

ON THE GEOMETRY OF TIME-LIKE SURFACES

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ABSTRACT

The formulae for a time-like surface, given by Enneper, O. Bonnet, Euler and Liouville, were obtained by using the hyperbolic angle between time-like curves on the surface.

1. INTRODUCTION

In the Euclidean 3-space E^3 , let us denote the tangent unit vectors of the parameter curves (c_1) , (c_2) and an arbitrary curve (c) passing through a point P on the differentiable surface $x(u,v)$ as t_1 , t_2 and t , respectively. Let φ be the angle between t_1 and t , R_1 and R_2 the principal curvature radii of (c_1) and (c_2) . If R_n and T_g are the normal curvature and geodesic torsion radii corresponding to direction t then we can write

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\cos \varphi}{R_1} &= \frac{\cos \varphi}{R_n} - \frac{\sin \varphi}{T_g} \\ \frac{\sin \varphi}{R_2} &= \frac{\sin \varphi}{R_n} + \frac{\cos \varphi}{T_g}\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

Now, Let us consider the Minkowski 3-space R_1^3 provided with Lorentzian inner product

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

where $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$, $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3) \in R^3$. In this space, 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 (or null) if $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle = 0$. The norm of a vector \mathbf{a} is defined to be $|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{|\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a} \rangle|}$ [2].

Let $y(u,v)$ be a surface in the space R_1^3 . If for each $P \in y(u,v)$ the induced metric $\langle , \rangle|_{T_P y \times T_P y}$ is Lorentzian then $y(u,v)$ is called time-like surface. The Darboux instantaneous rotation vector of space-like and time-like curves on the time-like surface $y(u,v)$ were stated in [3]. By using this vectors, we give:

Fundamental theorem. Let us denote tangent unit vectors of time-like and space-like parameter curves (c_1) and (c_2) perpendicular to each other, and an arbitrary time-like curve (c) passing through a point P on the time-like surface $y(u,v)$ as t_1 , t_2 and t , respectively. Let θ be the hyperolic angle between t_1 and t , and also R_1 , R_2 the principal curvature radii. If R_n and T_g are the normal curvature and geodesic torsion radii corresponding to direction t , then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cosh\theta}{R_1} &= \frac{\cosh\theta}{R_n} - \frac{\sinh\theta}{T_g}, \\ \frac{\sinh\theta}{R_2} &= \frac{\sinh\theta}{R_n} - \frac{\cosh\theta}{T_g}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

2. THE INSTANTANEOUS ROTATION VECTORS OF SPACE-LIKE AND TIME-LIKE CURVES

a) The Frenet instantaneous rotation vector

i) Let $c = c(s)$ be a space-like space curve. At every point on this curve, there exist the Frenet trihedron $[t,n,b]$, here t , n and b are tangent, principal normal and binormal unit vectors of curve, respectively. In this trihedron, we assume that t and n are space-like vectors and b is time-like vector. That is we have

$$-\langle t,t \rangle = \langle n,n \rangle = 1, \langle b,b \rangle = -1$$

$$\langle t,n \rangle = \langle n,b \rangle = \langle b,t \rangle = 0.$$

Furthermore, for this vectors we write

$$t \wedge n = b, \quad n \wedge b = -t, \quad b \wedge t = -n,$$

where \wedge is the Lorentzian cross product [4] in space R_1^3 . In this situation, the Frenet formulae are given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dt}{ds} &= \frac{1}{R} n \\ \frac{dn}{ds} &= -\frac{1}{R} t + \frac{1}{T} b \\ \frac{db}{ds} &= \frac{1}{T} n, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.1)$$

where R and T are the radii of curvature and torsion of the space-like curve (c), respectively. By (2.1) the Frenet instantaneous rotation vector is given by

$$f = \frac{1}{T} t - \frac{1}{R} b. \quad (2.2)$$

ii) In the trihedron [t,n,b], let n be time-like vector. Thus, the Frenet formulae for the curve (c) are given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dt}{ds} &= \frac{1}{R} n \\ \frac{dn}{ds} &= \frac{1}{R} t + \frac{1}{T} b \\ \frac{db}{ds} &= \frac{1}{T} n. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.3)$$

