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INFINITESIMAL RIGIDITY OF SURFACES IN A^3

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In what follows, I am going to prove the infinitesimal rigidity of bounded simply connected domains on elliptic surfaces of the equiaffine 3-space with respect to the induced equiaffine metric. In the proof, I show that the problem may be transformed into the Cauchy problem for the system (49) or (53) resp.; for such systems, I simply use the results as presented in [4]. For more detailed exposition of the theory of surfaces, see [2] and [3]. Theorem 1 stands in close relation to the result of § 90 in [1].

Let $M \subset A^3$ be a surface in the equiaffine 3-space A^3 . With each of its points $m \in M$, associate a frame $\{m; v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ such that $v_1, v_2 \in T_m(M)$; we may write

$$(1) \quad dm = \omega^1 v_1 + \omega^2 v_2, \quad dv_i = \omega_i^j v_j \quad (i, j = 1, 2, 3)$$

with

$$(2) \quad \omega_1^1 + \omega_2^2 + \omega_3^3 = 0$$

and the integrability conditions

$$(3) \quad d\omega^i = \omega^j \wedge \omega_j^i, \quad d\omega_i^j = \omega_i^k \wedge \omega_k^j,$$

where, of course, $\omega^3 = 0$. Let us restrict ourselves to elliptic surfaces. Then it is possible, see [3], to choose the frames in such a way that

$$(4) \quad \omega_1^3 = \omega^1, \quad \omega_2^3 = \omega^2;$$

$$(5) \quad \omega_1^1 = -\frac{1}{2}c\omega^1 + \frac{1}{2}b\omega^2, \quad \omega_2^2 = \frac{1}{2}c\omega^1 - \frac{1}{2}b\omega^2, \quad \omega_3^3 = 0, \\ \omega_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}b\omega^1 + \frac{1}{2}c\omega^2 + \omega, \quad \omega_2^1 = \frac{1}{2}b\omega^1 + \frac{1}{2}c\omega^2 - \omega;$$

$$(6) \quad \omega_3^1 = \alpha\omega^1 + \beta\omega^2, \quad \omega_3^2 = \beta\omega^1 + \gamma\omega^2$$

with

$$(7) \quad \omega := \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1^2 - \omega_2^1).$$

The conditions (3₁) reduce then to

$$(8) \quad d\omega^1 = -\omega^2 \wedge \omega, \quad d\omega^2 = \omega^1 \wedge \omega.$$

We get the following invariant forms: the metric quadratic form

$$(9) \quad ds^2 = (\omega^1)^2 + (\omega^2)^2;$$

the forms (see [2])

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} &:= -\frac{1}{2}\{c(\omega^1)^3 - 3b(\omega^1)^2\omega^2 - 3c\omega^1(\omega^2)^2 + b(\omega^2)^3\}, \\ \mathcal{B} &:= -\omega^1\omega_3^1 - \omega^2\omega_3^2 = -\{\alpha(\omega^1)^2 + 2\beta\omega^1\omega^2 + \gamma(\omega^2)^2\}; \end{aligned}$$

the form of the lines of affine curvature

$$(11) \quad \mathcal{C} := \beta(\omega^1)^2 + (\alpha - \gamma)\omega^1\omega^2 - \beta(\omega^2)^2.$$

Further, we get the fundamental invariants: the Pick invariant

$$(12) \quad J = \frac{1}{2}(b^2 + c^2),$$

the mean curvature and the affine curvature

$$(13) \quad H = -\frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \gamma), \quad K = \alpha\gamma - \beta^2$$

resp., and the Gauss curvature

$$(14) \quad \kappa = \frac{1}{2}(b^2 + c^2 - \alpha - \gamma) = J + H$$

of the metric form (9) defined by

$$(15) \quad d\omega = -\kappa\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2.$$

