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Classification of Some Special Types Ruled Surfaces in Simply Isotropic 3-Space

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Abstract. In this paper, we classify two types ruled surfaces in the three dimensional simply isotropic space \mathbb{I}_3^1 under the condition $\Delta \mathbf{x}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i$ where Δ is the Laplace operator with respect to the first fundamental form and λ is a real number. We also give explicit forms of these surfaces.

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1 Introduction

Let $\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{M} \to \mathbb{E}^m$ be an isometric immersion of a connected *n*-dimensional manifold in the *m*-dimensional Euclidean space \mathbb{E}^m . Denote by \mathbf{H} and Δ the mean curvature and the Laplacian of \mathbf{M} with respect to the Riemannian metric on \mathbf{M} induced from that of \mathbb{E}^m , respectively. Takahashi ([17]) proved that the submanifolds in \mathbb{E}^m satisfying $\Delta \mathbf{x} = \lambda \mathbf{x}$, that is, all coordinate functions are eigenfunctions of the Laplacian with the same eigenvalue $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, are either the minimal submanifolds of \mathbb{E}^m or the minimal submanifolds of hypersphere \mathbb{S}^{m-1} in \mathbb{E}^m .

As an extension of Takahashi theorem, in [8] Garay studied hypersurfaces in \mathbb{E}^m whose coordinate functions are eigenfunctions of the Laplacian, but not necessarily associated to the same eigenvalue. He considered hypersurfaces in \mathbb{E}^m satisfying the condition $\Delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$, where $\mathbf{A} \in Mat(m, \mathbb{R})$ is an $m \times m$ diagonal matrix, and proved that such hypersurfaces are minimal ($\mathbf{H} = 0$) in \mathbb{E}^m and open pieces of either round hyperspheres or generalized right spherical cylinders. Related to this, Dillen, Pas and Verstraelen ([6]) investigated surfaces in \mathbb{E}^3 whose immersions satisfy the condition $\Delta \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}$, where $\mathbf{A} \in Mat(3, \mathbb{R})$ is a 3×3 -real matrix and $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

The notion of an isometric immersion \mathbf{x} is naturally extended to smooth functions on submanifolds of Euclidean space or pseudo-Euclidean space. The most natural one of them is the Gauss map of the submanifold. In particular, if the submanifold is a hypersurface, the Gauss map can be identified with the unit normal vector field to it. Dillen, Pas and Verstraelen ([7]) studied surfaces of revolution in the three dimensional Euclidean space \mathbb{E}^3 such that its Gauss map \mathbf{G} satisfies the condition $\Delta \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{G}$, where $\mathbf{A} \in Mat$ $(3, \mathbb{R})$. Baikoussis and Verstraelen ([3]) studied the helicoidal surfaces in \mathbb{E}^3 . Yoon ([19, 20]) classified the surfaces of revolution and the translation surfaces in the 3-dimensional Galilean space and pseudo-Galilean 3-space under the condition $\Delta \mathbf{x}^i = \lambda^i x^i$ and $\Delta \mathbf{r}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{r}_i$, where $\lambda^i \in \mathbb{R}$. Karacan and Yoon ([10, 11]) classified translation surfaces and helicoidal surfaces in the threedimensional simply isotropic space \mathbb{I}_3^1 .

Kamenarović ([9]) studied the natural geometry of ruled surfaces and defined equations for the three types ruled surfaces in simply isotropic space \mathbb{I}_3^1 . Sipus and Divjak ([15]) studied some mappings of skew ruled surfaces in simply isotropic space which preserve the generators.

The main purpose of this paper is to complete classification of special non-developable ruled surfaces of Type 3 and Type 4 defined by W.Vogel in the three dimensional simply isotropic space \mathbb{I}_3^1 in terms of the position vector field and the Laplacian operator.

2 Preliminaries

Motions and metric Isotropic geometry is based on the following group \mathbf{G}_6 of affine transformations $(x, y, z) \to (x', y', z')$ in \mathbb{R}^3 ,

$$\begin{aligned}
x' &= a + x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta \\
y' &= b + x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta \\
z' &= c + c_1 x + c_2 y + z,
\end{aligned}$$
(2.1)

where $a, b, c, c_1, c_2, \theta \in R$. Such affine transformations are called isotropic congruence transformations or isotropic motions. We see that isotropic motions appear as Euclidean motions (a translation and a rotation) in the projection onto the xy-plane the result of this projection, $P = (x, y, z) \rightarrow$ P' = (x, y, 0) is called the "top view" ([11]). Hence, an isotropic motion is composed of a Euclidean motion in the xy-plane and an affine shear transformation in the z-direction.

