Quasi-Local Conserved Charges of Spin-3 Topologically Massive Gravity

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Abstract

In this paper we obtain conserved charges of spin-3 topologically massive gravity by using a quasi-local formalism. We find a general formula to calculate conserved charge of the spin-3 topologically massive gravity corresponds to a Killing vector field ξ . We show that this general formula reduces to the previous one for the ordinary spin-3 gravity presented in [\[18\]](#page-20-0) when we take into account only transformation under diffeomorphism,

without considering generalized Lorentz gauge transformation (i.e. $\lambda_{\xi} = 0$, and by taking $\frac{1}{\mu} \to 0$. Then we obtain a general formula for the entropy of black hole solutions of the spin-3 topologically massive gravity.

Finally we apply our formalism to calculate energy, angular momentum and entropy of a special black hole solution and we find that obtained results are consistent with previous results in the limiting cases. Moreover our result for energy, angular momentum and entropy are consistent with the first law of black hole mechanics.

1 Introduction

Higher spin gravity was formulated by Vasiliev and collaborators in papers [\[1\]](#page-19-0) . In its simplest form it is an extension of ordinary gravity that includes a massless scalar and massless fields with spins $S = 3, 4, \dots$ In [\[2\]](#page-19-1) Vasiliev proposed a system of gauge invariant nonlinear dynamical equations for totally symmetric massless fields of all spins in (A)dS backgrounds. According to the result of this paper, "in the framework of gravity, unbroken higher spin gauge symmetries require a non-zero cosmological constant". In paper [\[3\]](#page-19-2) the authors have considered the coupling of a symmetric spin-3 gauge field $\varphi_{\mu\nu\lambda}$ to 3-dimensional gravity in a second order metric-like formulation. In the context of frame-like approach the gravitational coupling of a symmetric tensor of rank 3 in the presence of negative cosmological constant can be given by $SL(3,\mathbb{R}) \times SL(3,\mathbb{R})$ Chern-Simons theory [\[4,](#page-19-3) [5,](#page-20-1) [6\]](#page-20-2). The emergence of W-algebras as asymptotic symmetries of higher-spin gauge theories

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coupled to three-dimensional Einstein gravity with a negative cosmological constant discussed in [\[4\]](#page-19-3).

Higher-spin theories in AdS_3 , like ordinary gravity, they possess no propagating degrees of freedom [\[4,](#page-19-3) [7\]](#page-20-3). Pure Einstein-Hilbert gravity in three dimensions exhibits no propagating physical degrees of freedom [\[8,](#page-20-4) [9\]](#page-20-5). But adding the gravitational Chern-Simons term produces a propagating massive graviton [\[10\]](#page-20-6). The resulting theory is called topologically massive gravity (TMG). The authors of [\[11\]](#page-20-7) have done the generalisation of topologically massive gravity to higher spins, specifically spin-3 (see also [\[12\]](#page-20-8)). In this paper we would like to obtain conserved charges of black hole solutions of spin-3 topologically massive gravity by using a quasi-local formalism.

A method to calculate the energy of asymptotically AdS solution was given by Abbott and Deser [\[13\]](#page-20-9). Deser and Tekin have extended this approach to the calculation of the energy of asymptotically dS or AdS solutions in higher curvature gravity models and also to TMG [\[14\]](#page-20-10). The authors of [\[15\]](#page-20-11) have obtained the quasi-local conserved charges for black holes in any diffeomorphically invariant theory of gravity. By considering an appropriate variation of the metric, they have established a one-to-one correspondence between the ADT approach and the linear Noether expressions. They have extended this work to a theory of gravity containing a gravitational Chern-Simons term in [\[16\]](#page-20-12), and have computed the off-shell potential and quasi-local conserved charges of some black holes in TMG. In the first order formalism, quasi-local conserved charges of Lorentz-diffeomorphism covariant theories of gravity are investigated in [\[17\]](#page-20-13). But there are theories which are not Lorentz-difeomorphism covariant so for such theories a method for which one can calculate conserved charges of Lorentz-diffeomorphism covariant theories are useless. In previous paper [\[19\]](#page-20-14) by introducing the total variation of a quantity due to an infinitesimal Lorentz-diffeomorphism transformation, we have obtained the conserved charges in Lorentz-diffeomorphism non-covariant theories. The formalism proposed in [\[19\]](#page-20-14) is for on-shell case. In this paper we want to extend this formalism to the spin-3 topologically massive gravity. We find an expression for ADT conserved current which is off-shell conserved for a given Killing vector field. Then we can find the generalized ADT conserved charge by virtue of the Poincare lemma. In ref. [\[18\]](#page-20-0) the energy of the higher spin black hole solutions of ordinary higher spin gravity has obtained by canonical formalism. Here we not only obtain the energy but also we find the angular momentum of black hole solutions of spin-3 topologically massive gravity. Furthermore we obtain a general formula for entropy of black hole solutions of spin-3 topologically massive gravity, where by substituting $e_{\mu}^{ab} = \omega_{\mu}^{ab} = 0$, this formula reduces to

the entropy formula in the ordinary topologically massive gravity which we obtained previously in the paper [\[19\]](#page-20-14).

2 First-order formalism of 3D spin-3 gravity

In this section, we will briefly review relevant aspects of spin-3 gravity in three dimensions in a slightly different way. We can describe the spin-3 gravity in three dimensions by the generalized dreibein and spin-connection [\[4\]](#page-19-3). We want to work in the first order formalism, so we take generalized spin-connection as an independent quantity as well as generalized dreibein. The algebra $sl(3, \mathbb{R})$ have 3 generators J_a and 5 generators T_{ab} with the following commutation relations [3](#page-2-0)

$$
[J_a, J_b] = \varepsilon_{ab}^{\ c} J_c, \qquad [J_a, T_{bc}] = 2\varepsilon^d{}_{a(b} T_{c)d},
$$

$$
[T_{ab}, T_{cd}] = -2 \left(\eta_{a(c} \varepsilon_{d)b}^{\ e} + \eta_{b(c} \varepsilon_{d)a}^{\ e} \right) J_e,
$$
 (1)

where T_{ab} are symmetric and trace-less in the Lorentz indices. In the representation we have considered the inner product of the generators are [\[20\]](#page-20-15)

$$
tr(J_a) = 0,
$$
 $tr(T_{ab}) = 0,$ $tr(J_a T_{bc}) = 0,$
\n $tr(J_a J_b) = 2\eta_{ab},$ $tr(T_{ab} T_{cd}) = 4\eta_{a(c} \eta_{d)b} - \frac{4}{3} \eta_{ab} \eta_{cd}.$ (2)