Consider a 1-parametric family $M(t)$, $t \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ of surfaces such that $M(0) = M$. For each $t \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$, let an isometry $\iota_t: M \rightarrow M(t)$ be given. With each surface $M(t)$, let us associate a field of frames $\sigma(t) = \{m(t), v_1(t), v_2(t), v_3(t)\}$ such that $m(t) = \iota_t(m)$, $v_1(t) = d\iota_t(v_1)$, $v_2(t) = d\iota_t(v_2)$. Then we may write, for each t ,

$$(16) \quad dm(t) = \omega^1 v_1(t) + \omega^2 v_2(t), \quad dv_i(t) = \omega_i^j(t) v_j(t)$$

with

$$(17) \quad \omega_1^1(t) + \omega_2^2(t) + \omega_3^3(t) = 0$$

and $\omega_i^j(0) = \omega_i^j$. Further, let the frames $\sigma(t)$ be chosen in such a way that we have, for each t ,

$$(18) \quad \omega_1^3(t) = \omega^1, \quad \omega_2^3(t) = \omega^2, \quad \omega_3^3(t) = 0.$$

Define

$$(19) \quad \varphi_i^j := (d\omega_i^j(t)/dt)_{t=0};$$

of course, (18) and (17) imply

$$(20) \quad \varphi_1^3 = \varphi_2^3 = \varphi_3^3 = 0, \quad \varphi_1^1 + \varphi_2^2 = 0.$$

Taking into account (18), the integrability conditions of (16) are, for t fixed,

$$(21) \quad \begin{aligned} d\omega^1 &= \omega^1 \wedge \omega_1^1(t) + \omega^2 \wedge \omega_2^1(t), \\ d\omega^2 &= \omega^1 \wedge \omega_1^2(t) + \omega^2 \wedge \omega_2^2(t), \\ d\omega_1^1(t) &= \omega_2^2(t) \wedge \omega_2^1(t) + \omega^1 \wedge \omega_3^1(t), \\ d\omega_2^2(t) &= \omega_1^1(t) \wedge \omega_1^2(t) + \omega^2 \wedge \omega_3^2(t), \\ 0 &= \omega_3^1(t) \wedge \omega^1 + \omega_3^2(t) \wedge \omega^2, \\ d\omega_1^2(t) &= \omega_1^2(t) \wedge (\omega_2^2(t) - \omega_1^1(t)) + \omega^1 \wedge \omega_3^2(t), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
d\omega^1 &= -\omega^1 \wedge \omega_1^1(t) + \omega_1^2(t) \wedge \omega^2, \\
d\omega^2 &= -\omega^2 \wedge \omega_2^2(t) + \omega_2^1(t) \wedge \omega^1, \\
d\omega_2^1(t) &= \omega_2^1(t) \wedge (\omega_1^1(t) - \omega_2^2(t)) + \omega^2 \wedge \omega_3^1(t), \\
d\omega_3^1(t) &= \omega_3^1(t) \wedge \omega_1^1(t) + \omega_3^2(t) \wedge \omega_2^1(t), \\
d\omega_3^2(t) &= \omega_3^2(t) \wedge \omega_2^2(t) + \omega_3^1(t) \wedge \omega_1^2(t).
\end{aligned}$$

Applying $(d/dt)_{t=0}$ to the equations (21) and taking into account (20), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(22) \quad 0 &= \varphi_1^1 \wedge \omega^1 + \varphi_2^1 \wedge \omega^2, \quad 0 = \varphi_1^2 \wedge \omega^1 - \varphi_1^1 \wedge \omega^2, \\
d\varphi_1^1 &= \varphi_1^2 \wedge \omega_2^1 + \omega_1^2 \wedge \varphi_2^1 + \omega^1 \wedge \varphi_3^1, \\
-d\varphi_1^1 &= \varphi_2^1 \wedge \omega_1^2 + \omega_2^1 \wedge \varphi_1^2 + \omega^2 \wedge \varphi_3^2, \\
0 &= \varphi_3^1 \wedge \omega^1 + \varphi_3^2 \wedge \omega^2, \\
d\varphi_1^2 &= \varphi_1^2 \wedge (\omega_2^2 - \omega_1^1) - 2\omega_1^2 \wedge \varphi_1^1 + \omega^1 \wedge \varphi_3^2, \\
0 &= \varphi_1^1 \wedge \omega^1 + \varphi_1^2 \wedge \omega^2, \quad 0 = \varphi_2^1 \wedge \omega^1 - \varphi_1^1 \wedge \omega^2, \\
d\varphi_2^1 &= \varphi_2^1 \wedge (\omega_1^1 - \omega_2^2) + 2\omega_2^1 \wedge \varphi_1^1 + \omega^2 \wedge \varphi_3^1, \\
d\varphi_3^1 &= \varphi_3^1 \wedge \omega_1^1 + \omega_3^1 \wedge \varphi_1^1 + \varphi_3^2 \wedge \omega_2^1 - \omega_3^2 \wedge \varphi_2^1, \\
d\varphi_3^2 &= \varphi_3^2 \wedge \omega_2^2 - \omega_3^2 \wedge \varphi_1^1 + \omega_3^1 \wedge \omega_1^2 + \omega_3^1 \wedge \varphi_1^2.
\end{aligned}$$

