



New Characterization of \mathcal{D} – Focal Curves in Minkowski 3-space

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ABSTRACT: In this paper, we study new \mathcal{D} –focal curves in the Minkowski 3-space with Darboux frame. Moreover, we obtain some integral equations which they are characterizations for a space curve to be a \mathcal{D} –focal curve. Finally, we give some characterizations about \mathcal{D} –focal curves in the Minkowski 3-space \mathbb{M}_1^3 .

Key Words: Darboux frame, Minkowski 3-space, Focal curve, Normal curvature, Geodesic Curvature, Geodesic torsion.

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1. The basic knowledge of curves and surfaces

In differential geometry, especially the theory of space curves, the Darboux vector is the areal velocity vector of the Frenet frame of a space curve. It is named after Gaston Darboux who discovered it. It is also called angular momentum vector, because it is directly proportional to angular momentum.

Note that the arc-length parameterization $\mathbf{r} : s \rightarrow \mathbf{r}(s)$ of a curve satisfies $\|\mathbf{r}'(s)\| = 1$ and $\mathbf{r}'(s) \perp \mathbf{r}''(s)$ for all s . However, in this paper, a general parameterization $\mathbf{r} : t \rightarrow \mathbf{r}(t)$ is often used in the surface construction problem. The parameters of functions may sometimes be omitted when no confusion arises.

With each point $\mathbf{r}(s)$ of a curve satisfying $\mathbf{r}''(s) \neq 0$, we associate the *Serret–Frenet frame* $(\mathbf{T}(s), \mathbf{N}(s), \mathbf{b}(s))$ where $\mathbf{T}(s) = \mathbf{r}'(s)$, $\mathbf{N}(s) = \mathbf{r}''(s) / \|\mathbf{r}''(s)\|$, and $\mathbf{b}(s) = \mathbf{T}(s) \times \mathbf{N}(s)$ are, respectively, the unit *tangent*, *principal normal*, and *binormal* vectors of the curve at the point $\mathbf{r}(s)$.

Case 1. If \mathbf{r} is a timelike curve, then derivative of the Serret–Frenet frame is governed by the relations

$$\frac{d}{ds} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}(s) \\ \mathbf{N}(s) \\ \mathbf{b}(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \kappa(s) & 0 \\ \kappa(s) & 0 & \tau(s) \\ 0 & -\tau(s) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}(s) \\ \mathbf{N}(s) \\ \mathbf{b}(s) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (1.2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{T} \rangle &= -1, \langle \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{N} \rangle = 1, \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = 1, \\ \langle \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{N} \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Case 2. If \mathbf{r} is a spacelike curve with a spacelike binormal \mathbf{b} ;

$$\frac{d}{ds} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}(s) \\ \mathbf{N}(s) \\ \mathbf{b}(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \kappa(s) & 0 \\ \kappa(s) & 0 & \tau(s) \\ 0 & \tau(s) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}(s) \\ \mathbf{N}(s) \\ \mathbf{b}(s) \end{bmatrix},$$

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Case 3. If \mathbf{r} is a spacelike curve with a spacelike principal normal \mathbf{N} ;

$$\frac{d}{ds} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}(s) \\ \mathbf{N}(s) \\ \mathbf{b}(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \kappa(s) & 0 \\ -\kappa(s) & 0 & \tau(s) \\ 0 & \tau(s) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}(s) \\ \mathbf{N}(s) \\ \mathbf{b}(s) \end{bmatrix},$$

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The osculating plane at each curve point $\mathbf{r}(s)$ is spanned by the two vectors $\mathbf{T}(s), \mathbf{N}(s)$ and does not depend on the curve parameterization. If $\kappa(s) = 0$ for some s , then $\mathbf{r}''(s) = 0$ and the normal vector $\mathbf{n}(s)$ and osculating plane are undefined at that point. This condition identifies an *inflection* of the curve, [8].

On a regular oriented surface $(u, v) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}(u, v)$, the unit normal is defined at each point in terms of the partial derivatives $\mathbf{R}_u = \partial \mathbf{R} / \partial u, \mathbf{R}_v = \partial \mathbf{R} / \partial v$ by

$$\mathbf{n}(u, v) = \frac{\mathbf{R}_u(u, v) \times \mathbf{R}_v(u, v)}{\|\mathbf{R}_u(u, v) \times \mathbf{R}_v(u, v)\|}.$$

