

## CURVES ON THE UNIT 3-SPHERE $S^3(1)$ IN EUCLIDEAN 4-SPACE $\mathbb{R}^4$

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ABSTRACT. We show many examples of curves on the unit 2-sphere  $S^2(1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and the unit 3-sphere  $S^3(1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . We study whether its curves are Bertrand curves or spherical Bertrand curves and provide some examples illustrating the resultant curves.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $C$  be a regular  $C^\infty$ -curve in an Euclidean 3-space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . We call curve  $C$  a  $C^\infty$ -special Frenet curve if there exists the Frenet apparatus  $\{\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{b}, \kappa, \tau\}$ , where  $\mathbf{t}$  is the unit tangent vector field,  $\mathbf{n}$  is the unit principal normal vector field,  $\mathbf{b}$  is the unit binormal vector field,  $\kappa (> 0)$  is the curvature function and  $\tau (\neq 0)$  is the torsion function. A  $C^\infty$ -special Frenet curve  $C$  is called a *Bertrand curve* if there exists another  $C^\infty$ -special Frenet curve  $\bar{C}$  and a  $C^\infty$ -mapping  $\varphi : C \rightarrow \bar{C}$  such that the principal normal lines of  $C$  and  $\bar{C}$  at corresponding points coincide. Here,  $\bar{C}$  is called a *Bertrand mate* of  $C$ . It is well-known that a  $C^\infty$ -special Frenet curve  $C$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a Bertrand curve if and only if there exists a linear relation  $a\kappa(s) + b\tau(s) = 1$  for all  $s \in I$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are non-zero constant real numbers.

Bertrand curves have attracted many authors [2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14]. We refer to [1, 2, 4, 5, 7] for the text book. Izumiya and Takeuchi [8] show that Bertrand curves can be constructed from spherical curves. Aminov [1] proved that a Bertrand curve does not exist in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if  $n \geq 4$ . Matsuda and Yorozu [10] gave a different proof for this. We wonder if Bertrand curves exist in  $S^3$  or  $S^4$ . This is the motivation for the present paper. We note that Lucas and J. A. Ortega-Yagües [9] recently obtained a necessary and sufficient condition for a curve on  $S^3(1)$  to be a Bertrand spherical curve. Our work is independent of theirs and provides a different proof of this fact from an entirely different viewpoint that we believe, taken in conjunction with the work of [9] deepens the understanding of Bertrand spherical curves. In addition, we present many

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concrete examples of curves on the unit 2-sphere  $S^2(1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and the unit 3-sphere  $S^3(1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . We give Bertrand curves constructed from curves on  $S^2(1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and we study whether curves on  $S^3(1)$  are spherical Bertrand curves. We give Bertrand curves constructed from curves on  $S^2(1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with respect to the method by Izumiya and Takeuchi [8]. Finally, we provide some examples illustrating the resultant curves; these yield concrete examples which do not appear in the literature.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be an Euclidean  $n$ -space with the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . For  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , that is  $\mathbf{x} = (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n)^t$  for  $x^i \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Here " $\dots^t$ " denotes to the transpose of  $(\dots)$ . And we denote  $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x^i y^i$  for  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle} = \{\sum_{i=1}^n (x^i)^2\}^{1/2}$  with the origin  $\mathbf{o} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $S^{n-1}(1) := \{\mathbf{x} \mid \|\mathbf{x}\| = 1, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$  be the  $(n-1)$ -sphere of radius 1, centered at the origin  $\mathbf{o}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be the tangent space of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  at  $\mathbf{x}$ . And, for  $\mathbf{x} \in S^{n-1}(1)$ , let  $T_{\mathbf{x}}(S^{n-1}(1))$  be the tangent space of  $S^{n-1}(1)$  at  $\mathbf{x}$ . We can set  $T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbb{R}^n) = T_{\mathbf{x}}(S^{n-1}(1)) \oplus \{\alpha \mathbf{x} \mid \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Here,  $T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ . We define  $P_{\mathbf{x}} : T_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow T_{\mathbf{x}}(S^{n-1}(1))$  as the orthogonal projection to the tangent space  $T_{\mathbf{x}}(S^{n-1}(1))$  for  $\mathbf{x} \in S^{n-1}(1)$ .

Let  $f : S^{n-1}(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a map given by  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$  for  $\mathbf{x} \in S^{n-1}(1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $g_{\mathbf{x}}(X, Y) := \langle f_*(X), f_*(Y) \rangle$  for  $\mathbf{x} \in S^{n-1}(1)$  and  $X, Y \in T_{\mathbf{x}}(S^{n-1}(1))$ .

Let  $D$  be a covariant differentiation associated with the linear connection on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $\nabla$  be a covariant differentiation defined by

$$\nabla : \mathfrak{X}(S^{n-1}(1)) \times \mathfrak{X}(S^{n-1}(1)) \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}(S^{n-1}(1)) \quad ((X, Y) \mapsto \nabla_X Y)$$

on  $S^{n-1}(1)$ . Here,  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection associated the induced metric  $g$  on  $S^{n-1}(1)$ . Then, the formula of Gauss is

$$D_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y)\mathbf{x},$$

where  $\mathbf{x} \in S^{n-1}(1)$  is identified with the unit normal vector field at the point  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $S^{n-1}(1)$ .

A regular  $C^\infty$ -curve  $C$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is given by

$$\mathbf{x} : I \ni t \mapsto \mathbf{x}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where  $t_0 \in I \subset \mathbb{R}$ . The arc-length  $s$  from the point  $\mathbf{x}(t_0)$  to a point  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  is given by

$$s = \psi(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \|\dot{\mathbf{x}}(u)\| \, du,$$

then we get the inverse function  $\varphi$  of  $\psi$  so that we have  $t = \varphi(s)$  with  $s \in J \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

The curve  $C$  is represented by arc-length parameter  $s$  as

$$\mathbf{c} : J \ni s \mapsto \mathbf{c}(s) \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{x} \circ \varphi$ , that is,  $\mathbf{c}(s) = \mathbf{x}(\varphi(s))$ .

Here we put

$$\mathbf{c}'(s) = \left. \frac{d\mathbf{c}}{ds} \right|_s = \frac{d\mathbf{c}(s)}{ds}$$

and

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)) = \left. \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} \right|_{t=\varphi(s)}, \quad \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)) = \left. \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}}{dt^2} \right|_{t=\varphi(s)},$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'(s) &= \frac{d\varphi(s)}{ds} = \langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)) \rangle^{-1/2}, \\ \varphi''(s) &= -\langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)) \rangle^{-2} \langle \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{c}'(s) &= \varphi'(s) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)), \\ \mathbf{c}''(s) &= \varphi''(s) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)) + (\varphi'(s))^2 \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)). \end{aligned}$$

Hereafter, we shall work in the  $C^\infty$ -category and refer to a special Frenet curve simply as a curve.

### 3. Examples of spherical curves on $S^2(1)$ in $\mathbb{R}^3$

Let  $S^2(1)$  be the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the origin  $\mathbf{o}$  and let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be real numbers. We provide examples of spherical curves on  $S^2(1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  in this section.

