



POSITION VECTOR OF SOME SPECIAL CURVES IN GALILEAN 3-SPACE G^3

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, position vectors of curves in Galilean space G^3 according to standard frame are investigated. Second, it is proven that position satisfies a vector differential equation of second and fourth order. First, a system of differential equation whose solution gives the components on the Frenet axis in G^3 is established by means of Frenet equations. Moreover, a characterizations for position vector of rectifying curves are expressed in G^3 .

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the Euclidean 3-space, rectifying curves are introduced by B.Y. Chen in [2] as space curves whose position vector always lies in its rectifying plane, spanned by the tangent and the binormal vector fields T and B of the curve. Accordingly, the position vector with respect to some chosen origin, of a rectifying curve α in E^3 , satisfies the equation

$$\alpha(s) = \lambda(s)T(s) + \mu(s)B(s) \quad (1)$$

where $\lambda(s)$ and $\mu(s)$ are arbitrary differential functions in arc-length parameter $s \in I \subset \mathbb{R}$.

In the Minkowski 3-space, position vector of some special space-like curves according to Bishop frame are studied by S. Yılmaz in [6]. Moreover, A. Ali investigated to position vector of a time-like slant helix in Minkowski 3-space in [1]. Apart from, S. Yılmaz studied position vector of a partially null curve derived from a vector equation [7].

In this paper, in analogy with Euclidean 3-dimensional case, we define the rectifying curve in the Galilean space G^3 .

2. PRELIMINARIES

The Galilean space is a three dimensional complex projective space, P^3 , in which the absolute figure $\{w, f, I_1, I_2\}$ consist of a real plane w (the absolute plane) a real line $f \subset w$ (the absolute line) and two complex conjugate points $I_1, I_2 \in f$ (the absolute points) [4]. We shall take, as a real model of the space G^3 , a real projective space P^3 , with the absolute $\{w, f, \}$ consist of a real plane $w \subset G^3$ and a real line $f \subset w$, on which an elliptic involution ε has been defined.

Let ε be homogeneous coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} w\dots x_0, \quad f\dots x_0 = x_1 = 0 \\ \varepsilon : (0 : 0 : x_2 : x_3) \longrightarrow (0 : 0 : x_3 : -x_2) \end{aligned}$$

The scalar product Galilean space G^3 is defined by

$$\langle X, Y \rangle_{G^3} = \begin{cases} x_1 y_1 & , \text{ if } x_1 \neq 0 \text{ or } y_1 \neq 0 \\ x_2 y_2 + x_3 y_3 & , \text{ if } x_1 = 0 \text{ and } y_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

The cross product Galilean space G^3 is defined by

$$X \wedge Y = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & e_1 & e_2 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Where $X = (x_1, x_2, x_3), Y = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$.

Let $\alpha : I \longrightarrow G^3, I \subset \mathbb{R}$ be a curve in Galilean space G^3 given by $\alpha = (x, y(x), z(x))$ where x is a Galilean invariant-the arc lenght on α ,

$$\kappa(x) = \sqrt{(y''(x))^2 + (z''(x))^2}, \quad \tau(x) = \frac{\det(\alpha'(x), \alpha''(x), \alpha'''(x))}{\kappa^2(x)} \quad (3)$$

respectively,

The orthonormal trihedron of the curves α is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha'(x) = T(x) &= (1, y'(x), z'(x)) \\ N(x) &= \frac{1}{\kappa(x)}(0, y''(x), z''(x)) \\ B(x) &= \frac{1}{\kappa(x)}(0, -z''(x), y''(x)) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The vectors $T(x), N(x), B(x)$ are called the tangent, principal normal and the binormal line, respectively. For their derivatives, the following Frenet formulas hold [9].

$$\begin{aligned} T'(x) &= \kappa(x)N(x) \\ N'(x) &= \tau(x)B(x) \\ B'(x) &= -\tau(x)N(x) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

3. POSITION VECTOR OF REGULAR CURVES IN G^3

Let $\varphi = \varphi(s)$ be unit speed curve in G^3 . We can write this position vector with respect to Frenet frame in G^3 as

$$\varphi = \varphi(s) = m_1 T + m_2 N + m_3 B \quad (6)$$

differentiating (6) and considering Frenet equations, we have a system of differential equation as follow

$$\begin{aligned} m_1' - 1 &= 0 \\ m_2' + m_1 \kappa - m_3 \tau &= 0 \\ m_2 \tau + m_3' &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

this system's general solution have not been found. Due to this, we give some special values to the components.

