

## RELATION BETWEEN DARBOUX INSTANTANEOUS ROTATION VECTORS OF CURVES ON A TIME-LIKE SURFACE

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### ABSTRACT

In this study, a fundamental relation, as a base for the geometry of the time-like surfaces, among the Darboux vectors of an arbitrary time-like curve (c) on a time-like surface and the parameter curves (c<sub>1</sub>) and (c<sub>2</sub>) in the Minkowski 3-space R<sub>1</sub><sup>3</sup> was founded.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In Euclidean 3-space, the Frenet and Darboux instantaneous rotation vectors for a curve (c) on the surface which the parameter curves are perpendicular to each other are known. Let us consider an arbitrary curve (c) and the parameter curves (c<sub>1</sub>), (c<sub>2</sub>) passing through a point P on surface. If the Darboux instantaneous rotation vectors of these curves are shown by w, w<sub>1</sub> and w<sub>2</sub> respectively, then the following formula is valid [1]:

$$w = w_1 \cos \varphi + w_2 \sin \varphi + N \frac{d\varphi}{ds}$$

Instead of the space R<sup>3</sup>, let us consider the Minkowski 3-space R<sub>1</sub><sup>3</sup> provided with Lorentzian inner product

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 - a_3 b_3 \quad (1.1)$$

with  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3) \in R^3$ . 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 norm of a vector  $\mathbf{a}$  is defined as  $|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{|\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle|}$ . Let  $\mathbf{e} = (0, 0, 1)$ . 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.,  $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{e} \rangle > 0$ ). So a vector  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$  is future pointing time-like if  $a_1^2 + a_2^2 - a_3^2 < 0$  and  $a_3 > 0$ , in other words, if  $\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2} < a_3$  [2].

Let a solid perpendicular trihedron in space  $R_1^3$  be  $[e_1, e_2, e_3]$ . In this condition, the following theorem can be given.

**Theorem 1.1.** For the unit vectors  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  of the edges of a solid perpendicular trihedron that changes according to the real parameter  $t$ , the below formulae is valid:

$$\frac{de_i}{dt} = w \wedge e_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \quad (1.2)$$

where  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are space-like vectors and  $e_3$  is a time-like vector and  $\wedge$  is Lorentzian vectoral product [3]. Then the Darboux instantaneous rotation vector is given by

$$w = \langle e'_3, e_2 \rangle e_1 - \langle e'_1, e_3 \rangle e_2 - \langle e'_2, e_1 \rangle e_3. \quad (1.3)$$

[4].

## 2. THE INSTANTANEOUS ROTATION VECTOR FOR THE DARBOUX TRIHEDRON OF A TIME-LIKE CURVE

Let us consider the time-like surface  $y = y(u, v)$ . At every point of a time-like curve (c) on this surface there exists Frenet trihedron  $[t, n, b]$ . Since curve (c) is on the surface, another trihedron can be mentioned. Let us show the curves' unit tangent vector as  $t$  and the surfaces' space-like normal unit vector as  $N$  at the point  $P$  on surface. In this case, if we take space-like vector  $g$ , which is defined as  $t \wedge N = g$ , then we construct a new trihedron as  $[t, g, N]$ . To compare this trihedron with Frenets' let us show the angle between the vectors  $n$  and  $N$  as  $\varphi$ . In this situation, the formulae

$$g = n \sin\varphi - b \cos\varphi, \quad N = n \cos\varphi + b \sin\varphi \quad (2.1)$$

can be written. If we take the derivatives of vectors  $t, N$  and  $g$  with respect to arc  $s$  of curve (c) then we obtain the formulae

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dt}{ds} &= \rho \sin\varphi g + \rho \cos\varphi N \\ \frac{dg}{ds} &= \rho \sin\varphi t - \left(\tau - \frac{d\varphi}{ds}\right) N \\ \frac{dN}{ds} &= \rho \cos\varphi t + \left(\tau - \frac{d\varphi}{ds}\right) g. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Here, if we say

$$\rho \cos \varphi = \frac{\cos \varphi}{R} = \frac{1}{R_n} = \rho_n, \quad \rho \sin \varphi = \frac{\sin \varphi}{R} = \frac{1}{R_g} = \rho_g, \quad \tau - \frac{d\varphi}{ds} = \frac{1}{T} - \frac{d\varphi}{ds} = \frac{1}{T_g} = \tau_g$$

then the formulae (2.2) can be written as follows:

