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#### ÖZ

Bu çalışmada öncelikle üç boyutlu Lorentz Uzayda  $L_Q^3$  kuaterniyon ve pseudo-kuaterniyonlar gözönüne alınarak bir uzaykuaterniyonik eğri için Serret-Frenet Formülleri elde edildi. Daha sonra bunlar kullanılarak bir Kuaterniyonik Lorentz Eğrisi  $L_Q^4$  için Serret-Frenet Formülleri yeniden türetilmiştir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Regle yüzeyler, Lorentz uzayı, Minkowski uzayı, distribusyon parametresi, Laplacian ve D'Alembert operatörü.

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#### ABSTRACT

In this study, Serret-Frenet Formulas for a space-quaternionic curve were obtained by considering quaternions and pseudoquaternions in three-dimensional Lorentz Space  $L_Q^3$ . The Serret-Frenet Formulas for a Quaternionic Lorentz Curve  $L_Q^4$  were then re-derived using them.

Keywords: Ruled surfaces, lightlike curves, lightlike surfaces, Minkowski space, distribution parameter, Laplacian and D'Alembertian operator.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

First of all, some basic definitions and concepts related to the algebra of Lorentzian curve are given. Hence, using this relations, the Serret-Frenet vectors of a Lorentzian curve is rederived. Moreover, some relationships between the Euclidean curve and the Lorentzian curve are obtained.

**Definition 1.1** Let  $\forall x = \sum_{A=1}^{4} x_A \vec{e}_A$ ,  $y = \sum_{A=1}^{4} y_A \vec{e}_A \in V$ , be any two element of V then, Lie Operation is defined as follows

$$[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}] = \sum \left( \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{y}_j - \mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{y}_i \right) \vec{\mathbf{e}}_k \tag{1}$$

where, (i, j, k) is the circular permutation of (1, 2, 3) [1].

**Definition 1.2** Let S and T be defined as;

$$Sx = \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i \vec{e}_i, \quad Tx = x_4 \vec{e}_4$$
  
for  $\forall x = \sum_{A=1}^{4} x_A \vec{e}_A \in V$  (2)

It is clear that ST = TS = 0 and S + T = I [1].

**Definition 1.3** *Let*  $\alpha: V \to V$  *be defined as* 

 $\alpha = -S + T$ 

a linear transformation, for  $\forall x \in V$ ,

$$\alpha x = -\sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i \vec{e}_i + x_4 \vec{e}_4 = -Sx + Tx.$$
(3)

Here if  $\alpha^2 = I$  then  $\alpha$  is called involutory linear isomorphism [1]. *S* and *T*, defined as in (2) are called spatial and temporal projections on *V*, respectively.  $\alpha$  involutory isomorphism which given by (3) is called Hamilton Conjugation on *V* [1].

**Definition 1.4** *The two bilinear forms on* V*, are defined as; for*  $\forall x, y \in V$  *then* 

$$g(x,y) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} x_i y_i - x_4 y_4, \ h(x,y) = \sum_{A=1}^{4} x_A y_A.$$
(4)

In this definition; g and h are non-degenere, real, and symmetric bilinear forms. Furthermore; S and T are defined as in (2) with (3) and they are self-adjoint with respect to bilinear forms defined as in (4).

That is, for each 
$$x, y \in V$$
,

$$g(Sx, y) = g(x, Sy) = h(x, Sy) = h(Sx, y)$$
(5)

$$g(Tx, y) = g(x, Ty) = -h(x, Ty) = -h(Tx, y)$$
(6)

$$g(\alpha x, y) = g(x, \alpha y) = -h(x, y)$$
(7)  
[3].

**Definition 1.5** Let b be any symmetric bilinear form on V. If, `o' is a binary operation than define  $\forall x, y \in V$ ,

$$x \circ y = [x, y] + x_4 Sy + y_4 Sx - b(x, y)\vec{e}_4.$$
 (8)

In this condition,  $(V, \circ)$  is a real algebra (In generally, it is non-associative and non-commutative). For this real algebra, if b = h then the quaternion is called pseudo-

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quaternionic algebra, if b = g then the quaternion is called real-quaternionic algebra on V [1].