The generalized dreibein and the generalized spin-connection take values in the Lie algebra $sl(3,\mathbb{R})$ as follows respectively:

$$
e_{\mu} = e_{\mu}{}^{a} J_{a} + e_{\mu}{}^{ab} T_{ab},\tag{3}
$$

$$
\omega_{\mu} = \omega_{\mu}{}^{a} J_{a} + \omega_{\mu}{}^{ab} T_{ab},\tag{4}
$$

 $a, b = 0, 1, 2$. Notice that e_{μ}^{ab} is symmetric and trace-less with respect to Lorentz indices. It is convenient to write the generalized dreibein one-form and the generalized spin-connection one-form as [\[3,](#page-19-2) [21\]](#page-20-16)

$$
e = e_{\mu}{}^{A} J_{A} dx^{\mu}, \qquad \omega = \omega_{\mu}{}^{A} J_{A} dx^{\mu}, \tag{5}
$$

respectively, and $A = 1, ..., 8$. In the above J_A denotes a full set of $sl(3, \mathbb{R})$,

$$
[J_A, J_B] = f_{AB}{}^C J_C,\tag{6}
$$

³In this paper, we use the ordinary symmetrization by a pair of parentheses.

where $f_{AB}{}^C$ are anti-symmetric structure constants. The Killing form in the fundamental representation of $sl(3,\mathbb{R})$ is defined as

$$
K_{AB} = \frac{1}{2}tr(J_A J_B),\tag{7}
$$

and the anti-symmetric and symmetric structure constants of the Lie algebra are given by

$$
f_{ABC} = \frac{1}{2} tr([J_A, J_B]J_C), \qquad d_{ABC} = \frac{1}{2} tr(\{J_A, J_B\}J_C). \tag{8}
$$

Translating the frame-like formalism to the metric-like formalism given by the following transformations [\[4\]](#page-19-3)

$$
g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2!} tr(e_{(\mu}e_{\nu)})
$$

$$
\varphi_{\mu\nu\lambda} = \frac{1}{3!} tr(e_{(\mu}e_{\nu}e_{\lambda)}).
$$
 (9)

where $g_{\mu\nu}$ is the metric and $\varphi_{\mu\nu\lambda}$ is the spin-3 field and it is totally symmetric. By substituting e_{μ} from Eq.[\(5\)](#page-2-1) into Eq.[\(9\)](#page-3-0) and using Eq.[\(7\)](#page-3-1) and Eq.[\(8\)](#page-3-2) we have

$$
g_{\mu\nu} = K_{AB}e_{\mu}{}^{A}e_{\nu}{}^{B}
$$

$$
\varphi_{\mu\nu\lambda} = \frac{1}{3!}d_{ABC}e_{\mu}{}^{A}e_{\nu}{}^{B}e_{\lambda}{}^{C}.
$$
 (10)

It is clear that $g_{\mu\nu}$ and $\varphi_{\mu\nu\lambda}$ both are invariant under the following Lorentzlike gauge transformation

$$
\tilde{e}_{\mu} = L e_{\mu} L^{-1},\tag{11}
$$

where $L \in SL(3,\mathbb{R})$ and we can write $L = \exp(\lambda)$ so that λ is the generator of Lorentz-like transformation and it is a $sl(3,\mathbb{R})$ Lie algebra valued quantity,

$$
\lambda = \lambda^a J_a + \lambda^{ab} T_{ab} = \lambda^A J_A. \tag{12}
$$

Now we can introduce the exterior covariant derivative by demanding that it be covariant under the Lorentz-like transformation [\(11\)](#page-3-3) as well as diffeomorphism covariance. To this end, we need to introduce the generalized spin-connection in the form of [\(5\)](#page-2-1). Thus, we can define exterior covariant derivative as

$$
D_{\mu}e_{\nu} = \partial_{\mu}e_{\nu} + [\omega_{\mu}, e_{\nu}] \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad D_{\mu}e_{\nu}{}^{A} = \partial_{\mu}e_{\nu}{}^{A} + f^{A}{}_{BC}\omega_{\mu}{}^{B}e_{\nu}{}^{C}. \tag{13}
$$

In order the above exterior derivative be covariant under the Lorentz-like transformation, the generalized spin-connection must transforms as

$$
\tilde{\omega} = L\omega L^{-1} + LdL^{-1},\tag{14}
$$

where d denotes the ordinary exterior derivative. Now, one can define the total derivative as follows:

$$
D_{\mu}^{(T)}e_{\nu} = \partial_{\mu}e_{\nu} + [\omega_{\mu}, e_{\nu}] - \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu}e_{\lambda}, \qquad (15)
$$

where $\Gamma^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu}$ can be interprets as Affine connection. The metric-connection compatibility condition $\nabla_{\lambda}g_{\mu\nu}=0$ leads to the total derivative of dreibein vanishes, i.e. $D_{\mu}^{(T)}e_{\nu}=0$. Therefore, one can define the generalized torsion 2-form as

$$
\mathcal{T} = e_{\lambda} \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} \wedge dx^{\nu} = De.
$$
 (16)

Another useful covariant quantity is the generalized curvature 2-form which is given by

$$
\mathcal{R} = d\omega + \omega \wedge \omega \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{R}^A = d\omega^A + \frac{1}{2} f^A{}_{BC} \omega^B \wedge \omega^C. \tag{17}
$$

Since the total derivative of $e_{\mu}{}^{A}$ is zero, then we have $\nabla_{\sigma} \varphi_{\mu\nu\lambda} = 0$. From Eq.[\(11\)](#page-3-3) and Eq.[\(14\)](#page-4-0), it is easy to check that the variation of generalized dreibein and generalized spin connection under an infinitesimal Lorentz-like gauge transformation are

$$
\delta_{\lambda} e = [\lambda, e], \tag{18}
$$

$$
\delta_{\lambda}\omega = -D\lambda,\tag{19}
$$

where

$$
D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu}\lambda + [\omega_{\mu}, \lambda]. \tag{20}
$$