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = \rho_g g + \rho_n N, \quad \frac{dg}{ds} = \rho_g t - \tau_g N, \quad \frac{dN}{ds} = \rho_n t + \tau_g g \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\rho_n$  is normal curvature,  $\rho_g$  is geodesic curvature and  $\tau_g$  is geodesic torsion.

For this, the Darboux instantaneous rotation vector of the Darboux trihedron can be written as below:

$$w = \frac{t}{T_g} + \frac{g}{R_n} - \frac{N}{R_g} \quad (2.4)$$

Then the formulae

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = w \wedge t, \quad \frac{dg}{ds} = w \wedge g, \quad \frac{dN}{ds} = w \wedge N \quad (2.5)$$

are satisfied.

### 3. THE DARBOUX INSTANTANEOUS ROTATION VECTORS OF CURVES ON A TIME-LIKE SURFACE

#### a) The tangent and geodesic normal of time-like curve (c)

Let us assume the parameter curves  $u=\text{const.}$  and  $v=\text{const.}$  which are constant on a time-like surface  $y = y(u,v)$ , as perpendicular to each other. Let any time-like curve that is passing through a point P on the surface be (c). Let us show time-like and space-like parameter curves  $v=\text{const.}$  and  $u=\text{const.}$  passing through same point P as  $(c_1)$  and  $(c_2)$ . Let the unit tangent vectors of curves (c),  $(c_1)$  and  $(c_2)$  at the point P as  $t$ ,  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ , respectively. For the space-like normal unit vector N of the surface at the point P, the followings are satisfied.

$$N \wedge t = -g, \quad N \wedge t_1 = -g_1, \quad N \wedge t_2 = g_2$$

In this condition, three Darboux trihedron are obtained as below:

$$[t, g, N], \quad [t_1, g_1, N], \quad [t_2, g_2, N]$$

The Darboux vectors corresponding to these are in the following form:

$$w = \frac{t}{T_g} + \frac{g}{R_n} - \frac{N}{R_g} \quad (3.1)$$

$$w_1 = \frac{t_1}{(T_g)_1} + \frac{g_1}{(R_n)_1} - \frac{N}{(R_g)_1}, \quad w_2 = -\frac{t_2}{(T_g)_2} - \frac{g_2}{(R_n)_2} + \frac{N}{(R_g)_2}$$

Here, let us show the arc lengths of the curves (c), (c<sub>1</sub>) and (c<sub>2</sub>) measured in the certain direction from P as s, s<sub>1</sub> and s<sub>2</sub>, respectively. In this case, the following formulae are written:

$$t_1 = \frac{y_u}{\|y_u\|} = \frac{y_u}{\sqrt{E}}, \quad t_2 = \frac{y_v}{\|y_v\|} = \frac{y_v}{\sqrt{G}}, \quad t = y_u \frac{du}{ds} + y_v \frac{dv}{ds} \quad (3.2)$$

If we write the two initial terms of (3.2) in the third term, then

$$t = y_u \frac{du}{ds} + y_v \frac{dv}{ds} = \sqrt{E} t_1 \frac{du}{ds} + \sqrt{G} t_2 \frac{dv}{ds} \quad (3.3)$$

is obtained. Let us show the hyperbolic angle [2] between t and t<sub>1</sub> as θ and if we multiply the both sides of the equation (3.3) with t<sub>1</sub> and t<sub>2</sub> scalarly, then

$$\langle t, t_1 \rangle = -\cosh\theta = -\sqrt{E} \frac{du}{ds}, \quad \langle t, t_2 \rangle = \sinh\theta = \sqrt{G} \frac{dv}{ds} \quad (3.4)$$

$$t = t_1 \cosh\theta + t_2 \sinh\theta \quad (3.5)$$

are obtained.

