

Construction of tubular surface by infinitesimal bending of a curve

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Abstract

This paper investigates the tubular surface generated by the first-order infinitesimal bending of a regular curve in Euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^3$. We also study the focal surfaces derived from the tubular surface. First, the invariants of the mean and Gaussian curvatures are computed. Additionally, conditions are examined for parametric curves to be geodesic or asymptotic lines on these surfaces. Finally, several examples are provided with visual representations.

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1. Introduction

A key aspect of bending theory is the analysis of infinitesimal bending of curves and surfaces [18]. It has various applications in fields like Physics, computer graphics, and biological sciences, etc. [6, 16, 30]. Infinitesimal bending of a curve is an isometric deformation to some extent, as the arc length remains unchanged within a given precision [11]. It is an active field of research with foundational contributions in [2, 5] and further advancements in [8, 10, 11, 16, 30].

The envelope formed by spheres of constant radius is defined as a tubular surface. The concept of tubular surface was introduced by Monge in 1850 [15]. They have vast applications, such as the designing of blend surfaces, robotic path planning, reconstruction of shapes, and many more [21, 22, 23, 27]. In [3], spherical indicatrices have been used to generate tubular surfaces in $\mathbb{R}^3$. Kim et al. investigated the mean and the Gaussian curvatures of tubes [13], while the Weingarten tube like surfaces are studied in [29]. Talat and Essin described a new method of creating tubes in the Lorentzian Heisenberg group [14].

Hagen et al. introduced the notion of line congruences in 1991 [24]. Line congruences are the surfaces obtained by transforming one surface into another by lines [28]. A focal surface is one of the notable examples of line congruences. Focal surfaces offer a method to examine the surface's nature prior to its processing [9]. They can also be used to visualise the distribution of heat and pressure on an aeroplane; ozone, temperature and rainfall on Earth's surface [9]. The generalised focal surface in $\mathbb{R}^3$ has been investigated in [9]. Additionally, the surface of revolution and its focal surfaces in $\mathbb{G}_3$ are discussed in [12].

As per available data (Google Scholar), tubular surface and its focal surfaces have not been investigated under infinitesimal bending. To address this gap, we study the geometric properties of these surfaces in this context.

2. Preliminaries

This section begins with the Frenet formulae for a regular curve with arbitrary speed in $\mathbb{R}^3$. Then, we recall some basic notions and definitions important throughout this study.

Let $\alpha = \alpha(u): I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ ($I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$) be a regular space curve with arbitrary speed. If $\mathbf{t}$, $\mathbf{n}$, $\mathbf{b}$ represent the vectors of Frenet frame, with κ and τ as its curvature and torsion, respectively; then [19]

$$\mathbf{t} = \frac{\alpha'}{\|\alpha'\|}, \quad \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{t}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \frac{\alpha' \times \alpha''}{\|\alpha' \times \alpha''\|}$$

and

$$\kappa = \frac{\|\alpha' \times \alpha''\|}{\|\alpha'\|^3}, \quad \tau = \frac{(\alpha' \times \alpha'') \cdot \alpha'''}{\|\alpha' \times \alpha''\|^2}.$$

Lemma 2.1: ([19], [20], [26]) *The derivative of the Frenet frame vectors of α is given by*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t}' \\ \mathbf{n}' \\ \mathbf{b}' \end{bmatrix} = v \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \kappa & 0 \\ -\kappa & 0 & \tau \\ 0 & -\tau & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{t} \\ \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where v denotes the speed of α .

Definition 2.2: ([17, 18]) Consider a non unit speed regular curve

$$\zeta: \alpha = \alpha(u)$$

belonging to the family of the curves

$$\zeta_\varepsilon: \alpha_\varepsilon = \alpha(u) + \varepsilon \mathbf{h}(u), \quad 0 \leq \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0, \quad \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R} \quad (2)$$

such that $u \in \mathbb{R}$, and we obtain ζ for $\varepsilon = 0$, i.e., $\zeta = \zeta_0$.

Let ζ_ε is a family of curves, then it is called the infinitesimal bending of ζ if

$$ds_\varepsilon^2 - ds^2 = o(\varepsilon),$$

where s denotes the arc length and $\mathbf{h}$ is the field of infinitesimal bending of α .

Theorem 2.3: ([17], [18]) For $\mathbf{h}$ to be the field of infinitesimal bending of ζ , it must satisfy the following necessary and sufficient condition

$$d\alpha \cdot d\mathbf{h} = 0. \quad (3)$$

Theorem 2.4: ([17, 18]) The field of infinitesimal bending of ζ is

$$\mathbf{h}(u) = \int [f(u) \mathbf{n} + g(u) \mathbf{b}] du \quad (4)$$

where f and g are the integrable functions chosen arbitrarily.