**Example 1.** We consider a  $C^\infty$ -curve  $C_1(a, b, c)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} a \cos(t) - b \sin(3t) \\ a \sin(t) + b \cos(3t) \\ c(\cos(t) + \sin(t)) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then we obtain

$$\|\mathbf{x}(t)\|^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + (c^2 - 2ab) \sin(2t).$$

The curve  $C_1(a, b, c)$  is a curve on  $S^2(1)$  if and only if  $c^2 = 2ab$  and  $(a+b)^2 = 1$ . And we get

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -a \sin(t) - 3b \cos(3t) \\ a \cos(t) - 3b \sin(3t) \\ c(-\sin(t) + \cos(t)) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then we obtain

$$\|\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)\|^2 = (a^2 + 9b^2 + c^2) - (c^2 + 6ab) \sin(2t) = (a^2 + 9b^2 + 2ab) - (8ab) \sin(2t).$$

The curve  $C_1(a, b, c)$  is a regular curve (i.e.,  $\|\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)\|^2 \neq 0$ ) if and only if  $(a^2 + 9b^2 + 2ab) - (8ab) = (a - 3b)^2 > 0$ , that is,  $a \neq 3b$ . Thus we have a family

$$\Gamma_1 = \{C_1(a, b, c) \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}; c^2 = 2ab, (a+b)^2 = 1, a \neq 3b\}.$$

This is a family of spherical, regular and  $C^\infty$ -curves. For a curve  $C_1$  in  $\Gamma_1$ , we calculate that the curvature  $\kappa(t)$  and torsion  $\tau(t)$  of  $C_1$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{\sqrt{A_1(t)}}{\|\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)\|^3},$$

$$\tau(t) = \frac{24bc\{9b(\cos(t) - \sin(t)) - a(\cos(3t) + \sin(3t))\}}{A_1(t)},$$

where  $A_1(t) = a^4 + 4a^3b + 30a^2b^2 + 180ab^3 + 729b^4 - 24ab(a^2 + 2ab + 33b^2)\sin(2t) + 192a^2b^2\sin^2(2t)$ .

**Example 2.** We consider a  $C^\infty$ -curve  $C_2(a, b, c)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} a \cos(t) - b \cos(3t) \\ a \sin(t) - b \sin(3t) \\ c \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then we obtain

$$\|\mathbf{x}(t)\|^2 = (a + b)^2 + (c^2 - 4ab)\cos^2(t).$$

The curve  $C_2(a, b, c)$  is a curve on  $S^2(1)$  if and only if  $c^2 = 4ab$  and  $(a + b)^2 = 1$ . And we get

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -a \sin(t) + 3b \sin(3t) \\ a \cos(t) - 3b \cos(3t) \\ -c \sin(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then we obtain

$$\|\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)\|^2 = (a - 3b)^2 + (c^2 + 12ab)\sin^2(t) = (a - 3b)^2 + 16ab\sin^2(t).$$

The curve  $C_2(a, b, c)$  is a regular curve if and only if  $a \neq 3b$ . Thus we have a family

$$\Gamma_2 = \{C_2(a, b, c) \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}; c^2 = 4ab, (a + b)^2 = 1, a \neq 3b\}.$$

This is a family of spherical, regular and  $C^\infty$ -curves. For a curve  $C_2$  in  $\Gamma_2$ , we calculate that the curvature  $\kappa(t)$  and torsion  $\tau(t)$  of  $C_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{\sqrt{B_1(t)}}{\|\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)\|^3},$$

$$\tau(t) = \frac{24bc(-9b \sin(t) + a \sin(3t))}{B_1(t)},$$

where  $B_1(t) = (a - 3b)^2((a + 9b)^2 - 32ab) + 48ab(a - 3b)(a - 11b)\sin^2(t) + 768a^2b^2\sin^4(t)$ . We know the elements of  $\Gamma_1$  do not map isometrically to elements of  $\Gamma_2$ .

#### 4. Bertrand curves in $\mathbb{R}^3$ constructed from spherical curves and their illustrations

We describe Bertrand curves in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  constructed from spherical curves and their illustrations in this section.

**Example 3.** We consider a small circle  $C_3$  on  $S^2(1)$  defined by

$$\mathbf{c}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\sqrt{2}s) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\sqrt{2}s) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad s \in \mathbb{R},$$

with respect to the arc-length parameter  $s$ .

By the direct computation, we get

$$\|\mathbf{c}(s)\| = 1, \quad \|\mathbf{c}'(s)\| = 1,$$

$$\mathbf{c}'(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\sqrt{2}s) \\ \cos(\sqrt{2}s) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}''(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2} \cos(\sqrt{2}s) \\ -\sqrt{2} \sin(\sqrt{2}s) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then, we have  $\langle \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle = -1$  and  $\|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 = 2$ . Thus, we obtain  $\|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 - 1 = 1$ . Next we get

$$\mathbf{e}_2(s) = \mathbf{c}(s) \times \mathbf{e}_1(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\sqrt{2}s) \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\sqrt{2}s) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . And also, we get

$$\mathbf{c}''(s) - \langle \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle \mathbf{c}(s) = \mathbf{c}''(s) + \mathbf{c}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\sqrt{2}s) \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin(\sqrt{2}s) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus we have, for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{cases} k(s) = 1 \\ \nabla_s \mathbf{e}_1(s) = k(s) \mathbf{e}_2(s). \end{cases}$$

Next we compute

$$\mathbf{e}_2'(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\sqrt{2}s) \\ -\cos(\sqrt{2}s) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\langle \mathbf{e}'_2(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle = 0$ . On the other hand,

$$\nabla_s \mathbf{e}_2(s) = \mathbf{e}'_2(s) = (-1)\mathbf{e}_1(s) = -k(s)\mathbf{e}_1(s)$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore we have

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_s \mathbf{e}_1(s) = k(s)\mathbf{e}_2(s) \\ \nabla_s \mathbf{e}_2(s) = -k(s)\mathbf{e}_1(s) \\ k(s) = 1 \end{cases}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Now, we can construct a Bertrand curve from the curve  $C_3$  by using Izumiya and Takeuchi's method [8]. The curve  $C_3$  is depicted as in Figure 1 and we can draw a Bertrand curve from the curve  $C_3$  as in Figure 2.

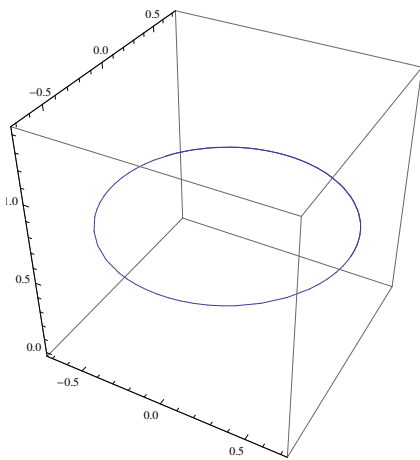


FIGURE 1

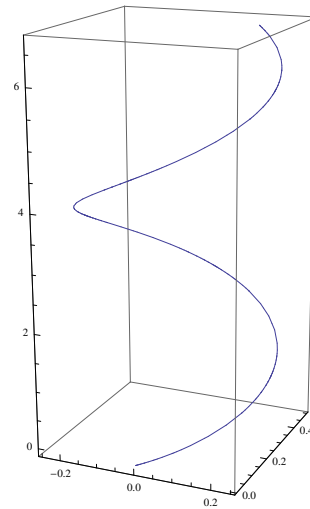


FIGURE 2

**Example 1'.** We consider a  $C^\infty$ -curve  $C_1(a, b, c)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} a \cos(t) - b \sin(3t) \\ a \sin(t) + b \cos(3t) \\ c(\cos(t) + \sin(t)) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

in a family

$$\Gamma_1 = \{C_1(a, b, c) \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}; c^2 = 2ab, (a + b)^2 = 1, a \neq 3b\}.$$

