

**CONSTRUCTION OF FOCAL CURVES OF TIMELIKE
BIHARMONIC GENERAL HELICES IN THE LORENTZIAN $\mathbb{E}(1,1)$**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we study focal curves of timelike biharmonic general helices in the Lorentzian group of rigid motions $\mathbb{E}(1,1)$. Finally, we find out their explicit parametric equations.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\mathbb{E}(1,1)$ be the group of rigid motions of Euclidean 2-space. This consists of all matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cosh x & \sinh x & y \\ \sinh x & \cosh x & z \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Topologically, $\mathbb{E}(1,1)$ is diffeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^3 under the map

$$\mathbb{E}(1,1) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 : \begin{pmatrix} \cosh x & \sinh x & y \\ \sinh x & \cosh x & z \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow (x, y, z),$$

It's Lie algebra has a basis consisting of

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = \cosh x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \sinh x \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad \mathbf{e}_3 = \sinh x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \cosh x \frac{\partial}{\partial z},$$

for which

$$[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2] = \mathbf{e}_3, \quad [\mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3] = 0, \quad [\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_3] = \mathbf{e}_2.$$

Put

$$x^1 = x, \quad x^2 = \frac{1}{2}(y + z), \quad x^3 = \frac{1}{2}(y - z).$$

Then, we get

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1}, \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{x^1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} + e^{-x^1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right), \quad \mathbf{e}_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{x^1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} - e^{-x^1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^3} \right). \quad (1)$$

The bracket relations are

$$[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2] = \mathbf{e}_3, \quad [\mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3] = 0, \quad [\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_3] = \mathbf{e}_2.$$

We consider left-invariant Lorentzian metrics which has a pseudo-orthonormal basis $\{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \mathbf{X}_3\}$. We consider left-invariant Lorentzian metric [9], given by

$$g = - (dx^1)^2 + \left(e^{-x^1} dx^2 + e^{x^1} dx^3 \right)^2 + \left(e^{-x^1} dx^2 - e^{x^1} dx^3 \right)^2,$$

where

$$g(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_1) = -1, \quad g(\mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_2) = g(\mathbf{e}_3, \mathbf{e}_3) = 1.$$

Let coframe of our frame be defined by

$$\theta^1 = dx^1, \quad \theta^2 = e^{-x^1} dx^2 + e^{x^1} dx^3, \quad \theta^3 = e^{-x^1} dx^2 - e^{x^1} dx^3.$$

2. TIMELIKE BIHARMONIC GENERAL HELICES IN THE LORENTZIAN GROUP OF RIGID MOTIONS $\mathbb{E}(1, 1)$

Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{E}(1, 1)$ be a non geodesic timelike curve in the group of rigid motions $\mathbb{E}(1, 1)$ parametrized by arc length. Let $\{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{B}\}$ be the Frenet frame fields tangent to the group of rigid motions $\mathbb{E}(1, 1)$ along γ defined as follows:

\mathbf{T} is the unit vector field γ' tangent to γ , \mathbf{N} is the unit vector field in the direction of $\nabla_{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{T}$ (normal to γ) and \mathbf{B} is chosen so that $\{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{B}\}$ is a positively oriented orthonormal basis. Then, we have the following Frenet formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{T} &= \kappa \mathbf{N}, \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{N} &= \kappa \mathbf{T} + \tau \mathbf{B}, \\ \nabla_{\mathbf{T}} \mathbf{B} &= -\tau \mathbf{N}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where κ is the curvature of γ , τ is its torsion and

$$\begin{aligned} g(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{T}) &= -1, \quad g(\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{N}) = 1, \quad g(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{B}) = 1, \\ g(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{N}) &= g(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{B}) = g(\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{B}) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

With respect to the orthonormal basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$ we can write

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{T} &= T_1\mathbf{e}_1 + T_2\mathbf{e}_2 + T_3\mathbf{e}_3, \\ \mathbf{N} &= N_1\mathbf{e}_1 + N_2\mathbf{e}_2 + N_3\mathbf{e}_3, \\ \mathbf{B} &= \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{N} = B_1\mathbf{e}_1 + B_2\mathbf{e}_2 + B_3\mathbf{e}_3.\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

Theorem 2.1. ([8]) $\gamma : I \longrightarrow \mathbb{E}(1, 1)$ is a non geodesic timelike biharmonic curve in the Lorentzian group of rigid motions $\mathbb{E}(1, 1)$ if and only if

$$\begin{aligned}\kappa &= \text{constant} \neq 0, \\ \kappa^2 - \tau^2 &= 1 + 2B_1^2, \\ \tau' &= -2N_1B_1.\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

