## **The Helix and Slant Helices Generated by non-Degenerate Curves in**  $\mathbf{M}^3(\mathbf{\delta_0})\mathbf{\subset}\mathbf{E_2}^4$

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we investigate helix and slant helices using non-degenerate curves in term of Sabban frame in de Sitter 3-space or Anti de Sitter 3-space  $M^3(\delta_0)$ . Furthermore, in  $M^3(\delta_0)$  3-space the necessary and sufficient conditions for the nondegenerate curves to be slant helix are given.

**MSC[2000]:** Primary 53A35; Secondary 53C25 **Key words:** Sabban frame, helix, slant helix,  $M^3(\delta_0) \subset E_2^4$  3-space.

## **M3 (δ0)**⊂**E2 4 3-Uzayında non-Dejenere Eğriler Tarafından Elde Edilen Helis ve Slant Helisler**

**Öz:** Bu çalışmada, de Sitter veya Anti de Sitter M<sup>3</sup>(δ<sub>0</sub>)⊂E<sub>2</sub><sup>4</sup> 3-uzayında dejenere olmayan eğrilerin helis ve slant helislerini Sabban çatısına göre inceledik. Ayrıca, M $3$ ( $\delta_0$ ) 3-uzayında non-dejenere eğrilerin slant helis olması için gerekli ve yeterli şartlar verildi.

**Anahtar kelimeler:** Sabban çatı, helis, slant helis, M<sup>3</sup>(δ<sub>0</sub>)⊂E<sub>2</sub><sup>4</sup>3-uzayı

## **1. Introduction**

In the recent years, there has been remarkable interest in the slant helix and helices among or curve of geometrically constant slope, or so-called general helices are well-known curves in the classical differential geometry of space curves. Helices are characterized by the feature that the tangent makes a constant angle with a fixed straight line (the axis of the general helix), it is known that a curve x is called a slant helix if the principal normal lines of x make a constant angle with a fixed direction.

The concept of slant helix defined by Izumiya and Takeuchi [8, 9]. The geometry of helix and slant helices have been represented in a different ambient spaces by many mathematicians. In [1], the authors studied timelike  $B_2$ -slant helices in Minkowski 4-space  $E_1^4$ . Ahmad studied the position vectors of a spacelike general helix with reference to the standart frame in  $E_1^3$ , [2]. In [3], the notion of a k-type slant helix in Minkowski 4-space  $E_1^4$  was introduced by the authors. In [4], they gave necessary and sufficient conditions to be a slant helix in the Euclidean n-space and they expressed some integral characterizations of such curves in reference to curvature functions. In [14], the authors expressed helices and slant helices in lightlike cone. Camcı and et al. examined some characterizations for a non degenerate curve  $\alpha$  to be a generalized helix by using its harmonic curvatures, [6]. Ferrandez and et al. obtained a Lancret-type theorem for null generalized helices in Lorentz-Minkowski space L<sup>n</sup>, [7]. Ilarslan and et al. studied the position vectors of a timelike and a null helix in Minkowski 3-space  $E_1^3$ , [10]. In [11], the authors examined spherical images the tangent indicatrix and binormal indicatrix of slant helix. In [15], they gave some characterizations for spacelike helices in Minkowski space-time  $E_1^4$ . In [17], Turgut and et al. they examined the concept of a slant helix in Minkowski spacetime.

In this paper, we study helix and slant helices according to Sabban frame in de Sitter or Anti de Sitter 3-space.

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## **2. Preliminaries**

Let  $E_2^4$  be the 4  $-$ dimensional semi Euclidean space with index two with the metric

 $G(a, b) = \langle a, b \rangle = -a_1b_1 - a_2b_2 + a_3b_3 + a_4b_4$ 

for all  $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$ ,  $b = (b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4$ . Let  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$  be pseudo-orthonormal basis for  $E_2^4$ . Then  $\delta_{ij}$ is Kronecker-delta function such that  $\langle e_i, e_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} \varepsilon_i$  for  $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = -1$ ,  $\varepsilon_3 = \varepsilon_4 = 1$ . A vector  $x \in E_2^4$  is said to be as spacelike, timelike and lightlike(null) if  $\langle x, x \rangle > 0$  (or  $x = 0$ ),  $\langle x, x \rangle < 0$  and  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$  ( $x \neq 0$ ), respectively. The norm of a vector  $x \in E_2^4$  is given as  $||x|| = \sqrt{|\langle x, x \rangle|}$ . The signature of a vector x is 1(or 0, -1) if x is spacelike( or null, timelike). Also, de Sitter 3-space with index 2 and Anti de Sitter 3-space in  $E_2^4$  are given as

