

ONE-PARAMETER PLANAR MOTION ON THE GALILEAN PLANE

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ABSTRACT. Müller [2], on the Euclidean plane \mathbb{E}^2 , introduced the one-parameter planar motions and obtained the relation between absolute, relative, sliding velocities and accelerations. Ergin [3] considered the Lorentzian plane \mathbb{L}^2 , instead of the Euclidean plane \mathbb{E}^2 , and introduced the one-parameter planar motions on the Lorentzian plane and also gave the relations between both the velocities and accelerations.

In this paper, one-parameter motions on the Galilean plane \mathbb{G}^2 are defined. Also the relations between absolute, relative, sliding velocities and accelerations and pole curves are discussed.

1. INTRODUCTION

We consider \mathbb{R}^2 with the bilinear form

$$(1.1) \quad \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = x_1x_2 + \epsilon y_1y_2$$

where ϵ may be 1, 0 or -1 and $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, y_1)$, $\mathbf{y} = (x_2, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. The distance between two points X and Y is defined by

$$(1.2) \quad \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| = |\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are the coordinate vectors of the points X and Y with respect to the coordinate systems in \mathbb{R}^2 . For $\epsilon = 1$ we have the *Euclidean plane* \mathbb{E}^2 , for $\epsilon = 0$ we have the *Galilean plane* \mathbb{G}^2 , and for $\epsilon = -1$ we have the *Minkowskian (or Lorentzian) plane* \mathbb{L}^2 , (for Lorentzian Plane, see [1]). These are the three Cayley-Klein plane geometries with a parabolic measure of distance. Denote \mathbb{R}^2 with the bilinear form (1.1) by \mathbb{P}_ϵ , [4].

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Vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} in \mathbb{P}_ϵ are *orthogonal*, written $\mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{y}$, if $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$. Self-orthogonal vectors are called *isotropic*. For $\epsilon = 1$, only the zero vector is isotropic. For $\epsilon = 0$, zero and vertical vectors are isotropic and, for $\epsilon = -1$, zero vectors and vectors parallel to $(\pm 1, 1)$ are isotropic, [4].

The linear transformation $J : \mathbb{P}_\epsilon \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_\epsilon$ with matrix, also denoted by J ,

$$(1.3) \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\epsilon \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

takes any vector \mathbf{x} to an orthogonal vector $J\mathbf{x}$. It is straight forward to check that, if \mathbf{x} is not isotropic and \mathbf{y} is orthogonal to \mathbf{x} , then $\mathbf{y} = kJ\mathbf{x}$ for some real number k . A *circle* is the set of points a given distance from a fixed point, the *center*. The *unit circle* in \mathbb{P}_ϵ is the set of points with $\|\mathbf{p}\| = 1$. The unit circles on Euclidean, Galilean and Minkowskian planes are shown in Figure 1, [4].

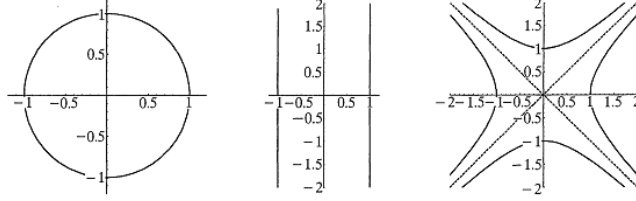


FIGURE 1. The unit circles for $\epsilon = 1, 0, -1$, respectively.

The Galilean unit circle has two branches, the vertical lines $x = \pm 1$, and any point on the y -axis is a center. The Minkowskian unit circle has four branches, consisting of a pair of conjugate rectangular hyperbolas with equations $x^2 - y^2 = \pm 1$. Hence, the equation of general unit circle in \mathbb{P}_ϵ is $x^2 + \epsilon y^2 = \pm 1$. It is not difficult to verify directly from the definition of the matrix exponential as $e^A = \sum \frac{A^n}{n!}$ that

$$(1.4) \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} \cos_\epsilon \phi & -\epsilon \sin_\epsilon \phi \\ \sin_\epsilon \phi & \cos_\epsilon \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$(1.5) \quad \cos_\epsilon \phi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\epsilon)^n \phi^{2n}}{(2n)!}, \quad \sin_\epsilon \phi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\epsilon)^n \phi^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}.$$

