

## ON THE GAUSS MAP OF GENERALIZED SLANT CYLINDRICAL SURFACES

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**ABSTRACT.** In this article, we study the Gauss map of generalized slant cylindrical surfaces (GSCS's) in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{E}^3$ . Surfaces of revolution, cylindrical surfaces and tubes along a plane curve are special cases of GSCS's. Our main results state that the only GSCS's with Gauss map  $G$  satisfying  $\Delta G = AG$  for some  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  are the planes, the spheres and the circular cylinders.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The notion of finite type submanifolds in Euclidean or pseudo-Euclidean space, introduced by B.-Y. Chen during the late 1970's, has become a useful tool for investigating and characterizing many important submanifolds (cf. [3, 4]). In [2, 6] the notion of finite type was extended to differential maps, in particular, to Gauss map of submanifolds.

Let  $M$  be a surface of the Euclidean 3-space  $\mathbb{E}^3$ . The map  $G : M \rightarrow S^2 \subset \mathbb{E}^3$  which sends each point of  $M$  to the unit normal vector to  $M$  at the point is called the *Gauss map* of the surface  $M$ , where  $S^2$  is the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{E}^3$  centered at the origin.

For the matrix  $g = (g_{ij})$  consisting of the components of the metric on  $M$ , we denote by  $g^{-1} = (g^{ij})$  (resp.  $\mathcal{G}$ ) the inverse matrix (resp. the determinant) of the matrix  $(g_{ij})$ . The Laplacian  $\Delta$  on  $M$  is, in turn, given by

$$(1.1) \quad \Delta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{G}}} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \left( \sqrt{\mathcal{G}} g^{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \right).$$

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If a submanifold  $M$  of Euclidean or pseudo-Euclidean space has 1-type Gauss map  $G$ , then  $G$  satisfies

$$(1.2) \quad \Delta G = \lambda(G + C)$$

for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and some constant vector  $C$ , where  $\Delta$  is the Laplace operator corresponding to the induced metric on  $M$ . Generalizing (1.1), many authors studied various surfaces with Gauss map  $G$  satisfying

$$(1.3) \quad \Delta G = f(G + C)$$

for some constant vector  $C$  and some smooth function  $f$  ([5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13]). Gauss map of a surface satisfying (1.2) is called a *pointwise 1-type Gauss map*.

On the other hand, Dillen et al. studied surfaces of revolution with Gauss map satisfying

$$(1.4) \quad \Delta G = AG$$

for some  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ , which was inspired by a theorem of Ruh and Vilms on surfaces of constant mean curvature ([14]). As a result, they proved ([7]).

**Proposition 1.** *Among the surfaces of revolution in  $\mathbb{E}^3$ , the only ones whose Gauss map satisfies (1.4) are the planes, the spheres and the circular cylinders.*

Baikoussis and Blair also studied ruled surfaces and proved ([1]).

**Proposition 2.** *Among the ruled surfaces in  $\mathbb{E}^3$ , the only ones whose Gauss map satisfies (1.4) are the planes and the circular cylinders.*

In [12], the first author with Y.H. Kim introduced the family of *generalized slant cylinders* (GSCS's). Surfaces of revolution, cylindrical surfaces and tubes along a plane curve are special cases of GSCS's. See Section 2 for the definition and properties of GSCS's.

Here, we give examples of GSCS's with Gauss map satisfying (1.4).

**Examples.** (1) Plane:  $z = 0$ . In this case,  $G = (0, 0, 1)$  so  $\Delta G = 0$  and the plane satisfies (1.4) with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & 0 \\ * & * & 0 \\ * & * & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(2) Cylinder:  $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$ . In this case, we have  $G = \frac{1}{r}(x - a, y - b, 0)$

so the cylinder satisfies (1.4) with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{r^2} & 0 & * \\ 0 & \frac{1}{r^2} & * \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}.$$

(2) Sphere:  $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2 = r^2$ . In this case, we have  $G = \frac{1}{r}(x - a, y - b, z - c)$  so the sphere satisfies (1.4) with  $A = \frac{2}{r^2}I$ , where  $I$  denotes the identity matrix.

