

## An Examination for the Intersection of Two Ruled Surfaces

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### Abstract

In this study, firstly, each natural lift curve of the main curve is corresponded to the ruled surface by exploiting E. Study mapping and the relation among the subset of the tangent bundle of unit 2-sphere,  $T\bar{M}$  and ruled surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Secondly, the intersection of two ruled surfaces, which are obtained by using the relation given above, is examined for the condition of the zero-set of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$ . Then, all redundant and non-redundant solutions of the zero-set are investigated. Furthermore, the degenerate situations  $(u, v) = 0$ , where the whole plane is degenerated by the zero-set, are denoted. Finally, some examples are given to verify the results.

### 1. Introduction

In mathematics, the ruled surface, whose parametric expression is given as below, is defined as the set of points drawn by a moving straight line. That is, the parametric representation of the ruled surface  $\phi$ , acquired by the set  $\{\vec{k}(u), \vec{q}(u)\}$ , is

$$\vec{h}(u, v) = \vec{k}(u) + v\vec{q}(u), \quad u \in I, \quad v \in \mathbb{R}$$

for the set  $\{\vec{k}(u), \vec{q}(u)\}$ . Here,  $k = \vec{k}(u)$  is a point and  $q = \vec{q}(u)$  is a non-null vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Moreover,  $\vec{k}(u)$  and  $\vec{q}(u)$  are called the base curve and various of the generating lines, respectively, see [1]. From several significant applications of this surface, many mathematicians dealt with this surface in literature. Some of them are as follows: in [2], considering geometric invariants of space curves, a categorization of special developable surfaces under special condition was investigated. In [3], the theory of Mannheim curves was extended to the ruled surfaces. In [4], sectional curvature of ruled surfaces was computed in Minkowski space. In [5], some important properties of special ruled surfaces were investigated according to modified orthogonal frame. In [6], the evolution of several associated type ruled surfaces was defined. Furthermore, the Mannheim offset of developable ruled surface was defined. In [7], a correspondence among unit dual sphere,  $DS^2$ , the tangent bundle of the unit 2-sphere,  $TS^2$ , and non-null ruled surfaces was mentioned in detail. In [8], taking this correspondence into consideration, the ruled surface was described by using E. Study mapping and the relation between the tangent bundle of unit 2-sphere and non-null ruled surfaces. In [9], the non-null ruled surfaces were introduced by exploiting E. Study mapping and the isomorphism between pseudo-spheres and the tangent bundles of pseudo-spheres in  $E_1^3$ . In [10], Frenet vector fields and invariants of timelike ruled surfaces were explored. In [11], the ruled surface according to the Darboux frame was introduced. In [12], in 3-dimensional contact metric manifold, the properties of the ruled surface were defined. In [13], some geometric interpretations for timelike ruled surfaces were examined.

The surface intersection problem has important research fields in differential geometry, geometric modeling, architecture, computer aided design, etc. Several algorithms were considered for the intersection of two surfaces in literature. In [14], the intersection of two ruled surfaces was investigated under some special conditions. In [15], in higher dimension, the problems of curve and surface intersections were formulated. Additionally, the algebraic set to a lower dimensional space was constructed. In [16], an adaptive algorithm was developed for finding the intersection curves. In [17], a boundary method for surface

intersection was studied for smooth parametric surfaces defined over rectangular and triangular domains. In [18], a hybrid algorithm for the calculation of the intersection of an algebraic surface and a rational polynomial parametric surface patch was computed.

