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# Geometric visualization of evolved ruled surfaces via alternative frame in Lorentz-Minkowski 3-space

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Abstract: The main goal of this paper is to investigate the evolution equations for special types of timelike ruled surfaces with significant geometric and physical applications in Lorentz-Minkowski 3-space  $E_1^3$  $\frac{3}{1}$ . Using the alternative frame associated with the basic curve of these surfaces, we explored their key geometric properties. Our analysis provided insights into the dynamics of local curvatures during their evolutions, enhancing the understanding of surface behavior. Finally, we present applications of our preliminary findings that contribute to the broader field of differential geometry.

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# 1. Introduction

The investigation of surfaces and alternative frames in Lorentz–Minkowski space offers insights into the interplay between differential geometry and special relativity [\[1](#page-15-0)[–4\]](#page-15-1).

Ruled surfaces are surfaces that can be generated by moving a straight line in space according to specific rules. These surfaces have applications in various fields, including architecture, computer graphics, and differential geometry itself. While ruled surfaces are often studied in Euclidean or Riemannian geometries, examining them in the context of  $E_1^3$  $\frac{1}{1}$  opens new perspectives and challenges due to the Lorentzian nature of spacetime. The use of alternative frames in differential geometry [\[5,](#page-15-2) [6\]](#page-15-3) provides a basis for understanding the geometric and physical properties of spacetime. This approach, extensively discussed in Wald's textbook [\[7\]](#page-15-4), allows for the decomposition of the metric tensor into

components corresponding to different types of vectors in the frame. Alternative frames have proven valuable in studying the kinematics of particles and observers in curved spacetimes, enabling the interpretation of relativistic effects and gravitational interactions. Furthermore, in the fields of partial differential equations, geometric analysis, mathematical physics, etc., soliton theory is a critical theory that attracts the attention of many researchers [\[8–](#page-15-5)[11\]](#page-15-6). There are many applications of solitons in applied mathematics and pure mathematics, especially in partial differential equations, ordinary partial differential equations, Lie algebras, Lie groups, differential geometry, and algebraic geometry [\[12](#page-15-7)[–15\]](#page-15-8). In [\[16\]](#page-16-0), Manukure and Booker presented an overview of solitons and applications; they stated the research history of solitons and showed further developments. The paper [\[16\]](#page-16-0) shows that solitons appear in various fields, particularly in physical contexts, including fluid dynamics, optical fibers, and quantum field theory. In each case, they are described by specific evolution equations that capture the relevant physics [\[17\]](#page-16-1). This work aims to explore the evolution of different types of timelike ruled surfaces using alternative frames in Minkowski space. By investigating the interplay between these surfaces and alternative frames, we enhance our understanding of the geometric structures of these surfaces in Lorentz-Minkowski 3-space.

This paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we provide a brief overview of curves and timelike ruled surfaces and explore the relationship between these surfaces and alternative frames in Lorentz–Minkowski 3-space. Section 3 presents evolution equations for a given timelike curve and some timelike ruled surfaces generated by the alternative frame vectors of their associated timelike curves in Lorentz–Minkowski 3-space. Illustrated examples to support our main results are provided in Section 4, and we conclude with a summary of our findings in Section 5.

### 2. Geometric concepts

#### *2.1. An alternative frame*

Lorentz–Minkowski 3-space *E* 3  $\frac{1}{1}$  is the real vector space  $E^3$  augmented by the Lorentzian inner product

$$
\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle_{E_1^3} = -a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3,\tag{2.1}
$$

where  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3) \in E_1^3$ <sup>3</sup>. The norm of **b** is  $\|\mathbf{b}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b} \rangle_{E_1^3}}$ .

The cross product of **a** and **b** is given by

$$
\mathbf{a} \wedge_{E_1^3} \mathbf{b} = \langle -a_3b_2 + a_2b_3, -a_3b_1 + a_1b_3, a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \rangle. \tag{2.2}
$$

If  $\mathbf{r}(s) : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow E_1^3$  $\frac{3}{1}$  is a regular curve described by

$$
\mathbf{r}(s) = (y(s), z(s), w(s)),
$$
\n(2.3)

where *I* is an open interval and  $y(s), z(s)$ , and  $w(s) \in C^3$ , then **r** is spacelike if  $\langle \mathbf{r}'(s), \mathbf{r}'(s) \rangle_{E_1^3} > 0$ , timelike if  $\langle \mathbf{r}'(s), \mathbf{r}'(s) \rangle_{E_1^3} > 0$ , timelike if  $\langle \mathbf{r}'(s), \mathbf{r}'(s) \rangle_{E_1^3} < 0$ , and lightlike if  $\langle \mathbf{r}'(s), \mathbf{r}'(s) \rangle_{E_1^3} = 0$ , for all  $s \in I$ .<br>The derivatives of the Franct frame vectors of  $\mathbf{r}(s)$ , which has tangent  $\mathbf{T}(s)$ 

The derivatives of the Frenet frame vectors of  $\mathbf{r}(s)$ , which has tangent  $\mathbf{T}(s)$ , principal normal  $\mathbf{n}(s)$ , and binormal  $p(s)$ , take the form:

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{T}(s) \\ \mathbf{n}(s) \\ \mathbf{p}(s) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \kappa(s) & 0 \\ \epsilon_{\mathbf{p}} \kappa(s) & 0 & \tau(s) \\ 0 & \epsilon_{\mathbf{T}} \tau(s) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{T}(s) \\ \mathbf{n}(s) \\ \mathbf{p}(s) \end{pmatrix},\tag{2.4}
$$

where

$$
\langle \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{T} \rangle_{E_1^3} = \epsilon_{\mathbf{T}}, \quad \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{n} \rangle_{E_1^3} = \epsilon_{\mathbf{n}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p} \rangle_{E_1^3} = -\epsilon_{\mathbf{T}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{n}} = \epsilon_{\mathbf{p}},
$$
 (2.5)

and

 $\mathbf{T} \times_{E_1^3} \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{p}, \quad \mathbf{n} \times_{E_1^3} \mathbf{p} = -\epsilon_{\mathbf{n}} \mathbf{T}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{p} \times_{E_1^3} \mathbf{T} = -\epsilon_{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{n}.$  (2.6)

The functions  $\kappa(s)$  and  $\tau(s)$  represent the curvature and the torsion of the curve, respectively. For more details, see [\[2\]](#page-15-9). Additionally, this frame satisfies the following conditions:

$$
\mathbf{T}(s) = \frac{d\mathbf{r}/ds}{\|d\mathbf{r}/ds\|}, \quad \mathbf{n}(s) = \frac{\mathbf{T}_s(s)}{\|\mathbf{T}_s(s)\|}, \quad \mathbf{p}(s) = \mathbf{T}(s) \wedge_{E_1^3} \mathbf{n}(s),
$$

where  $\mathbf{T}_s(s) = d\mathbf{T}(s)/ds$ .

In this context, the time evolution equations for the given curve are written as follows:

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{T} \\ \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \alpha & \beta \\ \alpha & 0 & \gamma \\ \beta & -\gamma & 0 \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{T} \\ \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{array} \right),
$$

where  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are the velocities of the curve, dependent on its curvatures.

Next, we explore the alternative frame of r(*s*) as a timelike curve in Lorentz–Minkowski 3-space. By examining this frame, we gain insights into the geometric properties and physical aspects of the curve, offering a fresh perspective on its behavior within the context of differential geometry.

Consider  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(s)$  as a given timelike curve with arc length parameter *s* in  $E_1^3$ <sup>3</sup><sub>1</sub>. Let  $\{T(s), n(s), p(s)\}$ <br>ctively. The alternative and  $\{n(s), C(s), W(s)\}\$  be the Frenet frame and the alternative frame of **r**, respectively. The alternative frame can then be defined as follows:

$$
\mathbf{C}(s) = \frac{\mathbf{n}'(s)}{\|\mathbf{n}'(s)\|}, \n\mathbf{W}(s) = \frac{\tau(s)}{\sqrt{|\kappa^2(s) - \tau^2(s)|}} \mathbf{T}(s) + \frac{\kappa(s)}{\sqrt{|\kappa^2(s) - \tau^2(s)|}} (s) \mathbf{p}(s),
$$
\n(2.7)

where **n**, **C**, and **W** represent the spacelike normal, the timelike derivative of the normal, and the spacelike Darboux vector of r(*s*), respectively [\[5\]](#page-15-2). Clearly, the Darboux vector W is orthogonal to the normal vector  $\mathbf{n}(s)$  [\[6,](#page-15-3) [18\]](#page-16-2).

The derivative formulas for the alternative frame of  $r(s)$  can be expressed as follows:

<span id="page-2-0"></span>
$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}(s) \\ \mathbf{C}(s) \\ \mathbf{W}(s) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma(s) & 0 \\ \sigma(s) & 0 & \varrho(s) \\ 0 & \varrho(s) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}(s) \\ \mathbf{C}(s) \\ \mathbf{W}(s) \end{pmatrix},
$$
(2.8)

where

$$
\sigma(s) = \sqrt{|\kappa^2(s) - \tau^2(s)|}, \quad \varrho(s) = \frac{\kappa^2(s) (\frac{\tau(s)}{\kappa(s)})'}{\kappa^2(s) - \tau^2(s)},
$$
\n(2.9)

are differentiable functions referred to as alternative curvatures that depend on the curvatures of r(*s*).

Since the principal normal vector  $\mathbf{n}(s)$  is common to both frames, the relationship between the two frames can be expressed in matrix form as [\[5\]](#page-15-2):

