



CONJUGATE TANGENT VECTORS AND ASYMPTOTIC
DIRECTIONS FOR SURFACES AT A CONSTANT DISTANCE
FROM EDGE OF REGRESSION ON A SURFACE IN E_1^3

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we give conjugate tangent vectors and asymptotic directions for surfaces at a constant distance from edge of regression on a surface in E_1^3 .

1. INTRODUCTION

Conjugate tangent vectors and asymptotic directions in Euclidean space E^3 can be found in [9]. In 1984, A. Kılıç and H. H. Hacısalihoğlu found the Euler theorem and Dupin indicatrix for parallel hypersurfaces in E^n [13]. Also the Euler theorem and Dupin indicatrix are obtained for the parallel hypersurfaces in pseudo-Euclidean spaces E_1^{n+1} and E_ν^{n+1} in the papers ([5], [7], [8]).

In 2005 H. H. Hacısalihoğlu and Ö. Tarakçı introduced surfaces at a constant distance from edge of regression on a surface. These surfaces are a generalization of parallel surfaces in E^3 . Because the authors took any vector instead of normal vector [17]. Euler theorem and Dupin indicatrix for these surfaces are given in [2]. Conjugate tangent vectors and asymptotic directions are given in [1]. In 2010 we obtained the surfaces at a constant distance from edge of regression on a surface in E_1^3 [15]. We obtained the Euler theorem and Dupin indicatrix for these surfaces in E_1^3 [16].

In this paper we give conjugate tangent vectors and asymptotic directions for surfaces at a constant distance from edge of regression on a surface in E_1^3 .

2. PRELIMINARIES

Let E_1^3 be the Minkowski 3-space is the real vector space R^3 endowed with the standard flat Lorentzian metric given by

$$\langle, \rangle = -(dx_1)^2 + (dx_2)^2 + (dx_3)^2$$

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where (x_1, x_2, x_3) is a rectangular coordinate system of E_1^3 . An arbitrary vector $x \in E_1^3$ is called spacelike if $\langle x, x \rangle > 0$ or $x = 0$, timelike if $\langle x, x \rangle < 0$ and lightlike (null) if $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$ and $x \neq 0$.

The timelike-cone of E_1^3 is defined as the set of all timelike vectors of E_1^3 , that is

$$\mathcal{T} = \{(x, y, z) \in E_1^3; x^2 + y^2 - z^2 < 0\}.$$

The set of lightlike vectors is defined by \mathcal{C} and it is the following set:

$$\mathcal{C} = \{(x, y, z) \in E_1^3; x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0\} - \{0, 0, 0\}.$$

The cross product $x \times y$ of vectors $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ and $y = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$ in E_1^3 is defined as

$$\langle x \times y, z \rangle = \det(x, y, z) \quad \text{for all } z = (z_1, z_2, z_3) \in E_1^3.$$

More explicitly, if x, y belong to E_1^3 , then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, y \rangle &= -x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + x_3y_3 \\ x \times y &= (-(x_2y_3 - x_3y_2), x_3y_1 - x_1y_3, x_1y_2 - x_2y_1) \\ \langle a \times b, x \times y \rangle &= - \begin{vmatrix} \langle a, x \rangle & \langle b, x \rangle \\ \langle a, y \rangle & \langle b, y \rangle \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ and $b = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$ in E_1^3 (Lagrange identity in E_1^3).

Let $e_1, e_2 \in E_1^3$ be such that $\langle e_i, e_i \rangle = \pm 1$ and $\langle e_1, e_2 \rangle = 0$ and $e_3 = e_1 \times e_2$. Then these three vectors form an orthonormal frame. If $\langle e_1, e_1 \rangle = \varepsilon_1$ and $\langle e_2, e_2 \rangle = \varepsilon_2$ where $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 = \pm 1$, it follows from the Lagrange identity that $\langle e_3, e_3 \rangle = -\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2$. Each vector $x \in E_1^3$ can be written uniquely in terms of e_1, e_2, e_3 by

$$x = \varepsilon_1 \langle x, e_1 \rangle e_1 + \varepsilon_2 \langle x, e_2 \rangle e_2 - \varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2 \langle x, e_3 \rangle e_3.$$

The angle between two vectors in Minkowski 3-space is defined by ([3], [10], [11], [12]):

Definition 2.1. i. Hyperbolic angle: Let x and y be timelike vectors in the same timecone of Minkowski space. Then there is a unique real number $\theta \geq 0$, called the hyperbolic angle between x and y , such that

$$\langle x, y \rangle = -\|x\| \|y\| \cosh \theta.$$

ii. Central angle: Let x and y be spacelike vectors in Minkowski space that span a timelike vector subspace. Then there is a unique real number $\theta \geq 0$, called the central angle between x and y , such that

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| = \|x\| \|y\| \cosh \theta.$$

iii. Spacelike angle: Let x and y be spacelike vectors in Minkowski space that span a spacelike vector subspace. Then there is a unique real number θ between 0 and π called the spacelike angle between x and y , such that

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \|x\| \|y\| \cos \theta.$$

iv. Lorentzian timelike angle: Let x be a spacelike vector and y be a timelike vector in Minkowski space. Then there is a unique real number $\theta \geq 0$, called the Lorentzian timelike angle between x and y , such that

