

ON THE GENERALIZED B-SCROLLS WITH Pth DEGREE
IN n-DIMENSIONAL MINKOWSKI SPACES AND
STRICTION (CENTRAL) SPACES

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, generalized b-scrolls with pth degree are introduced in the n-dimensional Minkowski space R_1^n . Asymptotic bundle and tangential bundle are defined. In the case of space-like or time-like Frenet vectors, the equation of central space is computed.

Keywords: B-scroll, time-like, ruled surfaces, central spaces.

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STRİKSİYON(MERKEZ) UZAYLAR

ÖZET

Bu çalışmada, n-boyutlu Minkowski uzayında, p.mertebeden b-scrollar tanımlandı. Asimptotik ve teğetsel demetler yardımı ile Frenet vektörlerinin space-like veya time-like olması durumlarında oluşan merkez uzayın denklemini ifade edildi.

Anahtar Kelimeler: B-scroll, time-like, regle yüzeyler, merkez uzaylar

1. INTRODUCTION

First of all b-scrolls were introduced in the 3-dimensional Minkowski space R_1^3 , [1] and [2]. For an integer q with $0 < q < n$, changing the first plus signs above to minus gives a metric tensor

$$\langle v_p, w_p \rangle = -\sum_{i=1}^q v^i w^i + \sum_{j=q+1}^n v^j w^j$$

of index q . The resulting semi-Euclidean space R_q^n reduces to R^n if $q=0$. For $n > 2$, R_1^n is called Minkowski n -space [3]. In the n -dimensional Minkowski space R_1^n , lorentz metric is

$$\langle v_p, w_p \rangle = -v^1 w^1 + \sum_{j=2}^n v^j w^j$$

In the n -dimensional semi-euclidean space R_q^n , if the Frenet vectors of curve $\eta(I)$ with arc length t are V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r , the Frenet formulas can be given by the following equations

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_1 &= k_1 V_2 \\ &\vdots \\ \dot{V}_j &= -\varepsilon_{j-2} \varepsilon_{j-1} k_{j-1} V_{j-1} + k_j V_{j+1} \\ &\vdots \\ \dot{V}_r &= -\varepsilon_{r-2} \varepsilon_{r-1} k_{r-1} V_{r-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Here $\varepsilon_{i-1} = \langle V_i, V_i \rangle$ and $i \geq r$ for $k_i \neq 0$, [4] and [5].

In the n -dimensional Minkowski space, since the index q is 1, only one of the $\varepsilon_{i-1} = \langle V_i, V_i \rangle, 1 < i < r$, will take the value -1 . Here, since $\eta(I)$ is time-like curve, then V_1 is a time-like vector. Hence, only $\varepsilon_0 = -1$. As V_2, V_3, \dots, V_r are space-like, then $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_3 = \dots = \varepsilon_{r-1} = +1$.

If V_1 is a time-like vector, then the Frenet formulas can be given by the following matrix form,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_1 \\ \dot{V}_2 \\ \dot{V}_3 \\ \dot{V}_4 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{V}_{r-2} \\ \dot{V}_{r-1} \\ \dot{V}_r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & k_2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & & & & \\ k_1 & 0 & k_2 & 0 & \ddots & & & & \\ 0 & -k_2 & 0 & k_3 & \ddots & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & -k_3 & 0 & \ddots & & & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & & & \\ & & & & & 0 & k_{r-2} & 0 & \\ & & & & & -k_{r-2} & 0 & k_{r-1} & \\ 0 & \dots & & & & 0 & -k_{r-1} & 0 & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \\ V_4 \\ \vdots \\ V_{r-2} \\ V_{r-1} \\ V_r \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly, if V_2 is a time-like vector, then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_1 \\ \dot{V}_2 \\ \dot{V}_3 \\ \dot{V}_4 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{V}_{r-2} \\ \dot{V}_{r-1} \\ \dot{V}_r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & k_2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & & & & \\ k_1 & 0 & k_2 & 0 & \ddots & & & & \\ 0 & k_2 & 0 & k_3 & \ddots & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & -k_3 & 0 & \ddots & & & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & & & \\ & & & & & 0 & k_{r-2} & 0 & \\ & & & & & -k_{r-2} & 0 & k_{r-1} & \\ 0 & \dots & & & & 0 & -k_{r-1} & 0 & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \\ V_4 \\ \vdots \\ V_{r-2} \\ V_{r-1} \\ V_r \end{bmatrix}$$

is the matrix form of the Frenet formulas. Similarly, for each time-like vector V_i , matrix form of the Frenet formulas can be obtained.