Consider a curve $\mathbf{r}(s) = \mathbf{R}((u(s), v(s)))$ on a surface $\mathbf{R}(u, v)$, where s denotes arc length for the space curve $\mathbf{r}(s)$, but not necessarily for the plane curve defined by $s \rightarrow ((u(s), v(s)))$. With each point $\mathbf{r}(s)$ we associate the *Darboux frame* $(\mathbf{T}(s), \mathbf{P}(s), \mathbf{n}(s))$ — where $\mathbf{T}(s)$ is the unit tangent vector of the curve. $\mathbf{n}(s)$ is the unit normal vector of the surface at the point $\mathbf{R}((u(s), v(s))) = \mathbf{r}(s)$, and

$\mathbf{P}(s) = \mathbf{n}(s) \times \mathbf{T}(s)$. The arc-length derivative of the Darboux frame is given by the relations

In case of $\mathbf{r}(s)$ is a time-like curve, the derivative formula of the Darboux frame of $\mathbf{r}(s)$ is in the following form:

$$\frac{d}{ds} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}(s) \\ \mathbf{P}(s) \\ \mathbf{n}(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \kappa_g(s) & \kappa_n(s) \\ \kappa_g(s) & 0 & -\tau_g(s) \\ \kappa_n(s) & \tau_g(s) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}(s) \\ \mathbf{P}(s) \\ \mathbf{n}(s) \end{bmatrix},$$

where $\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{n}$ satisfy the following properties:

$$\begin{aligned} < \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{T} > = -1, < \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{n} > = 1, < \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P} > = 1, \\ < \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{n} > = < \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{P} > = < \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{P} > = 0. \end{aligned}$$

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Define the *normal curvature* $\kappa_n(s)$, the *geodesic curvature* $\kappa_g(s)$, and the *geodesic torsion* $\tau_g(s)$ at each point of the curve $\mathbf{r}(s)$ as

$$\kappa_n = \left\langle \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{ds}, \mathbf{n} \right\rangle, \quad \kappa_g = \left\langle \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{ds}, \mathbf{P} \right\rangle, \quad \tau_g = \left\langle \frac{d\mathbf{T}}{ds}, \mathbf{n} \right\rangle.$$

A regular curve $t \rightarrow \mathbf{r}(t)$ is a geodesic on the surface $\mathbf{R}(u, v)$ if and only if

- (D1) the geodesic curvature of $\mathbf{r}(t)$ is identically zero;
 (D2) the principal normal at each non-inflection point of $\mathbf{r}(t)$ is orthogonal to the surface tangent plane at the point $\mathbf{R}((u(t), v(t)) = \mathbf{r}(t)$;
 (D3) the osculating plane at each non-inflection point of $\mathbf{r}(t)$ is orthogonal to the surface tangent plane at the point $\mathbf{R}((u(t), v(t)) = \mathbf{r}(t)$.

2. \mathcal{D} -Focal Curves According To Darboux Frame In \mathbb{M}_1^3

Denoting the focal curve by \mathfrak{D}_γ , we can write

$$\mathfrak{D}_\gamma(s) = (\gamma + \mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{P} + \mathfrak{f}_2^{\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{n})(s), \quad (2.1)$$

where the coefficients $\mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}}, \mathfrak{f}_2^{\mathcal{D}}$ are smooth functions of the parameter of the curve γ , called the first and second focal curvatures of γ , respectively.

To separate a focal curve according to Darboux frame from that of Frenet-Serret frame, in the rest of the paper, we shall use notation for the focal curve defined above as \mathcal{D} -focal curve.

Case 1. If γ is a timelike curve, then we have

Theorem 2.1. *Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_1^3$ be a unit speed timelike curve and \mathfrak{D}_γ its focal curve on \mathbb{M}_1^3 . Then,*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{D}_\gamma^{\mathcal{D}}(s) &= \gamma(s) + e^{-\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} [\mathfrak{C} - \int \frac{\tau_g}{\kappa_n} e^{\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} ds] \mathbf{P} \\ &+ [\frac{1}{\kappa_n} - \frac{\kappa_g}{\kappa_n} e^{-\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} [\mathfrak{C} + \int \frac{\tau_g}{\kappa_n} e^{\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} ds]] \mathbf{n}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

where \mathfrak{C} is a constant of integration.

