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HYPERSURFACE FAMILY WITH A COMMON ISOGEODESIC

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Abstract. In this paper, we study the problem of finding a hypersurface family from a given spatial geodesic curve in \mathbb{R}^4 . We obtain the parametric representation for a hypersurface family whose members have the same curve as a given geodesic curve. Using the Frenet frame of the given geodesic curve, we present the hypersurface as a linear combination of this frame and analyze the necessary and sufficient conditions for that curve to be geodesic. We illustrate this method by presenting some examples.

1. INTRODUCTION

Geodesic is a well-known notion in differential geometry. A geodesic on a surface can be defined in many equivalent ways. Geometrically, the shortest path joining any two points of a surface is a geodesic. Geodesics are curves in surfaces that play a role analogous that of straight lines in the plane. A straight line doesn't bend to left or right as we travel along it [6].

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In recent years, there have been various researches on geodesics. Kumar et al. [20] presented a study on geodesic curves computed directly on NURBS surfaces and discrete geodesics computed on the equivalent tessellated surfaces. Wang et al. [26] studied the problem of constructing a family of surfaces from a given spatial geodesic curve and derived a parametric representation for a surface pencil whose members share the same geodesic curve as an isoparametric curve. Sanchez and Dorado [21] presented a practical method to construct polynomial surfaces from a polynomial geodesic or a family of geodesics, by prescribing tangent ribbons. Sprynski et al. [22] dealt with reconstruction of numerical or real surfaces based on the knowledge of some geodesic curves on the surface. Paluszny [19] considered patches that contain any given 3D polynomial curve as a pregeodesic (i.e. geodesic up to reparametrization). Given two pairs of regular space curves $r_1(u)$, $r_3(u)$ and $r_2(v)$, $r_4(v)$ that define a curvilinear rectangle, Farouki et al. [10] handled the problem of constructing a C^2 surface patch $\mathbf{R}(u, v)$ for which these four boundary curves correspond to geodesics of the surface. Farouki et al. [11] considered the problem of constructing polynomial or rational tensor-product Bézier patches bounded by given four polynomial or rational Bézier curves defining a curvilinear rectangle, such that they are geodesics of the constructed surface.

On the other hand, Wang et al. [26] tackled the problem of finding surfaces passing through a given geodesic. In 2011, the given curve was changed to a line of curvature and Li et al. [18] constructed a surface family from a given line of curvature. Bayram et al. [5] gave the necessary and sufficient conditions for a given curve to be an asymptotic on a surface.

However, while differential geometry of a parametric surface in \mathbb{R}^3 can be found in textbooks such as in Struik [24], Willmore [28], Stoker [23], do Carmo [7], differential geometry of a parametric surface in \mathbb{R}^n can be found in textbook such as in the contemporary literature on Geometric Modeling [9, 16]. Also, there is little literature on differential geometry of parametric surface family in \mathbb{R}^3 [2, 8, 17, 26], but not in \mathbb{R}^4 . Besides, there is an ascending interest on fourth dimension [1, 2, 8].

Furthermore, various visualization techniques about objects in Euclidean n -space ($n \geq 4$) are presented [3, 4, 14]. The fundamental

step to visualize a 4D object is projecting first into the 3-space and then into the plane. In many real world applications, the problem of visualizing three-dimensional data, commonly referred to as scalar fields arouses. The graph of a function $\mathbf{f}(x, y, z) : U \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where U is open, is a special type of parametric hypersurface with the parametrization $(x, y, z, \mathbf{f}(x, y, z))$ in 4-space. There exists a method for rendering such a 3-surface based on known methods for visualizing functions of two variables [13].

In this paper, we consider the four dimensional analogue problem of constructing a parametric representation of a surface family from a given spatial geodesic as in Wang et al. [26], who derived the necessary and sufficient conditions on the marching-scale functions for which the curve C is an isogeodesic, i.e., both a geodesic and a parameter curve, on a given surface. We express the hypersurface pencil parametrically with the help of the Frenet frame $\{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{B}_1, \mathbf{B}_2\}$ of the given curve. We find the necessary and sufficient constraints on the marching-scale functions, namely, coefficients of Frenet vectors, so that both the geodesic and parametric requirements met. Finally, as an application of our method one example for each type of marching-scale functions is given.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Let us first introduce some notations and definitions. Bold letters such as \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{R} will be used for vectors and vector functions. We assume that they are smooth enough so that all the (partial) derivatives given in the paper are meaningful. Let $\boldsymbol{\alpha} : \mathbf{I} \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ be an arc-length curve. If $\{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{B}_1, \mathbf{B}_2\}$ is the moving Frenet frame along $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$, then the Frenet formulas are given by