The curvature  $k(s)$  of  $C_1$  with respect to the arc-length parameter  $s$  is given by

$$k(s) = \det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s)],$$

and it is called the geodesic curvature of  $C_1$ . For  $\mathbf{c}(s) = \mathbf{x}(\varphi(s))$ , where  $t = \varphi(s)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{c}'(s) &= \varphi'(s) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)), \\ \mathbf{c}''(s) &= \varphi''(s) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)) + (\varphi'(s))^2 \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'(s) &= \langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)) \rangle^{-1/2}, \\ \varphi''(s) &= -\langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)) \rangle^{-2} \langle \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s)] = (\varphi'(s))^3 \det[\mathbf{x}(\varphi(s)), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)), \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s))].$$

Thus, with respect to the parameter  $t$ , the curvature  $k(t)$  at  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  (i.e.,  $\mathbf{c}(s) = \mathbf{x}(\varphi(s))$ ) is given by

$$\frac{8bc\{3b(\cos(t) + \sin(t)) + a(\cos(3t) - \sin(3t))\}}{\{a^2 + 9b^2 + 2ab - 8ab \sin(2t)\}^{3/2}},$$

where  $c^2 = 2ab$  and  $(a + b)^2 = 1$ .

We can construct a Bertrand curve from the curve  $C_1$  in  $\Gamma_1$  by using Izumiya and Takeuchi's method [8]. In the case of  $a = 1/4$ ,  $b = 3/4$  and  $c > 0$ , the curve  $C_1$  is depicted as in Figure 3 and we can draw a Bertrand curve from the curve  $C_1$  as in Figure 4.

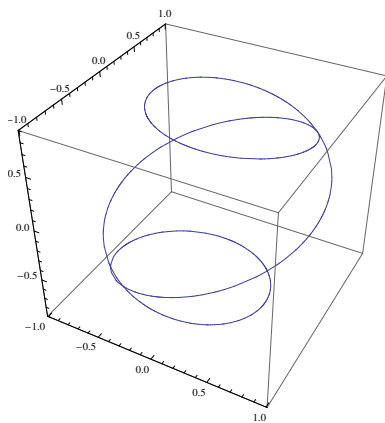


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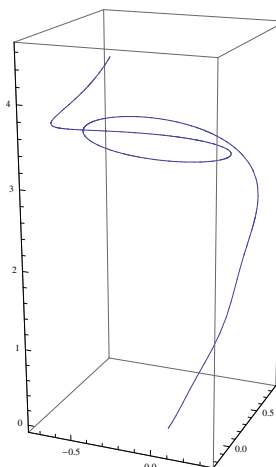


FIGURE 4

**Example 2'.** We consider a  $C^\infty$ -curve  $C_2(a, b, c)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} a \cos(t) - b \cos(3t) \\ a \sin(t) - b \sin(3t) \\ c \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

in a family

$$\Gamma_2 = \{C_2(a, b, c) \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}; c^2 = 4ab, (a + b)^2 = 1, a \neq 3b\}.$$

Since  $k(s) = \det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s)] = (\varphi'(s))^3 \det[\mathbf{x}(\varphi(s)), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s)), \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(\varphi(s))]$ , then the curvature  $k(t)$  at  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  is given by

$$\frac{8bc(3b \cos(t) - a \cos(3t))}{((a - 3b)^2 + 16ab \sin^2(t))^{\frac{3}{2}}},$$

where  $c^2 = 4ab$  and  $(a + b)^2 = 1$  with respect to the parameter  $t$ .

We can construct a Bertrand curve from the curve  $C_2$  in  $\Gamma_2$  by using Izumiya and Takeuchi's method [8]. In the case of  $a = 1/4$ ,  $b = 3/4$  and  $c > 0$ , the curve  $C_2$  is depicted as in Figure 5 and we can draw a Bertrand curve from the curve  $C_2$  as in Figure 6.

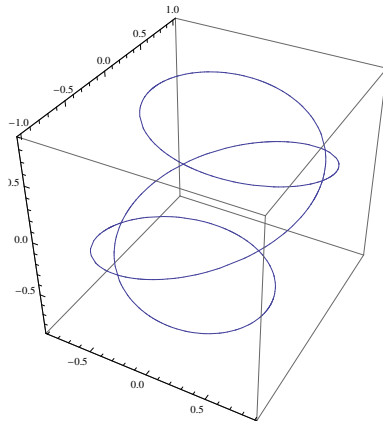


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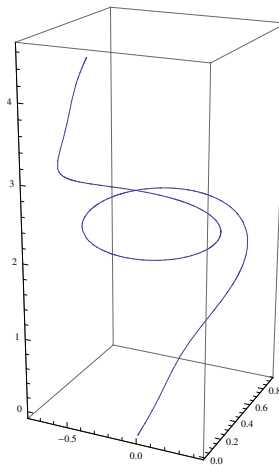


FIGURE 6



Next, a circle  $C_4$  on  $S^2(1)$  is given by

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \cos(t) \\ \frac{1}{2} \sin(t) \\ \frac{1}{4}(11 - 4 \cos(t))^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Here,  $C_4$  is a curve which is the intersection of  $S^2(1)$  and a circular cylinder

$$\left\{ (x, y, z) \mid \left(x - \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + y^2 = \frac{1}{4}, z \geq 0 \right\}.$$

This curve is depicted as in Figure 7.

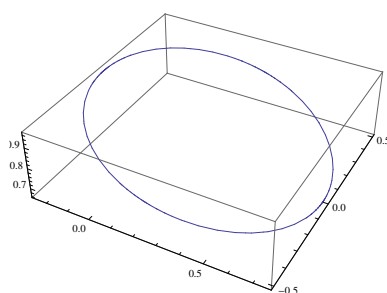


FIGURE 7

And, the curve  $C_5$  on  $S^2(1)$  is given by

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4}(\sin(2t))^2} \\ \sin(t) \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4}(\sin(2t))^2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \sin(2t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

This curve is depicted as in Figure 8 (see the next page).

### 5. Spherical Bertrand curves on $S^2(1)$ in $\mathbb{R}^3$

In this section, we study a spherical Bertrand curve on  $S^2(1)$  and its spherical Bertrand curve. We recall that a curve  $C$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n = 2, 3$ ) is called a Bertrand curve if there exists another curve  $\hat{C}$ , distinct from  $C$ , and a bijection  $f$  between  $C$  and  $\hat{C}$  such that  $C$  and  $\hat{C}$  have the same principal normal line at each pair of corresponding points under  $f$ . The curve  $\hat{C}$  is called a Bertrand mate curve of  $C$  [7]. The following results are well-known.

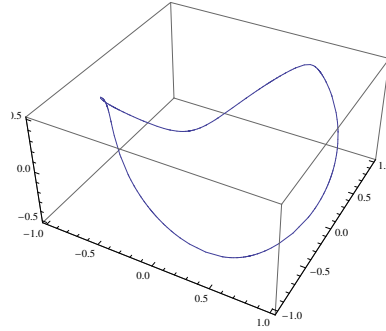


FIGURE 8

- (A) Every curve in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a Bertrand curve.  
 (B) A circular helix in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a Bertrand curve.

We have the following definition:

**Definition.** A curve  $C$  on  $S^{n-1}(1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called a *spherical Bertrand curve* if there exists a curve  $\tilde{C}$ , distinct from  $C$ , and a bijection  $f$  between  $C$  and  $\tilde{C}$  such that  $C$  and  $\tilde{C}$  have the same principal normal great circle at each pair of corresponding points under  $f$ . The curve  $\tilde{C}$  is called a *spherical Bertrand mate curve* of  $C$ .

