J_2 = -J_2 J_1 = J_3.$$

The local basis $\{J_1, J_2, J_3\}$ is called a canonical local basis of the bundle \mathbb{Q} in U . If U' is another coordinate neighborhood such that $U \cap U' \neq \{0\}$ then we have the following expression

$$(2.3) \quad J'_a = \sum_{b=1}^3 S_{ab} J_b, \quad a = 1, 2, 3,$$

where (S_{ab}) is an element of the proper orthogonal subgroup $SO(3)$. Suppose \tilde{g} is an indefinite metric on \tilde{N} such that

$$(2.4) \quad \tilde{g}(J_a U, J_a V) = \tilde{g}(U, V), \quad \forall U, V \in T_x \tilde{N}, x \in \tilde{N},$$

then $(\tilde{N}, \tilde{g}, \mathbb{Q})$ is known as indefinite almost quaternion manifold^{1,3}. Suppose $\{E_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n_1}$ and $\{F_j\}_{j=1, \dots, n_2}$ are timelike and spacelike vector fields, then it is possible to construct a basis B for \tilde{N} such that

$$B = \{E_1, J_1 E_1, J_2 E_1, J_3 E_1, \dots, E_{n_1}, J_1 E_{n_1}, J_2 E_{n_1}, J_3 E_{n_1}, \\ F_1, J_1 F_1, J_2 F_1, J_3 F_1, \dots, F_{n_2}, J_1 F_{n_2}, J_2 F_{n_2}, J_3 F_{n_2}\}.$$

If, for any $U \in T\tilde{N}$, the metric connection ∇ of \tilde{N} satisfies the following equations

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_U J_1 &= r(U) J_2 - q(U) J_3, \\ \nabla_U J_2 &= -r(U) J_1 + p(U) J_3, \\ \nabla_U J_3 &= q(U) J_1 - p(U) J_2, \end{aligned}$$

then $(\tilde{N}, \tilde{g}, \mathbb{Q})$ is known as quaternion Kähler manifold, where p , q and r are local 1-forms. The equation (2.5) can be re-written as

$$(2.6) \quad \nabla_U J_a = \sum_{b=1}^3 Q_{ab}(U) J_b \quad a=1, 2, 3,$$

where Q_{ab} are local 1-forms locally defined on \tilde{N} such that $Q_{ab} = -Q_{ba}$. Also, the local 2-forms η_1 , η_2 , η_3 with respect to the above manifold are defined as

$$(2.7) \quad \eta_i(U, V) = \tilde{g}(U, J_i V), \quad i=1, 2, 3,$$

for any vector fields U and V on \tilde{N} ¹. Clearly,

$$(2.8) \quad \eta = \eta_1 \wedge \eta_1 + \eta_2 \wedge \eta_2 + \eta_3 \wedge \eta_3$$

is a 4-form defined on \tilde{N} .

The Gauss-Weingarten formulae are³

$$(2.9) \quad \bar{\nabla}_U V = \nabla_U V + h^l(U, V) + h^s(U, V),$$

$$(2.10) \quad \bar{\nabla}_U N = -A_N U + \nabla_U^l(N) + D^s(U, N)$$

and

$$(2.11) \quad \bar{\nabla}_V W = -A_W V + \nabla_V^s(W) + D^l(V, W),$$

where $W \in \Gamma(S(TN^\perp))$ and $N \in \Gamma(\text{ltr}(TN))$.

Let S' be a projection map of TN to $S(TN)$, then we have

$$(2.12) \quad \nabla_U S'V = \nabla_U^* S'V + h^*(U, S'V)$$

and

$$(2.13) \quad \nabla_U \xi = A_\xi^* U + \nabla_U^{*t}(\xi),$$

where $\{\nabla_U^* S'V, A_\xi^* U\} \in S(TN)$ and $\{h^*(U, S'V), \nabla_U^{*t}(\xi)\} \in \text{Rad}(TN)$. We refer⁵ to understand the construction of all the above equations.

Theorem¹ 2.1: *An indefinite almost quaternion manifold $(\tilde{N}, \tilde{g}, \mathbb{Q})$ is an indefinite quaternion Kähler manifold if and only if $\nabla \eta = 0$.*

3. Generalized QR-lightlike submanifold

Definition 3.1: *Let $(N, g, S(TN))$ be a lightlike submanifold of an indefinite quaternion Kähler manifold $(\tilde{N}, \tilde{g}, \mathbb{Q})$, then N is a generalized QR(GQR)-lightlike submanifold of \tilde{N} if the following conditions are satisfied:*

(i) *There exist two sub-bundles D_1 and D_2 of $\text{Rad}(TN)$ such that*

$$\text{Rad}(TN) = D_1 \oplus D_2, \quad J_a(D_1) = D_1, \quad J_a(D_2) \subset S(TN).$$

(ii) There exist two sub-bundles D_0 and D' of $S(TN)$ such that

$$S(TN) = \{J_a(D_2 \oplus D')\} \perp D_0,$$

where $a=1,2,3$, D_0 is invariant, $J_a(\mathcal{L}_1 \perp \mathcal{L}_2) = D'$ and \mathcal{L}_1 and \mathcal{L}_2 are vector sub-bundles of $\text{ltr}(TN)$ and $S(TN^\perp)$ respectively.

The tangent bundle TN can be written as

$$(3.1) \quad TN = D \oplus D', \quad D = D_1 \oplus_{\text{orth.}} D_2 \oplus_{\text{orth.}} J_a(D_2) \oplus_{\text{orth.}} D_0.$$

Remark:

(A) N is a proper GQR-lightlike submanifold if $D_1 \neq \{0\}$, $D_2 \neq \{0\}$, $D_0 \neq \{0\}$ and $\mathcal{L}_2 \neq \{0\}$.

