

## ON THE BLASCHKE INVARIANTS OF THE AXOIDS OF HELICAL MOTIONS

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper the relations between the invariants of the moving axoid  $\tilde{\sigma}$  and the fixed axoid  $\sigma$  under the helical motions of order  $k$  in  $E^n$  are discussed. Moreover we have the statement (17) for the pair of the 2-ruled surfaces  $\tilde{V} \subset \tilde{\sigma}$  and  $V \subset \sigma$  which correspond to each other under the helical motion of order  $k$  in  $E^n$ .

### 1. HELICAL MOTIONS OF ORDER $k$

A motion of  $E^n$  is described in matrix notation by

$$(1) \quad x = A\bar{x} + c, \quad AA^T = A^T A = I$$

where  $A^T$  is the transposed of the orthogonal matrix  $A$  and

$$A: J \rightarrow O(n), \quad c: J \rightarrow IR^n$$

are functions of differentiability class  $C^r (r > 3)$  on a real interval  $J$ . Considering a motion as a movement of the space  $\tilde{E}$  against the space  $E$  the co-ordinate vector  $\bar{x}$  in (1) describes a point of so-called moving space  $\tilde{E}$  and  $x$  a point of the so-called fixed space  $E$ .

Let  $\bar{x}$  be fixed point in  $\tilde{E}$  then (1) defines a parametrized curve in  $E$  which is called the trajectory curve of  $x$  under the motion. From (1) by differentiating with respect to  $t$  we get

$$(2) \quad \dot{x} = B(x - c) + \dot{c}, \quad B = \dot{A}A^T$$

where  $B + B^T = O$ , since the matrix  $A$  is orthogonal. Therefore in the case of even dimension it is possible that the determinant  $|B|$  may not vanish. If  $|B(t)| \neq 0$  for all  $t \in J$ , we get exactly one solution  $P(t)$  of the equation

$$(3) \quad B(t)(P - c(t)) + \dot{c} = O.$$

The point  $P(t)$  is called the pole of the motion at the instant  $t$  which is the center of the instantaneous rotation of the motion for  $t \in J$ . If

$|B|$  doesn't vanish on  $J$ , by considering the regularity condition of the motion we get a differentiable curve  $P:J \rightarrow E$  of poles in the fixed space  $E$ , called the fixed pole curve. By (1) there is uniquely determined a moving pole curve  $\bar{P}:J \rightarrow \bar{E}$  from the fixed pole curve point to point on  $J$ .

H.R. Müller proved in [4]; under the motions the fixed pole curve and the moving pole curve are rolling on each other without sliding. Merely in the case  $n = 2$  the motion is determined by the pair of rolling pole curves.

In all other cases (that means  $|B| = 0$ ), especially for odd  $n$ , we obtain by the rules of Linear Algebra: that for every  $t \in J$  there exists a unit vector  $e(t) \in \text{kern}B(t)$  and  $\lambda(t) \in \mathbb{R}$  so that the solutions  $y$  of the equation

$$(4) \quad B(t)(y - c(t)) + \dot{c}(t) = \lambda(t)e(t)$$

fill a uniquely determined linear subspace  $E_k(t) \subset E^n$  with the dimension  $k = n - \text{rank}B$ .  $E_k(t)$  is the axis of the instantaneous screw ( $\lambda \neq 0$ ) of the motion or the axis of the instantaneous rotation ( $\lambda = 0$ ) and will be called the instantaneous axis of the motion in  $t \in J$  [1].

If  $|B| = 0$  on the whole interval  $J$  under the regularity conditions we obtain a generalized ruled surface of dimension  $k + 1$  in the fixed space  $E$  generated by the instantaneous axes  $E_k(t)$ ,  $t \in J$ , which we call the fixed axoid  $\varnothing$  of the motion. The fixed axoid  $\varnothing$  determines the moving axoid  $\bar{\varnothing}$  in the moving space  $\bar{E}$  generator to generator by (1).  $\bar{\varnothing}$  and  $\varnothing$  are mapped upon each other by the same values of parameter. In this second case Müller proved in [4]: The axoids  $\bar{\varnothing}$ ,  $\varnothing$  of a motion in  $E^n$  touch each other along every common pair  $E_k(t) \subset \varnothing$ ,  $\bar{E}_k(t) \subset \bar{\varnothing}$  for all  $t \in J$  by rolling and sliding upon each other under the motion. Such a motion is called an (instantaneous) helical motion of order  $k$  in  $E^n$  [1]. A helical motion of order  $k$  is a pure rolling for  $\lambda = 0$ .