In this paper, we study the GSCS's with Gauss map satisfying (1.4). As a result, we establish

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $M$  denote a generalized slant cylindrical surface in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{E}^3$ . Suppose that the Gauss map  $G$  of  $M$  satisfies  $\Delta G = AG$  for some  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ . Then  $M$  is part of a plane, a sphere or a circular cylinder.*

Hereafter, all objects are assumed to be connected and smooth, unless mentioned otherwise.

## 2. GENERALIZED SLANT CYLINDRICAL SURFACES

For a fixed unit speed plane curve  $\alpha(s) = (x(s), y(s), 0)$ , let  $T(s) = \alpha'(s)$  and  $N(s) = (-y'(s), x'(s), 0)$  denote the unit tangent and principal normal vector, respectively. The curvature  $\kappa(s)$  of  $\alpha(s)$  is defined by  $T'(s) = \kappa(s)N(s)$  and we have  $T(s) \times N(s) = V$ , where  $V$  denotes the unit vector  $(0, 0, 1)$ . For a constant  $\theta$ , we let  $\beta_s(t) = t(\cos \theta N(s) + \sin \theta V)$ . Then the ruled surface  $M$  defined by

$$(2.1) \quad X(s, t) = \alpha(s) + \beta_s(t)$$

is regular at  $(s, t)$  where  $1 - \cos \theta \kappa(s)t$  does not vanish. This ruled surface  $M$  is called a *slant cylindrical surface* (SCS) over  $\alpha(s)$ . The SCS with  $\sin \theta = 0$  or  $\cos \theta = 0$  is nothing but a parametrization of either a plane or a cylindrical surface.

In general, we consider another unit speed plane curve  $\beta(t) = (z(t), w(t))$ . If we let  $\beta_s(t) = z(t)N(s) + w(t)V$ , then the parametrized surface defined by

$$(2.2) \quad X(s, t) = \alpha(s) + \beta_s(t)$$

is regular at  $(s, t)$  where  $1 - \kappa(s)z(t)$  does not vanish. This parametrized surface  $M$  is called a *generalized slant cylindrical surface* (GSCS) over  $\alpha(s)$ .

If  $\beta(t)$  is a straight line (resp., a circle), then the GSCS  $X(s, t)$  is nothing but an SCS (resp., a tube) along a plane curve  $\alpha$ . If  $\alpha(s)$  is a straight line, then the GSCS  $X(s, t)$  is a cylindrical surface over a plane curve. Furthermore, we have the following ([12]).

**Proposition 2.1.** *If  $\alpha(s)$  is a circle, then a GSCS  $M$  over  $\alpha(s)$  is a surface of revolution.*

Therefore we see that cylindrical surfaces, tubes along a plane curve and surfaces of revolution are special cases of GSCS's.

We also have the following characterizations ([10]):

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $M$  denote a GSCS given by (2.2). Then we have the following.*

- (1) *If the mean curvature  $H$  is constant, then  $M$  is a surface of revolution.*
- (2) *If the Gaussian curvature  $K$  is constant, then  $M$  is either a surface of revolution or an SCS.*

### 3. GAUSS MAP OF GSCS'S

Let  $\alpha(s) = (x(s), y(s), 0)$  be a unit speed plane curve with the Frenet frame  $T(s)$  and  $N(s)$  which is defined on an interval  $I$ . We consider a GSCS  $M$  parametrized by

$$(3.1) \quad X(s, t) = \alpha(s) + \beta_s(t), \quad (s, t) \in I \times J,$$

where  $\beta(t) = (z(t), w(t))$  is a unit speed plane curve,  $\beta_s(t) = z(t)N(s) + w(t)V$ , and  $V = (0, 0, 1)$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $\beta(0) = 0$ , hence we have  $X(s, 0) = \alpha(s)$  for all  $s \in I$ .