A curve  $\mathbf{c} : I \ni s \mapsto \mathbf{c}(s) \in S^2(1)$  is a parametrized curve  $C$  with arc-length parameter  $s$ . Thus we have  $\|\mathbf{c}(s)\| = 1$  and  $\|\mathbf{c}'(s)\| = 1$ . We put  $\mathbf{e}_1(s) = \mathbf{c}'(s) \in T_{\mathbf{c}(s)}(S^2(1))$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2(s) = \mathbf{c}(s) \times \mathbf{c}'(s) \in T_{\mathbf{c}(s)}(S^2(1))$ . We have

- (a)  $\langle \mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle = 1$ ,  $\langle \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}'(s) \rangle = 1$ .  
 (b)  $\langle \mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s) \rangle = 0$ ,  $\langle \mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}''(s) \rangle = -1$ .  
 (c)  $\langle \mathbf{c}(s) \times \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}'(s) \rangle = \det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}'(s)] = -\det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s)]$ .  
 (d)  $\|\mathbf{c}''(s) + \mathbf{c}(s)\|^2 = \|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 - 1$ ,  $\|\mathbf{c}(s) \times \mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 = \|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 - 1$ .

Now, by (b), we have the  $T_{\mathbf{c}(s)}(S^2(1))$ -part of  $\mathbf{e}'_1(s) = \mathbf{c}''(s)$  is given by  $\mathbf{c}''(s) + \mathbf{c}(s)$ .

We denote  $T_{\mathbf{c}(s)}(S^2(1))$ -part of  $\mathbf{e}'_1(s)$  by  $\nabla_s \mathbf{e}_1(s)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \nabla_s \mathbf{e}_1(s), \mathbf{e}_2(s) \rangle &= \langle \mathbf{c}''(s) + \mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \times \mathbf{c}'(s) \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \times \mathbf{c}'(s) \rangle + \langle \mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \times \mathbf{c}'(s) \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{c}(s) \times \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s) \rangle + \langle \mathbf{c}(s) \times \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle \\ &= \det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s)] + \det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}(s)] \\ &= \det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s)]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\nabla_s \mathbf{e}_1(s) = \det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s)] \cdot \mathbf{e}_2(s).$$

We remark that  $\det [\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s)] > 0$  and  $k(s) = \det [\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s)] = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 - 1}$ . Then, we can take a constant number  $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$  such that

$$(\dagger) \quad \det [\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s)] \neq \cot(\theta)$$

for any  $s$ , we define a curve as:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{c}}(s) = \cos(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{c}(s) + \sin(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{e}_2(s), \quad s \in J.$$

This curve is on  $S^2(1)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\tilde{\mathbf{c}}(s)}{ds} &= \cos(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{c}'(s) + \sin(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{e}'_2(s) \\ &= \cos(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{c}'(s) + \sin(\theta) \cdot (\mathbf{c}(s) \times \mathbf{c}''(s)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have  $\langle \frac{d\tilde{\mathbf{c}}(s)}{ds}, \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle = 0$  so that  $\frac{d\tilde{\mathbf{c}}(s)}{ds} \in T_{\mathbf{c}(s)}(S^2(1))$ . From  $(\dagger)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{d\tilde{\mathbf{c}}(s)}{ds} \right\|^2 &= (\cos(\theta))^2 \|\mathbf{c}'(s)\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \langle \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \times \mathbf{c}''(s) \rangle \\ &\quad + (\sin(\theta))^2 \|\mathbf{c}(s) \times \mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 \\ &= (\cos(\theta))^2 - 2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \det [\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s)] \\ &\quad + (\sin(\theta))^2 (\|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 - 1) \\ &= \{\cos(\theta) - \det [\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s)] \sin(\theta)\}^2 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\tilde{s}$  be the arc-length parameter of  $\tilde{C}$ . We set  $s = \Phi(\tilde{s})$ , then we have

$$\left( \frac{d\Phi(\tilde{s})}{d\tilde{s}} \right)^2 = \{\cos(\theta) - \det [\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s)] \sin(\theta)\}^{-2}.$$

The curve  $\tilde{C}$  is represented as:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{c}}(\tilde{s}) = \cos(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{c}(\Phi(\tilde{s})) + \sin(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{e}_2(\Phi(\tilde{s})).$$

We put  $\tilde{\mathbf{c}}^*(\tilde{s}) = \frac{d\tilde{\mathbf{c}}}{d\tilde{s}}(\tilde{s})$ , that is,  $*$  denotes the derivative with respect to  $\tilde{s}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{c}}^*(\tilde{s}) &= \Phi^*(\tilde{s}) \{ \cos(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{c}'(\Phi(\tilde{s})) + \sin(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{e}'_2(\Phi(\tilde{s})) \} \\ &= \Phi^*(\tilde{s}) \{ \cos(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{c}'(\Phi(\tilde{s})) + \sin(\theta) \cdot (\mathbf{c}(\Phi(\tilde{s})) \times \mathbf{c}''(\Phi(\tilde{s}))) \}. \end{aligned}$$

We put  $\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_1(\tilde{s}) = \tilde{\mathbf{c}}^*(\tilde{s})$  and we have  $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{e}}_1(\tilde{s}), \tilde{\mathbf{c}}(\tilde{s}) \rangle = 0$ . We define  $\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_2(\tilde{s}) = \tilde{\mathbf{c}}(\tilde{s}) \times \tilde{\mathbf{e}}_1(\tilde{s})$ . For ease of writing, we omit  $(\tilde{s})$  and  $(\Phi(\tilde{s}))$  in the following. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{e}}_2 &= \{ \cos(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{c} + \sin(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{e}_2 \} \times \Phi^* \{ \cos(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{c}' + \sin(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{e}'_2 \} \\ &= \Phi^* \{ (\cos(\theta))^2 \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{c}') + \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{e}'_2) \\ &\quad + \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \cdot (\mathbf{e}_2 \times \mathbf{c}') + (\sin(\theta))^2 \cdot (\mathbf{e}_2 \times \mathbf{e}'_2) \} \\ &= \Phi^* \{ (\cos(\theta))^2 \cdot \mathbf{e}_2 + \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{c}'')) \} \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \cdot ((\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{c}') \times \mathbf{c}') + (\sin(\theta))^2 \cdot ((\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{c}') \times (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{c}'')) \}.$$

By the below equalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{c} \times (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{c}'') &= -\{\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c} \rangle \cdot \mathbf{c}'' - \langle \mathbf{c}'', \mathbf{c} \rangle \cdot \mathbf{c}\} \\ &= -(\mathbf{c}'' + \mathbf{c}) = -\det[\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{c}''] \cdot \mathbf{e}_2, \\ (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{c}') \times \mathbf{c}' &= \langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}' \rangle \cdot \mathbf{c}' - \langle \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{c}' \rangle \cdot \mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{c}, \\ (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{c}') \times (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{c}'') &= \langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{c}'' \rangle \cdot \mathbf{c}' - \langle \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{c}'' \rangle \cdot \mathbf{c} \\ &= -\langle \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{c}'', \mathbf{c}' \rangle \cdot \mathbf{c} = \det[\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{c}''] \cdot \mathbf{c}, \end{aligned}$$

thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{e}}_2 &= \Phi^* \cos(\theta)(\cos(\theta) - \det[\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{c}''] \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_2 \\ &\quad - \Phi^* \sin(\theta)(\cos(\theta) - \det[\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{c}''] \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{c}. \end{aligned}$$

