# ON THE MEASURABILITY OF SETS OF SPHERES IN THE SIMPLY ISOTROPIC SPACE* 

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The measurable sets of spheres and the corresponding invariant densities with respect to the group of the general similitudes and some its subgroups are described.

1. Introduction. The simply isotropic space $I_{3}{ }^{(1)}$ is defined (see [5], [7], [8]) as a projective space $\mathbb{P}_{3}(\mathbb{R})$ in which the absolute consists of a plane $\omega$ and two complex conjugate straight lines $f_{1}, f_{2}$ into $\omega$ with a real intersection point F . All regular projectivities transforming the absolute figure into itself form the 8-parametric group $G_{8}$ of the general simply isotropic similitudes. Passing on to affine coordinates $(x, y, z)$ we have for $G_{8}$ the representation [5; p. 3]

$$
\begin{align*}
\bar{x} & =a+p(x \cos \varphi-y \sin \varphi) \\
\bar{y} & =b+p(x \sin \varphi+y \cos \varphi),  \tag{1}\\
\bar{z} & =c+c_{1} x+c_{2} y+c_{3} z
\end{align*}
$$

where $p>0, \varphi, a, b, c, c_{1}, c_{2}$ and $c_{3} \neq 0$ are real parameters.
The d-distance between two nonparallel points and the s-distance between two parallel points in $I_{3}{ }^{(1)}$ are relative invariants of the group $G_{8}$. We shall consider with $G_{8}$ and some its subgroups:
(i) $p=1$ - the subgroup $B_{7} \subset G_{8}$ of the simply isotropic similitudes of the d-distance [5; p. 5].
(ii) $c_{3}=1-$ the subgroup $S_{7} \subset G_{8}$ of the simply isotropic similitudes of the s-distance [5; p. 6].
(iii) $c_{3}=p-$ the subgroup $W_{7} \subset G_{8}$ of the simply isotropic angulur similitudes [5; p. 16].
(iv) $\varphi=0$ - the subgroup $G_{7} \subset G_{8}$ of the boundary simply isotropic similitudes [5; p. 8].
(v) $G_{6}=G_{7} \cap W_{7}$ - the subgroup of the volume preserving boundary simply isotropic similitudes [5; p. 8].
(vi) $B_{6}=B_{7} \cap G_{7}$ - the subgroup of the modular boundary motions [5; p. 9].
(vii) $B_{6}{ }^{(1)}=B_{7} \cap S_{7}$ - the subgroup of the simply isotropic motions [5; p. 7].
(viii) $p=1, \varphi=0, c_{3}=1$ - the subgroup $B_{5}$ of the unimodular boundary motions [5; p. 9].

[^0]We study the measurability in the sense of M. I. Stoka [6], G. I. Drinfel'd and A. V. Lucenko [2]-[4] of sets of spheres with respect to $G_{8}$ and indicated above subgroups.
2. Measurability with respect to $\boldsymbol{G}_{\mathbf{8}}$. Let be given in the space $I_{3}{ }^{(1)}$ a quadric $\sum$ whose equation has the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
x^{2}+y^{2}+2 \alpha x+2 \beta y+2 \gamma z+\delta=0 \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ and $\delta$ are real parameters. We note [5; p.67] that depending on $\gamma \neq 0$ or $\gamma=0$ the quadric $\sum$ is a sphere of parabolic type or a sphere of cylindrical type, respectively. Under the action of (1) the quadric $\sum(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ is transformed into the quadric $\bar{\sum}(\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}, \bar{\gamma}, \bar{\delta})$ as

$$
\begin{align*}
\bar{\alpha}= & -a+p c_{3}{ }^{-1}\left[\left(\alpha c_{3}-\gamma c_{1}\right) \cos \varphi-\left(\beta c_{3}-\gamma c_{2}\right) \sin \varphi\right] \\
\bar{\beta}= & -b+p c_{3}{ }^{-1}\left[\left(\alpha c_{3}-\gamma c_{1}\right) \sin \varphi+\left(\beta c_{3}-\gamma c_{2}\right) \cos \varphi\right] \\
\bar{\gamma}= & p^{2} c_{3}{ }^{-1} \gamma,  \tag{3}\\
\bar{\delta}= & a^{2}+b^{2}+\delta p^{2}-2 p c_{3}{ }^{-1}\left\{\gamma c p+\left[\left(\alpha c_{3}-\gamma c_{1}\right) a+\left(\beta c_{3}-\gamma c_{2}\right) b\right] \cos \varphi-\right. \\
& \left.-\left[\left(\beta c_{3}-\gamma c_{2}\right) a-\left(\alpha c_{3}-\gamma c_{1}\right) b\right] \sin \varphi\right\} .
\end{align*}
$$

