

ON DARBOUX VECTOR IN LORENTZIAN 5-SPACE

ПРО ВЕКТОР ДАРБУ В 5-ПРОСТОРИ ЛОРЕНЦА

We introduce the Darboux vector in the Lorentzian 5-space. We give some characterizations of this vector in the space. In addition, we consider some special cases in the space.

Введено вектор Дарбу в 5-просторі Лоренца. Наведено деякі характеристики даного вектора в цьому просторі. Крім того, розглянуто деякі частинні випадки в цьому ж просторі.

1. Introduction. Let $X = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$ and $Y = (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5)$ be two non-zero vectors in Lorentzian 5-space \mathbb{L}^5 . For $X, Y \in \mathbb{L}^5$

$$g(X, Y) = \langle X, Y \rangle = -x_1y_1 + \sum_{i=2}^5 x_iy_i,$$

is called *Lorentzian inner product*. The couple $\{\mathbb{L}^5, \langle, \rangle\}$ is called *Lorentzian 5-space*. Then the vector X of \mathbb{L}^5 is called: **(i)** time-like if $\langle X, X \rangle < 0$, **(ii)** space-like if $\langle X, X \rangle > 0$ or $X = 0$, **(iii)** null (or light-like) vector if $\langle X, X \rangle = 0$ and $X \neq 0$. The set of a null vectors in $T_p(\mathbb{L}^5)$ is called the nullcone at $p \in \mathbb{L}^5$.

Similarly, an arbitrary curve $\alpha = \alpha(s)$ in \mathbb{L}^5 can be locally be space-like, time-like or null, if all of its velocity vectors $\alpha'(s)$ are respectively space-like, time-like or null. Also, recall the norm of a vector X is given by $\|X\| = \sqrt{|\langle X, X \rangle|}$. Therefore, X is a unit vector if $\langle X, X \rangle = \pm 1$. Next, vectors X, Y in \mathbb{L}^5 are said to be orthogonal if $\langle X, Y \rangle = 0$. The velocity of the curve α is given by $\|\alpha'(s)\|$. Thus, a space-like or a time-like α is said to be parametrized by arclength function s , if $\langle \alpha'(s), \alpha'(s) \rangle = \pm 1$ [1].

2. Basic definitions of \mathbb{L}^5 .

Definition 1. Let $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{L}^5$ be a curve in \mathbb{L}^5 and k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 be the Frenet curvatures of α . Then for the unit tangent vector $V_1 = \alpha'(s)$ over M the i th e-curvature function m_i , $1 \leq i \leq 5$, is defined by

$$m_i = \begin{cases} 0, & i = 1, \\ \frac{\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2}{k_1}, & i = 2, \\ \left[\frac{d}{dt}(m_{i-1}) + \varepsilon_{i-2} m_{i-2} k_{i-2} \right] \frac{\varepsilon_i}{k_{i-1}}, & 2 < i \leq 5, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $\varepsilon_i = \langle V_i, V_i \rangle = \pm 1$.

Definition 2. Let $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{L}^5$ be a unit speed non-null curve. The curve α is called Frenet curve of osculating order d , $d \leq 5$, if its 5th order derivatives $\alpha'(s), \alpha''(s), \dots, \alpha^{(d)}(s)$ are linearly independent and $\alpha'(s), \alpha''(s), \dots, \alpha^{(d+1)}(s)$ are no longer linearly independent for all $s \in I$. For each Frenet curve of order 5 one can associate an orthonormal 5-frame $\{V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5\}$ along α (such that $\alpha'(s) = V_1$) called the Frenet frame $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ called the Frenet curvatures, such that the Frenet formulas is defined in the usual way;

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_{V_1} V_1 &= \varepsilon_2 k_1 V_2, \\
\nabla_{V_1} V_2 &= -\varepsilon_1 k_1 V_1 + \varepsilon_3 k_2 V_3, \\
\nabla_{V_1} V_3 &= -\varepsilon_2 k_2 V_2 + \varepsilon_4 k_3 V_4, \\
\nabla_{V_1} V_4 &= -\varepsilon_3 k_3 V_3 + \varepsilon_5 k_4 V_5, \\
\nabla_{V_1} V_5 &= -\varepsilon_4 k_4 V_4,
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where $V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4,$ and V_5 are orthogonal vectors satisfying equations

$$\langle V_1, V_1 \rangle = -1,$$

$$\langle V_i, V_i \rangle = 1, \quad 2 \leq i \leq 5,$$

and ∇ is the Levi-Civita connection of \mathbb{L}^5 .