(B) N is a proper QR-lightlike submanifold if $D_1 \neq \{0\}$, $D_2 = \{0\}$, $D_0 \neq \{0\}$ and $\mathcal{L}_2 \neq \{0\}$.

(C) N is a proper Screen QR-lightlike submanifold if $D_1 = \{0\}$, $D_2 \neq \{0\}$, $D_0 \neq \{0\}$ and $\mathcal{L}_2 \neq \{0\}$.

From remarks (B) and (C), it is clear that QR-lightlike submanifolds and screen QR lightlike submanifolds are special cases of GQR lightlike submanifolds. The followings are the conditions on the dimensions of various distributions of N with respect to a proper GQR lightlike submanifold

(a) Condition (i) implies that $\dim(\text{Rad}(TN)) \geq 5$.

(b) Conditions (i) and (ii) imply that $\dim(D) = 4s \geq 12$ and $\dim(D') = 3k \geq 6$.

(c) $\dim(N) \geq 12$ and $\dim(\tilde{N}) = 4n \geq 16$

(d) Any proper 12-dimensional GQR-lightlike submanifold is 5-lightlike.

(e) If \tilde{N} quaternion Kähler manifold and N is GQR-lightlike submanifold then $\text{index}(\tilde{N}) \geq 8$.

Example 3.1: Let \mathbb{R}_8^{16} be an indefinite Quaternion Kähler manifold with coordinate $(x_1, y_1, \dots, x_8, y_8)$ and signature $(-, -, -, -, -, -, -, +, +, +, +, +, +, +, +)$. Let us define a submanifold such that

$$x_1 = u_1, \quad y_1 = u_2, \quad x_2 = u_3,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.2) \quad & y_2 = u_4, x_3 = u_1 \sin \theta - u_2 \cos \theta, \quad y_3 = \cos \theta u_1 + u_2 \sin \theta \\
 & x_4 = u_4 \cos \theta + u_3 \sin \theta, \quad y_4 = u_4 \sin \theta - u_3 \cos \theta \\
 & x_5 = u_5 - u_6, \quad y_5 = u_5 + u_6, \quad x_6 = u_7 + u_8, \quad y_6 = -u_7 + u_8, \\
 & x_7 = u_9, \quad y_7 = u_{10}, \quad x_8 = u_{11}, \quad y_8 = \text{const.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then the tangent bundle TN is spanned by the following vectors

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z_1 &= \partial x_1 + \sin \theta \partial x_3 + \cos \theta \partial y_3, \quad Z_2 = \partial y_1 - \cos \theta \partial x_3 + \sin \theta \partial y_3, \\
 Z_3 &= \partial x_2 + \sin \theta \partial x_4 - \cos \theta \partial y_4, \quad Z_4 = \partial y_2 + \cos \theta \partial x_4 + \sin \theta \partial y_4, \\
 Z_5 &= \partial x_5 + \partial y_5, \quad Z_6 = -\partial x_5 + \partial y_5, \quad Z_7 = \partial x_6 - \partial y_6, \\
 Z_8 &= \partial x_6 + \partial y_6, \quad Z_9 = \partial x_7, \quad Z_{10} = \partial y_7, \quad Z_{11} = \partial x_8
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence N is 5-lightlike submanifold with $\text{Rad}(TN) = \{Z_1, Z_5, Z_6, Z_7, Z_8\}$. Also, $D_1 = \{Z_5, Z_6, Z_7, Z_8\}$, $D_2 = \{Z_1\}$ and $J(D_2) = \{Z_2, Z_3, Z_4\}$. It can be easily verified that the above vectors satisfy the conditions of a 12- GQR -lightlike submanifold of \mathbb{R}_8^{16} .

Suppose P be the projection map from TN to the invariant distribution D and $\{e_1, \dots, e_{r'}, f_1, \dots, f_{k'}\}$ be a local orthonormal frame on the vector subbundle $\mathcal{L}_1 \perp \mathcal{L}_2$.

Applying J_a on above orthonormal frames we get an orthonormal frame

$$\mathcal{F} = \{E_{11}, \dots, E_{1r'}, E_{21}, \dots, E_{2r'}, E_{31}, \dots, E_{3r'}, F_{11}, \dots, F_{1k'}, F_{21}, \dots, F_{2k'}, F_{31}, \dots, F_{3k'}\} \text{ for } D',$$

where $J_a(V_i) = E_{ai}$, $J_a(f_j) = F_{aj}$, $i = 1, \dots, r'$ $j = 1, \dots, k'$ and $a = 1, 2, 3$.

Now, any vector field $U \in TN$ can be written as

$$(3.3) \quad U = PU + \sum_{b=1}^3 \left\{ \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^r \theta_{bi}(Y) E_{bi} \right\} + \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{k_1} \theta'_{bj}(Y) F_{bj} \right\} \right\},$$

where

$$(3.4) \quad \theta_{bi}(U) = \tilde{g}(U, J_{b\xi_i})$$

$$(3.5) \quad \theta'_{bj}(U) = \tilde{g}(U, F_{bj}),$$

are 1-forms defined on N Applying J_a on equation (3.3), we get the following expression:

$$(3.6) \quad J_a U = J_a P U + \sum_{b=1}^3 \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^r \theta_{bi}(Y) E_{ci} - \theta_{ci}(Y) E_{bi} - \theta_{ai}(Y) e_i \right\} + \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^r \theta'_{bj}(Y) f_{cj} - \theta'_{cj}(Y) f_{bj} - \theta'_{aj}(Y) f_j \right\}$$

It is known that a transversal bundle can be decomposed in the following sense,

$$tr(TN) = \mathcal{L}_1 \perp \mathcal{L}_2 \oplus_{orth.} \mathcal{L}_1^\perp \perp \mathcal{L}_2^\perp$$

therefore, for any vector $V \in tr(TN)$ we can decompose V in two components as follows

$$(3.7) \quad J_a(V) = B_a V + C_a V,$$

where $B_a V \in \Gamma(D')$ and $C_a V \in \mathcal{L}_1^\perp \perp \mathcal{L}_2^\perp$.