Proof. Assume that γ is a unit speed curve and \mathfrak{D}_γ its focal curve on \mathbb{M}_1^3 . By differentiating the formula (2.1), we get

$$\mathfrak{D}_\gamma^{\mathcal{D}}(s)' = (1 + \mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}} \kappa_g + \mathfrak{f}_2^{\mathcal{D}} \kappa_n) \mathbf{T} + ((\mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}})' + \mathfrak{f}_2^{\mathcal{D}} \tau_g) \mathbf{P} + ((\mathfrak{f}_2^{\mathcal{D}})' - \mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}} \tau_g) \mathbf{n}, \quad (2.3)$$

where the coefficients $\mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}}, \mathfrak{f}_2^{\mathcal{D}}$ are smooth functions of the parameter of the curve γ . Using above equation, the first 2 components vanish, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}} \kappa_g + \mathfrak{f}_2^{\mathcal{D}} \kappa_n &= -1, \\ (\mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}})' + \mathfrak{f}_2^{\mathcal{D}} \tau_g &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Considering first equation of above system, we have

$$\mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}} = \frac{-1 - \mathfrak{f}_2^{\mathcal{D}} \kappa_n}{\kappa_g} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{f}_2^{\mathcal{D}} = \frac{-1 - \mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}} \kappa_g}{\kappa_n}$$

Putting in the second equation we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}})' - \tau_g \left(\frac{-1 - \mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}} \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} \right) &= 0, \\ (\mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}})' + \mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}} \left(\frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} \right) &= -\frac{\tau_g}{\kappa_n}. \end{aligned}$$

By means of obtained equations, we express (2.2). This completes the proof.

Corollary 2.2. *Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_1^3$ be a unit speed timelike curve and \mathcal{D}_γ its focal curve on \mathbb{M}_1^3 . Then, the focal curvatures of \mathfrak{F}_γ are*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}} &= e^{-\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} [\mathfrak{C} - \int \frac{\tau_g}{\kappa_n} e^{\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} ds], \\ \mathfrak{f}_2^{\mathcal{D}} &= [-\frac{1}{\kappa_n} - \frac{\kappa_g}{\kappa_n} e^{-\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} [\mathfrak{C} - \int \frac{\tau_g}{\kappa_n} e^{\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} ds]], \end{aligned}$$

where \mathfrak{C} is a constant of integration.

In the light of Theorem 2.1, we express the following corollary without proof:

Lemma 2.3. *Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_1^3$ be a unit speed curve and \mathfrak{F}_γ its focal curve on \mathbb{M}_1^3 . If κ_n and κ_g are constants then, the focal curvatures of \mathfrak{F}_γ are*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}} &= -\frac{1}{\kappa_g} - \Omega e^{\frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} s} \\ \mathfrak{f}_2^{\mathcal{D}} &= -\frac{1}{\kappa_n} - \frac{\kappa_g}{\kappa_n} [-\frac{1}{\kappa_g} - \Omega e^{\frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} s}], \end{aligned}$$

where Ω is a constant of integration.

Theorem 2.4. *Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_1^3$ be a unit speed curve and \mathfrak{F}_γ its focal curve on \mathbb{M}_1^3 . If κ_n and κ_g are constants then,*

$$\mathcal{D}_\gamma^{\mathcal{D}}(s) = \gamma(s) + [-\frac{1}{\kappa_g} - \Omega e^{\frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} s}] \mathbf{P} + [-\frac{1}{\kappa_n} - \frac{\kappa_g}{\kappa_n} [-\frac{1}{\kappa_g} - \Omega e^{\frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} s}]] \mathbf{n},$$

where Ω is a constant of integration.

Corollary 2.5. *Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_1^3$ be a unit speed curve and \mathfrak{F}_γ its focal curve on \mathbb{M}_1^3 . If γ is a principal line then,*

$$\mathcal{D}_\gamma^{\mathcal{D}}(s) = \gamma(s) + \mathfrak{A} \mathbf{P} + [\frac{-1 - \mathfrak{A} \kappa_g}{\kappa_n}] \mathbf{n},$$

where \mathfrak{A} is a constant of integration.

Case 2. If γ is a spacelike curve with timelike \mathbf{n} , then we have

Theorem 2.6. Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_1^3$ be a unit speed spacelike curve with timelike \mathbf{n} and \mathfrak{D}_γ its focal curve on \mathbb{M}_1^3 . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{D}_\gamma^{\mathcal{D}}(s) &= \gamma(s) + e^{-\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} \left[\mathfrak{C} + \int \frac{\tau_g}{\kappa_n} e^{\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} ds \right] \mathbf{P} \\ &\quad + \left[\frac{1}{\kappa_n} - \frac{\kappa_g}{\kappa_n} e^{-\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} \left[\mathfrak{C} + \int \frac{\tau_g}{\kappa_n} e^{\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} ds \right] \right] \mathbf{n}, \end{aligned}$$

where \mathfrak{C} is a constant of integration.

