On the striction curves of Mannheim Frenet ruled surfaces in $E^3$

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Abstract: In this paper we consider special ruled surfaces associated to Mannheim curve $\alpha$ and Mannheim partner $\alpha^*$, with $k_1 \neq 0$. They are called as Frenet ruled surface (FRS) and Mannheim Frenet ruled surfaces (MFRS), cause of their generators are the frenet vector fields of Mannheim curve pair $(\alpha, \alpha^*)$. First we give the tangent vector fields of the striction curves of Mannheim Frenet ruled surfaces in terms of the Frenet apparatus of Mannheim curve $\alpha$. Further we give only one matrix in which we can examine sixteen position of these tangent vector fields, such that we can say the conditions of perpendicularity of these tangent vector fields.

Keywords: Mannheim curve pair, striction curves, rules surfaces, Frenet ruled surface.

1 Introduction

A curve is called a Mannheim curve if and only if $\frac{k_1}{(k_1^2+k_2^2)}$ is a non-zero constant, $k_1$ is the curvature and $k_2$ is the torsion by A. Mannheim in 1878. Liu and Wang in [10] give a new definition as; if the principal normal vector of first curve and binormal vector of second curve are linearly dependent, then first curve is called Mannheim curve, and the second curve is called Mannheim partner curve. Also they called these new curves as Mannheim partner curve. Let $\alpha : I \rightarrow E^3$ be the $C^2$—class differentiable unit speed curve with the quantities $\{V_1, V_2, V_3, \dot{D}, k_1, k_2\}$ are collectively Frenet-Serret apparatus of the curve $\alpha : I \rightarrow E^3$. Where $\overline{D}(s) = \frac{k_2}{k_1}(s)V_1(s) + V_3(s)$ under the condition that $k_1 \neq 0$ is called the modified Darboux vector field of $\alpha$ [5]. Let $\alpha^* : I \rightarrow E^3$ be second curve and $\{V_1^*(s^*), V_2^*(s^*), V_3^*(s^*)\}$ be the Frenet frames of the curve $\alpha^*$. If the principal normal vector $V_2$ of the curve $\alpha$ is linearly dependent on the binormal vector $V_3^*(s^*)$ of the curve $\alpha^*$, then the pair $\{\alpha, \alpha^*\}$ is a Mannheim pair, so $\alpha$ is called a Mannheim curve and $\alpha^*$ called Mannheim partner curve of $\alpha$ where $\angle(V_1, V_1^*) = 0 \neq \pi/2$. Mannheim partner curve of $\alpha$ can be represented $\alpha^*(s) = \alpha^*(s^*) + \lambda(s^*)V_3^*(s^*)$ for some function $\lambda$, since $V_2$ and $V_3^*$ are linearly dependent, Equation can be rewritten as $\alpha^*(s) = \alpha(s) - \lambda V_2(s)$ [11], where $\lambda = -\frac{k_1}{k_1^2+k_2^2}$ is a non-zero constant. Frenet-Serret apparatus of Mannheim partner curve $\alpha^*$, based in Frenet-Serret vectors of Mannheim curve $\alpha$ are

$$V_1^* = \cos \theta V_1 - \sin \theta V_3, \ V_2^* = \sin \theta V_1 + \cos \theta V_3, \ V_3^* = V_2, \ \dot{D}^* = \frac{\sqrt{k_1^2+k_2^2}}{\theta^*} (\cos \theta V_1 - \sin \theta V_3) + V_2.$$
The curvature and the torsion have the following equalities, $k^*_1 = -\frac{d\theta}{ds} = -\frac{\theta'}{\cos \theta}$ and $k^*_2 = \frac{k_1}{\lambda k_2}$, we use dot to denote the derivative with respect to the arc length parameter of the curve $\alpha$. Also $\frac{ds}{ds'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda^2 k_2^2}} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$ [11]. Also we need the following equalities:

$$k^*_1 = \frac{k_1 \theta'}{\lambda k_2 \cos \theta}, \eta^* = k^*_1^2 + k^*_2^2 = \frac{\theta'^2 \lambda^2 k_2^2 \cos^2 \theta}{\lambda^2 k_2^2 \cos^2 \theta}, \gamma^* = \frac{k^*_1^2 + k^*_2^2}{\lambda^2 k_2^2 \theta' \cos \theta}.$$

