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## CLASSIFICATIONS OF THA-SURFACES IN $\mathbb{I}^3$

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### Abstract

In classical differential geometry, the problem of obtaining Gaussian and mean curvatures of a surface is one of the most important problems. A surface  $\mathcal{M}^2$  in  $\mathbb{I}^3$  is a THA-surface of first type if it can be parameterized by

$$r(s, t) = (s, t, Af(s+at)g(t) + B(f(s+at) + g(t))).$$

A surface  $\mathcal{M}^2$  in  $\mathbb{I}^3$  is a THA- surface of second type if it can be parameterized by

r(s, t) = (s, Af(s+at)g(t) + B(f(s+at) + g(t)), t),

where A and B are non-zero real numbers [16, 17, 18]. In this paper, we classify two types THA-surfaces in the 3-dimensional isotropic space  $\mathbb{I}^3$  and study THA-surfaces with zero curvature in  $\mathbb{I}^3$ .

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## **1** Introduction

M.K. Karacan, D.W.Yoon, B. Bukcu [6], M.E.Aydin [1, 2] have studied some classes of surfaces in  $\mathbb{I}^3$ . R. López [9] studied translation surfaces in the 3dimensional hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^3$  and classified minimal translation surfaces. R. López and M. I. Munteanu [10] constructed translation surfaces in  $Sol_3$  and investigated properties of minimal one. In a different aspect, H. Liu [7] considered the translation surfaces with constant mean curvature in 3-dimensional Euclidean space and Lorentz-Minkowski space.

Recently, K. Seo [20] gave a classification of the translation hypersurfaces with constant mean curvature or constant Gauss-Kronecker curvature in space forms.

Related works on minimal translation surfaces of  $\mathbb{E}^3$  are ([7], [14], [22]). B. Senoussi et al. [19] studied the translation surfaces in Lorentz-Heisenberg 3-space  $Nil_1^3$ . In this paper, we classify two types THA-surfaces in the 3-dimensional isotropic space  $\mathbb{I}^3$  and study THA- surfaces with zero curvature in  $\mathbb{I}^3$ .

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**Theorem 1** ([11]). *i*) The only translation surfaces with constant Gauss curvature  $K_G = 0$  are cylindrical surfaces.

ii) There are no translation surfaces with constant Gauss curvature  $K_G \neq 0$  if one of the generating curves is planar.

**Definition 1.** A homothetical (factorable) surface  $\mathcal{M}^2$  in 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{E}^3$  is a surface that is a graph of a function

$$z(u, v) = f(u)g(v),$$

where  $f: I \subset \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $g: J \subset \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  are two smooth functions.

**Theorem 2** ([11]). Planes and helicoids are the only minimal homothetical surfaces in Euclidean space.

**Theorem 3** ([8]). Let r(x, y) = (x, y, z(x, y) = f(x) + g(ax + y)) be a minimal affine translation surface. Then either z(x, y) is linear or can be written as

$$z(x,y) = \frac{1}{c} \log \frac{\cos(c\sqrt{1+a^2x})}{\cos[c(ax+y)]}.$$
 (1)

**Remark 1.** If a = 0, the minimal affine translation surface given by (1) is the classical Scherk surface.

**Definition 2** ([8]). The minimal affine translation surface (1) is called generalized Scherk surface or affine Scherk surface in Euclidean 3 - space.

# 2 Preliminaries

The 3-dimensional isotropic space  $\mathbb{I}^3$  was introduced by Strubecker. The group  $G_6$  of motions of  $\mathbb{I}^3$  is a 6 parameter group, defined by (see [1], [12], [13]).

$$\psi: (x_1, x_2, x_3) \mapsto (x_1', x_2', x_3'): \begin{pmatrix} x_1' \\ x_2' \\ x_3' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ \lambda & \mu & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  denote the affine coordinates and  $\phi$ ,  $a, b, c, \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ . The isotropic metric induced by the absolute figure is given by

$$g_{\mathbb{I}^3} = \mathrm{d}s_{\mathbb{I}^3}^2 = \mathrm{d}x_1^2 + \mathrm{d}x_2^2.$$

Consider the points  $X = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and  $Y = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$ . The isotropic distance of two points X and Y is defined by

$$d_{\mathbb{I}^3}(X, Y) = \sqrt{(y_1 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - x_2)^2}.$$

Two points  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and  $(x_1, x_2, y_3)$  with the same top view are called parallel points. The lines in  $x_3$  direction are called isotropic lines. The planes containing

an isotropic line are called isotropic planes. Non-isotropic planes are planes nonparallel to the z - direction.

