

Research Article **Bertrand Curves of AW**(*k*)-**Type in the Equiform Geometry of the Galilean Space**

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We consider curves of AW(k)-type ($1 \le k \le 3$) in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . We give curvature conditions of curves of AW(k)-type. Furthermore, we investigate Bertrand curves in the equiform geometry of G_3 . We have shown that Bertrand curve in the equiform geometry of G_3 is a circular helix. Besides, considering AW(k)-type curves, we show that there are Bertrand curves of weak AW(2)-type and AW(3)-type. But, there are no such Bertrand curves of weak AW(3)-type and AW(2)-type.

1. Introduction

A Galilean space may be considered as the limit case of a pseudo-Euclidean space in which the isotropic cone degenerates to a plane. This limit transition corresponds to the limit transition from the special theory of relativity to classical mechanics. On the other hand, Galilean space-time plays an important role in nonrelativistic physics. The fact that the fundamental concepts such as velocity, momentum, kinetic energy, and principles; laws of motion and conservation laws of classical physics are expressed in terms of Galilean space [1]. As it is well known, geometry of space is associated with mathematical group. The idea of invariance of geometry under transformation group may imply that on some spacetimes of maximum symmetry there should be a principle of relativity, which requires the invariance of physical laws without gravity under transformations among inertial systems. Besides, the theory of curves and the curves of constant curvature in the equiform differential geometry of the isotropic spaces I_3^1 and I_3^2 and the Galilean space G_3 are described in [2, 3], respectively. Although the equiform geometry has minor importance related to the usual one, the curves that appear here in the equiform geometry can be seen as generalizations of well-known curves from the above mentioned geometries and therefore could have been of research interest. Many interesting results on curves of

AW(k)-type have been obtained by many mathematicians (see [4–7]). For example, in [4], Özgür and Gezgin studied a Bertrand curve of AW(k)-type, and furthermore they showed that there was no such Bertrand curve of AW(1)-type and it was of AW(3)-type if and only if it was a right circular helix. In addition they studied weak AW(2)-type and AW(3)type conical geodesic curves in E^3 . Besides, in 3-dimensional Galilean space and Lorentz space, the curves of AW(k)-type were investigated by Külahcı et al. [8] and Külahcı and Ergüt [6], respectively. Kızıltuğ and Yaylı investigated quaternionic AW(k)-type curves [9]. Also, Kızıltuğ and Yaylı [7] studied curves of AW(k)-type in three Lie groups and gave some interesting results.

The purpose of the present paper is to provide AW(k)type curves in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 and provide the properties of Bertrand curve of AW(k)type in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 .

2. Preliminaries

The Galilean space G_3 is a Cayley-Klein space equipped with the projective metric of signature (0, 0, +, +). The absolute figure of the Galilean space consists of an ordered triple $\{w, f, I\}$, where w is the ideal (absolute) plane, f is the line (absolute line) in w, and I is the fixed elliptic involution of points of f.

In the nonhomogeneous coordinates the similarity group H_8 has the form

$$\overline{x} = a_{11} + a_{12}x,$$

$$\overline{y} = a_{21} + a_{22}x + a_{23}y\cos\theta + a_{23}z\sin\theta,$$
 (1)

$$\overline{z} = a_{31} + a_{32}x - a_{23}y\sin\theta + a_{23}z\cos\theta,$$

where a_{ij} and θ are real numbers [10]. In what follows the real numbers a_{12} and a_{23} will play the special role. In particular, for $a_{12} = a_{23} = 1$, (1) defines the group $B_6 \subset H_8$ of isometries of the Galilean space G_3 . The Galilean scalar product can be written as

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \begin{cases} x_1 x_2, & \text{if } x_1 \neq 0 \text{ or } x_2 \neq 0, \\ y_1 y_2 + z_1 z_2, & \text{if } x_1 \neq 0, \ x_2 = 0, \end{cases}$$
 (2)

where $x = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $y = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$. It leaves invariant the Galilean norm of the vector *x* defined by

$$\|x\| = \begin{cases} x_1, & \text{if } x_1 \neq 0, \\ \sqrt{y_1^2 + z_1^2}, & \text{if } x_1 = 0. \end{cases}$$
(3)

