

Slant Helices According to Type-1 Bishop Frame in Weyl Space

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Abstract

In this paper, we have defined slant helices according to Bishop frame (type-1 Bishop frame) in three dimensional Weyl space W_3 . Besides, we have given necessary and sufficient conditions of a curve to be slant helix in W_3 .

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1 Introduction

A manifold with a conformal metric g_{ij} and a symmetric connection ∇_k satisfying the compatibility condition

$$\nabla_k g_{ij} - 2T_k g_{ij} = 0 \quad (1)$$

is called a Weyl space which will be denoted by $W_3(g_{ij}, T_k)$. The vector field T_k is named the complementary vector field. Under a renormalization of the metric tensor g_{ij} in the form

$$^v g_{ij} = \lambda^2 g_{ij} \quad (2)$$

the complementary vector field T_k is transformed by the law

$$^v T_k = T_k + \partial_k \ln \lambda \quad (3)$$

where λ is a scalar function [11].

If under the transformation (2), the quantity A is called a satellite of g_{ij} with weight $\{p\}$.

The prolonged derivative and prolonged covariant derivative of A are, respectively, defined ([6], [12])

$$\dot{\partial}_k A = \partial_k A - p T_k A \quad (4)$$

and

$$\dot{\nabla}_k A = \nabla_k A - p T_k A. \quad (5)$$

The $v_r^i(i, r = 1, 2, 3)$ be the contravariant components of the vector field v in $W_3(g_{ij}, T_k)$. Suppose that the vector fields v_r are normalized by the conditions $g_{ij} v_r^i v_r^j = 1$.

The prolonged covariant derivative of the vector field v is given by [13]

$$\dot{\nabla}_k v_r^i = T_k^s v_s^i \quad (s = 1, 2, 3). \quad (6)$$

The quantities

$$\frac{q}{rs} = T_k^q v_s^k \quad (q = 1, 2, 3; \quad r \neq s) \quad (7)$$

and

$$\frac{r}{s} = T_k^r v_s^k \quad (8)$$

are called the Chebyshev curvature of the first kind and geodesic curvature of the net (v_1, v_2, v_3) [13], respectively.

Since the net (v_1, v_2, v_3) is an orthogonal net, we have [13]

$$T_k^r = 0, \quad T_k^p + T_k^r = 0 \quad (r \neq p). \quad (9)$$

2 Preliminaries

Izumiya and Takeuchi [7] defined slant helices which are generalizations of the notion of general helices. Kula and Yaylı [9] investigated the spherical indicatrix of slant helices and showed that the tangent and binormal indicatrix of them are spherical helices. Also, Kula et al. [10] gave some characterizations for slant helices in Euclidean 3-space. Bîlge and Karacan defined slant helices according to Bishop frame [4]. Ali and Turgut [1] extended the notion of slant helix from Euclidean 3-space to Euclidean n -space. Ali and Turgut [2] researched the position vector of a timelike slant helix in Minkowski 3-space E_1^3 . Recently, Doğan studied the proof of theorem which characterizes a slant helix [5].

3 Slant Helices According to Type-1 Bishop Frame in Weyl Space

Let C be a curve in three dimensional Weyl space W_3 . Let v_1 , v_2 and v_3 be the tangent vector field, principal normal vector field and binormal vector field of C at a point P . Let they constitute Frenet frame: $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$. Since this frame is an orthonormal basis, these vector fields are normalized by the conditions $g_{ij}v_1^i v_1^j = g_{ij}v_2^i v_2^j = g_{ij}v_3^i v_3^j = 1$ and besides the conditions $g_{ij}v_1^i v_2^j = g_{ij}v_1^i v_3^j = g_{ij}v_2^i v_3^j = 0$ are satisfied. These two conditions are also expressed as $g_{ij}v_r^i v_s^j = \delta_s^r$ ($r, s = 1, 2, 3$).