Definition 1. In the n – dimensional Minkowski space R_1^n , $\eta(I)$ is a time-like curve with arc length t . If the Frenet vectors are $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r\}$, then

$$Sp \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_p\}; \quad p < r < n$$

is the time-like oskulator space with p th degree. In this case,

$$\varphi(t, u_{p+1}, u_{p+2}, \dots, u_r) = \eta(t) + \sum_{j=p+1}^r u_j V_j(t)$$

is the parametrization of generalized b – scroll with p^{th} degree. The directrix

of this generalized b -scroll with p^{th} degree, is the time-like curve $\eta(I)$. That is $\dot{\eta}(t) = V_1$ is a time-like vector. The space-like generating space of generalized b -scroll with p^{th} degree has span with subvectors

$$V_{p+1}, V_{p+2}, \dots, V_r.$$

Since this generating space is $(r-p)$ -dimensional, it can be shown by E_{r-p} . The dimension of this special surface b-scroll is $(r-p)+1$.

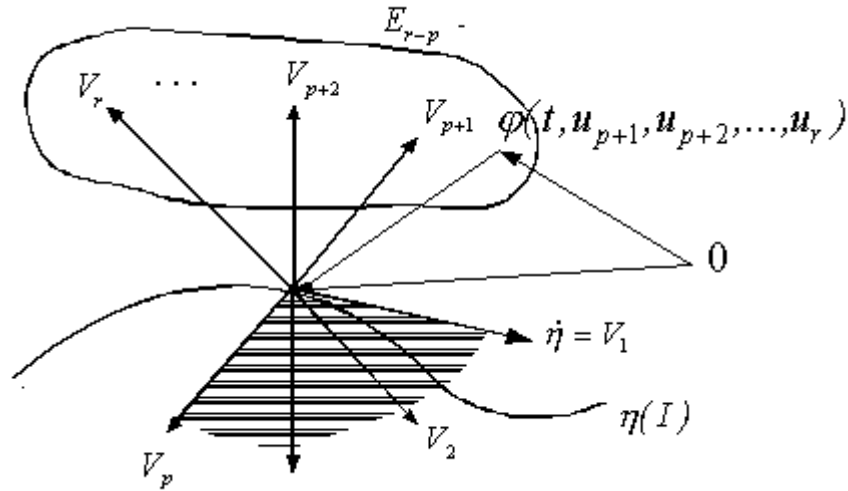


Figure 1: The generalized b-scrolls with p^{th} degree.

Let M be this surface whose ordered basis tangent vectors at the point $\eta(t)$ are given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_t &= \dot{\eta}(t) + \sum_{j=p+1}^r u_j \dot{V}_j(t) = V_1 + \sum_{j=p+1}^r u_j \dot{V}_j(t) \\ \varphi_{u_{p+1}} &= V_{p+1} \\ \varphi_{u_{p+2}} &= V_{p+2} \\ &\vdots \\ \varphi_{u_r} &= V_r.\end{aligned}$$

Definition 2. In the n -dimensional Minkowski space R_1^n , the asymptotic bundle, [6], of generalized b -scroll with p^{th} degree, is denoted by

$$A(t) = \text{Sp} \{ \dot{V}_{p+1}, V_{p+2}, \dots, V_r, \dot{V}_{p+1}, \dot{V}_{p+2}, \dots, \dot{V}_r \}.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}_{p+1} &= -k_p V_p + k_{p+1} V_{p+2} \\ \dot{V}_{p+2} &= -k_{p+1} V_{p+1} + k_{p+2} V_{p+3} \\ &\vdots\end{aligned}$$