A curve $\alpha : I \subset \mathbb{R} \to G_3$ of the class C^{∞} in the Galilean space G_3 is defined by the parameterization

$$\alpha(s) = (s, y(s), z(s)), \qquad (4)$$

where *s* is a Galilean invariant arc-length of α . Then the curvature $\kappa(s)$ and the torsion $\tau(s)$ are given by, respectively,

$$\kappa(s) = \sqrt{\ddot{y}(s)^2 + \ddot{z}(s)^2},$$

$$\tau(s) = \frac{\det(\dot{\alpha}(s), \ddot{\alpha}(s), \ddot{\alpha}(s))}{\kappa^2(s)}.$$
(5)

On the other hand, the Frenet vectors of $\alpha(s)$ in G_3 are defined by

$$t(s) = \dot{\alpha}(s) = (1, \dot{y}(s), \dot{z}(s)),$$

$$n(s) = \frac{1}{\kappa(s)} \ddot{\alpha}(s) = \frac{1}{\kappa(s)} (0, \ddot{y}(s), \ddot{z}(s)),$$

$$b(s) = \frac{1}{\kappa(s)} (0, -\ddot{z}(s), \ddot{y}(s)).$$
(6)

The vectors *t*, *n*, *b* are called the vectors of tangent, principal normal, and binormal of α , respectively. For their derivatives, the following Frenet formula satisfies [10]:

$$\dot{t}(s) = \kappa(s) n(s),$$

$$\dot{n}(s) = \tau(s) b(s),$$
(7)

$$\dot{b}(s) = -\tau(s) n(s).$$

3. Frenet Formulas in Equiform Geometry in G₃

Let $\alpha : I \to G_3$ be a curve in the Galilean space G_3 . We define the equiform parameter of α by

$$\sigma := \int \frac{1}{\rho} ds = \int \kappa \, ds,\tag{8}$$

where $\rho = (1/\kappa)$ is the radius of curvature of the curve α . Then, we have

$$\frac{ds}{d\sigma} = \rho. \tag{9}$$

Let *h* be a homothety with the center in the origin and the coefficient λ . If we put $\tilde{\alpha} = h(\alpha)$, then it follows

$$\tilde{s} = \lambda s, \qquad \tilde{\rho} = \lambda \rho,$$
 (10)

where \tilde{s} is the arc-length parameter of $\tilde{\alpha}$ and $\tilde{\rho}$ the radius of curvature of this curve. Therefore, σ is an equiform invariant parameter of α [10].

From now on, we define the Frenet formula of the curve α with respect to the equiform invariant parameter σ in G_3 . The vector

$$T = \frac{d\alpha}{d\sigma} \tag{11}$$

is called a tangent vector of the curve α . From (7) and (9) we get

$$T = \frac{d\alpha}{ds}\frac{ds}{d\sigma} = \rho \cdot \frac{d\alpha}{ds} = \rho \cdot t.$$
(12)

We define the principal normal vector and the binormal vector by

$$N = \rho \cdot n, \qquad B = \rho \cdot b. \tag{13}$$

Then, we easily show that $\{T, N, B\}$ are an equiform invariant orthonormal frame of the curve α .

On the other hand, the derivations of these vectors with respect to σ are given by

$$T' = \frac{dT}{d\sigma} = \dot{\rho}T + N,$$

$$N' = \frac{dN}{d\sigma} = \dot{\rho}N + \rho\tau B,$$

$$B' = \frac{dB}{d\sigma} = \rho\tau N + \dot{\rho}B.$$
(14)

Definition 1. The function $\mathscr{K}: I \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$\mathscr{K} = \dot{\rho} \tag{15}$$

is called the equiform curvature of the curve α .

Definition 2. The function $\mathcal{T}: I \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$\mathcal{T} = \rho \tau = \frac{\tau}{\kappa} \tag{16}$$

is called the equiform torsion of the curve α .

