

Geometric Structure of Lorentzian Three Dimensional Heisenberg Group

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Abstract

In this paper we study some basic theorems for three dimensional Heisenberg group which is endowed with Lorentz metric and some computations for Killing vector fields.

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1. Introduction:

Let K be a topological group and let M be a closed subgroup. Then the space

$$H = K/M$$

is a Hausdorff space and K operates continuously on H by the map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K \times H & \longrightarrow & H \\ (k, xM) & \longrightarrow & (kx)M \end{array} .$$

For each $k \in K$ the map

$$\tau(k) : \begin{array}{ccc} H & \longrightarrow & H \\ xM & \longrightarrow & kxM \end{array}$$

is a homeomorphism, and using this, we see K act transitively on H . The coset space

$$H = K/M$$

is called a homogenous space and K admits a reductive decomposition $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{m}$ where $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{k}$. Here $\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{m}$ are Lie algebras of H, K, M .

A geodesic $\gamma(t)$ through the origin o of $H = K/M$ is called homogenous if it is an orbit of a one parameter subgroup of K , that is

$$\gamma(t) = \exp(tZ)(o), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

where Z is a nonzero vector of \mathfrak{k} . Let K is the maximal connected group of isometries. If γ is homogenous with respect to some isometry group K' , then it is also homogenous with respect to any enlarged group of isometries K .

In [7], obtained that three dimensional Heisenberg group has three left-invariant Lorentz metric which are

$$g_1 = -dx^2 + dy^2 + (xdy + dz)^2$$

$$g_2 = dx^2 + dy^2 - (xdy + dz)^2$$

$$g_3 = dx^2 + (xdy + dz)^2 - ((1-x)dy - dz)^2.$$

We know from [3] that three dimensional Lorentzian Heisenberg group is a naturally reductive and a geodesic orbit manifold. So we can write $H_3 = K/M$ and K admits a reductive decomposition $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{h}_3 \oplus \mathfrak{m}$. Here $\mathfrak{h}_3, \mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{m}$ are Lie algebras of $Heis_3, K, M$.

2. Preliminaries:

Proposition 2.1: Let $H = K/M$ be a homogenous space and H be a K -manifold. For all $p \in H$ we have the vector field

$$\tilde{X}_p = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} (\exp(tX).p)$$

,[5].

Definition 2.2: An analytic vector field X defined on a Lie group G is called invariant if for all $a \in G$

$$[(TL(a))(e)]X(e) = X(a).$$

If X is invariant, then X is $L(a)$ -invariant for all $a \in G$; that is, X is actually G -invariant or left invariant, [9].

Proposition 2.2: Let G be a Lie group, let $X \in T(G, e)$, and let

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{X} : G &\longrightarrow T(G), \\ p &\longrightarrow \tilde{X}(p) \end{aligned}$$

where $T(G)$ is the tangent bundle of G with projection map π and $\tilde{X}(p)$ is given by

$$(\tilde{X}f)(p) = X(f \circ L(p))$$

where f is any real valued analytic function on G . Then \tilde{X} is a G -invariant analytic vector field on G such that $\tilde{X}(e) = X$. Therefore \tilde{X} is the unique G -invariant vector field on G such that $\tilde{X}(e) = X$. Thus any G -invariant vector field is of the form \tilde{X} , [9].

Corollary 2.1: The map

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : L(G) &\longrightarrow T(G, e) \\ \tilde{X} &\longrightarrow X \end{aligned}$$

is a Lie group isomorphism, [9].

Theorem 2.1: Let G be a Lie group and \mathfrak{g} be Lie algebra of G . For $\forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}$ we have

$$[\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}] = -\widetilde{[X, Y]}$$

, [2].

Theorem 2.2: Let H homogeneous space be a reductive space and D be Levi-Civita connection of H . For $\forall X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{h}$ the map $U : \mathfrak{h} \times \mathfrak{h} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ defined like follows;

$$2g(U(X, Y), Z) = g([Z, X]_m, Y) + g(X, [Z, Y]_m).$$

At each $p \in H$ point and for $\forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{h}$ we have

$$(D_X Y)_p = -\frac{1}{2}[X, Y]_m + U(X, Y)$$

, [2].

