

a parameter $t_0 \in [T_1, T_2]$ such that $P(s, t_0) = r(s)$ $L_1 \leq s \leq L_2$, that is ,

$$u(s, t_0) = v(s, t_0) = w(s, t_0) \equiv 0, \quad L_1 \leq s \leq L_2, T_1 \leq t \leq T_2. \quad (4.8)$$

Fistly, we derive the condition for n_1 to be parallel to the normal vector $n(s, t)$ of the surface $P(s, t)$:

The normal vector can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} n(s, t) &= \frac{\partial P(s, t)}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial P(s, t)}{\partial t} \\ &= ((-\tau(s)v(s, t) + \frac{\partial w(s, t)}{\partial s})\frac{\partial v(s, t)}{\partial t} - \\ &\quad (\kappa(s)u(s, t) + \tau(s)w(s, t) + \frac{\partial v(s, t)}{\partial s})\frac{\partial w(s, t)}{\partial t})T(s) + \\ &\quad ((-\tau(s)v(s, t) + \frac{\partial w(s, t)}{\partial s})\frac{\partial u(s, t)}{\partial t} - \\ &\quad (1 + \kappa(s)v(s, t) + \frac{\partial u(s, t)}{\partial s})\frac{\partial w(s, t)}{\partial t})N(s) + \\ &\quad (-\kappa(s)u(s, t) + \tau(s)w(s, t) + \frac{\partial v(s, t)}{\partial s})\frac{\partial u(s, t)}{\partial t} + \\ &\quad (1 + \kappa(s)v(s, t) + \frac{\partial u(s, t)}{\partial s})(\frac{\partial v(s, t)}{\partial t}))B(s) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get

$$n(s, t_0) = \phi_1(s, t_0)T(s) + \phi_2(s, t_0)N(s) + \phi_3(s, t_0)B(s),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1(s, t_0) &= \frac{\partial w(s, t_0)}{\partial s} \frac{\partial v(s, t_0)}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial v(s, t_0)}{\partial s} \frac{\partial w(s, t_0)}{\partial t}, \\ \phi_2(s, t_0) &= \frac{\partial w(s, t_0)}{\partial s} \frac{\partial u(s, t_0)}{\partial t} - \left(1 + \frac{\partial u(s, t_0)}{\partial s}\right) \frac{\partial w(s, t_0)}{\partial t}, \\ \phi_3(s, t_0) &= \left(1 + \frac{\partial u(s, t_0)}{\partial s}\right) \frac{\partial v(s, t_0)}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial v(s, t_0)}{\partial s} \frac{\partial u(s, t_0)}{\partial t}. \end{aligned}$$

This follows that $n_1(s)/n(s, t_0)$, $L_1 \leq s \leq L_2$, if and only if there exists a function $\lambda(s) \neq 0$ such that

$$\phi_1(s, t_0) = 0, \quad \phi_2(s, t_0) = \lambda(s) \cos \theta, \quad \phi_3(s, t_0) = \lambda(s) \sin \theta. \quad (4.9)$$