### 2 Frenet ruled surface and Striction curves

A ruled surface is one which can be generated by the motion of a straight line in Euclidean $3$–space, [1]. Frenet ruled surface is one which can be generated by the motion of a Frenet vector of any curve in Euclidean $3$–space: We bring here the famous example of L. K. Graves, so called the B–scroll, in [3]. Involute B–scroll is defined and based on normal vector fields are examined in [6]. The differential geometric elements of the involute $\tilde{D}$ scroll are examined in [13]. The positions of normal vector fields of BFRS and their striction curves are examined in [7], [8]. Also in [12] Mannheim offsets of ruled surfaces are defined and characterized. In this subsection tangent, normal, binormal, Darboux ruled surfaces of any curve are called tangent ruled surface, normal ruled surface, binormal ruled surface, Darboux ruled surface, respectively in [2]. The striction point on a ruled surface $\varphi(s, v) = \alpha(s) + ve(s)$ is the foot of the common normal between two consecutive generators (or ruling). The set of striction points defines the striction curve given by

$$c(s) = \alpha(s) - \frac{\langle \alpha', e_r \rangle}{\langle e_r, e_r \rangle} e_r(s)$$

[1], [4]. The striction curves of four Frenet ruled surfaces is given by the following matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix}
  c_1 - \alpha \\
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\end{bmatrix} =
\begin{bmatrix}
  0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
  0 & k_1 & 0 & 0 \\
  0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 -k_2 & 0 & -1 & \frac{\lambda^2 k_2}{k_1}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
  V_1 \\
  V_2 \\
  V_3 \\
  V_4
\end{bmatrix}.$$

[9]. Tangent vector fields $T_1, T_2, T_3$ and $T_4$ of striction curves of Frenet ruled surfaces, respectively are given by

$$[T] = [A] \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \\ T_4 \end{bmatrix} =
\begin{bmatrix}
  1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
  a & b & c & 0 \\
  1 & 0 & 0 & d \\
  e & 0 & 0 & e
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
  V_1 \\
  V_2 \\
  V_3 \\
  V_4
\end{bmatrix},$$

$$a = \frac{k_2^2}{\eta ||e'_r(s)||}, b = \frac{\langle \frac{\lambda^2 k_2}{k_1}, e_r \rangle}{||e'_r(s)||}, c = \frac{k_1 k_2}{\eta ||e'_r(s)||}, d = \frac{\mu - \mu' - \frac{k_2^2}{k_1}}{\mu ||e'_r(s)||}, e = \frac{\mu' ||e'_r(s)||}{\mu ||e'_r(s)||},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
  V_1 \\
  V_2 \\
  V_3 \\
  V_4
\end{bmatrix}.$$
where $\eta = k_1^2 + k_2^2$ and $\mu = \left(\frac{k_1}{k_2}\right)'$ [8].

3 Mannheim Frenet ruled surfaces and striction curves

**Definition 1.** Let $\{\alpha^*, \alpha\}$ be Mannheim curve pair with $k_1 \neq 0$ and $k_2 \neq 0$. The equations of the ruled surfaces

$$
\phi_1^*(s^*, v_1) = \alpha^*(s) + v_1 V_1^*(s^*), \quad \phi_2^*(s^*, v_2) = \alpha^*(s) + v_2 V_2^*(s^*), \\
\phi_3^*(s^*, v_3) = \alpha^*(s) + v_3 V_3^*(s^*), \quad \phi_4^*(s^*, v_4) = \alpha^*(s) + v_4 V_4^*(s^*)
$$

are the parametrization of Frenet ruled surface of Mannheim partner $\alpha^*$. Further we can give the new definitions of these surfaces as in the following way; are called Mannheim tangent ruled surface, Mannheim normal ruled surface, Mannheim binormal ruled surface and Mannheim Darboux ruled surface respectively. They are collectively Mannheim Frenet ruled surface (MFRS).