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{T}' = \kappa_1 \mathbf{N}, \\ \mathbf{N}' = -\kappa_1 \mathbf{T} + \kappa_2 \mathbf{B}_1, \\ \mathbf{B}_1' = -\kappa_2 \mathbf{N} + \kappa_3 \mathbf{B}_2, \\ \mathbf{B}_2' = -\kappa_3 \mathbf{B}_1, \end{cases}$$

where $\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{B}_1$ and \mathbf{B}_2 denote the tangent, principal normal, first binormal and second binormal vector fields, respectively, κ_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) the i -th curvature functions of the curve $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ [14].

From elementary differential geometry we have

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\alpha}'(s) = \mathbf{T}(s), \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}''(s) = \kappa_1(s) \mathbf{N}(s), \\ \kappa_1(s) = \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}''(s)\|. \end{cases}$$

Using Frenet formulas one can obtain the followings

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\alpha}'''(s) = -\kappa_1^2 \mathbf{T}(s) + \kappa_1' \mathbf{N}(s) + \kappa_1 \kappa_2 \mathbf{B}_1(s), \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(iv)}(s) = -3\kappa_1 \kappa_1' \mathbf{T}(s) + (-\kappa_1^3 + \kappa_1'' - \kappa_1 \kappa_2^2) \mathbf{N}(s) \\ \quad + (2\kappa_1' \kappa_2 + \kappa_1 \kappa_2') \mathbf{B}_1(s) + \kappa_1 \kappa_2 \kappa_3 \mathbf{B}_2(s). \end{cases}$$

The unit vectors \mathbf{B}_2 and \mathbf{B}_1 are given by

$$(4) \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{B}_2(s) = \frac{\boldsymbol{\alpha}'(s) \otimes \boldsymbol{\alpha}''(s) \otimes \boldsymbol{\alpha}'''(s)}{\|\boldsymbol{\alpha}'(s) \otimes \boldsymbol{\alpha}''(s) \otimes \boldsymbol{\alpha}'''(s)\|}, \\ \mathbf{B}_1(s) = \mathbf{B}_2(s) \otimes \mathbf{T}(s) \otimes \mathbf{N}(s), \end{cases}$$

where \otimes is the vector product of vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 .

Since the vectors \mathbf{T} , \mathbf{N} , \mathbf{B}_1 , \mathbf{B}_2 are orthonormal, the second curvature κ_2 and the third curvature κ_3 can be obtained from (3) as

$$(5) \quad \begin{cases} \kappa_2(s) = \frac{\mathbf{B}_1(s) \bullet \boldsymbol{\alpha}'''(s)}{\kappa_1(s)}, \\ \kappa_3(s) = \frac{\mathbf{B}_2(s) \bullet \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(iv)}(s)}{\kappa_1(s) \kappa_2(s)}, \end{cases}$$

where ' \bullet ' denotes the standard inner product.

Let $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3, \mathbf{e}_4\}$ be the standard basis for four-dimensional Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^4 . The vector product of the vectors

$\mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=1}^4 u_i \mathbf{e}_i$, $\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=1}^4 v_i \mathbf{e}_i$, $\mathbf{w} = \sum_{i=1}^4 w_i \mathbf{e}_i$ is defined by

$$\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & \mathbf{e}_2 & \mathbf{e}_3 & \mathbf{e}_4 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 & u_4 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 & w_4 \end{vmatrix}$$

[15, 27].

If \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} are linearly independent then $\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{w}$ is orthogonal to each of these vectors.

3. HYPERSURFACE FAMILY WITH A COMMON ISOGEODESIC

A curve $\mathbf{r}(s)$ on a hypersurface $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}(s, t, q) \subset \mathbb{R}^4$ is called an isoparametric curve if it is a parameter curve, that is, there exists a pair of parameters t_0 and q_0 such that $\mathbf{r}(s) = \mathbf{P}(s, t_0, q_0)$. Given a

parametric curve $\mathbf{r}(s)$, it is called an *isogeodesic* of a hypersurface \mathbf{P} if it is both a geodesic and an isoparametric curve on \mathbf{P} .