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| = \|x\| \|y\| \sinh \theta.$$

Definition 2.2. Let M and M^f be two surfaces in E_1^3 and N_p be a unit normal vector of M at the point $P \in M$. Let T_pM be tangent space at $P \in M$ and $\{X_p, Y_p\}$ be an orthonormal bases of T_pM . Let $Z_p = d_1X_p + d_2Y_p + d_3N_p$ be a unit vector, where $d_1, d_2, d_3 \in R$ are constant numbers and $\varepsilon_1d_1^2 + \varepsilon_2d_2^2 - \varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2d_3^2 = \pm 1$. If a function f exists and satisfies the condition $f : M \rightarrow M^f$, $f(P) = P + rZ_p$, r constant, M^f is called as the surface at a constant distance from the edge of regression on M and M^f denoted by the pair (M, M^f) .

If $d_1 = d_2 = 0$, then we have $Z_p = N_p$ and $f(P) = P + rN_p$. In this case M and M^f are parallel surfaces [15].

Theorem 2.1. Let the pair (M, M^f) be given in E_1^3 . For any $W \in \chi(M)$, we have $f_*(W) = \overline{W} + r\overline{D_W Z}$, where $W = \sum_{i=1}^3 w_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$, $\overline{W} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \overline{w}_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ and $\forall P \in M$, $w_i(P) = \overline{w}_i(f(p))$, $1 \leq i \leq 3$ [15].

Let (ϕ, U) be a parametrization of M , so we can write that

$$\phi : \underset{(u,v)}{U} \subset E_1^3 \rightarrow \underset{P=\phi(u,v)}{M}.$$

In this case $\{\phi_u|_p, \phi_v|_p\}$ is a basis of T_pM . Let N_p is a unit normal vector at $P \in M$ and $d_1, d_2, d_3 \in R$ be constant numbers then we can write that $Z_p = d_1\phi_u|_p + d_2\phi_v|_p + d_3N_p$. Since $M^f = \{f(P) \mid f(P) = P + rZ_p\}$, a parametric representation of M^f is $\psi(u, v) = \phi(u, v) + rZ(u, v)$. Thus we can write

$$M^f = \{\psi(u, v) \mid \psi(u, v) = \phi(u, v) + r(d_1\phi_u(u, v) + d_2\phi_v(u, v) + d_3N(u, v)), \\ d_1, d_2, d_3, r \text{ are constant, } \varepsilon_1d_1^2 + \varepsilon_2d_2^2 - \varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2d_3^2 = \pm 1\}.$$

If we take $rd_1 = \lambda_1$, $rd_2 = \lambda_2$, $rd_3 = \lambda_3$ then we have

$$M^f = \{\psi(u, v) \mid \psi(u, v) = \phi(u, v) + \lambda_1\phi_u(u, v) + \lambda_2\phi_v(u, v) + \lambda_3N(u, v), \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \text{ are constant}\}.$$

Let $\{\phi_u, \phi_v\}$ is basis of $\chi(M^f)$. If we take $\langle \phi_u, \phi_u \rangle = \varepsilon_1$, $\langle \phi_v, \phi_v \rangle = \varepsilon_2$ and $\langle N, N \rangle = -\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_u &= (1 + \lambda_3k_1)\phi_u + \varepsilon_2\lambda_1k_1N, \\ \psi_v &= (1 + \lambda_3k_2)\phi_v + \varepsilon_1\lambda_2k_2N \end{aligned}$$

is a basis of $\chi(M^f)$, where N is the unit normal vector field on M and k_1, k_2 are principal curvatures of M [15].

Theorem 2.2. Let the pair (M, M^f) be given in E_1^3 . Let $\{\phi_u, \phi_v\}$ (orthonormal and principal vector fields on M) be basis of $\chi(M)$ and k_1, k_2 be principal curvatures of M . The matrix of the shape operator of M^f with respect to the basis $\{\psi_u = (1 + \lambda_3k_1)\phi_u + \varepsilon_2\lambda_1k_1N, \psi_v = (1 + \lambda_3k_2)\phi_v + \varepsilon_1\lambda_2k_2N\}$ of $\chi(M^f)$ is

$$S^f = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 & \mu_2 \\ \mu_3 & \mu_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_1 &= \frac{(1 + \lambda_3 k_2)}{A^3} \left\{ \varepsilon \lambda_1 \frac{\partial k_1}{\partial u} (\lambda_2^2 k_2^2 - \varepsilon_1 (1 + \lambda_3 k_2)^2) + k_1 A^2 \right\}, \\ \mu_2 &= \frac{\varepsilon \lambda_1^2 \lambda_2 k_1 k_2 (1 + \lambda_3 k_2)}{A^3} \frac{\partial k_1}{\partial u}, \\ \mu_3 &= \frac{-\varepsilon \lambda_1 \lambda_2^2 k_1 k_2 (1 + \lambda_3 k_1)}{A^3} \frac{\partial k_2}{\partial v}, \\ \mu_4 &= \frac{(1 + \lambda_3 k_1)}{A^3} \left\{ -\varepsilon \lambda_2 \frac{\partial k_2}{\partial v} (\lambda_1^2 k_1^2 - \varepsilon_2 (1 + \lambda_3 k_1)^2) + k_2 A^2 \right\}\end{aligned}$$

and $A = \sqrt{\varepsilon (\varepsilon_1 \lambda_1^2 k_1^2 (1 + \lambda_3 k_2)^2 + \varepsilon_2 \lambda_2^2 k_2^2 (1 + \lambda_3 k_1)^2 - \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 (1 + \lambda_3 k_1)^2 (1 + \lambda_3 k_2)^2)}$ [15].