Definition 3. Let α be a non-null curve of osculating order 5. The harmonic functions

$$H_j: I \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad 0 \leq j \leq 3,$$

defined by

$$H_0 = 0,$$

$$H_1 = \frac{k_1}{k_2},$$

$$\left[\frac{d}{dt}(H_{j-1}) + \varepsilon_{j-2} H_{j-2} k_j \right] \frac{\varepsilon_j}{k_{j+1}}, \quad 2 \leq j \leq 3,$$

are called the harmonic curvatures of α , where k_1, k_2, k_j, k_{j+1} are Frenet curvatures of α which are not necessarily constant and $\varepsilon_j = \langle V_j, V_j \rangle = \pm 1$ [2].

Definition 4. Let α be a non-null curve of osculating order 5. Then α is called a general helix of rank 3 if

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 (H_i)^2 = c,$$

holds, where $c \neq 0$ is a real constant.

Corollary 1. If α is a general helix of rank 3, then

$$H_1^2 + H_2^2 + H_3^2 = c.$$

Proof. By the use of above definition, we obtain the corollary.

3. The Darboux vector in \mathbb{L}^5 .

Theorem 1. Let α be a non-null curve of osculating order 5 in \mathbb{L}^5 , then

$$\nabla_{V_j} V_i = \frac{\varepsilon_i}{m_{i+1}} V_{i+1}, \quad i, j = 1,$$

$$\nabla_{V_j} V_{i+1} = -\frac{\varepsilon_{i+1}}{m_{i+1}} V_i + \frac{m'_{i+1}}{m_{i+2}} V_{i+2}, \quad i, j = 1,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{V_j} V_{i+1} &= \left(\frac{-\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_{i+1} m_i m'_i - \varepsilon_{i-1} \varepsilon_{i+1} m_{i-1} m'_{i-1}}{m_i m_{i+1}} \right) V_i + \\ &+ \left(\frac{m_{i+1} m'_{i+1} + \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_{i+1} m_i m'_i + \varepsilon_{i-1} \varepsilon_{i+1} m_{i-1} m'_{i-1}}{m_{i+1} m_{i+2}} \right) V_{i+2}, \quad j = 1, \quad i = 2, 3, \\ \nabla_{V_j} V_{i+1} &= \left(\frac{-\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_{i+1} m_i m'_i - \varepsilon_{i-1} \varepsilon_{i+1} m_{i-1} m'_{i-1} - \varepsilon_{i-2} \varepsilon_{i+1} m_{i-2} m'_{i-2}}{m_i m_{i+1}} \right) V_i, \quad j = 1, \quad i = 4, \end{aligned}$$

where m_i are the i th e -curvature functions and $\varepsilon_i = \langle V_i, V_i \rangle = \pm 1$.

Corollary 2. Let α be a non-null curve of osculating order 5 in \mathbb{L}^5 , then

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{V_1} V_1 &= \frac{\varepsilon_1}{m_2} V_2, \\ \nabla_{V_1} V_2 &= -\frac{\varepsilon_2}{m_2} V_1 + \frac{m'_2}{m_3} V_3, \\ \nabla_{V_1} V_3 &= -\varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_3 \frac{m'_2}{m_3} V_2 + \left(\frac{m_3 m'_3 + \varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_3 m_2 m'_2}{m_3 m_4} \right) V_4, \\ \nabla_{V_1} V_4 &= \left(\frac{-\varepsilon_3 \varepsilon_4 m_3 m'_3 - \varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_4 m_2 m'_2}{m_3 m_4} \right) V_3 + \left(\frac{m_4 m'_4 + \varepsilon_3 \varepsilon_4 m_3 m'_3 + \varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_4 m_2 m'_2}{m_4 m_5} \right) V_5, \\ \nabla_{V_1} V_5 &= \left(\frac{-\varepsilon_4 \varepsilon_5 m_4 m'_4 - \varepsilon_3 \varepsilon_5 m_3 m'_3 - \varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_5 m_2 m'_2}{m_4 m_5} \right) V_4. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By the use of a previous theorem, we obtain the corollary.

