

SOME CHARACTERIZATIONS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF BERTRAND CURVES IN DUAL SPACE D^4

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ABSTRACT

In differential geometry, the characterizations of curves and corresponding relations between the curves are an important problem. Bertrand curves can be given as example of that relation. A Bertrand curve in IR^3 is a curve such that its principal normal vectors are the principal normal vectors of an other curve. Aminov proved that a Bertrand curve does not exist in IR^n if $n \geq 4$. Kim, Park and Yorozu provided some examples illustrating the resultant curves. In this study, generally, we proved and expressed that Bertrand curves are absent in ID^4 , but we expressed that Bertrand curves can be found under some characterizations and special conditions in ID^4 .

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I. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

We recall some basic notions about dual space and apparatus of curves.

The set $(ID^3, +, \cdot)$ is a module on the ring ID which is called ID -Module and the elements are dual vectors consisting of two real vectors. In ID^3 , each dual vector is shown as $\vec{A} = \vec{a} + \varepsilon \vec{a}^*$ and $\varepsilon^2 = 0$ which is called a dual unit.

The set $\{ \vec{X} = \vec{x} + \varepsilon \vec{x}^* : \|\vec{X}\| = (1, 0), \vec{x}, \vec{x}^* \in ID^3 \}$ is a unit dual sphere in ID^3 .

For $\vec{A} = \vec{a} + \varepsilon \vec{a}^*$, if $\vec{a} \neq 0$ and $\vec{a}^* \neq 0$, \vec{A} is called unique dual vector.

The inner product of $\vec{A} = \vec{a} + \varepsilon \vec{a}^*$ and $\vec{B} = \vec{b} + \varepsilon \vec{b}^*$ is defined by

$$f : ID^3 \times ID^3 \rightarrow ID^3$$

$$(\vec{A}, \vec{B}) \rightarrow f(\vec{A}, \vec{B}) = \langle \vec{A}, \vec{B} \rangle$$

$$= \langle \vec{a} + \varepsilon \vec{a}^*, \vec{b} + \varepsilon \vec{b}^* \rangle$$

$$= \langle \vec{a}, \vec{b} \rangle + \varepsilon [\langle \vec{a}^*, \vec{b} \rangle$$

$$+ \langle \vec{a}, \vec{b}^* \rangle]$$

Let $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}$ be unique dual vectors in ID^3 and $\lambda_i = c_i + \varepsilon c_i^* \in ID$ ($1 \leq i \leq 3$) be dual number. If $\lambda_1 \vec{A} +$

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Let ID^3 be the dual space with standart inner product \langle, \rangle and $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ be the dual space curves. If there exists a corresponding relationship between the dual space curves $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ so that the principal normal vectors of $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ are linear dependent to each other at the corresponding points of the dual curves, then $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ are called Bertrand curves in ID^3 .

In the following theorems, the characterizations of a dual Bertrand curve are obtained.

Let $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ be two curves in ID^3 . If $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ are Bertrand curves, then

$$d(\vec{\alpha}(s), \vec{\beta}(s)) = \lambda$$

where $s \in I \subset ID$ and $\lambda \in ID$ (constant).

Let $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ be two curves in ID^3 . If $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ are Bertrand curves, then the dual angle between the tangent vectors at the corresponding points of the dual Bertrand curves is constant.



Let $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ be two curves in ID^3 . If $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ are Bertrand curves, $\kappa(s)$ and $\tau(s)$ are the curvature and torsion of $\vec{\alpha}$, $\kappa^0(s)$ and $\tau^0(s)$ are the curvature and torsion of $\vec{\beta}$, respectively, then,

$$\lambda \kappa(s) + \mu \tau(s) = 1$$

where $\lambda, \mu \in ID$ are constant.

II. SOME CHARACTERIZATIONS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF BERTRAND CURVES IN DUAL SPACE ID^4

In this section, we obtain some characterizations in ID^4 . Then, we give the main theorem for existence of Bertrand curves under special conditions in ID^4 .

Definition II.1. The set $(ID^4, +, \cdot)$ is a module on the ring ID . We show that

$$ID^4 = \{ (A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4) : A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4 \in ID \}.$$

Definition II.2. The inner product of $\vec{A} = \vec{a} + \varepsilon \vec{a}^*$ and $\vec{B} = \vec{b} + \varepsilon \vec{b}^*$ is defined by

$$f : ID^4 \times ID^4 \rightarrow ID^4$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{A}, \vec{B}) &\rightarrow f(\vec{A}, \vec{B}) = \langle \vec{A}, \vec{B} \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{a} + \varepsilon \vec{a}^*, \vec{b} + \varepsilon \vec{b}^* \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{a}, \vec{b} \rangle + \varepsilon [\langle \vec{a}^*, \vec{b} \rangle + \langle \vec{a}, \vec{b}^* \rangle] \end{aligned}$$

Definition II.3. Let $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}, \vec{D}$ be unique dual vectors in ID^4 and $\lambda_i = c_i + \varepsilon c_i^* \in ID$ ($1 \leq i \leq 4$) be dual number. If $\lambda_1 \vec{A} + \lambda_2 \vec{B} + \lambda_3 \vec{C} + \lambda_4 \vec{D} = 0$ is provided for $\forall \lambda_i = 0$, the unique dual vectors $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}, \vec{D}$ are linear independent.