Let  $X = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and  $Y = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{I}^3$ . The isotropic inner product of X and Y is defined by

$$g_{\mathbb{I}^3}(X,Y) = \begin{cases} x_3y_3, & \text{if } x_j = 0 \text{ and } y_j = 0, \ (j = 1,2) \\ x_1y_1 + x_2y_2, & \text{if otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We call the surface  $\mathcal{M}^2$  admissible if it has no isotropic tangent planes. If some admissible surface is locally parameterized by

$$r: \ \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{I}^3, \quad (u,v) \longmapsto (u,v,z(u,v)).$$

The coefficients of the first fundamental form and the second fundamental form are

$$E = g_{\mathbb{I}^3}(r_u, r_u), \ F = g_{\mathbb{I}^3}(r_u, r_v), \ G = g_{\mathbb{I}^3}(r_v, r_v),$$
$$L = \frac{\det(r_{uu}, r_u, r_v)}{\sqrt{EG - F^2}}, \ M = \frac{\det(r_{uv}, r_u, r_v)}{\sqrt{EG - F^2}}, \ N = \frac{\det(r_{vv}, r_u, r_v)}{\sqrt{EG - F^2}},$$

where  $r_u = \frac{\partial r}{\partial u}$ ,  $r_v = \frac{\partial r}{\partial v}$ . The isotropic mean curvature H and the isotropic Gaussian curvature  $K_G$  are, respectively, defined by

$$H = \frac{EN + GL - 2FM}{2(EG - F^2)}$$
 and  $K_G = \frac{LN - M^2}{EG - F^2}$ 

The surface  $\mathcal{M}^2$  is said to be isotropic minimal (resp. isotropic flat ) if H (resp.  $K_G$ ) vanishes ([1], [2], [6]).

The main purpose of this paper is to complete classification of THA-surfaces in the 3-dimensional isotropic space  $\mathbb{I}^3$ .

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Let  $\mathcal{M}^2$  be a 2-dimensional surface, of the isotropic 3- space  $\mathbb{I}^3$ . Using the standard coordinate system of  $\mathbb{E}^3$  we denote the parametric representation of the surface r(u, v) by

$$r(u, v) = (r_1(u, v), r_2(u, v), r_3(u, v)).$$

In  $\mathbb{I}^3$ , a surface is called a translation surface if it is given by an immersion

$$r: \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3: (u, v) \mapsto (u, v, f(u) + g(v)),$$

where f and g are smooth functions on opens of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 3.** i) A surface  $M^2$  in  $\mathbb{I}^3$  is a THA-surface of first type if it can be parameterized by

$$r(s, t) = (s, t, Af(s+at)g(t) + B(f(s+at) + g(t))).$$
(2)

ii) A surface  $M^2$  in  $\mathbb{I}^3$  is a THA- surface of second type if it can be parameterized by

$$r(s, t) = (s, Af(s+at)g(t) + B(f(s+at) + g(t)), t),$$
(3)

where A and B are non-zero real numbers [16, 17, 18].

**Remark 2.** i) If  $A \neq 0$  and B = 0 in (2), then  $\mathcal{M}^2$  is a affine factorable (homothetical) surface.

ii) If A = 0 and  $B \neq 0$  in (2), then  $\mathcal{M}^2$  is a affine translation surface.

# 4 JHA- surfaces of first type with zero Gaussian curvature in $\mathbb{I}^3$

We classify the THA- surfaces of first type with zero Gaussian curvature in  $\mathbb{I}^3.$ 

Let  $\mathcal{M}^2$  be a THA-surface in  $\mathbb{I}^3$  parameterized by (2). By a transformation

$$\begin{cases} x = s + at \\ y = t, \end{cases}$$
(4)

and  $\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \neq 0$ . From (4) and (2) we have

$$r(x, y) = (x - ay, y, z(x, y) = Af(x)g(y) + B(f(x) + g(y))),$$
(5)

The coefficients of the first fundamental form of  $\mathcal{M}^2$  are given by

$$E = 1, \quad F = -a, \quad G = 1 + a^2.$$

The coefficients of the second fundamental form are given by

$$L = \frac{\gamma \alpha''}{A}, \quad M = \frac{\alpha' \gamma'}{A}, \quad N = \frac{\alpha \gamma''}{A},$$

where  $\alpha = (Af + B)$  and  $\gamma = (Ag + B)$ .