Thus, the formula analogous to the Frenet formula in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space has the following form:

$$T' = \mathcal{K} \cdot T + N,$$

$$N' = \mathcal{K} \cdot N + \mathcal{T} \cdot B,$$

$$B' = -\mathcal{T} \cdot N + \mathcal{K} \cdot B.$$
(17)

The equiform parameter $\sigma = \int \kappa(s)ds$ for closed curves is called the total curvature, and it plays an important role in global differential geometry of Euclidean space. Also, the function (τ/κ) has been already known as a conical curvature, and it also has interesting geometric interpretation.

Remark 3. Let $\alpha : I \to G_3$ be a curve in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . So the following statements are true (see for details [2, 10]).

- (i) If $\alpha(s)$ is an isotropic logarithmic spiral in G_3 , then $\mathcal{K} = \text{const.} \neq 0$ and $\mathcal{T} = 0$.
- (ii) If $\alpha(s)$ is an circular helix in G_3 , then $\mathcal{K} = 0$ and $\mathcal{T} = const. \neq 0$.
- (iii) If $\alpha(s)$ is an isotropic circle in G_3 , then $\mathscr{K} = 0$ and $\mathscr{T} = 0$.

4. AW(k)-Type Curves in Equiform Geometry in G₃

Let $\alpha : I \to G_3$ be a curve in the Galilean space G_3 . The curve α is called a Frenet curve of osculating order 3 if its derivatives $\alpha'(s), \alpha''(s), \alpha'''(s), \alpha'''(s)$ are linearly dependent, and $\alpha'(s), \alpha''(s), \alpha'''(s), \alpha'''(s)$ are no longer linearly independent for all $s \in I$.

Proposition 4. Let α : $I \rightarrow G_3$ be a curve in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 ; one has

$$\alpha'(s) = T(s),$$

$$\alpha''(s) = \mathcal{K}(s)T(s) + N(s),$$

$$\alpha'''(s) = \left(\mathcal{K}'(s) + \mathcal{K}^{2}(s)\right)T(s)$$

$$+ 2\mathcal{K}(s)N(s) + \mathcal{T}(s)B(s), \qquad (18)$$

$$\alpha''''(s) = \left(\mathcal{K}''(s) + 3\mathcal{K}(s)\mathcal{K}'(s)\right)T(s)$$

$$+ \left(3\mathcal{K}'(s) + 3\mathcal{K}^{2}(s) - \mathcal{T}^{2}(s)\right)N(s)$$

$$+\left(3\mathcal{K}\left(s\right) \mathcal{T}\left(s\right) +\mathcal{T}^{\prime}\left(s\right) \right) B\left(s\right) .$$

Notation. Let us write

$$N_1(s) = N(s),$$
 (19)

$$N_{2}(s) = 2\mathcal{K}(s) N(s) + \mathcal{T}(s) B(s), \qquad (20)$$

$$N_{3}(s) = \left(3\mathcal{K}'(s) + 3\mathcal{K}^{2}(s) - \mathcal{T}^{2}(s)\right)N(s) + \left(3\mathcal{K}(s)\mathcal{T}(s) + \mathcal{T}'(s)\right)B(s).$$

$$(21)$$

Remark 5. $\alpha'(s)$, $\alpha''(s)$, $\alpha'''(s)$, $\alpha''''(s)$ are linearly dependent if and only if $N_1(s)$, $N_2(s)$, $N_3(s)$ are linearly dependent.

As the definition of AW(k)-type curves in [5], we have the following definition.