Let $C : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(s)$, $L_1 \leq s \leq L_2$, be a C^3 curve, where s is the arc-length. To have a well-defined principal normal, assume that $\mathbf{r}''(s) \neq 0$, $L_1 \leq s \leq L_2$.

Let $\mathbf{T}(s), \mathbf{N}(s), \mathbf{B}_1(s), \mathbf{B}_2(s)$ be the tangent, principal normal, first binormal, second binormal, respectively; and let $\kappa_1(s), \kappa_2(s)$ and $\kappa_3(s)$ be the first, the second and the third curvature, respectively. Since $\{\mathbf{T}(s), \mathbf{N}(s), \mathbf{B}_1(s), \mathbf{B}_2(s)\}$ is an orthogonal coordinate frame on $\mathbf{r}(s)$ the parametric hypersurface $\mathbf{P}(s, t, q) : [L_1, L_2] \times [T_1, T_2] \times [Q_1, Q_2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ passing through $\mathbf{r}(s)$ can be defined as follows:

$$\mathbf{P}(s, t, q) = \mathbf{r}(s) + (\mathbf{u}(s, t, q), \mathbf{v}(s, t, q), \mathbf{w}(s, t, q), \mathbf{x}(s, t, q)) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{T}(s) \\ \mathbf{N}(s) \\ \mathbf{B}_1(s) \\ \mathbf{B}_2(s) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

$$L_1 \leq s \leq L_2, T_1 \leq t \leq T_2, Q_1 \leq q \leq Q_2,$$

where $\mathbf{u}(s, t, q), \mathbf{v}(s, t, q), \mathbf{w}(s, t, q)$ and $\mathbf{x}(s, t, q)$ are all C^4 functions. These functions are called the *marching scale functions*.

We try to find out the necessary and sufficient conditions for which a hypersurface $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}(s, t, q)$ has the curve C as an isogeodesic.

First, to satisfy the isoparametricity condition there should exist $t_0 \in [T_1, T_2]$ and $q_0 \in [Q_1, Q_2]$ such that $\mathbf{P}(s, t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{r}(s)$, $L_1 \leq s \leq L_2$, that is,

$$(7) \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0) \equiv 0, \\ t_0 \in [T_1, T_2], q_0 \in [Q_1, Q_2], L_1 \leq s \leq L_2. \end{cases}$$

Secondly, the curve C is a geodesic on the hypersurface $\mathbf{P}(s, t, q)$ if and only if the principal normal $\mathbf{N}(s)$ of the curve and the normal $\hat{\mathbf{n}}(s, t_0, q_0)$ of the hypersurface $\mathbf{P}(s, t, q)$ are linearly dependent, that is, parallel along the curve C [25]. The normal $\hat{\mathbf{n}}(s, t_0, q_0)$ of the hypersurface can be obtained by calculating the vector product of the partial derivatives and using the Frenet formula as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}(s, t, q)}{\partial s} &= \left(1 + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t, q)}{\partial s} - \mathbf{v}(s, t, q) \kappa_1(s) \right) \mathbf{T}(s) \\ &+ \left(\mathbf{u}(s, t, q) \kappa_1(s) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t, q)}{\partial s} - \mathbf{w}(s, t, q) \kappa_2(s) \right) \mathbf{N}(s) \\ &+ \left(\mathbf{v}(s, t, q) \kappa_2(s) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t, q)}{\partial s} - \mathbf{x}(s, t, q) \kappa_3(s) \right) \mathbf{B}_1(s) \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \left(\mathbf{w}(s, t, q) \kappa_3(s) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t, q)}{\partial s} \right) \mathbf{B}_2(s),$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{P}(s, t, q)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t, q)}{\partial t} \mathbf{T}(s) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t, q)}{\partial t} \mathbf{N}(s) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t, q)}{\partial t} \mathbf{B}_1(s) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t, q)}{\partial t} \mathbf{B}_2(s),$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{P}(s, t, q)}{\partial q} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t, q)}{\partial q} \mathbf{T}(s) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t, q)}{\partial q} \mathbf{N}(s) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t, q)}{\partial q} \mathbf{B}_1(s) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t, q)}{\partial q} \mathbf{B}_2(s).$$

