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# Surfaces with constant extrinsically Gaussian curvature in the Heisenberg group

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#### Abstract

In this work we study constant extrinsically Gaussian curvature translation surfaces in the 3-dimensional Heisenberg group which are invariant under the 1-parameter groups of isometries.

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## 1. Introduction

In 1982, W. P. Thurston formulated a geometric conjecture for three dimensional manifolds, namely every compact orientable 3-manifold admits a canonical decomposition into pieces, each of them having a canonical geometric structure from the following eight maximal and simply connected homogenous Riemannian spaces:  $\mathbb{E}^3$ ,  $\mathbb{S}^3$ ,  $\mathbb{H}^3$ ,  $\mathbb{S}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\mathbb{H}_3$  and  $Sol_3$ . See e.g. [34].

During the recent years, there has been a rapidly growing interest in the geometry of surfaces in three homogenous spaces focusing on flat and constant Gaussian curvature surfaces. Many works are studying the geometry of surfaces in homogeneous 3-manifolds. See for example [2–4, 9, 12, 14–16, 21, 22, 24, 36].

The concept of translation surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  can be generalized the surfaces in the three dimensional Lie group, in particular, homogeneous manifolds. In Euclidean

3-space, every cylinder is flat. Conversely, complete flat surfaces in  $\mathbb{E}^3$  are cylinders over complete curves. See [20]. López and Munteanu [17] studied invariant surfaces with constant mean curvature and constant Gaussian curvature in  $Sol_3$  space. Yoon and Lee [37] studied translation surfaces in Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  whose position vector x satisfies the equation  $\Delta x = Ax$ , where  $\Delta$  is the Laplacian operator of the surface and A is a  $3 \times 3$ -real matrix.

Flat  $G_4$ -invariant surfaces are nothing but surfaces invariant under SO(2)action, i.e. rotational surfaces. Flat rotational surfaces are classified by Caddeo, Piu and Ratto in [8].

In [14], J. I. Inoguchi give a classification of intrinsically flat  $G_1$ -invariant translation surfaces in Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$ . Let M be a surface invariant under  $G_3$ , then M is locally expressed as

$$X(u,v) = (0,0,v).(x(u),y(u),0) = (x(u),y(u),v), \ u \in I, \ v \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Here I is an open interval and u is the arclength parameter. Note that (x, y, 0) and (0, 0, v) commute. Then the sectional curvature  $K(X_x \wedge X_y) = \frac{1}{4}$  and the extrinsically Gaussian curvature  $K_{ext} = -\frac{1}{4}$ . Direct computation show that M is flat. (cf. [12–14, 28]).

The paper is divided according the type of surfaces invariant under 1-parameter subgroups of isometries  $\{G_i\}_{i=1,2,3,4}$ . So, in section 3 we classify  $G_1$ -invariant surfaces of the Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  with constant extrinsically Gaussian curvature  $K_{ext}$ , including extrinsically flat  $G_1$ -invariant surfaces.

In section 4 we classify  $G_2$ -invariant surfaces of the Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  with constant extrinsically Gaussian curvature  $K_{ext}$ , including extrinsically flat  $G_2$ -invariant surfaces.

## 2. Preliminaries

The 3-dimensional Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  is the simply connected and connected 2-step nilpotent Lie group. Which has the following standard representation in  $GL(3,\mathbb{R})$ 

$$\left(\begin{array}{rrrr}1&r&t\\0&1&s\\0&0&1\end{array}\right)$$

with  $r, s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ . The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_3$  of  $\mathbb{H}_3$  is given by the matrices

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{rrrr} 0 & x & z \\ 0 & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right)$$

with  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ . The exponential map  $exp : \mathfrak{h}_3 \to \mathbb{H}_3$  is a global diffeomorphism, and is given by

$$\exp(A) = I + A + \frac{A^2}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & z + \frac{xy}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  is represented as the cartesian 3-space  $\mathbb{R}^3(x, y, z)$  with group structure:

$$(x_1, y_1, z_1).(x_2, y_2, z_2) := \left(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2 + \frac{1}{2}x_1y_2 - \frac{1}{2}x_2y_1\right).$$

We equip  $\mathbb{H}_3$  with the following left invariant Riemannian metric

$$g := dx^2 + dy^2 + \left(dz + \frac{1}{2}(ydx - xdy)\right)^2$$

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The identity component  $I^{\circ}(\mathbb{H}_3)$  of the full isometry group of  $(\mathbb{H}_3, g)$  is the semi-direct product  $SO(2) \ltimes \mathbb{H}_3$ . The action of  $SO(2) \ltimes \mathbb{H}_3$  is given explicitly by

$$A = \left( \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \right), \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}(a\sin \theta - b\cos \theta) & \frac{1}{2}(a\cos \theta + b\sin \theta) & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}.$$

In particular, rotational around the z-axis and translations:

$$(x, y, z) \to (x, y, z + a), a \in \mathbb{R}$$

along the z-axis are isometries of  $\mathbb{H}_3$ .