Definition 2.5: ([1], [4], [19]) If α is a curve in $\mathbb{R}^3$, then the tube of radius R around the curve α is a parameterised surface given as

$$\chi(u, \phi) = \alpha(u) + R(\cos\phi \mathbf{n} + \sin\phi \mathbf{b}), \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi \quad (5)$$

Definition 2.6: ([7], [9]) Let $\chi(u, \phi)$ be parametric surface and $\mathbf{N}(u, \phi)$ be its unit normal vector field. Then, the focal surfaces are given by the following parametric equations as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_1(u, \phi) &= \chi(u, \phi) + \frac{1}{\kappa_1(u, \phi)} \mathbf{N} \\ \mathbf{F}_2(u, \phi) &= \chi(u, \phi) + \frac{1}{\kappa_2(u, \phi)} \mathbf{N} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where κ_1, κ_2 are principal curvatures of $\chi(u, \phi)$.

Definition 2.7: ([25, 29]) For a pair (K, H) , $K \neq H$, of the Gaussian and the mean curvatures of $\chi(u, \phi)$ is called a (K, H) - Weingarten surface if $\psi(K, H) = 0$, where ψ denotes the Jacobi function given by $K_u H_\phi - H_u K_\phi = 0$.

Definition 2.8: ([25, 29]) For a pair (K, H) , $K \neq H$, of the Gaussian and mean curvatures of the surface $\chi(u, \phi)$ is (K, H) - linear Weingarten surface if

$$aK + bH = c$$

for $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ and at least one of them is non-zero.

3. Tubular Surface Generated by the Infinitesimal Bending of Curve and Their Focal Surfaces

Let α be a space curve and α_ε denotes the infinitesimal bending of α . The tubular surface obtained by α_ε is given as

$$\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi) = \alpha_\varepsilon(u) + R(\cos\phi \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon + \sin\phi \mathbf{b}_\varepsilon), \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi \quad (7)$$

where $\mathbf{n}_\varepsilon$ and $\mathbf{b}_\varepsilon$ are the normal and the binormal vectors of α_ε .

Theorem 3.1: For the tubular surface $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$, the Gaussian curvature K_ε and the mean curvature H_ε are given by

$$K_\varepsilon = -\frac{\kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi}{R(1-R\kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi)}$$

$$H_\varepsilon = \frac{1-2R\kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi}{2R(1-R\kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi)}.$$

Proof: Partial derivatives of $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ are given by

$$\chi_u^\varepsilon = v_\varepsilon(1-R\kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi)\mathbf{t}_\varepsilon + R v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon(-\sin\phi \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon + \cos\phi \mathbf{b}_\varepsilon) \quad (8)$$

$$\chi_\phi^\varepsilon = R(-\sin\phi \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon + \cos\phi \mathbf{b}_\varepsilon) \quad (9)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{uu}^\varepsilon = & [R v_\varepsilon^2 \kappa_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon \sin\phi + v_\varepsilon' (1-R\kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi) - R v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon' \cos\phi +]\mathbf{t}_\varepsilon \\ & + [v_\varepsilon^2 \kappa_\varepsilon (1-R\kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi) - R(v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)' \sin\phi - R v_\varepsilon^2 \tau_\varepsilon \cos\phi] \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon \\ & + [R(v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)' \cos\phi - R(v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)^2 \sin\phi] \mathbf{b}_\varepsilon \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$\chi_{\phi\phi}^\varepsilon = -R(\cos\phi \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon + \sin\phi \mathbf{b}_\varepsilon) \quad (11)$$

$$\chi_{u\phi}^\varepsilon = R v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon \sin\phi \mathbf{t}_\varepsilon - R v_\varepsilon (\tau_\varepsilon \cos\phi \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon + \tau_\varepsilon \sin\phi \mathbf{b}_\varepsilon) \quad (12)$$

Unit normal vector on $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ is given by

$$\mathbf{N}_\varepsilon = \frac{\chi_u^\varepsilon \times \chi_\phi^\varepsilon}{\|\chi_u^\varepsilon \times \chi_\phi^\varepsilon\|} = -(\cos\phi \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon + \sin\phi \mathbf{b}_\varepsilon) \quad (13)$$

The first fundamental form has following components

$$\begin{aligned} E_\varepsilon &= (v_\varepsilon(1-R\kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi))^2 + (R v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)^2 \\ F_\varepsilon &= R^2 v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon \\ G_\varepsilon &= R^2 \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Also, components of second fundamental form are given by

$$\begin{aligned} L_\varepsilon &= R(v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)^2 - v_\varepsilon^2 \kappa_\varepsilon (1-R\kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi) \cos\phi \\ M_\varepsilon &= R v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon \\ N_\varepsilon &= R \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

