

# On the complete integrability of the geodesic flow on pseudo- $H$ -type Lie groups

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**Proof:** Follows from the previous formula with  $U = 0$  since:

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Let  $\mathfrak{n} = \mathfrak{h}_3$  be the three-dimensional Heisenberg Lie algebra:

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**Result:** (W.-B. D. Tarama, 2018)

In some cases - **including but exceeding** the Heisenberg-Reiter type algebras among  $\mathcal{N}_{r,s}$  - we can prove complete integrability of the (pseudo)-Riemannian geodesic flow on  $L \backslash G_{r,s}$ , where  $L \subset G_{r,s}$  denotes an **integral lattice**.

**However**, we are not able to decide all possible cases.



W.-B., D. Tarama, *On the complete integrability of the geodesic flow of pseudo-H-type Lie groups*, Anal. Math. Phys. 8 (2018), no. 4, 493 - 520.

## Problem

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