Definition 2.3. Let M be an Euclidean surface in E^3 and S be shape operator of M . For any $X_p, Y_p \in T_p M$, if

$$(2.1) \quad \langle S(X_p), Y_p \rangle = 0$$

then X_p and Y_p are called conjugate tangent vectors of M at p [9].

Definition 2.4. Let M be an Euclidean surface in E^3 and S be shape operator of M . For any $X_p \in T_p M$, if

$$(2.2) \quad \langle S(X_p), X_p \rangle = 0$$

then X_p is called an asymptotic direction of M at p [9].

We can get the definitions of conjugate tangent vectors and asymptotic direction in Minkowski 3-space similar to Definition 2.3 and 2.4 as below:

Definition 2.5. Let M be a surface in E_1^3 and S be shape operator of M . For any $X_p, Y_p \in T_p M$, if

$$(2.3) \quad \langle S(X_p), Y_p \rangle = 0$$

then X_p and Y_p are called conjugate tangent vectors of M at p .

Definition 2.6. M be a surface in E_1^3 and S be shape operator of M . For any $X_p \in T_p M$, if

$$(2.4) \quad \langle S(X_p), X_p \rangle = 0$$

then X_p is called an asymptotic direction of M at p .

3. CONJUGATE TANGENT VECTORS FOR SURFACES AT A CONSTANT DISTANCE FROM EDGE OF REGRESSION ON A SURFACE IN E_1^3

Theorem 3.1. Let M^f be a surface at a constant distance from edge of regression on a M in E_1^3 . Let k_1 and k_2 denote principal curvature function of M and let $\{\phi_u, \phi_v\}$ be orthonormal basis such that ϕ_u and ϕ_v are principal directions on M . For $X_p, Y_p \in T_p M$, $f_*(X_p)$ and $f_*(Y_p)$ are conjugate tangent vectors if and only if

$$(3.1) \quad \varepsilon_1 \mu_1^* x_1 y_1 + \varepsilon_1 \mu_2^* x_1 y_2 + \varepsilon_2 \mu_3^* x_2 y_1 + \varepsilon_2 \mu_4^* x_2 y_2 = 0$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.2) \quad x_1 &= \langle X_p, \phi_u \rangle, & x_2 &= \langle X_p, \phi_v \rangle, \\
y_1 &= \langle Y_p, \phi_u \rangle, & y_2 &= \langle Y_p, \phi_v \rangle, \\
\mu_1^* &= \mu_1(1 + \lambda_3 k_1)^2 - \lambda_1 k_1 (\varepsilon_2 \mu_1 \lambda_1 k_1 + \varepsilon_1 \mu_2 \lambda_2 k_2), \\
\mu_2^* &= \mu_2(1 + \lambda_3 k_2)^2 - \lambda_2 k_2 (\varepsilon_2 \mu_1 \lambda_1 k_1 + \varepsilon_1 \mu_2 \lambda_2 k_2), \\
\mu_3^* &= \mu_3(1 + \lambda_3 k_1)^2 - \lambda_1 k_1 (\varepsilon_2 \mu_3 \lambda_1 k_1 + \varepsilon_1 \mu_4 \lambda_2 k_2), \\
\mu_4^* &= \mu_4(1 + \lambda_3 k_2)^2 - \lambda_2 k_2 (\varepsilon_2 \mu_3 \lambda_1 k_1 + \varepsilon_1 \mu_4 \lambda_2 k_2).
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let $f_*(X_p) \in T_{f(p)}M^f$. Then let us calculate $f_*(X_p)$ and $S^f(f_*(X_p))$. Since ϕ_u and ϕ_v are orthonormal we have

$$\begin{aligned}
X_p &= \varepsilon_1 \langle X_p, \phi_u \rangle \phi_u + \varepsilon_2 \langle X_p, \phi_v \rangle \phi_v \\
&= \varepsilon_1 x_1 \phi_u + \varepsilon_2 x_2 \phi_v.
\end{aligned}$$