The expression of Gaussian curvature using (14) and (15) is given by

$$K_\varepsilon = \frac{L_\varepsilon N_\varepsilon - M_\varepsilon^2}{E_\varepsilon G_\varepsilon - F_\varepsilon^2} = -\frac{\kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi}{R(1-R\kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi)},$$

also the mean curvature is given as

$$H_\varepsilon = \frac{E_\varepsilon N_\varepsilon - 2F_\varepsilon M_\varepsilon + G_\varepsilon L_\varepsilon}{2(E_\varepsilon G_\varepsilon - F_\varepsilon^2)} = \frac{1 - 2R \kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi}{2R(1 - R \kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi)}.$$

Theorem 3.2: $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ is a regular surface iff

$$1 - R \kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi \neq 0.$$

Proof: A surface is regular if it satisfies $E_\varepsilon G_\varepsilon - F_\varepsilon^2 \neq 0$

Using (14), we have

$$E_\varepsilon G_\varepsilon - F_\varepsilon^2 = 1 - R \kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi$$

Conversely, if $E_\varepsilon G_\varepsilon - F_\varepsilon^2 \neq 0$ holds, this implies the surface is regular.

Theorem 3.3: Let $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ denotes a tubular surface, then

1. s-parametric curves are asymptotic lines on $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ iff

$$R = \frac{\kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi}{\tau_\varepsilon^2 + \kappa_\varepsilon^2 \cos^2\phi}.$$

2. ϕ -parametric curves can not be asymptotic lines on $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$.

Proof:

1. s-parametric curves are asymptotic lines on a regular surface if it satisfies [1]

$$\chi_{uu}^\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{N}_\varepsilon = 0$$

equation (10) and (13) yields

$$\kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi = R (\tau_\varepsilon^2 + \kappa_\varepsilon^2 \cos^2\phi)$$

$$R = \frac{\kappa_\varepsilon \cos\phi}{\tau_\varepsilon^2 + \kappa_\varepsilon^2 \cos^2\phi}$$

The converse is also true for the above equation.

2. ϕ -parametric curves are asymptotic lines on a regular surface if it satisfies [1]

$$\chi_{\phi\phi}^\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{N}_\varepsilon = 0$$

equation (11) and (13) yields

$$R = 0.$$

Theorem 3.4: Let $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ denotes a tubular surface, then

1. s-parametric curves are geodesic lines on $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ iff

$$\kappa_\varepsilon^2 v_\varepsilon^3 (\cos\phi - v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon \sin\phi) \sin\phi = (v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)' v'_\varepsilon.$$

2. ϕ -parametric curves are always geodesic lines on $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$.

Proof:

1. s-parametric curves are geodesic lines on a regular surface if it satisfies [1]

$$\chi_{uu}^\varepsilon \times \mathbf{N}_\varepsilon = \mathbf{0}$$

equation (10) and (13) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
& \kappa_\varepsilon v_\varepsilon^2 (1 - R \kappa_\varepsilon \cos \phi) \sin \phi - R (v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)' = 0 \\
& (v'_\varepsilon (1 - R \kappa_\varepsilon \cos \phi) + R v_\varepsilon^2 \kappa_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon \sin \phi - R v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon \cos \phi) = 0 \\
& (v'_\varepsilon (1 - R \kappa_\varepsilon \cos \phi) + R v_\varepsilon^2 \kappa_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon \sin \phi - R v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon \cos \phi) = 0
\end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Solving the last two equations for $(1 - R \kappa_\varepsilon \cos \phi)$ and substituting in the first equation of the equation (16)

this implies, $\kappa_\varepsilon^2 v_\varepsilon^3 (\cos \phi - v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon \sin \phi) \sin \phi = (v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)' v'_\varepsilon$

The converse is also true for the above equation.

2. ϕ -parametric curves are geodesic lines on a regular surface if it satisfies [1]

$$\chi_{\phi\phi}^\varepsilon \times \mathbf{N}_\varepsilon = \mathbf{0}$$

equation (11) and (13) yields

$$\chi_{\phi\phi}^\varepsilon \times \mathbf{N}_\varepsilon = \mathbf{0}$$

Therefore, each ϕ -parameter curve of regular tubular surface $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ is geodesic curve.

Theorem 3.5: Let $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ denotes a tubular surface, then χ^ε is a $(K_\varepsilon H_\varepsilon)$ -Weingarten surface.