By (2.3) the Frenet instantaneous rotation vector for the space-like curve (c) can be written as follows:

$$f = -\frac{1}{T} t + \frac{1}{R} b. \quad (2.4)$$

The Frenet derivative formulae (2.3) can be given with the vector (2.4) as follows:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dt}{ds} &= f \wedge t \\ \frac{dn}{ds} &= f \wedge n \\ \frac{db}{ds} &= f \wedge b. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.5)$$

iii) Let (c) be a time-like curve. Then, the Frenet formulae are given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dt}{ds} &= \frac{1}{R} n \\ \frac{dn}{ds} &= \frac{1}{R} t - \frac{1}{T} b \\ \frac{db}{ds} &= \frac{1}{T} n. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.6)$$

By (2.6), the Frenet instantaneous rotation vector of the time-like curve (c) can be written by

$$f = \frac{1}{T} t - \frac{1}{R} b . \quad (2.7)$$

b) The Darboux instantaneous rotation vector

i) let us consider the time-like surface $y(u,v)$. At every point of a time-like curve (c) on this surface there exists a Frenet trihedron $[t,n,b]$. Since the curve (c) is on the surface, another trihedron can be mentioned. Let us denote the tangent unit vector of the curve (c) as t and the space-like normal unit vector of the surface at the point P as N . In this case, if we consider a space-like vector g , which is defined as $t \wedge N = g$, we obtain the Darboux trihedron $[t,g,N]$. To compare this trihedron with the Frenet trihedron, let us denote the angle between the vectors n and N as φ . In this situation, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} g &= n \sin \varphi - b \cos \varphi , \\ N &= n \cos \varphi + b \sin \varphi . \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

Differentiating the vectors t , N and g , with respect to arc s of the curve (c) we obtain the formulae

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dt}{ds} &= \rho \sin \varphi g + \rho \cos \varphi N \\ \frac{dg}{ds} &= \rho \sin \varphi t - \left(\tau - \frac{d\varphi}{ds} \right) N \\ \frac{dN}{ds} &= \rho \cos \varphi t + \left(\tau - \frac{d\varphi}{ds} \right) g . \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Here, if we say

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \cos \varphi &= \frac{\cos \varphi}{R} = \frac{1}{R_n} = \rho_n \\ \rho \sin \varphi &= \frac{\sin \varphi}{R} = \frac{1}{R_g} = \rho_g \\ \tau - \frac{d\varphi}{ds} &= \frac{1}{T} - \frac{d\varphi}{ds} = \frac{1}{T_g} = \tau_g \end{aligned}$$

the formulae (2.9) can be written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dt}{ds} &= \rho_g g + \rho_n N \\ \frac{dg}{ds} &= \rho_g t - \tau_g N \\ \frac{dN}{ds} &= \rho_n t + \tau_g g, \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

where ρ_n is the normal curvature, ρ_g is the geodesic curvature and τ_g is the geodesic torsion.

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

$$w = \frac{t}{T_g} + \frac{g}{R_n} - \frac{N}{R_g}. \tag{2.11}$$

According to this, the Darboux derivative formulae are written as follows:

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = w \wedge t, \quad \frac{dg}{ds} = w \wedge g, \quad \frac{dN}{ds} = w \wedge N. \tag{2.12}$$

ii) Let (c) be a space-like curve on the time-like surface. In trihedron [t,g,N], we assume that t and N are space-like vectors and g is time-like vector. Then the Lorentzian cross product for this vectors is given by

$$t \wedge g = -N, \quad g \wedge N = -t, \quad N \wedge t = g. \tag{2.13}$$

Let θ be the hyperbolic angle [5] between the time-like unit vectors n and g. In this case, we have

$$\begin{aligned} N &= n \sinh\theta + b \cosh\theta, \\ g &= n \cosh\theta + b \sinh\theta. \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