 $S_2^3 = \{x \in E_2^4 : g(x, x) = 1\}; H_1^3 = \{x \in E_2^4 : g(x, x) = -1\},\$  (2.1) respectively. The pseudo vector product of vectors  $a$ , b and  $c$  is given by

$$
a \wedge b \wedge c = \begin{vmatrix} -e_1 & -e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & b_4 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 \end{vmatrix},
$$

where  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$  is the canonical basis of  $E_2^4$  and  $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$ ,  $b = (b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4)$ ,  $c = (c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4)$  $\mathbb{R}_2^4$ . Also, it is clear that  $\langle w, a \wedge b \wedge c \rangle = \det(w, a, b, c)$  for any  $w \in \mathbb{R}_2^4$ . Hence,  $a \wedge b \wedge c$  is pseudo-orthogonal to each of the vectors a, b and c. Unless otherwise stated for the sake of brevity, we will use the notation  $M^3(\delta_0)$  instead of the symbols  $S_2^3$  or  $H_1^3$ . If  $\delta_0 = 1$  or  $\delta_0 = -1$ , then  $M^3(1) = S_2^3$  or  $M^3(-1) = H_1^3$ , respectively.

Let  $x: I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \to M^3(\delta_0)$  be regular curve, where  $sign(x(t)) = \delta_0$  for  $\forall t \in I$ . For non-degenerate curves in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ . The regular curve x is called as spacelike or timelike if x' is a spacelike or timelike vector where  $x'(t)$  =  $dx/dt$  at any  $t \in I$ . The such curves are said to be non-degenerate curve. Let x be a non-degenerate curve, with arc length parametrization  $s = s(t)$ , that is the curve  $x(s)$  is a unit speed curve. Also, the unit tangent vector of x is defined as  $t(s) = x'(s)$ . Also,

$$
\langle x(s), x(s) \rangle = \delta_0, \langle x(s), t'(s) \rangle = -\delta_1; \delta_1 = \text{sign}(t(s))
$$
\n(2.2)

The vector  $t'(s) + \delta_0 \delta_1 x(s)$  is pseudo-orthogonal to both  $x(s)$  and  $t(s)$ . Moreover, since  $\langle x''(s), x''(s) \rangle \neq$  $\delta_0$  and t'(s) +  $\delta_0 \delta_1 x(s) \neq 0$ , the principle normal vector and the binormal vector of x is written as n(s) =  $\frac{t'(s) + \delta_0 \delta_1 x(s)}{\|t'(s) + \delta_0 \delta_1 x(s)\|}$  and  $b(s) = x(s) \wedge t(s) \wedge n(s)$ , respectively. In addition, the geodesic curvature of x are given by  $\kappa_{\rm g}(s) = ||t'(s) + \delta_0 \delta_1 x(s)||$ . Therefore, pseudo-orthonormal frame field { $x(s)$ , t(s), n(s), b(s)} of  $\mathbb{R}_2^4$  along x is said to be the Sabban frame of non-degenerate curve x on  $M^3(\delta_0)$ , then

$$
t(s) \land n(s) \land b(s) = -\delta_0 \delta_3 x(s); n(s) \land b(s) \land x(s) = \delta_1 \delta_3 t(s);
$$
  

$$
b(s) \land x(s) \land t(s) = -\delta_2 \delta_3 n(s); x(s) \land t(s) \land n(s) = b(s),
$$

where

$$
\langle t(s), t(s) \rangle = sign(t(s)) = \delta_1; \langle n(s), n(s) \rangle = sign(n(s)) = \delta_2 \langle b(s), b(s) \rangle = sign(b(s)) = \delta_3, \det(x, t, n, b) = -\delta_3.
$$
\n(2.3)

Also, let  $x: I \to M^3(\delta_0)$  be an immersed spacelike (timelike) curve with  $k_g$ ,  $\tau_g$  with respect to the Sabban frame  $\{x, t, n, b\}$ , such that,

• If  $\tau_g = 0$ , x is said to be as planar curve in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ .

- If  $k_g = 1$  and  $\tau_g = 0$ , x is called a horocycle in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ .
- If both  $k_g \neq 0$  and  $\tau_g \neq 0$  are constant, it is said to be as helix in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ .

Now, let's assume that  $\langle x''(s), x''(s) \rangle \neq \delta_0$ . Then, Frenet-Serret formulas of x is given as

$$
x'(s) = t(s)
$$
  
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$$
t'(s) = -\delta_0 \delta_1 x(s) + k_g n(s)
$$
  
\n
$$
n'(s) = -\delta_2 \delta_1 k_g t(s) - \delta_1 \delta_3 \tau_g b(s)
$$
  
\n
$$
b'(s) = \delta_1 \delta_2 \tau_g n(s),
$$
\n(2.4)

where the geodesic torsion of x is given by  $\tau_g = \frac{\delta_1 \det(x, x', x'', x''')}{k_g^2}$ , [18].

**Definition 1.** Let x be according to the frenet frame  $\{t, n, b\}$  in  $M^3$ . If there exists a constant vector field W  $\neq 0$  in  $M<sup>3</sup>$  such that

 $\langle t(s), W_i(s) \rangle = constant,$ 

for ∀s ∈ I, then it is called a helix in M<sup>3</sup> and W(s) is said to be an axis of  $x(s)$ , [9].

**Remark 1** The condition  $\langle x''(s), x''(s) \rangle \neq \delta_0$  is equivalent to  $k_g(s) \neq 0$ . Moreover, it may express that  $k_g(s) = 0$ and  $t'(s) + \delta_0 \delta_1 x(s) = 0$  if and only if the non-degenerate curve x is a geodesic in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ , [5].

#### **3. Helix and Slant Helices in**  $M^3(\delta_0)$

In this section, the helices and slant helices in  $M^3(\delta_0)$  space are expressed using sabban frame. **Definition 3.** Let x be a non-degenerate curve with arc length according to the Sabban frame  $\{x, t, n, b\}$  in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ . If there exists a constant vector field  $W_i \neq 0$  in  $M^3(\delta_0)$  such that

$$
\langle t(s), W_i(s) \rangle = constant,
$$

for  $\forall s \in I$ , then x is called a helix in  $M^3(\delta_0)$  and  $W_i(s)$  is called as axis of  $x(s)$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let x be a helix in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ . Then the axis of the helices x are given as

$$
W_i(s) = (\delta_0 As + c_1) x(s) + \frac{A}{\delta_1} t(s) + \left(\frac{A(\delta_0 s + c_2)}{\delta_0 \delta_1 k_g}\right) n(s) + \left(\frac{A\delta_3}{\delta_2} \int (\delta_0 s + c_2) \tau_g(s) ds\right) b(s),
$$

where A,  $c_i \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$ .

**Proof**. Let W(s) be an axis of helix x with the Sabban frame  $\{x, t, n, b\}$ . Then, W(s) can be written as

$$
W_i = m_0^j x + m_1^j t + m_2^j n + m_3^j b,
$$
\n(3.2)

where  $m_i^j$ , i  $\in \{0,1,2,3\}$  are differentiable functions and from definition of the helix, we have  $\langle t(s), W_i(s) \rangle = A$ , A  $\in$  $\mathbb{R}_0^+$ . Furthermore, from (2.2), (2.3) and (3.2), we can write

$$
\delta_0 \mathbf{m}_0^j = \langle x, \mathbf{W}_i \rangle, \mathbf{m}_1^j \delta_1 = \langle \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{W}_i \rangle = \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{m}_3^j \delta_3 = \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{W}_i \rangle = \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{m}_2^j \delta_2 = \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{W}_i \rangle, \forall \mathbf{s} \in \mathbf{I}.
$$
\n(3.3) By differentiating on both sides of (3.2) and using (2.4), we get

$$
m_0^{j'} - m_1^j \delta_0 \delta_1 = 0, \tag{3.4a}
$$

$$
m_0^j + m_1^{j'} - m_2^j \delta_2 \delta_1 k_g = 0,
$$
\n(3.4b)

$$
m_1^j k_g + m_2^{j'} + m_3^j \delta_2 \delta_1 \tau_g = 0,
$$
\n(3.4c)\n
$$
m_1^j S_g S_g + m_2^{j'} = 0.
$$
\n(3.4d)

$$
-m_2^j \delta_3 \delta_1 \tau_g + m_3^{j'} = 0. \tag{3.4d}
$$

Substituting  $m_1^j \delta_1 = A$  into (3.4a), we have

$$
m_0^j = \delta_0 As + c_1.
$$
 (3.5)

After the necessary calculations from (3.4b) and (3.4d) the following equations (3.6) and (3.7) are obtained respectively.

$$
m_2^j = \frac{A(\delta_0 s + c_2)}{\delta_0 \delta_1 k_g}.\tag{3.6}
$$

$$
m_3^j = \frac{A\delta_3}{\delta_2} \int (\delta_0 s + c_2) \tau_g(s) ds; c_i, A \in \mathbb{R}_0^+.
$$
 (3.7)