A THA-surfaces of first type in  $\mathbb{I}^3$  parameterized by (5) has Gaussian curvature

$$K = \frac{\alpha \gamma \alpha'' \gamma'' - \gamma'^2 \alpha'^2}{A^2}.$$

Hence that if K = 0, then

$$\alpha \gamma \alpha'' \gamma'' - \gamma'^2 \alpha'^2 = 0. \tag{6}$$

We discuss the different cases according the functions  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$ .

The proof given in [2, 15]. We can obtain the following:

**Theorem 4.** Let a THA-surface of first type in  $\mathbb{I}^3$  have constant Gaussian curvature  $K_0$  Then, for  $\lambda$ ,  $c_0, c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have (1) if  $K_0 = 0$ , then (a)  $z(x, y) = c_0 \alpha(x)$  or  $z(x, y) = c_0 \gamma(y)$ (b)  $\alpha(x) = \lambda_3 e^{k_1 x} + \lambda_4$  and  $\gamma(y) = \lambda_5 e^{k_2 y} + \lambda_6$ (c)  $\alpha(x) = c_3((1 - \lambda)k_1 x + c_1)^{\frac{1}{1-\lambda}} + c_4$  and  $\gamma(y) = c_5((\frac{\lambda - 1}{\lambda})k_2 y + c_2)^{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - 1}} + c_6$ . (2) Otherwise, i.e.  $K_0 \neq 0$  then  $K_0$  is negative and (a)  $z(x, y) = c_0(\sqrt{-K_0}y + c_1)(x - ay + c_2)$ (b)  $z(x, y) = c_0(\sqrt{-K_0}(x - ay)y + c_1)(y + c_2)$ .

# 5 Minimal THA-surfaces of first type in $\mathbb{I}^3$

The expression of H is

$$H = \frac{\alpha \gamma'' + 2a\alpha' \gamma' + \gamma \alpha''(1+a^2)}{2A}.$$
(7)

Then  $\mathcal{M}^2$  is a minimal surface if and only if

$$\alpha \gamma'' + 2a\alpha' \gamma' + \gamma \alpha''(1+a^2) = 0.$$
(8)

**Theorem 5.** Let a THA-surface of first type in  $\mathbb{I}^3$  be minimal. Then, for  $\lambda, \mu_0, \mu_1, \mu_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ , either i) it is a non-isotropic plane; or ii)  $z(x, y) = \mu_0 e^{\psi(x, y)} [\mu_1 \cos(\varphi(x, y)) + \mu_2 \sin(\varphi(x, y))],$ where  $\psi(x, y) = \frac{b(x-ay)}{1+a^2}, \varphi(x, y) = \frac{b(ax+y)}{1+a^2};$  or iii)  $z(x, y) = \mu_0 e^{by} [\mu_1 \cos(bx) + \mu_2 \sin(bx)].$ 

*Proof.* The proof given in [2].

# 6 Minimal THA-surfaces of second type in $\mathbb{I}^3$

Let  $\mathcal{M}^2$  be a THA-surface of second type in  $\mathbb{I}^3$  parameterized by (3). Let us put

$$x = s + at, \quad y = t, \tag{9}$$

and  $\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \neq 0$ . From (9) and (3) we have

$$E = \frac{\alpha'^2 \gamma^2 + A^2}{A^2}, \quad F = \frac{-aA^2 + \alpha \gamma \alpha' \gamma'}{A^2}, \quad G = \frac{\alpha^2 \gamma'^2 + A^2 a^2}{A^2},$$

where  $\alpha = Af + B$  and  $\gamma = Ag + B$ .

The coefficients of the second fundamental form are given by

$$L = -\frac{\gamma \alpha''}{AW}, \quad M = -\frac{\alpha' \gamma'}{AW}, \quad N = -\frac{\alpha \gamma''}{AW},$$

where  $W = A^{-1}(\alpha \gamma' + a \gamma \alpha')$ .