For the analytical representation of an axoid  $\varnothing$  we choose a leading curve  $y$  in the central (resp. edge) ruled surface  $\Omega \subset \varnothing$  transversal to the generators. In [2] it is shown that there exists a distinguished moving orthonormal frame (ONF)  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k\}$  of  $\varnothing$  with the properties:

- (i)  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k\}$  is an ONF of the  $E_k(t)$ ,
- (ii)  $\{e_{m+1}, e_{m+2}, \dots, e_k\}$  is an ONF of the central space.

$z^{k-m}$  (resp. the edge space  $K^{k-m} \subset E_k(t)$ )

$$(iii) \quad \dot{e}_\sigma = \sum_{\nu=1}^k \alpha_{\sigma\nu} e_\nu + \kappa_\sigma a_{k+\sigma}, \quad 1 \leq \sigma \leq m,$$

$$\dot{e}_{m+\rho} = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_{(m+\rho)i} e_i, \quad 1 \leq \rho, \chi \leq k-m,$$

$$(5) \quad \text{with } \kappa_\sigma > 0, \alpha_{\mu\nu} = -\alpha_{\nu\mu}, \alpha_{(m+\rho)(m+\gamma)} = 0$$

(iv)  $\{e_1, \dots, e_k, a_{k+1}, \dots, a_{k+m}\}$  is an ONF.

A leading curve  $y$  of an axoid  $\varnothing$  is a leading curve of the edge (resp. central) ruled surface  $\Omega \subset \varnothing$  too iff its tangent vector has the form

$$(6) \quad \dot{y} = \sum_{\nu=1}^k \zeta_\nu e_\nu + \eta_{m+1} a_{k+m+1}$$

for  $\eta_{m+1} \neq 0$ ,  $a_{k+m+1}$  is a unit vector well defined up to the sign with the property that  $\{e_1, \dots, e_k, a_{k+1}, \dots, a_{k+m}, a_{k+m+1}\}$  is an ONF of the tangent bundle of  $\varnothing$ . One shows:  $\eta_{m+1}(t) = 0$  in  $t \in J$  iff the generator  $E_x(t) \subset \varnothing$  contain the edge space  $K^{k-m}(t)$ .

Let  $\bar{\varnothing}$  and  $\varnothing$  be the corresponding axoids of the given helical motion of order  $k$  in  $E^n$  and  $\{\bar{e}_1, \dots, \bar{e}_k\}$  is a principal ONF of the moving axoid  $\bar{\varnothing}$ . Then the equations (iii) hold for  $\bar{e}_i$  with barred coefficients,  $\bar{\varnothing}$  has the parameter representation on the interval  $J$  by

$$\bar{z}(t, u_1, \dots, u_k) = \bar{y}(t) + \sum_{\nu=1}^k u_\nu \bar{e}_\nu(t), \quad t \in J, u_\nu \in \mathbb{R}$$

where  $\bar{y}$  is a leading curve of the edge (resp. central) ruled surface  $\bar{\Omega} \subset \bar{\varnothing}$ .