We can write Frenet formulas for these vector fields in the following form:

$$v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k v_1^i = \kappa_1 v_2^i \quad (10)$$

$$v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k v_2^i = -\kappa_1 v_1^i + \kappa_2 v_3^i \quad (11)$$

$$v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k v_3^i = -\kappa_2 v_2^i. \quad (12)$$

Multiplying (10) by $g_{ij}v_2^j$ and summing on i and j , we get

$$T_k^p v_1^k v_2^p g_{ij} = \kappa_1 \quad (13)$$

or

$$T_k^2 v_1^k = \kappa_1 \quad (14)$$

or

$$\mathcal{C}_1^2 = \kappa_1 \quad (15)$$

where $T_k^1 = 0$, $g_{ij}v_2^i v_2^j = 1$ and $g_{ij}v_3^i v_2^j = 0$.

Multiplying (12) by $g_{ij}v_2^j$ and summing on i and j , we have

$$T_k^p v_3^k v_2^p g_{ij} = -\kappa_2 \quad (16)$$

or

$$T_k^3 v_1^k = -\kappa_2 \quad (17)$$

or

$$-\mathcal{T}_1^3 = \kappa_2 \quad (18)$$

where $g_{ij}v_1^i v_2^j = 0$, $g_{ij}v_2^i v_2^j = 0$ and $T_k^3 = 0$.

The Bishop frame [3] or parallel transport frame is an alternative approach to define a moving frame that is well defined even when the curve has vanishing second derivative. Let us denote the type-1 Bishop frame by $\{v_1^i, n_1^i, n_2^i\}$. The derivative formulas of this frame defined as

$$v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k v_1^i = k_1 n_1^i + k_2 n_2^i \quad (19)$$

or

$$v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i = -k_1 v_1^i \quad (20)$$

or

$$v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i = -k_2 v_1^i \quad (21)$$

where k_1 and k_2 are named as Bishop curvatures or natural curvatures [8].

Multiplying (19) by $g_{ij}n_1^i$ and summing on i and j , we have

$$T_{11}^p v_1^k v_1^i n_1^j g_{ij} = -k_1 \quad (22)$$

or

$$T_{11}^2 v_1^k v_2^i n_1^j g_{ij} + T_{11}^3 v_1^k v_3^i n_1^j g_{ij} = k_1 \quad (23)$$

or

$$\mathcal{C}_1^2 \cos \theta - \mathcal{C}_1^3 \sin \theta = k_1 \quad (24)$$

where $\theta = \angle(v_2^i, n_1^i)$, $g_{ij}n_1^i n_1^j = 1$, and $g_{ij}n_2^i n_1^j = 0$.

Multiplying (19) by $g_{ij}n_2^j$ and summing on i and j , we get

$$T_{11}^p v_1^k v_1^i n_2^j g_{ij} = k_2 \quad (25)$$

or

$$T_{11}^2 v_1^k v_2^i n_2^j g_{ij} + T_{11}^3 v_1^k v_3^i n_2^j g_{ij} = k_2 \quad (26)$$

or

$$\mathcal{C}_1^2 \sin \theta + \mathcal{C}_1^3 \cos \theta = k_2 \quad (27)$$

where $g_{ij}n_2^i n_2^j = 1$.

(24) and (27) are the quantities in Weyl space that correspond to natural curvatures.

On the other hand, $v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k v_1^i = \kappa_1 v_1^i$. Multiplying this equality by $g_{ij}n_1^j$ and using (22), we get

$$k_1 = \kappa_1 \cos \theta. \quad (28)$$

Multiplying the same equality by $g_{ij}n_2^j$ and using (25), we get

$$k_2 = \kappa_1 \sin \theta. \quad (29)$$

From (28) and (29), we have

$$k_1^2 + k_2^2 = \kappa_1^2. \quad (30)$$

Since v_2^i is orthogonal to v_1^i , v_2^i can be written in the following form:

$$v_2^i = \alpha n_1^i + \beta n_2^i \quad (31)$$

or

$$v_2^i = \cos \theta n_1^i + \sin \theta n_2^i \quad (32)$$

where $\theta = \angle(v_2^i, n_1^i)$.