Proof: The partial derivatives of K_ε and H_ε are given by

$$K_{\varepsilon u} = \frac{\kappa'_\varepsilon \cos \phi}{R (1 - R \kappa_\varepsilon \cos \phi)^2}$$

$$K_{\varepsilon \phi} = \frac{\kappa_\varepsilon \sin \phi}{R (1 - R \kappa_\varepsilon \cos \phi)^2}$$

and

$$H_{\varepsilon u} = \left(\frac{\kappa'_\varepsilon \sin \phi}{2 (1 - R \kappa_\varepsilon \cos \phi)^2} \right)$$

$$H_{\varepsilon \phi} = \frac{\kappa_\varepsilon \sin \phi}{2 (1 - R \kappa_\varepsilon \cos \phi)^2}$$

Partial derivatives of K_ε and H_ε satisfy the Jacobi function given in (Definition 2.7).

Theorem 3.6: Consider $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ denotes a tubular surface, then χ^ε is a $(K_\varepsilon H_\varepsilon)$ -linear Weingarten surface for $a = -R^2$, $b = 2R$ and $c = 1$.

Proof: Using (Definition 2.8), we get

$$a K_\varepsilon + b H_\varepsilon = c$$

$$c = 1, \text{ yields } a = -R^2 \quad \text{and} \quad b = 2R.$$

Theorem 3.7: The principal curvatures associated with $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ are given by

$$\kappa_{\varepsilon 1} = -\frac{\kappa_\varepsilon \cos \phi}{(1 - R \kappa_\varepsilon \cos \phi)} \quad \kappa_{\varepsilon 2} = \frac{1}{R}.$$

Proof: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} E_\varepsilon & F_\varepsilon \\ F_\varepsilon & G_\varepsilon \end{bmatrix}$ and Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} L_\varepsilon & M_\varepsilon \\ M_\varepsilon & N_\varepsilon \end{bmatrix}$, then shape operator at any point on surface is given by

$$S(p) = A^{-1}B$$

At any point on surface, the eigenvalues of $S(p)$ are the magnitudes of principal curvatures [19]. Therefore, we have

$$\kappa_{\varepsilon 1} = -\frac{\kappa_{\varepsilon} \cos \phi}{(1-R \kappa_{\varepsilon} \cos \phi)}, \quad \kappa_{\varepsilon 2} = \frac{1}{R}.$$

Focal surfaces of tubular surface $\chi^{\varepsilon}(u, \phi)$

Let $\chi^{\varepsilon}(u, \phi)$ be a parametric surface and $\mathbf{N}_{\varepsilon}$ be its unit normal vector field. The parametric equations of focal surfaces are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_1^{\varepsilon}(u, \phi) &= \chi^{\varepsilon}(u, \phi) + \frac{1}{\kappa_{\varepsilon 1}} \mathbf{N}_{\varepsilon} \\ \mathbf{F}_2^{\varepsilon}(u, \phi) &= \chi^{\varepsilon}(u, \phi) + \frac{1}{\kappa_{\varepsilon 2}} \mathbf{N}_{\varepsilon}. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

We obtain $\mathbf{F}_2^{\varepsilon}(u, \phi) = \alpha_{\varepsilon}(u)$, corresponding to the principal curvature $\kappa_{\varepsilon 2}$. The focal surface associated with $\kappa_{\varepsilon 1}$ can be computed using equation (7), (13), and (17).

$$\mathbf{F}_1^{\varepsilon}(u, \phi) = \alpha_{\varepsilon}(u) + \frac{1}{\kappa_{\varepsilon} \cos \phi} (\cos \phi \mathbf{n}_{\varepsilon} + \sin \phi \mathbf{b}_{\varepsilon}). \quad (18)$$

We are now left with $\mathbf{F}_1^{\varepsilon}(u, \phi)$ only. For simplicity, we denote it as $\mathbf{F}^{\varepsilon}(u, \phi)$.

Theorem 3.8: *For the focal surface $\mathbf{F}^{\varepsilon}(u, \phi)$, Gaussian curvature K^{ε} and mean curvature H^{ε} are as follows*

$$\begin{aligned} K^{\varepsilon} &= 0 \\ H^{\varepsilon} &= -\frac{v_{\varepsilon} \kappa_{\varepsilon}^3}{2(\kappa_{\varepsilon}' + v_{\varepsilon} \kappa_{\varepsilon} \tau_{\varepsilon} \tan \phi)}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof: Partial derivatives of equation (18) are given by