For $\epsilon = 1$ these are the usual cosine and sine functions, for $\epsilon = -1$ they are hyperbolic cosine and sine and for $\epsilon = 0$ they are just

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \cos_0 \phi &= 1 \\ \sin_0 \phi &= \phi \end{aligned}, \quad \text{for all } \phi.$$

In all case, we obtain

$$(1.7) \quad \cos_\epsilon^2 \phi + \epsilon \sin_\epsilon^2 \phi = 1$$

and

$$(1.8) \quad \partial_\phi \cos_\epsilon \phi = -\epsilon \sin_\epsilon \phi, \quad \partial_\phi \sin_\epsilon \phi = \cos_\epsilon \phi.$$

Equating corresponding entries of matrix equation

$$(1.9) \quad e^{J(\phi+\psi)} = e^{J\phi} e^{J\psi}$$

gives the sum formulae

$$(1.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \cos_\epsilon(\phi + \psi) &= \cos_\epsilon \phi \cos_\epsilon \psi - \epsilon \sin_\epsilon \phi \sin_\epsilon \psi \\ \sin_\epsilon(\phi + \psi) &= \sin_\epsilon \phi \cos_\epsilon \psi + \cos_\epsilon \phi \sin_\epsilon \psi, \end{aligned}$$

[4].

1.1. Galilean Metric and Galilean Transformation. The Galilean norm of $\mathbf{x} = (x, y) \in \mathbb{G}^2$ is defined by $\|\mathbf{x}\|_g = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle_g} = |x|$. Furthermore, if $\|\mathbf{x}\|_g = 1$, \mathbf{x} is called a *unit vector*, where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_g$ is called the *Galilean inner product* for $\epsilon = 0$ in the equation (1.1).

On the Galilean Plane, the distance $d(X, Y)$ between two points $X = (x_1, y_1)$ and $Y = (x_2, y_2)$ is defined by the formula

$$(1.11) \quad d(X, Y) = \|\mathbf{YX}\|_g = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_g = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \rangle_g} = |x_1 - x_2|$$

and it equals the signed length of the projection \mathbf{PQ} of the segment \mathbf{XY} on the x -axis (Fig. 2), [5].

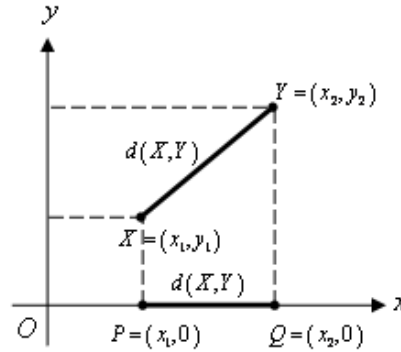


FIGURE 2. The distance on Galilean plane.

If the distance $d(X, Y)$ between the points X and Y is zero, i.e., $x_1 = x_2$, then X and Y belong to the same special line (parallel to the y -axis; Fig. 3). For such

points it makes sense to define the *special distance*

$$(1.12) \quad \delta(X, Y) = |y_1 - y_2|,$$

[5].

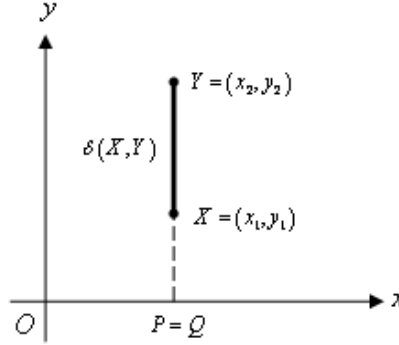


FIGURE 3. The special distance on Galilean plane.

Taking φ as the rotation angle between $\mathbf{x} = (x, y)$ and $\mathbf{x}' = (x', y')$ (Fig. 4), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos g\theta & x' &= r \cos g(\theta + \varphi) \\ y &= r \sin g\theta & \text{and } y' &= r \sin g(\theta + \varphi), \end{aligned}$$

where $\cos g$ and $\sin g$ are \cos_0 and \sin_0 (for $\epsilon = 0$, in the equations (1.4-1.10)), respectively.