Theorem 2. Let α be a non-null curve of osculating order 5 in \mathbb{L}^5 , then

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{V_1} V_1 &= \varepsilon_2 k_2 H_1 V_2, \\ \nabla_{V_1} V_2 &= -\varepsilon_1 k_2 H_1 V_1 + \varepsilon_3 \frac{k_1}{H_1} V_3, \\ \nabla_{V_1} V_3 &= -\varepsilon_2 \frac{k_1}{H_1} V_2 + \varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_4 \frac{H'_1}{H_2} V_4, \\ \nabla_{V_1} V_4 &= -\varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_3 \frac{H'_1}{H_2} V_3 + \varepsilon_3 \varepsilon_5 \left(\frac{H_2 H'_2 + \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 H_1 H'_1}{H_2 H_3} \right) V_5, \\ \nabla_{V_1} V_5 &= -\varepsilon_3 \varepsilon_4 \left(\frac{H_2 H'_2 + \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 H_1 H'_1}{H_2 H_3} \right) V_4, \end{aligned}$$

where H_1, H_2, H_3 are harmonic curvature of α and $\varepsilon_i = \langle V_i, V_i \rangle = \pm 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq 5$.

Proof. By using definition of harmonic curvatures, we obtain the theorem.

Theorem 3. Let $\alpha: \rightarrow \mathbb{L}^5$ be a non-null curve of osculating order 5 given over the Frenet frame $\{V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5\}$. If $m_i, 2 \leq i \leq 5$, are the i th e -curvature functions, $H_i, 1 \leq i \leq 3$, are the harmonic curvatures and $m'_i = \frac{dm_i}{ds}, 2 \leq i \leq 5$, then the following relations hold:

$$\det(m'_2, m'_3, m'_4, m'_5) = 0 \iff \sum_{i=1}^3 (H_i)^2 = \text{constant},$$

$$\det(m'_2, m'_3, m'_4, m'_5) = 0 \iff \sum_{i=2}^5 m_i^2 = \text{constant}.$$

Proof. The proof can be seen by using the definitions of i th e-curvature functions and harmonic curvatures.

Definition 5. Let α be a non-null curve of osculating order 5 in \mathbb{L}^5 , with Frenet curvatures k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 . Let us denote

$$a_0 = k_2 k_4,$$

$$a_j = \varepsilon_j \frac{k_{2j-1}}{k_{2j}} a_{j-1}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq 2, \quad k_{2j} \neq 0.$$

The Darboux vector in \mathbb{L}^5 is defined by

$$D(s) = \sum_{j=0}^2 a_j V_{2j+1} = a_0 V_1 + a_1 V_3 + a_2 V_5,$$

where V_{2j+1} are the Frenet vectors of α .

Corollary 3. Let α be a non-null curve of osculating order 5 in \mathbb{L}^5 , then

$$\frac{a_j}{a_{j-1}} = \varepsilon_j \frac{k_{2j-1}}{k_{2j}},$$

where $1 \leq j \leq 2$, $k_{2j} \neq 0$.

Lemma 1. The derivative of the Darboux vector $D(s)$ is [4].

$$D'(s) = a'_0 V_1 + a'_1 V_3 + a'_2 V_5.$$

Definition 6. The point $\alpha(s_0)$ is called Darboux vertex of α if the first derivative of the Darboux vector $D(s)$ is vanishing at that point [3].

Theorem 4. Let α be a non-null curve of osculating order 5 in \mathbb{L}^5 , with Frenet curvatures k_1, k_2, k_4 and harmonic curvatures H_1, H_2 . Let us denote

$$a_0 = \frac{k_1 k_4}{H_1},$$

$$a_1 = \varepsilon_1 H_1 k_2 k_4,$$

$$a_2 = \varepsilon_1 \frac{H'_1}{H_2} k_1,$$

where $H_1 \neq 0$, $H_2 \neq 0$, $\varepsilon_1 = \langle V_1, V_1 \rangle = \pm 1$.

Proof. By using definition of harmonic curvature, we get the result.

The following theorem is true.

Theorem 5. Let $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{L}^5$ be a non-null curve of osculating order 5. Then

$$H_1 = \varepsilon_1 \frac{a_1}{a_0}, \quad a_0 \neq 0,$$

$$H_2 = \varepsilon_1 \frac{a_0 H_1 H_1'}{a_2 k_4}, \quad a_2 \neq 0, \quad k_4 \neq 0,$$

where H_1, H_2 are harmonic curvatures of α , k_4 is Frenet curvature of α , $\varepsilon_1 = \langle V_1, V_1 \rangle = \pm 1$ and $a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. By the use of a previous theorem, we obtain the theorem.