Then only the vector \dot{V}_{p+1} is linearly independent from vectors $V_{p+1}, V_{p+2}, \dots, V_r$. On the other hand, the vectors $\dot{V}_{p+2}, \dots, \dot{V}_r$ are dependent on the vectors $V_{p+1}, V_{p+2}, \dots, V_r$. All these vectors are space-like vectors.

$$\{ \dot{V}_p, V_{p+1}, V_{p+2}, \dots, V_r \}$$

is an orthonormal basis of $A(t)$ and $\dim A(t) = r - p + 1$. The asymptotic bundle $A(t)$ is space-like because, unique time-like vector V_1 of Frenet vectors is not an element of $A(t)$.

Definition 3. In the n -dimensional Minkowski space R_1^n , denote the tangential bundle, [6], of the generalized b -scroll with p^{th} degree, by

$$T(t) = \text{Sp} \{ \dot{V}_{p+1}, V_{p+2}, \dots, V_r, \dot{V}_{p+1}, \dot{V}_{p+2}, \dots, \dot{V}_r, \dot{\eta} \}.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_{p+1} &= -k_p V_p + k_{p+1} V_{p+2} \\ \dot{V}_{p+2} &= -k_{p+1} V_{p+1} + k_{p+2} V_{p+3} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

only the two vectors $\dot{\eta} = V_1$ and \dot{V}_{p+1} are independent from vectors $V_{p+1}, V_{p+2}, \dots, V_r$. The vectors $\dot{V}_{p+2}, \dots, \dot{V}_r$ are dependent on the vectors $V_{p+1}, V_{p+2}, \dots, V_r$. The vectors $V_{p+1}, V_{p+2}, \dots, V_r$ are space-like, but $\dot{\eta} = V_1$ is time-like.

$$\{V_1, V_p, V_{p+1}, V_{p+2}, \dots, V_r\}$$

is the orthonormal basis vectors of $T(t)$ and $\dim T(t) = r - p + 2$. $T(t)$ is time-like because, the time-like vector V_1 is an element of $T(t)$.

Definition 4. In the n -dimensional Minkowski space R_1^n , since $\dim A(t) \neq \dim T(t)$, the generalized b -scroll with p^{th} degree and with time-like directrix, has not an edge space but, there is a striction (central) space, [6]. The dimension of this striction (central) space is $\lfloor n - p \rfloor$. Vectors V_{p+i} , for $1 < i$, are space-like thus we can calculate the striction space as in the Euclidean space. That is, the position vectors of the striction space are the solutions of the differential equation system, which has the following matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u}_{p+1} \\ \dot{u}_{p+2} \\ \dot{u}_{p+3} \\ \vdots \\ \dot{u}_{r-2} \\ \dot{u}_{r-1} \\ \dot{u}_r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & k_{p+1} & 0 & \dots & & & \\ -k_{p+1} & 0 & k_{p+2} & \ddots & & & \\ 0 & -k_{p+2} & 0 & \ddots & & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & & & \\ & & & & 0 & k_{r-2} & 0 \\ & & & & -k_{r-2} & 0 & k_{r-1} \\ 0 & \dots & & & 0 & -k_{r-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{p+1} \\ u_{p+2} \\ u_{p+3} \\ \vdots \\ u_{r-2} \\ u_{r-1} \\ u_r \end{bmatrix} \quad (1).$$

Corollary: In the n -dimensional Minkowski space R_1^n , if one of the vectors

$V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots, V_p$ is time-like, the position vectors of the striction space of the generalized b -scroll with p^{th} degree will be the same with the solutions of the equation system which has the matrix form given above (1).