**Theorem 1.** The equations of the striction curves of four Mannheim Frenet ruled surfaces along the Mannheim partner $\alpha^*$ in terms of Frenet apparatus of Mannheim curve $\alpha$

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
    c_1^* - \alpha \\
    c_2^* - \alpha \\
    c_3^* - \alpha \\
    c_4^* - \alpha
\end{bmatrix} =
\begin{bmatrix}
    0 & -\frac{\lambda^2 k_2^2 \theta' \cos \theta \sin \theta}{\lambda k_2^2 \theta^2 + k_1^2 \cos^2 \theta} & 0 & \frac{\lambda^2 k_2^2 \theta' \cos \theta}{\lambda k_2^2 \theta^2 + k_1^2 \cos^2 \theta} \\
    -\frac{k_1}{\lambda k_2^2 \theta^2 \beta'} \cos \theta & -\lambda & -\frac{k_1}{\lambda k_2^2 \theta^2 \beta'} \cos \theta & 0 \\
    -\frac{k_2}{\lambda k_2^2 \theta^2 \beta'} \sin \theta & -\lambda & -\frac{k_2}{\lambda k_2^2 \theta^2 \beta'} \sin \theta & 0 \\
    \left(\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right) \cos \theta & -\lambda & \left(\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right) \cos \theta & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
    V_1 \\
    V_2 \\
    V_3 \\
    V_4
\end{bmatrix}, \quad \beta = \frac{k_1 \cos \theta}{\lambda k_2 \theta'}.
$$

**Proof.** It is trivial that four the striction curves of four Frenet ruled surfaces along Mannheim partner curve $\alpha^*$ are

$$
c_1^* = \alpha(s) - \lambda V_2(s), \\
c_2^* = \alpha(s) + \frac{k_1^*}{(k_1^2 + k_2^2)} \sin \theta V_1 - \lambda V_2(s) + \frac{k_1^*}{(k_1^2 + k_2^2)} \cos \theta V_3, \\
c_3^* = \alpha(s) - \lambda V_2(s), \\
c_4^* = \alpha(s) - \frac{k_2^*}{k_1^*} \cos \theta V_1 - \left(\lambda + \frac{1}{k_2^*} \right) V_2 + \left(\frac{k_2^*}{k_1^*} \right) \sin \theta V_3.
$$

The striction curves of four Frenet ruled surfaces along the Mannheim partner $\alpha^*$ are given by the following matrix

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
    c_1^* - \alpha \\
    c_2^* - \alpha \\
    c_3^* - \alpha \\
    c_4^* - \alpha
\end{bmatrix} =
\begin{bmatrix}
    0 & -\frac{\lambda^2 k_2^2 \theta' \cos \theta \sin \theta}{\lambda k_2^2 \theta^2 + k_1^2 \cos^2 \theta} & 0 & \frac{\lambda^2 k_2^2 \theta' \cos \theta}{\lambda k_2^2 \theta^2 + k_1^2 \cos^2 \theta} \\
    -\frac{k_1}{\lambda k_2^2 \theta^2 \beta'} \cos \theta & -\lambda & -\frac{k_1}{\lambda k_2^2 \theta^2 \beta'} \cos \theta & 0 \\
    -\frac{k_2}{\lambda k_2^2 \theta^2 \beta'} \sin \theta & -\lambda & -\frac{k_2}{\lambda k_2^2 \theta^2 \beta'} \sin \theta & 0 \\
    \left(\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right) \cos \theta & -\lambda & \left(\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right) \cos \theta & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
    V_1 \\
    V_2 \\
    V_3 \\
    V_4
\end{bmatrix}, \quad \beta = \frac{k_1 \cos \theta}{\lambda k_2 \theta'}.
$$

by using $\frac{k_2^*}{k_1^*} = \frac{k_1 \cos \theta}{\lambda k_2 \theta'} = \beta$ and derivation $\left(\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right)' = \left(\frac{k_1 \cos \theta}{\lambda k_2 \theta'}\right)' \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta} = \mu^*$ we have the proof.
Proposition 1. Tangent vector fields $T_1^+, T_2^+, T_3^+, T_4^+$ of striction curves along Frenet ruled surface in terms of Frenet apparatus by themself are given by

$$[T^+] = \begin{bmatrix} T_1^+ \\ T_2^+ \\ T_3^+ \\ T_4^+ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a^* b^* c^* \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ d^* 0 e^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1^+ \\ V_2^+ \\ V_3^+ \end{bmatrix}. $$

$$a^* = \frac{k_2^2}{\eta^* ||c_2'(s)||^2}, b^* = \left(\frac{k_2^2}{\eta^* ||c_2'(s)||^2}\right)^t, c^* = \frac{k_1 k_2^*}{\eta^* ||c_2'(s)||^2}, d^* = \frac{\mu^* - \mu^* k_2^* k_1^*}{\mu^* ||c_4'(s)||^2},$$

and

$$[T] = [A][V] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ d & 0 & e \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{bmatrix}. $$