 $\sqrt{T}$ n p  $\lambda$  $\begin{array}{c} \hline \end{array}$ =  $\left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & \frac{\kappa(s)}{\sqrt{2\kappa(s)}} \end{array} \right)$   $\frac{\kappa(s)}{|k^2(s)-\tau^2(s)|}$   $-\frac{\tau(s)}{\sqrt{|k^2(s)-\tau^2(s)|}}$  $\frac{|k^2(s)-\tau^2(s)|}{\Omega}$ 1 0 0 0  $-\frac{\tau(s)}{\sqrt{2\pi s}}$  $\frac{\tau(s)}{|k^2(s)-\tau^2(s)|}$   $\frac{k(s)}{\sqrt{|k^2(s)-\tau^2(s)|}}$  $|k^2(s)-\tau^2(s)|$  $\overline{a}$  $\begin{array}{c} \hline \end{array}$  $\overline{\mathcal{C}}$ C W  $\lambda$  $\begin{array}{c} \end{array}$  $(2.10)$ 

or

$$
\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{W} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\kappa(s)}{\sqrt{|\kappa^2(s) - \tau^2(s)|}} & 0 & -\frac{\tau(s)}{\sqrt{|\kappa^2(s) - \tau^2(s)|}} \\ -\frac{\tau(s)}{\sqrt{|\kappa^2(s) - \tau^2(s)|}} & 0 & \frac{\kappa(s)}{\sqrt{|\kappa^2(s) - \tau^2(s)|}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{T} \\ \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{p} \end{pmatrix}.
$$
 (2.11)

Considering that

 $\overline{\phantom{a}}$ 

$$
\mathbf{n} \times_{E_1^3} \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{W}, \quad \mathbf{C} \times_{E_1^3} \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{n}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{n} \times_{E_1^3} \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{C}, \tag{2.12}
$$

and to simplify the form of our equations, we will use the following symbols:

$$
F_1 = \frac{\kappa(s)}{\sqrt{|\kappa^2(s) - \tau^2(s)|}}, \quad F_2 = \frac{\tau(s)}{\sqrt{|\kappa^2(s) - \tau^2(s)|}}
$$

The equations of motion for the alternative frame  $\{n(s), C(s), W(s)\}\$  of  $r(s)$  can be expressed broadly, similar to Eq  $(2.8)$  as [\[19\]](#page-16-3):

<span id="page-3-1"></span>
$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}(s) \\ \mathbf{C}(s) \\ \mathbf{W}(s) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \delta(s) & \theta(s) \\ \delta(s) & 0 & \phi(s) \\ -\theta & \phi(s) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{n}(s) \\ \mathbf{C}(s) \\ \mathbf{W}(s) \end{pmatrix},
$$
(2.13)

where  $\delta$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $\phi$  represent the alternative velocities of the aforementioned curve.

The alternative frame provides a distinct basis for analyzing the geometry of curves and surfaces. The vectors in this alternative frame often offer insights into various geometric properties and can simplify the analysis of complex structures [\[20\]](#page-16-4). In [\[21\]](#page-16-5), a novel class of ruled surface known as the C-ruled surface is introduced, defined through the alternative frame associated with a base curve. The differential geometric properties of this surface are examined, including the striction line, distribution parameter, fundamental forms, as well as Gaussian and mean curvatures. In our work, we will examine the evolution equations for specific types of ruled surfaces with significant geometric applications. By employing the alternative frame associated with the basic curve of these surfaces, we will investigate their key geometric properties. This comprehensive analysis will provide deeper insights into the dynamics of the local curvatures during their evolution. Our work aims to advance the understanding of surface behavior in Lorentz–Minkowski 3-space, with implications across various disciplines.

#### *2.2. Ruled surfaces in Minkowski space*

A ruled surface is one generated by moving a straight line, known as the ruling line, according to specific rules. Each ruling line lies entirely on the surface, forming a family of lines that cover the surface. Mathematically, a ruled surface can be defined as follows (see [\[3,](#page-15-10) [22–](#page-16-6)[24\]](#page-16-7) for more details):

<span id="page-3-0"></span>
$$
\mathbb{S}(s, v) = \mathbf{r}(s) + v \Phi(s) | s \in I, v \in J,
$$
\n(2.14)

where  $r(s)$  is the base curve of  $\mathcal{S}(s, v)$  in Lorentz–Minkowski 3-space, *v* is a function defined on an interval *J*, and  $\Phi$  is a fixed vector representing the direction of the ruling lines. The choice of the curve  $r(s)$  and the function *v* determines the specific properties and shape of the ruled surface.

Definition 2.1. *A surface in Lorentz–Minkowski 3-space is classified as spacelike or timelike based on the nature of the induced metric at the surface: a positive definite Riemannian metric corresponds to a spacelike surface, while a negative definite Riemannian metric corresponds to a timelike surface. Alternatively, a spacelike surface has a normal vector that is timelike, whereas a timelike surface has a normal vector that is spacelike [\[25\]](#page-16-8).*

For the ruled surface defined by Eq [\(2.14\)](#page-3-0), the normal vector at a point is defined as a vector perpendicular to the tangent plane of the surface at that point. This normal vector is crucial for defining the geometry of the surface and is denoted by

<span id="page-4-0"></span>
$$
\mathbf{N} = \frac{\mathbb{S}_s \times \mathbb{S}_v}{\|\mathbb{S}_s \times \mathbb{S}_v\|}.
$$
 (2.15)