Definition 5. In the n -dimensional Minkowski space R_1^n , $\eta(I)$ is a space-like curve with arc length t . If $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r\}$ are the Frenet vectors, then

$$Sp \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_p\}; \quad p < r < n$$

is the space-like osculator space with p^{th} degree. In this case,

$$\varphi(t, u_{p+1}, u_{p+2}, \dots, u_r) = \eta(t) + \sum_{j=p+1}^r u_j V_j(t)$$

is the parametrization of generalized b -scroll with p^{th} degree. The directrix of this generalized b -scroll with p^{th} degree, is the space-like curve $\eta(I)$, that is $\dot{\eta}(t) = V_1$ a space-like vector.

$$E_{r-p} = Sp \{V_{p+1}, V_{p+2}, \dots, V_r\}$$

is the time-like generating space of the generalized b -scroll with p^{th} degree. Only one of the vectors $V_{p+1}, V_{p+2}, \dots, V_r$ is a time-like vector, since the index q is 1.

First of all, let V_{p+1} be a time-like vector. It means that

$$\varepsilon_p = \langle V_{p+1}, V_{p+1} \rangle = -1 \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_{p+1} = \langle V_{p+2}, V_{p+2} \rangle, \dots, \varepsilon_{r-1} = \langle V_r, V_r \rangle = 1.$$

According to the definitions of the asymptotic bundle and the tangential bundle of generalized b -scroll with p^{th} degree,

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{V}_p &= -\varepsilon_{p-2}\varepsilon_{p-1}k_{p-1}V_{p-1} + k_p V_{p+1} \\
\dot{V}_{p+1} &= -\varepsilon_{p-1}\varepsilon_p k_p V_p + k_{p+1} V_{p+2} \\
&= k_p V_p + k_{p+1} V_{p+2} \\
\dot{V}_{p+2} &= -\varepsilon_p \varepsilon_{p+1} k_{p+1} V_{p+1} + k_{p+2} V_{p+3} \\
&= k_{p+1} V_{p+1} + k_{p+2} V_{p+3} \\
\dot{V}_{p+3} &= -\varepsilon_{p+1} \varepsilon_{p+2} k_{p+2} V_{p+2} + k_{p+3} V_{p+4} \\
&= -k_{p+2} V_{p+2} + k_{p+3} V_{p+4} \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned}$$

are obtained by using Frenet formulas. If V_{p+1} is time-like, then only first terms of vectors \dot{V}_{p+1} and \dot{V}_{p+2} will change their signs. However, other signs will not change.

$p(t)$ is any curve family with equation

$$p(t) = \eta(t) + \sum_{j=p+1}^r u_j(t) V_j(t)$$

and it has the derivative

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{p}(t) &= \dot{\eta} + \sum_{j=p+1}^r \dot{u}_j V_j + \sum_{j=p+1}^r u_j \dot{V}_j \\
&= V_1 + \sum_{j=p+1}^r \dot{u}_j V_j + \sum_{j=p+1}^{r-1} u_j \left(\varepsilon_{j-2} \varepsilon_{j-1} k_{j-1} V_{j-1} + k_j V_{j+1} \right) - \varepsilon_{r-2} \varepsilon_{r-1} u_r k_{r-1} V_{r-1} \\
&= V_1 + \sum_{j=p+1}^r \dot{u}_j V_j - \varepsilon_{j-2} \varepsilon_{j-1} \sum_{j=p+1}^{r-1} u_j k_{j-1} V_{j-1} + \sum_{j=p+1}^{r-1} u_j k_j V_{j+1} - \varepsilon_{r-2} \varepsilon_{r-1} u_r k_{r-1} V_{r-1} \\
&= V_1 + \dot{u}_{p+1} V_{p+1} + \dot{u}_{p+2} V_{p+2} + \dot{u}_{p+3} V_{p+3} + \dots + \dot{u}_{r-2} V_{r-2} + \dot{u}_{r-1} V_{r-1} + \dot{u}_r V_r \\
&\quad + u_{p+1} k_p V_p + u_{p+2} k_{p+1} V_{p+1} - u_{p+3} k_{p+2} V_{p+2} - u_{p+4} k_{p+3} V_{p+3} - \dots \\
&\quad - u_{r-2} k_{r-3} V_{r-3} - u_{r-1} k_{r-2} V_{r-2} + u_{p+1} k_{p+1} V_{p+2} + u_{p+2} k_{p+2} V_{p+3} + \dots \\
&\quad + u_{r-3} k_{r-3} V_{r-2} + u_{r-2} k_{r-2} V_{r-1} + u_{r-1} k_{r-1} V_r - u_r k_{r-1} V_{r-1} \\
&= V_1 + u_{p+1} k_p V_p + \left(\varepsilon_{p+1} + u_{p+2} k_{p+1} \right) \tilde{V}_{p+1} + \left(\varepsilon_{p+2} + u_{p+1} k_{p+1} - u_{p+3} k_{p+2} \right) \tilde{V}_{p+2} \\
&\quad + \left(\varepsilon_{p+3} + u_{p+2} k_{p+2} - u_{p+4} k_{p+3} \right) \tilde{V}_{p+3} + \dots + \left(\varepsilon_{r-2} + u_{r-3} k_{r-3} - u_{r-1} k_{r-2} \right) \tilde{V}_{r-2} \\
&\quad + \left(\varepsilon_{r-1} + u_{r-2} k_{r-2} - u_r k_{r-1} \right) \tilde{V}_{r-1} + \left(\varepsilon_r + u_{r-1} k_{r-1} \right) \tilde{V}_r.
\end{aligned}$$

