

THE STUDY MAPPING FOR DIRECTED SPACE -LIKE AND TIME-LIKE LINES IN MINKOWSKI 3-SPACE R_1^3

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ABSTRACT

In this study, the E. Study mapping was defined for the space-like and time-like lines in the Minkowski 3-space R_1^3 . Hence, there is one to one correspondence between directed space-like (resp., time-like) lines of R_1^3 and ordered pair of vectors $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}_0)$ such that $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle = 1$ (resp., $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle = -1$) and $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}_0 \rangle = 0$.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let R_1^3 be the vector space R^3 provided with Lorentzian inner product of signature $(+, +, -)$. Let $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3) \in R_1^3$. In this case, a vector \mathbf{a} is said to be space-like if $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle > 0$, time-like if $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle < 0$, and light-like (null) if $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle = 0$. The set of all vectors such that $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle = 0$ is called the light-like (null) cone. The norm of vector \mathbf{a} is defined to be $|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{|\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle|}$. We also consider the time orientation as follows: A time-like vector $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ is future pointing (resp., past-pointing) if $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{e} \rangle < 0$ (resp., $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{e} \rangle > 0$), with $\mathbf{e} = (0, 0, 1)$ [1]. So a time-like vector $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ is future pointing (resp., past-pointing) iff $\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2} < a_3$ (resp., $\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2} > a_3$). The Lorentzian and hyperbolic sphere of radius 1 in R_1^3 are defined by

$$S_1^2 = \{ \mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3) \in R_1^3 \mid \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle = 1 \}$$

and

$$H_0^2 = \{ \mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3) \in R_1^3 \mid \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle = -1 \},$$

respectively.

Lemma 1.1. Let \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} be two future pointing (resp., past-pointing) time-like unit vectors in \mathbb{R}_1^3 . Then

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = -\cosh\theta \quad (1.1)$$

[1].

The vectoral product of two vector $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}_1^3$ is defined by

$$\mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & \mathbf{e}_2 & -\mathbf{e}_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}, \quad (1.2)$$

where $\mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_2 = \mathbf{e}_3$, $\mathbf{e}_2 \wedge \mathbf{e}_3 = -\mathbf{e}_1$, $\mathbf{e}_3 \wedge \mathbf{e}_1 = -\mathbf{e}_2$ [2]. For this, following equalities are satisfied:

$$\langle \mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \rangle = -\det(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}), \quad (1.3)$$

$$(\mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b}) \wedge \mathbf{c} = -\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c} \rangle \mathbf{b} + \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \rangle \mathbf{a} \quad (1.4)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b} \rangle = -\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b} \rangle + (\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle)^2. \quad (1.5)$$

2. DUAL LORENTZIAN SPACE D_1^3

Let $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a} + \varepsilon \mathbf{a}_0$, $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{b} + \varepsilon \mathbf{b}_0 \in D^3$. The Lorentzian inner product of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} is defined by

$$\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle + \varepsilon (\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}_0 \rangle + \langle \mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{b} \rangle). \quad (2.1)$$

We call the dual space D^3 together with this Lorentzian inner product as *dual Lorentzian space* and show by D_1^3 .

Definition 2.1. Let $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a} + \varepsilon \mathbf{a}_0 \in D_1^3$. The dual vector \mathbf{A} is said to be *space-like* if the vector \mathbf{a} is space-like, *time-like* if the vector \mathbf{a} is time-like, and *light-like (dual null)* if the vector \mathbf{a} is light-like. We also defined the time orientation as follows, A time-like vector $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a} + \varepsilon \mathbf{a}_0$ is *future-pointing* (resp., *past-pointing*) if the vector \mathbf{a} is future-pointing (resp., past-pointing)

The set of all light-like vectors in D_1^3 is called the *dual light-like cone* and shown by Λ .

Definition 2.2. The *norm* of dual vector $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a} + \varepsilon \mathbf{a}_0$ is a dual number giving by

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A} \rangle} = \left(|\mathbf{a}|, \varepsilon \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}_0 \rangle}{|\mathbf{a}|^2} \right), \quad (2.2)$$

where $|\mathbf{a}| \neq 0$.