Then  $X(s, t)$  is regular at  $(s, t)$  where  $q(s, t) = 1 - \kappa(s)z(t)$  does not vanish and we get

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} X_s &= q(s, t)T(s), \quad X_t = z'(t)N(s) + w'(t)V, \\ G(s, t) &= -w'(t)N(s) + z'(t)V. \end{aligned}$$

The Laplacian  $\Delta$  on  $M$  is given by for  $f \in C^\infty(M)$

$$(3.3) \quad \Delta f = -q^{-3}\{\kappa'(s)z(t)f_s + qf_{ss} - q^2\kappa(s)z'(t)f_t + q^3f_{tt}\}.$$

Hence it follows from (3.2) and (3.3) that

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} -q^3\Delta G &= \kappa'(s)w'(t)T(s) + q\{\kappa(s)^2w'(t) + q\kappa(s)z'(t)w''(t) \\ &\quad - q^2w'''(t)\}N(s) + q^2\{-\kappa(s)z'(t)z''(t) + qz'''(t)\}V. \end{aligned}$$

First, we show that a slant cylindrical surface with Gauss map  $G$  satisfying (1.4) is an open part of either a plane or a circular cylinder. Since an SCS is a ruled surface, Proposition 3.1 can be deduced from the results in [1]. But, for conveniences, we give a proof.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be an SCS given by (3.1) with  $z(t) = t \cos \theta$  and  $w(t) = t \sin \theta$ . Suppose that the Gauss map  $G$  of  $M$  satisfies  $\Delta G = AG$  for some  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ . Then  $M$  is an open part of either a plane or a circular cylinder.*

*Proof.* Since  $z(t) = t \cos \theta$  and  $w(t) = t \sin \theta$ , it follows from (3.2) and (3.4) that

$$(3.5) \quad G(s, t) = -\sin \theta N(s) + \cos \theta V = (\sin \theta y'(s), -\sin \theta x'(s), \cos \theta)$$

and

$$(3.6) \quad -q^3 \Delta G = \kappa'(s) \sin \theta T(s) + q \kappa(s)^2 \sin \theta N(s).$$

By the assumption, we obtain

$$(3.7) \quad \sin \theta \{x' \kappa' - y' \kappa^2 q\} = -q^3 \{(a_{11} y' - a_{12} x') \sin \theta + a_{13} \cos \theta\},$$

$$(3.8) \quad \sin \theta \{y' \kappa' + x' \kappa^2 q\} = -q^3 \{(a_{21} y' - a_{22} x') \sin \theta + a_{23} \cos \theta\}$$

and

$$(3.9) \quad a_{31} \sin \theta y'(s) - a_{32} \sin \theta x'(s) + a_{33} \cos \theta = 0.$$

It follows from  $x'(s) \times (3.7) + y'(s) \times (3.8)$  and  $x'(s) \times (3.8) - y'(s) \times (3.7)$  that

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \sin \theta \kappa'(s) &= q^3 f(s) = (1 - t \cos \theta \kappa(s))^3 f(s), \\ \sin \theta \kappa(s)^2 &= q^2 g(s) = (1 - t \cos \theta \kappa(s))^2 g(s), \end{aligned}$$

where  $f(s)$  and  $g(s)$  are given by

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{aligned} f(s) &= \sin \theta \{a_{12}(x')^2 + (a_{22} - a_{11})x'y' - a_{21}(y')^2\} - \cos \theta \{a_{13}x' + a_{23}y'\}, \\ g(s) &= \sin \theta \{a_{22}(x')^2 - (a_{12} + a_{21})x'y' + a_{11}(y')^2\} - \cos \theta \{a_{23}x' - a_{13}y'\}. \end{aligned}$$

We divide by two cases as follows.