$$\mathbf{F}_u^{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}} \left(-\frac{\kappa_{\varepsilon}'}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}} - v_{\varepsilon} \tau_{\varepsilon} \tan \phi \right) \mathbf{n}_{\varepsilon} + \frac{1}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}} \left(v_{\varepsilon} \tau_{\varepsilon} - \frac{\kappa_{\varepsilon}'}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}} \tan \phi \right) \mathbf{b}_{\varepsilon} \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\phi}^{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}} (\sec^2 \phi) \mathbf{b}_{\varepsilon} \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_{uu}^{\varepsilon} &= \left(\frac{v_{\varepsilon} \kappa_{\varepsilon}'}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}} + v_{\varepsilon}^2 \tau_{\varepsilon} \tan \phi \right) \mathbf{t}_{\varepsilon} \\ &+ \left(\frac{2(\kappa_{\varepsilon}')^2}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}^3} - \frac{\kappa_{\varepsilon}''}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}^2} - \frac{(v_{\varepsilon} \tau_{\varepsilon})^2}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}} + \left(\frac{2v_{\varepsilon} \kappa_{\varepsilon}' \tau_{\varepsilon}}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}^2} - \frac{(v_{\varepsilon} \tau_{\varepsilon})'}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}} \right) \tan \phi \right) \mathbf{n}_{\varepsilon} \\ &+ \left(\frac{(v_{\varepsilon} \tau_{\varepsilon})'}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}} - \frac{2v_{\varepsilon} \kappa_{\varepsilon}' \tau_{\varepsilon}}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}^2} + \left(\frac{2(\kappa_{\varepsilon}')^2}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}^3} - \frac{(v_{\varepsilon} \tau_{\varepsilon})^2}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}} - \frac{\kappa_{\varepsilon}''}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}^2} \right) \tan \phi \right) \mathbf{b}_{\varepsilon} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\phi\phi}^{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}} (2 \sec^2 \phi \tan \phi) \mathbf{b}_{\varepsilon} \quad (22)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{u\phi}^{\varepsilon} = \frac{v_{\varepsilon} \tau_{\varepsilon}}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}} \sec^2 \phi \mathbf{n}_{\varepsilon} - \frac{\kappa_{\varepsilon}'}{\kappa_{\varepsilon}^2} \sec^2 \phi \mathbf{b}_{\varepsilon} \quad (23)$$

Unit normal vector on the focal surface $\mathbf{F}^{\varepsilon}(u, \phi)$ is given by

$$\mathbf{N}^\varepsilon = -\mathbf{t}_\varepsilon \quad (24)$$

Using above equations, the first fundamental form has following components

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}^\varepsilon &= \frac{1}{\kappa_\varepsilon^2} \sec^2 \phi \left(\left(\frac{(\kappa'_\varepsilon)^2}{\kappa_\varepsilon^2} \right) + (v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)^2 \right) \\ \mathbf{F}^\varepsilon &= \frac{1}{\kappa_\varepsilon^2} \sec^2 \phi \left(v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon - \frac{\kappa'_\varepsilon}{\kappa_\varepsilon} \tan \phi \right) \\ \mathbf{G}^\varepsilon &= \frac{1}{\kappa_\varepsilon^2} (\sec^2 \phi) \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Also, components of second fundamental form are given as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{L}^\varepsilon &= -\frac{v_\varepsilon \kappa'_\varepsilon}{\kappa_\varepsilon} - v_\varepsilon^2 \tau_\varepsilon \tan \phi \\ \mathbf{M}^\varepsilon &= 0 \\ \mathbf{N}^\varepsilon &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

From equation (25) and (26), the Gaussian and mean curvatures of focal surface $\mathbf{F}^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} K^\varepsilon &= 0 \\ H^\varepsilon &= -\frac{v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon^3}{2(\kappa'_\varepsilon + v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon \tan \phi)}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.9: Let $\mathbf{F}^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ denotes a focal surface of tubular surface $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$, then

1. s -parametric curves are asymptotic lines on $\mathbf{F}^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ iff

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\kappa'_\varepsilon}{v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon} \right)$$

2. ϕ -parametric curves are always asymptotic lines on $\mathbf{F}^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$.

Proof:

1. s -parametric curves are asymptotic lines on a regular surface if it satisfies [1]

$$\mathbf{F}_{uu}^\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{N}^\varepsilon = 0$$

From equation (21) and (24), we have

$$\frac{v_\varepsilon \kappa'_\varepsilon}{\kappa_\varepsilon} - v_\varepsilon^2 \tau_\varepsilon \tan \phi = 0$$

$$\text{This implies, } \phi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\kappa'_\varepsilon}{v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon} \right)$$

The converse also holds true.

2. ϕ -parametric curves are asymptotic lines on a regular surface if it satisfies [1]

$$\mathbf{F}_{\phi\phi}^\varepsilon \cdot \mathbf{N}^\varepsilon = 0$$

The proof follows from equation (22) and equation (24)

Theorem 3.10: Let $\mathbf{F}^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ be a focal surface of tubular surface $\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$, then

1. s -parametric curves are geodesic lines on $\mathbf{F}^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ iff

$$2(\kappa'_\varepsilon)^2 - \kappa_\varepsilon \kappa''_\varepsilon - (v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)^2 = 0$$

and

$$2v_\varepsilon \kappa'_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon - \kappa_\varepsilon (v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)' = 0.$$

2. ϕ -parametric curves are geodesic lines on $\mathbf{F}^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ for $\phi = 0, \pi$.

