

ROTATIONAL SURFACES IN H_3 WITH CONSTANT GAUSS CURVATURE

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The Heisenberg's space H_3 is the Riemannian manifold (\mathbb{R}^3, ds^2) with

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + [dz + \frac{1}{2}(ydx - xdy)]^2,$$

invariant by rotations about the z -axis. Here one finds a complete description of all rotational surfaces with constant Gauss curvature K in the Heisenberg space H_3 . Despite many and substantial similarities with the Euclidean case, this family of surfaces displays some phenomena which do not have their counterpart in \mathbb{R}^3 . For $K = 0$ there are three cases, for $K > 0$ also three cases, but for $K < 0$ five cases. The profile curves of all these cases are illustrated on the corresponding figures and characterized geometrically.

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