Case 1.  $\cos \theta \neq 0$ .

If  $\sin \theta = 0$  or  $\kappa(s)$  vanishes identically, then  $M$  is a part of a plane. Hence we may suppose that  $\sin \theta \neq 0$  and  $\kappa(s) \neq 0$  on an interval  $I_0$ . Then, the second equation in (3.10) shows that  $t$  is a function of  $s \in I_0$ , which is a contradiction.

Case 2.  $\cos \theta = 0$ .

In this case,  $M$  is a cylindrical surface over  $\alpha(s)$ . We may assume that  $\sin \theta = 1$ . Hence, from (3.10) and (3.11) we get

$$(3.12) \quad \kappa'(s) = a_{12}x'(s)^2 + (a_{22} - a_{11})x'(s)y'(s) - a_{21}y'(s)^2$$

and

$$(3.13) \quad \kappa(s)^2 = a_{22}x'(s)^2 - (a_{12} + a_{21})x'(s)y'(s) + a_{11}y'(s)^2.$$

By differentiating (3.13) and using  $y'y'' = -x'x''$ , we obtain

$$(3.14) \quad 2\kappa'\kappa = 2(a_{22} - a_{11})x'x'' - (a_{12} + a_{21})\{x''y' + x'y''\}.$$

Since  $\kappa(s)y'(s) = -x''(s)$ , multiplying the both sides of (3.14) by  $y'(s)$  and then using (3.12), we get

$$(3.15) \quad x''(s)\{4\kappa'(s) + (a_{21} - a_{12})\} = 0.$$

Suppose that  $I_0 = \{s \in I \mid x''(s) \neq 0\}$  is nonempty. Then on  $I_0$ ,  $\kappa'(s)$  is constant. Hence, by differentiating (3.12) and then multiplying  $y'$ , on  $I_0$  we obtain

$$(3.16) \quad (a_{22} - a_{11})\{y'(s)^2 - x'(s)^2\} + 2(a_{12} + a_{21})x'(s)y'(s) = 0.$$

Hence, it follows from (3.13) that on  $I_0$

$$(3.17) \quad 2\kappa(s)^2 = a_{11} + a_{22},$$

which is a nonzero constant because  $\kappa(s)y'(s) = -x''(s) \neq 0$  on the interval  $I_0$ .

If the complement  $I_0^c$  of  $I_0$  has nonempty interior, then  $\kappa(s) = 0$  there. Thus, by the continuity of  $\kappa(s)$  we see that  $\kappa(s)$  is constant on the whole domain  $I$  of  $\alpha$ . Therefore,  $M$  is an open portion of either a plane or a circular cylinder.

Combining Cases 1 and 2 completes the proof of Proposition 3.1.  $\square$

Now, suppose that the Gauss map  $G$  of a GSCS  $M$  defined by (3.1) satisfies (1.4) for some  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ . Then, from (3.2) and (3.4) we get

$$(3.18) \quad x'\kappa'w' - pqy' = -q^3\{a_{11}y'w' - a_{12}x'w' + a_{13}z'\},$$

$$(3.19) \quad y'\kappa'w' + pqx' = -q^3\{a_{21}y'w' - a_{22}x'w' + a_{23}z'\},$$

and

$$(3.20) \quad -\kappa z'z'' + qz''' = -q\{(a_{31}y' - a_{32}x')w' + a_{33}z'\},$$

where

$$(3.21) \quad p(s, t) = \kappa(s)^2w'(t) + q\kappa(s)z'(t)w''(t) - q^2w'''(t).$$