The transformations (3) form the so-called associated group $\overline{G_{8}}$ of $G_{8}\left[6 ;\right.$ p.34]. $\overline{G_{8}}$ is isomorphic to $G_{8}$ and the invariant density with respect to $G_{8}$ of the quadrics (2), if it exists, coicides with the invariant density with respect to $\overline{G_{8}}$ of the points $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ in the set of parameters [6; p.33]. The infinitesimal operators of $\overline{G_{8}}$ are

$$
\begin{align*}
& Y_{1}=\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}+2 \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \delta}, \quad Y_{2}=\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}+2 \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial \delta}, \quad Y_{3}=\gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial \delta} \\
& Y_{4}=\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}+\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}+2 \gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma}+2 \delta \frac{\partial}{\partial \delta}, \quad Y_{5}=\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}-\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}  \tag{4}\\
& Y_{6}=\gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \quad Y_{7}=\gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, \quad Y_{8}=\gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma}
\end{align*}
$$

We destinguish the following cases:
Case I. $\gamma \neq 0$, i.e. $\sum$ is a sphere of parabolic type. We can write

$$
Y_{4}=2 \frac{\delta}{\gamma} Y_{3}+\frac{\alpha}{\gamma} Y_{6}+\frac{\beta}{\gamma} Y_{7}+2 Y_{8}
$$

Since the infinitesimal operators $Y_{3}, Y_{6}, Y_{7}$ and $Y_{8}$ are arcwise unconnected and

$$
Y_{3}\left(2 \frac{\delta}{\gamma}\right)+Y_{6}\left(\frac{\alpha}{\gamma}\right)+Y_{7}\left(\frac{\beta}{\gamma}\right)+Y_{8}(2) \neq 0
$$

then it follows [2]-[4] that set (2) of sphere of parabolic type is not measurable under $G_{8}$ and it has not measurable subsets.

Case II. $\quad \gamma=0$, i.e. $\sum$ is a sphere of cylindrical type. Now the infinitesimal operators has the form

$$
\begin{aligned}
& Y_{1}=\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}+2 \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \delta}, Y_{2}=\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}+2 \beta \frac{\partial}{\partial \delta}, Y_{3}=0, Y_{4}=\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}+\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}+2 \delta \frac{\partial}{\partial \delta} \\
& Y_{5}=\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}-\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, Y_{6}=0, Y_{7}=0, Y_{8}=0
\end{aligned}
$$

Obviously $Y_{1}, Y_{2}$ and $Y_{4}$ are arcwise unconnected and $Y_{5}=\beta Y_{1}-\alpha Y_{2}$. But $Y_{1}(\beta)-$ 84
$Y_{2}(\alpha)=0$ and the corresponding associated group $\overline{G_{8}}$ is measurable and the integral invariant function $f=f(\alpha, \beta, \delta)$ satisfies the system of R. Deltheil [1; p.28], [6; p.11] $Y_{1}(f)=0, Y_{2}(f)=0, Y_{4}(f)+4 f=0$. The system has the solution

$$
f=c\left(\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}-\delta\right)^{-2}
$$

where $c=$ const.
We summarize the foregoing results in
Theorem 1. (i) The set of spheres of parabolic type is not measurable under $G_{8}$ and it has not measurable subsets.
(ii) The set of spheres of cylindrical type

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Sigma: x^{2}+y^{2}+2 \alpha x+2 \beta y+\delta=0 \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

is measurable with respect to the group $G_{8}$ and has the invariant density

$$
\begin{equation*}
d \Sigma=\left(\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}-\delta\right)^{-2} d \alpha \wedge d \beta \wedge d \delta \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Remark 1. If we denote by $r=\sqrt{\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}-\delta}$ the radius of the sphere of cylindrical type (5) and by $Q\left(x_{0}=-\alpha, y_{0}=-\beta, 0\right)$ the center of the Euclidean circle

$$
k: x^{2}+y^{2}+2 \alpha x+2 \beta y+\delta=0, z=0
$$

into the coordinate plane $O x y$, then the density (6) can be written in the form

$$
d \Sigma=2 r^{-3} d Q \wedge d r
$$

where $d Q=d x_{0} \wedge d y_{0}$ is the Euclidean density of the points in the plane Oxy.
3. Measurability with respect to the subgroups of $G_{8}$. The associated group $\overline{B_{7}}$ of the group $B_{7}$ has the infinitesimal operators $Y_{1}, Y_{2}, Y_{3}, Y_{5}, Y_{6}, Y_{7}$ and $Y_{8}$ in (4).