Proof:

1. s -parametric curves are geodesic lines on a regular surface if it satisfies [1]

$$\mathbf{F}_{uu}^\varepsilon \times \mathbf{N}_\varepsilon = \mathbf{0}$$

equation (21) and (24) yields

$$\begin{aligned} & - \left[\frac{2(\kappa'_\varepsilon)^2}{\kappa_\varepsilon^3} + \left(\frac{2v_\varepsilon \kappa'_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon}{\kappa_\varepsilon^2} - \frac{(v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)'}{\kappa_\varepsilon} \right) \tan \phi - \frac{(v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)'}{\kappa_\varepsilon} - \frac{\kappa''_\varepsilon}{\kappa_\varepsilon^2} \right] \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon \\ & + \left[\frac{(v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)'}{\kappa_\varepsilon} - \frac{2v_\varepsilon \kappa'_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon}{\kappa_\varepsilon^2} - \left(\frac{(v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)'}{\kappa_\varepsilon} - \frac{2(\kappa'_\varepsilon)^2}{\kappa_\varepsilon^3} + \frac{\kappa''_\varepsilon}{\kappa_\varepsilon^2} \right) \tan \phi \right] \mathbf{b}_\varepsilon = 0 \end{aligned}$$

this implies, $2(\kappa'_\varepsilon)^2 - \kappa_\varepsilon \kappa''_\varepsilon - (v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)^2 = 0$

and

$$2v_\varepsilon \kappa'_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon - \kappa_\varepsilon (v_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon)' = 0$$

The converse is also true for the above equation.

2. ϕ -parametric curves are geodesic lines on a regular surface if it satisfies [1]

$$\mathbf{F}_{\phi\phi}^\varepsilon \times \mathbf{N}^\varepsilon = \mathbf{0}$$

equation (22) and (24) yields

$$\frac{2}{\kappa_\varepsilon} \sec^2 \phi \tan^2 \phi = 0$$

this implies,

$$\sin \phi = 0$$

and

$$\phi = 0, \pi$$

The converse also holds true.

Theorem 3.11: Let $\mathbf{F}^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ denotes a focal surface, then it is a $(K^\varepsilon, H^\varepsilon)$ -Weingarten surface.

Proof: The result follows from (Definition 2.7) and (Theorem 3.8).

Theorem 3.12: The focal surface $\mathbf{F}^\varepsilon(u, \phi)$ is a $(K^\varepsilon, H^\varepsilon)$ -linear Weingarten surface for $a \in \mathbb{R}$, and $b = -\frac{(\kappa'_\varepsilon + v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon \tan \phi)}{v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon^3} c$.

Proof: From (Definition 2.8) and (Theorem 3.8), we have

$$-b \left(\frac{v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon^3}{\kappa'_\varepsilon + v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon \tan \phi} \right) = c$$

this implies,

$$b \left(\frac{\kappa'_\varepsilon + v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon \tau_\varepsilon \tan \phi}{v_\varepsilon \kappa_\varepsilon^3} \right) = c.$$

4. Examples

To better understand the results of this study, we consider following examples.

Example 1: Let $\alpha(u)$ be the spine curve of the tubular surface given by

$$\alpha(u) = (\cos u, \sin u, 0) \quad u \in [0, 2\pi].$$

Frenet apparatus of α is given by

$$\mathbf{t} = (-\sin u, \cos u, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{n} = (-\cos u, -\sin u, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$\kappa = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \tau = 0.$$

Case I: Choosing $f(u) = 0$, $g(u) = 1$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\mathbf{h}(u) = (0, 0, u)$$

$$\alpha_\varepsilon(u) = (\cos u, \sin u, \varepsilon u)$$

also,

$$\mathbf{t}_\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\varepsilon^2}}(-\sin u, \cos u, \varepsilon)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_\varepsilon = (-\cos u, -\sin u, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{b}_\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\varepsilon^2}}(\varepsilon \sin u, -\varepsilon \cos u, 1)$$

$$\kappa_\varepsilon = \frac{1}{1+\varepsilon^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \tau_\varepsilon = \frac{1}{1+\varepsilon^2}.$$

The tubular surface is given by the following parametric equation

$$\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi) = (\cos u, \sin u, \varepsilon u) + R (\cos \phi \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon + \sin \phi \mathbf{b}_\varepsilon)$$

Principal curvatures of tubular surface χ_ε are

$$\kappa_{\varepsilon 1} = -\frac{\cos \phi}{1 + \varepsilon^2 - R \cos \phi} \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa_{\varepsilon 2} = \frac{1}{R}$$

Focal surface of tubular surface χ_ε has following equation

$$\mathbf{F}^\varepsilon(u, \phi) = (\cos u, \sin u, \varepsilon u) + (1 + \varepsilon^2) (\mathbf{n}_\varepsilon + \tan \phi \mathbf{b}_\varepsilon).$$

For Case I, the tubular and focal surfaces generated by the parametric equations are displayed in Figure 1(a) and Figure 1(b) respectively. These surfaces are obtained for $R = 0.15$ and $\varepsilon = 0, 0.3, 0.7$.