The theory of curves has substantial field in geometry, engineering, computer modeling mentioned above, etc. The relation among Frenet operators for given two smooth curves opened new research areas for many mathematicians in literature. One of the curves, which is compared with Frenet operators of the main curve, is the natural lift curve. Namely, the natural lift curve, which was firstly encountered in J. A. Thorpe’s book in [19], is defined as a smooth curve obtained by the unit tangent vectors of any given smooth curve:

for the curve  $\Gamma$ ,  $\bar{\Gamma}$  is called the natural lift of  $\Gamma$  on  $T\bar{M}$ , which provides the following equation:

$$\bar{\Gamma}(u) = (\bar{q}(u), \bar{\vartheta}(u)) = (q'(u)|_{\gamma(u)}, \vartheta'(u)|_{\vartheta(u)}).$$

There are some studies about the geometric interpretations about the natural lift curve. Some of them are as follows: in [20], some properties of the natural lift curve were investigated in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . In [21], the correspondence between the natural lift curve and its involute curve was given. In [22], the Frenet frames of the natural lift curve and its Bertrand mate were examined. In [23], dual spherical curves of the natural lift curve were denoted in terms of Frenet vector fields. In [24], the condition being the natural lifts of the spherical indicatrix of the curve is an integral curve of the geodesic spray was introduced. In [25], the authors proved that if the natural lifts geodesic spray of spherical indicator curvatures of Mannheim partner curve was an integral curve, Mannheim Curve was obtained. In [26], the condition being the natural lifts of the spherical indicatrix of the evolute curve are an integral curve of geodesic spray was expressed.

There is no research about the intersection of two ruled surfaces generated by the natural lift curves in literature. Therefore, in this paper, using the mentioned isomorphism and using some properties about dual numbers given in [27], we obtain two ruled surfaces acquired by the natural lift curves. Furthermore, we analyze the cases for the intersection of two ruled surfaces by examining the zero-set of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$ . Then, we categorize all redundant and non-redundant solutions of the zero-set. Moreover, in the subsections, we consider the degenerate situations  $(u, v) = 0$ , where the whole plane is degenerated by the zero-set.

This paper is organized as follows: in Section 2, some basic definitions and theorems about the dual numbers and the ruled surfaces acquired by the natural lift curve are mentioned. In Section 3, the intersection of two ruled surfaces acquired by the natural lift curves is examined by calculating the zero-set  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$ . Additionally, all redundant and non-redundant solutions are denoted. Then, some examples are given to verify the results. In Section 4, obtained results are discussed in detail.

## 2. Preliminaries

The set of dual numbers is

$$\mathbb{D} = \{X = x + \epsilon x^*; (x, x^*) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}, \epsilon^2 = 0\},$$

where  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{x}^*$  are real and dual parts of  $\vec{X}$ , respectively. If  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{x}^*$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\vec{X} = \vec{x} + \epsilon \vec{x}^*$  is called a dual vector. For  $\vec{X} = \vec{x} + \epsilon \vec{x}^*$  and  $\vec{Y} = \vec{y} + \epsilon \vec{y}^*$ , the basic operations are given as follows: the addition is

$$\vec{X} + \vec{Y} = (\vec{x} + \vec{y}) + \epsilon(\vec{x}^* + \vec{y}^*),$$

and the inner product is

$$\langle \vec{X}, \vec{Y} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle + \epsilon(\langle \vec{x}^*, \vec{y} \rangle + \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y}^* \rangle).$$

Moreover, the vector product is

$$\vec{X} \times \vec{Y} = \vec{x} \times \vec{y} + \epsilon(\vec{x} \times \vec{y}^* + \vec{x}^* \times \vec{y}).$$

The norm of  $\vec{X} = \vec{x} + \epsilon \vec{x}^*$  is

$$|\vec{X}| = \sqrt{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle} + \epsilon \frac{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x}^* \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle}}, \quad \vec{x} \neq 0.$$

The dual vector is called unit dual vector, if  $|\vec{X}| = 1$ . The unit dual sphere, which consists of all unit dual vectors, is given as the following set:

$$DS^2 = \{\vec{X} = \vec{x} + \epsilon \vec{x}^* \in \mathbb{D}^3 : |\vec{X}| = 1\}. \tag{2.1}$$

For more information about dual vectors, see [27].