Further without lost of generality, we suppose that X_p is a unit vector. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.3) \quad f_*(X_p) &= \varepsilon_1 x_1 f_*(\phi_u) + \varepsilon_2 x_2 f_*(\phi_v) \\
&= \varepsilon_1 x_1 \psi_u + \varepsilon_2 x_2 \psi_v.
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.4) \quad S^f(f_*(X_p)) &= \varepsilon_1 x_1 S^f(\psi_u) + \varepsilon_2 x_2 S^f(\psi_v) \\
&= \varepsilon_1 x_1 (\mu_1(1 + \lambda_3 k_1) \phi_u + \mu_2(1 + \lambda_3 k_2) \phi_v + (\mu_1 \varepsilon_2 \lambda_1 k_1 + \mu_2 \varepsilon_1 \lambda_2 k_2) N) \\
&\quad + \varepsilon_2 x_2 (\mu_3(1 + \lambda_3 k_1) \phi_u + \mu_4(1 + \lambda_3 k_2) \phi_v + (\mu_3 \varepsilon_2 \lambda_1 k_1 + \mu_4 \varepsilon_1 \lambda_2 k_2) N)
\end{aligned}$$

and for $Y_p \in T_p M$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.5) \quad Y_p &= \varepsilon_1 \langle Y_p, \phi_u \rangle \phi_u + \varepsilon_2 \langle Y_p, \phi_v \rangle \phi_v \\
&= \varepsilon_1 y_1 \phi_u + \varepsilon_2 y_2 \phi_v.
\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.6) \quad f_*(Y_p) &= \varepsilon_1 y_1 f_*(\phi_u) + \varepsilon_2 y_2 f_*(\phi_v) \\
&= \varepsilon_1 y_1 \psi_u + \varepsilon_2 y_2 \psi_v.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus using equations (3.4) and (3.6) in equation (2.3) we obtain (3.1). \square

Theorem 3.2. *Let M^f be a surface at a constant distance from edge of regression on M in E_1^3 . Let k_1 and k_2 denote principal curvature functions of M and let $\{\phi_u, \phi_v\}$ be orthonormal basis such that ϕ_u and ϕ_v are principal directions on M . Let us denote the angle between $X_p \in T_p M$ and ϕ_u, ϕ_v by θ_1, θ_2 respectively and the angle between $Y_p \in T_p M$ and ϕ_u, ϕ_v by θ'_1, θ'_2 respectively. $f_*(X_p)$ and $f_*(Y_p)$ are conjugate tangent vectors if and only if*

(a) Let N_p be a timelike vector then

$$\mu_1^* \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta'_1 + \mu_2^* \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta'_2 + \mu_3^* \cos \theta_2 \cos \theta'_1 + \mu_4^* \cos \theta_2 \cos \theta'_2 = 0.$$

(b) Let ϕ_u be a timelike vector.

(b.1) If X_p and Y_p are spacelike vectors then

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= -\delta_1 \delta'_1 \mu_1^* \sinh \theta_1 \sinh \theta'_1 - \delta_1 \delta'_2 \mu_2^* \sinh \theta_1 \cosh \theta'_2 \\
&\quad + \delta'_1 \delta_2 \mu_3^* \cosh \theta_2 \sinh \theta'_1 + \delta_2 \delta'_2 \mu_4^* \cosh \theta_2 \cosh \theta'_2.
\end{aligned}$$

(b.2) If X_p, Y_p and ϕ_u are timelike vectors in the same timecone then

$$0 = \mu_1^* \cosh \theta_1 \cosh \theta'_1 + \delta'_2 \mu_2^* \cosh \theta_1 \sinh \theta'_2 \\ - \delta_2 \mu_3^* \sinh \theta_2 \cosh \theta'_1 + \delta_2 \delta'_2 \mu_4^* \sinh \theta_2 \sinh \theta'_2.$$

(b.3) If X_p, ϕ_u are timelike vectors in the same timecone and Y_p is spacelike vector then

$$0 = \delta'_1 \mu_1^* \cosh \theta_1 \sinh \theta'_1 + \delta'_2 \mu_2^* \cosh \theta_1 \cosh \theta'_2 \\ + \delta'_1 \delta_2 \mu_3^* \sinh \theta_2 \sinh \theta'_1 + \delta_2 \delta'_2 \mu_4^* \sinh \theta_2 \cosh \theta'_2.$$

(b.4) If Y_p and ϕ_u are timelike vectors in the same timecone and X_p is spacelike vector then

$$0 = \delta_1 \mu_1^* \sinh \theta_1 \cosh \theta'_1 - \delta_1 \delta'_2 \mu_2^* \sinh \theta_1 \sinh \theta'_2 \\ - \delta_2 \mu_3^* \cosh \theta_2 \cosh \theta'_1 + \delta_2 \delta'_2 \mu_4^* \cosh \theta_2 \sinh \theta'_2.$$

(c) Let ϕ_v be a timelike vector.

(c.1) If X_p, Y_p are spacelike vectors then

$$0 = \delta_1 \delta'_1 \mu_1^* \cosh \theta_1 \cosh \theta'_1 + \delta_1 \delta'_2 \mu_2^* \cosh \theta_1 \sinh \theta'_2 \\ - \delta'_1 \delta_2 \mu_3^* \sinh \theta_2 \cosh \theta'_1 - \delta_2 \delta'_2 \mu_4^* \sinh \theta_2 \sinh \theta'_2.$$

(c.2) If X_p, Y_p and ϕ_v are timelike vectors in the same timecone then

$$0 = \delta_1 \delta'_1 \mu_1^* \sinh \theta_1 \sinh \theta'_1 - \delta_1 \mu_2^* \sinh \theta_1 \cosh \theta'_2 \\ - \delta'_1 \mu_3^* \cosh \theta_2 \sinh \theta'_1 - \mu_4^* \cosh \theta_2 \cosh \theta'_2.$$