If there exist a common perpendicular to two constructive rullings in the

skew surface , then the foot of common perpendicular on the main ruling is called the central point. The locus of central points is called the striction space,[7].

Under the condition of orthonormalizm , the solution vectors u of the equation

$$\left\langle \dot{\mathbf{p}}(t), \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=p+1}^r \mathbf{u}_i(t) \mathbf{V}_i(t) \right] \right\rangle = 0$$

are the position vectors of the striction space. This equation implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle \mathbf{u}_{p+1} k_p \vec{\mathbf{e}}_p - \mathbf{u}_{p+1} + u_{p+2} k_{p+1} \vec{\mathbf{e}}_{p+1} + \mathbf{u}_{p+2} + u_{p+1} k_{p+1} - u_{p+3} k_{p+2} \vec{\mathbf{e}}_{p+2} \right. \\ & + \left. \mathbf{u}_{p+3} + u_{p+2} k_{p+2} - u_{p+4} k_{p+3} \vec{\mathbf{e}}_{p+3} + \dots + \mathbf{u}_{r-2} + u_{r-3} k_{r-3} - u_{r-1} k_{r-2} \vec{\mathbf{e}}_{r-2} \right. \\ & + \left. \mathbf{u}_{r-1} + u_{r-2} k_{r-2} - u_r k_{r-1} \vec{\mathbf{e}}_{r-1} + \mathbf{u}_r + u_{r-1} k_{r-1} \vec{\mathbf{e}}_r \right\rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

If $u_{p+1} k_p = 0$, then, $u_{p+1} \neq 0$ then $k_p = 0$ or if $k_p \neq 0$ and $u_{p+1} = 0$. In the other terms, we can continue on the similiar way. Let assume that all of the curvatures k_i be different from zero. In this condition , if $u_{p+1} = 0$, we can take $\dot{u}_{p+1} = 0$, $u_{p+2} = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{u}_{p+2} = 0 \Rightarrow u_{p+3} = 0 \Rightarrow \dots$ So, the space-like directrix $\eta(I)$ of this generalized b – scroll with p^{th} degree, is the striction space. Under the special condition

$$\dot{u}_{p+1} + u_{p+2} k_{p+1} = 0$$

we can solve the differential equation system. Using the equations

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}_{p+1} &= -k_{p+1} u_{p+2} \\ \dot{u}_{p+2} &= k_{p+2} u_{p+3} - k_{p+1} u_{p+1} \\ \dot{u}_{p+3} &= k_{p+3} u_{p+4} - k_{p+2} u_{p+2} \\ &\vdots \\ \dot{u}_{r-2} &= k_{r-2} u_{r-1} - k_{r-3} u_{r-3} \\ \dot{u}_{r-1} &= k_{r-1} u_r - k_{r-2} u_{r-2} \\ \dot{u}_r &= -k_{r-1} u_{r-1} \end{aligned}$$

