

Classifications of Tubular Surface with L_1 -Pointwise 1-Type Gauss Map in Galilean 3-space \mathbb{G}_3

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ABSTRACT. In this manuscript, we handle a tubular surface whose Gauss map G satisfies the equality $L_1G = f(G + C)$ for the Cheng-Yau operator L_1 in Galilean 3-space \mathbb{G}_3 . We give an example of a tubular surface having L_1 -harmonic Gauss map. Moreover, we obtain a complete classification of tubular surface having L_1 -pointwise 1-type Gauss map of the first kind in \mathbb{G}_3 and we give some visualizations of this type surface.

1. Introduction

Finite type immersions are first given by Chen [6]. Let M be a submanifold in m -dimensional Euclidean space \mathbb{E}^m . An isometric immersion $x : M \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^m$ is of *finite type* if it can be written as a finite sum of eigenvectors of the Laplacian Δ of M for a constant map x_0 , and non-constant maps x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k , i.e.,

$$x = x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k x_i.$$

Here, $\Delta x = \lambda_i x_i$, $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$, $1 \leq i \leq k$. The submanifold is said to be of k -type if the numbers λ_i s are different [6].

Chen and Piccinni generalised these immersions to the Gauss map G of M

$$\Delta G = a(G + C)$$

for a constant vector C and a real number a in [7]. A submanifold that satisfies the last equality are said to have a *1-type Gauss map*.

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In the last equality, one can take a non-constant differentiable function f instead of a . Namely, one can generalise the last equality to

$$(1.1) \quad \Delta G = f(G + C).$$

A submanifold that satisfies the equation (1.1) is said to have a *pointwise 1-type Gauss map*. Also, if the vector C is zero, the pointwise 1-type Gauss map is said to be of *the first kind*. Otherwise, it is of *the second kind*. If $\Delta G = 0$, the Gauss map is harmonic. Surfaces satisfying the equation (1.1) are the subject of many studies such as [3, 4, 13].

In [2, 10], the notion of finite type submanifolds is generalised by replacing the Laplacian operator with operators L_k ($k = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$) that represent the linear operators of the first variation of the $(k + 1)$ -th mean curvature of a submanifold. Here, $L_0 = -\Delta$ and L_1 is the Cheng-Yau operator. Recently, some papers have been published about surfaces having L_1 -pointwise 1-type Gauss map in some spaces, such as [11, 12, 18].

Tubular surfaces are special cases of canal surfaces which are the envelopes of a family of spheres. In canal surfaces, the center of the spheres are on a given space curve (spine curve), and the radius of the spheres are different. In tubular surfaces, the radius functions are constant. These surfaces have been widely studied in recent times [5, 13, 14, 15, 16]. In Galilean 3-space, tubular surfaces are studied in [9].

2. Basic Concepts

Here, some preliminaries about Galilean geometry are given. For more detailed information, the studies [19, 20] can be examined.

The scalar product and the cross product of the two vectors $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ and $b = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$ in \mathbb{G}_3 are defined as

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \begin{cases} a_1 b_1, & \text{if } a_1 \neq 0 \text{ or } b_1 \neq 0 \\ a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3 & \text{if } a_1 = 0 \text{ and } b_1 = 0, \end{cases}$$

and

$$a \times b = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{e}_2 & \mathbf{e}_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix},$$

respectively. Here, $\mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1, 0)$ and $\mathbf{e}_3 = (0, 0, 1)$ are the orthonormal unit vectors. The length (norm) of the vector $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ is given as follows:

$$\|a\| = \begin{cases} |a_1|, & \text{if } a_1 \neq 0 \\ \sqrt{a_2^2 + a_3^2}, & \text{if } a_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

[17].

An admissible unit speed curve $\alpha : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_3$ is given with the parametrization

$$\alpha(u) = (u, y(u), z(u)).$$

The associated Frenet frame on the curve is given as

$$\begin{aligned} t(u) &= (1, y'(u), z'(u)), \\ n(u) &= \frac{1}{\kappa(u)}(0, y''(u), z''(u)), \\ b(u) &= \frac{1}{\kappa(u)}(0, -z''(u), y''(u)), \end{aligned}$$

where $\kappa(u) = \sqrt{(y''(u))^2 + (z''(u))^2}$ and $\tau(u) = \frac{\det(\alpha'(u), \alpha''(u), \alpha'''(u))}{\kappa^2(u)}$ are the curvature and the torsion of the curve, respectively. Thus, the famous Frenet formulas can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} t' &= \kappa n, \\ n' &= \tau b, \\ b' &= -\tau n. \end{aligned}$$

Definition 2.1. ([1]) A regular curve in Galilean space \mathbb{G}_3 with constant curvature and non-constant torsion is called a *Salkowski curve*.