(c.3) If X_p and ϕ_v are timelike vectors in the same timecone and Y_p is spacelike vector then

$$0 = \delta_1 \delta'_1 \mu_1^* \sinh \theta_1 \cosh \theta'_1 + \delta_1 \delta'_2 \mu_2^* \sinh \theta_1 \sinh \theta'_2 \\ + \delta'_1 \mu_3^* \cosh \theta_2 \cosh \theta'_1 + \delta'_2 \mu_4^* \cosh \theta_2 \sinh \theta'_2.$$

(c.4) If Y_p and ϕ_v are timelike vectors in the same timecone and X_p is spacelike vector then

$$0 = \delta_1 \delta'_1 \mu_1^* \cosh \theta_1 \sinh \theta'_1 - \delta_1 \mu_2^* \cosh \theta_1 \cosh \theta'_2 \\ - \delta_2 \delta'_1 \mu_3^* \sinh \theta_2 \sinh \theta'_1 + \delta_2 \mu_4^* \sinh \theta_2 \cosh \theta'_2.$$

Abovementioned $\mu_1^*, \mu_2^*, \mu_3^*$ and μ_4^* are given in (3.2),

$$\delta_i = \begin{cases} 1, & x_i \text{ is positive} \\ -1, & x_i \text{ is negative} \end{cases}, \quad i = (1, 2)$$

and

$$\delta'_i = \begin{cases} 1, & y_i \text{ is positive} \\ -1, & y_i \text{ is negative} \end{cases}, \quad i = (1, 2).$$

Proof. (a) Let N_p be a timelike vector. In this case $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta'_1, \theta'_2$ are spacelike angles then

$$x_1 = \langle X_p, \phi_u \rangle = \cos \theta_1 \\ x_2 = \langle X_p, \phi_v \rangle = \cos \theta_2.$$

and

$$y_1 = \langle Y_p, \phi_u \rangle = \cos \theta'_1 \\ y_2 = \langle Y_p, \phi_v \rangle = \cos \theta'_2.$$

Substituting these equations in (3.1) the proof is obvious.

(b) Let ϕ_u be a timelike vector.

(b.1) If X_p and Y_p are spacelike vectors and ϕ_u is timelike vector then there are Lorentzian timelike angles θ_1, θ'_1 and central angles θ_2, θ'_2 . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \delta_1 \sinh \theta_1 & \text{and} & & x_2 &= \delta_2 \cosh \theta_2 \\ y_1 &= \delta'_1 \sinh \theta'_1 & \text{and} & & y_2 &= \delta'_2 \cosh \theta'_2. \end{aligned}$$

(b.2) If X_p, Y_p and ϕ_u are timelike vectors in the same timecone then there are hyperbolic angles θ_1, θ'_1 and Lorentzian timelike angles θ_2, θ'_2 . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= -\cosh \theta_1 & \text{and} & & x_2 &= \delta_2 \sinh \theta_2 \\ y_1 &= -\cosh \theta'_1 & \text{and} & & y_2 &= \delta'_2 \sinh \theta'_2. \end{aligned}$$

(b.3) If X_p and ϕ_u are timelike vectors in the same timecone and Y_p is spacelike vector then there is a hyperbolic angle θ_1 , a central angle θ'_2 and there are Lorentzian timelike angles θ_2, θ'_1 . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= -\cosh \theta_1 & \text{and} & & x_2 &= \delta_2 \sinh \theta_2 \\ y_1 &= \delta'_1 \sinh \theta'_1 & \text{and} & & y_2 &= \delta'_2 \cosh \theta'_2. \end{aligned}$$

(b.4) If Y_p and ϕ_u are timelike vectors in the same timecone and X_p is spacelike vector then there is a central angle θ_2 , a hyperbolic angle θ'_1 and there are Lorentzian timelike angles θ_1, θ'_2 . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \delta_1 \sinh \theta_1 & \text{and} & & x_2 &= \delta_2 \cosh \theta_2 \\ y_1 &= -\cosh \theta'_1 & \text{and} & & y_2 &= \delta'_2 \sinh \theta'_2. \end{aligned}$$

(c) Let ϕ_v be a timelike vector.

(c.1) If X_p and Y_p are spacelike vectors and ϕ_v is timelike vector then there are central angles θ_1, θ'_1 and Lorentzian timelike angles θ_2, θ'_2 . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \delta_1 \cosh \theta_1 & \text{and} & & x_2 &= \delta_2 \sinh \theta_2 \\ y_1 &= \delta'_1 \cosh \theta'_1 & \text{and} & & y_2 &= \delta'_2 \sinh \theta'_2. \end{aligned}$$

(c.2) If X_p, Y_p and ϕ_v are timelike vectors in the same timecone then there are Lorentzian timelike angles θ_1, θ'_1 and hyperbolic angles θ_2, θ'_2 . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \delta_1 \sinh \theta_1 & \text{and} & & x_2 &= -\cosh \theta_2 \\ y_1 &= \delta'_1 \sinh \theta'_1 & \text{and} & & y_2 &= -\cosh \theta'_2. \end{aligned}$$