Definition 6. Curves (of osculating order 3) in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space are given as

(i) of type weak AW(2) if they satisfy

$$N_{3}(s) = \langle N_{3}(s), N_{2}^{*}(s) \rangle N_{2}^{*}(s), \qquad (22)$$

(ii) of type weak AW(3) if they satisfy

$$N_{3}(s) = \langle N_{3}(s), N_{1}^{*}(s) \rangle N_{1}^{*}(s), \qquad (23)$$

where

$$N_{1}^{*}(s) = \frac{N_{1}(s)}{\|N_{1}(s)\|},$$

$$N_{2}^{*}(s) = \frac{N_{2}(s) - \langle N_{2}(s), N_{1}^{*}(s) \rangle N_{1}^{*}(s)}{\|N_{2}(s) - \langle N_{2}(s), N_{1}^{*}(s) \rangle N_{1}^{*}(s)\|}.$$
(24)

Proposition 7. Let $\alpha : I \to G_3$ be a curve (of osculating order 3) in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . Then α is of type weak AW(2) if and only if

$$3\mathscr{K}(s)\mathscr{T}(s) + \mathscr{T}'(s) = 0.$$
⁽²⁵⁾

Corollary 8. Let $\alpha : I \to G_3$ be a curve (of osculating order 3) in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 .

- (i) If α is an isotropic logarithmic spiral in G₃, then α is type weak AW(2) curve.
- (ii) If α is a circular helix in G₃, then α is type weak AW(2) curve.
- (iii) If α is an isotropic circle in G₃, then α is type weak AW(2) curve.

Proof. By using Remark 3 and Proposition 7, we have the results. \Box

Proposition 9. Let $\alpha : I \to G_3$ be a curve (of osculating order 3) in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . If α is of type weak AW(3), then

$$3\mathscr{K}'(s) + 3\mathscr{K}^2(s) - \mathscr{T}^2(s) = 0.$$
⁽²⁶⁾

Corollary 10. If α is an isotropic circle in G_3 . Then α is of type weak AW(3) curve.

Proof. It is obvious from Remark 3 and Proposition 9. \Box

Corollary 11. Let $\alpha : I \to G_3$ be a curve (of osculating order 3) in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . Then there is no isotropic logarithmic spiral or circular helix of type weak AW(3).

Proof. If α is an isotropic logarithmic spiral or circular helix, then from Remark 3 we have, respectively,

$$\mathscr{K}(s) = \text{const.} \neq 0, \qquad \mathscr{T}(s) = 0, \qquad (27)$$

$$\mathscr{K}(s) = 0, \qquad \mathscr{T}(s) = \text{const.} \neq 0.$$
 (28)

Substituting (27) and (28) in (26), we get, respectively,

$$\mathscr{K}^{2}(s) = 0, \qquad \mathscr{T}^{2}(s) = 0.$$
 (29)

Since $\mathscr{K}(s)$ is nonzero constant and $\mathscr{T}(s)$ is nonzero constant, this is impossible, so α is not isotropic logarithmic spiral or circular helix of type weak AW(3).

Definition 12. Curves (of osculating order 3) in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space are given as

- (i) of type AW(1) if they satisfy $N_3(s) = 0$,
- (ii) of type AW(2) if they satisfy

$$\|N_{2}(s)\|^{2}N_{3}(s) = \langle N_{3}(s), N_{2}(s) \rangle N_{2}(s), \qquad (30)$$

(iii) of type AW(3) if they satisfy

$$\|N_{1}(s)\|^{2}N_{3}(s) = \langle N_{3}(s), N_{1}(s) \rangle N_{1}(s).$$
(31)

Theorem 13. Let $\alpha : I \to G_3$ be a curve (of osculating order 3) in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . Then α is of type AW(1) if and only if

$$3\mathscr{K}'(s) + 3\mathscr{K}^{2}(s) - \mathscr{T}^{2}(s) = 0,$$

$$3\mathscr{K}(s)\mathscr{T}(s) + \mathscr{T}'(s) = 0.$$

(32)

Proof. Since α is a curve of type AW(1), we have $N_3(s) = 0$. Then from (21), we have

$$(3\mathscr{K}'(s) + 3\mathscr{K}^{2}(s) - \mathscr{T}^{2}(s)) N(s) + (3\mathscr{K}(s) \mathscr{T}(s) + \mathscr{T}'(s)) B(s) = 0.$$

$$(33)$$

Furthermore, since N(s) and B(s) are linearly independent, we get

$$3\mathscr{K}'(s) + 3\mathscr{K}^{2}(s) - \mathscr{T}^{2}(s) = 0,$$

$$3\mathscr{K}(s) \mathscr{T}(s) + \mathscr{T}'(s) = 0.$$

(34)

The converse statement is trivial. Hence our theorem is proved. $\hfill \Box$

Corollary 14. If $\alpha(s)$ is an isotropic circle in G_3 , then α is of type AW(1) curve.

