



## SEMI-PARALLEL TENSOR PRODUCT SURFACES IN SEMI-EUCLIDEAN SPACE $\mathbb{E}_2^4$

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ABSTRACT. In this article, the tensor product surfaces are studied that arise from taking the tensor product of a unit circle centered at the origin in Euclidean plane  $\mathbb{E}^2$  and a non-null, unit planar curve in Lorentzian plane  $\mathbb{E}_1^2$ . Also we have shown that the tensor product surfaces in 4-dimensional semi-Euclidean space with index 2,  $\mathbb{E}_2^4$ , satisfying the semi-parallelity condition  $\bar{R}(X, Y).h = 0$  if and only if the tensor product surface is a totally geodesic surface in  $\mathbb{E}_2^4$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

B. Y. Chen initiated the study of the *tensor product immersion* of two immersions of a given Riemannian manifold [6]. This concept originated from the investigation of the quadratic representation of submanifold. Inspired by Chen's definition, F. Decruyenaere, F. Dillen, L. Verstraelen and L. Vrancken studied in [8] the tensor product of two immersions of, in general, different manifolds. Under some conditions, this realizes an immersion of the product manifold.

Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two differentiable manifolds and assume that

$$f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^m,$$

and

$$g : N \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^n$$

are two immersions. Then the direct sum and tensor product maps are defined respectively by

$$f \oplus h : M \times N \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^{m+n}$$
$$(p, q) \rightarrow f(p) \oplus h(q) = (f^1(p), \dots, f^m(p), h^1(q), \dots, h^n(q))$$

and

$$f \otimes h : M \times N \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^{mn}$$
$$(p, q) \rightarrow f(p) \otimes h(q) = (f^1(p)h^1(q), \dots, f^1(p)h^n(q), \dots, f^m(p)h^1(q), \dots, f^m(p)h^n(q))$$

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Necessary and sufficient conditions for  $f \otimes h$  to be an immersion were obtained in [7]. It is also proved there that the pairing  $(\oplus, \otimes)$  determines a structure of a semiring on the set of classes of differentiable manifolds transversally immersed in Euclidean spaces, modulo orthogonal transformations. Some semirings were studied in [8]. In the special case, a tensor product surface is obtained by taking the tensor product of two curves. In many papers, minimality and totally reality properties of a tensor product surfaces were studied for example [2], [10], [11], [12]. The relations between a tensor product surface and a Lie group was shown in [15], [16]. In [2], Bulca and Arslan studied tensor product surfaces in 4- dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{E}^4$  and they show that tensor product surfaces satisfying the semi-parallelity condition  $\bar{R}(X, Y).h = 0$  are totally umbilical surface.

In this article, we investigate a tensor product surface  $M$  which is obtained from two curves. One of them is a unit circle centered at the origin in Euclidean plane  $\mathbb{E}^2$  and a non-null, unit planar curve in Lorentzian plane  $\mathbb{E}_1^2$ . Firstly, we investigated some geometric properties of the tensor product surface in pseudo-Euclidean 4-space  $\mathbb{E}_2^4$  then we obtain the sufficient and necessary conditions for the surface satisfying the semi parallelity condition  $\bar{R}(X, Y).h = 0$ .

We remark that the notions related with pseudo- Riemannian geometry are taken from [14].

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In the present section we give some definitons about Riemannian submanifolds from [5] and [4]. Let  $\iota : M \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^n$  be an immersion from an  $m$ -dimensional connected Riemannian manifold  $M$  into an  $n$ - dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{E}^n$ . We denote by  $g$  the metric tensor of  $\mathbb{E}^n$  as well as induced metric on  $M$ . Let  $\bar{\nabla}$  be the Levi- Civita connection of  $\mathbb{E}^n$  and  $\nabla$  the induced connection on  $M$ . Then the Gaussian and Weingarten formulas are given by