It is well-known that the ordinary Lie derivative of a diffeomorphism invariant quantity is diffeomorphism covariant but it may be not Lorentz-like covariant. In the manner of papers [\[22,](#page-20-17) [23,](#page-20-18) [24,](#page-21-0) [25,](#page-21-1) [19\]](#page-20-14), we can generalize the Lie derivative so that it becomes covariant under Lorentz-like transformation as well as diffeomorphism. To this end, we consider the ordinary Lie derivative of dreibein along a curve generated by the vector filed ξ , $\mathcal{L}_{\xi}e_{\mu} = \xi^{\lambda}\partial_{\lambda}e_{\mu} + e_{\lambda}\partial_{\mu}\xi^{\lambda}$. Now we generalize this by adding variation of e_{μ} with respect to an infinitesimal Lorentz-like gauge transformation

$$
\mathfrak{L}_{\xi}e = \mathcal{L}_{\xi}e + [\lambda_{\xi}, e]. \tag{21}
$$

If the generator of Lorentz-like gauge transformation λ_{ξ} transforms as

$$
\tilde{\lambda_{\xi}} = L\lambda_{\xi}L^{-1} + L\pounds_{\xi}L^{-1},\tag{22}
$$

under Lorentz-gauge transformation, then the definition of generalized Lie derivative [\(21\)](#page-4-1) will be covariant under the Lorentz-like transformations. It is straightforward to extend this expression of the generalized Lie derivative for $e_{\mu}{}^{A}$ to the case for which we have more than one Lorentz-like index. The generalized Lie derivative of generalized spin-connection, $\mathfrak{L}_{\xi}\omega$, is not covariant under Lorentz-like transformations, while $\mathfrak{L}_{\xi}\omega - d\lambda_{\xi}$ will be covariant under the Lorentz-like transformations. Thus, under the generalized local translations we have

$$
\delta_{\xi}e = \mathfrak{L}_{\xi}e,\tag{23}
$$

$$
\delta_{\xi}\omega = \mathfrak{L}_{\xi}\omega - d\lambda_{\xi},\tag{24}
$$

therefore they are covariant under the Lorentz-like transformations as well as diffeomorphism. Hence, we can interpret δ_{ξ} as a generalized diffeomorphism transformation. We can use Eq.[\(23\)](#page-5-0) to obtain behaviour of the metric under this generalized diffeomorphism transformation as

$$
\delta_{\xi}g_{\mu\nu} = \pounds_{\xi}g_{\mu\nu}.
$$
\n(25)

This equation is exactly what we expect. In a similar way, for spin-3 field we obtain

$$
\delta_{\xi}\varphi_{\mu\nu\lambda} = \pounds_{\xi}\varphi_{\mu\nu\lambda},\tag{26}
$$

In the last step of the calculation we used $f_{D(A}^E d_{BC)E}^E = 0$. Since $\nabla_{\sigma} \varphi_{\mu\nu\lambda}$ is zero, the equation [\(26\)](#page-5-1) can be rewritten as

$$
\delta_{\xi}\varphi_{\mu\nu\lambda} = 3\nabla_{(\lambda} \left(\varphi_{\mu\nu\rangle\sigma} \xi^{\sigma} \right) + 3 \left(i_{\xi} \mathcal{T}^{\sigma} \right)_{(\lambda} \varphi_{\mu\nu)\sigma}, \tag{27}
$$

thus in a torsion free theory this reduce to

$$
\delta_{\xi}\varphi_{\mu\nu\lambda} = \nabla_{(\lambda}\xi_{\mu\nu)},\tag{28}
$$

where

$$
\xi_{\mu\nu} = 3\varphi_{\mu\nu\sigma}\xi^{\sigma} = 3e_{\mu}^{a}e_{\nu}^{b}e_{\sigma ab}\xi^{\sigma} - 4e_{\mu}^{ab}e_{\nu bc}e_{\sigma}^{c}{}_{a}\xi^{\sigma}.
$$
 (29)

The equation [\(28\)](#page-5-2) is just the spin-3 field gauge transformation which was introduced in [\[26,](#page-21-2) [27\]](#page-21-3).

It is well known that Einstein-Hilbert action in the presence of negative cosmological constant in 3-dimension can be reformulated as a Chern-Simons theory with gage group $SO(2, 2) \sim SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ [\[28,](#page-21-4) [29\]](#page-21-5). Similarly, a $SL(3,\mathbb{R})\times SL(3,\mathbb{R})$ Chern-Simons theory with the following action describes a three dimensional spin-3 gravity theory [\[5,](#page-20-1) [6\]](#page-20-2) (see also [\[30\]](#page-21-6)),

$$
S_{EH} = S_{CS}[A^+] - S_{CS}[A^-],\tag{30}
$$

where

$$
S_{CS}[A] = \frac{l}{8\pi G} \int (A \wedge dA + \frac{2}{3} A \wedge A \wedge A), \tag{31}
$$

where $l^2 > 0$ corresponds to a negative cosmological constant, and G is Newton's constant. To relate these to the first order formalism based on dreibein and spin-connection we introduce following two independent connection one-form A^+ and A^- ,

$$
A^{\pm} = \omega \pm \frac{1}{l}e. \tag{32}
$$

By substituting A^{\pm} from Eq.[\(32\)](#page-6-0) into Eq.[\(30\)](#page-6-1) we obtain the following action which describes a three dimensional spin-3 gravity theory

$$
S_{EH} = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int (e \wedge \mathcal{R} + \frac{1}{3l^2} e \wedge e \wedge e), \tag{33}
$$

In the next section we will extend the above Einstein-Hilbert spin-3 gravity action to the spin-3 topologically massive gravity theory. The field equations come from above action are

$$
\mathcal{T} = 0, \qquad \qquad \mathcal{R} + \frac{1}{l^2} e \wedge e = 0. \tag{34}
$$

Since $i_{\xi}\omega$ transforms like [\(22\)](#page-5-3) then one can choose $\lambda_{\xi} = i_{\xi}\omega$. Notice that this choice is not unique. Using the field equations and by choosing $\lambda_{\xi} = i_{\xi}\omega$, Eq.[\(18\)](#page-4-2) and Eq.[\(19\)](#page-4-3) reduce to

$$
\delta_{\Xi}e = D\Xi, \qquad \delta_{\Xi}\omega = \frac{1}{l^2}[e,\Xi], \qquad (35)
$$

where $\Xi = i_{\xi}e$. These results are exactly the generalized local translations which were already mentioned in [\[4,](#page-19-3) [3,](#page-19-2) [21\]](#page-20-16).

3 Spin-3 topologically massive gravity

In this section, we consider an action describing the spin-3 field coupled to TMG. This generalization has already been done [\[11,](#page-20-7) [12\]](#page-20-8). In that paper, the authors have studied this model at the linearized level. In this paper, we are interested to consider the Spin-3 Topologically Massive Gravity in nonlinear level and we want to find a general formula for quasi-local conserved charges of the solutions of this model.

The Lagrangian of the spin-3 Topologically Massive Gravity is given by

$$
\mathcal{L} = tr\{-\sigma e \wedge \mathcal{R} + \frac{\Lambda}{3}e \wedge e \wedge e + \frac{1}{2\mu} \left(\omega d\omega + \frac{2}{3}\omega \wedge \omega \wedge \omega\right) + h \wedge \mathcal{T}\}.
$$
 (36)

In the above Lagrangian h is an auxiliary $sl(3,\mathbb{R})$ Lie algebra valued oneform field. Also μ is a mass parameter, σ is a sign and Λ denotes the cosmological parameter.