If we set

$$(7) \quad A \bar{e}_\nu = e_\nu, \quad 1 \leq \nu \leq k,$$

then we have the following results [1]:

$$B e_\nu = 0, \quad 1 \leq \nu \leq k,$$

$$A \dot{\bar{e}}_\nu = \dot{e}_\nu$$

$$A \bar{a}_{k+\sigma} = a_{k+\sigma}, \quad 1 \leq \sigma \leq m,$$

$$\alpha_{\mu\nu} = \bar{\alpha}_{\mu\nu}, \quad \kappa_\sigma = \bar{\kappa}_\sigma > 0, \quad 1 \leq \mu, \nu \leq k, 1 \leq \sigma \leq m$$

$$(8) \quad \eta_{m+1} a_{k+m+1} = \bar{\eta}_{m+1} A \bar{a}_{k+m+1}, \quad \text{and } |\eta_{m+1}| = |\bar{\eta}_{m+1}|$$

$$\dot{y} = A \bar{y} + \lambda e,$$

$$\zeta_\nu = \bar{\zeta}_\nu + \lambda \lambda_\nu, \quad e = \sum_{\nu=1}^k \lambda_\nu e_\nu, \quad \|e\| = 1.$$

Let a 2-ruled surface (not cylinder)  $\psi$  in  $E^n$  be given by

$$\psi(t, u) = y(t) + ue(t).$$

Then the magnitude  $b = \zeta / \kappa$  is called the Blaschke invariant of  $\psi$  where  $\zeta$  and  $\kappa$  are given by (5) and (6) [3].

Let  $\varnothing$  be a  $(k+1)$ -ruled surface. The dimension of the asymptotic bundle of  $\varnothing$  being  $k + m$ ,  $m > 0$ , the magnitudes

$$(9) \quad b_i = \zeta_i / \kappa_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m,$$

are called the principal Blaschke invariants of  $\varnothing$  and

$$(10) \quad B = \sqrt[m]{|b_1 \dots b_m|}$$

is called the Blaschke invariant of  $\varnothing$  [5].

In the case  $m = k$  the central ruled surfaces  $\Omega \subset \varnothing$  degenerate in the line of striction. Thus, the Blaschke invariant  $b$  of the 2-ruled surface  $\psi$  generated by the 1-dimensional subspace  $E(t) = \text{Sp} \{e(t)\} \subset E_k(t)$  can be given by

$$(11) \quad b = \frac{\sum_{\nu=1}^k \zeta_{\nu} \cos \theta_{\nu}}{\sqrt{\sum_{\mu=1}^k \left[ \left( \sum_{\nu=1}^k \cos \theta_{\nu} \alpha_{\nu \mu} \right)^2 + (\cos \theta_{\mu} \kappa_{\mu})^2 \right]}}$$

$$\text{where } e(t) = \sum_{\nu=1}^k \cos \theta_{\nu} e_{\nu}(t), \quad \theta_{\nu} = \text{constant}, \quad \|e\| = 1. \quad [5]$$

## 2. ON THE BLASCHKE INVARIANTS OF THE AXOIDS UNDER THE HELICAL MOTIONS OF ORDER $k$ IN THE EUCLIDEAN $n$ -SPACE $E^n$

In this section we will discuss the relation between the Blaschke invariants of the moving and fixed axoids ( $m > 0$ ) under the helical motions of order  $k$  in  $E^n$ . From (6) we obtain

$$(12) \quad \xi_i = \langle \dot{y}, e_i \rangle, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k.$$

If (8) is considered together with (12) we have

$$(13) \quad \xi_i = \langle \dot{y}, \hat{e}_i \rangle + \lambda \lambda_i, \quad e = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i e_i.$$

Thus, From (8), (9) and (13) we get

$$b_i = \frac{\bar{\zeta}_i}{\bar{\kappa}_i} + \lambda \lambda_i / \bar{\kappa}_i$$

or

$$(14) \quad b_i = \bar{b}_i + \lambda \lambda_i / \bar{\kappa}_i .$$

Hence we have the following results:

**COROLLARY 1.** Let  $\bar{\varphi}$  and  $\varphi$  be the moving and fixed axoids (not cylinder) of a helical motion of order  $k$  in  $E^n$  and  $\bar{b}_i$  and  $b_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ , be principal Blaschke invariants of  $\bar{\varphi}$  and  $\varphi$ , respectively. Then  $\bar{b}_i$  and  $b_i$  are generally different and the relation between them is given by (14).

