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## ÖZ

Bu çalısmada öncelikle üç boyutlu Lorentz Uzayda $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{Q}}^{3}$ kuaterniyon ve pseudo-kuaterniyonlar gözönüne alınarak bir uzaykuaterniyonik eğri için Serret-Frenet Formülleri elde edildi. Daha sonra bunlar kullanılarak bir Kuaterniyonik Lorentz Eğrisi $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{Q}}^{4}$ 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 $L_{\mathrm{Q}}^{3}$. The Serret-Frenet Formulas for a Quaternionic Lorentz Curve $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{Q}}^{4}$ 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
$[\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}]=\sum\left(\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{j}}-\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{j}} \mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{i}}\right) \overrightarrow{\mathrm{e}}_{\mathrm{k}}$
where, $(i, j, k)$ is the circular permutation of $(1,2,3)$ [1].
Definition 1.2 Let $S$ and $T$ be defined as;
$S x=\sum_{i=1}^{3} \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}} \overrightarrow{\mathrm{e}}_{\mathrm{i}}, \quad \mathrm{Tx}=\mathrm{x}_{4} \overrightarrow{\mathrm{e}}_{4}$
for $\quad \forall x=\sum_{A=1}^{4} \mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{A}} \overrightarrow{\mathrm{e}}_{\mathrm{A}} \in \mathrm{V}$

It is clear that $S T=T S=0$ and $S+T=I \quad[1]$.
Definition 1.3 Let $\alpha: V \rightarrow V$ be defined as
$\alpha=-S+T$
a linear transformation, for $\forall x \in V$,

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\begin{equation*}
\alpha \mathrm{x}=-\sum_{\mathrm{i}=1}^{3} \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}} \overrightarrow{\mathrm{e}}_{\mathrm{i}}+\mathrm{x}_{4} \overrightarrow{\mathrm{e}}_{4}=-\mathrm{Sx}+\mathrm{Tx} . \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

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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
$g(x, y)=\sum_{i=1}^{3} x_{i} y_{i}-x_{4} y_{4}, h(x, y)=\sum_{A=1}^{4} x_{A} y_{A}$.
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 $x, y \in V$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& g(S x, y)=g(x, S y)=h(x, S y)=h(S x, y) \\
& g(T x, y)=g(x, T y)=-h(x, T y)=-h(T x, y) \\
& g(\alpha x, y)=g(x, \alpha y)=-h(x, y) \\
& \text { [3]. }
\end{aligned}
$$

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
x \circ y=[x, y]+x_{4} S y+y_{4} S x-b(x, y) \vec{e}_{4} . \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

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-
quaternionic algebra, if $b=g$ then the quaternion is called real-quaternionic algebra on $V$ [1].
In the quaternionic condition; binary operation is denote - ' and the pseudo-quaternionic condition is stand for ' * '. 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 $x, y \in V$,
$N(x)=-b(x, \alpha x) \vec{e}_{4}$.
Again, it is clearly seen that,
$N(x+y)-N(x)-N(y)=x \circ \alpha y+y \circ \alpha x=$
$-\{b(x, \alpha y)+b(y, \alpha x)\} \vec{e}_{4}$.
Since $\alpha$ is respect to both $g$ and $h$ self-adjoint then; we have there exist two following equations
$(x \cdot \alpha y+y \cdot \alpha x)=-2 g(x, \alpha y) \vec{e}_{4}=2 h(x, y) \vec{e}_{4}$
(quaternionic condition)

$$
\begin{gathered}
(x * \alpha y+y * \alpha x)=-2 h(x, \alpha y) e_{\vec{~}}=4 \\
=2 g(x, y) e^{\vec{~}} 4
\end{gathered}
$$

(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
[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 $-\vec{e}_{4} \quad[4]$.