Case 1: From (7)₁ $m_1' - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow m_1' = 1$. In this case, we obtain $m_1 = s + c_1$, from (7)₁ and (7)₂ gives third component as:

$$m_3 = \frac{1}{\tau} m_2' + (s + c_1) \left(\frac{\kappa}{\tau} \right) \quad (8)$$

and differentiating (8) and using formulas (7) we obtain

$$m_2'' - \frac{\tau}{\tau'} m_2' + \tau^2 m_2 + \kappa + \tau \left(\frac{\kappa}{\tau} \right)' (s + c_1) = 0 \quad (9)$$

And here, let us suppose $\kappa = 0$ and τ constant. Using these in the system of differential equation, we have second order homogenous differential equation with constant coefficient as follow:

$$m_2'' + \tau^2 m_2 = 0 \quad (10)$$

Solution of (10) is elementary. Then, we write the components

$$m_2 = A_1 \cos(\tau s) + A_2 \sin(\tau s) \quad (11)$$

Case 2: Let us suppose $m_2 = c_2 \neq 0$ and constant. Thus, from (7)₃ we obtain

$$c_2 = -\frac{m_3'}{\tau} \quad (12)$$

From (7)₂, we write

$$m_3 = m_1 \frac{\kappa}{\tau} \quad (13)$$

In this case, if (12) and (13) are used in (7)₃, we have a differential equation as follow

$$-m_3' + \frac{\kappa}{\tau} + (s + c_1) \left(\frac{\kappa}{\tau} \right)' = 0 \quad (14)$$

From solution of (14), using (12) and (13) we have the components

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 &= s + c_1 \\ m_3 &= (s + c_1) \left(\frac{\kappa}{\tau} \right) \\ \frac{\kappa}{\tau} &= \frac{-c_2 \int \tau ds}{s + c_1} \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where c_1 and $c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

Case 3: $m_3 = 0$. Thus $\tau = 0$, and here we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} m_2 &= -(s + c_1) \kappa ds \\ m_1 &= s + c_1 \\ m_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Considering (15)₁ and (15)₂, we give following theorem.

Theorem 3.1: Let $\varphi = \varphi(s)$ be a unit speed rectifying curve in G^3 then;

i) There is a relation among curvatures as $(s + c_1) \left(\frac{\kappa}{\tau} \right)$

ii) Position vector of φ can be written as follow

$$\varphi = \varphi(s) = (s + c_1)T + (s + c_1) \left(\frac{\kappa}{\tau} \right) B$$

where $c_1 \in \mathbb{R}$

.Proof: Let $\varphi = \varphi(s)$ be a unit speed rectifying curve in G^3 , with non-zero curvatures $\kappa(s)$ and $\tau(s)$. By definition, the position vector of the curve φ satisfies the equation (1), for some differentiable functions $\lambda(s)$ and $\mu(s)$. Differentiating the equation (1) with respect to s and using the Frenet equation (5), we obtain

$$T = \lambda' T + \mu' B$$

it follow that

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda' &= 1 \\ \mu' &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(s) &= s + a_1 \\ \mu(s) &= \frac{\kappa}{\tau}(s + a_1) = a_2 \end{aligned}$$

and here we get

$$\frac{\kappa}{\tau} = \frac{a_2}{s + a_1}$$

where a_1 and $a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 3.2: Let $\eta : I \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G^3$ be an unit speed regular curve with curvatures $\kappa \neq 0$ and $\tau \neq 0$ in G^3 . Position vector and curvatures of satisfies a vector differential equation of fourth order.

Proof: Let $\eta : I \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow G^3$ be an unit speed regular curve with curvatures $\kappa \neq 0$ and $\tau \neq 0$ in G^3 . Considering Frenet equations, we write that

$$\begin{aligned} N &= \frac{T'}{\kappa} \\ B &= \frac{N'}{\tau} \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Substituting (16)₁ in (5)₃, we get

$$B' = -\frac{\tau}{\kappa} T' \tag{17}$$

Then differentiating (16)₁ and substituting (16)₂, we find

$$B = \frac{1}{\tau} \left[\left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \right)' T' + \left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \right) T'' \right] \tag{18}$$

similarly taking the differentiating (18) and equalize it with (5)₃ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\tau} \cdot \frac{1}{\kappa} T''' + \left[2 \frac{1}{\tau} \left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \right)' + \left(\frac{1}{\tau} \right)' \frac{1}{\kappa} \right] T'' + \\ \left[\frac{1}{\tau} \left(\left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \right)'' + \frac{\tau^2}{\kappa} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\tau} \right)' \left(\frac{1}{\kappa} \right)' \right] T' = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Substituting $\eta' = T, \eta'' = T', \eta''' = T'', \eta^{(iv)} = T'''$, in (19) we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\tau\kappa}\eta^{(IV)} + \left[2\frac{1}{\tau} \left(\frac{1}{\kappa}\right)' + \left(\frac{1}{\tau}\right)' \frac{1}{\kappa} \right] \eta''' + \left[\frac{1}{\tau} \left(\left(\frac{1}{\kappa}\right)'' + \frac{\tau^2}{\kappa} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\tau}\right)' \left(\frac{1}{\kappa}\right)' \right] \eta'' = 0 \quad (20)$$

The formula (20) proves the theorem as desired.

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