Corollary 2.7. Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{M}^3$ be a unit speed curve and \mathfrak{D}_γ its focal curve on \mathbb{M}^3 . Then, the focal curvatures of \mathfrak{F}_γ are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}} &= e^{-\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} \left[\mathfrak{C} + \int \frac{\tau_g}{\kappa_n} e^{\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} ds \right], \\ \mathfrak{f}_2^{\mathcal{D}} &= \left[\frac{1}{\kappa_n} - \frac{\kappa_g}{\kappa_n} e^{-\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} \left[\mathfrak{C} + \int \frac{\tau_g}{\kappa_n} e^{\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} ds \right] \right], \end{aligned}$$

where \mathfrak{C} is a constant of integration.

In the light of Theorem 2.6, we express the following corollary without proof:

Lemma 2.8. Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{M}^3$ be a unit speed spacelike curve with timelike \mathbf{n} and \mathfrak{F}_γ its focal curve on \mathbb{M}^3 . If κ_n and κ_g are constant then, the focal curvatures of \mathfrak{F}_γ are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{f}_1^{\mathcal{D}} &= -\frac{1}{\kappa_g} + \Omega e^{\frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} s} \\ \mathfrak{f}_2^{\mathcal{D}} &= \frac{1}{\kappa_n} - \frac{\kappa_g}{\kappa_n} \left[-\frac{1}{\kappa_g} + \Omega e^{\frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} s} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where Ω is a constant of integration.

Theorem 2.9. Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{M}^3$ be a unit speed curve and \mathfrak{F}_γ its focal curve on \mathbb{M}^3 . If κ_n and κ_g are constants then,

$$\mathfrak{D}_\gamma^{\mathcal{D}}(s) = \gamma(s) + \left[-\frac{1}{\kappa_g} + Q e^{\frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} s} \right] \mathbf{P} + \left[\frac{1}{\kappa_n} - \frac{\kappa_g}{\kappa_n} \left[-\frac{1}{\kappa_g} + Q e^{\frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} s} \right] \right] \mathbf{n},$$

where Ω is a constant of integration.

Corollary 2.10. Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{M}^3$ be a unit speed spacelike curve with timelike \mathbf{n} and \mathfrak{F}_γ its focal curve on \mathbb{M}^3 . If γ is a principal line then,

$$\mathfrak{D}_\gamma^{\mathcal{D}}(s) = \gamma(s) + \Omega \mathbf{P} + \left[\frac{1 - \Omega \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} \right] \mathbf{n},$$

where \mathfrak{A} is a constant of integration.

Case 3. If γ is a spacelike curve with timelike \mathbf{P} , then we have

Theorem 2.11. Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{M}^3$ be a unit speed spacelike curve with timelike \mathbf{P} and \mathcal{D}_γ its focal curve on \mathbb{M}^3 . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{D}_\gamma^{\mathcal{D}}(s) &= \gamma(s) + e^{-\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} [\mathfrak{C} - \int \frac{\tau_g}{\kappa_n} e^{\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} ds] \mathbf{P} \\ &+ [-\frac{1}{\kappa_n} - \frac{\kappa_g}{\kappa_n} e^{-\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} [\mathfrak{C} - \int \frac{\tau_g}{\kappa_n} e^{\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} ds]] \mathbf{n}, \end{aligned}$$

where \mathfrak{C} is a constant of integration.

Corollary 2.12. Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{M}^3$ be a unit speed spacelike curve with timelike \mathbf{P} and \mathcal{D}_γ its focal curve on \mathbb{M}^3 . Then, the focal curvatures of \mathfrak{F}_γ are

$$\begin{aligned} f_1^{\mathcal{D}} &= e^{-\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} [\mathfrak{C} - \int \frac{\tau_g}{\kappa_n} e^{\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} ds], \\ f_2^{\mathcal{D}} &= [-\frac{1}{\kappa_n} - \frac{\kappa_g}{\kappa_n} e^{-\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} [\mathfrak{C} - \int \frac{\tau_g}{\kappa_n} e^{\int \frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} ds} ds]], \end{aligned}$$

where \mathfrak{C} is a constant of integration.

In the light of Theorem 2.11, we express the following corollary without proof:

Lemma 2.13. Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{M}^3$ be a unit speed spacelike curve with timelike \mathbf{P} and \mathfrak{F}_γ its focal curve on \mathbb{M}^3 . If κ_n and κ_g are constants then, the focal curvatures of \mathfrak{F}_γ are

$$\begin{aligned} f_1^{\mathcal{D}} &= -\frac{1}{\kappa_g} - \Omega e^{\frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} s} \\ f_2^{\mathcal{D}} &= -\frac{1}{\kappa_n} - \frac{\kappa_g}{\kappa_n} [-\frac{1}{\kappa_g} - \Omega e^{\frac{\tau_g \kappa_g}{\kappa_n} s}], \end{aligned}$$

where Ω is a constant of integration.

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