

MEASURABILITY OF SETS OF PAIRS OF INTERSECTING  
STRAIGHT LINES IN THE GALILEAN PLANE

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The measurable sets of pairs of intersecting straight lines and the corresponding invariant densities with respect to the group of the general similitudes and its subgroups are described.

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**1. Introduction.** In the affine version, the Galilean plane  $\Gamma_2$  is an affine plane with a special direction which may be taken coincident with the  $y$ -axis of the basic affine coordinate system  $Oxy$  [7], [8], [10], [11]. The affine transformations leaving invariant the special direction  $Oy$  can be written in the form

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} x' &= a_1 + a_2x, \\ y' &= a_3 + a_4x + a_5y, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_1, \dots, a_5 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a_2a_5 \neq 0$ .

It is easy to verify that the transformations (1) map a line segment and an angle of  $\Gamma_2$  into a proportional line segment and a proportional angle with the coefficients of proportionality  $|a_2|$  and  $|a_2^{-1}a_5|$ , respectively. Thus they form the group  $H_5$  of the general similitudes of  $\Gamma_2$ . The infinitesimal operators of  $H_5$  are

$$X_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad X_2 = x \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad X_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad X_4 = x \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad X_5 = y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}.$$

In [1], [2] we proved the following results:

I. The four-parametric subgroups of  $H_5$  can be reduced to one of the following subgroups:

$$\begin{aligned} H_4^1 &= (X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4), \quad H_4^2 = (X_1, X_2, X_3, X_5), \quad H_4^3 = (X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5), \\ H_4^4 &= (X_1, X_3, X_4, \alpha X_2 + X_5). \end{aligned}$$

II. The three-parametric subgroups of  $H_5$  can be reduced to one of the following subgroups:

$$H_3^1 = (X_1, X_2, X_3), \quad H_3^2 = (X_1, X_2, X_5), \quad H_3^3 = (X_1, X_3, X_4), \quad H_3^4 = (X_2, X_3, X_4),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
H_3^5 &= (X_2, X_3, X_5), \quad H_3^6 = (X_2, X_4, X_5), \quad H_3^7 = (X_1, X_3, \alpha X_2 + \beta X_4 + X_5), \\
H_3^8 &= (X_3, X_4, \alpha X_1 + X_5), \quad H_3^9 = (X_3, X_4, \alpha X_2 + X_5 | \alpha \neq 0), \\
H_3^{10} &= (X_3, X_2 + 2X_5, \alpha X_1 + X_4 | \alpha \neq 0).
\end{aligned}$$

III. The two-parametric subgroups of  $H_5$  can be reduced to one of the following subgroups:

$$\begin{aligned}
H_2^1 &= (X_1, X_2), \quad H_2^2 = (X_2, X_3), \quad H_2^3 = (X_2, X_4), \quad H_2^4 = (X_2, X_5), \\
H_2^5 &= (X_1, \alpha X_2 + X_3), \quad H_2^6 = (X_1, \alpha X_2 + X_5), \quad H_2^7 = (X_3, \alpha X_1 + X_4 | \alpha \neq 0), \\
H_2^8 &= (X_3, \alpha X_1 + X_5), \quad H_2^9 = (X_3, \alpha X_2 + \beta X_4 + X_5 | \alpha \neq 0), \quad H_2^{10} = (X_4, \alpha X_2 + X_3), \\
H_2^{11} &= (X_4, \alpha X_2 + X_5), \quad H_2^{12} = (X_2 + 2X_5, \alpha X_1 + X_4 | \alpha \neq 0).
\end{aligned}$$

IV. The one-parametric subgroups of  $H_5$  can be reduced to one of the following subgroups

$$\begin{aligned}
H_1^1 &= (X_1), \quad H_1^2 = (X_2), \quad H_1^3 = (X_3), \quad H_1^4 = (X_4), \quad H_1^5 = (X_5), \\
H_1^6 &= (\alpha X_1 + X_4 | \alpha \neq 0), \quad H_1^7 = (X_1 + X_5), \quad H_1^8 = (\alpha X_2 + X_3 | \alpha \neq 0), \\
H_1^9 &= (\alpha X_2 + X_5 | \alpha \neq 0), \quad H_1^{10} = (\alpha X_2 + \beta X_4 + X_5 | \alpha \beta \neq 0).
\end{aligned}$$

Here and everywhere in the text  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are real constants.