Using $v_3^k = \varepsilon_{ijk} v_1^i v_2^j$ and (32) and right-hand rule, we get

$$v_3^k = \varepsilon_{ijk} v_1^i (\cos \theta n_1^j + \sin \theta n_2^j) = \cos \theta n_2^k - \sin \theta n_1^k. \quad (33)$$

From (12), (32) and (33), we have

$$v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l v_3^k = -(v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l \theta) (\sin \theta n_2^k + \cos \theta n_1^k) \quad (34)$$

$$-\kappa_2 v_2^k = -(v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l \theta) v_2^k \quad (35)$$

$$\kappa_2 = v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l \theta. \quad (36)$$

The relation among the vector fields of Frenet frame and type-1 Bishop frame is in the following form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1^i \\ v_2^i \\ v_3^i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ 0 & -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} n_1^i \\ n_1^i \\ n_2^i \end{pmatrix}. \quad (37)$$

Definition 3.1. Let C be a curve in W_3 . C is called a slant helix if the vector field n_1^i has constant angle θ with some fixed vector field u , i.e., $g_{ij} n_1^i u^j = \cos \varphi$ where u is normalized in the form $g_{ij} u^i u^j = 1$.

Theorem 3.2. Let C be a curve which has non-zero natural curvatures in W_3 . C is a slant helix if and only if $\frac{k_1}{k_2}$ is constant.

Proof. Let C be a slant helix. Then

$$g_{ij}n_1^i u^j = \cos \varphi = \text{constant} \quad (38)$$

is satisfied by means of Definition 3.1 where $\varphi = \angle(n_1^i, u^j)$.

By taking prolonged covariant derivative of (38) in the direction of v_1^k , we get

$$g_{ij}(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i) u^j = 0 \quad (39)$$

or

$$g_{ij}v_1^i u^j = 0 \quad (k_1 \neq 0). \quad (40)$$

Again, by taking prolonged covariant derivative of (40) in the direction of v_1^k , we have

$$g_{ij}(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k v_1^i) u^j = 0 \quad (41)$$

or

$$k_1 g_{ij}n_1^i u^j + k_2 g_{ij}n_2^i u^j = 0 \quad (42)$$

or

$$k_1 \cos \varphi + k_2 \sin \varphi = 0 \quad (43)$$

or

$$\frac{k_1}{k_2} = -\frac{\sin \varphi}{\cos \varphi} = -\tan \varphi = \text{constant}. \quad (44)$$

Conversely, suppose that $\frac{k_1}{k_2} = -\tan \varphi$.

From (40), we write

$$u^j = \alpha n_1^j + \beta n_2^j \quad (45)$$

or

$$u^j = \cos \varphi n_1^j + \sin \varphi n_2^j \quad (46)$$

where $\varphi = \angle(n_1^j, u^j)$.

Taking prolonged covariant derivative of (46) in the direction of v_1^k , we get

$$v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k u^j = -(k_1 \cos \varphi + k_2 \sin \varphi) v_1^j. \quad (47)$$

Since $\frac{k_1}{k_2} = -\tan \varphi$, we obtain $k_1 \cos \varphi + k_2 \sin \varphi = 0$.

That is, $v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k u^j = 0$ is valid. u is a constant vector field.

The proof is completed. $\square$

Remark 3.3. The equation (12) is equivalent to

$$\mathfrak{C}_1^2 \cos(\theta - \varphi) - \mathfrak{C}_1^3 \sin(\theta - \varphi) = 0$$

by means of (24) and (27).

Theorem 3.4. *C is a slant helix if and only if*

$$\det(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i, v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i), v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h(v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i))) = 0.$$

Proof. Let C be a slant helix. Then, $\frac{k_1}{k_2} = \text{constant}$ from Theorem 3.1.