Remark 1. *Because,*

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0) \equiv 0, \\ t_0 \in [T_1, T_2], q_0 \in [Q_1, Q_2], L_1 \leq s \leq L_2. \end{cases}$$

along the curve C , by the definition of partial differentiation we have

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} \equiv 0, \\ t_0 \in [T_1, T_2], q_0 \in [Q_1, Q_2], L_1 \leq s \leq L_2. \end{cases}$$

Using (7) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{n}}(s, t_0, q_0) &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} \otimes \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \otimes \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \\ &= \phi_1(s, t_0, q_0) \mathbf{T}(s) - \phi_2(s, t_0, q_0) \mathbf{N}(s) \\ &\quad + \phi_3(s, t_0, q_0) \mathbf{B}_1(s) - \phi_4(s, t_0, q_0) \mathbf{B}_2(s), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1(s, t_0, q_0) &= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \end{vmatrix} = 0, \\ \phi_2(s, t_0, q_0) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t}, \\ \phi_3(s, t_0, q_0) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t}, \\
 \\
 \phi_4(s, t_0, q_0) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \frac{\partial \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0)}{\partial t}.
 \end{aligned}$$

So, $\hat{\mathbf{n}}(s, t_0, q_0) \parallel \mathbf{N}(s)$ if and only if

$$\begin{aligned}
 (8) \quad \phi_3(s, t_0, q_0) &= \phi_4(s, t_0, q_0) \equiv 0, \quad \phi_2(s, t_0, q_0) \neq 0, \\
 t_0 &\in [T_1, T_2], \quad q_0 \in [Q_1, Q_2], \quad L_1 \leq s \leq L_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, any hypersurface defined by (6) has the curve C as an isogeodesic if and only if

$$(9) \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{u}(s, t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{v}(s, t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{w}(s, t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{x}(s, t_0, q_0) \equiv 0, \\ \phi_3(s, t_0, q_0) = \phi_4(s, t_0, q_0) \equiv 0, \quad \phi_2(s, t_0, q_0) \neq 0, \end{cases}$$

$$t_0 \in [T_1, T_2], \quad q_0 \in [Q_1, Q_2], \quad L_1 \leq s \leq L_2.$$

is satisfied. We call the set of hypersurfaces defined by (6) and satisfying (9) an *isogeodesic hypersurface family*.

To develop the method further, and for simplification purposes, we analyze some types of marching-scale functions.

4. MARCHING-SCALE FUNCTIONS OF TYPE I

Let marching-scale functions be

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{u}(s, t, q) = \mathbf{l}(s) \mathbf{U}(t, q), \\ \mathbf{v}(s, t, q) = \mathbf{m}(s) \mathbf{V}(t, q), \\ \mathbf{w}(s, t, q) = \mathbf{n}(s) \mathbf{W}(t, q), \\ \mathbf{x}(s, t, q) = \mathbf{p}(s) \mathbf{X}(t, q), \end{cases}, L_1 \leq s \leq L_2, T_1 \leq t \leq T_2, Q_1 \leq q \leq Q_2,$$

where $\mathbf{l}(s), \mathbf{m}(s), \mathbf{n}(s), \mathbf{p}(s), \mathbf{U}(t, q), \mathbf{V}(t, q), \mathbf{W}(t, q), \mathbf{X}(t, q) \in C^1$ and $\mathbf{l}(s) \neq 0 \neq \mathbf{m}(s), \mathbf{n}(s) \neq 0 \neq \mathbf{p}(s), \forall s \in [L_1, L_2]$. Using (9), the necessary and sufficient conditions for which the curve C is an iso-geodesic on the hypersurface $\mathbf{P}(s, t, q)$ can be given as

$$(10) \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{U}(t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{V}(t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{W}(t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{X}(t_0, q_0) = 0, \\ \frac{\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q}}{\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q}} - \frac{\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t}}{\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t}} = 0, \\ \frac{\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q}}{\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q}} - \frac{\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t}}{\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t}} \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$t_0 \in [T_1, T_2], q_0 \in [Q_1, Q_2].$$

With a closer investigation of (10), we should have $\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} = 0$.

