



Directional Evolution of the Ruled Surfaces via the Evolution of Their Directrix Using q-frame along a Timelike Space Curve

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Abstract

In this study, the ruled surfaces obtained by normal and binormal vectors along a timelike space curve by using q-frame are investigated in 3 dimensional Minkowski space. Directional evolutions of both quasi normal and quasi binormal ruled surfaces are studied by using their directrices. Then, we work on some geometric properties such as inextensibility, developability and minimality of these ruled surfaces.

Keywords: Evolution surface, Minkowski space, q-frame, Ruled surface.

Timelike Uzay Eğrisi Boyunca q-çatı Kullanılarak Doğrultmanların Gelişimine Göre Regle Yüzeylerin Yönlü Gelişimleri

Öz

Bu çalışmada, 3 boyutlu Minkowski uzayında q-çatılı timelike uzay eğrisi boyunca normal ve binormal vektörlerle elde edilen regle yüzeyler incelendi. Doğrultmanlar kullanılarak hem quasi normal hem de quasi binormal regle yüzeylerin yönlü gelişimleri çalışıldı. Daha sonra bu regle yüzeylerin açılabilirliği, uzatılamaz olduğu ve minimal olma özellikleri gibi bazı geometrik özellikler üzerine çalıştık.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Gelişim Yüzeyi, Minkowski Uzayı, q-çatı, Regle Yüzeyi.

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1. Introduction

The time evolution of a curve or a surface is generated by inextensible flows of a curve or a surface. The flow of a curve or a surface is said to be inextensible if its arclength is preserved or the intrinsic curvature is preserved, respectively. Physically, the inextensible curve flows lead to motions in which no strain energy is induced. Also, the evolutions of curves have many important applications of physics as magnetic spin chains and vortex filaments [3,12,17].

In recent times, the motion of inelastic plane curves has been studied by many authors. After Da Rios in 1906 found out the geometric relation between the motion of curves and the differential equation, Doliwa in 1994 [9] characterized the integrable motions of a curve. While Kwon 2005 [16] and Körpınar 2011 [15] worked on inextensible flows of curves in Euclidean space, Gurbuz 2009 [11] and Yüzbaşı 2018 [22] studied these curves in Minkowski space. Abd. Ellah 2015, Hussein 2016, D.W. Yoon 2019, Soliman 2018 studied the evolutions of the ruled surfaces via the evolution of their directrix [1,13,20,21]. After the quasi-normal vector of a curve was introduced by Coquillart [5], Dede et.al. [6] found quasi frame in 2015 and Soliman also used this frame to work on this subject in 2018 [20].

For a space curve $\alpha(t)$, quasi frame consists of three orthonormal vectors, the unit tangent vector \mathbf{t} , the quasi-normal \mathbf{n}_q and the quasi-binormal vector \mathbf{b}_q . The quasi frame as called q-frame $\{\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{n}_q, \mathbf{b}_q\}$ is written as

$$\mathbf{t} = \frac{\alpha'}{\|\alpha'\|}, \mathbf{n}_q = \frac{\mathbf{t} \wedge \mathbf{k}}{\|\mathbf{t} \wedge \mathbf{k}\|}, \mathbf{b}_q = \mathbf{t} \wedge \mathbf{n}_q, \quad (1)$$

where \mathbf{k} is the projection vector [6]. The q-frame has many advantages versus other frames (Frenet, Bishop). For instance the q-frame can be defined even along a line ($\kappa = 0$) and the construction of the q-frame doesn't change if the space curve has unit speed or not and the q-frame can also be calculated easily [6].

The projection vector \mathbf{k} is a unit vector along x -, y - and z - axes. We choose the projection vector $\mathbf{k} = (0, 0, 1)$ without loss of generality. A quasi frame along a space curve is shown in Figure 1.

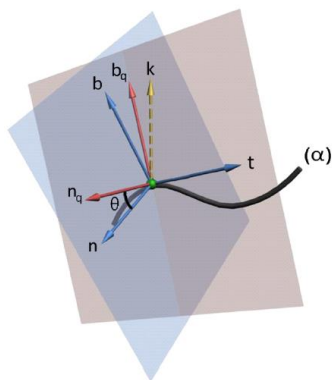


Figure 1: The q-frame and Frenet frame.