Let  $S^2$  be a unit 2-sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . The tangent bundle of  $S^2$  is given by

$$TS^2 = \{(q, \vartheta) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 : |q| = 1, \langle q, \vartheta \rangle = 0\},$$

where " $\langle, \rangle$ " is the inner product and " $|\cdot|$ " is the norm in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , respectively, see [8]. Let  $T\bar{M}$  also be a subset of  $TS^2$ , defined by

$$T\bar{M} = \{(\bar{q}, \bar{\vartheta}) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 : |\bar{q}| = 1, \langle \bar{q}, \bar{\vartheta} \rangle = 0\}. \quad (2.2)$$

Here,  $\bar{q}$  and  $\bar{\vartheta}$  are the derivatives of  $q$  and  $\vartheta$ , respectively, see [23]. From Eqs. (2.1) and (2.2), the correspondence between the unit dual sphere and the subset of the tangent bundle of unit 2-sphere is given by

$$\begin{aligned} T\bar{M} &\longrightarrow DS^2, \\ \bar{\Gamma} = (\bar{q}, \bar{\vartheta}) &\longmapsto \bar{\Gamma} = \bar{q} + \varepsilon \bar{\vartheta}. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.1** (E. Study mapping). *There is one-to-one relation between the oriented lines in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and the points of  $DS^2$ .*

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $\bar{\Gamma}(u) = (\bar{q}(u), \bar{\vartheta}(u)) \in T\bar{M}$ . In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , the ruled surface acquired by the natural lift curve  $\bar{\Gamma}(u)$  can be expressed by*

$$\bar{\phi}(u, v) = \bar{q}(u) \times \bar{\vartheta}(u) + v\bar{q}(u),$$

where

$$\beta(u) = \bar{q}(u) \times \bar{\vartheta}(u)$$

is the base curve of  $\bar{\phi}$ .

As a result, the isomorphism among  $T\bar{M}$ ,  $DS^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$  can be written by

$$\begin{aligned} T\bar{M} &\longrightarrow DS^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \\ \bar{\Gamma}(u) = (\bar{q}(u), \bar{\vartheta}(u)) &\longmapsto \bar{\Gamma}(u) = \bar{q}(u) + \varepsilon \bar{\vartheta}(u) \longmapsto \bar{\phi}(u, v) = \bar{q}(u) \times \bar{\vartheta}(u) + v\bar{q}(u). \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\bar{\phi}(u, v)$  is the ruled surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  related to the dual curve  $\bar{\Gamma}(u) = \bar{q}(u) + \varepsilon \bar{\vartheta}(u) \in DS^2$  (or to the natural lift curve  $\bar{\Gamma}(u) \in T\bar{M}$ ), see [23].

### 3. Some characterizations for the intersection of two ruled surfaces

Let  $\bar{\phi}_1(u, s)$  and  $\bar{\phi}_2(v, t)$  be the ruled surfaces acquired by the natural lift curves  $\bar{\alpha}(u) = (\alpha_1(u), \alpha_1^*(u))$  and  $\bar{\alpha}(v) = (\alpha_2(v), \alpha_2^*(v))$ , where  $\bar{\alpha}(u)$  and  $\bar{\alpha}(v)$  on  $T\bar{M}$ , respectively. Considering the isomorphism mentioned above, the ruled surface generated by  $\bar{\alpha}(u) = (\alpha_1(u), \alpha_1^*(u))$  is

$$\bar{\phi}_1(u, s) = \alpha_1(u) \times \alpha_1^*(u) + s\alpha_1^*(u),$$

where the base curve is

$$C(u) = \alpha_1(u) \times \alpha_1^*(u).$$

Moreover, the ruled surface generated by  $\bar{\alpha}(v) = (\alpha_2(v), \alpha_2^*(v))$  is

$$\bar{\phi}_2(v, t) = \alpha_2(v) \times \alpha_2^*(v) + t\alpha_2^*(v),$$

where the base curve is

$$D(v) = \alpha_2(v) \times \alpha_2^*(v).$$

Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  denote the rulings of  $\bar{\phi}_1$  and  $\bar{\phi}_2$ , respectively. As  $\bar{\phi}_1$  and  $\bar{\phi}_2$  intersect, we write

$$\bar{\phi}_1(u, s) = \bar{\phi}_2(v, t).$$

That is,

$$C(u) - D(v) = -s\alpha_1^*(u) + t\alpha_2^*(v). \quad (3.1)$$

It is obvious that  $C(u) - D(v)$  is the linear combination of  $\alpha_1^*(u)$  and  $\alpha_2^*(v)$ . In this equation,  $C(u) - D(v)$ ,  $\alpha_1^*(u)$  and  $\alpha_2^*(v)$  are linearly dependent. Hence, the following condition is satisfied:

$$\lambda(u, v) = \det(\alpha_1^*(u), \alpha_2^*(v), C(u) - D(v)) = 0.$$

Now, we will investigate the solutions of the determinant given as above in detail.