On the other hand, let us calculate the following derivatives of n_1^i :

$$v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i = -k_1 v_1^i \quad (48)$$

$$v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i) = -(v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l k_1) v_1^i - k_1^2 n_1^i - k_1 k_2 n_2^i \quad (49)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h(v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i)) &= [-v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h(v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l k_1) + k_1^3 + k_1 k_2^2] v_1^i - \\ &\quad - 3k_1(v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h k_1) n_1^i + [-2k_2 v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l k_1 - k_1 v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h k_2] n_2^i. \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\det(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i, v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i), v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h(v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i))) = \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} -k_1 & 0 & 0 \\ -v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l k_1 & -k_1^2 & -k_1 k_2 \\ -v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h(v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l k_1) + k_1^3 + k_1 k_2^2 & -3k_1 v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h k_1 & -2k_2 v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l k_1 - k_1 v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h k_2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= k_1^3 (v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h \frac{k_1}{k_2}) k_2^2. \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

Since $\frac{k_1}{k_2} = \text{constant}$, $v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h \frac{k_1}{k_2} = 0$ is valid. Then

$$\det(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i, v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i), v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h(v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i))) = 0$$

is obtained.

Conversely, suppose that

$$\det(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i, v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i), v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h(v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_1^i))) = 0.$$

Then $v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h \frac{k_1}{k_2} = 0$ is obtained. That is $\frac{k_1}{k_2} = \text{constant}$. C is a slant helix. $\square$

Theorem 3.5. *C is a slant helix if and only if*

$$\det(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i, v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i), v_1^h \dot{\nabla}_h(v_1^l \dot{\nabla}_l(v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i))) = 0.$$

Proof. Let C be a slant helix. Then, $\frac{k_1}{k_2} = \text{constant}$ from Theorem 3.1.

Let us calculate the following derivatives of n_2^i :

$$v_1^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i = -k_2 v_1^i \quad (52)$$

$$v^l \dot{\nabla}_l (v^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i) = -(v^l \dot{\nabla}_l k_2) v_1^i - k_1 k_2 n_1^i - k_2^2 n_2^i \quad (53)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v^h \dot{\nabla}_h (v^l \dot{\nabla}_l (v^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i)) &= [-v^h \dot{\nabla}_h (v^l \dot{\nabla}_l k_2) + k_1^2 k_2 + k_2^3] v_1^i + \\ &[-2k_1 v^h \dot{\nabla}_h k_2 - k_2 v^h \dot{\nabla}_h k_1] n_1^i - 3k_2 (v^h \dot{\nabla}_h k_2) n_2^i. \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(v^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i, v^l \dot{\nabla}_l (v^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i), v^h \dot{\nabla}_h (v^l \dot{\nabla}_l (v^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i))) &= \\ = \begin{vmatrix} -k_2 & 0 & 0 \\ -v^l \dot{\nabla}_l k_2 & -k_1 k_2 & -k_2^2 \\ -v^h \dot{\nabla}_h (v^l \dot{\nabla}_l k_2) + k_1^2 k_2 + k_2^3 & -2k_1 v^h \dot{\nabla}_h k_2 - k_2 v^h \dot{\nabla}_h k_1 & -3k_1 v^h \dot{\nabla}_h k_2 \end{vmatrix} \\ = k_2^5 (v^h \dot{\nabla}_h \frac{k_1}{k_2}). \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

Since $\frac{k_1}{k_2} = \text{constant}$, $v^h \dot{\nabla}_h \frac{k_1}{k_2} = 0$ is valid. Then

$$\det(v^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i, v^l \dot{\nabla}_l (v^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i), v^h \dot{\nabla}_h (v^l \dot{\nabla}_l (v^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i))) = 0$$

is obtained.

Conversely, suppose that

$$\det(v^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i, v^l \dot{\nabla}_l (v^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i), v^h \dot{\nabla}_h (v^l \dot{\nabla}_l (v^k \dot{\nabla}_k n_2^i))) = 0.$$

Then $v^h \dot{\nabla}_h \frac{k_1}{k_2} = 0$, i.e., $\frac{k_1}{k_2} = \text{constant}$. C is a slant helix.

The proof is completed. $\square$

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