we can obtain Lyapunov matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u}_{p+1} \\ \dot{u}_{p+2} \\ \dot{u}_{p+3} \\ \vdots \\ \dot{u}_{r-1} \\ \dot{u}_r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -k_{p+1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ -k_{p+1} & 0 & k_{p+2} & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & -k_{p+2} & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & k_{r-1} \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & -k_{r-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{p+1} \\ u_{p+2} \\ u_{p+3} \\ \vdots \\ u_{r-1} \\ u_r \end{bmatrix} .$$

That is, the position vectors of the striction space are the solutions of the homogeneous differential equation

$$\dot{U}(t) = A(t)U(t).$$

In further studies, it is possible to seek for other solutions, except these special solutions.

Now let V_{p+2} be a time-like vector, in the time-like generating space E_{r-p} of generalized b -scroll with p^{th} degree. It means that

$$\varepsilon_{p+1} = \langle V_{p+2}, V_{p+2} \rangle = -1$$

and

$$\varepsilon_p = \langle V_{p+1}, V_{p+1} \rangle = 1, \varepsilon_{p+2} = \langle V_{p+3}, V_{p+3} \rangle = 1, \dots, \varepsilon_{r-1} = \langle V_r, V_r \rangle = 1$$

are obtained. According to the definitions of the asymptotic bundle and the tangential bundle of generalized b -scroll with p^{th} degree,

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{V}_{p+1} &= -\varepsilon_{p-1}\varepsilon_p k_p V_p + k_{p+1} V_{p+2} \\
&= -k_p V_p + k_{p+1} V_{p+2} \\
\dot{V}_{p+2} &= -\varepsilon_p \varepsilon_{p+1} k_{p+1} V_{p+1} + k_{p+2} V_{p+3} \\
&= k_{p+1} V_{p+1} + k_{p+2} V_{p+3} \\
\dot{V}_{p+3} &= -\varepsilon_{p+1} \varepsilon_{p+2} k_{p+2} V_{p+2} + k_{p+3} V_{p+4} \\
&= k_{p+2} V_{p+2} + k_{p+3} V_{p+4} \\
\dot{V}_{p+4} &= -\varepsilon_{p+2} \varepsilon_{p+3} k_{p+3} V_{p+3} + k_{p+4} V_{p+5} \\
&= -k_{p+3} V_{p+3} + k_{p+4} V_{p+5} \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned}$$

are obtained by using Frenet formulas. It is obvious that, if V_{p+2} is time-like, then only the first terms of vectors \dot{V}_{p+2} and \dot{V}_{p+3} will change their signatures. The others will not change.

$p(t)$ is any curve family with equation

$$p(t) = \eta(t) + \sum_{j=p+1}^r u_j(t) V_j(t)$$

and it has the differential form

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{p}(t) &= V_1 - u_{p+1} k_p V_p + \dot{u}_{p+1} + u_{p+2} k_{p+1} V_{p+1} + \dot{u}_{p+2} + u_{p+1} k_{p+1} + u_{p+3} k_{p+2} V_{p+2} \\
&+ \dot{u}_{p+3} + u_{p+2} k_{p+2} - u_{p+4} k_{p+3} V_{p+3} + \dots + \dot{u}_{r-2} + u_{r-3} k_{r-3} - u_{r-1} k_{r-2} V_{r-2} \\
&+ \dot{u}_{r-1} + u_{r-2} k_{r-2} - u_r k_{r-1} V_{r-1} + \dot{u}_r + u_{r-1} k_{r-1} V_r.
\end{aligned}$$

