TUBULAR SURFACES WITH DARBOUX FRAME IN GALILEAN 3-SPACE

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Abstract. In this paper, we define tubular surface by using a Darboux frame instead of a Frenet frame. Subsequently, we compute the Gaussian curvature and the mean curvature of the tubular surface with a Darboux frame. Moreover, we obtain some characterizations for special curves on this tubular surface in a Galilean 3-space.
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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, the Galilean space-time plays an important role in non-relativistic physics. The fact is that the fundamental concepts such as velocity, momentum, kinetic energy, etc., and the principles, laws of motion and conservation laws of classical physics are expressed in terms of the Galilean space[7].

As it is well known, the geometry of space is associated with a mathematical group. The idea of invariance of geometry under transformation groups 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. Surface theory has been a popular topic for many researchers in many aspects[3, 9, 8]. Furthermore, canal surfaces are more popular in computer aided geometric design (CAGD), including designing models of internal and external organs, preparing terrain infrastructures, constructing blending surfaces, reconstructing shape or robotic path planning. Several geometers have studied canal surfaces and tube surfaces and have obtained many interesting results[4, 1, 10, 2, 5]. Maekawa [6] et al carried out a research on the necessary and

sufficient conditions for the regularity of tube surfaces. Besides, Ro and Yoon [10] studied the tubes of the Weingarten type in a Euclidean 3-space. M. Dede [2] studied tube surfaces in a Galilean 3-space. Recently, Dogan and Yayli [4] investigated tubes with a Darboux frame in a Euclidean 3-space. In this study, we investigate tubular surfaces by taking a Darboux frame instead of a Frenet frame in a Galilean 3-space.

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 non-homogeneous coordinates the similarity group H_8 has the form

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= a_{11} + a_{12}x \\ \bar{y} &= a_{21} + a_{22}x + a_{23}y\cos\theta + a_{23}z\sin\theta \\ \bar{z} &= a_{31} + a_{32}x - a_{23}y\sin\theta + a_{23}z\cos\theta \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where a_{ij} and θ are real numbers[7]. 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.

Planes $x = constant$ are Euclidean and so is the plane ω. Other planes are isotropic. A vector $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ is said to be non-isotropic if $u_1 \neq 0$. All unit non-isotropic vectors are of the form $\mathbf{u} = (1, u_2, u_3)$. For isotropic vectors, $u_1 = 0$ holds [7].

Since $x = 0$ plane is a Euclidean in Galilean space, it is easy to see that isotropic vectors are on the Euclidean plane.

Definition 1.1. Let $\mathbf{a} = (x, y, z)$ and $\mathbf{b} = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ be vectors in a Galilean space. The scalar product is defined as

$$< \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} >= x_1 x \tag{2.2}$$

and the scalar product of two isotropic vectors, $\mathbf{p} = (0, y, z)$ and $\mathbf{q} = (0, y_1, z_1)$, is defined as

$$< \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} >_1 = yy_1 + zz_1 \tag{2.3}$$

Definition 1.2. Let $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ be vectors in a Galilean space [8]. The cross-product of the vectors $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ is defined as follows:

$$\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & e_2 & e_3 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} = (0, u_3v_1 - u_1v_3, u_1v_2 - u_2v_1) \tag{2.4}$$

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

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

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

$$\kappa(s) = \sqrt{\ddot{y}(s)^2 + \ddot{z}(s)^2}, \tau(s) = \frac{\det((\dot{\alpha}(s), \ddot{\alpha}(s), \dddot{\alpha}(s))}{\kappa^2(s)}$$

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

$$\mathbf{t} \quad = \dot{\alpha}(s) = ((1, \dot{y}(s), \dot{z}(s)),$$
$$\mathbf{n} \quad = \frac{1}{\kappa(s)}\ddot{\alpha}(s) = \frac{1}{\kappa(s)}((0, \ddot{y}(s), \ddot{z}(s)),$$
$$\mathbf{b} \quad = \frac{1}{\kappa(s)}((0, -\ddot{z}(s), \ddot{y}(s)).$$