The general variation of the Lagrangian [\(36\)](#page-7-0) is given by

$$
\delta \mathcal{L} = tr(\delta \Phi \wedge E_{\Phi}) + d\Theta(\Phi, \delta \Phi). \tag{37}
$$

We use the symbol Φ to denote all of fields e, ω and h. Here E_{Φ} denotes the equation of motion associated with field Φ . Equations of motion are given as follows:

$$
E_e = -\sigma \mathcal{R} + \Lambda e \wedge e + Dh = 0,\tag{38}
$$

$$
E_{\omega} = -\sigma \mathcal{T} + \frac{1}{\mu} \mathcal{R} + e \wedge h + h \wedge e = 0, \qquad (39)
$$

$$
E_h = \mathcal{T} = 0. \tag{40}
$$

Also, the surface term $\Theta(\Phi, \delta\Phi)$ is

$$
\Theta(\Phi, \delta\Phi) = tr \left(-\sigma \delta\omega \wedge e + \frac{1}{2\mu} \delta\omega \wedge \omega + \delta e \wedge h \right). \tag{41}
$$

If we take

$$
l^2 = -\frac{\Lambda}{\sigma} \qquad and \qquad h = \frac{1}{2\mu l^2}e,\tag{42}
$$

then the equations of motion [\(38\)](#page-7-1)-[\(40\)](#page-7-2) reduce to

$$
\mathcal{T} = 0, \qquad \qquad \mathcal{R} + \frac{1}{l^2} e \wedge e = 0. \tag{43}
$$

These are exactly what we are mentioned already in the equation [\(34\)](#page-6-2). In this way, all the solutions of the spin-3 gravity (for instance, see [\[20,](#page-20-15) [30,](#page-21-6) [31\]](#page-21-7)) are solutions of the spin-3 topologically massive gravity.

4 Quasi-local conserved charges

The action [\(33\)](#page-6-3) of spin-3 gravity in 3D is invariant under the generalized local Lorentz translations [\(23\)](#page-5-0) and [\(24\)](#page-5-4). In other words, variation of the Lagrangian of spin-3 gravity with respect to the generalized local Lorentz translations is equals to the generalized Lie derivative of the Lagrangian, i.e. $\delta_{\xi} \mathcal{L}_{EH} = \mathfrak{L}_{\xi} \mathcal{L}_{EH}$. But, this is not the case for the spin-3 topologically massive gravity. Consider the spin-3 topologically massive gravity [\(36\)](#page-7-0). This Lagrangian is not invariant under the generalized local Lorentz translations. In this model, variation of the Lagrangian due to the generalized local Lorentz translations becomes

$$
\delta_{\xi} \mathcal{L} = \mathfrak{L}_{\xi} \mathcal{L} + d \Psi_{\xi},\tag{44}
$$

where Ψ_{ξ} is given by

$$
\Psi_{\xi} = \frac{1}{2\mu} tr(d\lambda_{\xi} \wedge \omega). \tag{45}
$$

In the calculation of the equation [\(44\)](#page-8-0), we use the fact that the generalized Lie derivative do not commute with the exterior derivative,

$$
[d, \mathfrak{L}_{\xi}]e = d\lambda_{\xi} \wedge e + e \wedge \lambda_{\xi}.
$$
 (46)

Also, notice that λ_{ξ} does not depend on the fields. In a similar way, one can show that the variation of surface term [\(41\)](#page-7-3) due to the generalized local Lorentz translations differs form its generalized Lie derivative as

$$
\delta_{\xi} \Theta(\Phi, \delta \Phi) = \mathfrak{L}_{\xi} \Theta(\Phi, \delta \Phi) + \Pi_{\xi}, \tag{47}
$$

where Π_{ξ} is given by

$$
\Pi_{\xi} = \frac{1}{2\mu} tr(d\lambda_{\xi} \wedge \delta\omega). \tag{48}
$$

Now we consider variation of the Lagrangian Eq.[\(36\)](#page-7-0) due to a generalized local Lorentz translation,

$$
\delta_{\xi} \mathcal{L} = tr(\delta_{\xi} \Phi \wedge E_{\Phi}) + d\Theta(\Phi, \delta_{\xi} \Phi). \tag{49}
$$

By using Eqs.[\(44\)](#page-8-0), [\(49\)](#page-8-1) and from $\mathfrak{L}_{\xi}\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\xi}\mathcal{L} = di_{\xi}\mathcal{L}$, we can write

$$
d\left(\Theta(\Phi,\delta_{\xi}\Phi)-i_{\xi}\mathcal{L}-\Psi_{\xi}\right)=-tr(\delta_{\xi}\Phi\wedge E_{\Phi}).
$$
\n(50)

We will not restrict our study to the on-sell case. One can rewrite Eq.[\(23\)](#page-5-0) as follows:

$$
\delta_{\xi}e = \mathcal{L}_{\xi}e + [\lambda_{\xi}, e] = \mathcal{L}_{\xi} + [i_{\xi}\omega, e] + [\lambda - i_{\xi}\omega, e] = D(i_{\xi}e) + i_{\xi}\mathcal{T} + [\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi}\omega, e],
$$
\n(51)

where $i_{\xi} \mathcal{T} = (i_{\xi} \mathcal{T}^{\sigma})_{\nu} e_{\sigma} dx^{\nu}$. Now we rewrite Eq.[\(24\)](#page-5-4) as

$$
\delta_{\xi}\omega = \pounds_{\xi}\omega + [\lambda_{\xi}, \omega] - d\lambda = i_{\xi}\mathcal{R} - D(\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi}\omega). \tag{52}
$$

Also, we can show that

$$
D^2h = dDh + [\omega, Dh] = \mathcal{R} \wedge h - h \wedge \mathcal{R}.
$$
 (53)

By some calculations and using Eqs.[\(51\)](#page-8-2)-[\(53\)](#page-9-0), we can simplify the right hand side of the equation [\(50\)](#page-8-3) as

$$
tr(\delta_{\xi}\Phi \wedge E_{\Phi}) = d \, tr \left(i_{\xi}eE_{e} - (\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi}\omega)E_{\omega} + i_{\xi}hE_{h} \right) + tr\{\sigma i_{\xi}eD\mathcal{R} - i_{\xi}h(D\mathcal{T} + e \wedge \mathcal{R} - \mathcal{R} \wedge e) \} + tr\{ (\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi}\omega) [-\sigma(D\mathcal{T} + e \wedge \mathcal{R} - \mathcal{R} \wedge e) + \frac{1}{\mu}D\mathcal{R}] \}.
$$
 (54)