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) \quad (2.1)$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_X N = -A_N X + \nabla_X^\perp N$$

where  $X, Y$  are vector fields tangent to  $M$  and  $N$  is normal to  $M$ . Moreover,  $h$  is the second fundamental form,  $\nabla^\perp$  is linear connection induced in the normal bundle  $T^\perp M$ , called normal connection and  $A_N$  is the shape operator in the direction of  $N$  that is related with  $h$  by

$$\langle h(X, Y), N \rangle = \langle A_N X, Y \rangle. \quad (2.2)$$

If the set  $\{X_1, \dots, X_m\}$  is a local basis for  $\chi(M)$  and  $\{N_1, \dots, N_{n-m}\}$  is an orthonormal local basis for  $\chi^\perp(M)$ , then  $h$  can be written as

$$h = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n-m} \sum_{i,j=1}^m h_{ij}^\alpha N_\alpha, \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$h_{ij}^\alpha = \langle h(X_i, X_j), N_\alpha \rangle .$$

The covariant differentiation  $\bar{\nabla}h$  of the second fundamental form  $h$  on the direct sum of the tangent bundle and the normal bundle  $TM \oplus T^\perp M$  of  $M$  is defined by

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z) = \nabla_X^\perp h(Y, Z) - h(\nabla_X Y, Z) - h(Y, \nabla_X Z), \quad (2.4)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  tangent to  $M$ . Then we have the Codazzi equation as

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z) = (\bar{\nabla}_Y h)(X, Z). \quad (2.5)$$

We denote by  $R$  the curvature tensor associated with  $\nabla$ ;

$$R(X, Y)Z = -\nabla_X \nabla_Y Z + \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z + \nabla_{[X, Y]}Z, \quad (2.6)$$

and denote by  $R^\perp$  the curvature tensor associated with  $\nabla^\perp$

$$R^\perp(X, Y)\eta = \nabla_Y^\perp \nabla_X^\perp \eta - \nabla_X^\perp \nabla_Y^\perp \eta - \nabla_{[X, Y]}^\perp \eta. \quad (2.7)$$

The equations Gauss and Ricci are given by

$$\langle R(X, Y)Z, W \rangle = \langle h(X, W), h(Y, Z) \rangle - \langle h(X, Z), h(Y, W) \rangle, \quad (2.8)$$

$$\langle \bar{R}(X, Y)\eta, \xi \rangle = -\langle R^\perp(X, Y)\eta, \xi \rangle = \langle [A_\eta, A_\xi]X, Y \rangle, \quad (2.9)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W$  tangent to  $M$  and  $\xi, \eta$  normal vector fields to  $M$ .

The Gaussian curvature of  $M$  is defined by

$$K = \langle h(X_1, X_1), h(X_2, X_2) \rangle - \|h(X_1, X_2)\|^2 \quad (2.10)$$

where the set  $\{X_1, X_2\}$  is a linearly independent subset of  $\chi(M)$ .

The normal curvature  $K_N$  of  $M$  is defined by

$$K_N = \left\{ \sum_{1=\alpha<\beta}^{n-2} \langle R^\perp(X_1, X_2)N_\alpha, N_\beta \rangle^2 \right\}^{1/2} \quad (2.11)$$

where  $\{N_\alpha, N_\beta\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\chi^\perp(M)$ . From (2.11) we conclude that  $K_N = 0$  if and only if  $\nabla^\perp$  is a flat normal connection of  $M$ .

Further, the mean curvature vector  $\vec{H}$  of  $M$  is defined by

$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n-m} \text{tr}(A_{N_\alpha})N_\alpha \quad (2.12)$$

Let us consider the product tensor  $\bar{R}.h$  of the curvature tensor  $\bar{R}$  with the second fundamental form  $h$  is defined by

$$(\bar{R}(X, Y).h)(Z, T) = \bar{\nabla}_X(\bar{\nabla}_Y h(Z, T)) - \bar{\nabla}_Y(\bar{\nabla}_X h(Z, T)) - \bar{\nabla}_{[X, Y]}h(Z, T) \quad (2.13)$$

for all  $X, Y, Z, T$  tangent to  $M$ .