Case I. $\quad \gamma \neq 0$. Now

$$
Y_{1}=2 \frac{\alpha}{\gamma} Y_{3}+\frac{1}{\gamma} Y_{6}, Y_{2}=2 \frac{\beta}{\gamma} Y_{3}+\frac{1}{\gamma} Y_{7}, Y_{5}=2 \frac{\beta}{\gamma} Y_{6}-\frac{\alpha}{\gamma} Y_{7},
$$

where $Y_{3}, Y_{6}, Y_{7}$ and $Y_{8}$ are arcwise unconnected. It is easy to verify that the integral invariant function $f=f(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ satisfies the system of R . Deltheil

$$
Y_{3}(f)=0, Y_{6}(f)=0, Y_{7}(f)=0, Y_{8}(f)+f=0
$$

and therefore $f=c \gamma^{-1}$, where $c=$ const.
Case II. $\quad \gamma=0$. Now

$$
Y_{3}=0, Y_{6}=0, Y_{7}=0, Y_{8}=0, Y_{5}=\beta Y_{1}-\alpha Y_{2}
$$

and consequently the group $\overline{B_{7}}$ acts intransitively on the set (5), i.e. the set (5) is not measurable with respect to the group $B_{7}$. From $Y_{1}(\beta)+Y_{2}(-\alpha)=0$ and $Y_{1}(f)=0$, $Y_{2}(f)=0$ we deduce that the set (6) has the measurable subset

$$
\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}-\delta=h, h=\text { const } .
$$

Thus we have the following
Theorem 2. (i) The set of spheres of parabolic type (2) is measurable with respect to the group $B_{7}$ and has the invariant density

$$
\begin{equation*}
d \Sigma=|\gamma|^{-1} d \alpha \wedge d \beta \wedge d \gamma \wedge d \delta \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

(ii) The set of the spheres of cylindrical type (5) is not measurable with respect to the group $B_{7}$. It has the measurable subset

$$
\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}-\delta=h, h=\mathrm{const}
$$

with the invariant density $d \Sigma=d \alpha \wedge d \beta$.
Remark 2. Let us denote by $R=-\frac{1}{2 \gamma}$ and by

$$
Q\left(x_{0}=-\alpha, y_{0}=-\beta, z_{0}=\frac{\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}-\delta}{2 \gamma}\right)
$$

the radius and the vertex of the sphere of parabolic type (2), respectively. Then the formula (7) becomes

$$
d \Sigma=R^{-2} d R \wedge d Q
$$

where $d Q=d x_{0} \wedge d y_{0} \wedge d z_{0}$ is the invariant density of the points in $I_{3}{ }^{(1)}$ under the group $B_{6}{ }^{(1)}$.

By arguments similar to the ones used above we examine the measurability of the set of spheres (2) with respect to all the rest groups. We collect the results in the following table:

| group | parabolic type | cylindrical type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $S_{7}$ | $d \Sigma=\gamma^{-6} d \alpha \wedge d \beta \wedge d \gamma \wedge d \delta$ | $d \Sigma=\left(\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}-\delta\right)^{-2} d \alpha \wedge d \beta \wedge d \delta$ |
| $W_{7}$ | is not measurable and has not measurable subsets | $d \Sigma=\left(\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}-\delta\right)^{-2} d \alpha \wedge d \beta \wedge d \delta$ |
| $G_{7}$ | is not measurable and has not measurable subsets | $d \Sigma=\left(\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}-\delta\right)^{-2} d \alpha \wedge d \beta \wedge d \delta$ |
| $G_{6}$ | $d \Sigma=\|\gamma\|^{-\frac{7}{3}} d \alpha \wedge d \beta \wedge d \gamma \wedge d \delta$ | $d \Sigma=\left(\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}-\delta\right)^{-2} d \alpha \wedge d \beta \wedge d \delta$ |
| $B_{6}$ | $d \Sigma=\|\gamma\|^{-1} d \alpha \wedge d \beta \wedge d \gamma \wedge d \delta$ | it is not measurable, but has the measurable subset $\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}-\delta=h$ ( $h=$ const) with $d \Sigma=d \alpha \wedge d \beta$ |
| $B_{6}{ }^{(1)}$ | it is not measurable, but has the measurable subset $\gamma=h$ ( $h=$ const) with $d \Sigma=d \alpha \wedge d \beta \wedge d \delta$ | it is not measurable, but has the measurable subset $\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}-\delta=h$ ( $h=$ const) with $d \Sigma=d \alpha \wedge d \beta$ |
| $B_{5}$ | it is not measurable, but has the measurable subset $\gamma=h$ ( $h=$ const ) with $d \Sigma=d \alpha \wedge d \beta \wedge d \gamma$ | it is not measurable, but has the measurable subset $\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}-\delta=h$ ( $h=$ const) with $d \Sigma=d \alpha \wedge d \beta$ |

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# ВЪРХУ ИЗМЕРИМОСТТА НА МНОЖЕСТВА ОТ СФЕРИ В ПРОСТО ИЗОТРОПНО ПРОСТРАНСТВО 

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Описани са измеримите множества от сфери и са намерени съответните им инвариантни гъстоти относно групата на общите подобности и някои нейни подгрупи.


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