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
$h(x, y)=0$ or $g(x, y)=0$.
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
$x * y-x \cdot y \equiv\{g(x, y)-h(x, y)\} \vec{e}_{4}$.
As a result of equation (13), we have;
$x * y \equiv x \cdot y-2 x_{4} y_{4} \vec{e}_{4}$
[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
$g(\dot{x}, \dot{x}) \succ 0$ then $x(s)$ is called space-like curve
$g(\dot{x}, \dot{x})=0$ then $x(s)$ is called null curve
[4].
Definition 1.10 Let $M \subset L_{Q}^{4}$ be a curve. If the SerretFrenet frame field is $\left\{V_{1}(s), V_{2}(s), V_{3}(s), V_{4}(s)\right\}$ then the $k_{i}$ function which is defined as

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\begin{equation*}
k_{i}(s): I \rightarrow I R \quad, s \rightarrow k_{i}(s)=g\left(\left(V_{i}\right)^{\prime}(s), V_{i+1}(s)\right) \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

is called, $i-t h$ curvature function of $M$ curve and, $k_{i}(s), 1 \leq i \leq 3$ real number is called $i-t h$ curvature 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 $L_{Q}^{3}$

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, ' $\circ$ ' binary operation in $L_{Q}^{4}$ is defined as
$x \circ y=[x, y]+x_{4} S y+y_{4} S x-b(x, y) \vec{e}_{4}$.
If we review the last equation for $L_{Q}^{3}$; $b=\tilde{g}$ and if we consider ${ }^{`} *^{\prime}$ instead of ` $\circ$ ' binary operation, we obtain
$x * y=[x, y]-\tilde{g}(x, y) \vec{e}_{4}$.
Let $X: I \rightarrow L_{Q}^{3}$ 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
$\dot{t} * \alpha t+t * \alpha \dot{t}=0$.
As a result of this;
$\mathfrak{t}$ is $\tilde{g}$-orthogonal to t . That is, $\tilde{\mathrm{g}}(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{t})=0$.
$\dot{t} * \alpha$
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:
$\dot{\mathrm{t}}=\mathrm{k} \mathrm{n} \mathrm{n}_{1}, \mathrm{k}=\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{t})$.
$n_{1}$ is $\tilde{g}$-orthogonal to $t$ from (i) there is a $n_{2}$ spacequaternion which is satisfy
$\mathrm{t} * \mathrm{n}_{1}=\mathrm{n}_{2}=-\mathrm{n}_{1} * \mathrm{t}$.
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 $L_{Q}^{3}$.

We have derived from (19) and obtained;
$\dot{\mathrm{n}}_{2}=\left(\mathrm{t} * \mathrm{n}_{1}\right)^{\prime}, \quad \dot{\mathrm{n}}_{2}=\mathrm{t} *\left(-\mathrm{kt}+\dot{\mathrm{n}}_{1}\right)$
Thus; $\dot{n}_{1}-k t$ is $\tilde{g}$-orthogonal to $\dot{t}$ and $n_{2}$.
$n_{1}=\frac{\ddot{X}}{N(\ddot{X})}$ is unit space-quaternion and
$\dot{n}_{1} \in \operatorname{Sp}\left\{t, n_{1}, n_{2}\right\}$.
As a result of this, we can write
$\dot{\mathrm{n}}_{1}=\lambda_{1} \mathrm{t}+\lambda_{2} \mathrm{n}_{1}+\lambda_{3} \mathrm{n}_{2}$
Hence; $\left\|\dot{n}_{1}\right\|$ is
$\tilde{\mathrm{g}}\left(\dot{\mathrm{n}}_{1}, \dot{\mathrm{n}}_{1}\right)=\lambda_{1} \tilde{\mathrm{~g}}\left(\mathrm{t}, \dot{\mathrm{n}}_{1}\right)+\lambda_{2} \tilde{\mathrm{~g}}\left(\mathrm{n}_{1}, \dot{\mathrm{n}}_{1}\right)+\lambda_{3} \tilde{\mathrm{~g}}\left(\mathrm{n}_{2}, \dot{\mathrm{n}}_{1}\right)$, $\tilde{\mathrm{g}}(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{t})=-1$.