From (22_{2,8}) and (22_{1,7}), $(\varphi_1^2 - \varphi_2^1) \wedge \omega^1 = (\varphi_1^2 - \varphi_2^1) \wedge \omega^2 = 0$ follows, i.e.,

$$(23) \quad \varphi_2^1 = \varphi_1^2.$$

Because of (23), (17) and (18₃), (22) reduce to

$$\begin{aligned}
(24) \quad \varphi_1^1 \wedge \omega^1 + \varphi_1^2 \wedge \omega^2 &= 0, \quad \varphi_1^2 \wedge \omega^1 - \varphi_1^1 \wedge \omega^2 = 0, \\
\varphi_3^1 \wedge \omega^1 + \varphi_3^2 \wedge \omega^2 &= 0, \quad 4\varphi_1^2 \wedge \omega_1^1 + 2(\omega_2^1 + \omega_1^2) \wedge \varphi_1^1 + \varphi_3^2 \wedge \omega^1 - \varphi_3^1 \wedge \omega^2 = 0;
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(25) \quad d\varphi_1^1 &= \varphi_1^2 \wedge (\omega_2^1 - \omega_1^2) + \omega^1 \wedge \varphi_3^1, \\
d\varphi_1^2 &= -2\omega_1^2 \wedge \varphi_1^1 - 2\varphi_1^2 \wedge \omega_1^1 + \omega^1 \wedge \varphi_3^2, \\
d\varphi_3^1 &= \omega_3^1 \wedge \varphi_1^1 + \varphi_3^1 \wedge \omega_1^1 + \varphi_3^2 \wedge \omega_2^1 + \omega_3^2 \wedge \varphi_2^1, \\
d\varphi_3^2 &= -\omega_3^2 \wedge \varphi_1^1 - \varphi_3^2 \wedge \omega_1^1 + \omega_3^1 \wedge \varphi_1^2 + \varphi_3^1 \wedge \omega_2^1.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus it is reasonable to define the *infinitesimal isometries* Φ of our surface M as sets of forms $\{\varphi_i^j\}$ satisfying (20) + (23) + (24) + (25).

From (24₁₋₃), we get the existence of functions $a', b', \alpha', \beta', \gamma'$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
(26) \quad \varphi_1^1 &= -\frac{1}{2}c'\omega^1 + \frac{1}{2}b'\omega^2, \quad \varphi_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}b'\omega^1 + \frac{1}{2}c'\omega^2, \\
\varphi_3^1 &= \alpha'\omega' + \beta'\omega^2, \quad \varphi_3^2 = \beta'\omega^1 + \gamma'\omega^2;
\end{aligned}$$