For an isometric immersion $X : M \rightarrow \widetilde{M}$ from a hypersurface M from an $(n+1)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold \widetilde{M} , and for the Levi-Civita connections $\widetilde{\nabla}$ of \widetilde{M} and ∇ of M , the Gauss formula is given by

$$\widetilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + \langle S(X), Y \rangle,$$

where $X, Y \in \chi(M)$ and S is the shape operator of M . It is known that the eigenvalues $\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots, \kappa_n$ of S are the *principal curvatures* of M . For a smooth function f on M , linear operators L_k are defined

$$(2.1) \quad L_k(f) = \text{div}(P_k(\nabla f)),$$

where ∇ is the gradient, *div* is the divergence operator and

$$P_k = \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i s_{k-i} S^i$$

is the Newton k -th transformation, $s_k = \binom{n}{k} H_k$ is the k -th mean curvature [8]. Thus, for $k = 0$, $P_0 = I_n$ (I_n is the identity matrix), and for $k = 1$, $P_1 = \text{tr}(S)I_n - S$.

Now, let M be a surface, e_1, e_2 be the principal directions correspond to the curvatures k_1, k_2 of M . From (2.1), for a smooth function f the Cheng-Yau operator $L_1 f$ can be given as

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 f &= \operatorname{div}(P_1(\nabla f)) \\ &= e_1[k_2]e_1 f + e_2[k_1]e_2 f + k_2(e_1 e_1 - \nabla_{e_2} e_2) f + k_1(e_2 e_2 - \nabla_{e_1} e_1) f. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the Cheng-Yau operator L_1 can be given

$$L_1 = e_1[k_2]\tilde{\nabla}e_1 + e_2[k_1]\tilde{\nabla}e_2 + k_2\left(\tilde{\nabla}e_1\tilde{\nabla}e_1 - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{e_2}e_2}\right) + k_1\left(\tilde{\nabla}e_2\tilde{\nabla}e_2 - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{e_1}e_1}\right)$$

[11].

Let the surface M parametrized with

$$X(u_1, u_2) = (x(u_1, u_2), y(u_1, u_2), z(u_1, u_2))$$

in \mathbb{G}_3 . To represent the partial derivatives, we use

$$x_{,i} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u_i} \quad \text{and} \quad x_{,ij} = \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial u_i \partial u_j}, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq 2.$$

If $x_{,i} \neq 0$ for some $i = 1, 2$, then the surface is admissible (i.e. having not any Euclidean tangent planes). The first fundamental form I of the surface M is defined as

$$I = (g_1 d_{u_1} + g_2 d_{u_2})^2 + \varepsilon(h_{11} d_{u_1}^2 + 2h_{12} d_{u_1} d_{u_2} + h_{22} d_{u_2}^2),$$

where $g_i = x_{,i}$, $h_{ij} = y_{,i} y_{,j} + z_{,i} z_{,j}$; $i, j = 1, 2$ and

$$\varepsilon = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } d_{u_1} : d_{u_2} \text{ is non-isotropic,} \\ 1, & \text{if } d_{u_1} : d_{u_2} \text{ is isotropic.} \end{cases}$$

Let a function W is given by

$$(2.2) \quad W = \sqrt{(x_{,1} z_{,2} - x_{,2} z_{,1})^2 + (x_{,2} y_{,1} - x_{,1} y_{,2})^2}.$$

Then, the unit normal vector field is given as

$$(2.3) \quad G = \frac{1}{W}(0, -x_{,1} z_{,2} + x_{,2} z_{,1}, x_{,1} y_{,2} - x_{,2} y_{,1}).$$

Similarly, the second fundamental form II of the surface M is defined as

$$II = L_{11} d_{u_1}^2 + 2L_{12} d_{u_1} d_{u_2} + L_{22} d_{u_2}^2,$$

where

$$L_{ij} = \frac{1}{g_1} \langle g_1(0, y_{,ij}, z_{,ij}) - g_{i,j}(0, y_{,1}, z_{,1}), N \rangle, \quad g_1 \neq 0$$

or

$$L_{ij} = \frac{1}{g_2} \langle g_2(0, y_{,ij}, z_{,ij}) - g_{i,j}(0, y_{,2}, z_{,2}), N \rangle, \quad g_2 \neq 0.$$

The Gaussian and the mean curvatures of M are defined as

$$(2.4) \quad K = \frac{L_{11}L_{22} - L_{12}^2}{W^2} \quad \text{and} \quad H = \frac{g_2^2 L_{11} - 2g_1 g_2 L_{12} + g_1^2 L_{22}}{2W^2}.$$

A surface is *flat* (resp. *minimal*) if its Gaussian (resp. mean) curvatures vanish [19].