Definition 2.3. Let $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in D_1^3$. We define the *Lorentzian vectoral product* of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} by

$$\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{E}_1 & \mathbf{E}_2 & -\mathbf{E}_3 \\ A_1 & A_2 & A_3 \\ B_1 & B_2 & B_3 \end{vmatrix}, \quad (2.3)$$

where $\mathbf{A}=(A_1, A_2, A_3)$, $\mathbf{B}=(B_1, B_2, B_3)$ and $\mathbf{E}_1 \wedge \mathbf{E}_2 = \mathbf{E}_3$, $\mathbf{E}_2 \wedge \mathbf{E}_3 = -\mathbf{E}_1$, $\mathbf{E}_3 \wedge \mathbf{E}_1 = -\mathbf{E}_2$.

Lemma 2.4. Let $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \in D_1^3$. In this case, we have

$$\text{i) } \langle \mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \rangle = -\det(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$$

$$\text{ii) } (\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}) \wedge \mathbf{C} = -\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{C} \rangle \mathbf{B} + \langle \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \rangle \mathbf{A}$$

$$\text{iii) } \langle \mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B} \rangle = -\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A} \rangle \langle \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{B} \rangle + (\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle)^2$$

$$\text{iv) } (\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}) \wedge \mathbf{C} + (\mathbf{B} \wedge \mathbf{C}) \wedge \mathbf{A} + (\mathbf{C} \wedge \mathbf{A}) \wedge \mathbf{B} = 0.$$

Proof. By using the definitions of the Lorentzian inner product and the Lorentzian vectoral product it is easily shown.

Definition 2.5. Let $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a} + \varepsilon \mathbf{a}_0 \in D_1^3$.

i) The set

$$S_1^2 = \{ \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a} + \varepsilon \mathbf{a}_0 \mid |\mathbf{A}| = (1, 0); \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}_0 \in \mathbb{R}_1^3 \text{ and the vector } \mathbf{a} \text{ is space-like} \}$$

is called the *dual Lorentzian unit sphere* in D_1^3 .

ii) The set

$$H_0^2 = \{ \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a} + \varepsilon \mathbf{a}_0 \mid |\mathbf{A}| = (1, 0); \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}_0 \in \mathbb{R}_1^3 \text{ and the vector } \mathbf{a} \text{ is time-like} \}$$

is called the *dual hyperbolic unit sphere* in D_1^3 .

There are two component of the dual hyperbolic unit sphere H_0^2 . The components of H_0^2 through $(0,0,1)$ and $(0,0,-1)$ are called the *future dual hyperbolic unit sphere* and the *past dual hyperbolic unit sphere* and shown by H_0^{+2} and H_0^{-2} , respectively. In this case, we have

$H_0^{+2} = \{A = a + \epsilon a_0 \mid |A| = (1,0); a, a_0 \in R_1^3 \text{ and the vector } a \text{ is future pointing time-like}\}$

and

$H_0^{-2} = \{A = a + \epsilon a_0 \mid |A| = (1,0); a, a_0 \in R_1^3 \text{ and the vector } a \text{ is past pointing time-like}\}.$

Theorem 2.6. There is one to one correspondence between directed space-like (resp., time-like) lines of R_1^3 and ordered pair of vectors (a, a_0) such that

$$\langle a, a \rangle = 1 \text{ (resp., } \langle a, a \rangle = -1 \text{) and } \langle a, a_0 \rangle = 0 .$$

Proof i) In R_1^3 , a directed space-like line can be given by $y = x + \lambda a$, where x and a are position vector and the direction vector of line, respectively. The moment vector $a_0 = x \wedge a$ is not depend on chosen of the point on line. For this reason, by the help of ordered pair of vectors (a, a_0) , a directed space-like line was determined as one unique and the following conditions are satisfied:

$$\langle a, a \rangle = 1, \quad \langle a, a_0 \rangle = 0 .$$

In D_1^3 , let us define a dual space-like unit vector $A = a + \epsilon a_0$ with a and a_0 which are determines a directed space-like line, where ϵ is a special dual unit with $\epsilon^2 = 0$. In the equation (2,1) if we take $B = A$, then we obtain

$$\langle A, A \rangle = \langle a, a \rangle + 2\epsilon \langle a, a_0 \rangle = 1,$$

where the dual space-like unit vector \mathbf{A} represented the directed space-like line $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}_0)$.