The surface  $M$  is said to be semi - parallel (or semi-symmetric ) if  $\bar{R}.h = 0$ , i.e.  $\bar{R}(X, Y).h = 0$  [9], [17]. It is easily seen that

$$(\bar{R}(X, Y).h)(Z, T) = R^\perp(X, Y)h(Z, T) - h(R(X, Y)Z, T) - h(Z, R(X, Y)T) \quad (2.14)$$

**Lemma 2.1.** [9] *Let  $M \subset \mathbb{E}^n$  be a smooth surface given with the patch  $X(u, v)$ . Then the following equalities are hold;*

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (\bar{R}(X_1, X_2).h)(X_1, X_1) &= \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n-2} h_{11}^\alpha (h_{22}^\alpha - h_{11}^\alpha + 2K) \right) h(X_1, X_2) \\ &\quad + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n-2} h_{11}^\alpha h_{12}^\alpha (h(X_1, X_1) - h(X_2, X_2)) \\ (\bar{R}(X_1, X_2).h)(X_1, X_2) &= \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n-2} h_{12}^\alpha (h_{22}^\alpha - h_{11}^\alpha) \right) h(X_1, X_2) \\ &\quad + \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n-2} h_{12}^\alpha h_{12}^\alpha - K \right) (h(X_1, X_1) - h(X_2, X_2)) \\ (\bar{R}(X_1, X_2).h)(X_2, X_2) &= \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n-2} h_{22}^\alpha (h_{22}^\alpha - h_{11}^\alpha - 2K) \right) h(X_1, X_2) \\ &\quad + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n-2} h_{22}^\alpha h_{12}^\alpha (h(X_1, X_1) - h(X_2, X_2)) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.15)$$

*Semi parallel surfaces classified by J. Deprez [9].*

**Theorem 2.1.** [9] *Let  $M$  be a surface in  $n$ - dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{E}^n$ . Then  $M$  is semi-parallel if and only if locally;*

- i)  $M$  is equivalent to 2-sphere, or*
- ii)  $M$  has trivial normal connection, or*
- iii)  $M$  is an isotropic surface in  $\mathbb{E}^5 \subset \mathbb{E}^n$  satisfying  $\|H\|^2 = 3K$ .*

### 3. TENSOR PRODUCT SURFACES OF A EUCLIDEAN PLANE CURVE AND A LORENTZIAN PLANE CURVE

Minimal and pseudo-minimal tensor product surfaces of a Lorentzian plane curve and a Euclidean plane curve was studied by I. Mihai and et al. in [13]. They also gave some examples of non-minimal pseudo-umbilical tensor product surfaces. It is well known that the tensor product of two immersions is not commutative. Thus the tensor product surfaces of a Euclidean plane curve and a Lorentzian plane curve is a new surface in 4-dimensional semi-Euclidean space with index 2.

In the following section, we will consider the tensor product immersions which is obtained from a Euclidean plane curve and a Lorentzian plane curve. Let  $c_1 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^2$  be a Euclidean plane curve and  $c_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_1^2$  be a non-null Lorentzian plane curve. Put  $c_1(t) = (\alpha_1(t), \alpha_2(t))$  and  $c_2(s) = (\beta_1(s), \beta_2(s))$ .

Then their tensor product surface is given by

$$x = c_1 \otimes c_2 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_2^4$$

$$x(t, s) = (\alpha_1(t)\beta_1(s), \alpha_1(t)\beta_2(s), \alpha_2(t)\beta_1(s), \alpha_2(t)\beta_2(s)).$$

The metric tensor on  $\mathbb{E}_1^2$  and  $\mathbb{E}_2^4$  is given by

$$g = -dx_1^2 + dx_2^2$$

and

$$\mathbf{g} = -dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 - dx_3^2 + dx_4^2,$$

respectively.