Corollary 4. (i) If the vector V_1 is space-like, then

$$H_1 = \frac{a_1}{a_0}, \quad a_0 \neq 0,$$

$$H_2 = \frac{a_0 H_1 H_1'}{a_2 k_4}, \quad a_2 \neq 0, \quad k_4 \neq 0.$$

(ii) If the vector V_1 is time-like, then

$$H_1 = -\frac{a_1}{a_0}, \quad a_0 \neq 0,$$

$$H_2 = -\frac{a_0 H_1 H_1'}{a_2 k_4}, \quad a_2 \neq 0, \quad k_4 \neq 0.$$

Theorem 6. Let α be a non-null curve of osculating order 5 in \mathbb{L}^5 , with Frenet curvatures k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 . Then the curve α has a Darboux vertex at point $\alpha(s)$ if and only if

$$\varepsilon_i \left(\frac{k_i}{k_{i+1}} \right)' = 0, \quad k_{i+1} \neq 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 3,$$

where $\varepsilon_i = \langle V_i, V_i \rangle = \pm 1$.

Corollary 5. (i) If the vector V_1 is space-like, then

$$(H_1)' = 0.$$

(ii) If the vector V_1 is time-like, then

$$-(H_1)' = 0.$$

Corollary 6. If $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{L}^5$ has a Darboux vertex at the point $\alpha(s_0)$, then α is a general helix of order 3 [3].

4. ccr-Curve in \mathbb{L}^5 .

Definition 7. A curve $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{L}^5$ is said to have constant curvature ratios (that is to say, it is a ccr-curve) if all the quotients $\varepsilon_i \left(\frac{k_{i+1}}{k_i} \right)$ are constant, $k_i \neq 0$. Here, $k_i, k_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq 3$, are Frenet curvatures of α , and $\varepsilon_i = \langle V_i, V_i \rangle = \pm 1, 1 \leq i \leq 3$.

Theorem 7. (i) For $i = 1$, the ccr-curve is $\frac{a_1}{a_0(H_1)^2}$.

(ii) For $i = 2$, the ccr-curve is $\varepsilon_1 \frac{a_2 H_1}{(k_1)^2}$.

(iii) For $i = 3$, the ccr-curve is $\varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_3 \frac{a_0 H_2}{k_2 H_1'}$.

Here H_1, H_2 are harmonic curvatures of α ; k_1, k_2 are Frenet curvatures of α ; $\varepsilon_i = \langle V_i, V_i \rangle = \pm 1, 1 \leq i \leq 3$, and $a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. The proof can be easily seen by using the definitions of the harmonic curvature and ccr-curve.

Corollary 7. (i) If the vector V_1 is space-like, then the ccr-curve is $\frac{a_2 H_1}{(k_1)^2}$, where $\varepsilon_1 = 1$.

(ii) If the vector V_1 is time-like, then the ccr-curve is $-\frac{a_2 H_1}{(k_1)^2}$, where $\varepsilon_1 = -1$.

(iii) If the vectors V_2, V_3 are space-like, then the ccr-curve is $\frac{a_0 H_2}{k_2 H_1'}$, where $\varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_3 = 1$.

(iv) If the vector V_2 is time-like, then the ccr-curve is $-\frac{a_0 H_2}{k_2 H_1'}$, where $\varepsilon_2 = -1$ and $\varepsilon_3 = 1$.

(v) If the vector V_3 is time-like, then the ccr-curve is $-\frac{a_0 H_2}{k_2 H_1'}$, where $\varepsilon_3 = -1$ and $\varepsilon_2 = 1$.

Corollary 8. α is a ccr-curve in $\mathbb{L}^5 \Leftrightarrow \varepsilon_1 (H_1)^{-1} = \text{constant}$.

Corollary 9. For $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{L}^5$ curve, we have

$$\varepsilon_i \left(\frac{k_i}{k_{i+1}} \right)' = \varepsilon_i \left(\frac{k_{i+1}}{k_i} \right), \quad 1 \leq i \leq 3,$$

that is the Darboux vertex is equal to the constant curvature ratio.