By substituting $Eq.(54)$ $Eq.(54)$ into $Eq.(50)$ $Eq.(50)$ we will have

$$
d\mathfrak{J}_{\xi} = tr\{-\sigma i_{\xi}eDR + i_{\xi}h(D\mathcal{T} + e \wedge \mathcal{R} - \mathcal{R} \wedge e)\}\
$$

$$
+ tr\{(\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi}\omega)[\sigma(D\mathcal{T} + e \wedge \mathcal{R} - \mathcal{R} \wedge e) - \frac{1}{\mu}D\mathcal{R}]\},
$$

$$
(55)
$$

where \mathfrak{J}_{ξ} is given by

$$
\mathfrak{J}_{\xi} = \Theta(\Phi, \delta_{\xi}\Phi) - i_{\xi}\mathcal{L} - \Psi_{\xi} + tr(i_{\xi}eE_e - (\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi}\omega)E_{\omega} + i_{\xi}hE_h). \tag{56}
$$

If we demand that \mathfrak{J}_{ξ} to be an off-shell conserved quantity for arbitrary ξ , the following identities should be satisfy

$$
D\mathcal{R} = 0,
$$

\n
$$
D\mathcal{T} + e \wedge \mathcal{R} - \mathcal{R} \wedge e = 0.
$$
\n(57)

These are the generalized Bianchi identities. In other words, in the presence of the above Bianchi identities, the current \mathfrak{J}_ξ is conserved off-shell, because the right hand side of Eq.[\(55\)](#page-9-2) is zero, so $d\mathfrak{J}_{\xi} = 0$. Thus, by the Poincare lemma we find that

$$
\mathfrak{J}_{\xi} = dK_{\xi}.\tag{58}
$$

By varying the equation Eq.[\(56\)](#page-9-3) and using Eq.[\(36\)](#page-7-0) and Eq.[\(47\)](#page-8-4), we will have

$$
d\left(\delta K_{\xi} - i_{\xi}\Theta(\Phi, \delta_{\xi}\Phi)\right) - \left(\delta\Theta(\Phi, \delta_{\xi}\Phi) - \delta_{\xi}\Theta(\Phi, \delta\Phi)\right) + \delta\psi_{\xi} - \Pi_{\xi} = tr\{\delta e \wedge i_{\xi}E_e + \delta\omega \wedge i_{\xi}E_{\omega} + \delta h \wedge i_{\xi}E_h + i_{\xi}e\delta E_e + i_{\xi}h\delta E_h - (\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi}\omega)\delta E_{\omega}\}\n\tag{59}
$$

Now, we restrict our attention to the case in which ξ is a Killing vector field. On the one hand, we have the following configuration space result given in [\[32\]](#page-21-8)

$$
\delta\Theta(\Phi, \delta_{\xi}\Phi) - \delta_{\xi}\Theta(\Phi, \delta\Phi) = 0, \qquad (60)
$$

this equality holds when ξ is a Killing vector field. On the other hand, the right hand side of the equation [\(59\)](#page-9-4) is just the first order formalism version of the off-shell ADT conserved current for the considered theory

$$
\mathcal{J}_{ADT} = tr\{\delta e \wedge i_{\xi} E_e + \delta \omega \wedge i_{\xi} E_{\omega} + \delta h \wedge i_{\xi} E_h + i_{\xi} e \delta E_e + i_{\xi} h \delta E_h - (\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi} \omega) \delta E_{\omega} \}.
$$
\n(61)

One can find the metric formalism version of the off-shell ADT conserved current in [\[15,](#page-20-11) [16\]](#page-20-12). The definition \mathcal{J}_{ADT} by Eq.[\(61\)](#page-10-0) is just resemble of the metric formalism version. Thus, we can rewrite Eq.[\(59\)](#page-9-4) as follows:

$$
\mathcal{J}_{ADT} = d\left(\delta K_{\xi} - i_{\xi} \Theta(\Phi, \delta_{\xi} \Phi)\right). \tag{62}
$$

In the last step of the calculations we used of the fact that $\delta\Phi_{\xi} - \Pi_{\xi} = 0$ which can be easily read off from Eq.[\(45\)](#page-8-5) and Eq.[\(48\)](#page-8-6). Now, it is obvious that \mathcal{J}_{ADT} is conserved off-shell for any Killing vector field ξ and we can define the off-shell ADT conserved charge associated with a Killing vector field ξ as

$$
Q_{ADT}(\Phi, \delta\Phi; \xi) = \delta K_{\xi} - i_{\xi} \Theta(\Phi, \delta_{\xi} \Phi), \tag{63}
$$

so that through it we can rewrite Eq.[\(62\)](#page-10-1) as $\mathcal{J}_{ADT} = d\mathcal{Q}_{ADT}$. Hence, in the manner of papers [\[15,](#page-20-11) [16\]](#page-20-12), we define the quasi-local charge corresponding to a Killing vector ξ as

$$
Q(\xi) = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_0^1 ds \int_{\Sigma} \mathcal{Q}_{ADT}(\Phi|s), \tag{64}
$$

where Σ denotes a codimension two space-like surface and integration with respect to s runs over a one-parameter path in the solution space. Also, $s = 0$ and $s = 1$ are correspond to the background solution and the interested solution, respectively.

By substituting the explicit expressions of the surface term Eq.[\(41\)](#page-7-3), the La-grangian Eq.[\(36\)](#page-7-0) and Eq.[\(45\)](#page-8-5) into Eq.[\(56\)](#page-9-3) we obtain \mathfrak{J}_{ξ} , then using Eq.[\(58\)](#page-9-5), we find that

$$
K_{\xi} = tr\{\sigma(\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi}\omega)e + i_{\xi}eh + \frac{1}{2\mu}i_{\xi}\omega\omega - \frac{1}{\mu}\lambda_{\xi}\omega\}.
$$
 (65)

This ensures that \mathfrak{J}_{ξ} is closed an exact off-shell and hence the equations in [\(57\)](#page-9-6) must be satisfied. Hence, we can express the ADT conserved charge [\(63\)](#page-10-2) explicitly as follows:

$$
Q_{ADT}(\Phi, \delta\Phi; \xi) = tr\{\sigma(\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi}\omega)\delta e + i_{\xi}e\delta h - \frac{1}{\mu}(\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi}\omega)\delta\omega + i_{\xi}h\delta e - \sigma i_{\xi}e\delta\omega\}.
$$
\n(66)

In the section 3, we showed that all the solutions of spin-3 gravity in three dimensions are solutions of the spin-3 topologically massive gravity in the presence of following relations

$$
\Lambda = -\frac{\sigma}{l^2} \qquad and \qquad h = \frac{1}{2\mu l^2}e. \tag{67}
$$

By substituting the above h into Eq. (66) we find that

$$
Q_{ADT}(\Phi, \delta\Phi; \xi) = tr\{(\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi}\omega)(\sigma\delta e - \frac{1}{\mu}\delta\omega) + i_{\xi}e(-\sigma\delta\omega + \frac{1}{\mu l^2}\delta e)\}.
$$
 (68)