The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_3$  of  $I^{\circ}(\mathbb{H}_3)$  is generated by the following Killing vector fields:

$$F_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{y}{2}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad F_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - \frac{x}{2}\frac{\partial}{\partial z},$$
$$F_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad F_4 = -y\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + x\frac{\partial}{\partial y}.$$

One can check that  $F_1, F_2, F_3$  are infinitesimal transformations of the 1-parameter groups of isometries defined by

$$G_1 = \{(t,0,0) | t \in \mathbb{R}\}, \ G_2 = \{(0,t,0) | t \in \mathbb{R}\}, \ G_3 = \{(0,0,t) | t \in \mathbb{R}\},\$$

respectively. Here this groups acts on  $\mathbb{H}_3$  by the left translation. The vector field  $F_4$  generates the group of rotations around the z-axis. Thus  $G_4$  is identified with SO(2).

**Definition 2.1.** A surface  $\Sigma$  in the Heisenberg space  $\mathbb{H}_3$  is said to be invariant surface if it is invariant under the action of the 1-parameter subgroups of isometries  $\{G_i\}$ , with  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_3$  of  $\mathbb{H}_3$  has an orthonormal basis  $\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$  defined by

$$E_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{y}{2}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \ E_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{x}{2}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \ E_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

The Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  of g, in terms of the basis  $\{E_i\}_{i=1,2,3}$  is explicitly given as follows

$$\begin{cases} \nabla_{E_1} E_1 = 0, \nabla_{E_1} E_2 = \frac{1}{2} E_3, \nabla_{E_1} E_3 = -\frac{1}{2} E_2 \\ \nabla_{E_2} E_1 = -\frac{1}{2} E_3, \nabla_{E_2} E_2 = 0, \nabla_{E_2} E_3 = \frac{1}{2} E_1 \\ \nabla_{E_3} E_1 = -\frac{1}{2} E_2, \nabla_{E_3} E_2 = \frac{1}{2} E_1, \nabla_{E_3} E_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

The Riemannian curvature tensor R is a tensor field on  $\mathbb{H}_3$  defined by

$$R(X,Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X,Y]} Z$$

The components  $\{R_{ijk}^l\}$  are computed as

$$R_{212}^1 = -\frac{3}{4}, \ R_{313}^1 = \frac{1}{4}, \ R_{323}^2 = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Let us denote  $K_{ij} = K(E_i, E_j)$  the sectional curvature of the plane spanned by  $E_i$ and  $E_j$ . Then we get easily the following:

$$K_{12} = -\frac{3}{4}, \ K_{13} = -\frac{1}{4}, \ K_{23} = -\frac{1}{4}.$$

The Ricci curvature Ric is defined by

$$Ric(X,Y) = trace\{Z \to R(Z,X)Y\}.$$

The components  $\{R_{ij}\}$  of *Ric* are defined by

$$Ric(E_i, E_j) = R_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{3} \left\langle R(E_i, E_k) E_k, E_j \right\rangle.$$

The components  $\{R_{ij}\}$  are computed as

$$R_{11} = -\frac{1}{2}, \ R_{12} = R_{13} = R_{23} = 0, \ R_{22} = -\frac{1}{2}, \ R_{33} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

The scalar curvature S of  $\mathbb{H}_3$  is constant and we have

$$S = trRic = \sum_{i=1}^{3} Ric(E_i, E_i) = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

## 3. Constant extrinsically Gaussian curvature $G_1$ -invariant translation surfaces in Heisenberg group $\mathbb{H}_3$

### 3.1.

In this subsection we study complete extrinsically flat translation surfaces  $\Sigma$  in Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  which are invariant under the one parameter subgroup  $G_1$ . Clearly, such a surface is generated by a curve  $\gamma$  in the totally geodesic plane  $\{x = 0\}$ . Discarding the trivial case of a vertical plane  $\{y = y_0\}$ . Thus  $\gamma$  is given by  $\gamma(y) = (0, y, v(y))$ . Therefore the generated surface is parameterized by

$$X(x,y) = (x,0,0).(0,y,v(y)) = (x,y,v(y) + \frac{xy}{2}), \ (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