Proof. The proof is obvious from Remark 3 and Theorem 13. \Box

Theorem 15. Let $\alpha : I \to G_3$ be a curve (of osculating order 3) in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . Then α is of type AW(2) if and only if

$$6\mathscr{K}^{2}(s)\mathscr{T}(s) - 2\mathscr{K}(s)\mathscr{T}'(s) - 3\mathscr{T}(s)\mathscr{K}'(s)$$

$$-\mathscr{T}^{3}(s) - 3\mathscr{K}^{2}(s)\mathscr{T}(s) = 0.$$
(35)

Proof. Suppose that α is a Frenet curve of order 3; then from (20) and (21), we can write

$$N_{2}(s) = \gamma(s) N(s) + \beta(s) B(s),$$

$$N_{3}(s) = \eta(s) N(s) + \delta(s) B(s),$$
(36)

where γ , β , η , and δ are differentiable functions. Since $N_2(s)$ and $N_3(s)$ are linearly dependent, coefficients determinant is equal to zero and hence one can write

$$\begin{vmatrix} \gamma(s) & \beta(s) \\ \eta(s) & \delta(s) \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$
(37)

Here,

$$\begin{split} \gamma\left(s\right) &= 2\mathcal{K}\left(s\right), \qquad \beta\left(s\right) = \mathcal{T}\left(s\right), \\ \eta\left(s\right) &= 3\mathcal{K}'\left(s\right) + 3\mathcal{K}^{2}\left(s\right) - \mathcal{T}^{2}\left(s\right), \qquad (38) \\ \delta\left(s\right) &= 3\mathcal{K}\left(s\right)\mathcal{T}\left(s\right) + \mathcal{T}'\left(s\right). \end{split}$$

Substituting these into (37), we obtain (35). Conversely if (35) holds, it is easy to show that α is of type AW(2). This completes the proof.

Corollary 16. Let $\alpha : I \to G_3$ be a curve (of osculating order 3) in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 .

- (i) If α is an isotropic logarithmic spiral in G₃, then α is of type AW(2) curve.
- (ii) If α is a circular helix in G₃, then there is not circular helix of type AW(2).
- (iii) If α is an isotropic circle in G₃, then α is of type AW(2) curve.

Theorem 17. Let $\alpha : I \to G_3$ be a curve (of osculating order 3) in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . If α is of type AW(3), then

$$3\mathscr{K}(s)\mathscr{T}(s) + \mathscr{T}'(s) = 0. \tag{39}$$

Proof. Since α curve is of type AW(3), (31) holds on α . So substituting (19) and (21) into (31), we have (39). The converse statement is trivial. Hence our theorem is proved.

5. Bertrand Curves of AW(k)-Type in the Equiform Geometry of G₃

This section characterizes the curvatures of AW(k)-type Bertrand curves in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . We provided some theorems and conclusion to show that there are Bertrand curves of weak AW(2)-type and AW(3)-type in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 .

Definition 18. A curve $\alpha : I \to G_3$ with $\kappa(s) \neq 0$ is called a Bertrand curve if there exists a curve $\tilde{\alpha} : I \to G_3$ such that the principal normal lines of α and $\tilde{\alpha}$ at $s \in I$ are equal. In this case $\tilde{\alpha}$ is called a Bertrand mate of α [11].

The curve $\tilde{\alpha}$ is called a Bertrand mate of α and vice versa. A Frenet framed curve is said to be a Bertrand curve if it admits a Bertrand mate.