It is traditional to write conserved charge in terms of gauge connections A^{\pm} . Using Eq. (32) we have

$$
e = \frac{l}{2}(A^{+} - A^{-}), \qquad \omega = \frac{1}{2}(A^{+} + A^{-}). \tag{69}
$$

Then we can rewrite the off-sell ADT conserved charge corresponds to a Killing vector field as follows:

$$
Q_{ADT}(\Phi, \delta\Phi; \xi) = \frac{l}{2} tr \{ (\sigma - \frac{1}{\mu l}) (\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi} A^+) \delta A^+ - (\sigma + \frac{1}{\mu l}) (\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi} A^-) \delta A^- \}.
$$
\n(70)

If we substitute $\lambda_{\xi} = 0$ in Eq.[\(70\)](#page-11-1), in another word if we consider only covariance under diffeomorphism, then ADT conserved charge reduce to the following

$$
\mathcal{Q}_{ADT}(\Phi, \delta\Phi; \xi) = \frac{-l}{2} tr \{ (\sigma - \frac{1}{\mu l}) i_{\xi} A^+ \delta A^+ - (\sigma + \frac{1}{\mu l}) i_{\xi} A^- \delta A^- \}. \tag{71}
$$

Now if we consider the surface \sum in Eq.[\(64\)](#page-10-3) as a circle with infinite radius, and insert the above \mathcal{Q}_{ADT} into Eq.[\(64\)](#page-10-3) we obtain

$$
Q(\xi) = -\frac{l}{16\pi} \lim_{\rho \to \infty} \int_0^{2\pi} tr \{ (\sigma - \frac{1}{\mu l}) i_{\xi} A^+ \delta A^+_{\phi} - (\sigma + \frac{1}{\mu l}) i_{\xi} A^- \delta A^-_{\phi} \} d\phi. (72)
$$

If we take the limit $\frac{1}{\mu} \rightarrow 0$, where TMG action Eq.[\(36\)](#page-7-0) reduce to the Einstein-Hilbert action Eq.[\(33\)](#page-6-3), the above conserved charge Eq.[\(72\)](#page-11-2) also in this limiting case reduce to the result presented in [\[18\]](#page-20-0) exactly (see also [\[33\]](#page-21-9)). So we could obtain an extended version of conserved charge presented in [\[18\]](#page-20-0) in the first order formalism and in off-shell case by the quasi-local approach.

5 Gauge fixing

In this section, we want to find an expression for λ_{ξ} when the generalized Lie derivative of generalized dreibein Eq. [\(21\)](#page-4-1) vanishes explicitly where ξ is a Killing vector field. We suggest following expression

$$
\lambda_{\xi} = i_{\xi}\omega + \frac{1}{2}[e^{\nu}, D_{\nu}(i_{\xi}e) + (i_{\xi}\mathcal{T})_{\nu}].
$$
\n(73)

The above λ_{ξ} manifestly transforms like Eq.[\(22\)](#page-5-3) under the Lorentz-like gauge transformation. In the considered Lie algebra, the following relation holds between Killing form and the anti-symmetric structure constants

$$
f_{AB}^E f_{ECD} = -(K_{AC}K_{BD} - K_{AD}K_{BC}).
$$
\n(74)

By substituting Eq. (73) into Eq. (21) , and using the metric-connection compatibility condition and the above equation we find that

$$
\mathfrak{L}_{\xi}e_{\mu} = \frac{1}{2}e^{\nu}\mathcal{L}_{\xi}g_{\mu\nu}.
$$
\n(75)

It is clear now that $\mathfrak{L}_{\xi}e$ becomes zero when ξ is a Killing vector field, where we have $\mathcal{L}_{\xi}g_{\mu\nu}=0.$

6 A general formula for the entropy of black holes

Let us consider a black hole solution of the spin-3 topologically massive gravity. From section 4 we know that any quasi-local conserved charge of black hole corresponding to the Killing vector field ξ is given by Eq.[\(64\)](#page-10-3). We take the codimension two surface Σ to be the bifurcate surface \mathcal{B} . Suppose that ξ is the Killing vector field which generates the Killing horizon, so we must set $\xi = 0$ on B. Thus, by substituting \mathcal{Q}_{ADT} from Eq.[\(66\)](#page-11-0) into Eq.[\(64\)](#page-10-3), the conserved charge expression [\(64\)](#page-10-3) reduces to

$$
Q(\xi) = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_0^1 ds \int_{\mathcal{B}} tr {\lambda_{\xi} (\sigma \delta e - \frac{1}{\mu} \delta \omega)}.
$$
 (76)

Now, we take $s = 0$ and $s = 1$ correspond to the considered black hole space-time an the perturbed one, respectively. Therefore, the equation [\(76\)](#page-12-1) becomes

$$
\delta Q(\xi) = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{\mathcal{B}} tr \{ \lambda_{\xi} (\sigma \delta e - \frac{1}{\mu} \delta \omega) \}.
$$
 (77)

Since λ_ξ do not depends on the fields at all, so we have

$$
Q(\xi) = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{\mathcal{B}} tr {\lambda_{\xi} (\sigma e - \frac{1}{\mu}\omega)}.
$$
 (78)

On the bifurcate surface, we can rewrite Eq.[\(73\)](#page-12-0) as

$$
\lambda_{\xi} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla^{\mu} \xi^{\nu} [e_{\mu}, e_{\nu}]. \tag{79}
$$

Since we have $\nabla^{\mu}\xi^{\nu} = \kappa n^{\mu\nu}$ on the bifurcate surface, where κ is surface gravity and $n^{\mu\nu}$ is bi-normal to \mathcal{B} , therefore Eq.[\(79\)](#page-13-0) becomes

$$
\lambda_{\xi} = \frac{1}{2} \kappa n^{\mu\nu} [e_{\mu}, e_{\nu}] = \frac{1}{2} \kappa f^{A}_{BC} e_{\mu}^{B} e_{\nu}^{C} n^{\mu\nu} J_{A}.
$$
 (80)

Now, we define N^A as follows:

$$
N^{A} = \frac{1}{2} f^{A}_{BC} e_{\mu}^{B} e_{\nu}^{C} n^{\mu \nu}, \qquad (81)
$$

since the bi-normal to B is normalized to -2 then N^A is normalized to 1, i.e. $K_{AB}N^AN^B = 1$. For the stationary black hole solutions, the non-zero components of the bi-normal to \mathcal{B} are $n^{t\rho} = -n^{\rho t}$, therefore Eq.[\(81\)](#page-13-1) becomes

$$
N^A = f^A_{BC} e_t^B e_\rho^C n^{t\rho},\tag{82}
$$

where t and ρ are time-coordinate and radial-coordinate, respectively. It is obvious that N^A is orthogonal to $e_t{}^A$ and $e_\rho{}^A$, i.e. $K_{AB}e_t{}^A N^B = K_{AB}e_\rho{}^A N^B =$ 0, then it must be proportional to $e_{\phi}^{\{A\}}$, where ϕ denotes the angular coordinate. Because N^A is normalized to 1 then we have

$$
N^A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g_{\phi\phi}}} e_{\phi}{}^A,\tag{83}
$$

by substituting this equation into Eq.[\(80\)](#page-13-2) we find that

$$
\lambda_{\xi} = \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{g_{\phi\phi}}} e_{\phi}.
$$
\n(84)