Hence, using (3.3) and  $m_i^j$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$
W_i = (\delta_0 As + c_1)x + \frac{A}{\delta_1}t + \left(\frac{A(\delta_0 s + c_2)}{\delta_0 \delta_1 k_g}\right)n + \left(\frac{A\delta_3}{\delta_2}\int (\delta_0 s + c_2)\tau_g(s)ds\right)b.
$$
 (3.8)

**Theorem 2.** Let x be a non-degenerate curve with arc length in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ . Then x is a helix if and only if

$$
k_g + \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{\delta_0 s + c_2}{k_g} \right) \frac{1}{\delta_2} + \delta_3 \tau_g \int (\delta_0 s + c_2) \tau_g ds = 0.
$$
 (3.9)

**Proof.** Using the equation (3.4c) and the equations  $m_i^j$ ,  $i \in \{0,1,2,3\}$ , j=n,b. Hence, we get (3.9). Conversely, assume that (3.9) holds, we obtain define a vector field  $W_i$ . Therefore, from definition of helix, we write  $W_i' = 0, < t, W_i >$  $= A, A \in \mathbb{R}_{0}^{+}.$ 

**Corollary 1.** Let  $x: I \to M^3(\delta_0)$  is an helix curve with k<sub>g</sub> and  $\tau_g$  relative to the Sabban frame {x, t, n, b}

- 1) If the helix x is a horocycle in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ , x is non-degenerate curve in  $H_1^3$ ,
- 2) If the helix x is a planar curve in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ , since  $\tau_g = 0$  the following equation holds

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$$
\frac{\mathbf{k_g}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{k_g^2} + \delta_0}} = \frac{\mathbf{c_4}}{\delta_0 \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{c_2}}.
$$

#### 3.1 n-type Slant Helix

**Definition 4.** Let  $x(s)$  be a non-degenerate curve with the Sabban frame  $\{x, t, n, b\}$  in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ . If there exists a constant vector field  $W_n$  in  $M^3(\delta_0)$  such that

$$
<\mathsf{n},\mathsf{W}_{\mathsf{n}}>=\mathsf{D},\mathsf{D}\in\mathbb{R}^+_0
$$

for  $\forall s \in I$ . Then x is called a helix and  $W_n$  is called the n -axis of x. **Theorem 3** Let x be n-type slant helix in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ . Then the n-axes of x are

$$
W_n = -D\delta_0 \delta_1 \delta_3 \left( \int \frac{\tau_g}{k_g} \int \tau_g ds ds \right) x - D\delta_3 \frac{\tau_g}{k_g} \left( \int \tau_g ds \right) t + \frac{D\delta_3 \delta_1}{\delta_2} \left( \int \tau_g ds \right) b, \tag{3.10}
$$

where  $D \in \mathbb{R}^+_0$ .

**Proof.** Let  $W_n$  be an axis of n-type helix x with the Sabban frame  $\{x, t, n, b\}$ . From definition of the n-type helix, we have  $\langle n(s), W_n(s) \rangle = D, D \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$ . Thus, from equations (3.4), we get

$$
m_0^n = -D\delta_0 \delta_1 \delta_3 \int \frac{\tau_g}{k_g} \int \tau_g ds ds; \ m_1^n = -D\delta_3 \frac{\tau_g}{k_g} \int \tau_g ds; m_2^n = \frac{D}{\delta_2}; m_3^n = \frac{D\delta_3 \delta_1}{\delta_2} \int \tau_g ds,
$$
\n(3.11)

Considering  $(3.11)$  we obtain  $(3.10)$ .

**Theorem 4.** For the non-degenerate curve x to be n-slant helix in  $M^3(\delta_0)$  the necessary and sufficient condition the following equation is provided

$$
\delta_0 \delta_1 \delta_3 \int \frac{\tau_g}{k_g} \int \tau_g ds ds + \delta_3 \left\{ \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{\tau_g}{k_g} \right) \int \tau_g ds + \frac{\tau_g^2}{k_g} \right\} + \delta_1 k_g = 0. \tag{3.12}
$$

**Proof.** Using the equation  $(3.4b)$ , we get  $(4.12)$ . Conversely, assume that  $(4.12)$  holds, we can define a vector field  $W_n$  as (3.10). Hence, from definition of n-slant helix, we can write  $W'_n = 0$ ,  $\lt n$ ,  $W_n$  >=constant.