The coordinates of ordered pair of vectors $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}_0)$ are called the normed plücker coordinates of a directed space-like line \mathbf{A} in \mathbb{R}_1^3 .

ii) Let the directed line be time-like. In this case, the moment vector \mathbf{a}_0 of \mathbf{a} is a space-like vector. For this reason, by the help of ordered pair of vectors $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}_0)$, the directed time-like line is determined as one unique. Similarly to i), we have the dual time-like vector $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a} + \varepsilon \mathbf{a}_0$. If we take $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}$ in (2.1) then we obtain

$$\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle + \varepsilon \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}_0 \rangle = -1,$$

where the dual time-like unit vector \mathbf{A} represents the directed time-like line $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}_0)$. That is, our directed time-like line will correspond to a dual point of the dual hyperbolic sphere.

The coordinates of ordered pair of vectors $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}_0)$ are also called the normed plücker coordinates of a directed time-like line \mathbf{A} in \mathbb{R}_1^3 .

3. ANGLE IN SPACE D_1^3

Case 1: Let \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} be dual space-like unit vectors. Let us consider the Lorentzian inner product of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} which is given by (2.1). The dual space like unit vectors \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} determine two directed space-like lines d_1 and d_2 , since the moment vectors of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are \mathbf{a}_0 and \mathbf{b}_0 , respectively. The real part of inner product (2.1) is

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = \cos\varphi, \quad 0 \leq \varphi \leq \Pi \quad \varphi \in \mathbb{R} \quad (3.1)$$

and the dual part is

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}_0 \rangle + \langle \mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{b} \rangle = -\varphi_0 \sin\varphi. \quad (3.2)$$

Consequently, we have

$$\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle = \cos\varphi - \varepsilon\varphi_0 \sin\varphi = \cos(\varphi + \varepsilon\varphi_0) = \cos\Phi. \quad (3.3)$$

Where the real part φ and the dual part φ_0 of Φ give the angle and the smallest distance between two directed space-like lines, respectively.

Definition 3.1. We shall call the dual number $\Phi = \varphi + \varepsilon\varphi_0$ the *dual central angle* between dual space-like unit vectors **A** and **B**.

Since endpoints of dual space-like unit vectors $\mathbf{OA} = \mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{OB} = \mathbf{B}$ indicate the dual points **A** and **B** of the dual Lorentzian unit sphere with the center **O**, the angle $\Phi = \varphi + \varepsilon\varphi_0$ between dual space-like unit vectors **A** and **B** can be considered as arc length \widehat{AB} of dual curve passing from the dual points **A** and **B** of S_1^2 .

Case 2. Let **A** and **B** be two future pointing (resp., past-pointing) dual time-like unit vectors. In this case, the real part of the inner product (2.1) is

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = -\cosh\theta, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R} \quad (3.4)$$

and the dual part of (2.1) is

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}_\varepsilon \rangle + \mathbf{a}_\varepsilon, \mathbf{b} \rangle = -\theta_0 \sinh\theta. \quad (3.5)$$

Consequently, the Lorentzian inner product of **A** and **B** is given by

$$\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle = -\cosh\theta - \varepsilon\theta_0 \sinh\theta = -\cosh(\theta + \varepsilon\theta_0) = -\cosh\Theta. \quad (3.6)$$

Hence we give the following definition:

Definition 3.2. We shall call the dual number $\Theta = \theta + \varepsilon\theta_0$ the *dual hyperbolic angle* between future pointing (resp., past-pointing) time-like unit vectors **A** and **B**.

The dual hyperbolic angle $\Theta = \theta + \varepsilon\theta_0$ consists of the hyperbolic angle θ between directed time-like lines which are represented in R_1^3 of dual time-like unit vectors **A** and **B** and the smallest distance θ_0 between two lines.

Since the endpoints of future-pointing (resp., past-pointing) time-like unit vectors $\mathbf{OA} = \mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{OB} = \mathbf{B}$ indicate the dual points **A** and **B** of $\overset{+}{H}_0$ (resp., $\overset{-}{H}_0$) with the center **O**, the dual hyperbolic angle $\Theta = \theta + \varepsilon\theta_0$ between the vectors **A** and **B** can be considered as arc length \widehat{AB} of dual space-like curve passing from the dual points **A** and **B** of $\overset{+}{H}_0$ (resp., $\overset{-}{H}_0$).

From the formula (3.2), the cases with respect to each other of future pointing time-like vectors \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} can be given as follows:

i) $\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle \neq$ pure dual. That is, \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} can not be orthogonal.

ii) $\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle =$ pure real iff $\theta_0 = 0$. The lines \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} intersect and the expression

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}_0 \rangle + \langle \mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{b} \rangle = 0$$

is the condition of intersection of two lines.

iii) If $\langle \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \rangle = (-1, 0)$, the lines \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are coincide and same directed.

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