We substitute the above expression into Eq.[\(78\)](#page-13-3) then we obtain

$$
Q(\xi) = \frac{\kappa}{8\pi} \int_{\mathcal{B}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{g_{\phi\phi}}} tr \{ e_{\phi} (\sigma e_{\phi} - \frac{1}{\mu} \omega_{\phi}) \} d\phi.
$$
 (85)

Now, we can define the entropy of a black hole as

$$
S = \frac{8\pi}{\kappa} Q(\xi) = \int_{\mathcal{B}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{g_{\phi\phi}}} tr \{ e_{\phi} (\sigma e_{\phi} - \frac{1}{\mu} \omega_{\phi}) \} d\phi.
$$
 (86)

If we set $e_{\mu}^{ab} = \omega_{\mu}^{ab} = 0$, then the above formula reduces to the entropy formula in the ordinary topologically massive gravity which is obtained in the paper [\[19\]](#page-20-14).

7 Example

The authors of [\[30\]](#page-21-6) (see also [\[4\]](#page-19-3)) have proposed following gauge connections which solve the spin-3 gravity field equations

$$
A^{+} = b(\rho)^{-1}a^{+}(x^{+})b(\rho) + b(\rho)^{-1}db(\rho)
$$

\n
$$
A^{-} = b(\rho)a^{-}(x^{-})b(\rho)^{-1} + b(\rho)db(\rho)^{-1},
$$
\n(87)

where $b(\rho) = \exp(\rho L_0)$ and $x^{\pm} = t/l \pm \phi$. Also, $a^{\pm}(x^{\pm})$ are given by

$$
a^+(x^+) = (L_1 - \mathcal{L}^+(x^+)L_{-1} - \mathcal{W}^+(x^+)W_{-2}) dx^+
$$

\n
$$
a^-(x^-) = (L_{-1} - \mathcal{L}^-(x^-)L_1 + \mathcal{W}^-(x^-)W_2) dx^-. \tag{88}
$$

where $\mathcal{L}^{\pm}(x^{\pm})$ and $\mathcal{W}^{\pm}(x^{\pm})$ are functions which transform under gauge transformations which preserve the asymptotic conditions (see [\[4\]](#page-19-3) for details). An representation of generators L_i , $(i = -1, 0, 1)$, W_j , $(j = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2)$ is given in appendix. By substituting the gauge connections [\(87\)](#page-14-0) into Eq.[\(69\)](#page-11-3) we can find the generalized dreibein as

$$
e_{t} = \frac{1}{2} \left((e^{\rho} - \mathcal{L}^{-} e^{-\rho}) L_{1} + (e^{\rho} - \mathcal{L}^{+} e^{-\rho}) L_{-1} + \mathcal{W}^{-} e^{-2\rho} W_{2} - \mathcal{W}^{+} e^{-2\rho} W_{-2} \right)
$$

\n
$$
e_{\phi} = \frac{l}{2} \left((e^{\rho} + \mathcal{L}^{-} e^{-\rho}) L_{1} - (e^{\rho} + \mathcal{L}^{+} e^{-\rho}) L_{-1} - \mathcal{W}^{-} e^{-2\rho} W_{2} - \mathcal{W}^{+} e^{-2\rho} W_{-2} \right)
$$

\n
$$
e_{\rho} = lL_{0}.
$$

\n(89)

Similarly, the space-time components of the generalized spin-connections can be find as

$$
\omega_t = \frac{1}{l^2} e_\phi, \qquad \omega_\rho = 0, \qquad \omega_\phi = e_t.
$$
 (90)

By substituting generalized dreibeins Eq.[\(89\)](#page-14-1) into Eq.[\(9\)](#page-3-0), the metric takes following form

$$
ds^{2} = -\left(\mathcal{L}^{+}\mathcal{L}^{-}e^{-2\rho} + 4\mathcal{W}^{+}\mathcal{W}^{-}e^{-4\rho} - \mathcal{L}^{+} - \mathcal{L}^{-} + e^{2\rho}\right)dt^{2} + l^{2}d\rho^{2} + 2l(\mathcal{L}^{+} - \mathcal{L}^{-})dtd\phi + l^{2}\left(\mathcal{L}^{+}\mathcal{L}^{-}e^{-2\rho} + 4\mathcal{W}^{+}\mathcal{W}^{-}e^{-4\rho} + \mathcal{L}^{+} + \mathcal{L}^{-} + e^{2\rho}\right)d\phi^{2}.
$$
\n(91)

Now, we try to find energy and angular momentum of this solution. To this end, we take co-dimension two surface to be a circle at infinity and the background solution corresponds to the case in which $\mathcal{L}^{\pm} = \mathcal{W}^{\pm} = 0$. So,

for the background solution, we have

$$
\bar{e}_t = \frac{1}{2} e^{\rho} (L_1 + L_{-1})
$$

\n
$$
\bar{e}_{\phi} = \frac{l}{2} e^{\rho} (L_1 - L_{-1})
$$

\n
$$
\bar{e}_{\rho} = lL_0.
$$
\n(92)

The bar on the top of a quantity emphasizes that quantity calculated on background. Because the spin-3 topologically massive gravity is a torsionfree theory, Eq.[\(73\)](#page-12-0) reduce to

$$
\lambda_{\xi} - i_{\xi}\omega = \nabla^{\mu}\xi^{\nu}e_{\mu}e_{\nu}.
$$
\n(93)

Energy corresponds to the Killing vector $\xi(t) = -\partial_t$. For this Killing vector on the background, Eq.[\(93\)](#page-15-0) becomes

$$
\bar{\lambda}_{\xi_{(t)}} - i_{\xi_{(t)}} \bar{\omega} = \frac{1}{l^2} \bar{e}_{\phi}.
$$
\n(94)

By substituting Eqs. (89) , (90) , (92) and (94) into Eq. (64) we find energy of black hole as following

$$
E = Q(-\partial_t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \left[\sigma(\mathcal{L}^- + \mathcal{L}^+) + \frac{1}{\mu l} (\mathcal{L}^- - \mathcal{L}^+) \right].
$$
 (95)