the equation (24₄) reduces then, using (5) + (6), to

$$(27) \quad 2(bb' + cc') = \alpha' + \gamma'.$$

The differential consequences of (26) are, because of (25),

$$\begin{aligned}
(28) \quad (dc' + 3b'\omega) \wedge \omega^1 - (db' - 3c'\omega) \wedge \omega^2 &= -2\beta'\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2, \\
(db' - 3c'\omega) \wedge \omega^1 + (dc' + 3b'\omega) \wedge \omega^2 &= (\gamma' - \alpha')\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (d\alpha' - 2\beta'\omega) \wedge \omega^1 + (d\beta' + (\alpha' - \gamma')\omega) \wedge \omega^2 = \\
& = \left\{ \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \gamma)b' + \beta c' + \frac{1}{2}b(\alpha' - \gamma') + c\beta' \right\} \omega^1 \wedge \omega^2, \\
& (d\beta' + (\alpha' - \gamma')\omega) \wedge \omega^1 + (d\gamma' + 2\beta'\omega) \wedge \omega^2 = \\
& = \left\{ -\beta b' + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \gamma)c' + \frac{1}{2}c(\alpha' - \gamma') - b\beta' \right\} \omega^1 \wedge \omega^2.
\end{aligned}$$

We have $\omega_i^j(t) = \omega_i^j + t\varphi_i^j + O(t^2)$. Comparing (5) + (6) with (26), it turns out that the variations of the forms (10) + (11) are

$$\begin{aligned}
(29) \quad \delta\mathcal{A} &= -\frac{1}{2}\{c'(\omega^1)^3 - 3b'(\omega^1)^2\omega^2 - 3c'\omega^1(\omega^2)^2 + b'(\omega^2)^3\}, \\
\delta\mathcal{B} &= -\{\alpha'(\omega^1)^2 + 2\beta'\omega^1\omega^2 + \gamma'(\omega^2)^2\}, \\
\delta\mathcal{C} &= \beta'(\omega^1)^2 + (\alpha' - \gamma')\omega^1\omega^2 - \beta'(\omega^2)^2;
\end{aligned}$$

the variations of the invariants (12) + (13) are then

$$(30) \quad \delta J = bb' + cc', \quad \delta H = -\frac{1}{2}(\alpha' + \gamma'), \quad \delta K = \alpha\gamma' + \gamma\alpha' - 2\beta\beta'.$$

Because of (27), $\delta x = \delta J + \delta H = 0$ holds, this being the infinitesimal version of the theorem egregium.

Let us restrict ourselves to a coordinate neighbourhood G of our surface M . In G , let us choose coordinates (x, y) such that

$$(31) \quad \omega^1 = r dx, \quad \omega^2 = r dy; \quad r = r(x, y) > 0.$$

From (8), we get

$$(32) \quad \omega = -r^{-1}r_y dx + r^{-1}r_x dy;$$

here, $r_x = \partial r / \partial x$, etc. The equations (28_{1,2}) yield the existence of functions B_1, \dots, C_2 such that

$$(33) \quad db' - 3c'\omega = B_1\omega^1 + B_2\omega^2, \quad dc' + 3b'\omega = C_1\omega^1 + C_2\omega^2;$$

$$(34) \quad B_1 + C_2 = 2\beta', \quad C_1 - B_2 = \gamma' - \alpha'.$$

Analogously, equations (28_{3,4}) and Cartan's lemma imply the existence of functions D_1, \dots, F_2 such that

$$(35) \quad d\alpha' - 2\beta'\omega = D_1\omega^1 + D_2\omega^2, \quad d\beta' + (\alpha' - \gamma')\omega = E_1\omega^1 + E_2\omega^2, \\ d\gamma' + 2\beta'\omega = F_1\omega^1 + F_2\omega^2;$$

$$(36) \quad E_1 - D_2 = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \gamma)b' + \beta c' + \frac{1}{2}b(\alpha' - \gamma') + c\beta', \\ F_1 - E_2 = -\beta b' + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \gamma)c' + \frac{1}{2}c(\alpha' - \gamma') - b\beta'.$$

Further, the differential consequences of (5) are

$$(37) \quad (db - 3c\omega) \wedge \omega^1 + (dc + 3b\omega) \wedge \omega^2 = -(\alpha - \gamma)\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2, \\ -(dc + 3b\omega) \wedge \omega^1 + (db - 3c\omega) \wedge \omega^2 = 2\beta\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2;$$

thus there are functions b_1, \dots, c_2 such that

$$(38) \quad db - 3c\omega = b_1\omega^1 + b_2\omega^2, \quad dc + 3b\omega = c_1\omega^1 + c_2\omega^2;$$

$$(39) \quad c_1 - b_2 = -(\alpha - \gamma), \quad b_1 + c_2 = 2\beta.$$

From (27), we get

$$(40) \quad \begin{aligned} 2b_1b' + 2c_1c' + 2bB_1 + 2cC_1 &= D_1 + F_1, \\ 2b_2b' + 2c_2c' + 2bB_2 + 2cC_2 &= D_2 + F_2. \end{aligned}$$