By definition, for a Bertrand pair $(\alpha, \tilde{\alpha})$, there exists a functional relation $\tilde{s} = \tilde{s}(s)$ such that

$$\widetilde{\lambda}\left(\widetilde{s}\left(s\right)\right) = \lambda\left(s\right). \tag{40}$$

Let $(\alpha, \tilde{\alpha})$ be a Bertrand mate in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . Then we can write

$$\widetilde{\alpha}(s) = \alpha(s) + \lambda N(s).$$
(41)

Theorem 19. Let $(\alpha, \tilde{\alpha})$ be Bertrand mate in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . Then the function λ defined by relation (41) is a constant, and the equiform curvature $\mathscr{K}(s) = 0$.

Proof. Let $\{T(s), N(s), B(s)\}$ and $\{\widetilde{T}(s), \widetilde{N}(s), \widetilde{B}(s)\}$ be the Frenet frames according to the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 along $\alpha(s)$ and $\widetilde{\alpha}(s)$, respectively. Since $(\alpha(s), \widetilde{\alpha}(s))$ is a Bertrand mate, from (41) we can write

$$\widetilde{\alpha}(s) = \alpha(s) + \lambda N(s).$$
(42)

By differentiation of (42) with respect to *s*, we obtain

$$\widetilde{T}\frac{d\widetilde{s}}{ds} = T + \lambda' N(s) + \lambda N'(s), \qquad (43)$$

where *s* and \tilde{s} are parameters on α and $\tilde{\alpha}$, respectively; $(d\tilde{s}/ds) \neq 0$. By using relation (17) we have

$$\left(\tilde{\alpha}\left(s\right)\right)' = \tilde{T}\frac{d\tilde{s}}{ds} = T\left(s\right) + \left(\lambda' + \lambda\mathcal{K}\left(s\right)\right)N\left(s\right) + \lambda\mathcal{F}\left(s\right)B\left(s\right).$$
(44)

Since $(\tilde{\alpha}(s))'$ is parallel to $\tilde{T}(s)$, then

$$\left(\widetilde{\alpha}\left(s\right)\right)' \perp \widetilde{N}\left(s\right). \tag{45}$$

Since $\widetilde{N}(s)$ is parallel to N(s), then

$$\left(\tilde{\alpha}\left(s\right)\right)' \perp N\left(s\right). \tag{46}$$

Thus, from (45) and (46), we have

$$\langle (\tilde{\alpha}(s))', N(s) \rangle = 0.$$
 (47)

Substituting (44) into (47), we obtain

$$\lambda' + \lambda \mathscr{K}(s) = 0. \tag{48}$$

Thus, from (48), we get that λ is constant, and $\mathscr{K}(s) = 0$. Hence, the proof is completed.

Theorem 20. Let $(\alpha, \tilde{\alpha})$ be Bertrand mate in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . Then angle measurement of this curve between tangent vectors at corresponding points is constant.

Proof. If we show $\langle \tilde{T}(s), T(s) \rangle' = 0$, then the proof is complete:

$$\left\langle \tilde{T}(s), T(s) \right\rangle' = \left\langle \left(\tilde{T}(s)\right)', T(s) \right\rangle + \left\langle \tilde{T}(s), (T(s))' \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \widetilde{\mathscr{K}}(s) \widetilde{T}(s) + \widetilde{N}(s), T(s) \right\rangle$$

$$+ \left\langle \tilde{T}(s), \mathscr{K}(s) T(s) + N(s) \right\rangle$$

$$= \widetilde{\mathscr{K}}(s) \left\langle \tilde{T}(s), T(s) \right\rangle + \left\langle \widetilde{N}(s), T(s) \right\rangle$$

$$+ \mathscr{K}(s) \left\langle \tilde{T}(s), T(s) \right\rangle$$

$$+ \left\langle \tilde{T}(s), N(s) \right\rangle.$$

$$(49)$$

Since $\widetilde{N}(s)$ is parallel to N(s) and $N(s) \perp T(s)$, then

$$\left\langle \widetilde{N}\left(s\right),T\left(s\right)\right\rangle =0.$$
 (50)