**Corollary 2.** Let  $x: I \to M^3(\delta_0)$  is n -slant helix curve with  $k_g$  and  $\tau_g$  as regards the Sabban frame  $\{x, t, n, b\}$ . If the n-slant helix x is a planar curve in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ , since  $k_g = 0$  the curve x is also geodesic non-degenerate curve.

#### 3.2 b -type Slant Helix

**Definition 5.** Let x be non-degenerate curve with the Sabban frame  $\{x, \alpha, \beta, y\}$  in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ . If there is a  $W_b \neq 0$ constant vector field in  $M^3(\delta_0)$  such that

$$
\langle b, W_b \rangle = B, B \in \mathbb{R}_0^+
$$

Then x is called b-type slant helix and  $W_b$  is called the b-axis of x.

**Theorem 5.** Let x be b-type slant helix in  $M^3(\delta_0)$ . Then the b-axes of x are given as follows

$$
W_{b}(s) = \left(-B \frac{\delta_{0} \delta_{2}}{\delta_{3}} \int \frac{\tau_{g}}{k_{g}} ds + c_{3}\right) x(s) - B \frac{\delta_{1} \delta_{2}}{\delta_{3}} \frac{\tau_{g}}{k_{g}} t(s) + \frac{B}{\delta_{3}} b(s), \tag{3.13}
$$

where  $c_3$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$ .

**Proof.** From definition of the b-type slant helix and (3.4), we get<br>  $m_0^b = -B \frac{\delta_0 \delta_2}{\delta_3} \int \frac{\tau_g}{k_g} ds + c_3$ ;  $m_1^b = -B \frac{\delta_1 \delta_2}{\delta_3} \frac{\tau_g}{k_g}$ ;  $m_2^b = 0$ ;  $m_3^b = \frac{B}{\delta_3}$ ,  $(3.14)$ 

where  $c_3$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}_0^+$ . Considering (3.14), we have (3.13).

**Theorem 6.** For the non-degenerate curve x to be b-slant helix in  $M^3(\delta_0)$  the necessary and sufficient condition the following equation is provided

$$
\delta_0 \int \frac{\tau_g}{k_g} ds + \delta_1 \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{\tau_g}{k_g} \right) + c_4 = 0, c_4 \in \mathbb{R}_0^+.
$$
\n(3.15)

**Proof.** From definition of b-type slant helix and using  $(3.4b)$ , we get  $(3.15)$ . Conversely, assume that  $(3.15)$  holds, we can write a vector field  $W_h$  as (3.13). Since  $W'_h = 0$ , we obtain  $\lt b$ ,  $W_h \gt = B$ . Hence, the theorem is provided. **Example 1.** Let us consider a non-degenerate curve in  $M^3(\delta_0)$  given by

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$$
x(s) = \left(0, \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\sinh s, \pm \sqrt{\frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\cosh s}\right),
$$

the Sabban frame of x is given as

$$
t(s) = \left(0, \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\cosh s, 0, \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\sinh s\right); Q = \sqrt{\frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}},
$$
  
n(s) =  $\left(0, \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2Q}\left(\cosh s + \delta_0 \delta_1 \sinh s\right), \frac{1}{2}1, \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2Q}\left(\sinh s + \delta_0 \delta_1 \cosh s\right)\right); b(s) = \left((3-\sqrt{5})\delta_0 \delta_1, 0, 0, 0\right),$ 

according to Theorem 1, Theorem 3 and Definition 3, Definition 4, the curve x holds helix and n-type helices whose axes are satisfied the following equations

$$
\int (\delta_0 s + c_2) \tau_g(s) ds = \frac{c \delta_3}{\sinh s \delta_2} - \frac{\coth s \delta_2}{\delta_1 \delta_3},
$$

$$
\int \tau_g(s) ds \left( \frac{\tau_g}{k_g} (\cosh s + \delta_0 \delta_1 \sinh s) + \frac{\delta_1}{\delta_2} (\sinh s + \delta_0 \delta_1 \cosh s) \right) = c + \frac{d}{\delta_3 \delta_2}; c, d \in IR
$$

#### **3. Conclusion**

In this study, we examine helix and n-type (and b-type) slant helices due to the Sabban frame given in de Sitter 3-space or Anti de Sitter 3-space  $M^3(\delta_0)$ . We show that some results of the helix and slant helix curves generated by the Sabban frame in  $M<sup>3</sup>(\delta_0)$  are given above. We find parameter equation of axis of W of n-type (and b-type) slant helices in terms of the Sabban frame's vector fields.

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