We have an orthogonal pair of vector fields on  $(\Sigma)$ , namely,

$$e_1 := X_x = (1, 0, \frac{y}{2}) = E_1 + yE_3.$$

and

$$e_2 := X_y = (0, 1, v' + \frac{x}{2}) = E_2 + v' E_3.$$

The coefficients of the first fundamental form are:

$$E = \langle e_1, e_1 \rangle = 1 + y^2, \ F = \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle = yv', \ G = \langle e_2, e \rangle = 1 + v'^2.$$

As a unit normal field we can take

$$N = \frac{-y}{\sqrt{1+y^2+v'^2}}E_1 - \frac{v'}{\sqrt{1+y^2+v'^2}}E_2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+y^2+v'^2}}E_3$$

The covariant derivatives are

$$\nabla_{e_1} e_1 = -yE_2$$

$$\widetilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_2 = \frac{y}{2}E_1 - \frac{v'}{2}E_2 + \frac{1}{2}E_3$$

$$\widetilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_2 = v'E_1 + v''E_3.$$

The coefficients of the second fundamental form are

$$l = \langle \tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_1, N \rangle = \frac{yv'}{\sqrt{1 + y^2 + v'^2}}$$
$$m = \langle \tilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_2, N \rangle = \frac{-\frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{v'^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{1 + y^2 + v'^2}}$$
$$n = \langle \tilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_2, N \rangle = \frac{-yv' + v''}{\sqrt{1 + y^2 + v'^2}}.$$

Let  $K_{ext}$  be the extrinsic Gauss curvature of  $\Sigma$ ,

$$K_{ext} = \frac{ln - m^2}{EG - F^2} = \frac{-y^2 v'^2 + yv'v'' - (-\frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{v'^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2})^2}{(1 + y^2 + v'^2)^2}$$

Thus  $\Sigma$  is extrinsically flat invariant surface in Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  if and only if

$$K_{ext} = 0,$$

that is, if and only if

$$-y^{2}v'^{2} + yv'v'' - \left(-\frac{y^{2}}{2} + \frac{v'^{2}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{2} = 0$$
(3.1)

to classify extrinsically flat invariant surfaces must solve the equation (3.1). We can write equation (3.1) as

$$y^{2} + yv'v'' - \left(\frac{y^{2}}{2} + \frac{v'^{2}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{2} = 0$$
(3.2)

we assume that  $z = \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{{v'}^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ . Then

$$\begin{cases} z' = y + v'v'' \\ v'v'' = z' - y \\ v'^2 = 2z - y^2 - 1. \end{cases}$$
(3.3)

Therefore equation (3.2) becomes

$$yz' - z^2 = 0. (3.4)$$

equation (3.4) implies that

$$-\frac{z'}{z^2} = -\frac{1}{y}.$$
 (3.5)

and equation (3.5) implies that

$$z = \frac{1}{-\ln(y) + \alpha}.\tag{3.6}$$

where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , and if  $y \neq e^{\alpha}$ .

From (3.3) and (3.6), we have

$$v'^2 = 2z - y^2 - 1$$
  
=  $\frac{2}{-\ln(y) + \alpha} - y^2 - 1.$ 

Thus

$$v' = \sqrt{\frac{2}{-\ln(y) + \alpha} - y^2 - 1}.$$

As conclusion, we have

**Theorem 3.1.** • The only non-extendable extrinsically flat translation surfaces in the 3-dimensional Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  invariant under the 1-parameter subgroup  $G_1 = \{(t, 0, 0) \in \mathbb{H}_3/t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , are the surfaces whose parametrization is  $X(x, y) = (x, y, v(y) + \frac{xy}{2})$  where y and v satisfy

$$v(y) = \int \sqrt{\frac{2}{-\ln(y) + \alpha} - y^2 - 1} dy.$$

where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $y \neq e^{\alpha}$ .

• There are no complete extrinsically flat translation surfaces in the 3-dimensional Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  invariant under the 1-parameter subgroup  $G_1 = \{(t, 0, 0) \in \mathbb{H}_3/t \in \mathbb{R}\}.$ 

Remark 3.2. Let  $\Sigma$  be a  $G_1$ -invariant translation surfaces in the 3-dimensional Heisenberg space. Then  $\Sigma$  is locally expressed as

$$X(x,y) = (0, y, v(y)) \cdot (x, 0, 0) = \left(x, y, v(y) - \frac{xy}{2}\right).$$

Then the extrinsically Gaussian curvature  $K_{ext}$  of  $\Sigma$  is computed as

$$K_{ext} = \frac{\left((v'-x)^2 - 1\right)^2}{4\left(1 + (v'-x)^2\right)^2}.$$

Thus  $\Sigma$  can not be of constant extrinsically Gaussian curvature.