So, (10) can be simplified to

$$(11) \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{U}(t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{V}(t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{W}(t_0, q_0) = \mathbf{X}(t_0, q_0) = 0, \\ \frac{\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t}}{\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t}} = \frac{\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q}}{\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q}} = 0, \\ \frac{\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q}}{\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t} \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q}} - \frac{\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t}}{\frac{\partial \mathbf{W}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial q} \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}(t_0, q_0)}{\partial t}} \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$t_0 \in [T_1, T_2], q_0 \in [Q_1, Q_2].$$

5. MARCHING-SCALE FUNCTIONS OF TYPE II

Let marching-scale functions be

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{u}(s, t, q) = \mathbf{l}(s, t) \mathbf{U}(q), \\ \mathbf{v}(s, t, q) = \mathbf{m}(s, t) \mathbf{V}(q), \\ \mathbf{w}(s, t, q) = \mathbf{n}(s, t) \mathbf{W}(q), \\ \mathbf{x}(s, t, q) = \mathbf{p}(s, t) \mathbf{X}(q), \end{cases} L_1 \leq s \leq L_2, T_1 \leq t \leq T_2, Q_1 \leq q \leq Q_2,$$

where $\mathbf{l}(s, t), \mathbf{m}(s, t), \mathbf{n}(s, t), \mathbf{p}(s, t), \mathbf{U}(q), \mathbf{V}(q), \mathbf{W}(q), \mathbf{X}(q) \in C^1$. Also let us choose $\mathbf{V}(q_0) = \frac{d\mathbf{V}(q_0)}{dq} = \mathbf{U}(q_0) = \frac{d\mathbf{U}(q_0)}{dq} = 0$. Using (9),

the curve C is an isogeodesic on the hypersurface $\mathbf{P}(s, t, q)$ if and only if the followings are satisfied

$$(12) \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{n}(s, t_0) \mathbf{W}(q_0) = \mathbf{p}(s, t_0) \mathbf{X}(q_0) \equiv 0, \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{n}(s, t_0)}{\partial t} \mathbf{W}(q_0) \mathbf{p}(s, t_0) \frac{d\mathbf{X}(q_0)}{dq} - \mathbf{n}(s, t_0) \frac{d\mathbf{W}(q_0)}{dq} \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}(s, t_0)}{\partial t} \mathbf{X}(q_0) \neq 0, \end{cases}$$

$$t_0 \in [T_1, T_2], q_0 \in [Q_1, Q_2], L_1 \leq s \leq L_2.$$

6. MARCHING-SCALE FUNCTIONS OF TYPE III

Let marching-scale functions be

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{u}(s, t, q) = \mathbf{l}(s, q) \mathbf{U}(t), \\ \mathbf{v}(s, t, q) = \mathbf{m}(s, q) \mathbf{V}(t), \\ \mathbf{w}(s, t, q) = \mathbf{n}(s, q) \mathbf{W}(t), \\ \mathbf{x}(s, t, q) = \mathbf{p}(s, q) \mathbf{X}(t), \end{cases} \quad L_1 \leq s \leq L_2, T_1 \leq t \leq T_2, Q_1 \leq q \leq Q_2,$$

where $\mathbf{l}(s, q), \mathbf{m}(s, q), \mathbf{n}(s, q), \mathbf{p}(s, q), \mathbf{U}(t), \mathbf{V}(t), \mathbf{W}(t), \mathbf{X}(t) \in C^1$.

Also let us choose $\mathbf{V}(t_0) = \frac{d\mathbf{V}(t_0)}{dt} = \mathbf{U}(t_0) = \frac{d\mathbf{U}(t_0)}{dt} = 0$. Using (9) we derive the necessary and sufficient conditions for which the curve C is an isogeodesic on the hypersurface $\mathbf{P}(s, t, q)$ as

$$(13) \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{n}(s, q_0) \mathbf{W}(t_0) = \mathbf{p}(s, q_0) \mathbf{X}(t_0) \equiv 0, \\ \mathbf{n}(s, q_0) \frac{d\mathbf{W}(t_0)}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}(s, q_0)}{\partial q} \mathbf{X}(t_0) - \frac{\partial \mathbf{n}(s, q_0)}{\partial q} \mathbf{W}(t_0) \mathbf{p}(s, q_0) \frac{d\mathbf{X}(t_0)}{dt} \neq 0, \end{cases}$$