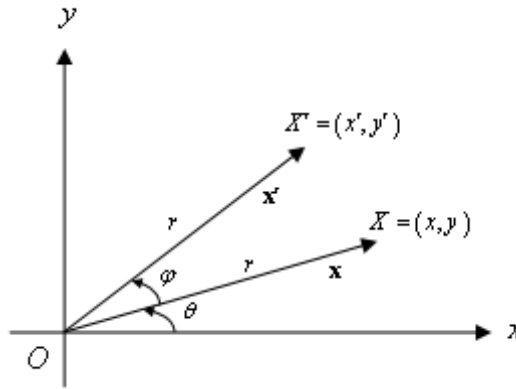


FIGURE 4. The rotation on Galilean plane.

Then, using the equation (1.10), for $\epsilon = 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= x \cos g\varphi + y0 \\y' &= x \sin g\varphi + y \cos g\varphi.\end{aligned}$$

From the equation (1.6) (since for all φ , $\cos g\varphi = 1$ and $\sin g\varphi = \varphi$), we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \varphi & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

or

$$(1.13) \quad \begin{aligned}x' &= x \\y' &= \varphi x + y.\end{aligned}$$

Then, from composed of the transformation (or the shear)

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= x \\y_1 &= \varphi x + y\end{aligned}$$

and the transformation (or translation)

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= x_1 + a \\y' &= y_1 + b ,\end{aligned}$$

we arrive at the formulae

$$(1.14) \quad \begin{aligned}x' &= x + a \\y' &= \varphi x + y + b .\end{aligned}$$

The equation (1.14) is called *Galilean transformation* and we remark that the transformation (1.14) map

- a) lines onto lines,
- b) parallel lines onto parallel lines,
- c) collinear segments onto collinear segments,
- d) a figure onto a figure of the same area.

This Galilean transformation belong to the kinematics on \mathbb{G}^2 . Under the Galilean Transformation examining the motion of points of \mathbb{G}^2 and establishing the invariants are the kinematic geometry of \mathbb{G}^2 . These are called, in other words, *the Galilean geometry*, [5].

2. KINEMATICS ON THE GALILEAN PLANE

In kinematics, the one-parameter planar motions on the Euclidean plane were given by Müller [2]. Then, the one-parameter planar motions on the Lorentzian plane were given by Ergin [3].

In this section, the one-parameter planar motions on the Galilean plane \mathbb{G}^2 are defined. Then, the relations between both velocities and accelerations of a point under the one-parameter planar Galilean motions are obtained.

I

Let \mathbb{G} and \mathbb{G}' be moving and fixed Galilean planes and $\{O; \mathbf{g}_1, \mathbf{g}_2\}$ and $\{O'; \mathbf{g}'_1, \mathbf{g}'_2\}$ be their coordinate systems, respectively. By taking

$$(2.1) \quad \mathbf{OO}' = \mathbf{u} = u_1 \mathbf{g}_1 + u_2 \mathbf{g}_2, \quad \text{for } u_1, u_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

the motion defined by the transformation

$$(2.2) \quad \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{u}$$

is called a *one-parameter planar Galilean motion* and denoted by $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$, where \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' are the coordinate vectors with respect to the moving and fixed rectangular coordinate systems of a point $X = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{G}$, respectively (Fig. 5). Also the rotation angle φ and the vectors \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' and \mathbf{u} are continuously differentiable functions of a time parameter t . Furthermore, at the initial time $t = 0$ the coordinate systems coincide. Taking $\varphi = \varphi(t)$ as the rotation angle between \mathbf{g}_1 and \mathbf{g}'_1 (Fig. 5), we can write

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{g}_1 &= \mathbf{g}'_1 + \varphi \mathbf{g}'_2 \\ \mathbf{g}_2 &= \mathbf{g}'_2 \end{aligned}$$

In this study we assume that

$$(2.4) \quad \dot{\varphi}(t) = \frac{d\varphi}{dt} \neq 0,$$

where " . " denotes the derivation with respect to " t " and $\dot{\varphi}(t)$ is called the *angular velocity* of the motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$.