Differentiating the t, g and N according to the arc s of curve (c) we obtain the following formulae:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dt}{ds} &= \rho \cosh\theta g - \rho \sinh\theta N \\ \frac{dg}{ds} &= \rho \cosh\theta t + \left(\tau + \frac{d\theta}{ds}\right) N \\ \frac{dN}{ds} &= \rho \sinh\theta t + \left(\tau + \frac{d\theta}{ds}\right) g. \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

Here, if we replace

$$\rho \cosh \theta = \frac{\cosh \theta}{R} = \frac{1}{R_g} = \rho_g$$

$$\rho \sinh \theta = \frac{\sinh \theta}{R} = \frac{1}{R_n} = \rho_n$$

$$\tau + \frac{d\theta}{ds} = \frac{1}{T} + \frac{d\theta}{ds} = \frac{1}{T_g} = \tau_g$$

then the Darboux derivative formulae are given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dt}{ds} &= \rho_g g - \rho_n N \\ \frac{dg}{ds} &= \rho_g t + \tau_g N \\ \frac{dN}{ds} &= \rho_n t + \tau_g g \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.16)$$

where ρ_g is the geodesic curvature, ρ_n is the normal curvature and τ_g is the geodesic torsion.

Consequently, we can write the Darboux instantaneous rotation vector of Darboux trihedron as

$$w = -\frac{t}{T_g} - \frac{g}{R_n} + \frac{N}{R_g} \quad (2.17)$$

The formulae (2.16) can be given by (2.17) as follows:

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = w \wedge t, \quad \frac{dg}{ds} = w \wedge g, \quad \frac{dN}{ds} = w \wedge N \quad (2.18)$$

Theorem 2.1. If the radius of torsion of the space-like curve (c) drawn on time-like surface $y = y(u,v)$ is T and the hyperbolic angle between the time-like unit vectors n and g is θ , then we have

$$\frac{1}{T_g} = \frac{1}{T} + \frac{d\theta}{ds} \quad (2.19)$$

Proof. Since $\langle n, g \rangle = -\cosh \theta$ we have

$$\left\langle \frac{dn}{ds}, g \right\rangle + \left\langle n, \frac{dg}{ds} \right\rangle = -\sinh \theta \frac{d\theta}{ds}$$

By (2.3) and (2.16) we obtain

$$\left(\frac{1}{R} t + \frac{1}{T} b \right) g + n \left(\frac{1}{R_g} t + \frac{1}{T_g} N \right) = -\sinh \theta \frac{d\theta}{ds}$$

$$\frac{1}{R} \langle t, g \rangle + \frac{1}{T} \langle b, g \rangle + \frac{1}{R_g} \langle n, t \rangle + \frac{1}{T_g} \langle n, N \rangle = -\sinh \theta \frac{d\theta}{ds}$$

$$\frac{1}{T} \sinh\theta - \frac{1}{T_g} \sinh\theta = -\sinh\theta \frac{d\theta}{ds}$$

$$\frac{1}{T_g} = \frac{1}{T} + \frac{d\theta}{ds}.$$

Theorem 2.2. Let the radius of curvature of the space-like curve (c) on the time-like surface $y(u,v)$ is R and the hyperbolic angle between the normal N of the surface and the binormal b is θ . If the radii of normal and geodesic curvatures are R_n and R_g respectively, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{R_n} &= \frac{\sinh\theta}{R}, \\ \frac{1}{R_g} &= \frac{\cosh\theta}{R}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

Proof. By (2.5) and (2.18) we have

$$(f - w) \wedge t = 0.$$

If the values of vectors f and w are written, we find

$$\frac{n}{R} = -\frac{N}{R_n} + \frac{g}{R_g}.$$

If the both sides of this equation are scalarly multiplied with the vectors N and g and considered the equalities

$$\langle N, g \rangle = 0, \quad \langle n, g \rangle = -\cosh\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \langle g, g \rangle = -1$$

then the proof is completed.

