



## $E_1^3$ 'de TIME-LIKE BİR EĞRİ İÇİN ÖZEL BİR FRENET HAREKETİNİN DARBOUX VEKTÖRLERİ ÜZERİNE

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### ÖZET

Bir parametrelili özel Frenet hareketi, Bottema tarafından 3-boyutlu Öklid uzayı  $E^3$  de verilmiştir [1]. Bu çalışmada,  $E^3$  deki [1] Frenet hareketinin,  $E_1^3$ , 3-boyutlu Minkowski uzayına bir genelleştirilmesi veriliyor. İlk olarak,  $E^3$  deki bu hareket, time-like bir eğri için  $E_1^3$  uzayında tanımlandı daha sonra, bu hareketin Darboux vektörleri [2] sabit ve hareketli uzaylar için hesaplandı.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Causal karakter, Darboux vektörleri, Özel Frenet hareketi, Time-like curve

## ON DARBOUX VECTORS OF A SPECIAL FRENET MOTION FOR A TIME-LIKE CURVE IN $E_1^3$

### ABSTRACT

A special Frenet motion with an one-parameter in  $E^3$  has been given by Bottema [1]. In this study, we give a generalization of [1] to  $E_1^3$ , Minkowski 3-space. Firstly, this motion in  $E^3$  is defined in  $E_1^3$  for a time-like space curve and then Darboux vectors [2] of this motion is calculated for fixed and moving spaces in  $E_1^3$ .

**Keywords:** Causal character, Darboux vector, Frenet motion, Lorentz space, Time-like curve.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

An one-parameter motion of a body in Minkowski 3-space is generated by the transformation

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & c \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $A$  is a semi-orthogonal matrix,  $A \in SO(3,1)$ , and  $c$  is the displacement vector of the origin.  $A$  ve  $c$  are  $C^\infty$  functions of a real parameter  $s$ .  $x_0, X, c$  are  $n \times 1$  matrices and

$$SO(3,1) = \left\{ A \in R_3^3 \mid A^{-1} = \varepsilon A^T \varepsilon, \det A = 1, \varepsilon = \text{diag}(-1, 1, 1) \right\} \quad [3].$$

$x_0$  and  $X$  respectively correspond to the position vectors of the same point  $P$ , with respect to the orthogonal coordinate systems of the moving space  $H$  and the fixed space  $H'$ . At the unital time  $s = s_0$  we consider the coordinate systems of  $H$  and  $H'$  are coincident.

We define a special motion in terms of a timelike space curve  $\alpha$  given in the fixed space  $H'$ . This motion is such that the moving frame  $O_{xyz}$  moves with  $O$  along  $\alpha$  while rotating so that the  $x$  and  $y$  axes always coincide with, respectively, the tangent and principal normal of  $\alpha$ . This means that as  $O$  coincides with a point  $Q$  of  $\alpha$ , the  $O_{xyz}$  frame coincides with the Frenet trihedron at  $Q : Q_{\xi\eta\rho}$ . This trihedron consists of the tangent  $Q_\xi$ , the principal normal  $Q_\eta$ , and the binormal  $Q_\rho$ , which are three mutually orthogonal axes. Obviously, the geometry of this motion is completely defined by  $\alpha$ .

For our special motion, because  $O$  moves along  $\alpha$ ,  $X=c$  represents the time-like space curve  $\alpha$ . We will use the arc length  $s$  of  $\alpha$  as the motion parameter, and use primes to denote derivatives with respect to  $s$ .

The Lorentzian or Minkowski 3-space  $E_1^3$  is the Euclidean 3-space provided with the Lorentzian inner product

$$\langle x, y \rangle := -x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + x_3 y_3$$

where  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$ . An arbitrary vector  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  in  $E_1^3$  may have one of three Lorentzian causal characters:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{if } \langle x, x \rangle > 0 \text{ or } \vec{x} = \mathbf{0}, \text{ it is space-like,} \\ &\text{if } \langle x, x \rangle < 0 \text{ it is time-like and} \\ &\text{if } \langle x, x \rangle = 0 \text{ it is null (light-like) [3].} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, an arbitrary curve  $\alpha = \alpha(s)$  in  $E_1^3$  is locally space-like, time-like or null, for each  $s \in I \subset R$ . Recall that the pseudo-norm of an arbitrary vector  $\vec{x} \in E_1^3$  is given by  $\|x\| = \sqrt{|\langle x, x \rangle|}$ , and that the velocity  $v$  of the curve  $\alpha$  is  $v = \|\alpha'(s)\|$ . Therefore,  $\alpha$  is a unit speed curve if and only if  $\langle \alpha'(s), \alpha'(s) \rangle = \pm 1$ .