The derivation equations of the quasi frame is expressed by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t}' \\ \mathbf{n}'_q \\ \mathbf{b}'_q \end{bmatrix} = \|\alpha'\| \begin{bmatrix} 0 & k_1 & k_2 \\ -k_1 & 0 & k_3 \\ -k_2 & -k_3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{n}_q \\ \mathbf{b}_q \end{bmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

where the quasi curvatures are given as follows

$$k_1 = -\frac{\langle \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{n}'_q \rangle}{\|\alpha'\|}, k_2 = -\frac{\langle \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{b}'_q \rangle}{\|\alpha'\|}, k_3 = \frac{\langle \mathbf{n}'_q, \mathbf{b}'_q \rangle}{\|\alpha'\|}. \quad (3)$$

A ruled surface is a surface that can be swept out by moving a line in space. Therefore, it has a parametrization of the form

$$\varphi(u, v) = \alpha(u) + v\delta(u)$$

where α is called the directrix and δ is the director curve.

In Minkowski 3-space \mathbb{R}_1^3 , the inner product of two vectors $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, w_3)$ is defined as

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = u_1 w_1 + u_2 w_2 - u_3 w_3$$

and the cross product of two vectors $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, w_2, w_3)$ is defined as

$$\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{w} = (u_3 w_2 - u_2 w_3, u_1 w_3 - u_3 w_1, u_1 w_2 - u_2 w_1)$$

where $\mathbf{e}_1 \wedge \mathbf{e}_2 = \mathbf{e}_3$, $\mathbf{e}_2 \wedge \mathbf{e}_3 = -\mathbf{e}_1$, $\mathbf{e}_3 \wedge \mathbf{e}_1 = -\mathbf{e}_2$, respectively [2]. If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{w} are timelike vectors then $\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{w}$ is a spacelike vector [19].

The norm of the vector \mathbf{w} is given by

$$\|\mathbf{w}\| = \sqrt{|\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle|} \quad (4)$$

We say that a Lorentzian vector \mathbf{w} is spacelike, lightlike or timelike if $\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle > 0$, $\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 0$ and $\mathbf{w} \neq 0$, $\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle < 0$, respectively. In particular, the vector $\mathbf{w} = 0$ is spacelike [18,19]. Let $\alpha(t)$ be a timelike space curve with a non-vanishing second derivative.

Then Frenet formulas of timelike curve may be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t}' \\ \mathbf{n}' \\ \mathbf{b}' \end{bmatrix} = \nu \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \kappa & 0 \\ \kappa & 0 & \tau \\ 0 & -\tau & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

where $\nu = \|\mathbf{t}'\|$. The curvature and torsion of timelike curve

$\alpha(t)$ in Minkowski 3-space are obtained by

$$\kappa = \|\mathbf{t}'\|, \tau = \langle \mathbf{n}', \mathbf{b} \rangle \quad (6)$$

respectively [2,19].

Let φ be a surface in Euclidean 3-space, the first fundamental form I of φ is defined by

$$I = E ds^2 + 2F ds dv + G dv^2 \quad \text{where}$$

$$E = \langle \varphi_s, \varphi_s \rangle, F = \langle \varphi_s, \varphi_v \rangle, G = \langle \varphi_v, \varphi_v \rangle. \quad (7)$$

The second fundamental form II of φ is given by

$$II = e ds^2 + 2f ds dv + g dv^2 \quad \text{where}$$

$$e = \langle \varphi_{ss}, N \rangle, f = \langle \varphi_{sv}, N \rangle, g = \langle \varphi_{vv}, N \rangle \quad (8)$$

and N is the unit normal of φ . The Gaussian and the mean curvatures are expressed as

$$K = \frac{eg - f^2}{EG - F^2} \text{ and } H = \frac{eG - 2fF + gE}{2(EG - F^2)} \quad (9)$$

respectively. The necessary and sufficient condition for a regular surface being developable and flat is that its Gaussian curvature vanishes identically. A minimal surface in \mathbf{R}^3 is a regular surface if its mean curvature vanishes identically [4].