3. THE FUNDAMENTAL THEOREMS CONNECTED WITH THE GEOMETRY OF TIME-LIKE SURFACES

a) Fundamental relations

We know from previous section that

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

In this situation, three Darboux trihedron are obtained as follows:

$$[t, g, N], \quad [t_1, g_1, N] \quad \text{and} \quad [t_2, g_2, N].$$

The Darboux instantaneous rotation vectors corresponding to this trihedrons are given by

$$w = \frac{t}{T_g} + \frac{g}{R_n} - \frac{N}{R_g}$$

$$w_1 = \frac{t_1}{(T_g)_1} + \frac{g_1}{(R_n)_1} - \frac{N}{(R_g)_1}, \quad w_2 = -\frac{t_2}{(T_g)_2} - \frac{g_2}{(R_n)_2} + \frac{N}{(R_g)_2}, \quad (3.1)$$

respectively.

Here, let us denote arc lengths of the curves (c_1) , (c_2) and (c) measured in the certain direction from P as s_1 , s_2 and s , 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 we obtain

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

Let θ be the hyperbolic angle between t and t_1 . If we take the inner product of the equation (3.3) with t_1 and t_2 , then the following formulae can be written:

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

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

For arcs ds , ds_1 and ds_2

$$ds^2 = Edu^2 - Gdv^2; \quad F = 0$$

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

If the formulae (3.4) and (3.6) are compared, then we have

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

Furthermore, since $t \wedge N = g$ we can write

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

Instead of considering the time-like curve (c), if we take space-like curve (c) perpendicular to this curve then we can write

$$t = \sinh\theta t_1 + \cosh\theta t_2 \tag{3.9}$$

$$g = -\sinh\theta g_1 - \cosh\theta g_2. \tag{3.10}$$

The proof of fundamental theorem.

Let us choose the parameter curves as curvature lines. The tangent directions of (c₁) and (c₂) at the point P are given by

$$t_1 = \frac{y_u}{\sqrt{E}}, t_2 = \frac{y_v}{\sqrt{G}}.$$

Furthermore, from the O we can write. Rodriques formulæ

$$N_u = \frac{1}{R_1} \sqrt{E} t_1, N_v = \frac{1}{R_2} \sqrt{G} t_2.$$

The direction of an arbitrary tangent is

$$t = y_u \frac{du}{ds} + y_v \frac{dv}{ds} = \sqrt{E} t_1 \frac{du}{ds} + \sqrt{G} t_2 \frac{dv}{ds}.$$

By (3.4) we obtain

$$\frac{dN}{ds} = \frac{\cosh\theta}{R_1} t_1 + \frac{\sinh\theta}{R_2} t_2. \tag{3.11}$$

On the other hand, if we consider the equalities (2.7) and (3.8) we can write

$$\frac{dN}{ds} = \left(\frac{\cosh\theta}{R_n} - \frac{\sinh\theta}{T_g} \right) t_1 + \left(\frac{\sinh\theta}{R_n} - \frac{\cosh\theta}{T_g} \right) t_2. \tag{3.12}$$

By (3.11) and (3.12) the proof is completed.

The fundamental formulæ of the theory of time-like surfaces can be given as the consequences of the formula (1.1):

Theorem 3.1. If the normal curvature corresponding to perpendicular two directions taken on the time-like surface are $\frac{1}{(R_n)_1}$ and $\frac{1}{(R_n)_2}$, and also the geodesic torsions corresponding to this directions are $\frac{1}{(T_g)_1}$ and $\frac{1}{(T_g)_2}$ then the Gaussian curvature is given by

$$K = \frac{1}{R_1 R_2} = \frac{1}{(R_n)_1 (R_n)_2} + \frac{1}{(T_g)_1 (T_g)_2} . \quad (3.13)$$

Proof. Instead of considering the tangent direction t of the time-like curve (c) if we consider the tangent direction t_1 of the curve (c_1) we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cosh\theta}{R_1} &= \frac{\cosh\theta}{(R_n)_1} - \frac{\sinh\theta}{(T_g)_1} \\ \frac{\sinh\theta}{R_2} &= \frac{\sinh\theta}{(R_n)_1} - \frac{\cosh\theta}{(T_g)_1} . \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