For arcs ds, ds<sub>1</sub> and ds<sub>2</sub>

$$ds^2 = Edu^2 + Gdv^2; F = 0$$

$$ds_1 = Edu^2; v = \text{const.}, dv = 0; ds_2 = Gdv^2; u = \text{const.}, du = 0 \quad (3.6)$$

can be written. If the formulae (3.4) and the last two formulae of (3.6) are compared, then

$$\cosh\theta = \frac{\sqrt{E}du}{ds} = \frac{ds_1}{ds}, \quad \sinh\theta = \frac{\sqrt{G}dv}{ds} = \frac{ds_2}{ds} \quad (3.7)$$

are found. Since vector g is  $t \wedge N = g$ , we can write

$$g = \cosh\theta g_1 - \sinh\theta g_2. \quad (3.8)$$

**b) The fundamental theorems connected with the Darboux trihedron**

**Theorem 3.1.** The Darboux trihedrons  $[t_1, g_1, N]$  and  $[t_2, g_2, N]$  of parameter curves of the time-like surface are such that the directions and the orders are different and they are always coincident. The darboux derivative formulae for these trihedrons are in the below form:

$$\frac{\partial t_1}{\partial s_j} = w_j \wedge t_1, \quad \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial s_j} = w_j \wedge g_1, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial s_j} = w_j \wedge N \quad (i, j = 1, 2) \quad (3.9)$$

**Proof.**  $N$  is coincident at the Darboux trihedrons of parameter curves on the time-like surface. In equations  $-g_1 = N \wedge t_1$  and  $g_2 = N \wedge t_2$ . If we write  $N = t_1 \wedge t_2$ , then

$$g_1 = -t_2, \quad g_2 = t_1 \quad (3.10)$$

are found. From (2.5),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial t_1}{\partial s_1} = w_1 \wedge t_1, \quad \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial s_1} = w_1 \wedge g_1, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial s_1} = w_1 \wedge N \\ \frac{\partial t_2}{\partial s_2} = w_2 \wedge t_2, \quad \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial s_2} = w_2 \wedge g_2, \quad \frac{\partial N}{\partial s_2} = w_2 \wedge N \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

are obtained. From (3.10), we have  $\frac{\partial g_2}{\partial s_2} = w_2 \wedge g_2$  and  $\frac{\partial t_1}{\partial s_2} = w_2 \wedge t_1$ . This shows that the derivative of  $t_1$  with respect to  $s_2$  is equal to the Lorentzian vectoral product of  $t_1$  and  $w_2$ . For the other vectors of the Darboux trihedron the same conditions are satisfied.

**Corollary 3.2.** When (3.10) is considered, the Darboux vectors  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are obtained by using the vectors  $t_1, t_2$  and  $N$  in the following form:

$$w_1 = \frac{t_1}{(T_g)_1} - \frac{t_2}{(R_n)_1} - \frac{N}{(R_g)_1}, \quad w_2 = -\frac{t_2}{(T_g)_2} - \frac{t_1}{(R_n)_2} + \frac{N}{(R_g)_2} \quad (3.12)$$

**Theorem 3.3.** When the tangent vectors  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  of the parameter curves  $(c_1)$  and  $(c_2)$  on the time-like surface are considered, then the relations

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i) } \langle t_1, \frac{\partial t_2}{\partial s_1} \rangle = \langle -t_2, \frac{\partial t_1}{\partial s_1} \rangle = -\frac{(\sqrt{E})_v}{\sqrt{EG}} \\ \langle t_2, \frac{\partial t_1}{\partial s_2} \rangle = \langle -t_1, \frac{\partial t_2}{\partial s_2} \rangle = \frac{(\sqrt{G})_u}{\sqrt{EG}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

$$\text{ii) } \langle \mathbf{t}_1, d\mathbf{t}_2 \rangle = \langle -\mathbf{t}_2, d\mathbf{t}_1 \rangle = -\frac{(\sqrt{E})_v}{\sqrt{G}} du - \frac{(\sqrt{G})_u}{\sqrt{E}} dv \quad (3.14)$$

are satisfied.