The principal normal great circle of  $\tilde{C}$  at point  $\tilde{\mathbf{c}}(\Phi(\tilde{s}))$  is given by

$$\{\cos(\alpha) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{c}}(\tilde{s}) + \sin(\alpha) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{e}}_2(\tilde{s}) \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

Since it holds, we omit  $(\tilde{s})$  and  $(\Phi(\tilde{s}))$  again,

$$\begin{aligned} &\cos(\alpha) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{c}} + \sin(\alpha) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{e}}_2 \\ &= \{\cos(\alpha) \cos(\theta) - (\Phi^*) \sin(\alpha) \sin(\theta)(\cos(\theta) - \det[\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{c}''] \sin(\theta))\} \cdot \mathbf{c} \\ &\quad + \{\cos(\alpha) \sin(\theta) + (\Phi^*) \sin(\alpha) \cos(\theta)(\cos(\theta) - \det[\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{c}''] \sin(\theta))\} \cdot \mathbf{e}_2, \end{aligned}$$

curves  $C$  and  $\tilde{C}$  have the same principal normal great circle at each pair of corresponding points. Thus we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** *Every curve on  $S^2(1)$  is a spherical Bertrand curve.*

## 6. Spherical Bertrand curves on $S^3(1)$ in $\mathbb{R}^4$

In this section, we discuss a spherical Bertrand curves on  $S^3(1)$  in the same manner as in Section 5. The purpose of this section is to get conditions of a spherical Bertrand curve on  $S^3(1)$  and represent it with  $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s)$ , etc. Let  $\mathbf{c} : J \ni s \mapsto \mathbf{c}(s) \in S^3(1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  be a curve  $C$  parametrized by the arc-length  $s$ . Then we have

$$\|\mathbf{c}(s)\| = 1, \quad \|\mathbf{c}'(s)\| = 1.$$

Also we know

- (a)  $\langle \mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle = 1, \langle \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}'(s) \rangle = 1.$
- (b)  $\langle \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle = 0, \langle \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}'(s) \rangle = 0.$
- (c)  $\langle \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle = -1, \langle \mathbf{c}'''(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle = 0.$
- (d)  $\langle \mathbf{c}'''(s), \mathbf{c}'(s) \rangle = -\|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2, \langle \mathbf{c}'''(s), \mathbf{c}''(s) \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2)'.$

And then, we have

$$\mathbf{c}'(s) \in T_{\mathbf{c}(s)}(S^3(1)).$$

We denote  $\mathbf{e}_1(s) := \mathbf{c}'(s)$  for all  $s \in I$ . Since  $\langle \mathbf{c}''(s) - \langle \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle \mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle = 0$ , then we have

$$\mathbf{c}''(s) - \langle \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle \mathbf{c}(s) \in T_{\mathbf{c}(s)}(S^3(1)).$$

Then we obtain

$$P_{\mathbf{c}(s)}(\mathbf{e}'_1(s)) = \nabla_s \mathbf{e}_1(s) = \mathbf{c}''(s) - \langle \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle \mathbf{c}(s).$$

Therefore, we get

$$\nabla_s \mathbf{e}_1(s) = \mathbf{c}''(s) + \mathbf{c}(s).$$

And we have

$$\|\mathbf{c}''(s) + \mathbf{c}(s)\|^2 = \|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 - 1.$$

We remark that  $0 < \|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 - 1 < +\infty$  and put  $k(s) = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 - 1}$  for all  $s \in J$ . Then, we denote

$$\mathbf{e}_2(s) := \frac{1}{k(s)}(\mathbf{c}''(s) + \mathbf{c}(s)).$$

Thus we have

$$\nabla_s \mathbf{e}_1(s) = k(s)\mathbf{e}_2(s)$$

and

$$\mathbf{e}'_2(s) = \left(\frac{1}{k(s)}\right)'(\mathbf{c}''(s) + \mathbf{c}(s)) + \frac{1}{k(s)}(\mathbf{c}'''(s) + \mathbf{c}'(s)).$$

Since  $\langle \mathbf{e}'_2(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle = 0$ , then we have

$$\mathbf{e}'_2(s) \in T_{\mathbf{c}(s)}(S^3(1)).$$

So, we have

$$\nabla_s \mathbf{e}_2(s) = \left(\frac{1}{k(s)}\right)' \mathbf{c}'''(s) + \left(\frac{1}{k(s)}\right)' \mathbf{c}''(s) + \left(\frac{1}{k(s)}\right)' \mathbf{c}'(s) + \left(\frac{1}{k(s)}\right)' \mathbf{c}(s).$$

Then, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \nabla_s \mathbf{e}_2(s) + k(s)\mathbf{e}_1(s) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{k(s)}\right)'(\mathbf{c}'''(s) + \mathbf{c}'(s)) + \left(\frac{1}{k(s)}\right)'(\mathbf{c}''(s) + \mathbf{c}(s)) + k(s)\mathbf{c}'(s) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|\nabla_s \mathbf{e}_2(s) + k(s)\mathbf{e}_1(s)\|^2 = \frac{1}{(k(s))^2} [\|\mathbf{c}'''(s)\|^2 - (k'(s))^2 - \{1 + (k(s))^2\}^2].$$

We denote  $w(s)$  by

$$w(s) := \varepsilon \frac{1}{k(s)} \sqrt{\|\mathbf{c}'''(s)\|^2 - (k'(s))^2 - \{1 + (k(s))^2\}^2}.$$

Here,  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ . We assume that  $w(s) \neq 0$ , since  $C$  is a  $C^\infty$ -special Frenet curve. From  $k(s) = (\langle \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}''(s) \rangle - 1)^{1/2}$ , then we obtain

$$k'(s) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{c}'''(s), \mathbf{c}''(s) \rangle}{(\langle \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}''(s) \rangle - 1)^{1/2}}.$$

Thus we obtain

$$w(s) = \varepsilon \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 - 1} \sqrt{\|\mathbf{c}'''(s)\|^2 - \frac{(\langle \mathbf{c}'''(s), \mathbf{c}''(s) \rangle)^2}{\|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 - 1} - \|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^4}.$$

Then we define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}_3(s) &= \frac{1}{w(s)} (\nabla_s \mathbf{e}_2(s) + k(s) \mathbf{e}_1(s)) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{w(s)k(s)} \right) \mathbf{c}'''(s) + \left( \frac{1}{w(s)} \right) \left( \frac{1}{k(s)} \right)' \mathbf{c}''(s) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1 + (k(s))^2}{w(s)k(s)} \right) \mathbf{c}'(s) + \left( \frac{1}{w(s)} \right) \left( \frac{1}{k(s)} \right)' \mathbf{c}(s). \end{aligned}$$