Case II: For $f(u) = 0$, $g(u) = 2\pi - u$, we get

$$\mathbf{h}(u) = (0, 0, u(2\pi - u))$$

and

$$\alpha_\varepsilon(u) = (\cos u, \sin u, \varepsilon u(2\pi - u))$$

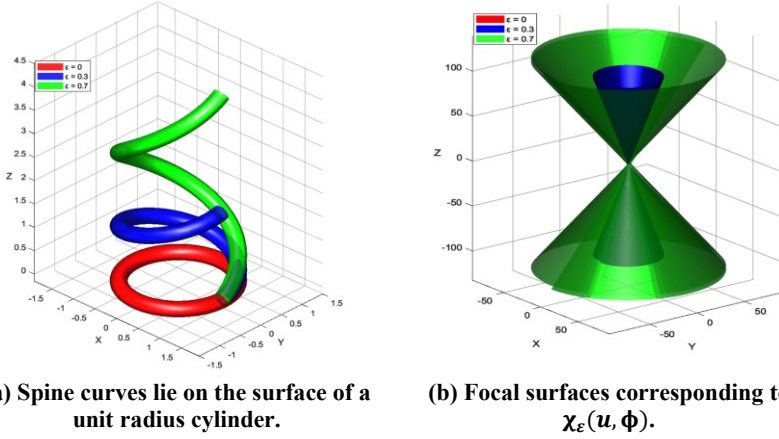


Figure 1

Obtain the Frenet apparatus of the curve α_ϵ as computed in Case I. The tubular surface is given by the following parametric equation

$$\chi^\epsilon(u, \phi) = (\cos u, \sin u, \epsilon u (2\pi - u)) + R (\cos \phi \mathbf{n}_\epsilon + \sin \phi \mathbf{b}_\epsilon)$$

and the corresponding equation of focal surface is given by

$$\mathbf{F}^\epsilon(u, \phi) = (\cos u, \sin u, \epsilon u (2\pi - u)) + \frac{\omega_2^3}{\omega_1} (\mathbf{n}_\epsilon + \tan \phi \mathbf{b}_\epsilon)$$

where

$$\omega_1 = [1 + 4 \epsilon^2 (1 + (\pi - u)^2)]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_2 = [1 + 4 \epsilon^2 (\pi - u)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Figure 2 represents the tubular surfaces obtained for $R = 0.15$, $f(u) = 0$, $g(u) = 2\pi - u$ and $\epsilon = 0, 0.3, 0.7$.

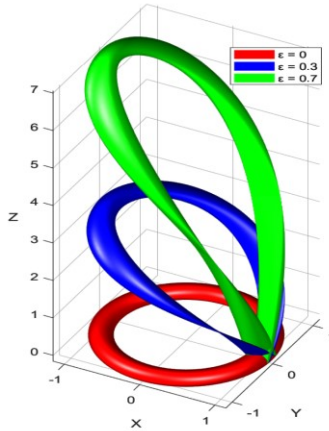


Figure 2

Figure 3 represents the focal surfaces obtained for $f(u) = 0$, $g(u) = 2\pi - u$ and $\varepsilon = 0, 0.3, 0.7$.

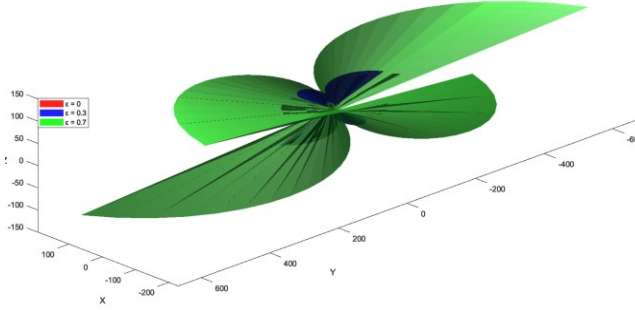


Figure 3

Case III: For $f(u) = 1$ and $g(u) = 1$, we have

$$\mathbf{h}(u) = (-\sin u, \cos u, u)$$

and

$$\alpha_\varepsilon(u) = (\cos u - \varepsilon \sin u, \sin u + \varepsilon \cos u, \varepsilon u)$$