Definition 2.2: (H, g) space is naturally reductive if there exists at least one reductive split $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{m} \oplus \mathfrak{h}$ such that

$$g([X, Y]_{\mathfrak{h}}, Z) + g([X, Z]_{\mathfrak{h}}, Y) = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

for all $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{h}$, [3].

Definition 2.3: Heisenberg group defined as a group 3×3 upper triangular matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & y & t \\ 0 & 1 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here $x, y, t \in \mathbb{R}$ and endowed with multiplication

$$(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{t})(x, y, t) = \left(\bar{x} + x, \bar{y} + y, \bar{t} + t - \frac{1}{2}\bar{x}y + \frac{1}{2}\bar{y}x \right)$$

, [6].

3. Geometric structure of $Heis_3$.

3.1. Basic theorems

In this section g is the metric one of the Lorentz metric g_1, g_2 and g_3 .

Theorem 3.1.1: $(Heis_3, g)$ be 3-dimensional Heisenberg group equipped with Lorentz metric g . $C^\infty(Heis_3, \mathbb{R})$ -linear combination of degenerate Killing vector field is a Killing vector field.

Proof: Let X be a Killing vector field and $f \in C^\infty(Heis_3, \mathbb{R})$. For the proof we must show that fX is a Killing vector field. From properties of Lie derivative, we can write for $\forall Y, Z \in \chi(Heis_3)$,

$$(L_{fX}g)(Y, Z) = (fX)(g(Y, Z)) - g([fX, Y], Z) - g(Y, [fX, Z]). \quad (3.1.1)$$

If we write equality

$$[fX, Y] = f[X, Y] - Y(f)X$$

in equation (3.1.1), can be obtained

$$(L_{fX}g)(Y, Z) = fX(g(Y, Z)) - f g([X, Y], Z) - f g(Y, [X, Z]). \quad (3.1.2)$$

Right of (3.1.2) is

$$f(L_Xg)(Y, Z). \quad (3.1.3)$$

Since X is a Killing vector field, (3.1.3) equal to zero. So, fX is a Killing vector field.

Theorem 3.1.2 (Kozsul formula for Killing vector fields): ($Heis_3, g$) be three dimensional Heisenberg group equipped with Lorentz metric g and D be Levi-Civita connection on $Heis_3$. If vector fields X, Y, Z are Killing, the follow equality is ensured;

$$2g(D_X Y, Z) = g([X, Y], Z) + g([X, Z], Y) + g(X, [Y, Z]).$$

Proof: Since X and Z are Killing, we have

$$g([X, Z], X) = g(D_X X, Z).$$

From here, since $X + Y$ and Z are Killing, we obtain that

$$g([X + Y, Z], X + Y) = g(D_{X+Y} X + Y, Z).$$

So we deduce

$$g([X, Z], Y) + g([X, Y], Z) + g([X, Z], Y) + g(X, [Y, Z]). \quad (3.1.4)$$

Because of $D_X - D_Y = [X, Y]$, (3.1.4) is equal to

$$2g(D_X Y, Z) = g([X, Y], Z) + g([X, Z], Y) + g(X, [Y, Z]).$$

Theorem 3.1.3: ($Heis_3, g$) be 3-dimensional Heisenberg group equipped with Lorentz metric and D be Levi Civita connection on $Heis_3$ and p be a point on $Heis_3$. For all $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{h}_3$

$$g\left(\left(D_{\tilde{X}} \tilde{Y}\right)_p, \tilde{Z}_p\right) = -\frac{1}{2}g([X, Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3}, Z) + \frac{1}{2}g([Z, X]_{\mathfrak{h}_3}, Y) + \frac{1}{2}g(X, [Z, Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3}).$$