#### 3.2.

In this subsection we study complete constant extrinsically Gaussian curvature translation surfaces  $\Sigma$  in Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  which are invariant under the one parameter subgroup  $G_1$ . Clearly, such a surface is generated by a curve  $\gamma$  in the totally geodesic plane  $\{x = 0\}$ . Discarding the trivial case of a vertical plane  $\{y = y_0\}$ . Thus  $\gamma$  is given by  $\gamma(y) = (0, y, v(y))$ . Therefore the generated surface is parameterized by

$$X(x,y) = (x,0,0).(0,y,v(y)) = (x,y,v(y) + \frac{xy}{2}), \ (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

**Theorem 3.3.** • The  $G_1$ -invariant constant extrinsically Gaussian curvature translation surfaces in the 3-dimensional Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$ , are:

1.  $K_{ext} = -\frac{1}{4}$ . The surfaces of equation

$$z = v(y) + \frac{xy}{2} = \frac{xy}{2} + \frac{1}{2}y\sqrt{2\beta - y^2} + \arctan\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{\beta - y^2}}\right)$$

where  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

2.  $K_{ext} \neq -\frac{1}{4}$ . Then y and v satisfy

$$v(y) = \int \sqrt{\frac{1}{-2(K_{ext} + \frac{1}{4})\ln(y) + \gamma} - y^2 - 1} dy.$$
  
where  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $y \neq e^{\frac{\gamma}{2(K_{ext} + \frac{1}{4})}}$ .

• There are no complete constant extrinsically Gaussian curvature translation surfaces in the 3-dimensional Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  invariant under the 1-parameter subgroup  $G_1$ .

*Proof.* From (4.1) and (3.2) we have

$$K_{ext} = \frac{ln - m^2}{EG - F^2} = \frac{y^2 + yv'v'' - \frac{1}{4}\left(1 + y^2 + v'^2\right)^2}{(1 + y^2 + v'^2)^2}.$$
(3.7)

1. If  $K_{ext} = -\frac{1}{4}$ . Then equation (3.7) becomes

$$y^2 + yv'v'' = 0 (3.8)$$

We note that y equal zero is solution of the equation(3.8).

If y is different to zero  $(y \neq 0)$ , equation (3.8) becomes

$$v'v'' = -y.$$

Integration gives us

$$v(y) = \frac{1}{2}y\sqrt{2\beta - y^2} + \arctan\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{\beta - y^2}}\right),$$

where  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

2. If  $K_{ext} \neq -\frac{1}{4}$ . Then equation (3.7) becomes

$$y^{2} + yv'v'' = (K_{ext} + \frac{1}{4})(1 + y^{2} + v'^{2})^{2}.$$

In fact, put  $z = 1 + y^2 + v'^2$ . Then z satisfies

$$\frac{1}{2}yz' = (K_{ext} + \frac{1}{4})z^2.$$

Hence we have

$$z = \frac{1}{-2(K_{ext} + \frac{1}{4})y + \gamma},$$

where  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $y \neq e^{\frac{\gamma}{2(K_{ext} + \frac{1}{4})}}$ . Using the equation  $z = 1 + y^2 + v'^2$ , we get

$$v'^{2} = \frac{1}{-2(K_{ext} + \frac{1}{4})y + \gamma} - y^{2} - 1.$$

# 4. Constant extrinsically Gaussian curvature $G_2$ -invariant translation surfaces in Heisenberg group $\mathbb{H}_3$

In this section we study constant complete extrinsically flat translation surfaces  $\Sigma$  in Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  which are invariant under the one parameter subgroup  $G_2$ . Clearly, such a surface is generated by a curve  $\gamma$  in the totally geodesic plane  $\{y = 0\}$ . Discarding the trivial case of a vertical plane  $\{x = x_0\}$ . Thus  $\gamma$  is given by  $\gamma(x) = (x, 0, f(x))$ . Therefore the generated surface is parameterized by

$$X(x,y) = (0,y,0).(x,0,f(x)) = (x,y,f(x) - \frac{xy}{2}), \ (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

We have an orthogonal pair of vector fields on  $(\Sigma)$ , namely,

$$e_1 := X_x = (1, 0, f' - \frac{y}{2}) = E_1 + f' E_3.$$

and

$$e_2 := X_y = (0, 1, -\frac{x}{2}) = E_2 - xE_3.$$

The coefficients of the first fundamental form are:

$$E = \langle e_1, e_1 \rangle = 1 + f'^2, \ F = \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle = -xf', \ G = \langle e_2, e \rangle = 1 + x^2.$$