Theorem 2. The product of tangent vector fields $T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4$ and tangent vector fields $T_1^+, T_2^+, T_3^+, T_4^+$ of striction curves of FRS and MFRS are given in terms of Frenet apparatus by

$$[T][T^+]' = [A][V][(A^*)'[V^*]'] = [A][(V)[V^*]'[A^*]' \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ \cos \theta - c \sin \theta & \sin \theta \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ a \cos \theta - c \sin \theta & \sin \theta \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ a^* b^* c^* \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ d^* 0 e^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1^* \\ V_2^* \\ V_3^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ \cos \theta - c \sin \theta & \sin \theta \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ a^* b^* c^* \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ d^* 0 e^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{bmatrix}. $$

Proof. Let $[T] = [A][V]$ and $[T^+] = [A^*][V^*]$ hence

$$[T][T^+]' = [A][V][(A^*)'[V^*]'] = [A][(V)[V^*]'[A^*]' \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ \cos \theta - c \sin \theta & \sin \theta \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1^* \\ V_2^* \\ V_3^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ \cos \theta - c \sin \theta & \sin \theta \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{bmatrix}. $$

hence we have the proof. The matrix product of Frenet vector fields of the Mannheim partner curve $a^*$: Mannheim curve a has the following matrix form;

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \end{bmatrix}. $$

Proposition 2. The four pairs of Frenet ruled surface and Mannheim Frenet ruled surface have not striction curves with perpendicular tangent vector fields, these are; Tangent ruled surface and Mannheim tangent ruled surface, Tangent ruled surface and Mannheim binormal ruled surface, Binormal ruled surface and Mannheim tangent ruled surface, Binormal ruled surface and Mannheim binormal ruled surface.
Proposition 3. Normal ruled surface and Mannheim tangent ruled surface; Normal ruled surface and Mannheim binormal ruled surface have striction curves with perpendicular tangent vector fields if

$$\tan \theta = \frac{k_1}{k_2}.$$ 

Proposition 4. Darboux ruled surface and Mannheim tangent ruled surface and Darboux ruled surface and Mannheim binormal ruled surface have striction curves with perpendicular tangent vector fields if

$$\tan \theta = \frac{(\mu - k'_2)}{k'_2} \frac{\mu}{\mu'} \text{ where } (k'_2)'.$$

Proposition 5. Tangent ruled surface and Mannheim normal ruled surface; binormal ruled surface and Mannheim normal ruled surface of have striction curves with perpendicular tangent vector fields if

$$\tan \theta = \frac{-k_1^2 \cos^3 \theta}{(\lambda^2 k_2^2 \theta'^2 + k_1^2 \cos^2 \theta)^2}.$$ 

Theorem 3. Tangent ruled surface and Mannheim Darboux ruled surface; Binormal ruled surface and Mannheim Darboux ruled surface have striction curves with perpendicular tangent vector fields if

$$\frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta} - \left(\frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta}\right)' \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = 0; \cos \theta \neq 0, \text{ where } \beta = \frac{k_1 \cos \theta}{\lambda k_2 \cos \theta} = \frac{k_2}{k_1}.$$

Proof. Since $\langle T_1, (T_1)' \rangle = (T_3, (T_3)') = d^* \cos \theta$, and under the orthogonality condition $d^* \cos \theta = 0$, hence

$$\frac{\mu^* - \mu'^*}{\mu^* ||c_4^*(s)||} = 0 \Rightarrow \mu^* - \mu'^* = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta} - \left(\frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta}\right)' \frac{1}{\cos \theta} - \beta = 0 \text{ where } \mu'^* = \left(\frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta}\right)' \frac{1}{\cos \theta}.$$

Theorem 4. Normal ruled surface and Mannheim normal ruled surface have striction curves with perpendicular tangent vector fields under the condition

$$\frac{-k_1 \cos \theta}{\lambda} + \left(\frac{\lambda k_2 \gamma'}{k_1 \cos \theta} + \frac{k_1^2 k_2}{k_1 \cos \theta}ight) \sin \theta + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \frac{(k_2')^2}{k_1 \cos \theta} = 0.$$