Similarly, if we consider the tangent direction t_2 of the curve (c_2) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sinh\theta}{R_1} &= \frac{\sinh\theta}{(R_n)_2} + \frac{\cosh\theta}{(T_g)_2} \\ \frac{\cosh\theta}{R_2} &= \frac{\cosh\theta}{(R_n)_2} + \frac{\sinh\theta}{(T_g)_2} . \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

By the equalities (3.14) and (3.15) the value of K is found.

Theorem 3.2. Let us assume that the derivatives of unit vectors of the Darboux trihedrons $[t, g, N]$, $[t_1, g_1, N]$ and $[t_2, g_2, N]$ with respect to parameter are exist and continuous. In this case, the following equalities are satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dt_1}{ds} &= \begin{vmatrix} \cosh\theta & \sinh\theta \\ -\frac{1}{(T_g)_2} & \frac{1}{(R_n)_1} \end{vmatrix} N - \begin{vmatrix} \cosh\theta & \sinh\theta \\ \frac{1}{(R_g)_2} & \frac{1}{(R_g)_1} \end{vmatrix} t_2 , \\ \frac{dt_2}{ds} &= - \begin{vmatrix} \sinh\theta & \cosh\theta \\ \frac{1}{(T_g)_1} & \frac{1}{(R_n)_2} \end{vmatrix} N - \begin{vmatrix} \cosh\theta & \sinh\theta \\ \frac{1}{(R_g)_2} & \frac{1}{(R_g)_1} \end{vmatrix} t_1 . \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

Proof. From the (3.5) and (3.8) we know that

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

$$g = -\sinh\theta g_1 - \cosh\theta g_2.$$

Furthermore we have $g_1 = -t_2$, $g_2 = t_1$. On the other hand, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dt_1}{ds} &= \frac{\partial t_1}{\partial s_1} \cosh\theta + \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial s_2} \sinh\theta \\ \frac{dt_2}{ds} &= -\frac{\partial g_1}{\partial s_1} \cosh\theta + \frac{\partial t_2}{\partial s_2} \sinh\theta . \end{aligned} \tag{3.17}$$

If we consider the Darboux derivative formulae given for the curves (c_1) and (c_2) , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial t_1}{\partial s_1} &= \frac{1}{(R_g)_1} g_1 + \frac{1}{(R_n)_1} N, \quad \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial s_1} = \frac{1}{(R_g)_1} t_1 + \frac{1}{(T_g)_1} N, \\ \frac{\partial t_2}{\partial s_2} &= \frac{1}{(R_g)_2} g_2 - \frac{1}{(R_n)_2} N, \quad \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial s_2} = \frac{1}{(R_g)_2} t_2 + \frac{1}{(T_g)_2} N. \end{aligned} \tag{3.18}$$

If this derivatives are replacing in (3.17) the proof is completed.

Corollary 3.3. If we consider the formulae (3.18) then the Gaussian curvature is given by

$$K = \frac{1}{R_1 R_2} = \left\langle \frac{\partial t_1}{\partial s_1}, \frac{\partial t_2}{\partial s_2} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{\partial t_1}{\partial s_2}, \frac{\partial t_2}{\partial s_1} \right\rangle . \tag{3.19}$$

Corollary 3.4. The relation

$$\left\langle t_2, \frac{dt_1}{ds} \right\rangle = \left\langle -t_1, \frac{dt_2}{ds} \right\rangle = \frac{\cosh\theta}{(R_g)_1} - \frac{\sinh\theta}{(R_g)_2} \tag{3.20}$$

is valid.

Theorem 3.5. The normal curvatures take the maximum or minimum value at principal directions.