(c.3) If X_p and ϕ_v are timelike vectors in the same timecone and Y_p is spacelike vector then there is a hyperbolic angle θ_2 , a central angle θ'_1 and there are Lorentzian timelike vectors θ_1, θ'_2 . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \delta_1 \sinh \theta_1 & \text{and} & & x_2 &= -\cosh \theta_2 \\ y_1 &= \delta'_1 \cosh \theta'_1 & \text{and} & & y_2 &= \delta'_2 \sinh \theta'_2. \end{aligned}$$

(c.4) If Y_p and ϕ_v are timelike vectors in the same timecone and X_p is spacelike vector then there is a central angle θ_1 , a hyperbolic angle θ'_2 and there are Lorentzian timelike angles θ'_1, θ_2 . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \delta_1 \cosh \theta_1 & \text{and} & & x_2 &= \delta_2 \sinh \theta_2 \\ y_1 &= \delta'_1 \sinh \theta'_1 & \text{and} & & y_2 &= -\cosh \theta'_2. \end{aligned}$$

□

As a special case if we take $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$, $\lambda_3 = r = \text{constant}$, then we obtain that M and M^f are parallel surfaces. Hence we give the following corollaries.

Corollary 3.1. *Let M and M_r be parallel surfaces in E_1^3 . Let k_1 and k_2 denote principal curvature functions of M and let $\{\phi_u, \phi_v\}$ be orthonormal basis such that ϕ_u and ϕ_v are principal directions on M . Let us denote the angle between $X_p \in T_p M$ and ϕ_u, ϕ_v by θ_1, θ_2 respectively and the angle between $Y_p \in T_p M$ and ϕ_u, ϕ_v by θ'_1, θ'_2 respectively. $f_*(X_p)$ and $f_*(Y_p)$ are conjugate tangent vectors if and only if*

$$(3.7) \quad \varepsilon_1 k_1(1 + rk_1)x_1y_1 + \varepsilon_2 k_2(1 + rk_2)x_2y_2 = 0.$$

Proof. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1^* &= k_1(1 + rk_1), \\ \mu_2^* &= 0, \quad \mu_3^* = 0, \\ \mu_4^* &= k_2(1 + rk_2) \end{aligned}$$

from (3.1) we find (3.7). □

Corollary 3.2. *Let M and M_r be parallel surfaces in E_1^3 . Let k_1 and k_2 denote principal curvature functions of M and let $\{\phi_u, \phi_v\}$ be orthonormal basis such that ϕ_u and ϕ_v are principal directions on M . Let us denote the angle between $X_p \in T_p M$ and ϕ_u, ϕ_v by θ_1, θ_2 respectively and the angle between $Y_p \in T_p M$ and ϕ_u, ϕ_v by θ'_1, θ'_2 respectively. $f_*(Y_p)$ are conjugate tangent vectors if and only if*

(a) Let N_p be a timelike vector then

$$k_1(1 + rk_1) \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta'_1 + k_2(1 + rk_2) \cos \theta_2 \cos \theta'_2 = 0.$$

(b) Let ϕ_u be a timelike vector.

(b.1) If X_p and Y_p are spacelike vectors then

$$-\delta_1 \delta'_1 k_1(1 + rk_1) \sinh \theta_1 \sinh \theta'_1 + \delta_2 \delta'_2 k_2(1 + rk_2) \cosh \theta_2 \cosh \theta'_2 = 0.$$

(b.2) If X_p, Y_p and ϕ_u are timelike vectors in the same timecone then

$$-k_1(1 + rk_1) \cosh \theta_1 \cosh \theta'_1 + k_2(1 + rk_2) \sinh \theta_2 \sinh \theta'_2 = 0.$$

(b.3) If X_p and ϕ_u are timelike vectors in the same timecone and Y_p is spacelike vector then

$$\delta'_1 k_1(1 + rk_1) \cosh \theta_1 \sinh \theta'_1 + \delta_2 \delta'_2 k_2(1 + rk_2) \sinh \theta_2 \cosh \theta'_2 = 0.$$

(b.4) If Y_p and ϕ_u are timelike vectors in the same timecone and X_p is spacelike vector then

$$\delta_1 k_1(1 + rk_1) \sinh \theta_1 \cosh \theta'_1 + \delta_2 \delta'_2 k_2(1 + rk_2) \cosh \theta_2 \sinh \theta'_2 = 0.$$

(c) Let ϕ_v be a timelike vector.

