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## ON FINDING THE EXACT VALUES OF THE CONSTANT IN A (1, $q_2$ )-GENERALIZED TRIANGLE INEQUALITY FOR BOX-QUASIMETRICS ON 2-STEP CARNOT GROUPS WITH 1-DIMENSIONAL CENTER

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**ABSTRACT.** For 2-step Carnot groups with 1-dimensional center, a method for defining the exact values of the constant  $q_2$  in a  $(1, q_2)$ -generalized triangle inequality for their Box-quasimetrics is developed. The exact values of the constant  $q_2$  are defined for 4-, 5-, and 6-dimensional 2-step Carnot groups with 3-dimensional horizontal subbundle.

**Keywords:**  $(q_1, q_2)$ -quasimetric space, Carnot group, exact value, Box-quasimetric.

### INTRODUCTION

We refer as a  $(q_1, q_2)$ -quasimetric space [1]–[9] to a pair  $(X, d)$ , where  $X$  is some set,  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup 0$  is some function such that the *identity axiom*

$$d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$$

holds for it and  $(q_1, q_2)$  is a *generalized triangle inequality*, that is,

$$d(x, y) \leq q_1 d(x, z) + q_2 d(z, y) \quad \forall x, y, z \in X.$$

The expression  $d(x, y)$  denotes a  $(q_1, q_2)$ -quasi-distance exactly *from the point  $x$  to the point  $y$* . If  $q_1 = q_2 = 1$ , then  $(X, d)$  is a quasimetric space [10]. If for a

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$(q_1, q_2)$ -quasimetric space  $(X, d)$  the following condition holds

$$d(x, y) \leq q_0 d(y, x) \quad \forall x, y \in X,$$

where the constant  $q_0$  does not depend on the choice of the points  $x, y$ , then we refer to a  $(q_1, q_2)$ -quasimetric space  $(X, d)$  as a  $q_0$ -*symmetric* one; for the case when  $q_0 = 1$ , we use the notion of *symmetric*  $(q_1, q_2)$ -*quasimetric space*. An important special case of symmetric  $(q_1, q_2)$ -quasimetric spaces are the symmetric  $(1, q_2)$ -quasimetric spaces [1]; these include Carnot groups and more general equiregular Carnot–Carathéodory spaces  $(M, \rho_{\text{Box}_M})$ , equipped by Box-quasimetrics  $\rho_{\text{Box}_M}$  [6]–[14]. Moreover, in the general case, the constant  $q_2$  does not equal 1 [18]. Box-quasimetrics were introduced in work [15]. The  $(1, q_2)$ -generalized triangle inequality plays a crucial role in obtaining the «divergence» estimates of the equiregular Carnot–Carathéodory space  $(M, \rho_{\text{Box}_M})$  from its nilpotent tangential cone, see, for example, [16, 17].

For a  $(q_1, q_2)$ -quasimetric space  $(X, d)$  we denote by  $R = R(d)$  the set of points  $(q'_1, q'_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , such that for  $\rho$ , the  $(q'_1, q'_2)$ -generalized triangle inequality holds. Directly from the definition of the set  $R$ , follows the

**Property 0.1** ([1, 2]).  $1^0$  The set  $R = R(d)$  is convex and closed, and, moreover,  $R \subseteq \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x \geq 1, y \geq 1\}$ ;  $2^0$  the condition  $(1, 1) \in R$  is equivalent to the fact that  $d$  is a quasimetric;  $3^0$  if  $(q_1, q_2)$ -quasimetric is symmetric, then the set  $R$  is symmetric with respect to the bisector of the right upper coordinate angle of the Euclidean plane.

If  $(q'_1, q'_2) \in R$  and  $\tilde{q}_i \geq q'_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , then  $(\tilde{q}_1, \tilde{q}_2) \in R$ . Drawing supporting lines through the boundary points of the closed convex set  $R$ , we obtain that  $R$  has extreme points. (Recall that a point  $x_0 \in A$  is called an *extreme point* of a set  $A$ , if there are no points  $x_1, x_2 \in A$ , such that  $x_0 \in (x_1, x_2)$ , that is,  $x_0 = tx_1 + (1-t)x_2$  for some  $0 < t < 1$ .) It is easy to see that every extreme point of the set  $R$  is a Pareto optimal point of the set  $R$  (in the sense of minimisation of components). The point  $(q_1^0, q_2^0) \in R$  is called *best*, if for every  $(q'_1, q'_2) \in R$  we have that  $q'_i \geq q_i^0$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . From the definition of the best point, directly follows the next

**Property 0.2** ([1, 2]). *If a best point exists, then it is unique; if such point exists, then  $R = R(d) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x \geq a, y \geq b\}$  for some  $a, b \geq 1$ .*

See the examples of  $(q_1, q_2)$ -quasimetric spaces with the best points  $(q_1^0, q_2^0)$  such that  $q_1^0 + q_2^0 > 2$  in [1], [4]–[6].