In the quaternionic condition; binary operation is denote  $\cdot \cdot '$  and the pseudo-quaternionic condition is stand for  $\cdot \cdot '$ . Let us consider any  $x \in V$ , thus N(x) is defined as  $x \circ \alpha x \in V$ . It is clear that for each  $x, y \in V$ ,

$$N(x) = -b(x, \alpha x)\vec{e}_4. \tag{9}$$

Again, it is clearly seen that,

$$N(x + y) - N(x) - N(y) = x \circ \alpha y + y \circ \alpha x = -\{b(x, \alpha y) + b(y, \alpha x)\}\vec{e}_4.$$
 (10)

Since  $\alpha$  is respect to both g and h self-adjoint then; we have there exist two following equations

$$(x \cdot \alpha y + y \cdot \alpha x) = -2g(x, \alpha y)\vec{e}_4 = 2h(x, y)\vec{e}_4$$

(quaternionic condition)

 $(x * \alpha y + y * \alpha x) = -2h(x, \alpha y) \vec{e_4} = 2g(x, y) \vec{e_4}$ 

(pseudo - qaternionic condition) [2].

**Definition 1.6** Let  $x \in V$ . The norm of x, N(x) is defined as (9). In the quaternionic condition, N(x) is defined as  $h(x, x)\vec{e}_4$ . If the another pseudo-quaternionic condition then N(x) is defined as  $g(x, x)\vec{e}_4$ . Hence; N(x), are used to be, is equal to Euclidean norm  $N(x) = ||x||^2 \vec{e}_4$ . In the pseudo-quaternionic condition for each  $x \in V$ , then x is called

g(x,x) > 0 then space – like g(x,x) = 0 then null g(x,x) < 0 then time – like (11) [2].

**Definition 1.7** A quaternion x is called a unit quaternion if  $||x||_L = 1$  then, in addition a pseudo quaternion x is unitory whenever N(x) is either  $+\vec{e}_4$  or  $-\vec{e}_4$  [4].

**Definition 1.8** If two quaternions x and y (or pseudoquats) are satisfied  $x \cdot \alpha y + y \cdot \alpha x = 0$ ,  $(x * \alpha y + y * \alpha x = 0)$  then they are called ortogonality. Another equvalent condition for ortogonally is

$$h(x, y) = 0 \text{ or } g(x, y) = 0.$$
 (12)

Now we define the relationship between quaternionic and pseudo-quaternionic multiplications: Let x and y be two elements of V. By making use of findings (5) and (8) for  $x * y - x \cdot y$ , we obtain

$$x * y - x \cdot y \equiv \{g(x, y) - h(x, y)\}\vec{e}_4.$$
 (13)

As a result of equation (13), we have;

$$x * y \equiv x \cdot y - 2x_4 y_4 \vec{e}_4$$

[1].

In this study  $L_Q^4$  denotes the 4-dimensional pseudoquaternionic Lorentzian space. **Definition 1.9** Let  $M \subset L_Q^4$  be a curve which has s - arc parameter at Lorentzian space. If the velocity vector of M is  $\dot{x}$  then

 $g(\dot{x}, \dot{x}) \prec 0$  then x(s) is called time-like curve

 $g(\dot{x}, \dot{x}) > 0$  then x(s) is called space-like curve

$$g(\dot{x}, \dot{x}) = 0$$
 then  $x(s)$  is called null curve (14)

[4].

**Definition 1.10** Let  $M \subset L_Q^4$  be a curve. If the Serret-Frenet frame field is  $\{V_1(s), V_2(s), V_3(s), V_4(s)\}$  then the  $k_i$  function which is defined as

$$k_i(s): I \to IR$$
 ,  $s \to k_i(s) = g((V_i)'(s), V_{i+1}(s))$ 
  
(15)

is called, i - th curvature function of M curve and,  $k_i(s)$ ,  $1 \le i \le 3$  real number is called i - thcurvature of this curve at the point M(s) [4].

Now we study on pseudo-quaternionic Lorentzian Space with the use of these relations.

#### 2. MATERIAL and METHOD

## 2. 1. The Serret- Frenet formulae of the Pseudo space Quaternionic Lorentzian curve on $L_0^3$

Let us show 3-dimensional pseudo-quaternionic Lorentzian space with  $L_Q^3$ . Let *M* be a pseudo-space quaternionic time-like curve.