As a unit normal field we can take

$$N = \frac{-f'}{\sqrt{1+x^2+f'^2}}E_1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2+f'^2}}E_2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2+f'^2}}E_3.$$

The covariant derivatives are

$$\widetilde{\nabla}_{e_1}e_1 = -f'E_2 + f''E_3$$
$$\widetilde{\nabla}_{e_1}e_2 = \frac{f'}{2}E_1 + \frac{x}{2}E_2 - \frac{1}{2}E_3$$
$$\widetilde{\nabla}_{e_2}e_2 = -xE_1.$$

The coefficients of the second fundamental form are

$$l = \langle \widetilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_1, N \rangle = \frac{-xf' + f''}{\sqrt{1 + x^2 + f'^2}}$$
$$m = \langle \widetilde{\nabla}_{e_1} e_2, N \rangle = \frac{-\frac{f'^2}{2} + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{1 + x^2 + f'^2}}$$
$$n = \langle \widetilde{\nabla}_{e_2} e_2, N \rangle = \frac{-yv' + v''}{\sqrt{1 + y^2 + v'^2}}.$$

Let  $K_{ext}$  be the extrinsic Gauss curvature of  $\Sigma$ ,

$$K_{ext} = \frac{ln - m^2}{EG - F^2} = \frac{x^2 + xf'f'' - \frac{1}{4}(x^2 + f'^2 + 1)^2}{(1 + x^2 + f'^2)^2}.$$
(4.1)

Thus  $\Sigma$  is extrinsically flat invariant surface in Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  if and only if

$$K_{ext} = 0,$$

that is, if and only if

$$x^{2} + xf'f'' - \frac{1}{4}(x^{2} + f'^{2} + 1)^{2} = 0.$$
(4.2)

to classify extrinsically flat invariant surfaces must solve the equation (4.2).

We remark that the equation (4.2) is similarly to the equation (3.1), It is sufficient to change y by x and v by f.

As conclusion, we have

**Theorem 4.1.** • The only non-extendable extrinsically flat translation surfaces in the 3-dimensional Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  invariant under the 2-parameter subgroup  $G_2 = \{(0,t,0) \in \mathbb{H}_3/t \in \mathbb{R}\}, \text{ are the surfaces whose parametrization is } X(x,y) = (x,y,f(x) - \frac{xy}{2}) \text{ where } x \text{ and } f \text{ satisfy}$ 

$$f(x) = \int \sqrt{\frac{2}{-\ln(x) + \alpha} - x^2 - 1} dy.$$

where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $x \neq e^{\alpha}$ .

• There are no complete extrinsically flat translation surfaces in the 3-dimensional Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  invariant under the 1-parameter subgroup  $G_2 = \{(0, t, 0) \in \mathbb{H}_3/t \in \mathbb{R}\}.$ 

Remark 4.2. Let  $\Sigma$  be a  $G_2$ -invariant translation surfaces in the 3-dimensional Heisenberg space. Then  $\Sigma$  is locally expressed as

$$X(x,y) = (x,0,f(x)) \cdot (0,y,0) = \left(x,y,f(x) + \frac{xy}{2}\right).$$

Then the extrinsically Gaussian curvature  $K_{ext}$  of  $\Sigma$  is computed as

$$K_{ext} = -\frac{\left((f'+y)^2 - 1\right)^2}{4\left(1 + (v'-x)^2\right)^2}.$$

Thus  $\Sigma$  can not be of constant extrinsically Gaussian curvature.

**Theorem 4.3.** • The  $G_2$ -invariant constant extrinsically Gaussian curvature translation surfaces in the 3-dimensional Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$ , are:

1.  $K_{ext} = -\frac{1}{4}$ . The surfaces of equation

$$z = f(x) - \frac{xy}{2} = -\frac{xy}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{2\beta - x^2} + \arctan\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{\beta - x^2}}\right),$$

where  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

2.  $K_{ext} \neq -\frac{1}{4}$ . Then x and f satisfy

$$f(x) = \int \sqrt{\frac{1}{-2(K_{ext} + \frac{1}{4})\ln(x) + \gamma} - x^2 - 1} dy.$$

where  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $x \neq e^{\frac{\gamma}{2(K_{ext} + \frac{1}{4})}}$ .

• There are no complete constant extrinsically Gaussian curvature translation surfaces in the 3-dimensional Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_3$  invariant under the 1-parameter subgroup  $G_2$ .

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