Now, we will calculate Darboux vector and Darboux vertex of the unit speed time-like curve in \mathbb{L}^5 studied in [5].

5. An example.

Example 1. Let us consider the following curve:

$$\alpha(s) = \left(\sqrt{3} \sinh s, \sqrt{3} \cosh s, \sin s, s, \cos s \right),$$

$$V_1(s) = \alpha'(s) = \left(\sqrt{3} \cosh s, \sqrt{3} \sinh s, \cos s, 1, -\sin s \right),$$

where $\langle \alpha'(s), \alpha'(s) \rangle = -1$. One can easily see that $\alpha(s)$ is an unit speed time-like curve. We express the following differentiations:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha''(s) &= \left(\sqrt{3} \sinh s, \sqrt{3} \cosh s, -\sin s, 0, -\cos s \right) \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \alpha'''(s) &= \left(\sqrt{3} \cosh s, \sqrt{3} \sinh s, -\cos s, 0, \sin s \right) \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \alpha^{iv}(s) &= \left(\sqrt{3} \sinh s, \sqrt{3} \cosh s, \sin s, 0, \cos s \right) \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \alpha^v(s) &= \left(\sqrt{3} \cosh s, \sqrt{3} \sinh s, \cos s, 0, -\sin s \right). \end{aligned}$$

So, we have the first curvature as

$$\|\alpha''(s)\| = k_1(s) = 2.$$

Moreover we can write second, third, fourth and fifth Frenet vectors of the curve, respectively,

$$V_2(s) = \varepsilon_2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sinh s, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cosh s, -\frac{1}{2} \sin s, 0, -\frac{1}{2} \cos s \right),$$

$$V_3(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \left(-3\sqrt{3} \cosh s, -3\sqrt{3} \sinh s, -5 \cos s, -4, 5 \sin s \right),$$

$$V_4(s) = \mu \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sinh s, -\frac{1}{2} \cosh s, -\frac{3}{2} \sin s, 0, -\frac{3}{2} \cos s \right)$$

and

$$V_5(s) = \mu \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \cosh s, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \sinh s, \sqrt{\frac{3}{14}} \cos s, -\sqrt{\frac{2}{7}}, -\sqrt{\frac{3}{14}} \sin s \right),$$

where μ is taken ∓ 1 to make $+1$ determinant of $\{V_1(s), V_2(s), V_3(s), V_4(s), V_5(s)\}$ matrix. In addition to, we can write second, third, fourth curvatures and harmonic curvature of $\alpha(s)$, respectively,

$$k_2(s) = \sqrt{14}, \quad k_3(s) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{14}}, \quad k_4(s) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{7}}, \quad H_1 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}},$$

$$a_0 = 2, \quad a_1 = \varepsilon_1 \left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{7}} \right), \quad a_2 = 0.$$

Now, we will calculate ccr-curves of $\alpha(s)$ in \mathbb{L}^5 . If the vector V_1 is time-like, then $\mu = 1$, $\varepsilon_1 = -1$ and $\varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_3 = 1$

$$\varepsilon_1 \frac{k_2}{k_1} = -\frac{\sqrt{14}}{2} = \text{constant}, \quad \varepsilon_2 \frac{k_3}{k_2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{14} = \text{constant} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_3 \frac{k_4}{k_3} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = \text{constant}.$$

Thus, $\alpha(s)$ is a ccr-curve in \mathbb{L}^5 . Also, we obtain, respectively, Darboux vector and Darboux vertex of $\alpha(s)$ in \mathbb{L}^5 ,

(i) If the vector V_1 is time-like, then $\mu = 1$, $\varepsilon_1 = -1$ and $\varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_3 = 1$,

$$D(s) = \left(\frac{20\sqrt{3}}{7} \cosh s, \frac{20\sqrt{3}}{7} \sinh s, \frac{24}{7} \cos s, \frac{22}{7}, -\frac{24}{7} \sin s \right)$$

and

$$D'(s) = \left(\frac{20\sqrt{3}}{7} \sinh s, \frac{20\sqrt{3}}{7} \cosh s, -\frac{24}{7} \sin s, 0, -\frac{24}{7} \cos s \right).$$

(ii) If the vector V_1 is time-like, then Darboux vector and Darboux vertex are as in (i) when $\mu = -1$, $\varepsilon_1 = -1$ and $\varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_3 = 1$, since $a_2 = 0$.

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