Now, we derive some important equations for GQR -lightlike submanifold. Since N is GQR lightlike submanifold of a quaternion Kähler manifold \tilde{N} , for any $U, V \in \Gamma(TN)$, we obtain

$$(3.8) \quad \bar{\nabla}_U J_a V = (\bar{\nabla}_U J_a) V + J_a (\bar{\nabla}_U V).$$

In equation (3.8), the terms $\bar{\nabla}_U J_a V$, $(\bar{\nabla}_U J_a) V$, and $J_a (\bar{\nabla}_U V)$ can be expanded, respectively, in the following manner

$$(3.9) \quad (\bar{\nabla}_U J_a V = \nabla_U J_a P V + h^l(U, J_a P V) + h^s(U, J_a P V) + \sum_{i=1}^r \{ \theta_{bi}(V) \nabla_U E_{ci} + \theta_{bi}(V) h^l(U, E_{ci}) + \theta_{bi}(V) h^s(U, E_{ci}) + U(\theta_{bi}(V)) E_{ci} \} - \{ (U \theta_{ci}(V)) E_{bi} + \theta_{ci}(V) \nabla_U E_{bi} + \theta_{ci}(V) h^l(U, E_{bi}) + \theta_{ci}(V) h^s(U, E_{bi}) \} - \{ U \theta_{ai}(V) e_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\theta_{ai}(V)A_{e_i}U + \theta_{ai}(V)\nabla_U^l e_i + \theta_{ai}(V)D^s(U, e_i)\} + \sum_{j=1}^k \{U(\theta'_{bj}(V))f_{cj} \\
& + \theta'_{bj}(V)\nabla_U F_{cj} + \theta'_{bj}(V)h^l(U, F_{cj}) + \theta'_{bj}(V)h^s(U, F_{cj})\} - \{U(\theta'_{cj}(V))F_{bj} \\
& + \theta'_{cj}(V)\nabla_U F_{bj} + \theta'_{cj}(V)h^l(U, F_{bj}) + \theta'_{cj}(V)h^s(U, F_{bj})\} - \{U(\theta'_{aj}(V))f_j \\
& - \theta'_{aj}(V)A_{f_j}U + \theta'_{aj}(V)\nabla_U^s f_j + \theta'_{aj}(V)D^l(U, f_j)\},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.10) \quad & (\bar{\nabla}_U J_a)V = Q_{ab}(U)(PJ_b V) + Q_{ac}(U)(PJ_c V) \\
& + Q_{ab} \sum_{i=1}^r \{-\theta_{ai}(U)E_{ci} - \theta_{bi}(U)e_i + \theta_{ci}(U)E_{ai}\} \\
& + Q_{ab} \sum_{j=1}^k \{-\theta'_{ai}(U)F_{cj} - \theta'_{bj}(U)f_j + \theta'_{cj}(U)F_{aj}\} \\
& + Q_{ac} \sum_{i=1}^r \{\theta_{ai}(U)E_{bi} - \theta_{bi}(U)E_{ai} - \theta_{ci}(U)e_i\} \\
& + Q_{ac} \sum_{j=1}^k \{\theta'_{aj}(U)F_{bj} - \theta'_{bj}(U)F_{aj} + \theta'_{cj}(U)f_j\}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.11) \quad & J_a(\bar{\nabla}_U V) = \sum_{i=1}^r \{\theta_{bi}(\nabla_U V)E_{ci} - \theta_{ci}(\nabla_U V)E_{bi} - \theta_{ai}(\nabla_U V)e_i\} \\
& + J_a P(\bar{\nabla}_U V) + \sum_{j=1}^k \{\theta'_{bj}(\nabla_U V)F_{cj} - \theta'_{cj}(\nabla_U V)F_{bj} - \theta'_{aj}(\nabla_U V)f_j\} \\
& + B_a(h^l(X, Y)) + C_a(h^l(X, Y)) + B_a(h^s(X, Y)) + C_a(h^s(X, Y))
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values from the equations (3.9), (3.10) and (3.11) in (3.8) and equating tangential and transversal components, we obtain the following equations, respectively.

$$(3.12) \quad \nabla_U J_a P Y + \sum_{i=1}^r \{\theta_{bi}(V)\nabla_U E_{ci} + U(\theta_{bi}(V))E_{ci} - U(\theta_{ci}E_{bi})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\theta_{ci}(V)\nabla_U E_{bi} + \theta_{ai}(V)A_{ei}U\} + \sum_{j=1}^k \left\{ U(\theta_{bj}')F_{cj} + \theta_{bj}'\nabla_U F_{cj} \right. \\
& \left. -U(\theta_{cj}(V))F_{bj} - \theta_{bj}'(V)\nabla_U F_{bj} + \theta_{cj}'(V)A_{f_j}U \right\} = Q_{ab}(U)PJ_bY \\
& + Q_{ac}(U)PJ_cV + J_a\nabla_U V + \sum_{i=1}^r \left\{ -Q_{ab}\theta_{ai}E_{ci} + Q_{ab}\theta_{ci}E_{ai} + Q_{ac}\theta_{ai}E_{bi} \right. \\
& \left. -\theta_{bi}E_{ai} + \theta_{bi}(\nabla_U V)E_{ci} - \theta_{ci}(\nabla_U V)E_{bi} \right\} + \sum_{j=1}^k \left\{ Q_{ab}(U)\theta_{cj}'F_{aj} \right. \\
& \left. -Q_{ab}(U)\theta_{aj}'F_{cj} + Q_{ac}\theta_{aj}'F_{bj} - \theta_{bj}'F_{aj} + \theta_{bj}'(\nabla_U V)F_{cj} - \theta_{cj}'(\nabla_U V)F_{bj} \right\} \\
(3.13) \quad & h^l(U, J_a PV) + h^s(U, J_a PV) + \sum_{i=1}^r \left\{ \theta_{bi}(V)h^l(U, E_{ci}) \right. \\
& + \theta_{bi}(V)h^s(U, E_{ci}) + \theta_{ci}(V)h^l(U, E_{bi}) + \theta_{ci}(V)h^s(U, E_{bi}) \\
& \left. -U(\theta_{ai})e_i - \theta_{ai}(V)\nabla_U^l e_i - \theta_{ai}(V)D^s(U, e_i) \right\} + \sum_{j=1}^k \left\{ \theta_{bj}'(V)h^l(U, F_{cj}) \right. \\
& + \theta_{bj}'(V)h^s(U, F_{cj}) + \theta_{cj}'(V)h^l(U, F_{bj}) + \theta_{cj}'(V)h^s(U, F_{bj}) - U(\theta_{aj})f_j \\
& \left. -\theta_{cj}'(V)\nabla_U^s f_j - \theta_{cj}'(V)D^l(U, f_j) \right\} = \sum_{i=1}^r \left\{ -Q_{ab}\theta_{bi}e_i - Q_{ac}\theta_{ci}e_i \right. \\
& \left. -\theta_{ai}(\nabla_U V)e_i + \sum_{j=1}^k \left\{ -Q_{ab}\theta_{bj}'f_j - Q_{ac}\theta_{cj}'f_j - \theta_{aj}'(\nabla_U V)f_j \right\} \right. \\
& \left. + C_a h^l(U, V) + C_a h^s(U, V) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