On the other hand, the isotropic distance of two points $P = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $Q = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ is defined as the Euclidean distance of the top views, i.e.,

$$d(P,Q)_{i} = \sqrt{(x_{1} - x_{2})^{2} + (y_{1} - y_{2})^{2}}.$$
(2.2)

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Let $X = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $Y = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ be vectors in \mathbb{I}_3^1 . The isotropic inner product of X and Y is defined by

$$\langle X, Y \rangle_i = \begin{cases} z_1 z_2, & \text{if } x_i = y_i = 0, \\ x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2, & \text{if otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
(2.3)

We call a vector of the form X = (0, 0, z) in \mathbb{I}_3^1 an isotropic vector, and a non-isotropic vector otherwise. Consider a C^r -surface \mathbf{M} , $1 \leq r$, in \mathbb{I}_3^1 parameterized by

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v) = (x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v)).$$

A surface **M** immersed in \mathbb{I}_3^1 is called admissible if it has no isotropic tangent planes. We restrict our framework to admissible regular surfaces ([21]).

For such a surface, the coefficients E, F, G of its first fundamental form are calculated with respect to the induced metric and the coefficients L, M, Nof the second fundamental form, with respect to the normal vector field of a surface which is always completely isotropic. The first and the second fundamental form of **M** are defined by

$$I = Edu^{2} + Fdudv + Gdv^{2},$$

$$II = Ldu^{2} + Mdudv + Ndv^{2},$$
(2.2)

where

$$E = \langle \mathbf{x}_{u}, \mathbf{x}_{u} \rangle_{i}, F = \langle \mathbf{x}_{u}, \mathbf{x}_{v} \rangle_{i}, G = \langle \mathbf{x}_{v}, \mathbf{x}_{v} \rangle_{i}, \qquad (2.3)$$
$$L = \frac{\det(\mathbf{x}_{u}, \mathbf{x}_{v}, \mathbf{x}_{uu})}{\sqrt{EG - F^{2}}}, M = \frac{\det(\mathbf{x}_{u}, \mathbf{x}_{v}, \mathbf{x}_{uv})}{\sqrt{EG - F^{2}}}, N = \frac{\det(\mathbf{x}_{u}, \mathbf{x}_{v}, \mathbf{x}_{vv})}{\sqrt{EG - F^{2}}}.$$

Since $EG - F^2 > 0$, for the function in the denominator we often put $W^2 = EG - F^2$. The isotropic unit normal vector field is given by $\mathbf{U} = (0, 0, 1)$.

The isotropic curvature \mathbf{K} and the isotropic mean curvature \mathbf{H} are defined by

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{LN - M^2}{EG - F^2}, \quad 2\mathbf{H} = \frac{EN - 2FM + GL}{EG - F^2}.$$
 (2.6)

The surface \mathbf{M} is said to be isotropic flat (resp. isotropic minimal), if \mathbf{K} (resp. \mathbf{H}) vanishes ([1, 10, 12, 16, 21]).

It is well known in terms of local coordinates $\{u, v\}$ of **M** the Laplacian operators Δ of the first fundamental form on **M** are defined by ([2,4])

$$\Delta \mathbf{x} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{EG - F^2}} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial u} \left(\frac{G\mathbf{x}_u - F\mathbf{x}_v}{\sqrt{EG - F^2}} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left(\frac{F\mathbf{x}_u - E\mathbf{x}_v}{\sqrt{EG - F^2}} \right) \right].$$
(2.7)

3 Ruled Surfaces in \mathbb{I}_3^1

Let **M** be ruled surface in \mathbb{I}_3^1 given by the parametrization

$$\mathbf{x} : I \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{I}_3^1$$

$$(u, v) \to \mathbf{x}(u, v) = \alpha(u) + v\beta(u).$$

$$(3.1)$$

We call the base curve α and the director curve β , where α is a differentiable curve parametrized by its arc length, i.e., $\langle \alpha', \alpha' \rangle_i = 1$ and $\langle \beta, \beta \rangle_i = 1$. The curve β is orthogonal to the tangent vector field T_{α} of the base curve α , i.e., $\langle \beta', T_{\alpha} \rangle = 0$. First of all, we consider non isotropic plane curves α and β parametrized by $\alpha(u) = (u, 0, f(u))$ and $\beta(u) = (0, 1, g(u))$. Then the surface **M** is parametrized by

$$\mathbf{x}(u,v) = (u, v, f(u) + vg(u)).$$
(3.2)

We consider isotropic curve $\alpha = (0, 0, f(u))$ and non isotropic space curve β parametrized by $\beta(u) = (\cos u, \sin u, g(u))$, where $\langle \beta, \beta \rangle_i = 1$. Then the surface **M** is parametrized by

$$\mathbf{x}(u,v) = (v\cos u, v\sin u, f(u) + vg(u)).$$
(3.3)

The functions f and g are smooth functions of one variable. We call the surfaces given by (3.2) and (3.3) as ruled surfaces of Type 3 and Type 4 in the three dimensional simply isotropic space \mathbb{I}_3^1 , respectively ([12, 18]).