In work [18], the exact values of the constant  $q_2$  for the  $(1, q_2)$ -generalized triangle inequality of Box-quasimetrics on the canonical Heisenberg groups  $\mathbb{H}_\alpha^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and the canonical Engel group  $\mathbb{E}_{\alpha, \beta}$  were obtained. In this work, we consider a problem of finding the exact values of the constant  $q_2$  for Box-quasimetrics  $\rho_{\text{Box}_{\mathbb{D}_n}}$ , where  $\mathbb{D}_n$  is a canonical 2-step Carnot group with a one-dimensional centre, whose topological dimension equals  $n+1$ . Here, the term «exact value» implies such value of the constant  $q_2$  that for every number  $q'_2$ ,  $q'_2 < q_2$ , the  $(1, q'_2)$ -generalized triangle inequality does not hold.

We refer as a *canonical finite-dimensional Lie group* [19] to an analytical Lie group  $K$ , whose exponential mapping is the identity. Therefore,  $K$  matches to some Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^N$  with the coordinate system  $(x_1, \dots, x_N)$ , induced by the coordinate frame  $(O, e_1, \dots, e_N)$ . Hence, we can match any element  $u \in K$  with its coordinate notation; in particular, the unit element of the group  $K$  is

the point  $O = (0, \dots, 0)$  (the origin of the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^N$ ), and for every  $u = (x_1, \dots, x_N)$ , we have  $u^{-1} = (-x_1, \dots, -x_N)$ . A group operation « $\cdot$ » on  $K$  (in other words, the left translation  $L_u^K u' = u \cdot u'$  of the element  $u' \in K$  by the element  $u \in K$ ) is defined with the help of the Campbell–Hausdorff formula [20] and the corresponding commutator table given on the orthogonal basis  $\{e_i\}_{i=1, \dots, N}$  of the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .

A Lie algebra is called graduated [21] if it decomposes into a direct sum of vector subspaces  $V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r V_i$ , and, moreover,  $[V_i, V_k] \subset V_{i+k}$ , if  $i + k \leq r$ , and  $[V_i, V_k] = 0$ , if  $i + k > r$ . Note that a graduated algebra is always nilpotent of degree  $r$ . An  $r$ -step stratified Lie algebra  $V$  [22] is a Lie algebra nilpotent of degree  $r$ , that has a stratification, that is,

$$V = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r V_i, \quad V_{i+1} = [V_1, V_i], \quad [V_1, V_r] = \{0\}.$$

An  $r$ -step Carnot algebra [22] is a graduated Lie algebra  $V$ , which has a stratification; a simply connected Lie group  $G$ , corresponding to an  $r$ -step Carnot algebra  $V$ , is called an  $r$ -step Carnot group. Let

$$(0.1) \quad N = \sum_{i=1}^r n_i, \quad n_i = \dim V_i,$$

and the basis of the left-invariant vector fields  $\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$  of the Carnot group  $G$  is ordered such that the values of the first  $n_1$  of them form at every point  $v \in G$  the basis of the subspace  $V_1(v)$ , the values of the next  $n_2$  of them form at every point  $v \in G$  the basis of the subspace  $V_2(v)$ , and so on. We assign to every vector field  $X_k$  a natural number  $j = \deg X_k$ , defined by the inclusion  $X_k \in V_j$ . A Box-quasimetric is defined as

$$(0.2) \quad \rho_{\text{Box}_G}(u, w) = \max\{|a_i|^{\frac{1}{\deg X_i}} \mid i = 1, \dots, N\}, \quad w = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^N a_i X_i\right)(u).$$

The definition implies that  $\rho_{\text{Box}_G}$  satisfies the identity and symmetry axioms. Homogeneous dilatations on the Carnot group  $G$  are defined with the help of the operator  $\delta_\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ , acting by the rule

$$\delta_\varepsilon : (x_1, \dots, x_N) \mapsto (\varepsilon^{\deg X_1} x_1, \dots, \varepsilon^{\deg X_N} x_N).$$