$$t_0 \in [T_1, T_2], q_0 \in [Q_1, Q_2], L_1 \leq s \leq L_2.$$

7. EXAMPLES

Example 1. Let $\mathbf{r}(s) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\cos(s), \frac{1}{2}\sin(s), \frac{1}{2}s, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}s\right)$, $0 \leq s \leq 2\pi$, be a curve parametrized by arc-length. For this curve,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{T}(s) &= \mathbf{r}'(s) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\sin(s), \frac{1}{2}\cos(s), \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), \\ \mathbf{N}(s) &= (-\cos(s), -\sin(s), 0, 0), \\ \mathbf{B}_2(s) &= \frac{\mathbf{r}'(s) \otimes \mathbf{r}''(s) \otimes \mathbf{r}'''(s)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(s) \otimes \mathbf{r}''(s) \otimes \mathbf{r}'''(s)\|} = \left(0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right), \\ \mathbf{B}_1(s) &= \mathbf{B}_2 \otimes \mathbf{T} \otimes \mathbf{N} = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\sin(s), \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\cos(s), -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{6}\right).\end{aligned}$$

Let us choose the marching-scale functions of type I, where

$$\mathbf{l}(s) = \mathbf{m}(s) = \mathbf{n}(s) = \mathbf{p}(s) \equiv 1$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{U}(t, q) &= (t - t_0)(q - q_0), \mathbf{V}(t, q) \equiv 0, \mathbf{W}(t, q) = t - t_0, \mathbf{X}(t, q) = q - q_0, \\ t_0 &\in [0, 1], q_0 \in [0, 1], 0 \leq s \leq 2\pi.\end{aligned}$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u}(s, t, q) &= (t - t_0)(q - q_0), \\ \mathbf{v}(s, t, q) &\equiv 0, \\ \mathbf{w}(s, t, q) &= t - t_0, \\ \mathbf{x}(s, t, q) &= q - q_0.\end{aligned}$$

The hypersurface

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{P}(s, t, q) &= \mathbf{r}(s) + \mathbf{u}(s, t, q) \mathbf{T}(s) + \mathbf{v}(s, t, q) \mathbf{N}(s) + \\
 &\quad + \mathbf{w}(s, t, q) \mathbf{B}_1(s) + \mathbf{x}(s, t, q) \mathbf{B}_2(s) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \cos(s) - \frac{1}{2} (t - t_0) (q - q_0) \sin(s) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (t - t_0) \sin(s), \right. \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{2} \sin(s) + \frac{1}{2} (t - t_0) (q - q_0) \cos(s) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (t - t_0) \cos(s), \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{2} s + \frac{1}{2} (t - t_0) (q - q_0) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (t - t_0) + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} (q - q_0), \\
 &\quad \left. \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} s + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (t - t_0) (q - q_0) - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} (t - t_0) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} (q - q_0) \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

$0 \leq s \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq t \leq 1, 0 \leq q \leq 1, t_0 \in [0, 1], q_0 \in [0, 1]$, is a member of the isogeodesic hypersurface family, since it satisfies (11).

By changing the parameters t_0 and q_0 we can adjust the position of the curve $\mathbf{r}(s)$ on the hypersurface. Let us choose $t_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ and $q_0 = 0$. Now the curve $\mathbf{r}(s)$ is again an isogeodesic on the hypersurface $\mathbf{P}(s, t, q)$ and the equation of the hypersurface is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{P}(s, t, q) &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \cos(s) - \frac{1}{2} \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right) (q + \sqrt{3}) \sin(s), \right. \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{2} \sin(s) + \frac{1}{2} \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right) (q + \sqrt{3}) \cos(s), \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{2} s + \frac{1}{2} \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right) q - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} q, \\
 &\quad \left. \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} s + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right) q - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} q \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

The projection of a hypersurface into 3-space generally yields a three-dimensional volume. If we fix each of the three parameters, one at a time, we obtain three distinct families of 2-spaces in 4-space. The projections of these 2-surfaces into 3-space are surfaces in 3-space. Thus, they can be displayed by 3D rendering methods.