Now, let us take use of our coordinates (x, y) . Inserting (31) and (32) into (33) and (35), we get

$$(41) \quad \begin{aligned} rB_1 &= b'_x + 3r^{-1}r_y c', & rB_2 &= b'_y - 3r^{-1}r_x c', \\ rC_1 &= c'_x - 3r^{-1}r_y b', & rC_2 &= c'_y + 3r^{-1}r_x b'; \\ r(D_1 - F_1) &= (\alpha' - \gamma')_x + 4r^{-1}r_y \beta', & rE_1 &= \beta'_x - r^{-1}r_y(\alpha' - \gamma'), \\ r(D_2 - F_2) &= (\alpha' - \gamma')_y - 4r^{-1}r_x \beta', & rE_2 &= \beta'_y + r^{-1}r_x(\alpha' - \gamma'). \end{aligned}$$

Using (41₁₋₄), the equations (34) turn out to be

$$(42) \quad \begin{aligned} b'_x + c'_y + 3r^{-1}r_x b' + 3r^{-1}r_y c' - 2r\beta' &= 0, \\ c'_x - b'_y - 3r^{-1}r_y b' + 3r^{-1}r_x c' + r(\alpha' - \gamma') &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the trivial identities

$$(43) \quad \begin{aligned} D_1 + F_1 &= D_1 - F_1 + 2(F_1 - E_2) + 2E_2, \\ D_2 + F_2 &= F_2 - D_2 + 2(D_2 - E_1) + 2E_1; \end{aligned}$$

inserting into them from (40) and (41₅₋₈), we get

$$(44) \quad \begin{aligned} (\alpha' - \gamma')_x + 2\beta'_y - 2bb'_x - 2cc'_x + (2r^{-1}r_x + rc)(\alpha' - \gamma') + \\ + 2(2r^{-1}r_y - rb)\beta' - 2(rb_1 - 3r^{-1}r_y c + r\beta)b' - \\ - (2rc_1 + 6r^{-1}r_y b - r(\alpha - \gamma))c' = 0, \\ 2\beta'_x - (\alpha' - \gamma')_y - 2bb'_y - 2cc'_y - (2r^{-1}r_y + rb)(\alpha' - \gamma') + \\ + 2(2r^{-1}r_x - rc)\beta' - (2rb_2 + 6r^{-1}r_x c + r(\alpha - \gamma))b' - \\ - 2(rc_2 - 3r^{-1}r_x b + r\beta)c' = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have proved

Lemma 1. *Let $G \subset M$ be a coordinate neighbourhood of a surface $M \subset A^3$, let the coordinates (x, y) in G be chosen in such a way that*

$$(45) \quad \begin{aligned} ds^2 &= r^2(dx^2 + dy^2), \\ -2\mathcal{A} &= r^3(c dx^3 - 3b dx^2 dy - 3c dx dy^2 + b dy^3), \\ -\mathcal{B} &= r^2(\alpha dx^2 + 2\beta dx dy + \gamma dy^2). \end{aligned}$$

Let Φ be an infinitesimal isometry of G such that

$$(46) \quad \begin{aligned} -2\delta\mathcal{A} &= r^3(c' dx^3 - 3b' dx^2 dy - 3c' dx dy^2 + b' dy^3), \\ \delta\mathcal{C} &= r^2(\beta' dx^2 + (\alpha' - \gamma') dx dy - \beta' dy^2). \end{aligned}$$

On G , define the functions

$$(47) \quad u_1 = b', \quad u_2 = c', \quad u_3 = \alpha' - \gamma', \quad u_4 = 2\beta';$$

let

$$(48) \quad u = (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4)^T.$$

Then

$$(49) \quad u_x + Bu_y + Cu = 0$$

with

$$(50) \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2c & 2b & 0 & 1 \\ -2b & -2c & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Indeed: Consider the equations (42) + (44); in (44), replace b'_x and c'_x by the values calculated from (42).