**Proof. i)** From (3.2),  $\mathbf{t}_1 = \frac{\mathbf{y}_u}{\sqrt{E}}$  and  $\mathbf{t}_2 = \frac{\mathbf{y}_v}{\sqrt{G}}$  are written. From here, since  $\langle \mathbf{y}_u, \mathbf{y}_u \rangle = (\mathbf{t}_1 \sqrt{E})^2 = -E$  and  $\langle \mathbf{y}_v, \mathbf{y}_v \rangle = (\mathbf{t}_2 \sqrt{G})^2 = G$  we have

$$y_{uv} = (\mathbf{t}_1)_v \sqrt{E} + \mathbf{t}_1 (\sqrt{E})_v, \quad y_{vu} = (\mathbf{t}_2)_u \sqrt{G} + \mathbf{t}_2 (\sqrt{G})_u.$$

From last equations,  $\langle y_{uv}, \mathbf{y}_u \rangle = -\sqrt{E} (\sqrt{E})_v$  and  $\langle y_{vu}, \mathbf{y}_v \rangle = \sqrt{G} (\sqrt{G})_u$

are found. From

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{t}_1}{\partial v} = \frac{y_{uv} \sqrt{E} - y_u (\sqrt{E})_v}{E}, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{t}_2}{\partial u} = \frac{y_{vu} \sqrt{G} - y_v (\sqrt{G})_u}{G}$$

the followings are found:

$$\langle \mathbf{t}_2, \frac{\partial \mathbf{t}_1}{\partial v} \rangle = \frac{\langle y_{uv}, \mathbf{y}_v \rangle \sqrt{E}}{E \sqrt{G}} = \frac{\sqrt{G} (\sqrt{G})_u \sqrt{E}}{E \sqrt{G}} = \frac{(\sqrt{G})_u}{\sqrt{E}} \quad (3.15)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{t}_1, \frac{\partial \mathbf{t}_2}{\partial u} \rangle = \frac{\langle \mathbf{y}_u, y_{vu} \rangle \sqrt{G}}{G \sqrt{E}} = -\frac{\sqrt{E} (\sqrt{E})_v \sqrt{G}}{G \sqrt{E}} = -\frac{(\sqrt{E})_v}{\sqrt{G}} \quad (3.16)$$

From (3.6)

$$\langle \mathbf{t}_2, \frac{\partial \mathbf{t}_1}{\partial s_2} \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \langle \mathbf{t}_2, \frac{\partial \mathbf{t}_1}{\partial v} \rangle = \frac{(\sqrt{G})_u}{\sqrt{EG}} \quad (3.17)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{t}_1, \frac{\partial \mathbf{t}_2}{\partial s_1} \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} \langle \mathbf{t}_1, \frac{\partial \mathbf{t}_2}{\partial u} \rangle = -\frac{(\sqrt{E})_v}{\sqrt{EG}} \quad (3.18)$$

are found. On the other hand, since the parameter curves are perpendicular, if we take derivatives with respect to  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  the proof is completed.

ii) If we take differential from equality  $\langle \mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2 \rangle = 0$ , we obtain

$$\langle \mathbf{t}_1, d\mathbf{t}_2 \rangle = \left\langle \mathbf{t}_1, \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{t}_2}{\partial s_1} ds_1 + \frac{\partial \mathbf{t}_2}{\partial s_2} ds_2 \right) \right\rangle = -\frac{(\sqrt{E})_v}{\sqrt{G}} du - \frac{(\sqrt{G})_u}{\sqrt{E}} dv.$$