Equating $ltr(TN)$ components in (3.13), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.14) \quad & h^l(U, J_a PV) + \sum_{i=1}^r \left\{ \theta_{bi}(V)h^l(U, E_{ci}) + \theta_{ci}(V)h^l(U, E_{bi}) \right. \\
& \left. -U(\theta_{ai}(V))e_i - \theta_{ai}(V)\nabla_{U'} f \right\} + \sum_{j=1}^k \left\{ \theta_{bj}'(V)h^l(U, F_{cj}) \right. \\
& \left. + \theta_{cj}'(V)h^l(U, F_{bj}) - \theta_{cj}(V)D^l(U, w_j) \right\} = \sum_{i=1}^r \left\{ -\theta_{ab}e_i \right. \\
& \left. -Q_{ac}\theta_{ci}(V)e_i - \theta_{ai}(\nabla_U V)e_i \right\} + C_a h^l(U, V)
\end{aligned}$$

Equating $S(TN)^\perp$ components in (3.13), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.15) \quad & h^s(U, J_a PV) + \sum_{i=1}^r \left\{ \theta_{bi}(V) h^s(U, E_{ci}) + \theta_{ci}(V) h^s(U, E_{bi}) \right. \\
 & \left. - U(\theta_{ai}(V)) e_i - \theta_{ai}(V) D^s(U, e_i) \right\} + \sum_{j=1}^k \left\{ \theta'_{bj}(V) h^s(U, F_{cj}) \right. \\
 & \left. + \theta'_{cj}(V) h^s(U, F_{bj}) - U(\theta'_{aj}(V)) f_j - \theta'_{cj}(V) \nabla_U^s f_j \right\} \\
 & = \sum_{i=1}^r \left\{ -Q_{ac} \theta'_{cj}(V) f_j - Q_{ab} \theta'_{bj}(V) f_j - \theta'_{aj}(\nabla_U V) f_j \right\} + C_a h^s(U, V)
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.2: Let N be a GQR -lightlike submanifold of a quaternion Kähler manifold \tilde{N} , then

- (i) the distribution D is integrable if and only if, $h(U, J_a V) = h(V, J_a U)$.
(ii) the distribution D defines a totally geodesic foliations if and only if, $h^l(U, J_a V) = 0$ and $h^s(U, J_a V) \notin \mathcal{L}_2$.

Proof: The distribution D of GQR -lightlike submanifold \tilde{N} is integrable if and only if, for any $U, V \in \Gamma(D)$, $[U, V] \in D$.

Claim: $[U, V] \notin D'$. Suppose $U, V \in \Gamma(D)$, then from (3.13), we obtain

$$(3.16) \quad h(U, J_a PY) - C_a h(U, V) = -w_{ai}(\nabla_U V) v_i - w'_{aj}(\nabla_U V) w_j.$$

Interchanging U and V in (3.16), we get

$$(3.17) \quad h(V, J_a PU) - C_a h(V, U) = -w_{ai}(\nabla_V U) v_i - w'_{aj}(\nabla_V U) w_j.$$

Subtracting (3.17) from (3.16), we obtain

$$(3.18) \quad h(U, J_a PY) - h(V, J_a PU) = -w_{ai}([U, V]) v_i - w'_{aj}([U, V]) w_j.$$

If $h(U, J_a PY) = h(V, J_a PU)$, (3.18) becomes

$$(3.19) \quad -w_{ai}([U, V]) v_i - w'_{aj}([U, V]) w_j = 0.$$

Since v_i and w_j are linearly independent vectors, (3.19) reduces to

$$(3.20) \quad w_{ai}([U, V]) = 0, \& w'_{aj}([U, V]) = 0.$$

Using (2.7) in (3.20), we obtain

$$(3.21) \quad g([U, V], J_a \xi_i) = 0, \& g([U, V], F_{bj}) = 0.$$

From (3.21), we get $[U, V] \notin J_a(\mathcal{L}_1)$ and $[U, V] \notin J_a(\mathcal{L}_2)$, this implies $[U, V] \notin D'$. Clearly, $[U, V] \notin D'$ implies that $[U, V] \in D$. Therefore, D is integrable if and only if $h(U, J_a V) = h(V, J_a U)$.