The first and second fundamental forms on the surface S, along with their quantities, are respectively expressed by

$$
I = \langle d\mathbb{S}, d\mathbb{S} \rangle = Eds^2 + 2Fdsdv + Gdv^2,
$$
 (2.16)

where,

$$
E=\langle \mathbb{S}_s,\mathbb{S}_s\rangle,\ F=\langle \mathbb{S}_s,\mathbb{S}_v\rangle=\langle \mathbb{S}_v,\mathbb{S}_s\rangle,\ G=\langle \mathbb{S}_v,\mathbb{S}_v\rangle,
$$

and

$$
II = \langle d\mathbb{S}, \mathbf{N} \rangle = eds^2 + 2fdsdv + gdv^2,\tag{2.17}
$$

noting that

$$
e = \langle \mathbb{S}_{ss}, \mathbf{N} \rangle, f = \langle \mathbb{S}_{sv}, \mathbf{N} \rangle = \langle \mathbb{S}_{vs}, \mathbf{N} \rangle, g = \langle \mathbb{S}_{vv}, \mathbf{N} \rangle.
$$

The Gaussian and mean curvatures of  $\mathcal S$  play a vital role in characterizing the shape and properties of S. They are given by the following forms:

$$
K = \epsilon_{\mathbf{N}} \frac{eg - f^2}{EG - F^2} = \frac{Det(h)}{Det(\Delta)}; \epsilon_{\mathbf{N}} = \langle \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{N} \rangle,
$$
 (2.18)

and

$$
H = \frac{\epsilon_N}{2} \frac{eG - 2fF + gE}{(EG - F^2)} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_N tr(h^* \Delta), \qquad (2.19)
$$

where  $\Delta = EG - F^2$ ,  $h = eg - f^2$ , and  $h^*$  denotes the inverse matrix of *h* [\[25\]](#page-16-8).

It is worth noting that, as stated in [\[26\]](#page-16-9), the surface evolution denoted by  $\mathcal{S}(s, v, t)$  and its corresponding flow <sup>∂</sup>S(*s*,*v*,*t*)  $\frac{\delta x_i v_i}{\delta t}$  are considered inextensible if the following condition is satisfied:

<span id="page-4-1"></span>
$$
\begin{cases}\n\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = 0, \\
\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = 0, \\
\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} = 0.\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(2.20)

#### 3. Evolution equations and alternative frame

In this section, we focus on deriving the evolution equations for special types of ruled surfaces using an alternative frame for their curves. To achieve this, we first derive the evolution equations for a timelike curve, highlighting its unique geometric properties and implications within differential geometry. The main result of this analysis is presented in the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let*  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(s, t)$  *be a given timelike curve which has the alternative frame*  $\{\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{W}\}\$  *in*  $E_1^3$ , then the evolution equations of the alternative curvatures of **r** can be described a *then the evolution equations of the alternative curvatures of* r *can be described as:*

$$
\begin{cases} \n\sigma_t = \delta_s + \varrho \,\theta, \\ \n\varrho_t = \phi_s - \sigma \,\theta, \n\end{cases} \tag{3.1}
$$

*where*  $\delta$ *,*  $\phi$  *and*  $\theta$  *are the velocities of* **r***.* 

*Proof.* Let us write Eq [\(2.8\)](#page-2-0) in a simple form as

$$
\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial s} = \mathbf{L} \mathbf{A},\tag{3.2}
$$

where

$$
\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{W} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma(s) & 0 \\ \sigma(s) & 0 & \varrho(s) \\ 0 & \varrho(s) & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
$$

Similar to that procedure, Eq [\(2.13\)](#page-3-1) can be reformulated as

$$
\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{A},\tag{3.3}
$$

where

$$
\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \delta(s) & \theta(s) \\ \delta(s) & 0 & \phi(s) \\ -\theta & \phi(s) & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
$$

From this point, by applying the compatibility conditions <sup>∂</sup> ∂*s*  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}$  =  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  $\frac{\partial A}{\partial s}$  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial s}$  and making some calculations, one can obtain

<span id="page-5-0"></span>
$$
\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial s} + [\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{M}] = 0_{3 \times 3},\tag{3.4}
$$

with Lie bracket  $[L, M] = LM - ML$ .

We conclude from Eq [\(3.4\)](#page-5-0), after simple calculations, we obtain the following system of equations

$$
\begin{cases} \sigma_t - \delta_s - \varrho \,\theta = 0, \\ \varrho_t - \phi_s + \sigma \,\theta = 0, \\ \theta_s - \sigma \,\phi + \varrho \,\delta = 0, \end{cases}
$$

which leads to the completeness of the proof.

Our focus now shifts to deriving evolution equations for specific ruled surfaces generated by the alternative frame vectors associated with their curves. This will be addressed through the following theorems.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Consider*  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(s,t)$  *is a timelike curve that has the alternative frame*  $\{\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{W}\}\$ *in Lorentz–Minkowski 3-space. Let*  $\mathbb{S}_n$  *be a timelike* **n**-ruled surface whose **r** *is its base curve, then the following are hold:*

*1) The evolution equation of*  $\mathbb{S}_n$  *is* 

$$
F_2 \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial t} - (F_1 + v\sigma) \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial t} = 0.
$$
 (3.5)

*2)* S<sup>n</sup> *is minimal surface if and only if*

$$
F_2 \tau_2 - (F_1 + \nu \tau_1)_s = 0.
$$

*3)* S<sup>n</sup> *is developable if and only if*

$$
(F_1 + v\sigma) - F_2 \varrho = 0.
$$

*Proof.* Since, the ruled surface  $\mathcal{S}_n$  can be written as:

<span id="page-6-0"></span>
$$
\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{n}}(s, v, t) = \mathbf{r}(s, t) + v \, \mathbf{n}(s, t),\tag{3.6}
$$

then by differentiating this equation, we get

$$
\begin{cases} (\mathbb{S}_n)_s = (F_1 + v\sigma) \mathbf{C} - \varrho \mathbf{W}, \\ (\mathbb{S}_n)_v = \mathbf{n}. \end{cases}
$$

From Eq  $(2.15)$ , the normal on N is obtained:

$$
\mathbf{N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\frac{\tau^2}{\kappa^2(s) - \tau^2(s)} + (F_1 + v\sigma)^2}} (0, F_2, -F_1 - v\sigma). \tag{3.7}
$$

In the light of the above, the first fundamental quantities are

$$
E = F_2^2 - (F_1 + v\sigma)^2, \quad F = 0, \quad G = 1,
$$
\n(3.8)

which lead to

$$
I = EG - F^2 = F_2^2 - (F_1 + v\sigma)^2.
$$
 (3.9)

The second derivatives of Eq [\(3.6\)](#page-6-0) with respect to *s* and *v* are expressed as

$$
\begin{cases}\n(\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{n}})_{ss} = \sigma (F_1 + v\sigma) \mathbf{n} + ((F_1 + v\sigma)_s - F_2 \varrho) \mathbf{C} \\
+ (\varrho (F_1 + v\sigma) - (F_2)_s) \mathbf{W}, \\
(\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{n}})_{vv} = 0, \\
(\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{n}})_{vs} = (\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{n}})_{sv} = \sigma \mathbf{C}.\n\end{cases}
$$

From this, the second fundamental form is given as follows:

$$
II = eg - f^{2}
$$
  
=  $-\left(\frac{\sigma^{2}((F_{1} + v\sigma) - F_{2}\rho)^{2}}{(F_{1} + v\sigma)^{2} - F_{2}^{2}}\right),$  (3.10)

where,

$$
\begin{cases}\ne = \langle (\mathbb{S}_n)_{ss}, \mathbf{N} \rangle = \frac{F_2^2 e^{-F_2(F_1 + v\sigma)_s}}{\sqrt{(F_1 + v\sigma)^2 - F_2^2}},\\
f = \langle (\mathbb{S}_n)_{sv}, \mathbf{N} \rangle = \langle (\mathbb{S}_n)_{vs}, \mathbf{N} \rangle = \frac{\sigma((F_1 + v\sigma) - F_2 \rho)}{\sqrt{(F_1 + v\sigma)^2 - F_2^2}},\\
g = \langle (\mathbb{S}_n)_{vv}, \mathbf{N} \rangle = 0.\n\end{cases} \tag{3.11}
$$

From the aforementioned data, the Gaussian and mean curvatures for the surface  $\mathcal{S}_n$  are given as follows: <sup>2</sup>

$$
\begin{cases}\nK = \left(\frac{\sigma((F_1 + v\sigma) - F_2 \rho)}{\sqrt{-F_2^2 + (F_1 + v\sigma)^2}}\right)^2, \\
H = \frac{-1}{2} \left(\frac{F_2^2 e^{-F_2(F_1 + v\sigma)}}{(-F_2^2 + (F_1 + v\sigma))^{\frac{3}{2}}}\right),\n\end{cases} \tag{3.12}
$$

therefore, the surface  $\mathcal{S}_n$  is minimal if and only if

$$
-F_2^2 \varrho - F_2 (F_1 + v \sigma)_s = 0.
$$

On the other hand, the surface  $\mathcal{S}_n$  can be described as a developable if and only if

$$
\sigma((F_1 + v\sigma) - F_2 \varrho) = 0.
$$

In light of the benefit of Eq [\(2.20\)](#page-4-1), the evolution of the surface is obtained:

$$
F_2 \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial t} - (F_1 + v \sigma) \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial t} = 0.
$$

This finishes the proof.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.3.** Assume that  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{C}}$  is a timelike C-ruled surface and  $\mathbf{r}(s,t)$  be its timelike curve, which *has the alternative frame vectors* **n**, C, W *in Lorentz–Minkowski 3-space. The surface*  $\mathcal{S}_C$  *satisfies the following:*

*1) It is minimal if and only if*

$$
\begin{pmatrix}\nv\sigma\left(-F_1(\sigma-\rho)-\left(v\sigma\right)_s + \left(F_1\sigma + v\rho\right)_s\right) \\
+F_2(F_1\sigma+\left(v\sigma\right)_s) + F_1\sigma\left(-F_2 + v(\sigma+\rho)\right)\n\end{pmatrix} = 0
$$
\n(3.13)

*holds.*

*2) The surface is developable if and only if*

$$
v\sigma + v\varrho - F_2 = 0 \tag{3.14}
$$

*is hold.*

*3) It has the evolution equation:*

$$
F_1 \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial t} + (-F_2 + v \varrho) \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial t} = 0.
$$
 (3.15)

*Proof.* The parametric representation of the  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{C}}$  surface can be formulated as

$$
\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{C}}(s, v, t) = \mathbf{r}(s, t) + v \mathbf{C}(s, t). \tag{3.16}
$$