The Box-quasimetric  $\rho_{\text{Box}_G}$  of the Carnot group  $G$  is invariant with respect to the left translations and the action of the operator of dilatations, see [11]–[14], that is,

$$\rho_{\text{Box}_G}(L_u^G v, L_u^G w) = \rho_{\text{Box}_G}(v, w), \quad \rho_{\text{Box}_G}(\delta_\varepsilon v, \delta_\varepsilon w) = \varepsilon \rho_{\text{Box}_G}(v, w) \quad \forall u, v, w \in G.$$

A canonical 2-step group  $\mathbb{D}_n$  with a one-dimensional centre is defined in the standard Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  with the coordinate system  $(x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$  and the coordinate frame  $(O', e_1, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1})$  with the help of the following commutator table

$$(0.3) \quad [e_i, e_j] = \alpha_{ij} e_{n+1}, \quad \sum_{i,j=1}^n \alpha_{ij}^2 \neq 0,$$

the rest of possible commutators  $e_1, \dots, e_{n+1}$  equal 0. Suppose that

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_n, t), \quad x = (x'_1, \dots, x'_n, t').$$

Using the Campbell–Hausdorff formula [20], with the help of (0.3), we obtain

$$(0.4) \quad L_x^{\mathbb{D}_n} x' = x \cdot x' = \left( x_1 + x'_1, \dots, x_n + x'_n, t + t' + \sum_{i,j=1, \dots, n, i < j} \frac{\alpha_{ij}}{2} (x_i x'_j - x_j x'_i) \right).$$

The values of basis left-invariant vector fields  $X_1, \dots, X_n, T$  of the group  $\mathbb{D}_n$  at every point  $u = (x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$  are defined as

$$(X_1, \dots, X_n, T)(u) = \frac{\partial L_u^{\mathbb{D}_n}(x'_1, \dots, x'_n, t')}{\partial (x'_1, \dots, x'_n, t')} \Big|_{(x'_1, \dots, x'_n, t') = (0, \dots, 0)}.$$

If in (0.3) we put  $n = 2m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \alpha_{2i, 2i+1}^2 = 0$  and  $\alpha_{2j-1, 2j} = \alpha \neq 0$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , then we obtain a commutator table that defines the canonical Heisenberg group  $\mathbb{H}_\alpha^m$  [18]. In particular,  $\mathbb{D}_2 = \mathbb{H}_\alpha^1$ .

For every point  $u \in \mathbb{D}_n$ , consider the mapping  $\theta_u : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , acting by the rule

$$\theta_u(x_1, \dots, x_n, t) = \exp(x_1 X_1 + \dots + x_n X_n + tT)(u).$$

According to (0.2),  $(1, q_2)$ -quasimetric  $\rho_{\text{Box}_{\mathbb{D}_n}}$  is defined by the rule

$$\rho_{\text{Box}_{\mathbb{D}_n}}(u, v) = \max \{ |a_1|, \dots, |a_n|, |b|^{\frac{1}{2}} \mid \theta_u(a_1, \dots, a_n, b) = v \}.$$

To find the exact value of the constant  $q_2$  for the Carnot group  $\mathbb{D}_3$ , we more or less follow the methods of work [18], where calculation of the exact value was based on the following simple observation: the expression

$$x_1 x'_2 - x_2 x'_1, \quad x_1, x'_2, x_2, x'_1 \in [-1, 1],$$

reaches its maximal value, equal 2, when  $x_1 = 1, x'_2 = 1, x_2 = 1, x'_1 = -1$ . However, when we turn to the general group  $\mathbb{D}_n$ , it becomes complicated to «guess» the values of  $x_1, \dots, x_n, x'_1, \dots, x'_n \in [-1, 1]$ , for which the expression

$$\sum_{i,j=1, \dots, n, i < j} \frac{\alpha_{ij}}{2} (x_i x'_j - x_j x'_i)$$

from (0.4) has the maximal value. In § 1, we provide the proof of the fact that both minimal and maximal values of a bi-linear function in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , considered on a standard unit  $n$ -dimensional cube

$$Q(n) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid \max_{i=1, \dots, n} |x_i| \leq 1\},$$

are reached on pairs of vectors, each of which has coordinates of some vertex of the cube  $Q(n)$  (Theorem 1.1). This provides us with a method of defining the exact value of the constant  $q_2$  for an arbitrary group  $\mathbb{D}_n$ , which will help to obtain the exact value of the constant  $q_2$  for the group  $\mathbb{D}_3$ , see (2.2) and Corollary 2.2. In § 3, we find the exact value of the constant  $q_2$  for some 2-step groups related to  $\mathbb{D}_3$ .