Proof: From Kozsul formula for Killing vector field at the point p we have follow equality;

$$g(D_X Y, Z) = \frac{1}{2}g\left(\left[\tilde{X}_p, \tilde{Y}_p\right], \tilde{Z}_p\right) + g\left(\left[\tilde{X}_p, \tilde{Z}_p\right], \tilde{Y}_p\right) + g\left(\tilde{X}_p, \left[\tilde{Y}_p, \tilde{Z}_p\right]\right). \quad (3.1.5)$$

Because of

$$[X, Y]_{\mathfrak{k}} = -\left[\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}\right],$$

(3.1.5) is equal to

$$g\left(\left(D_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y}\right)_p, \tilde{Z}_p\right) = -\frac{1}{2}g([X, Y]_{\mathbf{k}}, Z) + \frac{1}{2}g([Z, X]_{\mathbf{k}}, Y) + \frac{1}{2}g(X, [Z, Y]_{\mathbf{k}}). \quad (3.1.6)$$

Since for all $X \in \mathbf{h}_3$ and $Y \in \mathbf{m}$ the follows are ensured

$$g(X, Y) = 0$$

and

$$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{h}_3 \oplus \mathbf{m},$$

(3.1.6) is equal to

$$g\left(\left(D_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y}\right)_p, \tilde{Z}_p\right) = -\frac{1}{2}g([X, Y]_{\mathbf{h}_3}, Z) + \frac{1}{2}g([Z, X]_{\mathbf{h}_3}, Y) + \frac{1}{2}g(X, [Z, Y]_{\mathbf{h}_3}).$$

Theorem 3.1.4: Let K be sectional curvature of the plane of span \tilde{X}_p, \tilde{Y}_p at $p \in Heis_3$. The following is true;

$$K\left(\tilde{X}_p, \tilde{Y}_p\right) = \frac{g\left([Y, [X, Y]_{\mathbf{m}}]_{\mathbf{h}_3}, X\right) + \frac{1}{4}g([X, Y]_{\mathbf{h}_3}, [X, Y]_{\mathbf{h}_3})}{g(X, X)g(Y, Y) - g(X, Y)^2}.$$

Proof: Because of $Heis_3$ naturally reductive for all $X, Y, Z \in Heis_3$, we obtain

$$g\left(\left(D_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y}\right)_p, \tilde{Z}_p\right) = -\frac{1}{2}g([X, Y]_{\mathbf{h}_3}, Z).$$

So for a symmetrical function

$$\Psi : \Gamma(TK) \times \Gamma(TK) \longrightarrow \Gamma(TK^\perp),$$

$$\left(D_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y}\right)_p = \frac{1}{2}[X, Y]_{\mathbf{h}_3} + \Psi.$$

From here we can deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
g\left(R_{\tilde{X}\tilde{Y}}\tilde{X},\tilde{Y}\right)\Big|_p &= g\left(D_{[X,Y]}X,Y\right)\Big|_p - g\left(D_X D_Y X,Y\right)\Big|_p + g\left(D_Y D_X X,Y\right)\Big|_p \\
&= -g\left(D_Y X,[X,Y]\right)\Big|_p - X_p g\left(D_Y X,Y\right) + g\left(D_Y X,D_X Y\right)\Big|_p \\
&\quad + Y_p g\left(D_X X,Y\right) - g\left(D_X X,D_Y Y\right)\Big|_p \\
&= g\left(D_Y X,D_Y X\right)\Big|_p - g\left(D_X X,D_Y Y\right)\Big|_p + Y_p g\left([X,Y],X\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{4}g\left([X,Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3},[X,Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3}\right) + g\left([Y,[X,Y]],X\right) + g\left([X,Y],[Y,X]\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{4}g\left([X,Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3},[X,Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3}\right) + g\left([Y,[X,Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3}]_{\mathfrak{h}_3},X\right) \\
&\quad + g\left([Y,[X,Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3}]_{\mathfrak{m}},X\right) + g\left([Y,[X,Y]_{\mathfrak{m}}]_{\mathfrak{h}_3},X\right) \\
&\quad + g\left([Y,[X,Y]_{\mathfrak{m}}]_{\mathfrak{m}},X\right) + g\left([X,Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3},[Y,X]_{\mathfrak{h}_3}\right) \\
&\quad + g\left([X,Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3},[Y,X]_{\mathfrak{m}}\right) + g\left([X,Y]_{\mathfrak{m}},[Y,X]_{\mathfrak{h}_3}\right) + g\left([X,Y]_{\mathfrak{m}},[Y,X]_{\mathfrak{m}}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{4}g\left([X,Y]_{\mathfrak{m}},[Y,X]_{\mathfrak{m}}\right) + g\left([Y,[X,Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3}]_{\mathfrak{h}_3},X\right) \\
&\quad + g\left([Y,[X,Y]_{\mathfrak{m}}]_{\mathfrak{h}_3},X\right) + g\left([X,Y]_{\mathfrak{m}},[Y,X]_{\mathfrak{m}}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