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4 Ruled Surfaces of Type 3 Satisfying $\Delta \mathbf{x}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i$

In this section, we classify the ruled surface of Type 3 in \mathbb{I}_3^1 satisfying the equation

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i, \tag{4.1}$$

where $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$, i=1, 2, 3 and

$$\Delta \mathbf{x} = (\Delta \mathbf{x}_1, \Delta \mathbf{x}_2, \Delta \mathbf{x}_3),$$

where

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = u, \ \mathbf{x}_2 = v, \ \mathbf{x}_3 = f(u) + vg(u).$$

For the ruled surface given by (3.2), the coefficients of the first and second fundamental form are

$$E = 1, F = 0, G = 1, \tag{4.2}$$

$$L = 0, \ M = g', \ N = f'' + vg'', \tag{4.3}$$

respectively. The Gaussian curvature ${\bf K}$ and the mean curvature ${\bf H}$ are

$$\mathbf{K} = -g'^2, \quad \mathbf{H} = \frac{f'' + vg''}{2},$$
(4.4)

respectively.

Proposition 4.1. The Ruled surface given by (3.2) in the three dimensional simply isotropic space \mathbb{I}_3^1 are isotropic flat or developable ($\mathbf{K} = 0$), iff $g(u) = c_1$ for constant c_1 .

Suppose that the surface has non zero the Gaussian curvature, so $g'(u) \neq 0$. By a straightforward computation, the Laplacian operator on **M** with the help of (3.2) and (2.7) turns out to be

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}_i = (0, 0, -f''(u) - vg''(u)).$$
(4.5)

Suppose that \mathbf{M} satisfies (4.1). Then from (4.5), we have

$$(f''(u) + vg''(u)) = -\lambda (f(u) + vg(u)), \qquad (4.6)$$

where $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. This means that **M** is at most of 1-type. First of all, we assume that **M** satisfies the condition $\Delta \mathbf{x}_i = 0$. We call a surface satisfying that condition a harmonic surface or isotropic minimal. In this case, we get from (4.6)

$$f''(u) + vg''(u) = 0. (4.7)$$

The general solutions of the equation (4.7) with respect to f and g are given by

$$f(u) = c_1 u + c_2 - vg(u),$$

$$g(u) = c_3 u + c_4 - \frac{f(u)}{v},$$

where $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$. Here, the functions f and g are related. Based on the selection of the function f(u), it is possible to obtain other form of the function g(u). For example, if we choose $f(u) = \ln u$, we have $g(u) = c_3u + c_4 - \frac{\ln u}{v}$. In this case, **M** is parametrized by

$$\mathbf{x}(u,v) = \left(u, v, \ln u + v\left(c_3u + c_4 - \frac{\ln u}{v}\right)\right).$$
(4.8)

Theorem 4.2. Let \mathbf{M} be a ruled surface given by (3.2) in \mathbb{I}_3^1 . If \mathbf{M} is harmonic or isotropic minimal, then it is congruent to an open part of the surface

$$\mathbf{x}(u,v) = \left(u, v, f(u) + v\left(c_3u + c_4 - \frac{f(u)}{v}\right)\right).$$

If $\lambda \neq 0$, from (4.6), we have

 $(f''(u) + \lambda f(u)) + v (g''(u) + \lambda g(u)) = 0).$ (4.9)

This equations are second order linear differential equations with constant coefficients. We discuss two cases according to constant λ .