### 3.1. Redundant and non-redundant solutions

The condition of being  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$  is a desired condition. However, it is not sufficient condition for examining the intersection of two ruling lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ . Some redundant points, which do not related to real intersection points of these ruled surfaces, could be contained by the solution set of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$ . Hence, we categorize all probabilities for redundant solutions as below: the solutions of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$  denote the linear dependency of  $C(u) - D(v)$ ,  $\alpha_1^*(u)$  and  $\alpha_2^*(v)$ :

$$c_1 \alpha_1^*(u) + c_2 \alpha_2^*(v) + c_3(C(u) - D(v)) = 0 \tag{3.2}$$

for some non-zero constants  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ . There are two conditions for the solution of Eq. (3.2):

(i) if  $c_3 \neq 0$ , then Eq. (3.1) is obtained. We say that two ruling lines intersect. Furthermore, there has not been any redundant solution of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$  under this condition.

(ii) If  $c_3 = 0$ , we get

$$\alpha_1^*(u) = -\frac{c_1}{c_2} \alpha_2^*(v)$$

for  $c_1 \neq 0$  and  $c_2 \neq 0$ . It is deduced that  $\alpha_1^*(u)$  and  $\alpha_2^*(v)$  are parallel or opposite.

Additionally,  $(u, v)$  provides  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$  without checking the intersection of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ . In this way,  $(u, v)$  is called redundant if  $\alpha_1^*(u)$  and  $\alpha_2^*(v)$  are parallel or opposite. However, the related rulings do not coincide. The condition of being parallel or opposite for  $\alpha_1^*(u)$  and  $\alpha_2^*(v)$  can be expressed by employing the zero-set of another function as below:

$$\Delta(u, v) = \|\alpha_1^*(u) \times \alpha_2^*(v)\|^2 = \|\alpha_1^*(u)\|^2 \|\alpha_2^*(v)\|^2 - \langle \alpha_1^*(u), \alpha_2^*(v) \rangle^2 = 0.$$

The zero set of  $\Delta(u, v) = 0$  is a subset of the zero set of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$ . Furthermore,  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  overlap each other iff  $\Delta(u, v) = 0$  and there exist the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1(u, v) &= \|\alpha_1^*(u) \times (C(u) - D(v))\|^2 \\ &= \|\alpha_1^*(u)\|^2 \|C(u) - D(v)\|^2 - \langle \alpha_1^*(u), C(u) - D(v) \rangle^2 = 0, \\ \delta_2(u, v) &= \|\alpha_2^*(v) \times (C(u) - D(v))\|^2 \\ &= \|\alpha_2^*(v)\|^2 \|C(u) - D(v)\|^2 - \langle \alpha_2^*(v), C(u) - D(v) \rangle^2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$\Delta(u, v) = \delta_1(u, v) = \delta_2(u, v) = 0$  iff two ruling lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  overlap each other.

As a result,  $\Delta(u, v) + \delta_1(u, v) + \delta_2(u, v) = 0$ , since  $\Delta(u, v), \delta_1(u, v), \delta_2(u, v) \geq 0$ . Consequently, the solution of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$  is redundant iff  $\Delta(u, v) = 0$  and  $\Delta(u, v) + \delta_1(u, v) + \delta_2(u, v) \neq 0$ .