Under the condition of orthonormalism, the solution vectors u of the equation

$$\left\langle \dot{p}(t), \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=p+1}^r u_i(t) V_i(t) \right] \right\rangle = 0$$

are the position vectors of the striction curve (space). This equation implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \left(u_{p+1} k_p \right) + \left(u_{p+1} + u_{p+2} k_{p+1} \right) - \left(u_{p+2} + u_{p+1} k_{p+1} + u_{p+3} k_{p+2} \right) \\
& + \left(u_{p+3} + u_{p+2} k_{p+2} - u_{p+4} k_{p+3} \right) + \dots + \left(u_{r-2} + u_{r-3} k_{r-3} - u_{r-1} k_{r-2} \right) \\
& + \left(u_{r-1} + u_{r-2} k_{r-2} - u_r k_{r-1} \right) + \left(u_r + u_{r-1} k_{r-1} \right) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

If $u_{p+1} k_p = 0$, then $u_{p+1} \neq 0$ then, $k_p = 0$ or if $k_p \neq 0$ and $u_{p+1} = 0$. In the other terms we can continue on the similar way. Let assume that all of the curvatures k_i be different from zero. In this condition, if $u_{p+1} = 0$, we can take $\dot{u}_{p+1} = 0$, $u_{p+2} = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{u}_{p+2} = 0 \Rightarrow u_{p+3} = 0 \Rightarrow \dots$. So, the space-like directrix $\eta(I)$ of this generalized b -scroll with p th degree, is the striction space.

Under the special condition

$$\dot{u}_{p+2} + u_{p+1} k_{p+1} + u_{p+3} k_{p+2} = 0$$

we can solve the differential equation system. Using the equations

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{u}_{p+1} &= -k_{p+1} u_{p+2} \\
\dot{u}_{p+2} &= -k_{p+1} u_{p+1} - k_{p+2} u_{p+3} \\
\dot{u}_{p+3} &= k_{p+3} u_{p+4} - k_{p+2} u_{p+2} \\
&\vdots \\
\dot{u}_{r-2} &= k_{r-2} u_{r-1} - k_{r-3} u_{r-3} \\
\dot{u}_{r-1} &= k_{r-1} u_r - k_{r-2} u_{r-2} \\
\dot{u}_r &= -k_{r-1} u_{r-1}
\end{aligned}$$

we can obtain Lyapunov matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u}_{p+1} \\ \dot{u}_{p+2} \\ \dot{u}_{p+3} \\ \vdots \\ \dot{u}_{r-2} \\ \dot{u}_{r-1} \\ \dot{u}_r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -k_{p+1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -k_{p+1} & 0 & -k_{p+2} & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & -k_{p+2} & 0 & k_{p+3} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & -k_{p+3} & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & k_{r-2} & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & -k_{r-2} & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & -k_{r-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{p+1} \\ u_{p+2} \\ u_{p+3} \\ \vdots \\ u_{r-2} \\ u_{r-1} \\ u_r \end{bmatrix}$$

That is, the position vectors of the striction space are the solutions of the

homogeneous differential equation

$$\dot{U}(t) = A(t)U(t).$$

In further studies, it is possible to seek for the other solutions, except these special solutions.

Finally, let V_r be the time-like vector of the time-like generating space E_{r-p} of generalized b -scroll with p th degree. It means that

$$\varepsilon_{r-1} = \langle V_r, V_r \rangle = -1$$

and

$$\varepsilon_p = \langle V_{p+1}, V_{p+1} \rangle = 1, \varepsilon_{p+1} = \langle V_{p+2}, V_{p+2} \rangle = 1, \dots, \varepsilon_{r-2} = \langle V_{r-1}, V_{r-1} \rangle = 1$$

are obtained. According to the definitions of the asymptotic bundle and the tangential bundle of generalized b -scroll with p th degree,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_{r-1} &= -\varepsilon_{r-3}\varepsilon_{r-2}k_{r-2}V_{r-2} + k_{r-1}V_r \\ &= -k_{r-2}V_{r-2} + k_{r-1}V_r \\ \dot{V}_r &= -\varepsilon_{r-2}\varepsilon_{r-1}k_{r-1}V_{r-1} \\ &= k_{r-1}V_{r-1} \end{aligned}$$

are obtained by using Frenet formulas. It is obvious that, if V_r is time-like, then only \dot{V}_r will change its signature. The others will not change.