Let  $\tilde{g}$  and  $L_Q^3$  be shown Lorentzian binary operation as, for  $\forall x, y \in L_Q^3$ 

$$\tilde{g}(x,y) = \sum_{i=1}^{2} x_i y_i - x_3 y_3$$

then, `o' binary operation in  $L_Q^4$  is defined as

$$x \circ y = [x, y] + x_4 Sy + y_4 Sx - b(x, y)\vec{e}_4$$

If we review the last equation for  $L_Q^3$ ;  $b = \tilde{g}$  and if we consider `\*' instead of `o' binary operation, we obtain

$$x * y = [x, y] - \tilde{g}(x, y)\vec{e}_4.$$
 (16)

Let  $X: I \to L_Q^3$  be a time like space-quaternionic curve. Hence;  $\dot{X} = t$  then, N(t) = -1. So, N(t) be defined as

$$N(t) = \tilde{g}(t,t) = t * \alpha t.$$

If we derive this equation with respect to *s*; we obtain

$$\dot{t} * \alpha \ t + t * \alpha \ \dot{t} = 0. \tag{17}$$

As a result of this;

 $\dot{t}$  is  $\tilde{g}$ -orthogonal to t. That is,  $\tilde{g}(\dot{t}, t) = 0$ .

t\*α

t is a time-like quaternion.

Hence, we define  $n_1$  space-quaternion and k scalar function as they satisfy the following conditions when  $\dot{t}$  is a pseudo-quaternion:

$$\dot{t} = k n_1, k = N(\dot{t}).$$
 (18)

 $n_1$  is  $\tilde{g}$ -orthogonal to t from (i) there is a  $n_2$  spacequaternion which is satisfy

$$t * n_1 = n_2 = -n_1 * t.$$
(19)

Here, we can write  $t * n_2 = -n_1 = -n_2 * t$  and  $n_2 * n_1 = -t = -n_1 * n_2$ . Hence,  $t, n_1, n_2$  are mutually  $\tilde{g}$ -orthogonal unit pseudo space-quaternion in  $L_0^3$ .

We have derived from (19) and obtained;

$$\dot{n}_2 = (t * n_1)', \quad \dot{n}_2 = t * (-kt + \dot{n}_1)$$
 (20)

Thus;  $\dot{n}_1 - kt$  is  $\tilde{g}$ -orthogonal to  $\dot{t}$  and  $n_2$ .

$$n_1 = \frac{\ddot{X}}{N(\ddot{X})}$$
 is unit space-quaternion and

 $\dot{n}_1 \in Sp\{t, n_1, n_2\}.$ 

As a result of this, we can write

$$\dot{\mathbf{n}}_1 = \lambda_1 \mathbf{t} + \lambda_2 \mathbf{n}_1 + \lambda_3 \mathbf{n}_2$$

Hence;  $\|\dot{n}_1\|$  is

$$\begin{split} \tilde{g}(\dot{n}_{1,}\dot{n}_{1}) &= \lambda_1 \tilde{g}(t,\dot{n}_1) + \lambda_2 \tilde{g}(n_1,\dot{n}_1) + \lambda_3 \tilde{g}(n_2,\dot{n}_1), \\ \tilde{g}(t,t) &= -1. \end{split}$$

Namely, X is a time-like pseudo-space quaternionic curve. In addition, in a similar way

$$\begin{split} \epsilon_0 \lambda_1 &= \tilde{g}(\dot{n}_{1,}t) = -\tilde{g}(\dot{t},n_1) = -k\epsilon_0 \ \lambda_1 = -k, \\ &\frac{1}{\epsilon_0} = \epsilon_0 \end{split}$$

 $\lambda_1 = -\varepsilon_0 k$  and t is a time like then

$$\varepsilon_0 = -1$$
. Because of; it obtained  $\lambda_1 = k$ .

In addition,  $\lambda_2 = \tilde{g}(\dot{n}_1, n_1) = 0$  and  $\lambda_3 = \tilde{g}(\dot{n}_1, n_2) = \varepsilon_0 r$ , hence  $\tilde{g}$  is  $\tilde{g}(n_1, n_1) = 1$ . Namely, if  $n_1$  is space-like then  $\varepsilon_0 = 1$  and  $\lambda_3 = r$ . So we obtain

 $\dot{\mathbf{n}}_1 = \mathbf{k}\mathbf{t} + \mathbf{r}\mathbf{n}_2. \tag{21}$ 

By substituting (5) in (6), we find

[4].

$$\dot{n}_2 = t * (-kt + \dot{n}_1)$$
  
 $\dot{n}_2 = -rn_1$  (22)

(19), (21) and (22) equations are called Serret-Frenet Formulae of a curve which is time-like pseudo spacequaternionic curve in  $L_Q^3$ .  $(t, n_1, n_2, k, r)$  is called Frenet-Apparatus of this curve.