The vectors $\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{b}$ are called the vector of tangent, principal normal and binormal of α, respectively. For their derivatives the following Frenet formula is satisfied[8]

(2.5)
$$\mathbf{t}'(s) \quad = \kappa(s)\mathbf{n},$$
$$\mathbf{n}'(s) \quad = \tau(s)\mathbf{b},$$
$$\mathbf{b}'(s) \quad = -\tau(s)\mathbf{n}.$$

Since the curve $\alpha(s)$ lies on the surface M, there exists another frame along the curve . This new frame is called Darboux frame and is denoted by $\{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{N}\}$ where $\mathbf{T}$ is the unit tangent of the curve, $\mathbf{N}$ is the unit normal of the surface M along the curve $\alpha(s)$ and $\mathbf{Y}$ is a unit vector given by $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{T}$. This frame gives us an opportunity to investigate the properties of the curve according to the surface. Since the unit tangent $\mathbf{T}$ is common in both Frenet frame and Darboux frame, the vectors $\mathbf{n}$, $\mathbf{b}$, $\mathbf{Y}$ and $\mathbf{N}$ lie on the same plane. The derivative formulae of the Darboux frame of $\alpha(s)$ is given as[9]

(2.6)
$$\mathbf{T}'(s) \quad = k_g(s)\mathbf{Y} + k_n\mathbf{N},$$
$$\mathbf{Y}'(s) \quad = t_r(s)\mathbf{N},$$
$$\mathbf{N}'(s) \quad = t_r(s)\mathbf{Y}.$$

where k_g, k_n and t_r are called the geodesic curvature, the normal curvature and the geodesic torsion, respectively.

Now, we shall mention the surface theory in the Galilean space G_3.

Let us consider the surface M given by the parametrization

(2.7)
$$\varphi(u^1, u^2) = (x(u^1, u^2), y(u^1, u^2), z(u^1, u^2))$$

where $x(u^1, u^2), y(u^1, u^2), z(u^1, u^2) \in C^3$ and $u^1, u^2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

The isotropic unit normal vector field $\mathbf{Z}$ is given by

$$(2.8) \qquad \mathbf{Z} = \frac{\varphi_{,1} \wedge \varphi_{,2}}{\|\varphi_{,1} \wedge \varphi_{,2}\|_1}$$

where $w = \|\varphi_{,1} \wedge \varphi_{,2}\|_1$ and the partial differentiation with respect to $u^{2.1}$ and $u^{2.2}$ denoted by suffixes 1 and 2, respectively.

The first fundamental form of the surface is defined as

$$I = (g_{ij} + \varepsilon h_{ij}) du^i du^j$$

where

$$(2.9) \qquad g_{ij} = \langle \varphi_{,i}, \varphi_{,j} \rangle, h_{ij} = \langle \varphi_{,i}, \varphi_{,j} \rangle_1$$

and ε is

$$\epsilon = \begin{cases} 0, & dv^1 : dv^2 \quad \text{non-isotropic} \\ 1, & dv^1 : dv^2 \quad \text{isotropic} \end{cases}$$

The coefficients L_{ij} of the second fundamental form are given by

$$(2.10) \qquad L_{ij} =< \frac{\varphi_{,ij} x_{,1} - x_{,ij} \varphi_{,1}}{x_{,1}}, \mathbf{Z} >_1$$

Finally, the Gauss curvature K and the mean curvature H of the surface M are defined as

$$(2.11) \qquad K \qquad = \frac{\det L_{ij}}{w^2} = \frac{L_{11} L_{22} - L_{12}}{w^2}$$
$$(2.12) \qquad 2H \quad = g^{ij} L_{ij} = g^{11} L_{11} + g^{12} L_{12} + g^{22} L_{22}$$

respectively, where

$$(2.13) \qquad g^{11} = \frac{g_{22}}{w^2}, \ g^{12} = -\frac{g_{12}}{w^2}, g^{22} = -\frac{g_{11}}{w^2}$$

3.   Tubular surface with Darboux frame in G_3

M.Dede defined the tubular surface by using a Frenet frame in a Galilean 3-space. In this section, we define tubular surface by using a Darboux frame instead of a Frenet frame.