Theorem 2.2. ([8]) Let $\gamma : I \longrightarrow \mathbb{E}(1, 1)$ is a non geodesic timelike biharmonic general helix in the Lorentzian group of rigid motions $\mathbb{E}(1, 1)$. Then, the parametric equations of γ are

$$\begin{aligned}x^1(s) &= \cosh \varrho \kappa s + \wp_3, \\ x^2(s) &= \frac{\sinh \varrho e^{\cosh \varrho \kappa s + \wp_3}}{2(\wp_1^2 + \cosh^2 \varrho)} \{(\cosh \varrho - \wp_1) \cos(\wp_1 \kappa s + \wp_2) \\ &\quad + (\cosh \varrho + \wp_1) \sin(\wp_1 \kappa s + \wp_2)\} + \wp_4, \\ x^3(s) &= \frac{\sinh \varrho e^{-\cosh \varrho \kappa s - \wp_3}}{2(\wp_1^2 + \sinh^2 \varrho)} \{-(\cosh \varrho - \wp_1) \cos(\wp_1 \kappa s + \wp_2) \\ &\quad + (\cosh \varrho + \wp_1) \sin(\wp_1 \kappa s + \wp_2)\} + \wp_5,\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

where $\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5$ are constants of integration.

3. FOCAL CURVES OF TIMELIKE BIHARMONIC GENERAL HELICES IN THE LORENTZIAN $\mathbb{E}(1, 1)$

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

$$\mathbf{focal}_\gamma(s) = (\gamma + c_1\mathbf{N} + c_2\mathbf{B})(s),\tag{7}$$

where the coefficients f_1, f_2 are smooth functions of the parameter of the curve γ , called the first and second focal curvatures of γ , respectively. Further, the focal curvatures f_1, f_2 are defined by

$$f_1 = -\frac{1}{\kappa}, f_2 = \frac{f_1'}{\tau}, \kappa \neq 0, \tau \neq 0. \quad (8)$$

Lemma 3.1. *Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{E}(1, 1)$ be a unit speed timelike biharmonic general helix and focal_γ its focal curve on $\mathbb{E}(1, 1)$. Then,*

$$f_1 = -\frac{1}{\kappa} = \text{constant and } f_2 = 0. \quad (3.3)$$

Proof. Using (2.3) and (3.2), we get (3.3). Thus, the proof is completed.

Lemma 3.2. *Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{E}(1, 1)$ be a unit speed timelike biharmonic curve according to flat metric and C_γ its focal curve on $\mathbb{E}(1, 1)$. Then,*

$$\text{focal}_\gamma(s) = (\gamma + f_1 \mathbf{N})(s). \quad (3.4)$$

Theorem 3.3. *Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{E}(1, 1)$ be a unit speed timelike biharmonic general helix and focal_γ its focal curve on $\mathbb{E}(1, 1)$. Then, the equation of focal_γ is*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{focal}_\gamma(s) = & (\cosh \varrho \kappa s + \varrho_3 - \frac{2f_1}{\kappa} (\sinh^2 \varrho \cos(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2) \sin(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2))) \mathbf{e}_1 \\ & + [\frac{\sinh \varrho}{2(\varrho_1^2 + \cosh^2 \varrho)} \{(\cosh \varrho - \varrho_1) \cos(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2) \\ & + (\cosh \varrho + \varrho_1) \sin(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2)\} + \varrho_4 e^{-\cosh \varrho \kappa s - \varrho_3} \\ & + \frac{\sinh \varrho}{2(\varrho_1^2 + \cosh^2 \varrho)} \{-(\cosh \varrho - \varrho_1) \cos(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2) \\ & + (\cosh \varrho + \varrho_1) \sin(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2)\} + \varrho_5 e^{\cosh \varrho \kappa s + \varrho_3} \\ & - \frac{f_1}{\kappa} \sinh \varrho \sin(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2) \left(\frac{1}{\varrho_1 \kappa} + \cosh \varrho \right)] \mathbf{e}_2 \\ & + [\frac{\sinh \varrho}{2(\varrho_1^2 + \cosh^2 \varrho)} \{(\cosh \varrho - \varrho_1) \cos(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2) \\ & + (\cosh \varrho + \varrho_1) \sin(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2)\} + \varrho_4 e^{-\cosh \varrho \kappa s - \varrho_3} \\ & - \frac{\sinh \varrho}{2(\varrho_1^2 + \cosh^2 \varrho)} \{-(\cosh \varrho - \varrho_1) \cos(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2) \\ & + (\cosh \varrho + \varrho_1) \sin(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2)\} - \varrho_5 e^{\cosh \varrho \kappa s + \varrho_3} \\ & + \frac{f_1}{\kappa} \sinh \varrho \cos(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2) \left(\frac{1}{\varrho_1 \kappa} - \cosh \varrho \right)] \mathbf{e}_3, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where $\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5$ are constants of integration.