### 3.2. Birational correspondence

As  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  intersect,  $s$  and  $t$  are expressed as rational bivariate functions  $u$  and  $v$ . Calculating the inner product of Eq. (3.1) with  $\alpha_1^*(u)$  and  $\alpha_2^*(v)$ , we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \|\alpha_1^*(u)\|^2 & -\langle \alpha_1^*(u), \alpha_2^*(v) \rangle \\ -\langle \alpha_1^*(u), \alpha_2^*(v) \rangle & \|\alpha_2^*(v)\|^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \alpha_1^*(u), D(v) - C(u) \rangle \\ \langle \alpha_2^*(v), C(u) - D(v) \rangle \end{pmatrix}.$$

As  $\Delta(u, v)$  is not equal to 0, this matrix equation becomes non-singular. Furthermore, there exists unique rational solutions of  $s(u, v)$  and  $t(u, v)$ . So, we find

$$\begin{aligned} s(u, v) &= \frac{\|\alpha_2^*(v)\|^2 \langle \alpha_1^*(u), D(v) - C(u) \rangle + \langle \alpha_1^*(u), \alpha_2^*(v) \rangle \langle \alpha_2^*(v), C(u) - D(v) \rangle}{\|\alpha_1^*(u)\|^2 \|\alpha_2^*(v)\|^2 - \langle \alpha_1^*(u), \alpha_2^*(v) \rangle^2}, \\ t(u, v) &= \frac{\|\alpha_1^*(u)\|^2 \langle \alpha_2^*(v), C(u) - D(v) \rangle + \langle \alpha_1^*(u), \alpha_2^*(v) \rangle \langle \alpha_1^*(u), D(v) - C(u) \rangle}{\|\alpha_1^*(u)\|^2 \|\alpha_2^*(v)\|^2 - \langle \alpha_1^*(u), \alpha_2^*(v) \rangle^2}. \end{aligned}$$

In this situation, as  $\Delta(u, v) \approx 0$ , the calculation of  $s(u, v)$  and  $t(u, v)$  is unstable numerically. In this situation, the squared distance  $\delta(u, v)$  is measured by using two parallel ruling lines and distinguish the lines if their squared distance is bigger than a particular contribution:  $\delta(u, v) \geq \epsilon^2$ , where  $\delta(u, v)$  is expressed as  $\frac{\delta_1(u, v)}{\|\alpha_1^*(u)\|^2}$ , the squared distance between  $D(v)$  and  $L_1$  or  $\frac{\delta_2(u, v)}{\|\alpha_2^*(v)\|^2}$ , the squared distance between  $C(u)$  and  $L_2$ .

Assume that  $\tilde{C}$ , which has the projection  $C$  onto the  $uv$ -plane, is a section of the intersection curve of  $\bar{\phi}_1$  and  $\bar{\phi}_2$ , respectively. In this situation, these ruled surfaces do not coincide. If  $\tilde{C}$  is a connected curve section,  $C$  is accepted as a connected section of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$ . Generally, the opposite condition is not true. There is not any unique solution for  $s(u, v)$  and  $t(u, v)$  as a connected curve section  $C$  of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$  consists of a point  $(u, v)$  of  $\Delta(u, v) = 0$ . Moreover, in some degenerate cases, the intersection curve could be empty or a single point, while the zero-set of  $\lambda(u, v) \equiv 0$  is the all plane. In these conditions, there is not any relation between an intersection curve  $\tilde{C}$  and  $C$  of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$ . Generally, with the exception of the following conditions, there exists birational correspondence between  $\tilde{C}$  and  $C$  on  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$ :

- (i) parallel ruling lines,
- (ii) degenerate cases
- (iii) peaks and self-intersections.

Assume that  $\bar{\phi}_1$  has an peak P such that  $\bar{\phi}_1(u, s) = P$ , for  $u_0 \leq u \leq u_1$ , and P lies on the other ruled surface  $\bar{\phi}_2(v_0, t_0)$ . Moreover, the zero-set of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$  includes a line section:  $\{(u, v_0) : u_0 \leq u \leq u_1\}$ . The whole line section is related to a single point P in the intersection of  $\bar{\phi}_1$  and  $\bar{\phi}_2$ . Q lies on the intersection curve:  $Q = \bar{\phi}_1(u_1, s_1) = \bar{\phi}_1(u_2, s_2) = \bar{\phi}_2(v_1, t_1)$ . The same intersection point Q relates to the two different solutions  $(u_1, v_1)$  and  $(u_2, v_1)$ . Therefore, there is not birational relation between C and  $\bar{C}$  in these situations.