It follows from  $x'(s) \times (3.18) + y'(s) \times (3.19)$  and  $x'(s) \times (3.19) - y'(s) \times (3.18)$  that

$$(3.22) \quad \kappa'w' = -q^3[\{(a_{11} - a_{22})x'y' - a_{12}(x')^2 - a_{21}(y')^2\}w' + (a_{13}x' + a_{23}y')z']$$

and

$$(3.23) \quad p = q^2[\{(a_{11}(y')^2 - (a_{12} + a_{21})x'y' + a_{22}(x')^2\}w' + (a_{13}y' - a_{23}x')z'].$$

First, we prove

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be a GSCS given by (3.1). Suppose that the Gauss map  $G$  of  $M$  satisfies  $\Delta G = AG$  for some  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  with  $a_{13} = a_{23} = 0$ . Then  $M$  is open part of either an SCS or a surface of revolution.*

*Proof.* It follows from (3.22) that

$$(3.24) \quad w'(t)\{\kappa'(s) - q^3f(s)\} = 0,$$

where  $f(s)$  is a function of  $s$ .

Let's denote by  $J_0 = \{t \in J | w'(t) \neq 0\}$ . If  $J_0$  is empty, then  $M$  is part of a plane parallel to the  $xy$ -plane. Otherwise, we have  $\kappa'(s) = q^3f(s)$  for all  $s \in I$ . Recall that  $q = 1 - \kappa(s)z(t)$ .

Suppose that  $I_0 = \{s \in I | \kappa'(s) \neq 0\}$  is nonempty. Then, it follows from (3.24) that on  $I_0 \times J_0$  we obtain

$$(3.25) \quad \kappa(s)z(t) = 1 - \left(\frac{\kappa'(s)}{f(s)}\right)^{1/3},$$

which shows that  $z(t)$  is constant on  $J_0$ . This shows that  $J_0$  is the whole domain  $J$  of  $\beta$  and hence  $\beta$  is a straight line perpendicular to the  $xy$ -plane. Thus on  $I_0 \times J$ ,  $M$  is a cylindrical surface over  $\alpha$ . Due to Proposition 3.1, we see that on  $I_0$ ,  $\alpha$  has constant curvature  $\kappa$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\kappa(s)$  is constant on the whole domain  $I$ .

The above discussion implies that when  $w'(t) \neq 0$  for some  $t$ ,  $\alpha$  is either a straight line or a circle. If  $\alpha$  is a straight line, then  $M$  is a cylindrical surface over a plane curve. That is,  $M$  is an SCS. If  $\alpha$  is a circle, then  $M$  is a surface of revolution.

This completes the proof of Lemma 3.2. □

Next, we show

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $M$  be a GSCS given by (3.1). Suppose that the Gauss map  $G$  of  $M$  satisfies  $\Delta G = AG$  for some  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  with  $a_{31} = a_{32} = 0$ . Then  $M$  is an open part of an SCS or a surface of revolution.*

*Proof.* It follows from (3.20) that

$$(3.26) \quad \kappa(s)\{z(t)(z'''(t) + a_{33}z'(t)) + z'(t)z''(t)\} = z'''(t) + a_{33}z'(t).$$

If  $z'''(t) + a_{33}z'(t)$  is nonzero for some  $t$ , then  $\kappa(s)$  is a nonzero constant. Hence  $M$  is a surface of revolution.

Otherwise, that is,  $z'''(t) + a_{33}z'(t)$  vanishes identically, then (3.26) implies that

$$(3.27) \quad \kappa(s)z'(t)z''(t) = 0.$$

This shows that  $\kappa(s) = 0$  or  $z'(t)$  is constant, that is,  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  is a straight line. Hence  $M$  is a slant cylindrical surface.

This completes the proof of Lemma 3.3.  $\square$

Finally, we prove the following.

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $M$  be a GSCS given by (3.1). Suppose that the Gauss map  $G$  of  $M$  satisfies  $\Delta G = AG$  for some arbitrary  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ . Then  $M$  is an open part of either an SCS or a surface of revolution.*

*Proof.* From (3.20), we get

$$(3.28) \quad \kappa(s)z'(t)z''(t) - qz'''(t) = q\{f(s)w'(t) + a_{33}z'(t)\},$$

where

$$(3.29) \quad f(s) = a_{31}y'(s) - a_{32}x'(s).$$

Note that  $\beta(0) = (z(0), w(0)) = 0$ . We divide by two cases.