Using some basic concepts of the integral geometry in the sense of M. I. Stoka [9], G. I. Drinfel'd and A. V. Lucenko [4], [5], [6], we find the measurable sets of pairs of intersecting straight lines in  $\Gamma_2$  with respect to  $H_5$  and its subgroups.

**2. Measurability with respect  $H_5$ .** Let  $G_i : y = k_i x + n_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , be two intersecting straight lines in  $\Gamma_2$ , i.e.

$$(2) \quad k_1 k_2 (k_2 - k_1) \neq 0.$$

Under the action of (1) the pair  $(G_1, G_2)(k_1, n_1, k_2, n_2)$  is transformed into the pair  $(G'_1, G'_2)(k'_1, n'_1, k'_2, n'_2)$  as

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned}
k'_i &= a_2^{-1}(a_4 + a_5 k_i), \\
n'_i &= a_2^{-1}(a_2 a_3 - a_1 a_4 - a_1 a_5 k_i + a_2 a_5 n_i), \\
a_2 a_5 &\neq 0, \quad i = 1, 2.
\end{aligned}$$

The transformations (3) form the so-called associated group  $\overline{H_5}$  of  $H_5$  [9; p.34]. The associated group  $\overline{H_5}$  is isomorphic to  $H_5$  and the invariant density with respect to  $H_5$  of the pairs  $(G_1, G_2)$ , if it exists, coincides with the invariant density with respect to  $\overline{H_5}$  of the points  $(k_1, n_1, k_2, n_2)$  in the set of parameters [9; p.33]. The infinitesimal operators of  $\overline{H_5}$  are

$$Y_1 = k_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial n_1} + k_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial n_2}, \quad Y_2 = k_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_1} + k_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_2},$$

$$Y_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial n_1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial n_2}, \quad Y_4 = \frac{\partial}{\partial k_1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial k_2},$$

$$Y_5 = k_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_1} + n_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial n_1} + k_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial k_2} + n_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial n_2}.$$

From (2) it follows that the infinitesimal operators  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$  and  $Y_4$  are arcwise unconnected. On the other hand, we obtain

$$Y_5 = -\frac{n_2 - n_1}{k_2 - k_1} Y_1 - Y_2 + \frac{k_2 n_1 - k_1 n_2}{k_2 - k_1} Y_3$$

and since

$$Y_1 \left( -\frac{n_2 - n_1}{k_2 - k_1} \right) + Y_2(-1) + Y_3 \left( \frac{k_2 n_1 - k_1 n_2}{k_2 - k_1} \right) \neq 0,$$

we can state the following:

**Theorem 1.** *The sets of pairs of intersecting straight lines are not measurable with respect to the group  $H_5$  of the general similitudes and have not measurable subsets.*

**3. Measurability with the respect to the subgroups of  $H_5$ .** The group  $\overline{H}_4^1 = (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4)$ , corresponding to the subgroup  $H_4^1 = (X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)$ , is a simply transitive group and therefore it is measurable. The integral invariant function, [9; p.9]  $f = f(k_1, n_1, k_2, n_2)$ , satisfying the system of R. Deltheil [3; p.28], [9; p.11]

$$Y_1(f) = 0, \quad Y_2(f) + 2f = 0, \quad Y_3(f) = 0, \quad Y_4(f) = 0$$

has the form

$$f = \frac{c}{(k_2 - k_1)^2},$$

where  $c = \text{const} \neq 0$ . Thus we establish:

**Theorem 2.** *The pairs  $(G_1, G_2)$  of intersecting straight lines  $G_i : y = k_i x + n_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , have the invariant with respect to  $H_4^1$  density*

$$(4) \quad d(G_1, G_2) = \frac{1}{(k_2 - k_1)^2} dG_1 \wedge dG_2,$$

where  $dG_i = dk_i \wedge dn_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , denotes the metric density for the straight lines in  $\Gamma_2$ .