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1. ON EXTREMES OF BI-LINEAR FUNCTIONS

Let  $Q_i$  be vertices of a cube  $Q(n)$ ; such are all the points, whose coordinates consist only of the numbers  $\pm 1$ . Consider the bi-linear function

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x, y) &= P(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n) \\
 &= \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & \dots & A_{n1} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & \dots & A_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{1n} & A_{2n} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \\
 &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n A_{ij}x_iy_j, \quad \sum_{i,j=1}^n A_{ij}^2 \neq 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is a standard dot product in the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$

**Theorem 1.1.** *There exist vertices  $Q_i, Q_j, Q_k, Q_l$  of the cube  $Q(n)$ , such that*

$$\max_{x,y \in Q(n)} P(x, y) = P(Q_i, Q_j), \quad \min_{x,y \in Q(n)} P(x, y) = P(Q_k, Q_l).$$

*Proof.* Elementary geometric considerations show that pairs of points  $x, y$ , on which the minimum and maximum of the function  $P(x, y)$  are reached, belong to the boundary  $\partial Q(n)$ . Suppose that the maximum of the function  $P(x, y)$  is reached on the pair

$$(x^0, y^0) = (x_1^0, \dots, x_n^0, y_1^0, \dots, y_n^0).$$

We will prove Theorem 1.1 for the maximum of the function  $P(x, y)$  (the arguments for the minimum are similar). Assume that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n A_{1j}y_j^0 \neq 0,$$

and, moreover,  $x_1^0 \neq \pm 1$ . Then, shifting the coordinate  $x_1$  on some interval  $(-\varepsilon + x_1^0, \varepsilon + x_1^0)$ , we obtain the values of the function  $P(x, y)$  that are both larger and smaller than  $P(x^0, y^0)$ , which contradicts the fact that on the pair  $(x^0, y^0)$  the maximum of the function  $P(x, y)$  is reached. Therefore,  $x_1^0 = \pm 1$ . If

$$\sum_{j=1}^n A_{1j}y_j^0 = 0,$$

then we consider the situation where

$$\sum_{j=1}^n A_{2j}y_j^0 \neq 0,$$

and so on. From the mentioned above, it follows that for every  $k$  such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n A_{kj}y_j^0 \neq 0,$$

we obtain that  $x_k^0 = \pm 1$ , and for  $k$  such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n A_{kj}y_j^0 = 0,$$

for  $x_k^0$  one can take any number from  $[-1, 1]$ , in particular,  $\pm 1$ . Hence, we obtain that we can always consider as  $x^0$  some vertex of the cube  $Q(n)$ .

We have

$$P(x^0, y^0) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n A_{ij} \delta_{ij} y_j^0,$$

where  $\delta_{ij} = \pm 1$ .

Now we fix some vertex  $Q_k = (\delta_{k1}, \dots, \delta_{kn})$  and consider the linear mapping

$$P(Q_k, y) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n A_{ij} \delta_{ki} y_j : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

We denote by  $A$  the matrix build of  $\{A_{ij}\}$ . If

$$(\delta_{k1}, \dots, \delta_{kn}) \in \ker A,$$

then  $P(Q_k, y) \equiv 0$ . But since the matrix  $A$  is nonzero, then  $\dim \ker A < n$ ; on the other hand, it is easy to see that the vector set  $\{(\delta_{k1}, \dots, \delta_{kn})\}$  forms a complete system in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose that

$$(\delta_{k1}, \dots, \delta_{kn}) \notin \ker A.$$

In this case, the equations

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_{i,j=1}^n A_{ij} \delta_{ki} y_j + D = 0$$

for all possible  $D \in \mathbb{R}$  are the equations of parallel hyper-planes  $\Pi_D$ . The maximum of the expression

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n A_{ij} \delta_{ki} y_j$$

on the cube  $Q(n)$  will be reached in the case when the hyper-plane (1.1) has a non-empty intersection with the boundary  $\partial Q(n)$ , but at the same time has no common points with the interior of the cube  $Q(n)$ . But in this case, there always exists a vertex  $Q_l \in (\Pi_D \cap \partial Q(n))$ . Then

$$\max_{x,y \in Q(n)} P(x, y) = \max_{k,l} P(Q_k, Q_l).$$

□

Consider an arbitrary parallelepiped  $\bar{P} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  with edges parallel to the coordinate axes and the center of symmetry at the origin.