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

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\begin{aligned}
\varepsilon_{0} \lambda_{1}=\tilde{\mathrm{g}}\left(\dot{\mathrm{n}}_{1}, \mathrm{t}\right)= & -\tilde{\mathrm{g}}\left(\dot{\mathrm{t}}, \mathrm{n}_{1}\right)=-\mathrm{k} \varepsilon_{0} \lambda_{1}=-\mathrm{k}, \\
& \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{0}}=\varepsilon_{0}
\end{aligned}
$$

$\lambda_{1}=-\varepsilon_{0} k$ and $t$ is a time like then
$\varepsilon_{0}=-1$. Because of; it obtained $\lambda_{1}=k$.
In addition, $\lambda_{2}=\tilde{g}\left(\dot{n}_{1}, n_{1}\right)=0$ and
$\lambda_{3}=\tilde{\mathrm{g}}\left(\dot{\mathrm{n}}_{1}, \mathrm{n}_{2}\right)=\varepsilon_{0} \mathrm{r}$, hence $\tilde{\mathrm{g}}$ is $\tilde{\mathrm{g}}\left(\mathrm{n}_{1}, \mathrm{n}_{1}\right)=1$. Namely, if $n_{1}$ is space-like then $\varepsilon_{0}=1$ and $\lambda_{3}=r$. So we obtain
$\dot{\mathrm{n}}_{1}=\mathrm{kt}+\mathrm{rn}_{2}$.
By substituting (5) in (6), we find
$\dot{\mathrm{n}}_{2}=\mathrm{t} *\left(-\mathrm{kt}+\dot{\mathrm{n}}_{1}\right)$
$\dot{\mathrm{n}}_{2}=-\mathrm{rn}_{1}$
(19), (21) and (22) equations are called Serret-Frenet Formulae of a curve which is time-like pseudo spacequaternionic curve in $L_{Q}^{3}$. $\left(t, n_{1}, n_{2}, k, r\right)$ is called FrenetApparatus of this curve.

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

$$
\left[\begin{array}{l}
\dot{t}  \tag{23}\\
\dot{n}_{1} \\
\dot{n}_{2}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
0 & k & 0 \\
k & 0 & r \\
0 & -r & 0
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
t \\
n_{1} \\
n_{2}
\end{array}\right]
$$

### 2.2. The Serret- Frenet formulae of PseudoQuaternionic Lorentzian curve on $L_{\mathbf{Q}}^{4}$

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
$\dot{T}=K N_{1}, \quad K=N(\dot{T}), \quad N(T)=-1$,
$N\left(N_{1}\right)=-1$
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,
$\mathrm{N}_{1}$ is g-orthogonal to T .
$\mathrm{t}=\mathrm{N}_{1} * \alpha \mathrm{~T}$ 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
$N_{1}=t * T$.
If we derive equation (25) and and use Eqs. (19), (24) and (25), we obtain,
$\dot{N}_{1}=\dot{t} * T+t * \dot{T}$
$\dot{N}_{1}=K T+k N_{2}$
Here $N_{2}$ is
$N_{2}=n_{1} * T$
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;
$\dot{N}_{2}=\dot{n}_{1} * T+n_{1} * \dot{T}$
$\dot{N}_{2}=k N_{1}+(r-K) N_{3}$
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 $N\left(N_{3}\right)=1$.
$T, N_{1}, N_{2}$ 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,
$\dot{N}_{3}=\dot{n}_{2} * T+n_{2} * \dot{T} \dot{N}_{3}=-(r-K) N_{2}$
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, $\left(T, N_{1}, N_{2}, N_{3}, K, k, r-K\right)$ is called Serret-Frenet Apparatus of this Lorentzian curve.

The matrix form of this Serret-Frenet Apparatus for this Lorentzian curve is given by
$\left[\begin{array}{l}\dot{T} \\ \dot{N}_{1} \\ \dot{N}_{2} \\ \dot{N}_{3}\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{llll}0 & K & 0 & 0 \\ K & 0 & k & 0 \\ 0 & k & 0 & r-K \\ 0 & 0 & -(r-K) & 0\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}T \\ N_{1} \\ N_{2} \\ N_{3}\end{array}\right]$
[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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