**Remark 1.** Note that the (unoriented) angle between  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is defined by the quantity

$$\Delta k = |k_2 - k_1|$$

and then (4) can be written in the form

$$d(G_1, G_2) = \frac{1}{(\Delta k)^2} dG_1 \wedge dG_2.$$

By arguments similar to the ones used above we examine the measurability of the set of set of pairs of intersecting straight lines with respect to all the rest subgroups of  $H_5$ . We collect the results in the following table:

subgroup	measurable set/subset	expression of the density
1	2	3
$H_4^1$		$(k_2 - k_1)^{-2} dG_1 \wedge dG_2$
$H_4^2$	it is not measurable and has not measurable subsets	
$H_4^3$	$n_2 - n_1 \neq 0$	$(k_2 - k_1)^{-2} (n_2 - n_1)^{-2} dG_1 \wedge dG_2$
$H_4^4$ $\alpha \neq 1$		$(k_2 - k_1)^{\frac{2(\alpha-2)}{1-\alpha}} dG_1 \wedge dG_2$
$H_4^4$ $\alpha = 1$	it is not measurable and has not measurable subsets	
$H_3^1$	$k_2 = \lambda k_1, \lambda \neq 1, k_1 \neq 0$	$ k_1 ^{-1} dG_1 \wedge dn_2$
$H_3^2$	$k_2 = \lambda k_1, \lambda \neq 1, k_1(n_2 - \lambda n_1) \neq 0$	$ k_1 ^{-1} (n_2 - \lambda n_1)^{-2} dG_1 \wedge dn_2$
$H_3^3$	$k_2 = k_1 + \lambda, \lambda \neq 0$	$dG_1 \wedge dn_2$
$H_3^4$	$n_2 = n_1 + \lambda$	$(k_2 - k_1)^{-2} dG_1 \wedge dk_2$
$H_3^5$	$k_2 = \lambda k_1, \lambda \neq 1, k_1(n_2 - n_1) \neq 0$	$ k_1 ^{-1} (n_2 - n_1)^{-2} dG_1 \wedge dn_2$
$H_3^6$	$n_2 = \lambda n_1, n_1 \neq 0$	$ n_1 ^{-1} (k_2 - k_1)^{-2} dG_1 \wedge dk_2$
$H_3^7$ $\alpha \neq 1$	$k_2 = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \{ \lambda[(1-\alpha)k_1 + \beta] - \beta \},$ $\lambda \neq 1, k_1 \neq 0$	$ k_1 ^{\frac{\alpha-3}{1-\alpha}} dG_1 \wedge dn_2$
$H_3^7$ $\alpha = 1$ $\beta = 0$	it is not measurable and has not measurable subsets	
$H_3^7$ $\alpha = 1$ $\beta \neq 0$	$k_2 = k_1 + \lambda, \lambda \neq 0$	$e^{\frac{-2k_1}{\beta}} dG_1 \wedge dn_2$
$H_3^8$	$n_2 = n_1 + \frac{\alpha}{k_2 - k_1} + \lambda(k_2 - k_1)$	$ k_2 - k_1 ^{-3} dG_1 \wedge dk_2$
$H_3^9$ $\alpha \neq 1$	$n_2 = n_1 + (k_2 - k_1)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$	$ k_2 - k_1 ^{\frac{2\alpha-3}{1-\alpha}} dG_1 \wedge dk_2$