Moreover, in [22] a surface evolution $\varphi(s, v, t)$ and its flow $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t}$ are said to be inextensible if the following equalities satisfy

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial G}{\partial t} = 0. \quad (10)$$

In this paper, we give another approach to evolutions of the ruled surfaces depend on a timelike space curve by q-frame used in [7,8,10,14]. Using q-frame, we present two sets of quasi frame equations with respect to arc-length s and time t . We obtain three differential equations depend on q-curvatures for the q-frame vectors of the timelike space curve. Calculating first and second fundamental forms of this ruled surface, we get geometric properties such as curvatures, flatness, inextensibility and minimality of the ruled surface.

2. q-frame Along a Timelike Space Curve

As an alternative frame, quasi frame as called q-frame in both Euclidean and Minkowski space is defined by Dede and Ekici et al. [6,10]. For a space curve $\alpha(t)$, quasi frame consists of three orthonormal vectors, the unit tangent vector \mathbf{t} , the quasi-normal \mathbf{n}_q and the quasi-binormal vector \mathbf{b}_q . The quasi frame as called q-frame $\{\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{n}_q, \mathbf{b}_q\}$ is written as

$$\mathbf{t} = \frac{\alpha'}{\|\alpha'\|}, \mathbf{n}_q = \frac{\mathbf{t} \wedge \mathbf{k}}{\|\mathbf{t} \wedge \mathbf{k}\|}, \mathbf{b}_q = \mathbf{t} \wedge \mathbf{n}_q. \quad (11)$$

Since the derivation formula for the q-frame for the timelike curve in Minkowski space does not depend on projection vector being timelike or spacelike, we work on spacelike projection vector without loss of generality.

In [8], the derivation equations of the directional q-frame for the timelike space curve when tangent vector (timelike), projection vector $\mathbf{k} = (0, 1, 0)$ (spacelike), quasi-normal vector (spacelike) and quasi-binormal vector (spacelike) are given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t}' \\ \mathbf{n}'_q \\ \mathbf{b}'_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & k_1 & k_2 \\ k_1 & 0 & k_3 \\ k_2 & -k_3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{n}_q \\ \mathbf{b}_q \end{bmatrix}, \quad (12)$$

where the q-curvatures are

$$k_1 = \langle \mathbf{t}', \mathbf{n}_q \rangle, k_2 = \langle \mathbf{t}', \mathbf{b}_q \rangle, k_3 = \langle \mathbf{n}'_q, \mathbf{b}_q \rangle \quad (13)$$

Then, we have a relation matrix in the following form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{n}_q \\ \mathbf{b}_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cosh \theta & \sinh \theta \\ 0 & -\sinh \theta & -\cosh \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (14)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cosh \theta & \sinh \theta \\ 0 & -\sinh \theta & -\cosh \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{n}_q \\ \mathbf{b}_q \end{bmatrix}. \quad (15)$$

Moreover, the relation between q-curvatures and Frenet curvatures are as follows

$$k_1 = \kappa \cos \theta, \quad k_2 = -\kappa \sin \theta, \quad k_3 = d\theta + \tau.$$

3. Evolution of Timelike Space Curve with Time by q-frame

In this section, we obtain time evolution equations depending on q-curvatures of the evolving curve in order to obtain space curve with q-frame. That is, integrating time evolution equations for given λ, μ, η , one can find q-curvatures. Using eq. (6), we get evolving curve.