 $\mathcal{M}^2$  is a minimal surface if and only if

$$\alpha\gamma''(\alpha'^2\gamma^2 + A^2) - 2\alpha'\gamma'(-aA^2 + \alpha\gamma\alpha'\gamma') + \gamma\alpha''(\alpha^2\gamma'^2 + a^2A^2) = 0.$$
(10)

We distinguish two cases for (10):

**Case 1.** a = 0. Equation (10) writes as

$$\gamma''(\alpha'^2\gamma^2 + A^2) + \gamma\gamma'^2(\alpha\alpha'' - 2\alpha'^2) = 0.$$
(11)

We distinguish several cases.

(i). Assume  $\gamma' = 0$ , then  $\gamma(y) = b_1 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ . In such case, H = 0 is satisfied for any function  $\alpha$ . (ii) Assume  $\alpha' = 0$  ( $\alpha' \neq 0$ ), then  $\alpha(\alpha) = b \in \mathbb{R}$ . (0) From (11), we have

(ii). Assume  $\alpha' = 0$  ( $\gamma' \neq 0$ ), then  $\alpha(x) = b_2 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ . From (11), we have  $\gamma'' = 0$ .

(iii). Assume  $\alpha'' = 0$ . Then  $(\alpha' = b_2 \neq 0)$ , and (11) gives

$$\gamma''(b_2^2\gamma^2 + A^2) = 2b_2^2\gamma\gamma'^2.$$
(12)

A direct integration implies that there exist  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  such that

$$\gamma = \frac{A}{b_2} \tan(c_1 y + c_2).$$

(iv). Assume  $\alpha'' \neq 0$ . Equation (11) writes as

$$\frac{\gamma''}{\gamma\gamma'^2}(\alpha'^2\gamma^2 + A^2) = -(\alpha\alpha'' - 2\alpha'^2).$$
(13)

Differentiating (13) with respect to x, we have an identity of two functions, one depending only on y and the other one depending only on x. Then both functions are equal to a same constant

$$-\frac{(\alpha\alpha'' - 2\alpha'^2)_{,x}}{2\alpha'\alpha''} = c = \frac{\gamma\gamma''}{\gamma'^2}.$$
(14)

If c = 0, then the second equation of (14) implies  $\gamma'' = 0$ . Then (11) gives

$$\alpha \alpha'' - 2\alpha'^2 = 0.$$

Integration with respect to x leads to

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{c_3 x + c_4}, \ c_3, c_4 \in \mathbb{R}$$

If  $c \neq 0$ . Substituting  $c = \frac{\gamma \gamma''}{\gamma'^2}$  in (13), one obtain

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$$A^2 \frac{\gamma''}{\gamma \gamma'^2} = -(\alpha \alpha'' - 2\alpha'^2) - \alpha'^2 c.$$
(15)

Since  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are functions of two independent variables, the above equation can be written as

$$A^{2} \frac{\gamma''}{\gamma \gamma'^{2}} = c_{4}, \quad (\alpha \alpha'' - 2\alpha'^{2}) - \alpha'^{2}c = -c_{4}.$$
  
Hence from  $A^{2} \frac{\gamma''}{\gamma \gamma'^{2}} = c_{4}$  and  $\frac{\gamma \gamma''}{\gamma'^{2}} = c$  we can write  
 $A^{2}c = c_{4}\gamma^{2}.$  (16)

From (16),  $\gamma = constant$  leads to a contradiction. Case 2.  $a \neq 0$ . We distinguish several cases.

- (i). Assume  $\gamma' = 0$ . Then  $\gamma(y) = b_1 \in \mathbb{R} \{0\}$  and (10) implies  $\alpha'' = 0$ .
- (ii). Assume  $\gamma'' = 0$ . Then  $\gamma' = b_2 \in \mathbb{R} \{0\}$  and (10) implies

$$\alpha''(\alpha^2 b_2^2 + a^2 A^2) = \frac{2aA^2 \alpha' b_2}{\gamma} - 2\alpha \alpha'^2 b_2^2.$$
 (17)

Differentiating (17) with respect to y, we get  $\alpha' = 0$ .

(iii). Assume  $\alpha'' = 0$ . Then  $\alpha' = b_3 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and (10) implies

$$\gamma''(\gamma^2 b_3^2 + A^2) = \frac{2ab_3 A^2 \gamma'}{\alpha} - 2\gamma \gamma'^2 b_3^2.$$
(18)

Differentiating (18) with respect to x, we get  $\gamma' = 0$ .