From naturally reductively, we have the equality

$$g\left([Y,[X,Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3}]_{\mathfrak{h}_3},X\right) = -g\left([X,Y]_{\mathfrak{m}},[Y,X]_{\mathfrak{m}}\right).$$

From here we obtain

$$g\left(R_{\tilde{X}\tilde{Y}}\tilde{X},\tilde{Y}\right)\Big|_p = g\left([Y,[X,Y]_{\mathfrak{m}}]_{\mathfrak{h}_3},X\right) + \frac{1}{4}g\left([X,Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3},[X,Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3}\right).$$

So the sectional curvature is

$$K\left(\tilde{X}_p,\tilde{Y}_p\right) = \frac{g\left([Y,[X,Y]_{\mathfrak{m}}]_{\mathfrak{h}_3},X\right) + \frac{1}{4}g\left([X,Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3},[X,Y]_{\mathfrak{h}_3}\right)}{g(X,X)g(Y,Y) - g(X,Y)^2}.$$

3. 2. Computations for Killing vector fields

3.2.1. Computations for $(Heis_3, g_1)$

Let obtain some computations for the Lorentz metric

$$g_1 = -dx^2 + dy^2 + (xdy + dz)^2$$

The Lie algebra of $Heis_3$, \mathfrak{h}_3 has an orthonormal basis

$$e_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad e_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad e_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}. \quad (3.7)$$

Here we can obtain

$$g_1(e_1, e_1) = g_1(e_2, e_2) = 1, \quad g_1(e_3, e_3) = -1.$$

For this basis Lie products can be obtain as

$$[e_2, e_3] = e_1, \quad [e_3, e_1] = 0, \quad [e_2, e_1] = 0.$$

We know from [6] that Killing vector fields are for the metric g_1

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + x \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{1}{2} (x^2 - y^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & X_2 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \\ X_3 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, & X_4 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z}. \end{aligned}$$

Firstly let examine these Killing vector fields are spacelike, timelike or nulllike.

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(X_1, X_1) &= g_1 \left(y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \\ &= x^2 - y^2 + \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^2}{2} \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

So case of the Killing vector field X_1 is change with choosing of the x and y .

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(X_2, X_2) &= g_1 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \\ &= y^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

We obtain that the case of the Killing vector field X_2 is change with choosing of the y .

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(X_3, X_3) &= g_1 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= 1 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

So the Killing vector field X_3 is spacelike.

$$g_1(X_4, X_4) = 1 > 0$$

We deduce that the Killing vector field X_4 is spacelike. For these Killing vector fields if we find Lie brackets, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} [X_1, X_1] &= 0, & [X_1, X_2] &= x \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_1, X_3] &= -y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_1, X_4] &= 0, \\ [X_2, X_1] &= -x \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_2, X_2] &= 0, & [X_2, X_3] &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_2, X_4] &= 0, \\ [X_3, X_1] &= y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_3, X_2] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_3, X_3] &= 0, & [X_3, X_4] &= 0, \\ [X_4, X_1] &= [X_4, X_2] = [X_4, X_3] = [X_4, X_4] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