Case 1: Let $\lambda > 0$, from (4.9), we obtain

$$f(u) = c_1 \cos u \sqrt{\lambda} + c_2 \sin u \sqrt{\lambda} - vg(u),$$

$$g(u) = c_3 \cos u \sqrt{\lambda} + c_4 \sin u \sqrt{\lambda} - \frac{f(u)}{v},$$

where $\lambda, c_i \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$. Here, the functions f and g are related. Based on the selection of the function f(u) or g(u), it is possible to obtain other form of the function g(u) or f(u). For example, if we choose $f(u) = \ln u$, In this case, **M** is parametrized by

$$\mathbf{x}(u,v) = \left(u,v,\ln u + v\left(c_3\cos u\sqrt{\lambda} + c_4\sin u\sqrt{\lambda} - \frac{\ln u}{v}\right)\right).$$
(4.10)

Case 2: Let $\lambda < 0$, from (4.9), we obtain

$$f(u) = c_1 e^{u\sqrt{\lambda}} + c_2 e^{-u\sqrt{\lambda}} - vg(u),$$

$$g(u) = c_3 e^{u\sqrt{\lambda}} + c_4 e^{-u\sqrt{\lambda}} - \frac{f(u)}{v},$$

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where $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$. If we choose $f(u) = \ln u$, we have

$$\mathbf{x}(u,v) = \left(u, v, \ln u + v\left(c_3 e^{u\sqrt{\lambda}} + c_4 e^{-u\sqrt{\lambda}} - \frac{\ln u}{v}\right)\right).$$
(4.11)

Theorem 4.3. Let \mathbf{M} be a non harmonic ruled surface given by (3.2) in the three dimensional simply isotropic space \mathbb{I}_3^1 . If the surface \mathbf{M} satisfies the condition $\Delta \mathbf{x}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i$, where $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$, i=1,2,3, then it is congruent to an open part of the following surfaces

$$\mathbf{x}(u,v) = \left(u,v,f(u)+v\left(c_3\cos u\sqrt{\lambda}+c_4\sin u\sqrt{\lambda}-\frac{f(u)}{v}\right)\right)$$

and

$$\mathbf{x}(u,v) = \left(u,v,f(u)+v\left(c_3e^{u\sqrt{\lambda}}+c_4e^{-u\sqrt{\lambda}}-\frac{f(u)}{v}\right)\right).$$

5 Ruled Surfaces of Type 4 Satisfying $\Delta \mathbf{x}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i$

In this section, we classify the ruled surface of Type 4 in \mathbb{I}_3^1 satisfying the equation

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i, \tag{5.1}$$

where $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$, i=1, 2, 3 and

$$\Delta \mathbf{x} = (\Delta \mathbf{x}_1, \Delta \mathbf{x}_2, \Delta \mathbf{x}_3),$$

where

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = v \cos u, \ \mathbf{x}_2 = v \sin u, \ \mathbf{x}_3 = f(u) + vg(u).$$

For the ruled surface given by (3.3), the coefficients of the first and second fundamental form are

$$E = v^2, F = 0, G = 1, (5.2)$$

$$L = -f'' - vg'' - vg, \ M = g', \ N = 0,$$
(5.3)

respectively. The Gaussian curvature ${\bf K}$ and the mean curvature ${\bf H}$ are

$$\mathbf{K} = -\frac{{g'}^2}{v^2}, \quad \mathbf{H} = -\frac{f'' + v\left(g'' + g\right)}{2v^2}, \tag{5.4}$$

where $v \neq 0$, respectively.

Proposition 5.1. The Ruled surface given by (3.3) in the three dimensional simply isotropic space \mathbb{I}_3^1 are isotropic flat or developable ($\mathbf{K} = 0$), iff $g(u) = c_1$ for constant c_1 .

Suppose that the surface has non zero the Gaussian curvature, so $g'(u) \neq 0$. By a straightforward computation, the Laplacian operator on **M** with the help of (3.3) and (2.7) turns out to be

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}_{i} = \left(0, 0, -\frac{f'' + v\left(g'' + g\right)}{v^{2}}\right).$$
(5.5)

Suppose that M satisfies (5.1). Then from (5.5), we have

$$\frac{f'' + v(g'' + g)}{v^2} = -\lambda (f + vg), \qquad (5.6)$$

where $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. This means that **M** is at most of 1-type. First of all, we assume that **M** satisfies the condition $\Delta \mathbf{x}_i = 0$. We call a surface satisfying that condition a harmonic surface or isotropic minimal. In this case, we get from (5.6)

$$f''(u) + v \left(g''(u) + g(u)\right) = 0.$$
(5.7)