1	2	3
$H_3^9$ $\alpha = 1$	$k_2 = k_1 + \lambda, \quad \lambda(n_2 - n_1) \neq 0$	$(n_2 - n_1)^{-2} dG_1 \wedge dn_2$
$H_3^{10}$	$n_2 = n_1 - \frac{1}{\lambda}(k_2 - k_1)^2, \quad \lambda \neq 0$	$\left(\frac{2-\alpha k_1}{\alpha(k_2 - k_1)}\right)^2 dG_1 \wedge dk_2$
$H_2^1$	$k_1 \neq 0, \quad k_2 = \lambda_1 k_1, \quad \lambda_1 \neq 1$ $n_2 = \lambda_1 n_1 - \frac{1}{k_1} \lambda_2$	$ k_1 ^{-1} dG_1$
$H_2^2$	$k_1 \neq 0, \quad k_2 = \lambda_1 k_1, \quad \lambda_1 \neq 1$ $n_2 = n_1 + \lambda_2$	$ k_1 ^{-1} dG_1$
$H_2^3$	$n_1 = \lambda_1, \quad n_2 = \lambda_2$	$(k_2 - k_1)^{-2} dk_1 \wedge dk_2$
$H_2^4$	$k_1 n_1 \neq 0, \quad k_2 = \lambda_1 k_1, \quad \lambda_1 \neq 1$ $n_2 = \lambda_2 n_1$	$ k_1 n_1 ^{-1} dG_1$
$H_2^5$ $\alpha \neq 0$	$k_1 \neq 0, \quad k_2 = \lambda_1 k_1, \quad \lambda_1 \neq 1,$ $n_2 = (\lambda_1 - 1)\left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln  k_1  + n_1\right) + n_1 + \lambda_2$	$ k_1 ^{-1} dG_1$
$H_2^5$ $\alpha = 0$	$k_1 = \lambda_1, \quad k_2 = \lambda_2, \quad \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$	$dn_1 \wedge dn_2$
$H_2^6$ $\alpha \neq 1$	$k_1 \neq 0, \quad k_2 = \lambda_1 k_1, \quad \lambda_1 \neq 1,$ $n_2 = \lambda_1 n_1 + \lambda_2 k_1^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$	$ k_1 ^{\frac{\alpha-2}{1-\alpha}} dG_1$
$H_2^6$ $\alpha = 1$	$k_1 = \lambda_1, \quad k_2 = \lambda_2, \quad \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ $\lambda_1 n_2 - \lambda_2 n_1 \neq 0$	$(\lambda_1 n_2 - \lambda_2 n_1)^{-2} dn_1 \wedge dn_2$
$H_2^7$	$k_2 = k_1 + \lambda_1, \quad \lambda_1 \neq 0$ $n_2 = n_1 + \alpha(\lambda_1 k_1 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_1^2) + \lambda_2$	$dG_1$
$H_2^8$	$\lambda_1 k_1 \neq 0, \quad k_2 = \lambda_1 k_1, \quad \lambda_1 \neq 1,$ $n_2 = n_1 + \alpha k_1 \ln \left  \frac{k_1}{(\lambda_1 k_1)^{\lambda_1}} \right  - \lambda_2 k_1$	$ k_1 ^{-2} dG_1$
$H_2^9$ $\alpha \neq 1$	$k_2 = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \{ \lambda[(1-\alpha)k_1 + \beta] - \beta \},$ $\lambda \neq 1, n_2 = n_1 + \lambda_2 [(1-\alpha)k_1 + \beta]^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$	$ k_1 ^{\frac{\alpha-2}{1-\alpha}} dG_1$
$H_2^9$ $\alpha = 1$ $\beta = 0$	$k_1 = \lambda_1, \quad k_2 = \lambda_2, \quad \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2,$	$(n_2 - n_1)^{-2} dn_1 \wedge dn_2$
$H_2^9$ $\alpha = 1$ $\beta \neq 0$	$k_2 = k_1 + \lambda, \quad \lambda \neq 0$ $n_2 = n_1 + \lambda_2 e^{\frac{1}{\beta} k_1}$	$e^{-\frac{1}{\beta} k_1} dG_1$
$H_2^{10}$ $\alpha \neq 0$	$n_1 = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln  k_2 - k_1  + \lambda_1,$ $n_2 = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln  k_2 - k_1  + \lambda_2,$	$(k_2 - k_1)^{-2} dk_1 \wedge dk_2$
$H_2^{10}$ $\alpha = 0$	$k_2 = k_1 + \lambda_1, \quad \lambda_1 \neq 0$ $n_2 = n_1 + \lambda_2,$	$dG_1$

