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In the framework of the covariant quark-parton model we study the relativistic interplay between the quark spins and orbital angular momenta, which collectively contribute to the proton spin. The spin structure functions g_1 and g_2 , corresponding to the many-quark state $J = 1/2$ are shown to satisfy constraints and relations, which fit well the available experimental data including the data on proton spin content $\Delta\Sigma \approx 1/3$. The suggested Lorentz-invariant three-dimensional approach for calculation of the structure functions is compared with the approach based on the conventional collinear parton model. For details see Phys.Rev. D89, 014012 (2014).

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