(ii) **Claim:** D defines totally geodesic foliations if and only if $g(\nabla_U V, J_a \xi_i) = 0$, and $g(\nabla_U V, F_{aj}) = 0$. Suppose $U, V \in \Gamma(D)$ and $\xi \in \text{Rad}(TN)$, then

$$g(\nabla_U V, J_a \xi_i) = g(\bar{\nabla}_U V - h(U, V), J_a \xi_i) = g(\bar{\nabla}_U V, J_a \xi_i).$$

Above equation reduces to

$$(3.22) \quad g(\bar{\nabla}_U V, J_a \xi_i) = g((\bar{\nabla}_U J_a)V - \bar{\nabla}_U J_a V, \xi_i) = -g(h^l(U, J_a V), \xi).$$

On the other hand, we have

$$(3.23) \quad g(\nabla_U V, F_{bj}) = g(\bar{\nabla}_U V - h(U, V), F_{bj}) = -g(h^s(U, J_a V), w_j).$$

From (3.22) and (3.23), we conclude that D defines totally geodesic foliations if and only if $h^l(U, J_a V) = 0$ and $h^s(U, J_a V) \notin \mathcal{L}_2$.

Theorem 3.3: Let N be a GQR-lightlike submanifold of a quaternion Kähler manifold \tilde{N} , then the distribution D' is integrable if, for any $G, G' \in D', N \in \text{ltr}(TN)$, $n_s \in \{e_1, \dots, e_{\tilde{n}}, f_1, \dots, f_{k_1}\}$, the following equations are satisfied

$$(i) \quad g(\nabla_G^* G', J_c X) = 0.$$

- (ii) for $N \in \mathcal{L}_1$, then $(h^*(G, G'), J_c N) = 0$, $g(f_l, D^s(J_a N, G)) = 0$,
 $g(e_j, A_{J_a N G}) = 0$ and for $N \in \mathcal{L}_1^\perp$ then $(\nabla_G^* G', J_c N) = 0$, $g(n_s, \nabla_G^* J_a N) = 0$,
 $g(f_l, h^s(J_a N, F_{al'})) = 0$, $g(e_j, h^*(J_a N, E_{ai})) = 0$
 (iii) $g(h^*(G, G'), e_k) = 0$, $g(\nabla_G^* G', E_{ai}) = 0$ and $g(A_{n_s} G, e_k) = 0$.

Proof: We know that D' is integrable if and only if, for any G, G' belongs to $\Gamma(D')$, $[G, G'] \in \Gamma(D')$. To prove $[G, G'] \in D'$ is equivalent to prove $[G, G'] \notin D$, therefore, we will prove the following claims.

Claim 1: For any $G, G' \in D'$, if $g(\nabla_G^* G', J_c X) = 0$ then $[G, G'] \notin D_0$. Suppose $G, G' \in D'$ and $X \in D_0$, then using (2.6), (3.7) and Gauss-Weingarten equations, we obtain

$$(3.24) \quad g([G, G'], X) = g(\bar{\nabla}_G G' - \bar{\nabla}_{G'} G, X).$$

If $G = E_{ai}$, $G' = E_{aj}$, then (3.24) reduces to

$$g([E_{ai}, E_{aj}], X) = g(\bar{\nabla}_{E_{ai}} E_{aj} - \bar{\nabla}_{E_{aj}} E_{ai}, X).$$

After some calculation calculations, we get

$$(3.25) \quad g([E_{ai}, E_{aj}], X) = g(A_{e_j} E_{ai}, J_a X) - g(A_{e_i} E_{aj}, J_a X) = 0.$$

If $G = F_{al}$ and $G' = F_{al'}$ then (3.24) reduces to

$$(3.26) \quad g([F_{al}, F_{al'}], X) = g(A_{f_l'} F_{al}, J_a X) - g(A_{f_l} F_{al'}, J_a X) = 0.$$

If $G = E_{ai}$ and $G' = F_{al}$, then (3.24) reduces to

$$(3.27) \quad g([E_{ai}, F_{al}], X) = g(A_{f_l} E_{ai}, J_a X) - g(A_{e_i} F_{al}, J_a X) = 0.$$

If $G = E_{ai}$ and $G' = E_{bj}$, using (3.11), (2.6) and (3.8), (3.24) reduces to

$$(3.28) \quad g\left(\left[E_{ai}, E_{bj}\right], X\right) = g\left(\bar{\nabla}_{E_{ai}} E_{bj} - \bar{\nabla}_{E_{bj}} E_{ai}, X\right).$$

Since $J_a = J_b J_c = -J_c J_b$ and $J_b = J_c J_a = -J_a J_c$, to above equation reduces to

$$(3.29) \quad g\left(\left[E_{ai}, E_{bj}\right], X\right) = -g\left(\nabla_{E_{ai}}^* E_{aj}, J_c X\right) - g\left(\nabla_{E_{bj}}^* E_{bi}, J_c X\right).$$

Similarly, If $G = F_{al}$, $G' = F_{bl'}$, then

$$(3.30) \quad g\left(\left[F_{al}, F_{bl'}\right], X\right) = -g\left(\nabla_{F_{al}}^* F_{al'}, J_c X\right) - g\left(\nabla_{F_{bl'}}^* F_{bl}, J_c X\right)$$

and if $G =$, $G' = F_{bl}$, then

$$(3.31) \quad g\left(\left[E_{ai}, F_{bl}\right], X\right) = -g\left(\nabla_{E_{ai}}^* F_{al}, J_c X\right) - g\left(\nabla_{F_{bl}}^* E_{ai}, J_c X\right).$$

If $g\left(\nabla_G^* G', J_c X\right) = 0$, using (3.25), (3.26), (3.27), (3.29), (3.30) and (3.31), we obtain $[G, G'] \notin D_0$.