The matrix form for this Serret-Frenet Apparatus of this curve is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{t} \\ \dot{n}_1 \\ \dot{n}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & k & 0 \\ k & 0 & r \\ 0 & -r & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ n_1 \\ n_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
(23)

#### 2.2. The Serret- Frenet formulae of Pseudo-Quaternionic Lorentzian curve on $L_0^4$

Now, by making use of the Serret-Frenet formulae of a pseudo space-quaternionic Lorentzian curve at  $L_Q^3$ . We have rederived this formulae for one pseudo-quaternionic curve on  $L_Q^4$ : let  $\tilde{X} = \sum_{A=1}^4 q_A(s)\vec{e}_A$  be a time-like curve. The pseudo-quaternionic Lorentzian multiplication is shown by g. We have

$$\dot{T} = K N_1, \quad K = N \quad (\dot{T}), \qquad N \quad (T) = -1,$$

$$N \quad (N_1) = -1 \qquad (24)$$
If we derive  $N(T) = -1$  then we obtain

If we derive N(T) = -1, then we obtain  $g(\dot{T}, T) = 0$ . Here by making use of (24) we have

$$N_1 * \alpha T + T * \alpha N_1 = 0.$$

For a result of them,

 $N_1$  is g-orthogonal to T.

 $t = N_1 * \alpha T$  is a space-quaternion.

Here, T and  $N_1$  have unit then t has unit length.

From  $t = N_1 * \alpha T$  then, the vector  $N_1$  can choosen as equal to t \* T along the curve. Namely this can be written as

$$N_1 = t * T. \tag{25}$$

If we derive equation (25) and and use Eqs. (19), (24) and (25), we obtain,

$$\dot{N}_1 = \dot{t} * T + t * \dot{T}$$
  
$$\dot{N}_1 = K T + k N_2$$
(26)

Here  $N_2$  is

$$N_2 = n_1 * T \tag{27}$$

The characterization of  $N_2$  is given as follows:

 $N_2$  is unit.

*T*,  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are mutually *g*-orthogonal. Now, in the derivation of  $N_2 = n_1 * T$  by making use of (21), (23) and (24) we have the following result;

$$\dot{N}_2 = \dot{n}_1 * T + n_1 * \dot{T}$$
  
 $\dot{N}_2 = k N_1 + (r - K)N_3$  (28)

Here,  $N_3$  is taken  $N_3 = n_2 * T$ . According to this condition; the characterization of  $N_3$  is given as follows: The norm of  $N_3$  is  $N(N_3) = 1$ .

 $T, N_1, N_2$  and  $N_3$  are mutually *g*-orthogonal.

As a result of these, the derivation of  $N_3$ , by making use of (2.0), (24) and (25) we obtain,

$$\dot{N}_3 = \dot{n}_2 * T + n_2 * \dot{T}\dot{N}_3 = -(r - K)N_2$$
<sup>(29)</sup>

The equations of (24), (26), (28) and (29) are called The Serret-Frenet Formulae of  $\tilde{X}$  time-like pseudoquaternionic Lorentzian curve at  $L_Q^3$ . Thus,  $(T, N_1, N_2, N_3, K, k, r - K)$  is called Serret-Frenet Apparatus of this Lorentzian curve.

The matrix form of this Serret-Frenet Apparatus for this Lorentzian curve is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{T} \\ \dot{N}_1 \\ \dot{N}_2 \\ \dot{N}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & K & 0 & 0 \\ K & 0 & k & 0 \\ 0 & k & 0 & r - K \\ 0 & 0 & -(r - K) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T \\ N_1 \\ N_2 \\ N_3 \end{bmatrix}$$
(30)  
[4].

#### **3. CONCLUSIONS**

Lorentzian curves have been studied by many mathematicians, but a different study has been done with the terminology of quaternions for a quaternionic Lorentzian curve. Thus the Serret-Frenet formulas of space quaternionic curves are re-derived.

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