(iv). Assume  $\alpha \alpha' \gamma \gamma' \neq 0 \ \alpha'' \gamma'' \neq 0$ . Then (10) implies

$$\frac{A^2\gamma''}{\gamma\alpha'^2\gamma'^2} + \frac{\gamma\gamma''}{\gamma'^2} + \frac{a^2A^2\alpha''}{\alpha\alpha'^2\gamma'^2} + \frac{\alpha\alpha''}{\alpha'^2} + \frac{2aA^2}{\alpha\gamma\alpha'\gamma'} - 2 = 0.$$
(19)

Let us differentiate with respect to x and then with respect to y, to see

$$A^{2}\left(\frac{\gamma''}{\gamma\gamma'^{2}}\right)_{,y}\left(\frac{1}{\alpha'^{2}}\right)_{,x} + a^{2}A^{2}\left(\frac{\alpha''}{\alpha\alpha'^{2}}\right)_{,x}\left(\frac{1}{\gamma'^{2}}\right)_{,y} + 2aA^{2}\left(\frac{1}{\alpha\alpha'}\right)_{,x}\left(\frac{1}{\gamma\gamma'}\right)_{,y} = 0.$$
(20)

If we divide (20) by  $\left(\frac{1}{\alpha'^2}\right)_{,x} \left(\frac{1}{\gamma'^2}\right)_{,y}$ , we have

$$A^{2} \frac{\left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma\gamma'^{2}}\right)_{,y}}{\left(\frac{1}{\gamma'^{2}}\right)_{,y}} + a^{2}A^{2} \frac{\left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha\alpha'^{2}}\right)_{,x}}{\left(\frac{1}{\alpha'^{2}}\right)_{,x}} + 2aA^{2} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\alpha\alpha'}\right)_{,x}\left(\frac{1}{\gamma\gamma'}\right)_{,y}}{\left(\frac{1}{\alpha'^{2}}\right)_{,x}\left(\frac{1}{\gamma'^{2}}\right)_{,y}} = 0.$$
(21)

Differentiating now with respect to x and next with respect to y, we get

$$\begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{\gamma\gamma'}\right)_{,y} = c_3 \left(\frac{1}{\gamma'^2}\right)_{,y} \\ \left(\frac{1}{\alpha\alpha'}\right)_{,x} = c_7 \left(\frac{1}{\alpha'^2}\right)_{,x}^{,y}. \end{cases}$$
(22)

Substituting this into (21), we get

$$\begin{cases} \left(\frac{\gamma''}{\gamma\gamma'^2}\right)_{,y} = c_1 \left(\frac{1}{\gamma'^2}\right)_{,y} \\ \left(\frac{\alpha''}{\alpha\alpha'^2}\right)_{,x} = c_5 \left(\frac{1}{\alpha'^2}\right)_{,x}. \end{cases}$$
(23)

From (22) and (23) we get

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\gamma''}{\gamma\gamma'^2} = c_1 \left(\frac{1}{\gamma'^2}\right) + c_2 \\ \frac{1}{\gamma\gamma'} = c_3 \left(\frac{1}{\gamma'^2}\right) + c_4 \end{cases}$$
(24)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\alpha''}{\alpha\alpha'^2} = c_5\left(\frac{1}{\alpha'^2}\right) + c_6\\ \frac{1}{\alpha\alpha'} = c_7\left(\frac{1}{\alpha'^2}\right) + c_8. \end{cases}$$
(25)

Differentiating (19) with respect to y, we have

$$A^{2}\left(\frac{\gamma''}{\gamma\gamma'^{2}}\right)_{,y}\frac{1}{\alpha'^{2}} + \left(\frac{\gamma\gamma''}{\gamma'^{2}}\right)_{,y} + a^{2}A^{2}\frac{\alpha''}{\alpha\alpha'^{2}}\left(\frac{1}{\gamma'^{2}}\right)_{,y} + 2aA^{2}\left(\frac{1}{\gamma\gamma'}\right)_{,y}\frac{1}{\alpha\alpha'} = 0.$$
(26)