Differentiating the equations (2.1) and (2.3) with respect to t , the *derivative formulae* of the motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$ are obtained as follows

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{g}}_1 &= \dot{\varphi} \mathbf{g}_2 \\ \dot{\mathbf{g}}_2 &= \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.6) \quad \dot{\mathbf{u}} = \dot{u}_1 \mathbf{g}_1 + (\dot{u}_2 + u_1 \dot{\varphi}) \mathbf{g}_2.$$

Now, we will define velocities of a point $X \in \mathbb{G}$ using the derivative formulae of the motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$:

The velocity of the point X with respect to \mathbb{G} is known as the *relative velocity* \mathbf{V}_r

and it is defined by $\frac{dx}{dt} = \dot{x}$. Also, for the relative velocity \mathbf{V}_r , we can write

$$(2.7) \quad \mathbf{V}_r = \dot{x}_1 \mathbf{g}_1 + \dot{x}_2 \mathbf{g}_2 .$$

Moreover, if we differentiate the equation (2.2) with respect to t , the *absolute velocity* of the point $X \in \mathbb{G}$ is found as

$$(2.8) \quad \mathbf{V}_a = -\dot{u}_1 \mathbf{g}_1 + (-\dot{u}_2 - u_1 \dot{\varphi} + x_1 \dot{\varphi}) \mathbf{g}_2 + \mathbf{V}_r .$$

From the equation (2.8), we get the *sliding velocity*

$$(2.9) \quad \mathbf{V}_f = -\dot{u}_1 \mathbf{g}_1 + (-\dot{u}_2 - u_1 \dot{\varphi} + x_1 \dot{\varphi}) \mathbf{g}_2 .$$

So we can give the following theorem using the equation (2.7), (2.8) and (2.9).

Theorem 2.1. *Let X be a moving point on the plane \mathbb{G} and $\mathbf{V}_r, \mathbf{V}_a$ and \mathbf{V}_f be the relative, absolute and sliding velocities of X , respectively, under the one-parameter planar motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$. Then*

$$(2.10) \quad \mathbf{V}_a = \mathbf{V}_f + \mathbf{V}_r .$$

The proof is obvious by using the definitions of velocities above. \square

For a general planar motions, there is a point that does not move, which means that its coordinates are the same in both reference coordinate systems $\{O; \mathbf{g}_1, \mathbf{g}_2\}$ and $\{O'; \mathbf{g}'_1, \mathbf{g}'_2\}$. This point is called the *pole point* or the *instantaneous rotation pole center*, (Fig. 5). In this case, we obtain

$$\mathbf{V}_f = \mathbf{0}$$

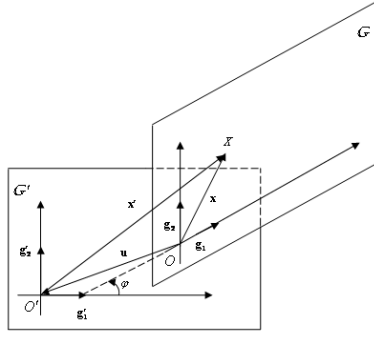
or

$$\begin{cases} -\dot{u}_1 = 0 \\ -\dot{u}_2 - u_1 \dot{\varphi} + x_1 \dot{\varphi} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then for the pole point $P = (p_1, p_2) \in \mathbb{G}$ of the motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$, we have

$$(2.11) \quad P \dots \begin{cases} p_1 = \frac{\dot{u}_2(t)}{\dot{\varphi}(t)} \\ p_2 = p_2(\lambda(t)) \end{cases}, \quad \text{for } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Result 2.1. *Invariant points on both planes at any instant t of $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$ lie on line parallel to y -axis on the plane \mathbb{G} . That is, there is only pole line on the plane \mathbb{G} at any instant t . For all $t \in I$, this pole lines are parallel to y -axis and each other and they constitute bundles of parallel lines.*

FIGURE 5. The motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$.