If we calculate sectional curvatures for fundamental Killing vector fields with theorem 3.1.4, we obtain that

$$K(\tilde{X}_1, \tilde{X}_2) = \frac{1/4x^2}{y^2 - x^2 - \frac{x^4}{4}(1 - y^2) - \frac{y^4}{2}\left(\frac{5}{2} + x^2\right) + \frac{3}{2}x^2y^2 + \frac{y^6}{4} + y + \frac{1}{2}x^2y - \frac{1}{2}y^3}$$

$$K(X_1, X_3) = \frac{1/4y^2}{-y^2 + \frac{9x^4}{4} + \frac{y^4}{4} - \frac{5x^2y^2}{2}}$$

$$K(X_1, X_4) = 0$$

$$K(\tilde{X}_2, \tilde{X}_3) = \frac{1/4}{y^2 - x^2y^2 + x^2}, \quad K(\tilde{X}_2, \tilde{X}_4) = 0, \quad K(\tilde{X}_3, \tilde{X}_4) = 0.$$

3.2.3. Computations for $(Heis_3, g_3)$

Lastly we want to find some properties for the Lorentz metric

$$g_3 = dx^2 + (xdy + dz)^2 - ((1 - x)dy - dz)^2.$$

The Lie algebra of $Heis_3$, \mathfrak{h}_3 has an orthonormal basis

$$e_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad e_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + (1 - x)\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad e_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - x\frac{\partial}{\partial z}. \quad (3.12)$$

Here we can obtain

$$g_3(e_1, e_1) = g_3(e_2, e_2) = 1, \quad g_3(e_3, e_3) = -1.$$

For this basis the Lie products are

$$[e_2, e_3] = 0, \quad [e_1, e_2] = e_3 - e_2, \quad [e_1, e_3] = e_3 - e_2.$$

We know from [6] that Killing vector fields are for the metric g_3

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - (2x - 1)y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & X_2 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, & X_3 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \\ X_4 &= z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + (x^2 - x) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & X_5 &= y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & X_6 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{aligned}$$

Firstly let examine these Killing vector fields are spacelike, timelike or null like.

$$\begin{aligned} g_3(X_1, X_1) &= g_3\left(y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - (2x-1)y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - (2x-1)y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \\ &= y^2(y^2 + 2x - 1) \end{aligned}$$

So case of the Killing vector field X_1 is change with choosing of the x and y .

$$g_3(X_2, X_2) = 1 > 0$$

We obtain that the Killing vector field X_2 is spacelike.

$$g_3(X_3, X_3) = 2x - 1$$

So case of the Killing vector field X_3 is change with choosing of the x .

$$g_3(X_4, X_4) = z^2 + x^2$$

We obtain that the case of the Killing vector field X_4 is change with choosing of the x and z .

$$g_3(X_5, X_5) = y^2$$

So case of the Killing vector field X_5 is change with choosing of the y .

$$g_3(X_6, X_6) = 0$$

So the Killing vector field X_6 is a null like vector field. For these Killing vector fields if we find Lie brackets, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} [X_1, X_1] &= 0, & [X_1, X_2] &= y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_1, X_3] &= -y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \\ [X_1, X_4] &= \frac{1}{2}(xy^2 + yz) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_1, X_5] &= y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_1, X_6] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [X_2, X_1] &= -y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_2, X_2] &= 0, & [X_2, X_3] &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \\ [X_2, X_4] &= x \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_2, X_5] &= 0, & [X_2, X_6] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [X_3, X_1] &= -y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_3, X_2] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_3, X_3] &= 0, \\ [X_3, X_4] &= z \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_3, X_5] &= y \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_3, X_6] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[X_4, X_1] &= -\frac{1}{2}(xy^2 + yz)\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_4, X_2] &= -x\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_4, X_3] &= z\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \\
[X_4, X_4] &= 0, & [X_4, X_5] &= -xy\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_4, X_6] &= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[X_5, X_1] &= -y^2\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_5, X_2] &= 0, & [X_5, X_3] &= -y\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \\
[X_5, X_4] &= xy\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, & [X_5, X_6] &= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

$$[X_6, X_i] = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 6$$

If we calculate sectional curvatures for fundamental Killing vector fields

$$K(\tilde{X}_i, \tilde{X}_j) = 0, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq 6.$$

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