Lemma 2.2. ([11]) *Let M be an oriented surface in \mathbb{E}^3 and K and H be the Gaussian and the mean curvatures of M , respectively. Then the Gauss map G of M satisfies*

$$(2.5) \quad L_1 G = -\nabla K - 2HKG.$$

Definition 2.3. ([11]) *Let M be an oriented surface in \mathbb{E}^3 . Then, M is said to have an L_1 -harmonic Gauss map if its Gauss map satisfies $L_1 G = 0$.*

Definition 2.4. ([11]) *Let M be an oriented surface in \mathbb{E}^3 . Then, M is said to have an L_1 -pointwise 1-type Gauss map if its Gauss map satisfies*

$$(2.6) \quad L_1 G = f(G + C)$$

for a smooth function f and a constant vector C . If the vector C is zero, the pointwise L_1 -type Gauss map is of the *first kind*, otherwise, it is of the *second kind*.

3. Tubular Surface with L_1 Pointwise 1-Type Gauss Map in \mathbb{G}_3

A tubular surface M in \mathbb{G}_3 at a distance r from the points of spine curve $\alpha(u) = (u, y(u), z(u))$ is given with

$$(3.1) \quad M : X(u, v) = \alpha(u) + r(\cos vn + \sin vb).$$

Writing the Frenet vectors of $\alpha(u)$ in (3.1), the parametrization can be given as

$$(3.2) \quad M : X(u, v) = (u, y(u), z(u)) + \frac{r}{\kappa} [\cos v(0, y''(u), z''(u)) + \sin v(0, -z''(u), y''(u))].$$

From (3.2),

$$(3.3) \quad g_1 = u_{,1} = 1, \quad g_2 = u_{,2} = 0.$$

An orthonormal frame $\{e_1, e_2, G\}$ of M is given by

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} e_1 &= \frac{X_u}{\|X_u\|} = t - r\tau \sin vn + r\tau \cos vb, \quad \|X_u\| = 1 \\ e_2 &= \frac{X_v}{\|X_v\|} = -\sin vn + \cos vb, \quad \|X_v\| = r \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.5) \quad G = -\cos vn - \sin vb.$$

Here $W = r$. The coefficients of the second fundamental form are obtained as

$$(3.6) \quad L_{11} = -\kappa \cos v + r\tau^2, \quad L_{12} = r\tau, \quad L_{22} = r.$$

From, (3.3) and (3.6), the curvature functions of M are obtained as

$$(3.7) \quad K = \frac{-\kappa \cos v}{r}, \quad H = \frac{1}{2r}$$

[9].

Corollary 3.5. ([9]) *Tubular surfaces are constant mean curvature surfaces in Galilean space.*

By (3.7), we write the gradient of the Gaussian curvature

$$(3.8) \quad \nabla K = \frac{-\kappa' \cos v}{r} e_1 + \frac{\kappa \sin v}{r} e_2.$$

Thus, from (3.4), (3.7) and (3.8), we obtain the Cheng-Yau operator of the Gauss map as

$$(3.9) \quad L_1 G = -\frac{1}{r^2} \begin{cases} -\kappa' r \cos vt \\ + (\kappa' \tau r^2 \cos v \sin v - \kappa r \sin^2 v + \kappa \cos^2 v) n \\ + (-\kappa' \tau r^2 \cos^2 v + \kappa r \sin v \cos v + \kappa \cos v \sin v) b. \end{cases}$$

Now, we consider the surface M has L_1 -harmonic Gauss map, i.e. $L_1 G = 0$. Then, from (3.9), we have

$$\kappa' r \cos v = 0$$

and

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \kappa' \tau r^2 \cos v \sin v - \kappa r \sin^2 v + \kappa \cos^2 v &= 0, \\ -\kappa' \tau r^2 \cos^2 v + \kappa r \sin v \cos v + \kappa \cos v \sin v &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Writing $\kappa' r \cos v = 0$ in (3.10), we get

$$\begin{aligned} -\kappa r \sin^2 v + \kappa \cos^2 v &= 0, \\ \kappa r \sin v \cos v + \kappa \cos v \sin v &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying the first equation with $\cos v$ and the second with $\sin v$, we obtain $\kappa \cos v = 0$, which implies $\kappa = 0$ or $\cos v = 0$. If $\cos v = 0$, again from (3.10), $\kappa = 0$.