The general solutions of the equation (5.7) with respect to f and g are given by

$$f(u) = c_1 u + c_2 + \int_1^u \left(-v \int_1^z \left(g''(s) + g(s) \right) ds \right) dz,$$

$$g(u) = c_3 \cos u + c_4 \sin u + \cos u \left(\int_1^u \frac{f''(x) \sin x}{v} dx \right)$$

$$- \sin u \left(\int_1^u \frac{f''(y) \sin y}{v} dy \right),$$

where $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$. Here, the functions f and g are related. Based on the selection of the function f(u) or g(u), it is possible to obtain other form of the function g(u) or f(u). For example, if we choose $f(u) = e^u$, we have

$$g(u) = \frac{-e^u + e\cos(1-u) + 2c_3v\cos u + 2c_4v\sin u + e^u\sin 2u - e\sin(1+u)}{2v}.$$

In this case, \mathbf{M} is parametrized by

$$\mathbf{x}(u,v) = \begin{pmatrix} v \cos u, \\ v \sin u, \\ e^u + v \left(\frac{-e^u + e \cos(1-u) + 2c_3 v \cos u + 2c_4 v \sin u + e^u \sin 2u - e \sin(1+u)}{2v} \right) \end{pmatrix}.$$
(5.8)

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Theorem 5.2. Let \mathbf{M} be a ruled surface given by (3.3) in \mathbb{I}_3^1 . If \mathbf{M} is harmonic or isotropic minimal, then it is congruent to an open part of the surface

$$\mathbf{x}(u,v) = \begin{pmatrix} v \cos u, \\ v \sin u, \\ f(u) + v \left(c_3 \cos u + c_4 \sin u + \cos u \left(\int_1^u \frac{f''(x) \sin x}{v} dx \right) \\ - \sin u \left(\int_1^u \frac{f''(y) \sin y}{v} dy \right) \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}.$$

If $\lambda \neq 0$, from (5.6), we have

$$\left(\frac{f''}{v^2} + \lambda f\right) + v\left(\frac{(g'' + g)}{v^2} + \lambda g\right) = 0.$$
(5.9)

This equations are second order linear differential equations with constant coefficients. We discuss two cases according to constant λ .

Case 1: $\lambda > 0$, (5.9) can be separated, we obtain

$$\left(\frac{f''}{v^2} + \lambda f\right) = 0 \tag{5.10}$$

and

$$\left(\frac{(g''+g)}{v^2} + \lambda g\right) = 0.$$
(5.11)

Therefore, we have

$$f(u) = c_1 \cos uv \sqrt{\lambda} + c_2 \sin uv \sqrt{\lambda},$$

$$g(u) = c_3 e^{u \sqrt{-(1+v^2\lambda)}} + c_4 e^{-u \sqrt{-(1+v^2\lambda)}},$$

where $\lambda, c_i \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $(1 + v^2 \lambda) < 0$. In this case, **M** is parametrized by

$$\mathbf{x}(u,v) = \begin{pmatrix} v \cos u, \\ v \sin u, \\ \left(c_1 \cos uv \sqrt{\lambda} + c_2 \sin uv \sqrt{\lambda}\right) + v \left(c_3 e^{u \sqrt{-(1+v^2\lambda)}}\right) \\ + c_4 e^{-u \sqrt{-(1+v^2\lambda)}} \end{pmatrix}$$
(5.12)

Case 2: Let $\lambda < 0$, from (5.9), we obtain

$$\left(\frac{f''}{v^2} - \lambda f\right) = 0 \tag{5.13}$$

and

$$\left(\frac{(g''+g)}{v^2} - \lambda g\right) = 0. \tag{5.14}$$

Therefore, we have

$$f(u) = c_1 e^{uv\sqrt{\lambda}} + c_2 e^{-uv\sqrt{\lambda}},$$

$$g(u) = c_3 e^{u\sqrt{-1+v^2\lambda}} + c_4 e^{-u\sqrt{-1+v^2\lambda}}$$

where $\lambda, c_i \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $(-1 + v^2 \lambda) > 0$. In this case, **M** is parametrized by

$$\mathbf{x}(u,v) = \begin{pmatrix} v \cos u, \\ v \sin u, \\ \left(c_1 e^{uv\sqrt{\lambda}} + c_2 e^{-uv\sqrt{\lambda}}\right) + v \left(c_3 e^{u\sqrt{-1+v^2\lambda}} + c_4 e^{-u\sqrt{-1+v^2\lambda}}\right) \end{pmatrix}.$$
(5.15)

Theorem 5.3. Let \mathbf{M} be a non harmonic ruled surface given by (3.3) in the three dimensional simply isotropic space \mathbb{I}_3^1 . If the surface \mathbf{M} satisfies the condition $\Delta \mathbf{x}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i$, where $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$, i=1, 2, 3, then it is congruent to an open part of the surfaces (5.12) and (5.15).

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