If we take  $c_1$  as a Euclidean unit circle  $c_1(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$  at centered origin and  $c_2(s) = (\alpha(s), \beta(s))$  is a spacelike or timelike curve with unit speed then the surface patch becomes

$$M : x(t, s) = (\alpha(s) \cos t, \beta(s) \cos t, \alpha(s) \sin t, \beta(s) \sin t) \quad (3.1)$$

An orthonormal frame tangent to  $M$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &= \frac{1}{\|c_2\|} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \\ &= \frac{1}{\|c_2\|} (-\alpha(s) \sin t, -\beta(s) \sin t, \alpha(s) \cos t, \beta(s) \cos t), \\ e_2 &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} \\ &= (\alpha'(s) \cos t, \beta'(s) \cos t, \alpha'(s) \sin t, \beta'(s) \sin t). \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

The normal space of  $M$  is spanned by

$$\begin{aligned} n_1 &= (\beta'(s) \cos t, \alpha'(s) \cos t, \beta'(s) \sin t, \alpha'(s) \sin t), \\ n_2 &= \frac{1}{\|c_2\|} (-\beta(s) \sin t, -\alpha(s) \sin t, \beta(s) \cos t, \alpha(s) \cos t) \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{g}(e_1, e_1) &= -\mathbf{g}(n_2, n_2) = \frac{g(c_2(s), c_2(s))}{\|c_2\|^2} = \varepsilon_1, \\ \mathbf{g}(e_2, e_2) &= -\mathbf{g}(n_1, n_1) = g(c_2'(s), c_2'(s)) = \varepsilon_2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

and  $\varepsilon_1 = \mp 1, \varepsilon_2 = \mp 1$ .

By covariant differentiation with respect to  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  a straightforward calculation gives

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\nabla}_{e_1}e_1 &= a\varepsilon_2e_2 - b\varepsilon_2n_1 \\ \bar{\nabla}_{e_1}e_2 &= -a\varepsilon_1e_1 - b\varepsilon_1n_2 \\ \bar{\nabla}_{e_1}n_1 &= -b\varepsilon_1e_1 - a\varepsilon_1n_2 \\ \bar{\nabla}_{e_1}n_2 &= -b\varepsilon_2e_2 + a\varepsilon_2n_1\end{aligned}\tag{3.5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\nabla}_{e_2}e_1 &= -b\varepsilon_1n_2 \\ \bar{\nabla}_{e_2}e_2 &= -c\varepsilon_2n_1 \\ \bar{\nabla}_{e_2}n_1 &= -c\varepsilon_2e_2 \\ \bar{\nabla}_{e_2}n_2 &= -b\varepsilon_1e_1\end{aligned}\tag{3.6}$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are Christoffel symbols and as in follows

$$a = a(s) = \frac{\alpha\alpha' - \beta\beta'}{\|c_2\|^2},\tag{3.7}$$

$$b = b(s) = \frac{\alpha\beta' - \alpha'\beta}{\|c_2\|^2},\tag{3.8}$$

$$c = c(s) = \alpha'\beta'' - \alpha''\beta'.\tag{3.9}$$

In addition, from (2.3) second fundamental form of this structure is written as,

$$h = \sum_{i,j,\alpha=1}^2 \varepsilon_\alpha h_{ij}^\alpha n_\alpha,\tag{3.10}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}h_{11}^1 &= b & h_{11}^2 &= 0 \\ h_{12}^1 &= h_{21}^1 = 0 & h_{12}^2 &= h_{21}^2 = b \\ h_{22}^1 &= c & h_{22}^2 &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{3.11}$$

By considering equations (3.8) and 3.9, we conclude that

**Corollary 3.1.** *If  $b = 0$  then  $c$  is also zero.*

*Also by using Corollary 3.1 and (3.11), we have*

**Corollary 3.2.**  *$M$  is a totally geodesic surface in  $\mathbb{E}_2^4$  if and only if  $b = 0$  which means that  $c_2$  is a straightline passing through the origin.*