The partial differentials of the surface  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{C}}$  with respect to *s* and *v* are given from

$$
\begin{cases} (\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{C}})_s = v\sigma \mathbf{n} + F_1 \mathbf{C} + (-F_2 + v\varrho)\mathbf{W}, \\ (\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{C}})_v = \mathbf{C}. \end{cases}
$$

Again, the surface differentials with respect to the parameters *s* and *v* are expressed as follows:

$$
\begin{cases}\n(\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{C}})_{ss} = (\sigma F_1 + (\nu \sigma)_s) \mathbf{n}, \\
+(\nu \sigma^2 + (F_1)_s + \varrho(-F_2 + \nu \varrho)) \mathbf{C} + ((-F_2 + \nu \varrho)_s + F_1 \varrho) \mathbf{W} \\
(\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{C}})_{\nu\nu} = 0, \\
(\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{C}})_{\nu s} = (\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{C}})_{s\nu} = \sigma \mathbf{n} + \varrho \mathbf{W}.\n\end{cases}
$$

From this, the normal relative to the surface is given by

$$
\mathbf{N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(v\sigma)^2 + (-F_2 + v\varrho)^2}} (F_2 - v\sigma, 0, v\sigma).
$$
 (3.17)

In light of the above-mentioned data related to surface calculations, the first and second fundamental forms with their quantities are, respectively

$$
E = (v\sigma)^2 - F_1^2 + (-F_2 + v\varrho)^2,
$$
  
\n
$$
F = -F_1, \quad G = -1,
$$
\n(3.18)

which give us

$$
I = -(v\sigma)^2 - (-F_2 + v\varrho)^2,
$$
\n(3.19)

and,

$$
\begin{cases}\ne = \frac{\nu\sigma(-F_1(\sigma-\varrho) - (\nu\sigma)_s + (F_1\sigma+\nu\varrho)_s) + F_2(F_1\sigma+\nu\varrho)_s}{\sqrt{(\nu\sigma)^2 + (-F_2+\nu\varrho)^2}},\\
f = \frac{-\sigma(-F_2+\nu\sigma+\nu\varrho)}{\sqrt{(\nu\sigma)^2 + (-F_2+\nu\varrho)^2}},\\
g = 0.\n\end{cases} \tag{3.20}
$$

From this, we have

$$
II = \frac{\sigma^2(-F_2 + v\sigma + v\rho)^2}{(v\sigma)^2 + (-F_2 + v\rho)^2}.
$$
\n(3.21)

The geometric meanings of the surface  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{C}}$  are represented by its Gaussian and mean curvatures. They are given from

$$
\begin{cases}\nK = -\left(\frac{\sigma(-F_2 + v\sigma + v\varrho)}{\sqrt{(v\sigma)^2 + (-F_2 + v\varrho)^2}}\right)^2, \\
H = \frac{-1}{2} \frac{v\sigma(-F_1(\sigma-\varrho) - (v\sigma)_s + (F_1\sigma + v\varrho)_s) + F_2(F_1\sigma + (v\sigma)_s) + F_1\sigma(-F_2 + v(\sigma+\varrho))}{((v\sigma)^2 + (-F_2 + v\varrho)^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}\n\end{cases} (3.22)
$$

As a result of the above, the surface  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{C}}$  is minimal when

$$
\begin{pmatrix}\nv\sigma(-F_1(\sigma-\varrho)-(v\sigma)_s+(F_1\sigma+v\varrho)_s)\\+F_2(F_1\sigma+(v\sigma)_s)+F_1\sigma(-F_2+v(\sigma+\varrho))\n\end{pmatrix}=0
$$

holds.

Besides, the surface  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{C}}$  is classified as a developable whenever

$$
-F_2 + v\sigma + v\varrho = 0,
$$

is hold.

By applying Eq [\(2.20\)](#page-4-1), the evolution condition for this surface is expressed as

$$
F_1 \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial t} + (-F_2 + v \varrho) \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial t} = 0.
$$

Hence, the proof is completed.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.4.** Suppose that  $\mathbb{S}_W$  is a timelike W-ruled surface generated by the alternative vector W *of its base curve* r *in Lorentz–Minkowski 3-space. Then, the following statements are satisfied:*

- *1)*  $\mathbb{S}_w$  *is a developable surface.*
- *2) It has the following evolution equation:*

$$
F_2 \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial t} - (F_1 + v \varrho) \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial t} = 0.
$$
 (3.23)

*Proof.* Since the surface  $\mathbb{S}_w$  has the following parametric representation

$$
\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}}(s, v, t) = \mathbf{r}(s, t) + v \mathbf{W}(s, t), \tag{3.24}
$$

then by differentiating this equation twice with respect to *s* and *v*, we obtain the following

$$
\begin{cases}\n(\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_s = (F_1 + v\varrho)\mathbf{C} - F_2\mathbf{W}, \\
(\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_v = \sigma \mathbf{W}, \\
(\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_{ss} = \sigma(F_1 + v\varrho)\mathbf{n} \\
+ (-F_2\varrho + (F_1 + v\varrho)_s)\mathbf{C} + (\varrho(F_1 + v\varrho) - (F_2)_s)\mathbf{W}, \\
(\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_{vv} = 0, \\
(\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_{vs} = (\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_{sv} = \varrho \mathbf{C}.\n\end{cases}
$$