Let the center curve $\alpha(s)$ be on the surface M. The characteristic circles of the canal surface lie in the plane which is perpendicular to the tangent of the center curve $\alpha(s)$. In light of this definition, the tubular surface can be defined by using a Darboux frame as

$$(3.1) \qquad M(s, \beta) = \alpha(s) + r(\cos \beta \mathbf{Y} + \sin \beta \mathbf{N})$$

Using (2.6) we get partial derivatives of M with respect to s and β as follows:

(3.2) $\qquad\qquad M_s \quad = T + r(\cos \beta(t_r \mathbf{N}) - \sin \beta(t_r Y))$

(3.3) $\qquad\qquad M_\beta \qquad = -r \sin \beta \mathbf{Y} + r \cos \beta \mathbf{N}$

The cross-product of these two vectors is given as

(3.4) $\qquad\qquad M_s \wedge M_\beta = -r \cos \beta \mathbf{Y} - r \sin \beta \mathbf{N}$

Using (2.8) and (3.5), we obtain an isotropic normal vector of the tubular surface as

(3.5) $\qquad\qquad\qquad \mathbf{Z} = -\cos \beta \mathbf{Y} - \sin \beta \mathbf{N}$

From (2.13) and (3.5), we obtain the first fundamental form of the tubular surface with a Darboux frame in a Galilean space as

(3.6) $\qquad\qquad\qquad I = ds^2 + \epsilon r^2 d\beta^2$

where ϵ is

(3.7) $\qquad\qquad\qquad \epsilon = \begin{cases} 0, & du \neq 0 \\ \\ 1, & du = 0 \end{cases}$

The second order partial differentials of the surface M are obtained as

(3.8) $M_{ss} \quad = (k_g - r \cos \beta t_r^2 - r \sin \beta t_r')\mathbf{Y} + (k_n + r \cos \beta t_r' - r \sin \beta t_r^2)\mathbf{N}$,

(3.9) $M_{\beta s} \qquad\qquad = (-r \cos \beta t_r)\mathbf{Y} + (-r \sin \beta t_r)\mathbf{N}$,

(3.10) $M_{\beta\beta} \qquad\qquad = -r \cos \beta \mathbf{Y} - r \sin \beta \mathbf{N}$

Equations (3.12), (3.13) and (3.1) lead to the coefficients of the second fundamental form obtained by,

(3.11) $\qquad\qquad L_{11} \quad = -\cos \beta k_g - k_n \sin \beta + rt_r^2$,

(3.12) $\qquad\qquad L_{12} \qquad\quad = rt_r$,

(3.13) $\qquad\qquad L_{22} \qquad\quad = r.$

Thus, the Gaussian curvature K is given by:

(3.14) $\qquad\qquad\qquad K = \dfrac{-\cos \beta k_g - k_n \sin \beta}{r}$

From the equations (2.11), (3.4) and (3.5), we get

(3.15) $\qquad\qquad\qquad g^{11} = g^{12} = 0, g^{22} = \dfrac{1}{r^2}$

Then, substituting (3.14), (3.15) and (3.16) into (3.1), we obtain the mean curvature of the tubular surface as

(3.16) $\qquad\qquad\qquad H = \dfrac{1}{2r}$

4.   Some Characterizations for Special Curves on Tubular Surfaces in G_3

In this section, we investigate the relation between parameter curves and special curves such as geodesic curves, asymptotic curves, and lines of curvature on this tube surface $M(s, \beta)$ in a Galilean space

Theorem 3.1 Let $M(s, \beta)$ be a tubular surface in G_3. Then

i) $\beta-$ parameter curves are also geodesic.