All singular points of  $\bar{\phi}_1(u, s)$  are on the striction curve:

$$\bar{C}(u) = (\alpha_1(u) \times \alpha_1^*(u)) - \frac{\langle (\alpha_1(u) \times \alpha_1^*(u))', (\alpha_1^*)'(u) \rangle}{\langle (\alpha_1^*)'(u), (\alpha_1^*)'(u) \rangle}.$$

If the curve  $\bar{C}$  degenerates into a point, this point is the peak of a conical surface  $\bar{\phi}_1(u, s)$ . Let  $\bar{\phi}_1(u, s)$  be noncylindrical ruled surface. Then, all singular points of  $\bar{\phi}_1(u, s)$  could be distinguished along the striction curve  $\bar{C}$  by controlling the condition as follows:

$$\langle \bar{C}'(u) \times \alpha_1(u), (\alpha_1)'(u) \rangle = 0.$$

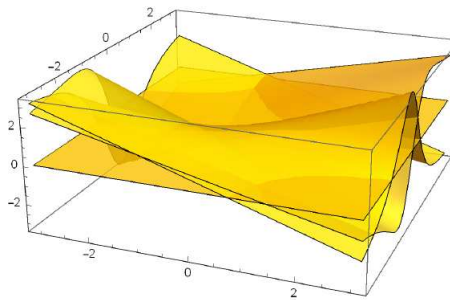
Self-intersection points of  $\bar{\phi}_1$  could be distinguished by the intersection of  $\bar{\phi}_1(u, s)$  with  $\bar{\phi}_1(v, t)$ .  $u - v = 0$ , which is described as the diagonal line, is included in the zero-sets of all variate functions. By eliminating the diagonal line from these zero-sets, the self-intersection of  $\bar{\phi}_1(u, s)$  could be characterized.

**Example 3.1.** Let us consider  $\alpha_1(u) = (0, 0, 1)$  and the vector  $\alpha_1^*(u) = (\frac{1-u^2}{1+u^2}, \frac{2u}{1+u^2}, 0)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Since  $\|\alpha_1(u)\| = 1$  and  $\langle \alpha_1(u), \alpha_1^*(u) \rangle = 0$ , the natural lift curve  $\alpha(u) = (\alpha_1(u), \alpha_1^*(u)) \in T\bar{M}$ . Then, the ruled surface corresponding to the natural lift curve  $\alpha(u) = (\alpha_1(u), \alpha_1^*(u))$  is given as

$$\bar{\phi}_1(u, s) = \left( \frac{-2u}{1+u^2}, \frac{u^2-1}{1+u^2}, 0 \right) + s \left( \frac{1-u^2}{1+u^2}, \frac{2u}{1+u^2}, 0 \right)$$

where the base curve is

$$C(u) = \left( \frac{-2u}{1+u^2}, \frac{u^2-1}{1+u^2}, 0 \right).$$



**Figure 3.1:** The ruled surface  $\bar{\phi}_1(u, s)$  acquired by  $\bar{\alpha}(u)$

Let us consider another vector couple as  $\alpha_2(v) = (\frac{-2v}{1+v^2}, \frac{1-v^2}{1+v^2}, 0)$  and the vector  $\alpha_2^*(v) = (\frac{1-v^2}{1+v^2}, \frac{2v}{1+v^2}, 0)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Since  $\|\alpha_2(v)\| = 1$  and  $\langle \alpha_2(v), \alpha_2^*(v) \rangle = 0$ , the natural lift curve  $\bar{\alpha}(v) = (\alpha_2(v), \alpha_2^*(v)) \in T\bar{M}$ . Then, the ruled surface corresponding to the natural lift curve  $\bar{\alpha}(v) = (\alpha_2(v), \alpha_2^*(v))$  is given as