Denote by  $\{T(s), N(s), B(s)\}$  the moving Frenet frame along the curve  $\alpha = \alpha(s)$  parameterized by a pseudo-arclength parameter  $s$ , i.e.  $\langle \alpha'(s), \alpha'(s) \rangle = \pm 1$ . If

$T = (t_1, t_2, t_3)$ ,  $N = (n_1, n_2, n_3)$  and  $B = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$  are the unit vectors along  $Q_\xi$ ,  $Q_\eta$  and  $Q_\rho$ , Lorentzian differential geometry gives us

$$T(s) = \alpha'(s), N(s) = \alpha''(s) / \|\alpha''\|, B(s) = T(s) \wedge N(s), \quad (1.2)$$

where  $k = \|\alpha''\|$  is the curvature of curve  $\alpha$  and “ $\wedge$ ” denotes vector product in  $E^3$ . If  $\alpha = \alpha(s)$  is a time-like curve, i.e., if  $T$  is a time-like vector, then the Frenet formulae read

$$T' = kN, \quad N' = kT + \tau B, \quad B' = -\tau N \quad (1.3)$$

$$\langle T, T \rangle = -1, \quad \langle N, N \rangle = \langle B, B \rangle = 1, \quad \langle T, N \rangle = \langle T, B \rangle = \langle N, B \rangle = 0,$$

here,  $k$  the curvature and  $\tau$  the torsion of the timelike curve  $\alpha$  [4]. Then we have

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 & n_1 & b_1 \\ t_2 & n_2 & b_2 \\ t_3 & n_3 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.4)$$

It can be defined that an one-parameter *special* motion of a body in Lorentzian space  $H'$  is generated by the transformation

$$X = Ax_0 + c \quad (1.5)$$

where  $A \in SO(3,1)$  and  $x_0, X, c$  are  $3 \times 1$  real matrices [1].

## 2. DARBOUX VECTORS (MATRICES)

**Theorem:** Let the motion  $H/H'$  be represented by the equation (1.4). Then the components of Darboux vectors of the motion  $H/H'$ , respectively, are

$$\omega = (kb_1 - \tau t_1, kb_2 - \tau t_2, kb_3 - \tau t_3)$$

and

$$w = (-\tau, 0, k).$$

**Proof:** From (1.1) we obtain

$$x_0 = A^{-1}(X - c) \quad (2.1)$$

and as  $A^{-1} = \varepsilon A^T \varepsilon$  and  $\det A = +1$ , we have from (1.4) ve (2.1), eliminating  $x_0$

$$X' = \Omega(X - c) + c' \quad (2.2)$$

with  $\Omega = A'A^{-1}$ , or explicitly, by means of (1.2),

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} t'_1 & n'_1 & b'_1 \\ t'_2 & n'_2 & b'_2 \\ t'_3 & n'_3 & b'_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_1 & t_2 & t_3 \\ n_1 & n_2 & n_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} t'_1 & n'_1 & b'_1 \\ t'_2 & n'_2 & b'_2 \\ t'_3 & n'_3 & b'_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_1 & -t_2 & -t_3 \\ -n_1 & n_2 & n_3 \\ -b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} t'_1 t_1 - n'_1 n_1 - b'_1 b_1 & -t'_1 t_2 + n'_1 n_2 + b'_1 b_2 & -t'_1 t_3 + n'_1 n_3 + b'_1 b_3 \\ t'_2 t_1 - n'_2 n_1 - b'_2 b_1 & -t'_2 t_2 + n'_2 n_2 + b'_2 b_2 & -t'_2 t_3 + n'_2 n_3 + b'_2 b_3 \\ t'_3 t_1 - n'_3 n_1 - b'_3 b_1 & -t'_3 t_2 + n'_3 n_2 + b'_3 b_2 & -t'_3 t_3 + n'_3 n_3 + b'_3 b_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

One can find as follows

$$T = N \times B = (t_1, t_2, t_3) = (n_3 b_2 - n_2 b_3, n_3 b_1 - n_1 b_3, n_1 b_2 - n_2 b_1) \quad (2.3)$$

$$B = T \times N = (b_1, b_2, b_3) = (n_2 t_3 - n_3 t_2, n_1 t_3 - n_3 t_1, n_2 t_1 - n_1 t_2) \quad (2.4)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T' &= (t'_1, t'_2, t'_3) = (kn_1, kn_2, kn_3) \\ N' &= (n'_1, n'_2, n'_3) = (kt_1 + \tau b_1, kt_2 + \tau b_2, kt_3 + \tau b_3) \\ B' &= (b'_1, b'_2, b'_3) = (-\tau n_1, -\tau n_2, -\tau n_3). \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.5)$$