Proof. Since $\langle T_2, (T_2)' \rangle = a^* (a \cos \theta - c \sin \theta) + b^* (a \cos \theta + c \sin \theta) + b^* c^*$, and under the orthogonality condition $a^* (a \cos \theta - c \sin \theta) + b^* (a \cos \theta + c \sin \theta) + b^* c^* = 0$, hence

$$\frac{k_1^2}{\eta^2 ||c_2^*(s)||} (a \cos \theta - c \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{\eta^2 ||c_2^*(s)||} a \cos \theta + c \sin \theta + b \frac{k_1^2 k_2}{k_1 \cos \theta} = 0,$$

$$\frac{-k_1}{\lambda} \cos \theta + \left(\frac{\lambda k_2 \gamma'}{k_1 \cos \theta} + \frac{k_1^2 k_2}{k_1 \cos \theta}ight) \sin \theta + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \frac{(k_2')^2}{k_1 \cos \theta} = 0.$$

where $\frac{k_1^2}{\eta^2} = \left(\frac{k_1^2 k_2}{k_1 \cos \theta}\right)' \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$ and $\eta \frac{k_1^2}{\eta^2} = \gamma^2 \frac{1}{\cos \theta}.$
**Theorem 5.** Tangent vector fields of striction curves along normal ruled surface and Mannheim Darboux ruled surface are perpendicular under the condition

\[
\left( \frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta} \right) \frac{\beta'}{\cos^2 \theta \cos \theta} (a \cos \theta - c \sin \theta) + b \left( \frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta} \right)' = 0.
\]

Proof. Since \((T_2, (T_4)') = d^* (a \cos \theta - c \sin \theta) + b e^*\) and under the orthogonality condition \(d^* (a \cos \theta - c \sin \theta) + b e^* = 0\)

\[
\frac{\mu^* - \mu^{*\prime} k_2}{\mu^* ||e_4'(s)||} (a \cos \theta - c \sin \theta) + b \frac{\mu^{*\prime}}{\mu^* ||e_4'(s)||} = 0 \Rightarrow \mu^* (\mu^* - \mu^{*\prime} k_2) (a \cos \theta - c \sin \theta) + b \mu^{*\prime} = 0
\]

\[
(\left( \frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta} \right) \frac{\beta'}{\cos^2 \theta \cos \theta} (a \cos \theta - c \sin \theta) + b \left( \frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta} \right)' = 0.
\]

where \(\beta = \frac{k_1}{k_2^2} \theta\) and \(\mu^* = (\frac{k_2^2}{k_1})' e^*\).

**Proposition 6.** Tangent vector fields of striction curves along Darboux ruled surface and Mannheim normal ruled surface are perpendicular under the condition

\[
\tan \theta = \frac{d \left( \frac{(k_2^2+k_2^2)^2}{k_2^2 \cos \theta} \right)^2 + e \frac{k_2^2 \theta^2 \cos \theta (k_2^2+k_2^2)^2}{k_2^2 \cos \theta} \left( \frac{\theta k_2^2 \cos \theta}{k_2^2 \theta^2 \cos \theta (k_2^2+k_2^2)^2} \right)' \frac{1}{\cos \theta} + e \left( \frac{(k_2^2+k_2^2)^2}{k_2^2} \right)^2}{d \left( \frac{(k_2^2+k_2^2)^2}{k_2^2 \cos \theta} \right)^2 + e \frac{k_2^2 \theta^2 \cos \theta (k_2^2+k_2^2)^2}{k_2^2 \cos \theta} \left( \frac{\theta k_2^2 \cos \theta}{k_2^2 \theta^2 \cos \theta (k_2^2+k_2^2)^2} \right)' \frac{1}{\cos \theta} + e \left( \frac{(k_2^2+k_2^2)^2}{k_2^2} \right)^2}.
\]

**Theorem 6.** Tangent vector fields of striction curves along Darboux ruled surface and Mannheim Darboux ruled surface are perpendicular under the condition; \(\frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta} - \left( \frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta} \right)' = 0\) or \(\tan \theta = \frac{d}{e}\).

Proof. Since \((T_2, (T_4)') = d^* (d \cos \theta - e \sin \theta) = 0\) Then

\[
d \cos \theta - e \sin \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{d}{e} \text{ or } d^* = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\mu^* - \mu^{*\prime} k_2}{\mu^* ||e_4'(s)||} = 0, \quad \mu^{*\prime} = \frac{\left( \frac{\beta'}{\cos \theta} \right)'}{\cos \theta}.
\]

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