(c.1) If X_p and Y_p are spacelike vectors then

$$\delta_1 \delta'_1 k_1(1 + rk_1) \cosh \theta_1 \cosh \theta'_1 - \delta_2 \delta'_2 k_2(1 + rk_2) \sinh \theta_2 \sinh \theta'_2 = 0.$$

(c.2) If X_p, Y_p and ϕ_v are timelike vectors in the same timecone then

$$\delta_1 \delta'_1 k_1(1 + rk_1) \sinh \theta_1 \sinh \theta'_1 - k_2(1 + rk_2) \cosh \theta_2 \cosh \theta'_2 = 0.$$

(c.3) If X_p and ϕ_v are timelike vectors in the same timecone and Y_p is spacelike vector then

$$\delta_1 \delta'_1 k_1(1 + rk_1) \sinh \theta_1 \cosh \theta'_1 + \delta'_2 k_2(1 + rk_2) \cosh \theta_2 \sinh \theta'_2 = 0.$$

(c.4) If Y_p and ϕ_v are timelike vectors in the same timecone and X_p is spacelike vector then

$$\delta_1 \delta'_1 k_1 (1 + rk_1) \cosh \theta_1 \sinh \theta'_1 + \delta_2 k_2 (1 + rk_2) \sinh \theta_2 \cosh \theta'_2 = 0.$$

For the above equations

$$\delta_i = \begin{cases} 1, & x_i \text{ is positive} \\ -1, & x_i \text{ is negative} \end{cases}, \quad i = (1, 2)$$

and

$$\delta'_i = \begin{cases} 1, & y_i \text{ is positive} \\ -1, & y_i \text{ is negative} \end{cases}, \quad i = (1, 2).$$

4. ASYMPTOTIC DIRECTIONS FOR SURFACES AT A CONSTANT DISTANCE FROM EDGE OF REGRESSION ON A SURFACE IN E_1^3

Theorem 4.1. Let M^f be a surface at a constant distance from edge of regression on a M in E_1^3 . Let k_1 and k_2 denote principal curvature functions of M and let $\{\phi_u, \phi_v\}$ be orthonormal basis such that ϕ_u and ϕ_v are principal directions on M . $f_*(X_p) \in T_{f(p)}(M^f)$ is an asymptotic direction if and only if

$$(4.1) \quad \mu_1^* x_1^2 + \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \mu_2^* x_1 x_2 + \mu_3^* x_2^2 = 0$$

where

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} x_1 &= \langle X_p, \phi_u \rangle, & x_2 &= \langle X_p, \phi_v \rangle, \\ \mu_1^* &= \varepsilon_1 \mu_1 (1 + \lambda_3 k_1)^2 - \lambda_1 k_1 (\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \mu_1 \lambda_1 k_1 + \mu_2 \lambda_2 k_2), \\ \mu_2^* &= \varepsilon_2 \mu_2 (1 + \lambda_3 k_2)^2 - \lambda_2 k_2 (\mu_1 \lambda_1 k_1 + \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \mu_2 \lambda_2 k_2) \\ &\quad + \varepsilon_1 \mu_3 (1 + \lambda_3 k_1)^2 - \lambda_1 k_1 (\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \mu_3 \lambda_1 k_1 + \mu_4 \lambda_2 k_2), \\ \mu_3^* &= \varepsilon_2 \mu_4 (1 + \lambda_3 k_2)^2 - \lambda_2 k_2 (\mu_3 \lambda_1 k_1 + \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \mu_4 \lambda_2 k_2). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let $f_*(X_p) \in T_{f(p)}(M^f)$. Then let us calculate $f_*(X_p)$ and $S^f(f_*(X_p))$. Since ϕ_u and ϕ_v are orthonormal we have

$$\begin{aligned} X_p &= \varepsilon_1 \langle X_p, \phi_u \rangle \phi_u + \varepsilon_2 \langle X_p, \phi_v \rangle \phi_v \\ &= \varepsilon_1 x_1 \phi_u + \varepsilon_2 x_2 \phi_v \end{aligned}$$

Further without lost of generality, we suppose that X_p is a unit vector. Then

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} f_*(X_p) &= \varepsilon_1 x_1 f_*(\phi_u) + \varepsilon_2 x_2 f_*(\phi_v) \\ &= \varepsilon_1 x_1 \psi_u + \varepsilon_2 x_2 \psi_v. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand we find that

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{aligned} S^f(f_*(X_p)) &= \varepsilon_1 x_1 S^f(\psi_u) + \varepsilon_2 x_2 S^f(\psi_v) \\ &= \varepsilon_1 x_1 (\mu_1 (1 + \lambda_3 k_1) \phi_u + \mu_2 (1 + \lambda_3 k_2) \phi_v + (\mu_1 \varepsilon_2 \lambda_1 k_1 + \mu_2 \varepsilon_1 \lambda_2 k_2) N) \\ &\quad + \varepsilon_2 x_2 (\mu_3 (1 + \lambda_3 k_1) \phi_u + \mu_4 (1 + \lambda_3 k_2) \phi_v + (\mu_3 \varepsilon_2 \lambda_1 k_1 + \mu_4 \varepsilon_1 \lambda_2 k_2) N) \end{aligned}$$

Thus using equations (4.3) and (4.4) in equation (2.4) we obtain (4.1). \square

Corollary 4.1. Let M^f be a surface at a constant distance from edge of regression on M in E_1^3 . Let k_1 and k_2 denote principal curvature functions of M and let $\{\phi_u, \phi_v\}$ be orthonormal basis such that ϕ_u and ϕ_v are principal directions on M . Let us denote the angle between $X_p \in T_p M$ and ϕ_u, ϕ_v by θ_1, θ_2 respectively. $f_*(X_p) \in T_{f(p)} M^f$ is an asymptotic direction if and only if

(a) Let N_p be a timelike vector then

$$\mu_1^* \cos^2 \theta_1 + \mu_2^* \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \mu_3^* \cos^2 \theta_2 = 0.$$

(b) Let N_p be a spacelike vector.