Since we define that the orientation of the frame  $\{\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{e}_1(s), \mathbf{e}_2(s), \mathbf{e}_3(s)\}$  at  $\mathbf{c}(s)$  is positive, we have that

$$\det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{e}_1(s), \mathbf{e}_2(s), \mathbf{e}_3(s)] = \frac{1}{w(s)(k(s))^2} \det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}'''(s)] > 0,$$

$$w(s) \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if } \det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}'''(s)] > 0 \\ < 0 & \text{if } \det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}'''(s)] < 0. \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &= +1, \\ w(s) &= \frac{\det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{c}'(s), \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}'''(s)]}{(k(s))^2}, \end{aligned}$$

by taking account of  $\det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{e}_1(s), \mathbf{e}_2(s), \mathbf{e}_3(s)] = 1$ . Then, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}'_3(s) &= \left( \frac{1}{w(s)k(s)} \right)' \mathbf{c}'''(s) + \left( \frac{1}{w(s)k(s)} \right) \mathbf{c}''''(s) \\ &\quad + \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{w(s)} \right) \left( \frac{1}{k(s)} \right)' \right\}' \mathbf{c}''(s) + \left( \frac{1}{w(s)} \right) \left( \frac{1}{k(s)} \right)' \mathbf{c}'''(s) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1 + (k(s))^2}{w(s)k(s)} \right)' \mathbf{c}'(s) + \left( \frac{1 + (k(s))^2}{w(s)k(s)} \right) \mathbf{c}''(s) \\ &\quad + \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{w(s)} \right) \left( \frac{1}{k(s)} \right)' \right\}' \mathbf{c}(s) + \left( \frac{1}{w(s)} \right) \left( \frac{1}{k(s)} \right)' \mathbf{c}'(s) \end{aligned}$$

and since  $\langle \mathbf{e}'_3(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle = 0$ , then we obtain

$$\nabla_s \mathbf{e}_3(s) = \mathbf{e}'_3(s).$$

Also we obtain  $\langle \mathbf{e}'_3(s), \mathbf{e}_1(s) \rangle = 0$ . And, since  $\langle \mathbf{e}_3(s), \mathbf{e}_3(s) \rangle = 1$ , then we obtain  $\langle \mathbf{e}'_3(s), \mathbf{e}_3(s) \rangle = 0$  for all  $s \in I$ . We have  $\langle \mathbf{e}'_3(s), \mathbf{c}''(s) \rangle = -w(s)k(s)$  and

$\langle \mathbf{e}'_3(s), \mathbf{e}_2(s) \rangle = -w(s)$ . Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_s \mathbf{e}_1(s) = k(s) \mathbf{e}_2(s) \\ \nabla_s \mathbf{e}_2(s) = -k(s) \mathbf{e}_1(s) + w(s) \mathbf{e}_3(s) \\ \nabla_s \mathbf{e}_3(s) = -w(s) \mathbf{e}_2(s). \end{cases}$$

Now, to find a spherical Bertrand mate curve of  $C$  we consider a curve  $\bar{C}$  defined by

$$\hat{\mathbf{c}}(s) = \cos(\theta(s)) \cdot \mathbf{c}(s) + \sin(\theta(s)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_2(s), \quad \sin(\theta(s)) \neq 0$$

for  $s \in J$ , because a spherical Bertrand mate curve is distinct from  $C$ . The curve  $\bar{C}$  is on  $S^3(1)$ . Then, We have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{c}}'(s) &= \left. \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{c}}}{ds} \right|_s \\ &= -\theta'(s) \sin(\theta(s)) \cdot \mathbf{c}(s) + \cos(\theta(s)) \cdot \mathbf{c}'(s) \\ &\quad + \theta'(s) \cos(\theta(s)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_2(s) + \sin(\theta(s)) \cdot \mathbf{e}'_2(s). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\langle \hat{\mathbf{c}}'(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle = 0$  for all  $s \in J$ , we have  $\theta'(s) = 0, s \in J$  so that  $\theta(s) = \theta$  ( $\theta$  is a constant number). Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{c}}'(s) &= \cos(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{c}'(s) + \sin(\theta) \cdot P_{\bar{\mathbf{c}}(s)}(\mathbf{e}'_2(s)) \\ &= \cos(\theta) \cdot \mathbf{e}_1(s) + \sin(\theta) \cdot \nabla_s \mathbf{e}_2(s) \\ &= (\cos(\theta) - k(s) \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_1(s) + (w(s) \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_3(s). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\bar{s}$  be the arc-length parameter of  $\bar{C}$  from  $\hat{\mathbf{c}}(0)$  to  $\hat{\mathbf{c}}(s)$ . Then we get a function  $\Phi : \bar{J} \rightarrow J$  such that  $s = \Phi(\bar{s})$ , and the curve  $\bar{C}$  is represented by arc-length parameter  $\bar{s}$ , that is,  $\bar{\mathbf{c}}(\bar{s}) = \hat{\mathbf{c}}(\Phi(\bar{s}))$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{c}}^*(\bar{s}) &= \left. \frac{d\bar{\mathbf{c}}}{d\bar{s}} \right|_{\bar{s}} \\ &= \Phi^*(\bar{s}) \{ (\cos(\theta) - k(\Phi(\bar{s})) \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_1(\Phi(\bar{s})) + (w(\Phi(\bar{s})) \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_3(\Phi(\bar{s})) \} \end{aligned}$$

and we have  $\bar{\mathbf{c}}^*(\bar{s}) \in T_{\bar{\mathbf{c}}(\bar{s})}(S^3(1))$ , that is,  $\bar{\mathbf{e}}_1(\bar{s}) = \bar{\mathbf{c}}^*(\bar{s})$ . Hereafter, we omit  $(\bar{s})$  and  $(\Phi(\bar{s}))$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{e}}_1^* &= \bar{\mathbf{c}}^{**} \\ &= \Phi^{**} \{ (\cos(\theta) - k \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_1 + (w \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_3 \} \\ &\quad + (\Phi^*)^2 \{ -(k' \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_1 + (\cos(\theta) - k \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}'_1 \\ &\quad + (w' \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_3 + (w \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}'_3 \}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\bar{s}} \bar{\mathbf{e}}_1 &= \Phi^{**} \{ (\cos(\theta) - k \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_1 + (w \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_3 \} \\ &\quad + (\Phi^*)^2 \{ -(k' \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_1 + (\cos(\theta) - k \sin(\theta)) \cdot \nabla_s \mathbf{e}_1 \\ &\quad + (w' \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_3 + (w \sin(\theta)) \cdot \nabla_s \mathbf{e}_3 \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \{\Phi^{**}(\cos(\theta) - k \sin(\theta)) - (\Phi^*)^2 k' \sin(\theta)\} \cdot \mathbf{e}_1 \\
&\quad + \{(\Phi^*)^2(\cos(\theta) - k \sin(\theta))k - (\Phi^*)^2 w^2 \sin(\theta)\} \cdot \mathbf{e}_2 \\
&\quad + \{\Phi^{**} w \sin(\theta) + (\Phi^*)^2 w' \sin(\theta)\} \cdot \mathbf{e}_3.
\end{aligned}$$

The principal normal great circle  $\tilde{C}$  of  $\bar{C}$  at  $\bar{\mathbf{c}}(\bar{s})$  is given by

$$\tilde{\mathbf{c}} = \cos(\alpha) \cdot \bar{\mathbf{c}} + \sin(\alpha) \cdot \bar{\mathbf{e}}_2.$$

On the other hand, we have  $\bar{\mathbf{e}}_2 = A^{-1} \cdot \nabla_{\bar{s}} \bar{\mathbf{e}}_1$ , where  $A$  denotes the norm of  $\nabla_{\bar{s}} \bar{\mathbf{e}}_1$ . Here, we remark that  $\alpha$  is a constant for the same reason of the case of  $\theta$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\mathbf{c}} &= (\cos(\alpha) \cos(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{c} + (\cos(\alpha) \sin(\theta)) \cdot \mathbf{e}_2 \\
&\quad + \sin(\alpha) A^{-1} \{\Phi^{**}(\cos(\theta) - k \sin(\theta)) - (\Phi^*)^2 k' \sin(\theta)\} \cdot \mathbf{e}_1 \\
&\quad + \sin(\alpha) A^{-1} \{(\Phi^*)^2(\cos(\theta) - k \sin(\theta))k - (\Phi^*)^2 w^2 \sin(\theta)\} \cdot \mathbf{e}_2 \\
&\quad + \sin(\alpha) A^{-1} \{\Phi^{**} w \sin(\theta) + (\Phi^*)^2 w' \sin(\theta)\} \cdot \mathbf{e}_3.
\end{aligned}$$