**Corollary 3.4.** If the geodesic curvatures of parameter curves  $(c_1)$  and  $(c_2)$  are  $\frac{1}{(R_g)_1}$  and  $\frac{1}{(R_g)_2}$  respectively, then

$$\frac{1}{(R_g)_1} = -\frac{(\sqrt{E})_v}{\sqrt{EG}}, \quad \frac{1}{(R_g)_2} = \frac{(\sqrt{G})_u}{\sqrt{EG}} \quad (3.19)$$

are valid.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let us take any curve  $(c)$  on the time-like surface and the arc elements of curves  $(c)$ ,  $(c_1)$  and  $(c_2)$  as  $s$ ,  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ , respectively. Let the Darboux instantaneous rotation vectors of  $(c_1)$  and  $(c_2)$  be  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$  and if the hyperbolic angle between the tangent  $t$  of curve  $(c)$  and  $t_1$  is  $\theta$  then

$$a = \cosh\theta w_1 + \sinh\theta w_2 \quad (3.20)$$

and

$$\frac{dt_1}{ds} = a \wedge t_1, \quad \frac{dt_2}{ds} = a \wedge t_2, \quad \frac{dN}{ds} = a \wedge N \quad (3.21)$$

are valid.

**Proof.** We saw that  $t$ ,  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $N$  vectors are functions of arcs  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ . For this,

$$\frac{dt_1}{ds} = \frac{\partial t_1}{\partial s_1} \frac{ds_1}{ds} + \frac{\partial t_1}{\partial s_2} \frac{ds_2}{ds}$$

is obvious. If (3.7) and (3.9) are considered, then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dt_1}{ds} &= (w_1 \wedge t_1) \cosh\theta + (w_2 \wedge t_1) \sinh\theta \\ &= (w_1 \cosh\theta + w_2 \sinh\theta) \wedge t_1 \\ &= a \wedge t_1 \end{aligned}$$

are obtained. The others are shown, similarly.

**Corollary 3.6.** The equality  $\langle t_2, \frac{dt_1}{ds} \rangle = -\langle t_1, \frac{dt_2}{ds} \rangle = \langle a, N \rangle$  is valid.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let us consider the curves  $(c)$ ,  $(c_1)$  and  $(c_2)$  passing through a point  $P$  of time-like surface. Let the Darboux instantaneous rotation vectors corresponding to these curves at the point  $P$  be  $w$ ,  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ , respectively.

In this case, the equation

$$w = w_1 \cosh \theta + w_2 \sinh \theta + N \frac{d\theta}{ds} \quad (3.22)$$

is satisfied.

**Proof.** From (3.5)

$$t = t_1 \cosh \theta + t_2 \sinh \theta$$

can be written. If the derivatives of both sides of this equation are taken with respect to  $s$  then

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = \frac{dt_1}{ds} \cosh \theta + \frac{dt_2}{ds} \sinh \theta + t_1 \sinh \theta \frac{d\theta}{ds} + t_2 \cosh \theta \frac{d\theta}{ds}$$

is obtained. Since in the Darboux trihedrons  $[t_1, g_1, N]$  and  $[t_2, g_2, N]$ ,

$-t_1 = N \wedge g_1$  and  $t_2 = N \wedge g_2$  we have

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = \frac{dt_1}{ds} \cosh \theta + \frac{dt_2}{ds} \sinh \theta + (g_1 \wedge N) \sinh \theta \frac{d\theta}{ds} - (g_2 \wedge N) \cosh \theta \frac{d\theta}{ds}.$$

If the equations (3.10) and (3.21) are considered

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = \left( a + N \frac{d\theta}{ds} \right) \wedge t$$

is obtained. If we take  $a + N \frac{d\theta}{ds} = b$ , then we have

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = b \wedge t, \quad \frac{dN}{ds} = b \wedge N. \quad (3.23)$$

If (2.5) and (3.23) are considered then

$$b - w = \lambda t, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \quad (3.24)$$

and

$$b - w = \mu N, \quad \mu \in \mathbb{R} \quad (3.25)$$

are obtained. From (3.24) and (3.25) it is easily seen that  $\lambda = \mu = 0$ . This completes the proof.

**Corollary 3.8.** If the curve (c) is taken as space-like, the formula (3.22) is given by

$$w = w_1 \sinh \theta + w_2 \cosh \theta + N \frac{d\theta}{ds} .$$

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