1	2	3
$H_2^{11}$ $\alpha \neq 1$	$n_1 = \lambda_1(k_2 - k_1)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}},$ $n_2 = \lambda_2(k_2 - k_1)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$	$(k_2 - k_1)^{-2} dk_1 \wedge dk_2$
$H_2^{11}$ $\alpha = 1$	$k_2 = k_1 + \lambda_1, \quad \lambda_1 n_1 \neq 0,$ $n_2 = \lambda_2 n_1$	$n_1^{-2} dG_1$
$H_2^{12}$	$n_1 = \lambda_1(k_2 - k_1)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\alpha k_1^2,$ $n_2 = \lambda_2(k_2 - k_1)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\alpha k_2^2,$	$(k_2 - k_1)^{-2} dk_1 \wedge dk_2$
$H_1^1$	$k_1 = \lambda_1, \quad k_2 = \lambda_2, \quad \lambda_1(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2) \neq 0$ $n_2 = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1}(\lambda_3 + \lambda_2 n_1)$	$dn_1$
$H_1^2$	$k_1 \neq 0, \quad n_1 = \lambda_1, \quad k_2 = \lambda_2 k_1$ $\lambda_2 \neq 1, \quad n_2 = \lambda_3$	$ k_1 ^{-1} dk_1$
$H_1^3$	$k_1 = \lambda_1, \quad k_2 = \lambda_2, \quad \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ $n_2 = n_1 + \lambda_3$	$dn_1$
$H_1^4$	$n_1 = \lambda_1, \quad k_2 = k_1 + \lambda_2, \quad \lambda_2 \neq 0$ $n_2 = \lambda_3$	$dk_1$
$H_1^5$	$k_1 \neq 0, \quad n_2 = \lambda_1 k_1, \quad k_2 = \lambda_2 k_1$ $\lambda_2 \neq 1, \quad n_2 = \lambda_3 k_1$	$ k_1 ^{-1} dk_1$
$H_1^6$	$n_1 = \frac{1}{2}\alpha k_1^2 + \lambda_1, \quad k_2 = k_1 + \lambda_2,$ $\lambda_2 \neq 0, \quad n_2 = \frac{1}{2}\alpha(k_1 + \lambda_2)^2 + \lambda_3$	$dk_1$
$H_1^7$	$k_1 \neq 0, \quad n_1 = k_1(\lambda_1 - \ln  k_1 ),$ $k_2 = \lambda_2 k_1, \quad \lambda_2 \neq 1, \quad \lambda_2 \neq 0,$ $n_2 = \lambda_2 k_1(\lambda_3 - \ln  \lambda_2 k_1 )$	$ k_1 ^{-1} dk_1$
$H_1^8$	$k_1 \neq 0, \quad n_1 = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln  k_1  + \lambda_1,$ $k_2 = \lambda_2 k_1, \quad \lambda_2 \neq 1,$ $n_2 = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln  k_1  + \lambda_3$	$ k_1 ^{-1} dk_1$
$H_1^9$ $\alpha \neq 1$	$k_1 \neq 0, \quad n_1 = \lambda_1 k_1^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}},$ $k_2 = \lambda_2 k_1, \quad \lambda_2 \neq 1, \quad n_2 = \lambda_3 k_1^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}$	$ k_1 ^{-1} dk_1$
$H_1^9$ $\alpha = 1$	$k_1 = \lambda_1, \quad k_2 = \lambda_2,$ $(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)n_1 \neq 0, \quad n_2 = \lambda_3 n_1$	$ n_1 ^{-1} dn_1$
$H_1^{10}$ $\alpha \neq 1$	$n_1 = \lambda_1 [(1-\alpha)k_1 + \beta]^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}},$ $k_2 = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \{ \lambda_2 [(1-\alpha)k_1 + \beta] - \beta \},$ $\lambda_2 \neq 1, \quad n_2 = \lambda_3 [(1-\alpha)k_1 + \beta]^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}},$ $(1-\alpha)k_1 + \beta \neq 0$	$ (1-\alpha)k_1 + \beta ^{-1} dk_1$
$H_1^{10}$ $\alpha = 1$	$k_1 = \beta \ln  n_1  + \lambda_1,$ $k_2 = \beta \ln  n_1  + \lambda_2,$ $n_2 = \lambda_3 n_1, \quad (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)n_1 \neq 0$	$ n_1 ^{-1} dn_1$

**Remark.** In the table  $\lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in R$ .

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