Substituting (25) in (26) gives

$$A^{2}\left(\frac{\gamma''}{\gamma\gamma'^{2}} + a^{2}c_{5}\frac{1}{\gamma'^{2}} + 2ac_{7}\frac{1}{\gamma\gamma'}\right)_{,y}$$
$$+\alpha'^{2}\left(\frac{\gamma\gamma''}{\gamma'^{2}} + a^{2}A^{2}c_{6}\left(\frac{1}{\gamma'^{2}}\right)_{,y} + 2aA^{2}c_{8}\left(\frac{1}{\gamma\gamma'}\right)_{,y}\right) = 0.$$

For each fixed y, we can view this expression as a polynomial equation on  $\alpha'$  and thus, all coefficients vanish. Then

$$A^2 \frac{\gamma''}{\gamma \gamma'^2} + a^2 A^2 c_5 \frac{1}{\gamma'^2} + 2a A^2 c_7 \frac{1}{\gamma \gamma'} = \lambda_1, \ \lambda_1 \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$(27)$$

$$\frac{\gamma\gamma''}{\gamma'^2} + a^2 A^2 c_6 \frac{1}{\gamma'^2} + 2aA^2 c_8 \frac{1}{\gamma\gamma'} = \lambda_2, \quad \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$$
(28)

Substituting (25) in (19) gives

$$\frac{A^2\gamma''}{\gamma\gamma'^2}\frac{1}{\alpha'^2} + \frac{\gamma\gamma''}{\gamma'^2} + \frac{a^2A^2}{\gamma'^2}\left(c_5\left(\frac{1}{\alpha'^2}\right) + c_6\right) + \frac{\alpha\alpha''}{\alpha'^2} + \frac{2aA^2}{\gamma\gamma'}\left(c_7\left(\frac{1}{\alpha'^2}\right) + c_8\right) - 2 = 0.$$
(29)

Then (29) can be written as

$$\frac{\lambda_1}{\alpha'^2} + \lambda_2 + \frac{\alpha \alpha''}{\alpha'^2} - 2 = 0.$$
(30)

Differentiating (30) with respect to x, we have

$$\lambda_1 \left(\frac{1}{\alpha'^2}\right)_{,x} + \left(\frac{\alpha \alpha''}{\alpha'^2}\right)_{,x} = 0.$$
(31)

Using (25), we have

$$\alpha'^2 - \alpha^2 c_5 - \lambda_1 = 0.$$

Differentiating this equation with respect to x, we obtain  $\alpha'' = c_5 \alpha$ . From (25), we get  $c_6 = 0$ .

Differentiating (19) with respect to x, we have

$$\frac{A^2\gamma''}{\gamma\gamma'^2} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha'^2}\right)_{,x} + a^2 A^2 \left(\frac{\alpha''}{\alpha\alpha'^2}\right)_{,x} \left(\frac{1}{\gamma'^2}\right) + \left(\frac{\alpha\alpha''}{\alpha'^2}\right)_{,x} + 2aA^2 \left(\frac{1}{\gamma\gamma'}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\alpha\alpha'}\right)_{,x} = 0.$$
(32)

Using (24), we have

$$A^{2}c_{1}\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^{\prime2}}\right)_{,x} + a^{2}A^{2}\left(\frac{\alpha^{\prime\prime}}{\alpha\alpha^{\prime2}}\right)_{,x} + 2aA^{2}c_{3}\left(\frac{1}{\alpha\alpha^{\prime}}\right)_{,x} + \gamma^{\prime2}\left(A^{2}c_{2}\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^{\prime2}}\right)_{,x} + \left(\frac{\alpha\alpha^{\prime\prime}}{\alpha^{\prime2}}\right)_{,x} + 2aA^{2}c_{4}\left(\frac{1}{\alpha\alpha^{\prime}}\right)_{,x}\right) = 0.$$
(33)

For each fixed x, we can view this expression as a polynomial equation on  $\gamma'$  and thus, all coefficients vanish. Then

$$A^{2}c_{1}\left(\frac{1}{\alpha'^{2}}\right) + a^{2}A^{2}\left(\frac{\alpha''}{\alpha\alpha'^{2}}\right) + 2aA^{2}c_{3}\left(\frac{1}{\alpha\alpha'}\right) = \lambda_{3}, \ \lambda_{3} \in \mathbb{R},$$
(34)

$$A^{2}c_{2}\left(\frac{1}{\alpha'^{2}}\right) + \left(\frac{\alpha\alpha''}{\alpha'^{2}}\right) + 2aA^{2}c_{4}\left(\frac{1}{\alpha\alpha'}\right) = \lambda_{4}, \ \lambda_{4} \in \mathbb{R}.$$
 (35)