To get the same principal normal great circle, the components of  $\mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{e}_3$  of the above equality must vanish. Thus we have

$$\Phi^{**}(\cos(\theta) - k \sin(\theta)) - (\Phi^*)^2 k' \sin(\theta) = 0$$

and

$$\Phi^{**} w \sin(\theta) + (\Phi^*)^2 w' \sin(\theta) = 0$$

so that

$$(f) \quad \frac{-k' \sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta) - k \sin(\theta)} = \frac{w'}{w}.$$

By solving this differential equation, we have  $\cos(\theta) - k \sin(\theta) = \nu w$ , where  $\nu$  is a constant number. The converse is easy to prove if we go reversely. Now we put  $\lambda = \cos(\theta)$  and  $\mu = \sin(\theta)$ , then we have the following.

**Theorem 2.** *A  $C^\infty$ -special Frenet curve on  $S^3(1)$  is a spherical Bertrand curve if and only if there exist three constants  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  such that  $\lambda - \mu k(s) = \nu w(s)$ ,  $\lambda^2 + \mu^2 = 1$ ,  $\mu \neq 0$ .*

**Corollary 3.** *A  $C^\infty$ -special Frenet curve on  $S^3(1)$  satisfying  $k(s) = k_0$  (constant) and  $w(s) = w_0$  (constant) is a spherical Bertrand curve.*

The following are the examples of spherical curves on  $S^3(1)$ .

**Example 4.** Let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  be constant numbers such that  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1$ . A  $C^\infty$ -curve  $C$  on  $S^3(1)$  is defined by  $\mathbf{c} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^3(1)$ ;

$$\mathbf{c}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} a \cos(s) - b \sin(s) \\ b \cos(s) + a \sin(s) \\ c \cos(s) - d \sin(s) \\ d \cos(s) + c \sin(s) \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .



By the direct computation, we get

$$\|\mathbf{c}(s)\| = 1, \quad \|\mathbf{c}'(s)\| = 1,$$

$$\mathbf{c}'(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -a \sin(s) - b \cos(s) \\ -b \sin(s) + a \cos(s) \\ -c \sin(s) - d \cos(s) \\ -d \sin(s) + c \cos(s) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}''(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -a \cos(s) + b \sin(s) \\ -b \cos(s) - a \sin(s) \\ -c \cos(s) + d \sin(s) \\ -d \cos(s) - c \sin(s) \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 = 1$  and  $\langle \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle = -1$ , then we can calculate

$$\mathbf{c}''(s) \notin T_{\mathbf{c}(s)}(S^3(1)), \quad \mathbf{c}''(s) \in \{\alpha \cdot \mathbf{c}(s) \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

and  $k(s) = 0$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . The curve  $C$  is a great circle on  $S^3(1)$ , but the curve  $C$  is not a  $C^\infty$ -special Frenet curve on  $S^3(1)$  since its curvature function vanishes.

**Example 5.** A  $C^\infty$ -curve  $C$  on  $S^3(1)$  is defined by  $\mathbf{c} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^3(1)$ ;

$$\mathbf{c}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}s\right) \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}s\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . This curve  $C$  is a spherical Bertrand curve.

By the direct computation, we get

$$\|\mathbf{c}(s)\| = 1, \quad \|\mathbf{c}'(s)\| = 1,$$

$$\mathbf{c}'(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \sin\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \cos\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\frac{1}{3} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}s\right) \\ \frac{1}{3} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}s\right) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{c}''(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{8}{3\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \frac{8}{3\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}s\right) \\ -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}s\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 = \frac{43}{18}$  and  $\langle \mathbf{c}''(s), \mathbf{c}(s) \rangle = -1$ , then we obtain  $\|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 - 1 = \frac{25}{18}$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus, we get

$$k(s) = \frac{5}{3\sqrt{2}}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Next, we obtain

$$\mathbf{c}'''(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{9} \sin\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\frac{16\sqrt{2}}{9} \cos\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \frac{1}{18} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}s\right) \\ -\frac{1}{18} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}s\right) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \|\mathbf{c}'''(s)\|^2 = \frac{683}{108}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus we set

$$\mathbf{e}_1(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \sin\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \cos\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\frac{1}{3} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}s\right) \\ \frac{1}{3} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}s\right) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e}_2(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}s\right) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}s\right) \end{bmatrix},$$

and

$$|w(s)| = \frac{1}{k(s)} \sqrt{\|\mathbf{c}'''(s)\|^2 - (k'(s))^2 - \{1 + (k(s))^2\}^2} = \frac{2}{3}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus we get

$$w(s) = \frac{2}{3}\varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon = \pm 1$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we obtain

$$\frac{1}{k(s)w(s)} = \frac{9\sqrt{2}}{10}\varepsilon, \quad \frac{1 + (k(s))^2}{k(s)w(s)} = \frac{43\sqrt{2}}{20}\varepsilon$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, we set

$$\mathbf{e}_3(s) = \varepsilon \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \sin\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\frac{1}{3} \cos\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}s\right) \\ \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}s\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus we have

$$\det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{e}_1(s), \mathbf{e}_2(s), \mathbf{e}_3(s)] = \varepsilon$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{e}_1(s), \mathbf{e}_2(s), \mathbf{e}_3(s)] = +1$ , then we have  $\varepsilon = +1$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, we obtain  $k(s) = \frac{5}{3\sqrt{2}}$  and  $w(s) = \frac{2}{3}$ .

**Example 6.** A  $C^\infty$ -curve  $C$  on  $S^3(1)$  is defined by  $\mathbf{c} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^3(1)$ ;

$$\mathbf{c}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . This curve  $C$  is a spherical Bertrand curve.

By the direct computation, we get

$$\|\mathbf{c}(s)\| = 1, \quad \|\mathbf{c}'(s)\| = 1,$$

$$\mathbf{c}'(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{c}''(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -\cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\|\mathbf{c}''(s)\|^2 = \frac{17}{9}$ , then we obtain

$$k(s) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Next, we get

$$\mathbf{c}'''(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{3\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \frac{7}{3\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) - \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\frac{7}{3\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) - \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\frac{7}{3\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $\|\mathbf{c}'''(s)\|^2 = \frac{11}{3}$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, we set

$$\mathbf{e}_1(s) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{e}_2(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$|w(s)| = \frac{1}{k(s)} \sqrt{\|\mathbf{c}'''(s)\|^2 - (k'(s))^2 - \{1 + (k(s))^2\}^2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus we obtain

$$w(s) = \frac{1}{3}\varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon = \pm 1$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we get

$$\frac{1}{k(s)w(s)} = \frac{9}{2\sqrt{2}}\varepsilon, \quad \frac{1 + (k(s))^2}{k(s)w(s)} = \frac{17}{2\sqrt{2}}\varepsilon$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, we set

$$\mathbf{e}_3(s) = \varepsilon \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \cos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \sin\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \cos\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}s\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus we have

$$\det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{e}_1(s), \mathbf{e}_2(s), \mathbf{e}_3(s)] = -\varepsilon$$

for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\det[\mathbf{c}(s), \mathbf{e}_1(s), \mathbf{e}_2(s), \mathbf{e}_3(s)] = +1$ , then we have  $\varepsilon = -1$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, we obtain  $k(s) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$  and  $w(s) = -\frac{1}{3}$ .