Theorem 1. The evolution equations for the quasi curvatures of the evolving curve are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial k_1}{\partial t} &= k_2 \eta - k_3 \mu + \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial k_2}{\partial t} &= k_3 \lambda - k_1 \eta + \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial k_3}{\partial t} &= k_2 \lambda - k_1 \mu + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial s} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where the quasi formula with respect to time t is in the form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{n}_q \\ \mathbf{b}_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \lambda & \mu \\ \lambda & 0 & \eta \\ \mu & -\eta & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{n}_q \\ \mathbf{b}_q \end{bmatrix}.$$

Proof. Using equation (11), and defining

$$q = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{n}_q \\ \mathbf{b}_q \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & k_1 & k_2 \\ k_1 & 0 & k_3 \\ k_2 & -k_3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \lambda & \mu \\ \lambda & 0 & \eta \\ \mu & -\eta & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (17)$$

we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial q}{\partial s} &= Aq, \\ \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} &= Bq. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the compatibility condition

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial s} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left(\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} \right), \quad (18)$$

one can find easily

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial B}{\partial s} + [A, B] = 0 \quad (19)$$

where $[A, B] = AB - BA$ is called Lie bracket of A and B .

Using the equations (12) and (14), the matrix of evolution equations is obtained by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{\partial k_1}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial s} - k_2 \eta + k_3 \mu & \frac{\partial k_2}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial s} + k_1 \eta - k_3 \lambda \\ \frac{\partial k_1}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial s} + k_3 \mu - k_2 \eta & 0 & \frac{\partial k_3}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial s} + k_1 \mu - k_2 \lambda \\ \frac{\partial k_2}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial s} - k_3 \lambda + k_1 \mu & -\frac{\partial k_3}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial s} + k_2 \lambda + k_1 \mu & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Thus the compatibility condition becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial k_1}{\partial t} &= k_2 \eta - k_3 \mu + \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial k_2}{\partial t} &= k_3 \lambda - k_1 \eta + \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial k_3}{\partial t} &= k_2 \lambda - k_1 \mu + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial s} \end{aligned}$$

which proves theorem.

4. Directional Evolutions of the Ruled Surfaces Depending on A Timelike Space Curve

In this section, giving the characterizations of evolutions of ruled surfaces generated by both quasi normal and quasi binormal, we calculate their Gaussian and mean curvatures.

4.1. Evolution of Quasi Normal Ruled Surface

The equation of surfaces generated by quasi normal is

$$\varphi(s, v, t) = \alpha(s, t) + v \mathbf{n}_q(s, t)$$

First partial derivatives of the surface $\varphi(s, v, t)$ are

$$\varphi_s = (1 + vk_1) \mathbf{t} + vk_3 \mathbf{b}_q \text{ and } \varphi_v = \mathbf{n}_q.$$

The normal vector of $\varphi(s, v, t)$ is

$$N = \frac{\varphi_s \wedge \varphi_v}{\|\varphi_s \wedge \varphi_v\|} = \frac{-vk_3 \mathbf{t} - (1 + vk_1) \mathbf{b}_q}{\sqrt{-v^2 k_3^2 + (1 + vk_1)^2}}$$

The coefficients of the first fundamental form are calculated by

$$\begin{aligned} E &= v^2(k_3^2 - k_1^2) - 2vk_1 - 1 \\ F &= 0 \\ G &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Second partial derivatives of the surface $\varphi(s, v, t)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{ss} &= v \left(\frac{\partial k_1}{\partial s} + k_2 k_3 \right) \mathbf{t} + ((1 + vk_1) k_1 - vk_3^2) \mathbf{n}_q + ((1 + vk_1) k_2 + v \frac{\partial k_3}{\partial s}) \mathbf{b}_q \\ \varphi_{sv} &= k_1 \mathbf{t} + k_3 \mathbf{b}_q \\ \varphi_{vv} &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{n}_q}{\partial v} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The coefficients of the second fundamental form are calculated by

$$\begin{aligned} e &= \frac{-k_2 - v(2k_1 k_2 - \frac{\partial k_3}{\partial s}) + v^2 [k_3^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (\frac{k_1}{k_3}) + k_2(k_3^2 - k_1^2)]}{\sqrt{1 + v^2(k_1^2 - k_3^2) + 2vk_1}} \\ f &= \frac{vk_1(1 - k_3) - k_3}{\sqrt{1 + v^2(k_1^2 - k_3^2) + 2vk_1}} \\ g &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