From this, we have the normal

$$
N = (1, 0, 0), \tag{3.25}
$$

and

$$
\begin{cases}\nE = \langle (\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_s, (\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_s \rangle = -(F_1 + \nu \varrho)^2 + F_2^2, \\
F = \langle (\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_s, (\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_v \rangle = -F_2, \\
G = \langle (\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_v, (\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_v \rangle = 1,\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(3.26)

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$$
I = -(F_1 + v \varrho)^2, \tag{3.27}
$$

and also

$$
e = \langle (\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_{ss}, \mathbf{N} \rangle = \sigma(F_1 + \nu \varrho), \quad f = \langle (\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_{vs}, \mathbf{N} \rangle = 0, \quad g = \langle (\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}})_{vv}, \mathbf{N} \rangle = 0,
$$
 (3.28)

$$
II = 0.\t(3.29)
$$

Further, the Gaussian and mean curvatures of  $\mathcal{S}_W$  are calculated as

$$
K = 0, \quad H = \frac{-\sigma}{2(F_1 + v\varrho)},\tag{3.30}
$$

As a consequence, this surface is developable and not minimal.

Under the previous data, the evolution equation for the surface  $\mathbb{S}_W$  is given by

$$
F_2 \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial t} - (F_1 + v \varrho) \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial t} = 0.
$$

Thus, the result is clear.  $\square$ 

## 4. Application

In this section, we are interested in providing a practical example to demonstrate the theoretical results that we obtained through our study of the three special ruled surfaces: n-ruled, C-ruled, and W-ruled surfaces.

Consider  $r(s, t)$  be a timelike curve given by (see Figure [1\)](#page-11-0)

$$
\mathbf{r}(s,t) = \left(t \sinh \sqrt{2}s, t \cosh \sqrt{2}s, t s\right). \tag{4.1}
$$

The tangent  $T$ , the normal  $n$  and the binormal  $p$  of  $r$  are, respectively

$$
\begin{cases}\n\mathbf{T} = (\sqrt{2} \cosh \sqrt{2}s, \sqrt{2} \sinh \sqrt{2}s, 1),\n\mathbf{n} = (\sinh \sqrt{2}s, -\cosh \sqrt{2}s, 0),\n\mathbf{p} = (\cosh \sqrt{2}s, \sinh \sqrt{2}s, \sqrt{2}).\n\end{cases}
$$

The curvature functions of the considered curve are

$$
\kappa = \frac{2}{t}, \quad \tau = \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{t},
$$

also, the alternative frame vectors  $n, C, W$  of  $r$  are given as follows:

$$
\begin{cases}\n\mathbf{n} = (\sinh \sqrt{2}s, -\cosh \sqrt{2}s, 0), \\
\mathbf{C} = (\cosh \sqrt{2}s, \sinh \sqrt{2}s, 0), \\
\mathbf{W} = (0, 0, 1).\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(4.2)

From this, the alternative curvatures of **r** are calculated as

$$
\sigma = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{t}, \quad \varrho = 0.
$$

<span id="page-11-0"></span>

Figure 1. The timelike curve r.

The **n**-ruled surface that has  $\bf{r}$  as a base curve is expressed by the following representation (see Figure [2\)](#page-12-0)

$$
\mathbb{S}_{n} = (t \sinh(\sqrt{2}s) + v \sinh(\sqrt{2}s), t \cosh(\sqrt{2}s) - v \cosh(\sqrt{2}s), ts), \qquad (4.3)
$$

which has the normal

$$
\mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix}\n-\frac{t \cosh(\sqrt{2}s)}{\sqrt{2\nu(\nu+2t \cosh(2\sqrt{2}s))+t^2 \cosh(4\sqrt{2}s)}},\\
\frac{t \sinh(\sqrt{2}s)}{\sqrt{2\nu(\nu+2t \cosh(2\sqrt{2}s))+t^2 \cosh(4\sqrt{2}s)}},\\
-\frac{\nu+t \cosh(2\sqrt{2}s)}{\sqrt{\nu^2+2t \nu \cosh(2\sqrt{2}s)+\frac{1}{2}t^2 \cosh(4\sqrt{2}s)}}\n\end{pmatrix}
$$

The first and second fundamental coefficients of the surface can be calculated, respectively

$$
E = -t^2 - 2v^2 - 4tv \cosh(2\sqrt{2}s), \ F = -\sqrt{2}t \sinh(2\sqrt{2}s), G = 1,
$$

and

$$
\begin{cases}\ne = \frac{2t^2 \sinh(2\sqrt{2}s)}{\sqrt{2v(v+2t\cosh(2\sqrt{2}s))+t^2\cosh(4\sqrt{2}s)}},\\
f = \frac{t}{\sqrt{v^2+2t\nu\cosh(2\sqrt{2}s)+\frac{1}{2}t^2\cosh(4\sqrt{2}s)}},\\
g = 0.\n\end{cases}
$$

Also, the surface's curvatures are

$$
K = \frac{2t^2}{(2v^2 + 4tv \cosh(2\sqrt{2}s) + t^2 \cosh(4\sqrt{2}s))^2},
$$
  
\n
$$
H = \frac{t^2(-2 + t^2 + 2v^2 + 4tv \cosh(2\sqrt{2}s))\sinh(2\sqrt{2}s)}{(2v^2 + 4tv \cosh(2\sqrt{2}s) + t^2 \cosh(4\sqrt{2}s))^{3/2}}.
$$
\n(4.4)

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Figure 2. The evolved n-ruled surface  $\mathcal{S}_n$  of the curve r.