Using equations (2.9) and (2.11), for the sliding velocity, we can rewrite

$$(2.12) \quad \mathbf{V}_f = \{0\mathbf{g}_1 + (x_1 - p_1)\mathbf{g}_2\} \dot{\varphi}.$$

Now, we can give the following results by the equation (2.12):

Corollary 2.1. *During the one-parameter plane motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$, the pole ray $\mathbf{PX} = (x_1 - p_1)\mathbf{g}_1 + (x_2 - p_2)\mathbf{g}_2$ and the sliding velocity $\mathbf{V}_f = \{0\mathbf{g}_1 + (x_1 - p_1)\mathbf{g}_2\} \dot{\varphi}$ are perpendicular vectors in the sense of Galilean geometry. That is, $\langle \mathbf{V}_f, \mathbf{PX} \rangle_g = 0$. Then under the motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$, the focus of the points $X \in \mathbb{G}$ is an orbit curve that its normal pass through the rotation pole P .*

Corollary 2.2. *Under the motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$, the Galilean norm of the sliding velocity \mathbf{V}_f is*

$$\|\mathbf{V}_f\|_\delta = \|\mathbf{PX}\|_g |\dot{\varphi}|.$$

That is, during the motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$, all of the orbits of the points $X \in \mathbb{G}$ are such curves whose normal lines pass thoroughly the pole P . At any instant t , the motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$ is a Galilean instantaneous rotation with the angular velocity $\dot{\varphi}$ about the pole point P .

II

In this section, we will define relative, absolute, sliding and Coriolis acceleration vectors, during the one-parameter planar motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$.

Let X be a moving point of \mathbb{G} . Then the acceleration of the point X with respect to \mathbb{G} is known as the *relative acceleration* and it is defined by $\frac{d^2\mathbf{x}}{dt^2} = \ddot{\mathbf{x}} = \dot{\mathbf{V}}_r$. Also, for the relative acceleration \mathbf{b}_r , we can write

$$(2.13) \quad \mathbf{b}_r = \ddot{x}_1\mathbf{g}_1 + \ddot{x}_2\mathbf{g}_2.$$

The acceleration of the point X with respect to \mathbb{G}' is known as the *absolute acceleration* and it is defined by

$$(2.14) \quad \mathbf{b}_a = \dot{\mathbf{V}}_a = \ddot{x}_1 \mathbf{g}_1 + \{(x_1 - p_1) \ddot{\varphi} - \dot{p}_1 \dot{\varphi} + 2\dot{x}_1 \dot{\varphi} + \ddot{x}_2\} \mathbf{g}_2$$

In the equation (2.14), the expression

$$(2.15) \quad \mathbf{b}_f = 0\mathbf{g}_1 + \{(x_1 - p_1) \ddot{\varphi} - \dot{p}_1 \dot{\varphi}\} \mathbf{g}_2$$

is called the *sliding acceleration* and

$$(2.16) \quad \mathbf{b}_c = 0\mathbf{g}_1 + (2\dot{x}_1 \dot{\varphi}) \mathbf{g}_2$$

is called the *Coriolis acceleration* of the one-parameter planar motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$. So, we can give the following theorem and corollary using the equations (2.7), (2.14), (2.15) and (2.16):

Theorem 2.2. *Let X be a moving point on the plane \mathbb{G} . Then,*

$$(2.17) \quad \mathbf{b}_a = \mathbf{b}_f + \mathbf{b}_c + \mathbf{b}_r ,$$

during the one-parameter planar motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$. \square

Corollary 2.3. *During the motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$, the Coriolis acceleration vector \mathbf{b}_c and the relative velocity vector \mathbf{V}_r are perpendicular to each other in the sense of Galilean geometry, i.e. $\langle \mathbf{V}_r, \mathbf{b}_c \rangle_g = 0$.*

Under the one-parameter planar motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$, the acceleration pole is characterized by vanishing the sliding acceleration. Therefore, if we take $\mathbf{b}_f = \mathbf{0}$, the acceleration pole point $Q = (q_1, q_2) \in \mathbb{G}$ of the motion $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$, we get

$$(2.18) \quad Q \dots \begin{cases} q_1 = p_1(t) + \dot{p}_1(t) \frac{\dot{\varphi}(t)}{\ddot{\varphi}(t)} \\ q_2 = q_2(\mu(t)) \end{cases}, \quad \text{for } \mu \in \mathbb{R} .$$

Result 2.2. *Invariant points on both planes at any instant t of $B = \mathbb{G}/\mathbb{G}'$ lie on line parallel to y -axis on the plane \mathbb{G} . That is, there is only acceleration pole line on the plane \mathbb{G} at any instant t . For all $t \in I$, this acceleration pole lines are parallel to y -axis and each other and they constitute bundles of parallel lines.*

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