Proof. First equation of (2.3) and basis, we have

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{T}}\mathbf{T} = (T'_1 - 2T_2T_3) \mathbf{e}_1 + (T'_2 - T_1T_3) \mathbf{e}_2 + (T'_3 - T_1T_2) \mathbf{e}_3. \quad (10)$$

Hence, we express

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N} = & -\frac{2}{\kappa} (\sinh^2 \wp \cos(\wp_1 \kappa s + \wp_2) \sin(\wp_1 \kappa s + \wp_2)) \mathbf{e}_1 \\ & -\frac{1}{\kappa} \sinh \wp \sin(\wp_1 \kappa s + \wp_2) \left(\frac{1}{\wp_1 \kappa} + \cosh \wp \right) \mathbf{e}_2 \\ & +\frac{1}{\kappa} \sinh \wp \cos(\wp_1 \kappa s + \wp_2) \left(\frac{1}{\wp_1 \kappa} - \cosh \wp \right) \mathbf{e}_3. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

From (3.4) and (3.7), by direct calculation we have (3.5), which proves the theorem.

Using Theorem 3.3, we can give parametric equations of this curve.

Theorem 3.4. *Let $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{E}(1, 1)$ be a unit speed timelike biharmonic general helix and \mathfrak{focal}_γ its focal curve on $\mathbb{E}(1, 1)$. Then, the parametric equation of \mathfrak{focal}_γ are*

$$x_{\mathfrak{focal}_\gamma}^1(s) = \cosh \wp \kappa s + \wp_3 - \frac{2\mathfrak{f}_1}{\kappa} (\sinh^2 \wp \cos(\wp_1 \kappa s + \wp_2) \sin(\wp_1 \kappa s + \wp_2)),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{\text{focal}_\gamma}^2(s) = & \frac{1}{2} \exp(\cosh \vartheta \kappa s + \vartheta_3 - \frac{2\lambda}{\kappa} (\sinh^2 \vartheta \cos(\vartheta_1 \kappa s + \vartheta_2) \sin(\vartheta_1 \kappa s + \vartheta_2))) \\
 & \left[\left[\frac{\sinh \vartheta}{2(\vartheta_1^2 + \cosh^2 \vartheta)} \{(\cosh \vartheta - \vartheta_1) \cos(\vartheta_1 \kappa s + \vartheta_2) \right. \right. \\
 & + (\cosh \vartheta + \vartheta_1) \sin(\vartheta_1 \kappa s + \vartheta_2)\} + \vartheta_4 e^{-\cosh \vartheta \kappa s - \vartheta_3} \\
 & + \frac{\sinh \vartheta}{2(\vartheta_1^2 + \cosh^2 \vartheta)} \{-(\cosh \vartheta - \vartheta_1) \cos(\vartheta_1 \kappa s + \vartheta_2) \\
 & + (\cosh \vartheta + \vartheta_1) \sin(\vartheta_1 \kappa s + \vartheta_2)\} + \vartheta_5 e^{\cosh \vartheta \kappa s + \vartheta_3} \\
 & \left. - \frac{\mathfrak{f}_1}{\kappa} \sinh \vartheta \sin(\vartheta_1 \kappa s + \vartheta_2) \left(\frac{1}{\vartheta_1 \kappa} + \cosh \vartheta \right) \right] \\
 & + \left[\frac{\sinh \vartheta}{2(\vartheta_1^2 + \cosh^2 \vartheta)} \{(\cosh \vartheta - \vartheta_1) \cos(\vartheta_1 \kappa s + \vartheta_2) \right. \\
 & + (\cosh \vartheta + \vartheta_1) \sin(\vartheta_1 \kappa s + \vartheta_2)\} + \vartheta_4 e^{-\cosh \vartheta \kappa s - \vartheta_3} \\
 & - \frac{\sinh \vartheta}{2(\vartheta_1^2 + \cosh^2 \vartheta)} \{-(\cosh \vartheta - \vartheta_1) \cos(\vartheta_1 \kappa s + \vartheta_2) \\
 & + (\cosh \vartheta + \vartheta_1) \sin(\vartheta_1 \kappa s + \vartheta_2)\} - \vartheta_5 e^{\cosh \vartheta \kappa s + \vartheta_3} \\
 & \left. \left. + \frac{\mathfrak{f}_1}{\kappa} \sinh \vartheta \cos(\vartheta_1 \kappa s + \vartheta_2) \left(\frac{1}{\vartheta_1 \kappa} - \cosh \vartheta \right) \right] \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{\text{focal}_\gamma}^3(s) = & \frac{1}{2} \exp(-\cosh \varrho \kappa s - \varrho_3 + \frac{2\mathfrak{f}_1}{\kappa} (\sinh^2 \varrho \cos(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2) \sin(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2))) \\
 & \left[\left[\frac{\sinh \varrho}{2(\varrho_1^2 + \cosh^2 \varrho)} \{(\cosh \varrho - \varrho_1) \cos(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2) \right. \right. \\
 & + (\cosh \varrho + \varrho_1) \sin(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2)\} + \varrho_4 e^{-\cosh \varrho \kappa s - \varrho_3} \\
 & + \frac{\sinh \varrho}{2(\varrho_1^2 + \cosh^2 \varrho)} \{- (\cosh \varrho - \varrho_1) \cos(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2) \\
 & + (\cosh \varrho + \varrho_1) \sin(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2)\} + \varrho_5 e^{\cosh \varrho \kappa s + \varrho_3} \\
 & - \frac{\mathfrak{f}_1}{\kappa} \sinh \varrho \sin(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2) \left(\frac{1}{\varrho_1 \kappa} + \cosh \varrho \right) \mathbf{e}_2 \\
 & - \left[\frac{\sinh \varrho}{2(\varrho_1^2 + \cosh^2 \varrho)} \{(\cosh \varrho - \varrho_1) \cos(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2) \right. \\
 & + (\cosh \varrho + \varrho_1) \sin(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2)\} + \varrho_4 e^{-\cosh \varrho \kappa s - \varrho_3} \\
 & - \frac{\sinh \varrho}{2(\varrho_1^2 + \cosh^2 \varrho)} \{- (\cosh \varrho - \varrho_1) \cos(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2) \\
 & + (\cosh \varrho + \varrho_1) \sin(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2)\} - \varrho_5 e^{\cosh \varrho \kappa s + \varrho_3} \\
 & \left. \left. + \frac{\mathfrak{f}_1}{\kappa} \sinh \varrho \cos(\varrho_1 \kappa s + \varrho_2) \left(\frac{1}{\varrho_1 \kappa} - \cosh \varrho \right) \right] \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\varrho_1, \varrho_2, \varrho_3, \varrho_4, \varrho_5$ are constants of integration.