So, if we (parallel) project the hypersurface $\mathbf{P}(s, t, q)$ into the $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$

subspace and fix $q = \frac{1}{8}$ we obtain the surface

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_w \left(s, t, \frac{1}{8} \right) = & \left(\frac{1}{2} \cos(s) - \frac{1+8\sqrt{3}}{16} \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right) \sin(s), \right. \\ & \frac{1}{2} \sin(s) + \frac{1+8\sqrt{3}}{8} \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right) \cos(s), \\ & \left. \frac{1}{2}s + \frac{1}{16} \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{24} \right), \end{aligned}$$

$0 \leq s \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq t \leq 1$ in 3-space illustrated in Fig. 1.

Example 2. Given the curve parameterized by arc-length $\mathbf{r}(s) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin(s), \frac{1}{2} \cos(s), 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}s \right)$, $0 \leq s \leq 2\pi$, it is easy to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}(s) &= \mathbf{r}'(s) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \cos(s), -\frac{1}{2} \sin(s), 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right), \\ \mathbf{N}(s) &= (-\sin(s), -\cos(s), 0, 0), \\ \mathbf{B}_2(s) &= \frac{\mathbf{r}'(s) \otimes \mathbf{r}''(s) \otimes \mathbf{r}'''(s)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(s) \otimes \mathbf{r}''(s) \otimes \mathbf{r}'''(s)\|} = (0, 0, -1, 0), \\ \mathbf{B}_1(s) &= \mathbf{B}_2 \otimes \mathbf{T} \otimes \mathbf{N} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos(s), -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin(s), 0, -\frac{1}{2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Let us choose the marching-scale functions of type II, where

$$\mathbf{n}(s, t) = s + t + 1, \mathbf{p}(s, t) = (s + 1)(t - t_0),$$

and

$$\mathbf{U}(q) = \mathbf{V}(q) \equiv 0, \mathbf{W}(q) = q - q_0, \mathbf{X}(q) \equiv 1.$$

So, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}(s, t, q) &\equiv 0, \\ \mathbf{v}(s, t, q) &\equiv 0, \\ \mathbf{w}(s, t, q) &= (s + t + 1)(q - q_0), \\ \mathbf{x}(s, t, q) &= (s + 1)(t - t_0). \end{aligned}$$

From (12), the hypersurface

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(s, t, q) &= \mathbf{r}(s) + \mathbf{u}(s, t, q) \mathbf{T}(s) + \mathbf{v}(s, t, q) \mathbf{N}(s) + \\ &\quad + \mathbf{w}(s, t, q) \mathbf{B}_1(s) + \mathbf{x}(s, t, q) \mathbf{B}_2(s) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin(s) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (s + t + 1) (q - q_0) \cos(s), \right. \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} \cos(s) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (s + t + 1) (q - q_0) \sin(s), \\ &\quad \left. - (s + 1) (t - t_0), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} s - \frac{1}{2} (s + t + 1) (q - q_0) \right), \end{aligned}$$

$0 \leq s \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq t \leq 1, 0 \leq q \leq 1$, is a member of the hypersurface family having the curve $\mathbf{r}(s)$ as an isogeodesic.

Setting $t_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ and $q_0 = 0$ yields the hypersurface

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(s, t, q) &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin(s) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (s + t + 1) q \cos(s), \right. \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} \cos(s) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (s + t + 1) q \sin(s), \\ &\quad \left. - (s + 1) \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} s - \frac{1}{2} (s + t + 1) q \right). \end{aligned}$$

By (parallel) projecting the hypersurface $\mathbf{P}(s, t, q)$ into the subspace $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ and fixing $q = \frac{1}{500}$ we get the surface

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{w}} \left(s, t, \frac{1}{500} \right) &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin(s) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1000} (s + t + 1) \cos(s), \right. \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} \cos(s) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1000} (s + t + 1) \sin(s), \\ &\quad \left. - (s + 1) \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where, $0 \leq s \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq t \leq 1$ in 3-space, illustrated in Fig. 2.