Claim 2: $[G, G'] \notin \text{Rad}(TN)$ If, for any $N \in \mathcal{L}_1$,

$$(3.32) \quad g\left(h^*(G, G'), J_c N\right) = 0, g\left(f_l, D^s(J_a N, G)\right) = 0, g\left(e_j, A_{J_a N} G\right) = 0,$$

and, for any $N \in \mathcal{L}_1^\perp$,

$$(3.33) \quad g\left(\nabla_G^* G', J_c N\right) = 0, g\left(n_s, \nabla_G^* J_a N\right) = 0, \\ g\left(f_l, h^s(J_a N, F_{al'})\right) = 0, g\left(e_j, h^*(J_a N, E_{ai})\right) = 0.$$

Suppose $G = E_{ai}$, $G' = E_{aj} \in D'$ and $N \in \text{ltr}(TN)$, from Gauss-Weingarten equations, (2.4), (2.6) and (3.7)

$$(3.34) \quad g\left(\left[E_{ai}, E_{aj}\right], N\right) = g\left(\bar{\nabla}_{E_{ai}} E_{aj} - \bar{\nabla}_{E_{aj}} E_{ai}, N\right).$$

For $N \in \mathcal{L}_1 \subset \text{ltr}(TN)$, (3.34) reduces to

$$g\left(\left[E_{ai}, E_{aj}\right], N\right) = -g\left(e_j, A_{J_a N} E_{ai}\right) + g\left(e_i, A_{J_a N} E_{aj}\right).$$

For $N \in \mathcal{L}_1^\perp \subset ltr(TN)$, (3.34) reduces to

$$(3.35) \quad g\left(\left[E_{ai}, E_{aj}\right], N\right) = g\left(e_j, h^*(J_a N, E_{ai})\right) - g\left(e_i, h^*(J_a N, E_{aj})\right).$$

Similarly, If $G = F_{al}$, $G' = F_{al'}$ and $N \in ltr(TN)$, we have

$$g\left(\left[F_{al}, F_{al'}\right], N\right) = g\left(\bar{\nabla}_{F_{al}} F_{al'} - \bar{\nabla}_{F_{al'}} F_{al}, N\right).$$

For $N \in \mathcal{L}_1^\perp \subset ltr(TN)$, the above equation is equivalent to

$$(3.36) \quad g\left(\left[F_{al}, F_{al'}\right], N\right) = g\left(f_l, D^s(J_a N, F_{al'})\right) - g\left(f_{l'}, D^s(J_a N, F_{al})\right).$$

For $N \in \mathcal{L}_1 \subset ltr(TN)$, above equation equivalent to

$$(3.37) \quad g\left(\left[F_{al}, F_{al'}\right], N\right) = g\left(f_l, h^s(J_a N, F_{al'})\right) - g\left(f_{l'}, h^s(J_a N, F_{al})\right).$$

Suppose $G = E_{ai}$, $G' = E_{bj}$, then (3.34) reduces to

$$(3.38) \quad g\left(\left[E_{ai}, E_{bj}\right], N\right) = g\left(\bar{\nabla}_{E_{ai}} E_{bj}, N\right) - g\left(\bar{\nabla}_{E_{bj}} E_{ai}, N\right),$$

if $N \in \mathcal{L}_1^\perp$, then above equation is equivalent to

$$(3.39) \quad g\left(\left[E_{ai}, E_{bj}\right], N\right) = -g\left(h^*(E_{ai}, E_{aj}), J_c N\right) - g\left(h^*(E_{bj}, E_{bi}), J_c N\right).$$

If $N \in \mathcal{L}_1$ then above equation is equivalent to

$$(3.40) \quad g\left(\left[E_{ai}, E_{bj}\right], N\right) = -g\left(\nabla_{E_{ai}}^* E_{aj}, J_c N\right) - g\left(\nabla_{E_{bj}}^* E_{bi}, J_c N\right).$$

Suppose $G = F_{al}$, $G' = F_{bl'}$, then (3.34) reduces to

$$(3.41) \quad g([F_{al}, F_{bl'}], N) = -g(\bar{\nabla}_{F_{al}} F_{al'}, J_c N) - g(\bar{\nabla}_{F_{bl'}} F_{bl}, J_c N).$$

If $N \in \mathcal{L}_1^\perp$ then above equation is equivalent to

$$(3.42) \quad g([F_{al}, F_{bl'}], N) = -g(h^*(F_{al}, F_{al'}), J_c N) - g(h^*(F_{bl}, F_{bl'}), J_c N).$$

If $N \in \mathcal{L}_1$, then above equation is equivalent to

$$(3.43) \quad g([F_{al}, F_{bl'}], N) = -g(\nabla_{F_{al}}^* F_{al'}, J_c N) - g(\nabla_{F_{bl'}}^* F_{bl}, J_c N).$$

Suppose $G = E_{ai}$, $G' = F_{al}$, then (3.34) reduces to

$$(3.44) \quad g([E_{ai}, F_{al}], N) = g(f_l, \bar{\nabla}_{E_{ai}} J_a N) - g(e_i, \bar{\nabla}_{F_{al}} J_a N).$$

If $N \in \mathcal{L}_1^\perp$, then above equation is equivalent to

$$(3.45) \quad g([E_{ai}, F_{al}], N) = g(f_l, D^s(J_a N, E_{ai})) + g(e_i, A_{J_a N} F_{al}).$$

If $N \in \mathcal{L}_1$ then above equation is equivalent to

$$(3.46) \quad g([E_{ai}, F_{al}], N) = -g(f_l, \nabla_{E_{ai}}^* J_a N) + g(e_i, \nabla_{F_{al}}^* J_a N).$$

Suppose $G = E_{ai}$, $G' = F_{bl}$, then (3.34) reduces to

$$(3.47) \quad g([E_{ai}, F_{bl}], N) = -g(\nabla_{E_{ai}} F_{al}, J_c N) - g(\nabla_{F_{bl}} E_{bi}, J_c N).$$