A  $C^\infty$ -curve with constant curvature ratios is introduced in [12]. This curve is called a ccr-curve, briefly. The ccr-curve with constant extrinsic curvature ratios is proposed in the Euclidean space [12].

**Example 7.** A  $C^\infty$ -special Frenet curve  $C$  on  $S^3(1)$  is said to be a ccr-curve on  $S^3(1)$  if its intrinsic curvature ratio  $\frac{k}{w}$  is a constant number, where  $k$  and  $w$  are the curvature and the torsion of the curve  $C$ , respectively. Then we call the curve  $C$  “a ccr-curve on  $S^3(1)$ ”, briefly. The kind of ccr-curve on  $S^3(1)$  is presented in [9] (Euler spirals or clothoids, n-clothoids, and generalized conical helices as the curvature and the torsion of each curve have some initial value). There are two cases that (1) ccr-curves on  $S^3(1)$  have constant curvature  $k$  and torsion  $w$ , and (2) ccr-curves on  $S^3(1)$  have non-constant curvature  $k$  and torsion  $w$ . In both cases, the ccr-curves on  $S^3(1)$  are spherical Bertrand curves.

Let  $C^\infty$ -curve  $C$  be a ccr-curve on  $S^3(1)$  with constant intrinsic curvature ratio  $\frac{k}{w}$  so that  $k = cw$ , where  $c$  is a constant number. If ccr-curve  $C$  is a spherical Bertrand curve, then the curve  $C$  satisfies the above differential equation  $\frac{-k' \sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta) - k \sin(\theta)} = \frac{w'}{w}$  ( $\dagger$ ), where  $\theta$  is the non-zero constant angle between the spherical Bertrand curve and the pair curve. By the differential equation  $\frac{-k' \sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta) - k \sin(\theta)} = \frac{w'}{w}$  ( $\dagger$ ) satisfying  $k = cw$ , it is easy to get the following equation

$$k' \cos(\theta) = 0.$$

- (1) If both  $k' = 0$  and  $\cos(\theta) = 0$ , then  $k$  and  $w(= k/c)$  are constant numbers and there exists a pair curve of the curve  $C$  with  $\theta = \pi/2$  between the curve  $C$  and the pair curve of  $C$ . If  $k' = 0$  and  $\cos(\theta) \neq 0$ , then  $k$  and  $w$  are constant numbers and there exist pair curves of the curve  $C$  with  $\theta \neq \pi/2$  between the curve  $C$  and one of the pair curves

of  $C$ . Therefore, ccr-curve  $C$  on  $S^3(1)$  with constant curvature  $k$  and torsion  $w$  is a spherical Bertrand curve.

- (2) If  $k' \neq 0$  and  $\cos(\theta) = 0$ , then  $k/w$  is a constant number and there exists a pair curve of the curve  $C$  with  $\theta = \pi/2$  between the curve  $C$  and the pair curve of  $C$ . Therefore, the ccr-curve  $C$  on  $S^3(1)$  with non-constant curvature  $k$  and torsion  $w$  is a spherical Bertrand curve.

In the case of  $n$ -clothoid : A  $C^\infty$ -special Frenet curve  $C$  on  $S^3(1)$  is said to be an  $n$ -clothoid with its curvature and torsion given by

$$k(s) = \alpha + \beta s^n, \quad w(s) = \gamma + \delta s^n \quad \text{for } s \geq 0,$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ , and  $\delta$  are positive constants and  $n$  is a positive integer [9]. For a positive constant  $c$ , if both  $\gamma = c\alpha$  and  $\delta = c\beta$ , then it is trivial that the  $n$ -clothoid  $C$  is a ccr-curve on  $S^3(1)$ . We have  $\lambda - \mu k(s) = \nu w(s)$  ( $s \geq 0$ ) with  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $\mu = 1$  and  $\nu = -\frac{1}{c}$ . Thus the curve  $C$  is a spherical Bertrand curve.

Now, we provide a spherical curve but not a spherical Bertrand curve.

**Example 8.** A  $C^\infty$ -curve  $C$  on  $S^3(1)$  is defined by  $\mathbf{x} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^3(1)$ ;

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(3t) \cos(t) \\ \cos(3t) \sin(t) \\ \sin(3t) \cos(2t) \\ \sin(3t) \sin(2t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad t \in [0, 2\pi]$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . This curve  $C$  is not a spherical Bertrand curve.

By the direct computation, we get

$$\|\mathbf{x}(t)\| = 1,$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \sin(3t) \cos(t) - \cos(3t) \sin(t) \\ -3 \sin(3t) \sin(t) + \cos(3t) \cos(t) \\ 3 \cos(3t) \cos(2t) - 2 \sin(3t) \sin(2t) \\ 3 \cos(3t) \sin(2t) + 2 \sin(3t) \cos(2t) \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\|\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)\|^2 = 10 + 3 \sin^2(3t).$$

Then we obtain

$$\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -10 \cos(3t) \cos(t) + 6 \sin(3t) \sin(t) \\ -10 \cos(3t) \sin(t) - 6 \sin(3t) \cos(t) \\ -13 \sin(3t) \cos(2t) - 12 \cos(3t) \sin(2t) \\ -13 \sin(3t) \sin(2t) + 12 \cos(3t) \cos(2t) \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle = 9 \sin(3t) \cos(3t),$$

$$\langle \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle = 244 - 39 \sin^2(3t).$$

We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle \langle \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle - (\langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle)^2 - (\langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle)^3 \\ & = 9 (160 - 71 \sin^2(3t) - 34 \sin^4(3t) - 3 \sin^6(3t)), \end{aligned}$$

then we get the curvature  $k(t)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} k(t) &= \frac{\sqrt{\langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle \langle \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle - (\langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle)^2 - (\langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle)^3}}{(\langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{3\sqrt{160 - 71 \sin^2(3t) - 34 \sin^4(3t) - 3 \sin^6(3t)}}{(10 + 3 \sin^2(3t))\sqrt{10 + 3 \sin^2(3t)}}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we obtain

$$\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 36 \sin(3t) \cos(t) + 28 \cos(3t) \sin(t) \\ 36 \sin(3t) \sin(t) - 28 \cos(3t) \cos(t) \\ -63 \cos(3t) \cos(2t) + 62 \sin(3t) \sin(2t) \\ -63 \cos(3t) \sin(2t) - 62 \sin(3t) \cos(2t) \end{bmatrix},$$

then we have

$$\det [\mathbf{x}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t)] = 18(14 + 23 \sin^2(3t) + \sin^4(3t)).$$

Thus we get the curvature  $w(t)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} w(t) &= \frac{\det [\mathbf{x}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t)]}{\langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle \langle \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle - (\langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle)^2 - (\langle \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) \rangle)^3} \\ &= \frac{2(14 + 23 \sin^2(3t) + \sin^4(3t))(10 + 3 \sin^2(3t))^3}{160 - 71 \sin^2(3t) - 34 \sin^4(3t) - 3 \sin^6(3t)}. \end{aligned}$$

By the above differential equation  $\frac{-k' \sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta) - k \sin(\theta)} = \frac{w'}{w}$  ( $\dagger$ ), we conclude any constant angle  $\theta$  does not exist. Therefore, this curve  $C$  is not a spherical Bertrand curve.

**Problem.** Are above curves  $(1, 3)$ -Bertrand curves in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ?

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