One can find Gaussian and mean curvatures

$$K = -\frac{f^2}{E} = \frac{-k_3^2 + 2vk_1 k_3(1 - k_3) - v^2 k_1^2(1 - 2k_3 + k_3^2)}{(1 + v^2(k_1^2 - k_3^2) + 2vk_1) \cdot (v^2(k_3^2 - k_1^2) - 2vk_1 - 1)}$$

and

$$H = \frac{e}{2E} = \frac{-k_2 - v(2k_1 k_2 - \frac{\partial k_3}{\partial s}) + v^2 [k_3^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial s} (\frac{k_1}{k_3}) + k_2(k_3^2 - k_1^2)]}{2(1 + v^2(k_1^2 - k_3^2) + 2vk_1)^{3/2}}$$

respectively. The quasi normal ruled surface is minimal if and only if $e = 0$.

The ruled surfaces generated by quasi normal are developable and flat if and only if

$$k_3 = \frac{1}{1 + (vk_1)^{-1}} \tag{20}$$

With the help of (10), if the quasi normal surface is inextensible, then one can derive this differential equation

$$v^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (k_3^2 - k_1^2) - v \frac{\partial k_1}{\partial t} = 0. \tag{21}$$

4.2. Evolution of Quasi Binormal Ruled Surface

The equation of surfaces generated by quasi binormal is

$$\varphi(s, v, t) = \alpha(s, t) + v \mathbf{b}_q(s, t)$$

First partial derivatives of the surface $\varphi(s, v, t)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_s &= (1 + vk_2) \mathbf{t} - vk_3 \mathbf{n}_q \\ \varphi_v &= \mathbf{b}_q. \end{aligned}$$

The normal vector of $\varphi(s, v, t)$ is

$$N = \frac{\varphi_s \wedge \varphi_v}{\|\varphi_s \wedge \varphi_v\|} = \frac{-vk_3 \mathbf{t} + (1 + vk_2) \mathbf{n}_q}{\sqrt{1 - v^2 k_3^2 + (1 + vk_2)^2}}$$

The coefficients of the first fundamental form are calculated by

$$\begin{aligned} E &= v^2(k_3^2 - k_2^2) - 2vk_2 - 1 \\ F &= 0 \\ G &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Second partial derivatives of the surface $\varphi(s, v, t)$ are

$$\varphi_{ss} = v\left(\frac{\partial k_2}{\partial s} - k_1 k_3\right)\mathbf{t} + (k_1 + vk_1 k_2 - v\frac{\partial k_3}{\partial s})\mathbf{n}_q + (k_2 + vk_2^2 - vk_3^2)\mathbf{b}_q$$

$$\varphi_{sv} = k_2\mathbf{t} - k_3\mathbf{n}_q$$

$$\varphi_{vv} = 0.$$

The coefficients of the second fundamental form are calculated by

$$e = \frac{k_1 + v(2k_1 k_2 - \frac{\partial k_3}{\partial s}) + v^2[k_3^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial s}(\frac{k_2}{k_3}) + k_1(k_2^2 - k_3^2)]}{\sqrt{|1 + v^2(k_2^2 - k_3^2) + 2vk_2|}}$$

$$f = \frac{-k_3}{\sqrt{|1 - v^2 k_3^2 + (1 + vk_2)^2|}}$$

$$g = 0.$$

Gaussian and mean curvatures are calculated by

$$K = \left(\frac{k_3}{1 - v^2 k_3^2 + (1 + vk_2)^2} \right)^2$$

and

$$H = \frac{k_1 + v(2k_1 k_2 - \frac{\partial k_3}{\partial s}) + v^2[k_3^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial s}(\frac{k_2}{k_3}) + k_1(k_2^2 - k_3^2)]}{2(1 - v^2 k_3^2 + (1 + vk_2)^2)^{3/2}}$$

respectively. The quasi binormal ruled surface is minimal if and only if $e = 0$.

The ruled surfaces generated by quasi binormal are both developable and flat if and only if $k_3 = 0$. With the help of (10), if the quasi binormal surface is inextensible, then one can derive this differential equation

$$v^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(k_3^2 - k_2^2) - v \frac{\partial k_2}{\partial t} = 0. \tag{22}$$

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