Then, we give the following theorem:

Theorem 3.6. *Let M be a tubular surface given with the parametrization (3.1) in \mathbb{G}_3 . M has L_1 -harmonic Gauss map if and only if the spine curve α is a straight line and M is an open part of a cylinder. Thus, the surface is flat.*

Example 3.7. Let us consider the tubular surface M , which has L_1 -harmonic Gauss map with the parametrization (3.1) in \mathbb{G}_3 . Taking the straight line $\alpha(u) = (u, u + 1, u + 2)$ and writing the Frenet vectors of it $n(u) = (0, 1, 0)$, $b(u) = (0, 0, 1)$ and $r = 4$ in (3.1), we write the parametrization of the surface M as

$$(3.11) \quad M : X(u, v) = (u, u + 1 + 4 \cos v, u + 2 + 4 \sin v).$$

By using the software Maple, we plot the graph of the surface in (3.11).

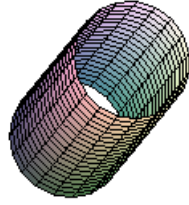


Figure 1: Tubular surfaces M which has L_1 -harmonic Gauss map with the spine curve $\alpha(u) = (u, u + 1, u + 2)$ and the radius $r = 4$.

Now, we assume that the tubular surface M has L_1 -pointwise 1-type Gauss map of the first kind, i.e., $L_1G = fG$ for a smooth function f . Then, from (3.5) and (3.9),

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & - \frac{1}{r^2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\kappa' r \cos vt \\ + (\kappa' \tau r^2 \cos v \sin v - \kappa r \sin^2 v + \kappa \cos^2 v) n \\ + (-\kappa' \tau r^2 \cos^2 v + \kappa r \sin v \cos v + \kappa \cos v \sin v) b. \end{array} \right\} \\ & = -f \cos vn - f \sin vb \end{aligned}$$

From (3.12), we have

$$\kappa' \cos v = 0$$

and

$$(3.13) \quad \begin{aligned} \kappa' \tau r^2 \cos v \sin v - \kappa r \sin^2 v + \kappa \cos^2 v &= f r^2 \cos v, \\ -\kappa' \tau r^2 \cos^2 v + \kappa r \sin v \cos v + \kappa \cos v \sin v &= f r^2 \sin v. \end{aligned}$$

Similar to above, writing $\kappa' \cos v = 0$ in (3.13), we get

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{aligned} -\kappa r \sin^2 v + \kappa \cos^2 v &= f r^2 \cos v, \\ \kappa r \sin v \cos v + \kappa \cos v \sin v &= f r^2 \sin v. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying the first equation with $\cos v$, the second with $\sin v$, and combining them, we obtain $f = \frac{\kappa \cos v}{r^2}$. Moreover, since $\kappa' \cos v = 0$, we have two cases: $\kappa = 0$ or κ is a constant. If $\kappa = 0$, the tubular surface M has L_1 -harmonic Gauss map. Thus, κ is a nonzero constant.

Theorem 3.8. *Let M be a tubular surface given with the parametrization (3.1) in \mathbb{G}_3 . M has L_1 -pointwise 1-type Gauss map of the first kind if and only if the curvature κ of the curve is constant and $f = -\frac{\kappa}{r}$.*

Corollary 3.9. *The spine curve of the surface which has L_1 -pointwise 1-type Gauss map of the first kind is a Salkowski curve in \mathbb{G}_3 .*

Example 3.10. Let us consider the tubular surface M , which has L_1 -pointwise 1-type Gauss map of the first kind with the parametrization (3.1) in \mathbb{G}_3 . For the curves $\alpha_1(u) = (u, \cos u, \sin u)$, $\alpha_2(u) = (u, \frac{u^2}{2}, 0)$, and the radius $r = 2$, we write the parametrizations of the surfaces M_1 and M_2 as

$$(3.15) \quad \begin{aligned} M_1 & : X(u, v) = (u, \cos u - 2 \cos(u + v), \sin u - 2 \sin(u + v)), \\ M_2 & : X(u, v) = \left(u, \frac{u^2}{2} + 2 \cos v, 2 \sin v \right). \end{aligned}$$

We again use Maple to plot the graphs of the surfaces in (3.15).