If $N \in \mathcal{L}_1^\perp$ then above equation is equivalent to

$$(3.48) \quad g([E_{ai}, F_{bl}], N) = -g(h^*(E_{ai}, F_{al}), J_c N) - g(h^*(F_{bl}, E_{bi}), J_c N),$$

if $N \in \mathcal{L}_1$ then above equation is equivalent to

$$(3.49) \quad g([E_{ai}, F_{bl}], N) = -g(J_c N, \nabla_{E_{ai}}^* F_{al}) - g(J_c N, \nabla_{F_{bl}}^* E_{bi}).$$

From above sub-cases on the choice of G and G' , we obtain that if $N \in \mathcal{L}_1$, then

$$(3.50) \quad (h^*(G, G'), J_c N) = 0, g(f_l, D^s(J_a N, G)) = 0, g(e_j, A_{J_a N G}) = 0,$$

and if $N \in \mathcal{L}_1^\perp$, then

$$(3.51) \quad (\nabla_G^* G', J_c N) = 0, g(n_s, \nabla_G^* J_a N) = 0, \\ g(f_l, h^s(J_a N, F_{al'})) = 0, g(e_j, h^*(J_a N, E_{ai})) = 0.$$

In, either case $[G, G'] \notin \text{Rad}(TN)$.

Claim 3: $[G, G'] \notin J_a(D_2)$, if $g(h^*(G, G'), e_k) = 0, g(\nabla_G^* G', E_{ai}) = 0$ and $g(A_{n(s)} G, e_k) = 0$. Suppose $G = E_{ai}$, $G' = E_{aj}$, then

$$(3.52) \quad g([E_{ai}, E_{aj}], E_{bk}) = g(h^*(E_{ai}, E_{cj}), e_k) - g(h^*(E_{aj}, E_{ci}), e_k)$$

and

$$(3.53) \quad g([E_{ai}, E_{aj}], E_{ak}) = -g(A_{e_j} E_{ai}, e_k) + g(A_{e_i} E_{aj}, e_k).$$

Suppose $G = F_{al}$, $G' = F_{al'}$, then

$$(3.54) \quad g([F_{al}, F_{al'}], E_{bk}) = g(h^*(F_{al}, F_{al'}), e_k) - g(D^l(F_{al}, f_l), e_k)$$

and

$$(3.55) \quad g([F_{al}, F_{al'}], F_{ak}) = -g(A_{f_{al'}} F_{al}, e_k) + g(A_{f_{al}} F_{al'}, e_k).$$

Suppose $G = E_{ai}$, $G' = E_{bj}$, then

$$(3.56) \quad g([E_{ai}, E_{bj}], E_{ck}) = g(h^*(E_{ai}, E_{aj}), e_k) + g(h^*(E_{bi}, E_{bj}), e_k)$$

and

$$(3.57) \quad g\left([E_{ai}, E_{bj}], E_{bk}\right) = g\left(\nabla_{E_{ai}}^* E_{aj}, E_{ak}\right) - g\left(\nabla_{E_{bj}}^* E_{bi}, E_{ak}\right).$$

Suppose $G = F_{al}$, $G' = F_{bl'}$, then

$$(3.58) \quad g\left([F_{al}, F_{bl'}], E_{ck}\right) = g\left(h^*(F_{al}, F_{al'}), e_k\right) + g\left(h^*(F_{bl}, F_{bl'}), e_k\right)$$

and

$$(3.59) \quad g\left([F_{al}, F_{bl'}], E_{ck}\right) = g\left(\nabla_{F_{al}}^* F_{al'}, E_{bk}\right) + g\left(\nabla_{F_{bl'}}^* F_{bl}, E_{bk}\right).$$

Suppose $G = E_{ai}$, $G' = F_{bl}$, then

$$(3.60) \quad g\left([E_{ai}, F_{bl}], E_{ck}\right) = g\left(h^*(E_{ai}, F_{al}), e_k\right) + g\left(h^*(F_{bl}, E_{bi}), e_k\right)$$

and

$$(3.61) \quad g\left([E_{ai}, F_{bl}], E_{ak}\right) = -g\left(\nabla_{E_{ai}}^* F_{al}, E_{bk}\right) - g\left(\nabla_{F_{bl}}^* E_{bi}, E_{bk}\right).$$

From above sub-cases on the choice of G and G' , we obtain that, if $g\left(h^*(G, G'), e_k\right) = 0$, $g\left(\nabla_G^* G', E_{ai}\right) = 0$ and $g\left(A_{n(s)} G, e_k\right) = 0$, then $[G, G'] \notin J_a(D_2)$. Therefore, $G \notin D = D_1 \oplus_{orth.} D_2 \oplus_{orth.} J_a(D_2) \oplus_{orth.} D_0$ if above claims 1, 2 and 3 are true.

Theorem 3.4: Let N be a GQR-lightlike submanifold of a quaternion Kähler manifold N' , then the distribution D' defines a totally geodesic foliation if and only if, for any $V \in \{e_1, \dots, e_{r_1}, f_1, \dots, f_{k_1}\}$ and $G \in B$, $A_V G \notin D$.