Case 1. Suppose that  $w'(0) \neq 0$ . In this case, since  $q(0) = 1$ , putting  $t = 0$  in (3.28), we obtain

$$(3.30) \quad f(s)w'(0) = \kappa(s)z'(0)z''(0) - (z'''(0) + a_{33}z'(0)).$$

This shows that

$$(3.31) \quad f(s) = a\kappa(s) + b$$

for some constants  $a$  and  $b$  given by

$$(3.32) \quad a = z'(0)z''(0)/w'(0), b = -(z'''(0) + a_{33}z'(0))/w'(0).$$

If  $a = 0$ , then as in the proof of Lemma 3.3, we may prove that  $M$  is an open part of either an SCS or a surface of revolution. Hence we may assume that  $a$  is nonzero.



Since  $q = 1 - \kappa(s)z(t)$ , substituting  $f(s)$  in (3.31) into (3.28), we see that the curvature function  $\kappa(s)$  of  $\alpha$  satisfies the following quadratic polynomial:

$$(3.33) \quad g(t)\kappa(s)^2 + h(t)\kappa(s) + k(t) = 0,$$

where

$$(3.34) \quad \begin{aligned} g(t) &= az(t)w'(t), & k(t) &= -z'''(t) - a_{33}z'(t), \\ h(t) &= bz(t)w'(t) + z'(t)z''(t) - aw'(t) - z(t)k(t). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it follows from (3.33) that  $\kappa(s)$  is constant, unless the coefficients  $g(t)$ ,  $h(t)$  and  $k(t)$  identically vanish. In this case,  $M$  is either a surface of revolution or a cylindrical surface.

If the coefficients  $g(t)$ ,  $h(t)$  and  $k(t)$  identically vanish, then it follows from (3.34) that  $z(t)z'(t)z''(t)$  vanishes identically. This shows that  $\beta(t)$  is a straight line. Hence, we see that  $M$  is an SCS.

Case 2. Suppose that  $w'(0) = 0$ . In this case, we may assume that  $\beta$  is not a straight line because otherwise,  $M$  is an SCS. Then, for some  $t_0$ , we have  $w'(t_0) \neq 0$ .

Putting  $\bar{z}(t) = z(t) - c$  with  $c = z(t_0)$ , we consider the parametrization  $\bar{X}$  of  $M$  given by

$$(3.35) \quad \bar{X}(s, t) = \bar{\alpha}(s) + \bar{z}(t)N(s) + w(t)V,$$

where the base curve  $\bar{\alpha}$  is a parallel curve of  $\alpha$  defined by  $\bar{\alpha}(s) = \alpha(s) + cN(s)$ .

For an arc length parameter  $u$  of  $\bar{\alpha}$ ,  $M$  has the reparametrization  $\bar{X}(u, t) = \bar{\alpha}(u) + \bar{z}(t)N(u) + w(t)V$  of  $X(s, t)$  with  $\bar{z}(t_0) = 0$  and  $w'(t_0) \neq 0$ . Hence, we can proceed as in the proof of Case 1 to show that  $M$  is an open part of either a surface of revolution or an SCS. This completes the proof of Case 2.

Combining Cases 1 and 2 completes the proof of Lemma 3.4.  $\square$

Now, we combine Lemma 3.4, Proposition 3.1 and Proposition 1 in Section 1. Then, we get the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $M$  denote a generalized slant cylindrical surface in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{E}^3$ . Suppose that the Gauss map  $G$  of  $M$  satisfies  $\Delta G = AG$  for some  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ . Then  $M$  is an open part of a plane, a sphere or a circular cylinder.*

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