Proof. By the formula (1.1) we can write

$$\left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_n} \right) \left(\frac{1}{R_2} - \frac{1}{R_n} \right) = \frac{1}{T_g^2} > 0 . \tag{3.21}$$

This shows that $\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_n}$ and $\frac{1}{R_2} - \frac{1}{R_n}$ have the same signature. Without loss of generality, let us assume $\frac{1}{R_2} < \frac{1}{R_1}$. In this case, we obtain that $\frac{1}{R_n} < \frac{1}{R_2}$ and $\frac{1}{R_n} > \frac{1}{R_1}$. This completes the proof.

Theorem 3.6. (Enneper Formula) There exists the relation

$$\frac{1}{T_g} = \frac{1}{T} = \sqrt{K} \quad (3.22)$$

between the torsion of asymptotic lines and the Gaussian curvature of the time-like surface, at the point P.

Proof. On the asymptotic lines, we know that $\frac{1}{R_n} = 0$. If we consider the equation (3.21) the proof is completed.

Theorem 3.7. (O. Bonnet Formula) For the geodesic torsion, we can write

$$\frac{1}{T_g} = \sinh\theta \cosh\theta \left(\frac{1}{R_1} - \frac{1}{R_2} \right). \quad (3.23)$$

Proof. In the formula (1.1), if we multiply the first equation with $\sinh\theta$ and the second equation with $\cosh\theta$, and derive from first the second, the formula (3.23) is found.

Theorem 3.8. (Euler Formula) The normal curvature at any direction is given by

$$\frac{1}{R_n} = \frac{\cosh^2\theta}{R_1} - \frac{\sinh^2\theta}{R_2}, \quad (3.24)$$

where $\frac{1}{R_1}$ and $\frac{1}{R_2}$ are principal curvatures.

Proof. By the formula (1.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cosh^2\theta}{R_1} &= \frac{\cosh^2\theta}{R_n} - \frac{\sinh^2\theta \cosh^2\theta}{T_g}, \\ \frac{\sinh^2\theta}{R_2} &= \frac{\sinh^2\theta}{R_n} + \frac{\sinh\theta \cosh^2\theta}{T_g}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

If we derive from first equation of (3.25) the formula (3.24) is obtained.

Theorem 3.9. (J. Liouville Formula) The geodesic curvature of an arbitrary time-like curve (c) at direction t is given by

$$\frac{1}{R_g} = \frac{\cosh\theta}{(R_g)_1} - \frac{\sinh\theta}{(R_g)_2} - \frac{d\theta}{ds}, \quad (3.26)$$

where $\frac{1}{(R_g)_1}$ and $\frac{1}{(R_g)_2}$ are geodesic curvatures at the directions t_1 and t_2 , respectively.

Proof. Differentiating the equation (3.5) with respect to s , we obtain

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

By (2.5) and (2.18) we can write

$$\frac{1}{R_g} g - \frac{1}{R_n} N = -g \frac{d\theta}{ds} + \cosh\theta \frac{dt_1}{ds} + \sinh\theta \frac{dt_2}{ds}.$$

From this equality, we find that

$$\frac{1}{R_g} = -\frac{d\theta}{ds} + \langle g, \cosh\theta \frac{dt_1}{ds} + \sinh\theta \frac{dt_2}{ds} \rangle,$$

$$\frac{1}{R_s} = -\frac{d\theta}{ds} + \langle -\sinh\theta t_1 - \cosh\theta t_2, \cosh\theta \frac{dt_1}{ds} + \sinh\theta \frac{dt_2}{ds} \rangle,$$

$$\frac{1}{R_s} = -\frac{d\theta}{ds} - \cosh^2\theta \langle \frac{dt_1}{ds}, t_2 \rangle - \sinh^2\theta \langle \frac{dt_2}{ds}, t_1 \rangle,$$

$$\frac{1}{R_s} = -\frac{d\theta}{ds} - (\cosh^2\theta - \sinh^2\theta) \langle t_2, \frac{dt_1}{ds} \rangle,$$

$$\frac{1}{R_s} = -\frac{d\theta}{ds} - \langle t_2, \frac{dt_1}{ds} \rangle.$$

If we consider the formula (3.19) the proof is completed.

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