For  $\lambda = 0$  which means that the motion is a pure rolling and the Blaschke invariants are  $\bar{b}_i$  and  $b_i$  agree.

**COROLLARY 2.** The Blaschke invariants  $\bar{B}$  of the moving axoid  $\bar{\varphi}$  and  $B$  of the fixed axoid  $\varphi$  are generally different. If  $\lambda = 0$  they agree.

Now that is the point to discuss the relation between the Blaschke invariants of the 2-ruled surfaces  $\bar{\psi}$  and  $\psi$  which correspond to each other generator by generator under the helical motion of order  $k$  ( $k=m$ ) such that the ruled surface  $\psi$  and the fixed axoid  $\varphi$  have the same leading curve  $y$  and  $\psi$  is generated by the 1-dimensional subspace  $E(t) = Sp \{e(t)\} \subset E_k(t)$ .  $\bar{b}$  and  $b$  being the Blaschke invariants of  $\bar{\psi}$  and  $\psi$ , respectively, as in [5].

$$(15) \quad b = \frac{\sum_{v=1}^k \zeta_v \cos \theta_v}{\sqrt{\sum_{\mu=1}^k [(\sum_{v=1}^k \cos \theta_v \alpha_{v\mu})^2 + (\cos \theta_\mu \kappa_\mu)^2]}}$$

where  $e(t) = \sum_{v=1}^k \cos \theta_v e_v, \quad \theta_v = \text{const.} \quad 1 \leq v \leq k.$

and  $\dot{e}_v = \sum_{\mu=1}^k \alpha_{v\mu} e_\mu, \quad 1 \leq v, \mu \leq k$  [3].

for the helical motions we have

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} \langle e, e_v \rangle &= \langle A\bar{e}, A\bar{e}_v \rangle = \langle \bar{e}, \bar{e}_v \rangle \\ \langle \dot{e}_v, e_\mu \rangle &= \langle A\dot{\bar{e}}_v, A\bar{e}_\mu \rangle = \langle \bar{e}_v, \bar{e}_\mu \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Joining (8), (15) and (16) we get

$$(17) \quad b = \bar{b} + \frac{\sum_{\nu=1}^k \lambda_{\nu} \cos \bar{\theta}_{\nu}}{\sqrt{\sum_{\mu=1}^k \left[ \left( \sum_{\nu=1}^k \cos \theta_{\nu} \alpha_{\nu \mu} \right)^2 + (\cos \theta_{\mu} \kappa_{\mu})^2 \right]}}$$

If we take  $e = e_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$  we obtain (14) from (17). Thus (14) can be considered as a generalization of (17).

**COROLLARY 3.** The Blaschke invariants  $\bar{b}$  of  $\bar{\psi}$  and  $b$  of  $\psi$  are generally different for the helical motions. For  $\lambda = 0$  (pure rolling)  $\bar{b}$  and  $b$  agree. If  $\bar{\varnothing}$  and  $\varnothing$  are 2-dimensional axoids then  $\bar{\psi}$  and  $\psi$  coincide with  $\bar{\varnothing}$  and  $\varnothing$ , respectively. In this case, since  $\nu = \mu = 1$ ,  $\cos \theta_1 = 1$ ,  $\alpha_{11} = 0$  we obtain  $b = \bar{b} + \lambda/\bar{\kappa}$ .

This relation can be obtained from (14) since  $\lambda_1 = 1$ .

#### ÖZET:

Bu çalışmada  $E^n$ ,  $n$ -boyutlu Öklid uzayında  $k$ -yüncü mertebeden helisel hareketler altında meydana gelen  $\bar{\varnothing}$  ve  $\varnothing$  hareketli ve sabit aksoidlerinin Blaschke invaryantları arasındaki ilişkiler incelendi. Ayrıca bu hareket altında birbirlerine karşılık gelen  $\bar{\psi} \subset \bar{\varnothing}$  ve  $\psi \subset \varnothing$  2-regle yüzey çiftlerinin Blaschke invaryantları arasında bir bağıntı bulundu.

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