Example 3. Let $\mathbf{r}(s) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin(s), \frac{1}{2} \cos(s), 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}s\right)$, $\pi \leq s \leq 3\pi$, be an arc-length curve. One can easily show that, for this curve:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}(s) &= \mathbf{r}'(s) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \cos(s), -\frac{1}{2} \sin(s), 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right), \\ \mathbf{N}(s) &= (-\sin(s), -\cos(s), 0, 0), \\ \mathbf{B}_2(s) &= \frac{\mathbf{r}'(s) \otimes \mathbf{r}''(s) \otimes \mathbf{r}'''(s)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(s) \otimes \mathbf{r}''(s) \otimes \mathbf{r}'''(s)\|} = (0, 0, -1, 0), \\ \mathbf{B}_1(s) &= \mathbf{B}_2 \otimes \mathbf{T} \otimes \mathbf{N} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos(s), -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin(s), 0, -\frac{1}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

If we choose the marching-scale functions of type III, where

$$\mathbf{n}(s, q) = \sin(s(q - q_0)), \mathbf{p}(s, q) = sq^2,$$

and

$$\mathbf{U}(t) = \mathbf{V}(t) \equiv 0, \mathbf{W}(t) \equiv 1, \mathbf{X}(q) = t - t_0$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}(s, t, q) &\equiv 0, \\ \mathbf{v}(s, t, q) &\equiv 0, \\ \mathbf{w}(s, t, q) &= \sin(s(q - q_0)), \\ \mathbf{x}(s, t, q) &= sq^2(t - t_0). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from (13) if we take $q_0 \neq 0$ then the curve $\mathbf{r}(s)$ is an isogeodesic on the hypersurface

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(s, t, q) &= \mathbf{r}(s) + \mathbf{u}(s, t, q) \mathbf{T}(s) + \mathbf{v}(s, t, q) \mathbf{N}(s) + \\ &+ \mathbf{w}(s, t, q) \mathbf{B}_1(s) + \mathbf{x}(s, t, q) \mathbf{B}_2(s) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin(s) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos(s) \sin(s(q - q_0)), \right. \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} \cos(s) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin(s) \sin(s(q - q_0)), \\ &\quad -sq^2(t - t_0), \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}s - \frac{1}{2} \sin(s(q - q_0))\right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\pi \leq s \leq 3\pi, 0 \leq t \leq 1, 0 \leq q \leq 1$.

By taking $t_0 = 1$ and $q_0 = 1$ we have the following hypersurface:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(s, t, q) = & \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin(s) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos(s) \sin(s(q-1)), \right. \\ & \frac{1}{2} \cos(s) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin(s) \sin(s(q-1)), \\ & -sq^2(t-1), \\ & \left. \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}s - \frac{1}{2} \sin(s(q-1)) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, if we (parallel) project the hypersurface $\mathbf{P}(s, t, q)$ into the $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$ subspace we get the surface

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}_z(s, q) = & \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin(s) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos(s) \sin(s(q-1)), \right. \\ & \frac{1}{2} \cos(s) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin(s) \sin(s(q-1)), \\ & \left. \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}s - \frac{1}{2} \sin(s(q-1)) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\pi \leq s \leq 3\pi, 0 \leq q \leq 1$, in 3-space shown in Fig. 3.

8. CONCLUSION

We have introduced a method for finding a hypersurface family passing through the same given geodesic as an isoparametric curve. The members of the hypersurface family are obtained by choosing suitable marching-scale functions. For a better analysis of the method we investigate three types of marching-scale functions. Also, by giving an example for each type, the method is verified. Furthermore, with the help of the projecting methods, a member of the family is visualized in 3-space with its isogeodesic.

However, there is still much work in this area. For 3-space, one possible alternative is to consider the realm of implicit surfaces $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z, t) = 0$ and try to find out the constraints for which a given curve $\mathbf{r}(s)$ is

an isogeodesic on $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z, t) = 0$. Also, the analogue of the problem dealt in this paper may be considered for 2-surfaces in 4-space or another types of marching-scale functions may be investigated.

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10. FIGURES

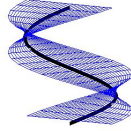


FIGURE 1. Projection of a member of the hypersurface family with marching-scale functions of type I and its isogeodesic.

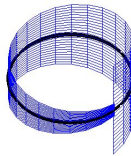


FIGURE 2. Projection of a member of the hypersurface family with marching-scale functions of type II and its isogeodesic.

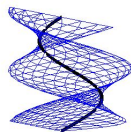


FIGURE 3. Projection of a member of the hypersurface family with marching-scale functions of type III and its isogeodesic.

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