**Theorem 1.2.** *There exist vertices  $P_i, P_j, P_k, P_l$  of the parallelepiped  $\bar{P}$  such that*

$$\max_{x,y \in \bar{P}} P(x, y) = P(P_i, P_j), \quad \min_{x,y \in \bar{P}} P(x, y) = P(P_k, P_l).$$

*Proof.* Theorem 1.2 is proved similarly to Theorem 1.1.

□

2. A METHOD OF FINDING THE EXACT CONSTANTS IN THE  $(1, q_2)$ -GENERALIZED TRIANGLE INEQUALITY FOR 2-STEP CARNOT GROUPS WITH A ONE-DIMENSIONAL CENTRE

We will provide some considerations that follow from work [18], which will help us to define the exact value of the constant  $q_2$  in the  $(1, q_2)$ -generalized triangle inequality for Box-quasimetrics of the Carnot groups  $\mathbb{D}_n$ .

Consider an arbitrary canonical Carnot group  $G$ . To define the exact value of the constant  $q_2$  in the  $(1, q_2)$ -generalized triangle inequality, for every triple of points  $u, v, w \in G$ , we must find a number  $q = q(u, v, w)$  such that  $\rho_{Box_G}(u, w) = \rho_{Box_G}(u, v) + q\rho_{Box_G}(v, w)$ , and then  $q_2 = \sup_{u, v, w \in G} q(u, v, w)$ . But, taking into account the fact that the  $(1, q_2)$ -quasimetrics  $\rho_{Box_{\mathbb{D}_n}}$  is invariant with respect to the left translations and action of dilatations, it suffices to consider only such triples of points  $u, v, w$ , where

$$u = 0, \quad \rho_{Box_G}(0, v) = 1, \quad w = v \cdot \delta_\varepsilon w', \quad \rho_{Box_G}(0, w') = 1, \quad \varepsilon > 0,$$

and therefore, search for  $q = q(0, v, w)$  from the equality

$$\rho_{Box_G}(0, w) = \rho_{Box_G}(0, v) + q\rho_{Box_G}(v, w) = 1 + q\varepsilon.$$

We denote  $S_G(0, 1) = \{x \in G \mid \rho_{Box_G}(0, x) = 1\} = \partial Q(N)$ , see (0.1).

We transfer our considerations on the Carnot group  $\mathbb{D}_n$ . Let

$$v = (x_1, \dots, x_n, t) \in S_{\mathbb{D}_n}(0, 1), \quad w' = (x'_1, \dots, x'_n, t') \in S_{\mathbb{D}_n}(0, 1).$$

Using (0.4), we obtain

$$v \cdot \delta_\varepsilon w' = \left( x_1 + \varepsilon x'_1, \dots, x_n + \varepsilon x'_n, t + \varepsilon^2 t' + \varepsilon \sum_{i, j=1, \dots, n, i < j} \frac{\alpha_{ij}}{2} (x_i x'_j - x_j x'_i) \right).$$

We denote

$$(2.1) \quad M_{\mathbb{D}_n} = \sup_{(x_1, \dots, x_n), (x'_1, \dots, x'_n) \in Q(n)} \left| \sum_{i, j=1, \dots, n, i < j} \frac{\alpha_{ij}}{2} (x_i x'_j - x_j x'_i) \right|.$$

Note that by Theorem 1.1, we can consider as  $(x_1, \dots, x_n), (x'_1, \dots, x'_n)$  in (2.1), the vertices of the cube  $Q(n)$ .

We have

$$\left| t + \varepsilon^2 t' + \varepsilon \sum_{i, j=1, \dots, n, i < j} \frac{\alpha_{ij}}{2} (x_i x'_j - x_j x'_i) \right| \leq 1 + M_{\mathbb{D}_n} \varepsilon + \varepsilon^2.$$

Then

$$(2.2) \quad q_2 = \begin{cases} 1, & M_{\mathbb{D}_n} \leq 2, \\ \frac{M_{\mathbb{D}_n}}{2}, & M_{\mathbb{D}_n} > 2. \end{cases}$$

It is formula (2.2) that provides the exact value of the constant  $q_2$  for the Carnot group  $\mathbb{D}_n$ .