If  $b = 0$ , from (3.8), we get  $c_2(s) = \beta(s)(\lambda, 1)$ . Since  $M$  is a non-degenerate surface, the position vector of  $c_2$  cannot be a null then  $\lambda \neq \pm 1$ . In this case, we can write the parametric equation of tensor product surface  $M$  as follows

$$M : x(t, s) = (\lambda\beta(s) \cos t, \beta(s) \cos t, \lambda\beta(s) \sin t, \beta(s) \sin t), \quad \lambda \neq \pm 1, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Indeed, this surface fully lies in a cone surface passing through the origin (but not light cone) in 4-dimensional semi-Euclidean space with index 2,  $\mathbb{E}_2^4$ , with equation  $-x_1^2 + \lambda^2 x_2^2 - x_3^2 + \lambda^2 x_4^2 = 0$  where  $\lambda \neq \pm 1$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The induced covariant differentiation on  $M$  as in follows,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla_{e_1} e_1 &= a\varepsilon_2 e_2, \\ \nabla_{e_1} e_2 &= -a\varepsilon_1 e_1, \\ \bar{\nabla}_{e_2} e_1 &= 0, \\ \bar{\nabla}_{e_2} e_2 &= 0. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.12)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla_{e_1}^\perp n_1 &= a\varepsilon_2 n_2, \\ \nabla_{e_1}^\perp n_2 &= a\varepsilon_2 n_1, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.13)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla_{e_2}^\perp n_1 &= 0, \\ \nabla_{e_2}^\perp n_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.14)$$

where the equalities (3.13) and (3.14) define the normal connection on  $M$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $x = c_1 \otimes c_2$  be a tensor product immersion of a Euclidean unit circle  $c_1$  at centered origin and unit speed non-null Lorentzian curve  $c_2$  in  $\mathbb{E}_1^2$ . Then the shape operators of  $M$  in direction of  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are given by respectively,*

$$A_{n_1} = \begin{bmatrix} b\varepsilon_1 & 0 \\ 0 & c\varepsilon_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{n_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b\varepsilon_1 \\ b\varepsilon_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (3.15)$$

By a simple calculation, we see that Gauss and Ricci equations of  $M$  are identical and they are given by as follow

$$a' - a^2\varepsilon_1 = b^2\varepsilon_1 - bc\varepsilon_2, \quad (3.16)$$

and Codazzi equation of  $M$  is

$$b' = 2ab\varepsilon_1 - ac\varepsilon_2. \quad (3.17)$$

Thus we give the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $M$  is a tensor product surface of a Euclidean unit circle at centered origin and a non-null unit speed Lorentzian curve in  $\mathbb{E}_1^2$  then the Christoffel symbols of  $M$  satisfy the following Riccati equation*

$$(a+b)' = \varepsilon_1 (a+b)^2 - c\varepsilon_2 (a+b). \quad (3.18)$$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be a tensor product surface given with the surface patch (3.1). Then there exist following relation between Gaussian curvature  $K$  and normal curvature  $K_N$*

$$K_N = |K| = |b^2\varepsilon_1 - bc\varepsilon_2|$$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $M$  be a tensor product surface given with the surface patch (3.1). Then the followings are equivalent,*

- i)  $\nabla^\perp$  is a flat connection,
- ii)  $K_N = K = 0$ ,
- iii)  $b = 0$  or  $\varepsilon_1 b = \varepsilon_2 c$ .

Now, we suppose that  $M$  is a semi parallel surface, i.e.,  $\bar{R}.h = 0$ . From (2.15) we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} b^2\varepsilon_1(c - b + 2b\varepsilon_1 - 2c\varepsilon_2) &= 0, \\ b\varepsilon_2(b - b\varepsilon_1 + c\varepsilon_2)(c - b) &= 0, \\ b\varepsilon_1(2b^2\varepsilon_1 + bc - c^2 - 2bc\varepsilon_2) &= 0, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.19)$$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $M$  be a tensor product surface given with the surface patch (3.1). Then  $M$  is a semi parallel surface if and only if*

- i) For  $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2$ , either  $b = 0$  or  $b = c$ ,
- ii) For  $\varepsilon_1 \neq \varepsilon_2$ ,  $b = 0$ .

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $M$  be a tensor product surface given with the surface patch (3.1) with  $\varepsilon_1 \neq \varepsilon_2$  then  $M$  is a semi parallel surface if and only if  $M$  is a totally geodesic surface in  $\mathbb{E}_2^4$ .*

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