Definition II.4. Let $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}, \vec{D}$ be dual vectors in ID^4 and $\lambda_i = c_i + \varepsilon c_i^* \in ID$ ($1 \leq i \leq 4$) be dual number. If $\lambda_1 \vec{A} + \lambda_2 \vec{B} + \lambda_3 \vec{C} + \lambda_4 \vec{D} = 0$ is provided for $\exists \lambda_i \neq 0$, the dual vectors $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}, \vec{D}$ are linear dependent.

Let the curves $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ be Bertrand curves in ID^4 . Let $\{ \vec{T}, \vec{N}, \vec{B} \}$ indicate the Frenet vectors along $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\{ \vec{T}^0, \vec{N}^0, \vec{B}^0 \}$ the Frenet vectors along $\vec{\beta}$.

For the dual curve $\vec{\alpha}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{T} &= \vec{t}_1 + \varepsilon \vec{t}_1^*, \\ \vec{N} &= \vec{n}_1 + \varepsilon \vec{n}_1^*, \\ \vec{B} &= \vec{b}_1 + \varepsilon \vec{b}_1^*, \end{aligned}$$

$$\kappa = k_1 + \varepsilon k_1^*,$$

$$\tau = k_2 + \varepsilon k_2^*.$$

For the dual curve $\vec{\beta}$,

$$\vec{T}^0 = \vec{t}_2 + \varepsilon \vec{t}_2^*,$$

$$\vec{N}^0 = \vec{n}_2 + \varepsilon \vec{n}_2^*,$$

$$\vec{B}^0 = \vec{b}_2 + \varepsilon \vec{b}_2^*,$$

$$\kappa^0 = k_1^0 + \varepsilon k_1^{0*},$$

$$\tau^0 = k_2^0 + \varepsilon k_2^{0*}.$$

Theorem II.1. The curves whose principal normal vectors are pure dual vectors are Bertrand curves on the unit dual sphere in ID^4 .

Proof. Let $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ be two curves in ID^4 . Respectively, \vec{N} and \vec{N}^0 are principal normal vectors of $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$. If $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ are Bertrand curves in ID^4 , the principal normal vectors of $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ are linear dependent. In other words, $\lambda_1 \vec{N} + \lambda_2 \vec{N}^0 = 0$ is provided for $\exists \lambda_i \neq 0$. Then,

$$\lambda_1 (\vec{n}_1 + \varepsilon \vec{n}_1^*) + \lambda_2 (\vec{n}_2 + \varepsilon \vec{n}_2^*) = 0 \text{ is linear dependent for } \exists \lambda_i \neq 0 (?)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c_1 + \varepsilon c_1^*) (\vec{n}_1 + \varepsilon \vec{n}_1^*) + (c_2 + \varepsilon c_2^*) (\vec{n}_2 + \varepsilon \vec{n}_2^*) &= 0, \\ c_1 \vec{n}_1 + c_2 \vec{n}_2 + \varepsilon (c_1^* \vec{n}_1 + \vec{n}_1^* c_1 + c_2^* \vec{n}_2 + c_2 \vec{n}_2^*) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$c_1 \vec{n}_1 + c_2 \vec{n}_2 = 0, \tag{1}$$

$$c_1^* \vec{n}_1 + \vec{n}_1^* c_1 + c_2^* \vec{n}_2 + c_2 \vec{n}_2^* = 0. \tag{2}$$

From (1), we get

$$c_1 \vec{n}_1 = -c_2 \vec{n}_2,$$

$$\vec{n}_1 = -\frac{c_2}{c_1} \vec{n}_2. \tag{3}$$

Specially, we accept $c_1 \neq 0$. Otherwise, the expression is undefined. If we take $-\frac{c_2}{c_1} = k$, the equation (3) is

$$\vec{n}_1 = k \vec{n}_2.$$

If $\vec{n}_2 = 0$ is accepted, $\vec{n}_1 = 0$. The equation (2)

$$\vec{n}_1^* c_1 + c_2 \vec{n}_2^* = 0. \tag{4}$$

From (4), we get

$$\vec{n}_1^* c_1 = -c_2 \vec{n}_2^*,$$

$$\vec{n}_1^* = -\frac{c_2}{c_1} \vec{n}_2^*,$$

$$\vec{n}_1^* = k \vec{n}_2^*.$$

Finally, we say that the principal normal vectors of $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ are linear dependent.

In proof, if $\vec{n}_2 \neq 0$ is accepted, two dual curves are Bertrand curves under special conditions. We give two conclusions about these situations.

Corollary I. If λ_1 and λ_2 are obtained pure reel, two dual curves are Bertrand curves.

Corollary II. The dual curves $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ are unique dual vectors, there is no curve whose principal normal vectors are linear dependent.

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