Proof: By definition, D' defines a totally geodesic foliation if and only if, for any $G, G' \in D'$, $\nabla_G G' \in D'$. Suppose $G = E_{ai}$ and $G' = E_{aj}$, then

$$\nabla_{E_{ai}} E_{aj} = \left(\nabla_{E_{ai}} J_a\right) e_j + J_a \nabla_{E_{ai}} e_j,$$

which is equivalent to

$$(3.62) \quad \nabla_{E_{ai}} E_{aj} = Q_{ab}(E_{ai})E_{bj} + Q_{ac}(E_{ai})E_{cj} + J_a \left(-A_{e_j} E_{ai} + \nabla_{E_{ai}}^s e_j + D^l(E_{ai}, e_j) \right).$$

Further, eqn (3.62) can be expanded in the following manner

$$(3.63) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_{E_{ai}} E_{aj} = & Q_{ab}(E_{ai})E_{bj} + Q_{ac}(E_{ai})E_{cj} - J_a S(A_{e_j} E_{ai}) \\ & - \sum_{b=1}^3 \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{r_i} \theta_{bi}(A_{e_j} E_{ai})E_{ci} - \theta_{ci}(A_{e_j} E_{ai})E_{bi} - \theta_{ai}(A_{e_j} E_{ai})e_j \right\} \\ & + \sum_{l=1}^{k'} \left\{ \theta'_{bl}(A_{e_j} E_{ai})F_{cl} - \theta_{cl}(A_{e_j} E_{ai})F_{bl} - \theta_{al}(A_{e_j} E_{ai})f_l \right\} \\ & + B_a \left(\nabla_{E_{ai}}^s e_j + D^l(E_{ai}, e_j) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Considering tangential components and neglecting other terms from the R.H.S of equation (3.63), we obtain

$$(3.64) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_{E_{ai}} E_{aj} = & Q_{ab}(E_{ai})E_{bj} + Q_{ac}(E_{ai})E_{cj} - J_a S(A_{e_j} E_{ai}) \\ & - \sum_{b=1}^3 \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{r_i} \theta_{bi}(A_{e_j} E_{ai})E_{ci} - \theta_{ci}(A_{e_j} E_{ai})E_{bi} \right\} + \sum_{l=1}^{k'} \theta'_{bl}(A_{e_j} E_{ai})F_{cl}. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.64), $\nabla_{E_{ai}} E_{aj} \in D'$ if and only if $A_{e_j} E_{ai} \notin D$. Similarly, if $G = F_{al}$, $G' = F_{al'}$, then $\nabla_{F_{al}} F_{al'} \in D'$ if and only if $A_{f_r} F_{al} \notin D$. Now, let $G = E_{ai}$ and $G' = E_{bj}$, then

$$(3.65) \quad \nabla_{E_{ai}} E_{bj} = J_b \nabla_{E_{ai}} e_j + (\nabla_{E_{ai}} J_b) e_j.$$

Which is equivalent to

$$(3.66) \quad \nabla_{E_{ai}} E_{bj} = J_b \nabla_{E_{ai}} e_j + Q_{bc}(E_{ai})E_{cj} + Q_{ba}(E_{ai})E_{aj}.$$

Further, eqn (3.66) can be expanded in the following manner

$$(3.67) \quad \nabla_{E_{ai}} E_{bj} = J_b (-A_{e_j} E_{ai} + \nabla_{E_{ai}}^s e_j + D^l(e_j, E_{ai})) + Q_{bc}(E_{ai})E_{cj} + Q_{ba}(E_{ai})E_{aj}.$$

Now, using (3.2) and (3.5) in (3.67), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.68) \quad \nabla_{E_{ai}} E_{bj} = & -J_b S A_{e_j} E_{ai} - \sum_{b=1}^3 \left[\sum_{i=1}^{r_1} \left\{ \theta_{ai} (A_{e_j} E_{bi}) E_{bi} - \theta_{bi} E_{ai} - \theta_{ci} e_i \right\} \right. \\
 & \left. + \sum_{i=1}^{k'} \left\{ \theta_{cl} (A_{e_j} E_{bi}) F_{al} - \theta'_{al} (A_{e_j} E_{bi}) F_{cl} - \theta'_b (A_{e_j} E_{bi}) f_j \right\} \right] \\
 & + B_a (\nabla_{(E_{ai})}^s e_j + D^l(e_j, E_{ai})) + Q_b c(E_{ai}) E_c j + Q_b a(E_{ai}) E_a j.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, equating tangential components from equation (3.68), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.69) \quad \nabla_{E_{ai}} E_{bj} = & -J_b S A_{e_j} E_{ai} - \sum_{b=1}^3 \left[\sum_{i=1}^{r_1} \left\{ \theta_{ai} (A_{e_j} E_{bi}) E_{bi} - \theta_{bi} E_{ai} \right\} \right. \\
 & \left. + \theta_{cl} (A_{e_j} E_{bi}) F_{al} - \theta'_{al} (A_{e_j} E_{bi}) F_{cl} \right] + B_a (\nabla_{E_{ai}}^s e_j + D^l(e_j, E_{ai})) \\
 & + Q_{bc} (E_{ai}) E_{cj} + Q_{ba} (E_{ai}) E_{aj}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from (3.69), $\nabla_{E_{ai}} E_{bj} \in D'$ if and only if $A_{e_j} E_{ai}$ does not have components in D . Similarly, if $G = F_{al}$, $G' = F_{bl'}$, then $\nabla_{F_{al}} F_{al'} \in D'$ if and only if $A_{f_{l'}} F_{al}$ does not have components in D , and if $G = E_{ai}$, $G' = F_{al}$ or F_{bl} , then $\nabla_{E_{ai}} F_{al}$ or $\nabla_{E_{ai}} F_{bl} \in D'$ if and only if $A_{f_l} E_{ai}$ does not have components in D . From above all conditions, we conclude that $\nabla_G G' \in D'$ if and only if, for any $V \in \{e_1, \dots, e_{r_1}, f_1, \dots, f_{k_1}\}$ and $G \in B$, $A_V G$ does not belong to D .

4. Conclusion

The generalization of any theory is always fascinating due to its nature to bring various cases under one roof, particularly, when there are no intrinsic relations between these cases. In this article, we introduce a new class of submanifolds, namely, Generalized-QR or GQR lightlike submanifolds which is a generalized class of QR and SQR lightlike submanifolds of quaternion Kähler manifolds. We establish this class by giving a definition and one example which contains QR lightlike and SQR lightlike submanifolds as its sub-cases. Further, we study the geometry of

distributions and derive various important results from them. These results are helpful for further study of totally umbilical, totally geodesic, and mixed geodesic GQR-lightlike submanifolds.

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