ii) $s-$ parameter curves are also geodesic if and only if k_g, k_n and t_r of $\alpha(s)$ satisfy the equation:

$$(4.1) \qquad\qquad -\cos\beta k_n + \sin\beta k_g - rt_r' = 0.$$

Proof:

i) For $s-$ and $\beta-$ parameter curves, we get

$$(4.2) \qquad \mathbf{Z} \wedge M_{\beta\beta} = (-\cos\beta\mathbf{Y} - \sin\beta\mathbf{N}) \wedge (-r\cos\beta\mathbf{Y} - r\sin\beta\mathbf{N})$$
$$= r\cos\beta\sin\beta T - r\sin\beta\cos\beta T = 0.$$

Since $Z \wedge M_{\beta\beta} = 0$, it follows that $\beta-$ parameter curves are geodesic.

ii)

$$(4.3) \qquad\qquad \mathbf{Z} \wedge M_{ss} = (-\cos\beta k_n + \sin\beta k_g - rt_r')\mathbf{T}(s)$$

It is easy to see that $\mathbf{Z} \wedge M_{ss} = 0$ if and only if $-\cos\beta k_n + \sin\beta k_g - rt_r' = 0$. This completes the proof.

Corollary 3.1 Let $\alpha(s)$ be a geodesic curve on the tubular surface $M(s, \beta)$ in G_3. If $s-$ parameter curves are also geodesic on $M(s, \beta)$, then the curvatures κ and τ of $\alpha(s)$ satisfy the equation:

$$\cos\beta\kappa - r\tau' = 0.$$

Proof: Since the center curve $\alpha(s)$ is geodesic curve, we have $k_g = 0$, $k_n = \kappa$ and $t_r = \tau$. Substituting $k_g = 0$, $k_n = \kappa$ and $t_r = \tau$ in (4.1) the equation, we get

$$\cos\beta\kappa - r\tau' = 0.$$

Hence, the proof is completed.

Corollary 3.2 Let $\alpha(s)$ be an asymptotic curve on the tubular surface $M(s, \beta)$ in G_3. If $s-$ parameter curves are also geodesic on $M(s, \beta)$, then the curvatures κ and τ of $\alpha(s)$ satisfy the equation:

$$\sin\beta\kappa - r\tau' = 0.$$

Proof: Since the center curve $\alpha(s)$ is an asymptotic curve, we have $k_n = 0$, $k_g = \kappa$ and $t_r = \tau$. Substituting $k_n = 0$, $k_g = \kappa$ and $t_r = \tau$ in (4.1), we get

$$\cos\beta\kappa - r\tau' = 0.$$

Hence, the proof is completed.

Theorem 3.2 For the tubular surface $M(s,\beta)$ in G_3.

i) $\beta-$ parameter curves cannot be asymptotic curves.

ii) $s-$ parameter curves are also geodesic if and only if $M(s,\beta)$ is generated by a moving sphere with the radius function

$$(4.4) \qquad r = \frac{\cos\beta k_g + \sin\beta k_n}{t_r'}.$$

Proof: i) Since $\langle \mathbf{Z}, M_{\beta\beta} \rangle = r \neq 0$, $\beta-$ parameter curves cannot be asymptotic curves on $M(s,\beta)$

ii) $s-$parameter curves are also asymptotic curve on $M(s,\beta)$ if and only if

$$(4.5) \qquad \langle \mathbf{Z}, M_{ss} \rangle = -\cos\beta k_g - \sin\beta k_n + rt_r' = 0.$$

Thus, we get the radius function:

$$r = \frac{\cos\beta k_g + \sin\beta k_n}{t_r'}.$$

This completes the proof.

Corollary 3.3 Let $s-$ parameter curves are also asymptotic curves on $M(s,\beta)$ in G_3.

i) If the center curve $\alpha(s)$ is a geodesic curve on $M(s,\beta)$,then

$$r = \frac{\sin\beta\kappa}{\tau'}$$

ii) If the center curve $\alpha(s)$ is an asymptotic curve on $M(s,\beta)$,then

$$r = \frac{\cos\beta\kappa}{\tau'}$$

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