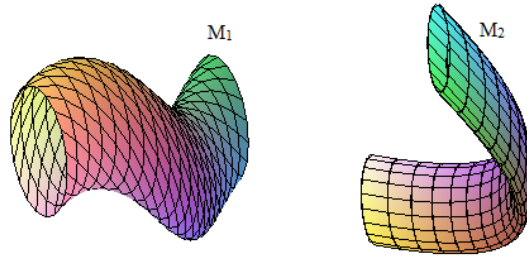


Figure 2: Tubular surfaces M_1 and M_2 which have L_1 -harmonic Gauss map with the spine curves $\alpha_1(u) = (u, \cos u, \sin u)$, $\alpha_2(u) = (u, \frac{u^2}{2}, 0)$ and the radius $r = 2$.

Lastly, we consider that the tubular surface M has L_1 -pointwise 1-type Gauss map of the second kind, i.e., $L_1G = f(G + C)$ for a smooth function f and a nonzero constant vector C . From the equations (2.6) and (3.9), we can write the vector C as

$$C = -\frac{1}{fr^2} (-\kappa' r \cos vt + A(u, v)n + B(u, v)b),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A(u, v) &= \kappa' \tau r^2 \cos v \sin v - \kappa r \sin^2 v + \kappa \cos^2 v - f r^2 \cos v, \\ B(u, v) &= -\kappa' \tau r^2 \cos^2 v + \kappa r \sin v \cos v + \kappa \cos v \sin v - f r^2 \sin v. \end{aligned}$$

Since C is a nonzero constant vector, $\tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} C = 0$ and $\tilde{\nabla}_{e_2} C = 0$. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (3.16) \quad 0 = \tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} C &= e_1 \left[\frac{\kappa' \cos v}{f r} \right] t \\ &+ \left(e_1 \left[\frac{-A(u, v)}{f r^2} \right] + \frac{\tau B(u, v)}{f r^2} + \frac{\kappa \kappa' \cos v}{f r} \right) n \\ &+ \left(e_1 \left[\frac{-B(u, v)}{f r^2} \right] - \frac{\tau A(u, v)}{f r^2} \right) b, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.17) \quad 0 = \tilde{\nabla}_{e_2} C = e_2 \left[\frac{\kappa' \cos v}{f r} \right] t + e_2 \left[\frac{-A(u, v)}{f r^2} \right] n + e_2 \left[\frac{-B(u, v)}{f r^2} \right] b.$$

Since

$$e_1 \left[\frac{\kappa' \cos v}{f r} \right] = e_2 \left[\frac{\kappa' \cos v}{f r} \right] = 0,$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa'' f &= \kappa' f_u, \\ -f \sin v &= f_v \cos v. \end{aligned}$$

From the last differential equation system,

$$(3.18) \quad f = a \kappa' \cos v,$$

where a is a real constant. By the equation (3.17),

$$e_2 \left[\frac{-A(u, v)}{f r^2} \right] = e_2 \left[\frac{-B(u, v)}{f r^2} \right] = 0$$

which means

$$(3.19) \quad A(u, v) = f h_1(u), \quad B(u, v) = f h_2(u).$$

Here $h_1(u)$ and $h_2(u)$ are any functions of u . Moreover, from (3.16),

$$e_1 \left[\frac{-B(u, v)}{f r^2} \right] - \frac{\tau A(u, v)}{f r^2} = 0.$$

Writing (3.19) in the last equation, we obtain

$$e_1 [-h_2(u)] - \tau h_1(u) = 0,$$

which has a solution as

$$(3.20) \quad h_2(u) = - \int \tau h_1(u) du.$$

From (3.16), we have

$$e_1 \left[\frac{-A(u, v)}{fr^2} \right] + \frac{\tau B(u, v)}{fr^2} + \frac{\kappa \kappa' \cos v}{fr} = 0.$$

Again writing (3.19) in the last equation, we obtain

$$e_1 [-h_1(u)] + \tau h_2(u) + \frac{\kappa r}{a} = 0,$$

which has a solution as

$$(3.21) \quad h_1(u) = \int \left(\tau h_2(u) + \frac{\kappa r}{a} \right) du.$$

Then, we give the following theorem:

Theorem 3.11. *Let M be a tubular surface given with the parametrization (3.1) in \mathbb{G}_3 . M has L_1 -pointwise 1-type Gauss map of the second kind if and only if $f = a\kappa' \cos v$ for a real constant a and the equations (3.19)-(3.21) are hold.*

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