By using (2.3), (2.4) and (2.5), we get

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} t'_1 t_1 - n'_1 n_1 - b'_1 b_1 & -t'_1 t_2 + n'_1 n_2 + b'_1 b_2 & -t'_1 t_3 + n'_1 n_3 + b'_1 b_3 \\ t'_2 t_1 - n'_2 n_1 - b'_2 b_1 & -t'_2 t_2 + n'_2 n_2 + b'_2 b_2 & -t'_2 t_3 + n'_2 n_3 + b'_2 b_3 \\ t'_3 t_1 - n'_3 n_1 - b'_3 b_1 & -t'_3 t_2 + n'_3 n_2 + b'_3 b_2 & -t'_3 t_3 + n'_3 n_3 + b'_3 b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} (kn_1)t_1 - (kt_1 + \tau b_1)n_1 & -(kn_1)t_2 + (kt_1 + \tau b_1)n_2 & -(kn_1)t_3 + (kt_1 + \tau b_1)n_3 \\ -(-\tau n_1)b_1 & +(-\tau n_1)b_2 & +(-\tau n_1)b_3 \\ (kn_2)t_1 - (kt_2 + \tau b_2)n_1 & -(kn_2)t_2 + (kt_2 + \tau b_2)n_2 & -(kn_2)t_3 + (kt_2 + \tau b_2)n_3 \\ -(-\tau n_2)b_1 & +(-\tau n_2)b_2 & +(-\tau n_2)b_3 \\ (kn_3)t_1 - (kt_3 + \tau b_3)n_1 & -(kn_3)t_2 + (kt_3 + \tau b_3)n_2 & -(kn_3)t_3 + (kt_3 + \tau b_3)n_3 \\ -(-\tau n_3)b_1 & +(-\tau n_3)b_2 & +(-\tau n_3)b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} +kn_1t_1 - kt_1n_1 & -kn_1t_2 + kt_1n_2 & -kn_1t_3 + kt_1n_3 \\ -\tau b_1n_1 + \tau n_1b_1 & +\tau b_1n_2 - \tau n_1b_2 & +\tau b_1n_3 - \tau n_1b_3 \\ +kn_2t_1 - kt_2n_1 & -kn_2t_2 + kt_2n_2 & -kn_2t_3 + kt_2n_3 \\ -\tau b_2n_1 + \tau n_2b_1 & +\tau b_2n_2 - \tau n_2b_2 & +\tau b_2n_3 - \tau n_2b_3 \\ +kn_3t_1 - kt_3n_1 & -kn_3t_2 + kt_3n_2 & -kn_3t_3 + kt_3n_3 \\ -\tau b_3n_1 + \tau n_3b_1 & +\tau b_3n_2 - \tau n_3b_2 & +\tau b_3n_3 - \tau n_3b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & +k(t_1n_2 - n_1t_2) & -k(n_1t_3 - t_1n_3) \\ & -\tau(n_1b_2 - b_1n_2) & +\tau(n_1b_3 - b_1n_3) \\ +k(n_2t_1 - t_2n_1) & 0 & -k(n_2t_3 - t_2n_3) \\ -\tau(b_2n_1 - n_2b_1) & & +\tau(b_2n_3 - n_2b_3) \\ +k(n_3t_1 - t_3n_1) & +k(t_3n_2 - n_3t_2) & 0 \\ -\tau(n_3b_1 - b_3n_1) & -\tau(n_3b_2 - b_3n_2) & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & (kb_3 - \tau t_3) & -(kb_2 - \tau t_2) \\ (kb_3 - \tau t_3) & 0 & -(kb_1 - \tau t_1) \\ -(kb_2 - \tau t_2) & (kb_1 - \tau t_1) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow \omega = (kb_1 - \tau t_1, kb_2 - \tau t_2, kb_3 - \tau t_3). \quad (2.6)$$

$\Omega$  is a semi skew-symmetric matrix as  $\Omega = -\varepsilon \Omega^T \varepsilon$ . Its components with respect to the moving frame follow from  $w = A^{-1} \omega$  [5], and we obtain the vector

$$\begin{aligned} w &= \varepsilon A^T \varepsilon \omega \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} t_1 & -t_2 & -t_3 \\ -n_1 & n_2 & n_3 \\ -b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k b_1 - \tau t_1 \\ k b_2 - \tau t_2 \\ k b_3 - \tau t_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \tau(-t_1^2 + t_2^2 + t_3^2) - k(-t_1 b_1 + t_2 b_2 + t_3 b_3) \\ k(-n_1 b_1 + n_2 b_2 + n_3 b_3) - \tau(-n_1 t_1 + n_2 t_2 + n_3 t_3) \\ \tau(-b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2) - k(-t_1 b_1 + t_2 b_2 + t_3 b_3) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \tau \langle T, T \rangle - k \langle T, B \rangle \\ k \langle N, B \rangle - \tau \langle T, N \rangle \\ \tau \langle B, B \rangle - k \langle T, B \rangle \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [ \tau(-1) \quad 0 \quad k ]^T \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$w = (-\tau, 0, k).$$

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