(b.1) If X_p and ϕ_u are timelike vectors in the same timecone then

$$\mu_1^* \cosh^2 \theta_1 + \delta_2 \mu_2^* \cosh \theta_1 \sinh \theta_2 + \mu_3^* \sinh^2 \theta_2 = 0.$$

(b.2) If X_p and ϕ_v are timelike vectors in the same timecone then

$$\mu_1^* \sinh^2 \theta_1 + \delta_1 \mu_2^* \sinh \theta_1 \cosh \theta_2 + \mu_3^* \cosh^2 \theta_2 = 0.$$

(b.3) If X_p is a spacelike vector and ϕ_u is timelike vector then

$$\mu_1^* \sinh^2 \theta_1 - \delta_1 \delta_2 \mu_2^* \sinh \theta_1 \cosh \theta_2 + \mu_3^* \cosh^2 \theta_2 = 0.$$

(b.4) If X_p is a spacelike vector and ϕ_v is timelike vector then

$$\mu_1^* \cosh^2 \theta_1 - \delta_1 \delta_2 \mu_2^* \cosh \theta_1 \sinh \theta_2 + \mu_3^* \sinh^2 \theta_2 = 0.$$

Abovementioned μ_1^* , μ_2^* and μ_3^* are given in (4.2) and

$$\delta_i = \begin{cases} 1, & x_i \text{ is positive} \\ -1, & x_i \text{ is negative} \end{cases}, \quad i = (1, 2).$$

Proof. (a) Let N_p be a timelike vector. In this case θ_1 and θ_2 are spacelike angles then

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \langle X_p, \phi_u \rangle = \cos \theta_1 \\ x_2 &= \langle X_p, \phi_v \rangle = \cos \theta_2. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these equations in (4.1) the proof is obvious.

(b) Let N_p be a spacelike vector.

(b.1) If X_p and ϕ_u are timelike vectors in the same timecone then there is a hyperbolic angle θ_1 and a Lorentzian timelike angle θ_2 . Since

$$x_1 = -\cosh \theta_1 \quad \text{and} \quad x_2 = \delta_2 \sinh \theta_2$$

the proof is obvious.

(b.2) If X_p and ϕ_v are timelike vectors in the same timecone then there is a Lorentzian timelike angle θ_1 and a hyperbolic angle θ_2 . Thus

$$x_1 = \delta_1 \sinh \theta_1 \quad \text{and} \quad x_2 = -\cosh \theta_2.$$

(b.3) If X_p is a spacelike vector and ϕ_u is timelike vector then there is a Lorentzian timelike angle θ_1 and a central angle θ_2 . Thus

$$x_1 = \delta_1 \sinh \theta_1 \quad \text{and} \quad x_2 = \delta_2 \cosh \theta_2.$$

(b.4) If X_p is a spacelike vector and ϕ_v is timelike vector then there is a central angle θ_1 and a Lorentzian timelike angle θ_2 . Thus

$$x_1 = \delta_1 \cosh \theta_1 \quad \text{and} \quad x_2 = \delta_2 \sinh \theta_2.$$

□

As a special case if M and M_r be parallel surfaces from (4.1) and (4.2) we obtain that $f_*(X_p) \in T_{f(p)}M_r$ is an asymptotic direction if and only if

$$\varepsilon_1 k_1 (1 + r k_1) x_1^2 + \varepsilon_2 k_2 (1 + r k_2) x_2^2 = 0.$$

Corollary 4.2. *Let M and M_r be parallel surfaces in E_1^3 . Let k_1 and k_2 denote principal curvature function of M and let $\{\phi_u, \phi_v\}$ be orthonormal basis such that ϕ_u and ϕ_v are principal directions on M . Let us denote the angle between $X_p \in T_p M$ and ϕ_u, ϕ_v by θ_1, θ_2 respectively. $f_*(X_p) \in T_{f(p)}M_r$ is an asymptotic direction if and only if*

(a) *Let N_p be a timelike vector then*

$$k_1(1 + rk_1) \cos^2 \theta_1 + k_2(1 + rk_2) \cos^2 \theta_2 = 0.$$

(b) *Let N_p be a spacelike vector.*

(b.1) *If X_p and ϕ_u are timelike vectors in the same timecone then*

$$-k_1(1 + rk_1) \cosh^2 \theta_1 + k_2(1 + rk_2) \sinh^2 \theta_2 = 0.$$

(b.2) *If X_p and ϕ_v are timelike vectors in the same timecone then*

$$k_1(1 + rk_1) \sinh^2 \theta_1 - k_2(1 + rk_2) \cosh^2 \theta_2 = 0.$$

(b.3) *If X_p is a spacelike vector and ϕ_u is timelike vector then*

$$-k_1(1 + rk_1) \sinh^2 \theta_1 + k_2(1 + rk_2) \cosh^2 \theta_2 = 0.$$

(b.4) *If X_p is a spacelike vector and ϕ_v is timelike vector then*

$$k_1(1 + rk_1) \cosh^2 \theta_1 - k_2(1 + rk_2) \sinh^2 \theta_2 = 0.$$

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