Similarly, the ruled surface that is generated by the vector  $C$  of the alternative frame of  $r$  can be written as (see Figure [3\)](#page-13-0)

$$
\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{C}} = \left(\text{vcosh}\left(\sqrt{2}s\right) + t\sinh\left(\sqrt{2}s\right), t\cosh\left(\sqrt{2}s\right) + v\sinh\left(\sqrt{2}s\right), ts\right). \tag{4.5}
$$

Straightforward calculations of the surface  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbb{C}}$  lead to

$$
\mathbf{N} = \left(\frac{t \sinh\left(\sqrt{2}s\right)}{\sqrt{t^2 + 2v^2}}, \frac{t \cosh\left(\sqrt{2}s\right)}{\sqrt{t^2 + 2v^2}}, -\frac{v}{\sqrt{\frac{t^2}{2} + v^2}}\right),\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
E = -t^2 + 2v^2, \quad F = -\sqrt{2}t, \quad G = -1,
$$
  

$$
e = \frac{2t^2}{\sqrt{t^2 + 2v^2}}, \quad f = \frac{t}{\sqrt{\frac{t^2}{2} + v^2}}, \quad g = 0.
$$

The Gaussian and mean curvatures of  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{C}}$  are

$$
K = \frac{2t^2}{(t^2 + 2v^2)^2}, \quad H = \frac{t^2\left(t^2 - 2\left(1 + v^2\right)\right)}{\left(t^2 + 2v^2\right)^{3/2}}.
$$
\n(4.6)

In the light of these results, this surface is neither developable nor minimal. Likewise, the parametric representation for the ruled surface  $\mathbb{S}_w$  reads as (see Figure [4\)](#page-13-1)

$$
\mathbb{S}_{\mathbf{W}} = (t \sinh(\sqrt{2}s), t \cosh(\sqrt{2}s), ts + v).
$$
 (4.7)

Making some special calculations related to the considered surface, we get

$$
\mathbf{N} = (-\sinh(\sqrt{2}s), -\cosh(\sqrt{2}s), 0),
$$

and

$$
E = -t^2
$$
,  $F = t$ ,  $G = 1$ ,  $e = -2t$ ,  $f = 0$ , and  $g = 0$ .

The Gaussian and mean curvatures are

$$
K=0, \quad H=-\frac{t}{2},
$$

<span id="page-13-0"></span>which describe  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{C}}$  as developable and not minimal.



<span id="page-13-1"></span>Figure 3. The evolved C-ruled surface  $\mathcal{S}_C$  of the curve r.



Figure 4. The evolved W-ruled surface  $\mathcal{S}_w$  of the curve r.

### 5. Conclusions

In the three-dimensional Lorentz–Minkowski 3-space *E* 3  $1<sup>3</sup>$ , we examined the evolution equations for specific types of ruled surfaces that have significant geometric and physical applications. We employed the alternative frame associated with the basic curve of these surfaces and investigated their key geometric properties. Through a comprehensive analysis, we gained deeper insights into the dynamics of the local curvatures exhibited by these surfaces during their evolution. This work

advanced the understanding of the dynamical behavior of surfaces in Lorentz–Minkowski 3-space, with potential implications across various disciplines. Finally, we discussed applications of our preliminary findings, which contribute significantly to the broader field of differential geometry. Looking forward, several avenues for future research emerge. Our findings could be applied to physical models involving particle trajectories or gravitational fields, potentially revealing how timelike ruled surfaces might be utilized in practical scenarios or theoretical frameworks. Further studies could explore alternative frames in more complex settings or for other types of surfaces beyond ruled ones, which might lead to a broader understanding of geometric structures in relativity. The study of solitons through their evolution equations provides crucial insights into a wide range of phenomena, contributing to advances in both theoretical and applied sciences. Solitons are special types of solutions to nonlinear partial differential equations that maintain their shape while propagating at constant velocity. They are often associated with topological solutions and are significant in various fields [\[16\]](#page-16-0). Here are some potential applications of evolution equations related to solitons (topological solutions): In the field of mathematical physics, the study of solitons is essential for understanding integrable systems, where the evolution equations are exactly solvable. This has applications in theoretical models and helps in the development of new mathematical techniques. Also, in plasma physics, the evolution equations used in solitons can describe stable wave packets in plasma, which helps in understanding space weather–phenomena and the behavior of high-energy plasmas. By expanding on these aspects, in future research, we will combine the results and methods in [\[25](#page-16-8)[–27\]](#page-16-10) to deepen our knowledge and uncover new applications of differential geometry in both theoretical and practical contexts.

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