The tubular surface is given by the following parametric equation

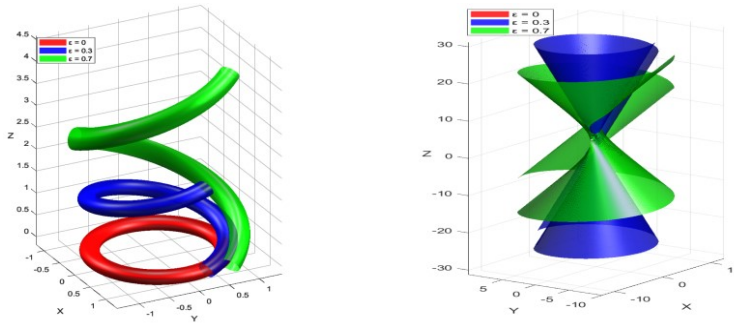
$$\chi^\varepsilon(u, \phi) = (\cos u - \varepsilon \sin u, \sin u + \varepsilon \cos u, \varepsilon u) + R (\cos \phi \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon + \sin \phi \mathbf{b}_\varepsilon)$$

and the corresponding equation of focal surface is given by

$$\mathbf{F}^\varepsilon(u, \phi) = (\cos u - \varepsilon \sin u, \sin u + \varepsilon \cos u, \varepsilon u) + \frac{\delta_2}{\delta_1} (\mathbf{n}_\varepsilon + \tan \phi \mathbf{b}_\varepsilon)$$

where $\delta_1 = (1 + \varepsilon^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $\delta_2 = 1 + 2\varepsilon^2$

For Case III, the tubular and focal surfaces generated by the parametric equations are displayed in Figure 4(a) and Figure 4(b) respectively. We obtain these surfaces for $R = 0.15$ and $\varepsilon = 0, 0.3, 0.7$



(a) Spine curve at $\varepsilon = 0.7$ doesn't lie on the surface of a unit radius cylinder.

(b) Focal surfaces corresponding to $\chi_\varepsilon(u, \phi)$.

Figure 4

Example 2: Consider a regular space curve $\alpha(u)$ given by

$$\alpha(u) = \left(\cos \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}}, \sin \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \quad u \in [0, 2\pi].$$

Choosing $f(u) = 1$ and $g(u) = 0$, we have

$$\mathbf{h} = \left(-\sqrt{2} \sin \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2} \cos \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right)$$

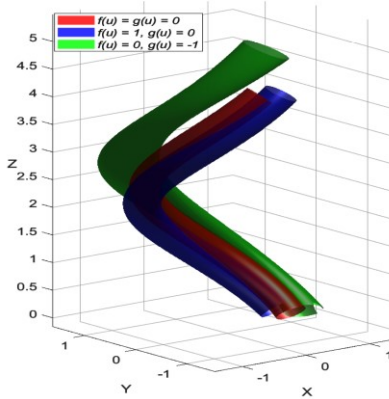
and

$$\alpha_\varepsilon = \left(\cos \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}} - \sqrt{2} \varepsilon \sin \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}}, \sin \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{2} \varepsilon \cos \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}} \right).$$

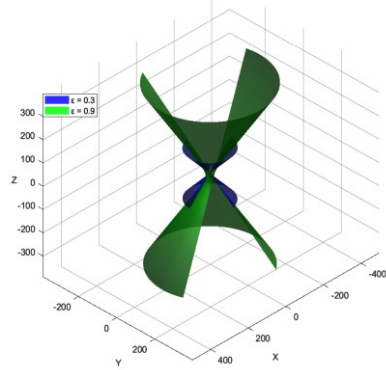
Obtain the Frenet apparatus of the curve α_ε as computed in Case I of Example 1.

Tubular surface obtained from the spine curve α_ε is given by

$$\chi^\varepsilon(u) = \alpha_\varepsilon + R(\cos\phi \mathbf{n}_\varepsilon + \sin\phi \mathbf{b}_\varepsilon)$$



(a) Tubular surfaces at $R=0.15$.



(b) Focal surfaces corresponding to $\chi_\varepsilon(u, \phi)$.

Figure 5

Figure 5(a) and Figure 5(b) represents the tubular and focal surfaces respectively. These surfaces are obtained for different choices of the functions $f(u)$ and $g(u)$.

Conclusion

This paper introduces new type of tubular surface, we compute the first and second fundamental forms to analyse their Gaussian and mean curvatures. Additionally, some conditions are investigated under which the tubular surface can be classified as Weingarten and linear Weingarten surfaces. Furthermore, parametric curves are examined to be an asymptotic or a geodesic line on these surfaces. Also, we derive the focal surfaces of these tubes. We give some illustrative examples along with their graphical representation. For future work, infinitesimal bending of curves can be studied using different frames.

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