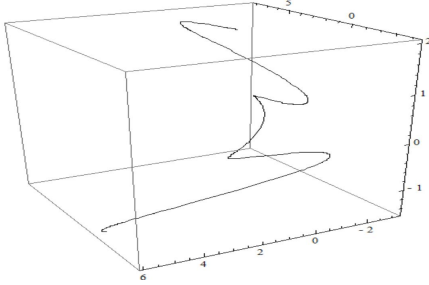
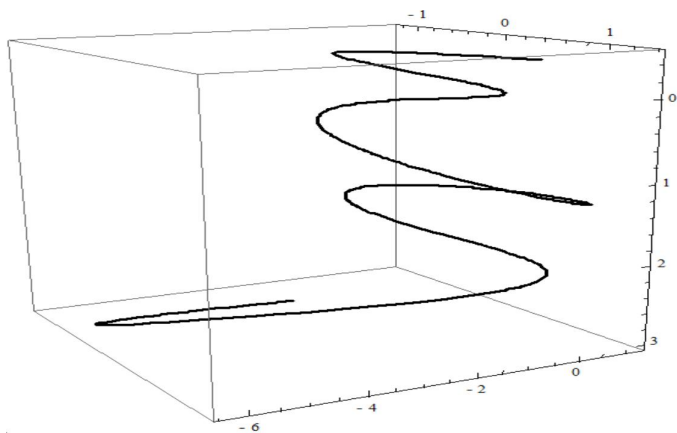
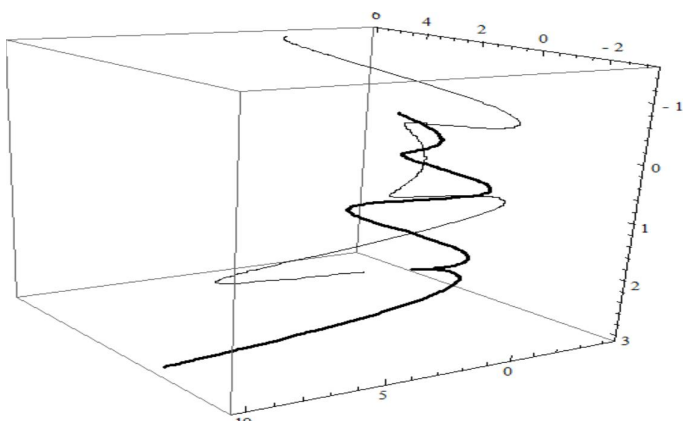


Fig. 1. Biharmonic timelike helix.



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Fig.2. Focal curve of Bihar-



harmonic timelike helix.

Fig.3. Focal curve and Bi-

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