Using (24) in (19), we obtain

$$\frac{\lambda_3}{\gamma'^2} + \lambda_4 + \frac{\gamma\gamma''}{\gamma'^2} - 2 = 0.$$
(36)

If we differentiate this equation with respect to y, we get

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$$\lambda_3 \left(\frac{1}{\gamma'^2}\right)_{,y} + \left(\frac{\gamma\gamma''}{\gamma'^2}\right)_{,y} = 0.$$
(37)

Substituting (24) in (37) gives

$$\gamma^{\prime 2} - c_1 \gamma^2 - \lambda_3 = 0.$$

Differentiating this equation with respect to y, we obtain  $\gamma'' = c_1 \gamma$ . From (24), we get  $c_2 = 0$ .

Then

$$\alpha'' = c_5 \alpha, \quad \gamma'' = c_1 \gamma. \tag{38}$$

By substituting (38) into (10) and differentiating with respect to x and next with respect to y, we get

$$\left(\frac{\alpha'}{\alpha}\right)_{,x}\left(\frac{\gamma'}{\gamma}\right)_{,y} = 0.$$

Hence there are constants  $\delta_1, \ \delta_2 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  such that

$$\gamma' = \delta_1 \gamma, \quad \alpha' = \delta_2 \alpha. \tag{39}$$

From (39) and (38), we obtain

$$\delta_2^2 = c_5, \ \delta_1^2 = c_1.$$

By using of relations (30) and (36) we find

$$\lambda_1 + c_5(\lambda_2 - 1)\alpha^2 = 0, \ \lambda_3 + c_1(\lambda_4 - 1)\gamma^2 = 0.$$

Then  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 1$  and  $\lambda_3 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_4 = 1$ . Since  $\lambda_2 = 1$ ,  $c_6 = 0$  and  $\delta_1^2 = c_1$ , we must have  $c_8 = 0$ .

Now, from the equation (25) we obtain  $\alpha' = c_7 \alpha$ . Then  $c_7^2 = c_5$ , and (27) implies  $\sqrt{c_1} = -a\sqrt{c_5} = -ac_7$ . Substituting  $\lambda_4 = 1$  into (35) we obtain  $c_4 = 0$ . This implies  $c_3 = \sqrt{c_1}$ . From (39), we obtain

$$\gamma = b_1 e^{-ac_7 y}, \quad \alpha = b_2 e^{c_7 x},$$

where  $b_1, b_2, c_7 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ .

Thus, we can state the following theorem:

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\mathcal{M}^2$  be a THA-surface in  $\mathbb{I}^3$ . If  $\mathcal{M}^2$  is minimal surface, then  $\mathcal{M}^2$ parameterized as (3), where (1). if a = 0, then (i)  $g(y) = y_0 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and f is any arbitrary function. (ii)  $f(x) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and  $g(y) = b_1y + b_2$ ;  $b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\begin{array}{l} (iii) \ f(x) = b_3 x + b_4, \ b_3, b_4 \in \mathbb{R} \ and \ g(y) = \frac{1}{Ab_3} \tan(c_1 y + c_2) + c_3; \ b_3, c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}.\\ (iv) \ f(x) = -\frac{1}{c_5 x + c_6} - \frac{B}{A} \ and \ g(y) = c_7 y + c_8; \ c_i \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}.\\ (2). \ if \ a \neq 0, \ then\\ (i) \ g(y) = y_0 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \ and \ f(x) = d_1 x + d_2, \ d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}.\\ (ii) \ f(x) = b_0 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \ and \ g(y) = b_1 y + b_2, \ b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}.\\ (iii) \ f(x) = \lambda_3 x + \lambda_4; \ \lambda_3, \lambda_4 \in \mathbb{R} \ and \ g(y) = \lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}.\\ (iv) \ f(x) = \frac{\lambda_5 e^{cx}}{A} - \frac{B}{A} \ and \ g(y) = \frac{\lambda_6 e^{-acy}}{A} - \frac{B}{A}; \ \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}. \end{array}$ 

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