$p(t)$ is any curve family with equation

$$p(t) = \eta(t) + \sum_{j=p+1}^r u_j(t)V_j(t)$$

and it has the differential form

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{p}(t) &= V_1 - u_{p+1}k_p V_p + \mathcal{C}_{p+1} - u_{p+2}k_{p+1} \hat{V}_{p+1} + \mathcal{C}_{p+2} + u_{p+1}k_{p+1} - u_{p+3}k_{p+2} \hat{V}_{p+2} \\ &+ \mathcal{C}_{p+3} + u_{p+2}k_{p+2} - u_{p+4}k_{p+3} \hat{V}_{p+3} + \dots + \mathcal{C}_{r-2} + u_{r-3}k_{r-3} - u_{r-1}k_{r-2} \hat{V}_{r-2} \\ &+ \mathcal{C}_{r-1} + u_{r-2}k_{r-2} + u_r k_{r-1} \hat{V}_{r-1} + \mathcal{C}_r + u_{r-1}k_{r-1} \hat{V}_r. \end{aligned}$$

Under the condition of orthonormalism, the solution vectors u of the equation

$$\left\langle \dot{\mathbf{p}}(t), \frac{d}{dt} \left[\sum_{i=p+1}^r \mathbf{u}_i(t) \mathbf{V}_i(t) \right] \right\rangle = 0$$

are the position vectors of the striction curve (space). This equation implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{u}_{p+1} \mathbf{k}_p + \mathbf{u}_{p+1} - \mathbf{u}_{p+2} \mathbf{k}_{p+1} + \mathbf{u}_{p+2} + \mathbf{u}_{p+1} \mathbf{k}_{p+1} - \mathbf{u}_{p+3} \mathbf{k}_{p+2} \\ & + \mathbf{u}_{p+3} + \mathbf{u}_{p+2} \mathbf{k}_{p+2} - \mathbf{u}_{p+4} \mathbf{k}_{p+3} + \dots + \mathbf{u}_{r-2} + \mathbf{u}_{r-3} \mathbf{k}_{r-3} - \mathbf{u}_{r-1} \mathbf{k}_{r-2} \\ & + \mathbf{u}_{r-1} + \mathbf{u}_{r-2} \mathbf{k}_{r-2} + \mathbf{u}_r \mathbf{k}_{r-1} - \mathbf{u}_r + \mathbf{u}_{r-1} \mathbf{k}_{r-1} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

If $u_{p+1} k_p = 0$, then $u_{p+1} \neq 0$ then $k_p = 0$ or if $k_p \neq 0$ and $u_{p+1} = 0$. In the other terms we can continue on the similar way. Let assume that all of the curvatures k_i be different from zero. In this condition, if $u_{p+1} = 0$, we can take $\dot{u}_{p+1} = 0$, $u_{p+2} = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{u}_{p+2} = 0 \Rightarrow u_{p+3} = 0 \Rightarrow \dots$ So, the space-like directrix $\eta(I)$ of this generalized b -scroll with p th degree, is the striction space. Under the special condition.

$$\mathbf{u}_r + \mathbf{u}_{r-1} \mathbf{k}_{r-1} = 0$$

we can solve the differential equation system. Using the equations

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}_{p+1} &= k_{p+1} u_{p+2} \\ \dot{u}_{p+2} &= -k_{p+1} u_{p+1} + k_{p+2} u_{p+3} \\ \dot{u}_{p+3} &= -k_{p+2} u_{p+2} + k_{p+3} u_{p+4} \\ &\vdots \\ \dot{u}_{r-2} &= -k_{r-3} u_{r-3} + k_{r-2} u_{r-1} \\ \dot{u}_{r-1} &= -k_{r-1} u_r - k_{r-2} u_{r-2} \\ \dot{u}_r &= -k_{r-1} u_{r-1} \end{aligned}$$

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