$$\bar{\phi}_2(v, t) = \left( 0, 0, \frac{-v^4 - 2v^2 - 1}{v^4 + 2v^2 + 1} \right) + t \left( \frac{1-v^2}{1+v^2}, \frac{2v}{1+v^2}, 0 \right)$$

where the base curve is

$$D(v) = \left( 0, 0, \frac{-v^4 - 2v^2 - 1}{v^4 + 2v^2 + 1} \right).$$

If these ruled surfaces intersect, we get

$$\bar{\phi}_1(u, s) = \bar{\phi}_2(v, t).$$

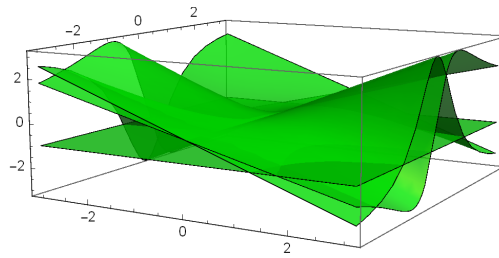


Figure 3.2: The ruled surface  $\bar{\phi}_2(v, t)$  generated by  $\bar{\alpha}(v)$

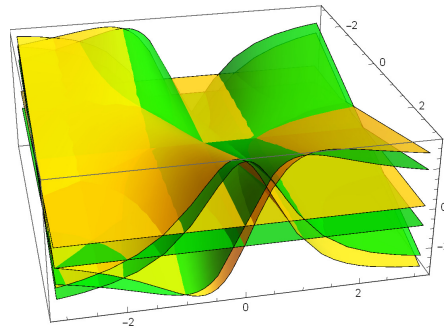


Figure 3.3: The intersection of  $\bar{\phi}_1(u, s)$  and  $\bar{\phi}_2(v, t)$

Considering these ruled surfaces, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(u, v) &= \frac{2(v-u)(1-uv)}{(1+u^2)(1+v^2)}, \\ \Delta(u, v) &= \left\| \left( 0, 0, \frac{2(v-u)(1-uv)}{(1+u^2)(1+v^2)} \right) \right\|^2, \\ \delta_1(u, v) &= \left\| \left( \frac{2u}{1+u^2}, \frac{1-u^2}{u^2+1}, \frac{u^4+4u^2-1}{u^4+2u^2+1} \right) \right\|^2, \\ \delta_2(u, v) &= \left\| \left( \frac{2v}{1+v^2}, \frac{v^2-1}{v^2+1}, \frac{(1-v^2)(u^2-1)+4uv}{(u^2+1)(v^2+1)} \right) \right\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

The real solutions of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$  and  $\Delta(u, v) = 0$  represents a planar curve  $(v-u)(1-uv) = 0$ . Hence, the zero-set of  $\Delta(u, v) = 0$  is the subset of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$ . It is simply to control that  $\Delta(u, v) + \delta_1(u, v) + \delta_2(u, v) > 0$  for all  $(u, v)$ . Thus, all solutions of  $\Delta(u, v) = 0$  are redundant solutions of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$ .

The non-redundant solution of  $C = \{(u, v) : \lambda(u, v) = 0, \Delta(u, v) \neq 0\}$  is comprised of four components in the  $uv$ - plane, given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= \{(u, v) : uv = 1, u < -1\}, \\ C_2 &= \{(u, v) : uv = 1, -1 < u < 0\}, \\ C_3 &= \{(u, v) : uv = 1, 0 < u < 1\}, \\ C_4 &= \{(u, v) : uv = 1, u > 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the intersection curve contains four connected components. Moreover, the limit points of  $C$  are  $(1, 1)$  and  $(-1, -1)$ . However, they are not included in the solution set  $C$ . In a small neighborhood of these limit points, the parameter values of  $s(u, v)$  and  $t(u, v)$  diverge to  $\mp\infty$ .