Lemma 2. *Let the situation be as in Lemma 1. On G , consider the complex variable $z = x + iy$ and the usual operators*

$$(51) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right).$$

Define the functions

$$(52) \quad w_1 := c' + ib', \quad w_2 := 2\beta' + i(\alpha' - \gamma').$$

Then

$$(53) \quad \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial \bar{z}} + 3r^{-1} \frac{\partial r}{\partial \bar{z}} w_1 - \frac{1}{2} i r w_2 = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial w_2}{\partial \bar{z}} - (b + ic) \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial z} - \left\{ r' \beta - \frac{1}{2} i (\alpha - \gamma) \right\} + \frac{\partial(c - ib)}{\partial \bar{z}} \Big\} w_1 + 2r^{-1} \frac{\partial r}{\partial \bar{z}} w_2 -$$

$$- \left\{ 3r^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial \bar{z}} b - i \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} c \right) - \frac{\partial(b - ic)}{\partial z} \right\} \bar{w}_1 - r(c + ib) \bar{w}_2 = 0.$$

Proof. Comparing the real and imaginary parts of (53), we get a system equivalent to (42) + (44). The functions b_1, \dots, c_2 are to be calculated from (38). QED.

Theorem 1. *Let G be a simply connected bounded domain on an elliptic quadratic surface $M \subset A^3$. On G , let us choose coordinates (x, y) such that $ds^2 = r^2(dx^2 + dy^2)$, $r = r(u, v) > 0$. Let v_1, v_2 be the unit vector fields (with respect to ds^2) tangent to the curves $y = \text{const.}$ or $x = \text{const.}$ resp. Let Φ be an infinitesimal isometry of G possessing the variations (46). Suppose:*

$$(54) \quad \delta \mathcal{A}(v_1) = 0, \quad \delta \mathcal{C}(v_1) = 0 \quad \text{on } \delta G,$$

$$(55) \quad \delta \mathcal{A}(v_2) = 0 \quad \text{at some point } z_0 \in \partial G,$$

$$(56) \quad \delta \mathcal{C}(v_1 + v_2) = 0 \quad \text{at some point } z_1 \in \partial G.$$

Then Φ is trivial on G .

Proof. On a quadratic surface,

$$(57) \quad b = c = 0, \quad \beta = 0, \quad \alpha = \gamma;$$

this is well known. Thus the system (53) reduces to

$$(58) \quad \frac{\partial(r^3 w_1)}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} i r^4 w_2, \quad \frac{\partial(r^2 w_2)}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0.$$

This means that $r^2 w_2$ is a holomorphic function on G ; (54₂) reads $\operatorname{Re}(r^2 \omega_2) = 0$ on ∂G , (56) is then $\operatorname{Im}(r^2 w_2) = 0$ at the point $z_1 \in \partial G$. But this means $w_2 \equiv 0$ in G . Now, $r^3 w_1$ is holomorphic in G , and we apply the same procedure to ensure $w_1 \equiv 0$ in G . Thus $b' = c' = 0$, $\beta' = 0$, $\alpha' = \gamma'$ in G . Finally, from (27) we get $\alpha' = \gamma' = 0$ in G . QED.

Theorem 2. *Let G be a simply connected bounded domain on an elliptic analytic surface $M \subset A^3$. Let Φ be an infinitesimal isometry of G . Let $\gamma \subset G$ be an arc, and let $\delta \mathcal{A} = 0$ and $\delta \mathcal{C} = 0$ on γ . Then Φ is trivial in G .*

Proof. The system (49) is clearly elliptic, and we may use Carleman's theorem claiming that the zeroes of a non-trivial solution are isolated. For this, see [4], Theorem 5.4.1. Thus $b' = c' = \beta' = \alpha' - \gamma' = 0$ in G , and we are finished. QED.

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