Since $\widetilde{N}(s)$ is parallel to N(s) and $\widetilde{T}(s) \perp \widetilde{N}(s)$, then

$$\left\langle \tilde{T}\left(s\right), N\left(s\right) \right\rangle = 0. \tag{51}$$

Since $(\alpha, \tilde{\alpha})$ is Bertrand mate in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 , from Theorem 19 we have

$$\mathscr{K}(s) = 0, \qquad \widetilde{\mathscr{K}}(s) = 0.$$
 (52)

So, substituting (50), (51), and (52) into (49), we have

$$\left\langle \tilde{T}\left(s\right), T\left(s\right) \right\rangle' = 0. \tag{53}$$

Hence, the proof is completed.

Theorem 21. Let α : $I \rightarrow G_3$ be a curve in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . Then α is a Bertrand curve if and only if α is a curve with constant torsion $\mathcal{T}(s)$.

Proof. Deneote the Frenet frames of $\alpha(s)$ and $\tilde{\alpha}(s)$ by $\{T(s), N(s), B(s)\}$ and $\{\tilde{T}(s), \tilde{N}(s), \tilde{B}(s)\}$, respectively. Let angle between T(s) and $\tilde{T}(s)$ which is tangent vector of $\tilde{\alpha}(s)$ be θ . As $(N(s), \tilde{N}(s))$ is a linearly dependent set, we can write

$$\overline{T}(s) = \cos\theta T(s) + \sin\theta B(s).$$
(54)

If we differentiate (54) and consider $(N(s), \widetilde{N}(s))$ is a linearly dependent set, we can easily see that θ is a constant function. Since $\alpha(s)$ and $\widetilde{\alpha}(s)$ are Bertrand curve mates, we have

$$\widetilde{\alpha}(s) = \alpha(s) + \lambda N(s).$$
(55)

If Differentiating (55) with respect to *s* and with the help of Theorem 19, we get

$$\widetilde{T}\frac{d\widetilde{s}}{ds} = T(s) + \lambda \mathscr{T}B(s).$$
(56)

If we consider (54) and (56), we obtain

$$\cot\theta\lambda\mathcal{T}(s) = 1.$$
 (57)

$$\mathcal{T}(s) = \frac{1}{v}.$$
(58)

This means that \mathcal{T} is constant. The converse statement is trivial. Hence, theorem is proved.

Corollary 22. Let $\alpha : I \rightarrow G_3$ be Bertrand curve in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . Then α is a circular helix in G_3 .

Proof. Since α is Bertrand curve in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 , from Theorems 19 and 21 we have

$$\mathscr{K}(s) = 0, \quad \mathscr{T}(s) \text{ is constant.}$$
 (59)

Thus, α is a circular helix in G_3 . Hence, theorem is proved.

Theorem 23. Let α : $I \rightarrow G_3$ be Bertrand curve in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . Then α is a weak AW(2)-type or AW(3)-type curve.

Proof. Now suppose that $\alpha : I \rightarrow G_3$ is Bertrand curve in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . Then, from Theorems 19 and 21 we have

$$\mathscr{K}(s) = 0, \quad \mathscr{T}(s) \text{ is constant,}$$
 (60)

if (60) is substituted into (25) and (39), which completes the proof of the theorem. $\hfill \Box$

Theorem 24. Let $\alpha : I \rightarrow G_3$ be Bertrand curve in the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 . Then α is not a weak AW(3)-type or AW(2)-type curve.

Proof. Since $\alpha : I \rightarrow G_3$ is Bertrand curve according to the equiform geometry of the Galilean space G_3 , then, (60) holds on α . If (60) is substituted in (26) and (35), we get, respectively,

$$\mathcal{T}^2(s) = 0, \tag{61}$$

$$\mathcal{T}^3(s) = 0. \tag{62}$$

Since \mathcal{T} is nonzero constant, this is impossible. So, α is not a weak AW(3)-type or type AW(2) curve. Hence, the theorem is proved.

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