### 3.3. Degenerate cases

In some situations, the whole plane is degenerated by the solution set. These situations cover all probabilities for degenerate cases of  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$ . The exceptions occurs when two ruled surfaces coincide. We denote that the two ruled surfaces, which overlap each other, are planes or rational bilinear surfaces as below. Therefore, the determination of all degenerate cases may be decreased for categorizing the special types of input surfaces: whether the surface is a plane, cylinder, cone, quadric, etc. As  $\alpha_1^*(u)$  and  $\alpha_2^*(v)$  are parallel or opposite for all pairs of  $(u, v)$ ,  $\bar{\phi}_1(u, s)$  and  $\bar{\phi}_2(v, t)$  are cylindrical surfaces that are parallel to each other. In the contrary case,  $\alpha_1^*(u)$  and  $\alpha_2^*(v)$  are parallel or opposite for the couple of  $(u, v)$  providing the condition

of  $\Delta(u, v) = 0$ . Generally,  $\Delta(u, v) = 0$  could not be space-filling curve. Thus, there exists an area  $[u_a, u_b] \times [v_a, v_b]$ , where  $\Delta(u, v) \neq 0$ . For  $\lambda(u, v) = 0, u_a \leq u \leq u_b, v_a \leq v \leq v_b$ , we write

$$C(u) - D(v) = -s(u, v)\alpha_1^*(u) + t(u, v)\alpha_2^*(v).$$

From this equation, we conclude that each ruling line  $L_1$  of  $\bar{\phi}_1$  intersects with all other ruling lines  $L_2$  of  $\bar{\phi}_2$  and the converse is true. There are three different cases:

first of all is that there is a couple of lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  which intersect at  $P$ . Each ruling line  $L_2$  of  $\bar{\phi}_2$  coincides with both  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ . There are two subcases to examine:

if there are infinitely many  $L_2$  running through the point  $P$ ,  $\bar{\phi}_2$  must be a conical surface at  $P$ .

Otherwise, infinitely many lines  $L_2$  must be contained in the plane identified by  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ . Then, a plane is degenerated by the whole surface  $\bar{\phi}_2$ .

Similarly, the surface type of  $\bar{\phi}_1$  has also been identified. If  $\bar{\phi}_2$  is a non-planar conical surface, all ruling lines  $L_1$  of  $\bar{\phi}_1$  run through the apex  $P$ . Hence,  $\bar{\phi}_1$  becomes a conical surface.

Otherwise,  $\bar{\phi}_2$  is a plane. All ruling lines  $L_1$  of  $\bar{\phi}_1$  are the subset of the plane for  $\bar{\phi}_2$ . Hence,  $\bar{\phi}_1$  and  $\bar{\phi}_2$  degenerate into the same plane.

Second of all is that there is a pair of parallel lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

Then, there has been a unique plane identified by these two parallel lines. All ruling lines  $L_2$  of  $\bar{\phi}_2$  are subsets of the plane. Therefore, the whole surface  $\bar{\phi}_2$  degenerates into the plane. Likewise,  $\bar{\phi}_1$  has also been contained in the same plane.

Third of all is that any two different lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are skew. Furthermore, any two different lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are also skew. (Otherwise, we will result in first or second cases given above examined before.) Assume that  $T$  is the intersection point of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ . Let us consider as  $\bar{\phi}_1 = T$  for all  $(u, v) \in [u_a, u_b] \times [v_a, v_b]$ . Then  $\bar{\phi}_1$  and  $\bar{\phi}_2$  coincide. Therefore,  $\bar{\phi}_1$  and  $\bar{\phi}_2$  indicate the same surface.  $\bar{\phi}_1$  generates a rational bilinear surface with special conditions of  $u$  and  $v$ . Additionally, this surface are considered as a quadric surface.

## 4. Conclusion

In this paper, different from literature, the ruled surfaces acquired by the natural lift curves are defined by using E. Study mapping and the isomorphism between the subset of the unit tangent bundle of unit 2-sphere,  $T\bar{M}$ , and unit dual sphere,  $DS^2$ . Taking the the intersection of ruled surfaces obtained in this way into consideration, the cases for the intersection are investigated by exploiting  $\lambda(u, v) = 0$ . Therefore, redundant and non-redundant solutions are scrutinized under some conditions. Moreover, being to be degenerate conditions are denoted in detail. Then, obtained results are illustrated by some significant examples.

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