We apply the method described above to find the exact value of the constant  $q_2$  for the Carnot group  $\mathbb{D}_3$ , that is defined with the help of the following commutator table:

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{cases} [e_1, e_2] = a_{12}e_4, \\ [e_2, e_3] = a_{23}e_4, \\ [e_3, e_1] = a_{31}e_4. \end{cases}$$



The group operation, see (0.4), on  $\mathbb{D}_3$  is written in the form

$$(2.4) \quad (x, y, z, t)(x', y', z', t') = \left( x + x', y + y', z + z', \right. \\ \left. t + t' + \frac{1}{2}(a_{12}(xy' - x'y) + a_{23}(yz' - y'z) + a_{31}(zx' - z'x)) \right).$$

We introduce notations  $(x, y, z) = u$ ,  $(x', y', z') = v$ ,  $a = (a_{12}, a_{23}, a_{31})$ ; then

$$a_{12}(xy' - x'y) + a_{23}(yz' - y'z) + a_{31}(zx' - z'x) = \langle a, u \otimes v \rangle.$$

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $u, v$ ,  $u \neq v$ , be non-collinear vectors whose coordinates coincide with the coordinates of the vertices of the cube  $Q(3)$ . We denote*

$$u \otimes v = (q_1, q_2, q_3).$$

*Then the triples of numbers  $q_1, q_2, q_3$  satisfy the following conditions: one of the numbers equals 0, two others have the values  $\pm 2$ .*

*Proof.* It is easy to obtain the proof of Lemma 2.1 by direct calculations. □

**Corollary 2.2.**

$$M_{\mathbb{D}_3} = \max\{|a_{12} \pm a_{23}|, |a_{31} \pm a_{12}|, |a_{23} \pm a_{31}|\}.$$

### 3. SOME COROLLARIES

Consider the 2-step Carnot group  $G_1$ , which is defined by the following commutator table:

$$\begin{cases} [e_1, e_2] = a_{12}e_4, \\ [e_2, e_3] = a_{23}e_5, \\ [e_3, e_1] = a_{31}e_6. \end{cases}$$

The group operation, see (0.4), on  $G_1$  is written in the form

$$(x, y, z, t_4, t_5, t_6)(x', y', z', t'_4, t'_5, t'_6) = \left( x + x', y + y', z + z', \right. \\ \left. t_4 + t'_4 + \frac{a_{12}}{2}(xy' - x'y), t_5 + t'_5 + \frac{a_{23}}{2}(yz' - y'z), t_6 + t'_6 + \frac{a_{31}}{2}(zx' - z'x) \right).$$

We denote  $a = \max\{|a_{12}|, |a_{23}|, |a_{31}|\}$ . The following theorem follows from the results of work [18].

**Theorem 3.1.** *For a canonical Carnot group  $G_1$ , the exact value of the constant  $q_2$  is defined by the formula*

$$q_2 = \begin{cases} 1, & a \leq 2, \\ \frac{a}{2}, & a > 2. \end{cases}$$

Consider a 2-step Carnot group  $G_2$ , which is defined by the following commutator table:

$$\begin{cases} [e_1, e_2] = a_{12}e_4, \\ [e_2, e_3] = a_{23}e_4, \\ [e_3, e_1] = a_{31}e_5. \end{cases}$$

The group operation, see (0.4), on  $G_2$  is written in the form

$$(x, y, z, t_4, t_5)(x', y', z', t'_4, t'_5) = \left( x + x', y + y', z + z', \right. \\ \left. t_4 + t'_4 + \frac{a_{12}}{2}(xy' - x'y) + \frac{a_{23}}{2}(yz' - y'z), t_3 + t'_3 + \frac{a_{31}}{2}(zx' - z'x) \right).$$

We denote

$$b = \max\{|a_{31}|, |a_{12} \pm a_{23}|\}.$$

Using the results of §2 and the results of work [18], we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** *For a canonical Carnot group  $G_2$ , the exact value of the constant  $q_2$  is defined by the formula*

$$q_2 = \begin{cases} 1, & b \leq 2, \\ \frac{b}{2}, & b > 2. \end{cases}$$

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