If we take the limit $\frac{1}{\mu} \to 0$ this energy reduces to the result presented in [\[18\]](#page-20-0) exactly. Angular momentum corresponds to the Killing vector $\xi_{(\phi)} = \partial_{\phi}$. In this case on the background, Eq.[\(93\)](#page-15-0) becomes

$$
\bar{\lambda}_{\xi(\phi)} - i_{\xi(\phi)}\bar{\omega} = -\bar{e}_t. \tag{96}
$$

Thus, in a similar way, we can find angular momentum of the considered solution as

$$
j = Q(\partial_{\phi}) = \frac{l}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \left[\sigma(\mathcal{L}^- - \mathcal{L}^+) + \frac{1}{\mu l} (\mathcal{L}^- + \mathcal{L}^+) \right]. \tag{97}
$$

Now, we want to find the entropy of the considered black hole solution [\(91\)](#page-14-3) by the entropy formula [\(86\)](#page-13-4). We can rewrite the metric [\(91\)](#page-14-3)as the following form

$$
ds^2 = g_{tt}dt^2 + g_{\rho\rho}d\rho^2 + g_{\phi\phi}d\phi^2 + 2g_{t\phi}dtd\phi.
$$
 (98)

We have $g_{t\phi}^2 - g_{tt}g_{\phi\phi} = 0$ on the Killing horizon H which leads to the following equation

$$
\mathcal{L}^+ \mathcal{L}^- e^{-2\rho_H} + 4\mathcal{W}^+ \mathcal{W}^- e^{-4\rho_H} + e^{2\rho_H} = 2\sqrt{\mathcal{L}^+ \mathcal{L}^-}.
$$
 (99)

where we suppose that the Killing horizon is located at $\rho = \rho_H$. The angular velocity of Killing horizon is

$$
\Omega_H = -\left(\frac{g_{t\phi}}{g_{\phi\phi}}\right)_H = \frac{(\sqrt{\mathcal{L}^-} - \sqrt{\mathcal{L}^+})}{l(\sqrt{\mathcal{L}^-} + \sqrt{\mathcal{L}^+})}.
$$
\n(100)

Now, by substituting ω_{ϕ} from Eq.[\(90\)](#page-14-2) into the formula [\(86\)](#page-13-4) we obtain

$$
S = 2\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{g_{\phi\phi}}} tr\{ (\sigma g_{\phi\phi} - \frac{1}{\mu} g_{t\phi}) \} d\phi, \tag{101}
$$

where have we used $Eq.(9)$ $Eq.(9)$. By considering the explicit form of the metric and by using Eq.[\(99\)](#page-16-0), the above equation becomes

$$
S = 2l \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \left[\sigma(\sqrt{\mathcal{L}^-} + \sqrt{\mathcal{L}^+}) + \frac{1}{\mu l} (\sqrt{\mathcal{L}^-} - \sqrt{\mathcal{L}^+}) \right]. \tag{102}
$$

By inserting following functions into metric Eq.[\(91\)](#page-14-3), we obtain a metric for BTZ black hole of mass M and angular momentum a

$$
\mathcal{L}^- = \frac{2}{l}(Ml + a), \qquad \mathcal{L}^+ = \frac{2}{l}(Ml - a), \qquad \mathcal{W}^\pm = 0, \qquad . \tag{103}
$$

In this case, equations [\(95\)](#page-15-3), [\(97\)](#page-15-4) and [\(102\)](#page-16-1) reduce to following quantities, respectively

$$
E = M + \frac{a}{\mu l^2},\tag{104}
$$

$$
j = a + \frac{M}{\mu},\tag{105}
$$

and

$$
S = 4\pi \left(r_+ + \frac{1}{\mu l} r_- \right). \tag{106}
$$

These results are what we expected in the BTZ case. In the equation [\(106\)](#page-16-2), $r_$ and r_+ are respectively inner and outer horizon radii of BTZ black hole,

$$
r_{\pm} = \sqrt{2\left(M \pm \sqrt{M^2 l^2 - a^2}\right)}.
$$
 (107)

The horizon angular velocity Eq.[\(100\)](#page-16-3) in this case becomes $\Omega_H = \frac{r_-}{l_{\text{F}_+}}$ $\frac{r_-}{l r_+}$, also the surface gravity is

$$
\kappa = \left[\sqrt{-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^{\mu} \xi^{\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \xi_{\nu}} \right]_{H} = \frac{r_{+}^{2} - r_{-}^{2}}{l^{2} r_{+}},\tag{108}
$$

where ξ is the Killing horizon generator vector field. It is worth to say that equations [\(104\)](#page-16-4)-[\(108\)](#page-17-0) satisfy the first law of black hole mechanics, that is

$$
\delta E = T_H \delta S + \Omega_H \delta j,\tag{109}
$$

where $T_H = \kappa/(2\pi)$.

8 Conclusion

The spin-3 gravity is covariant under generalized Lorentz gauge transformation as well as diffeomorphism. Using this fact, one can define quantities (such as generalized torsion 2-form Eq.[\(16\)](#page-4-4) and generalized curvature 2-form Eq.[\(17\)](#page-4-5)) so that they are covariant under generalized Lorentz gauge transformation. We saw that inorder to define an exterior covariant derivative, we need to introduce a spin-connection which transform under generalized Lorentz gauge transformations as Eq. [\(14\)](#page-4-0). The ordinary Lie derivative is not covariant under this transformation so we defined the generalized Lie derivative Eq.[\(21\)](#page-4-1) so that it is covariant under generalized Lorentz gauge transformations. We showed that by demanding torsion-free condition and choosing $\lambda_{\xi} = i_{\xi}\omega$, this formalism reduces to ordinary one which is describes by the Chern-Simons action [\(30\)](#page-6-1) with gauge group $SL(3,\mathbb{R}) \times SL(3,\mathbb{R})$. In the section 3, we extended our study from spin-3 gravity theory to the topologically massive spin-3 gravity. Presence of the Chern-Simons topological term makes the Lagrangian of this theory, Eq.[\(36\)](#page-7-0), non-invariant under generalized Lorentz gauge transformations. To obtain the conserved charges of the topologically massive spin-3 gravity therefore we should use the method of obtaining conserved charges in non-covariant theories which firstly was introduced by Tachikawa for ordinary topological massive gravity [\[34\]](#page-21-10). Also, we showed that all the solutions of the spin-3 gravity are solutions of the spin-3 topologically massive gravity. In section 4, we found a general formula to calculate conserved charge of the spin-3 topologically massive gravity corresponds to a Killing vector field ξ . We have defined the off-shell ADT current [\(61\)](#page-10-0) associated to a vector field ξ by virtue of the Bianchi identities [\(57\)](#page-9-6), then we showed that this current is conserved when ξ is a Killing vector field. Hence, using Poincare lemma, we defined off-shell ADT conserved charge (63) associated to a Killing vector field ξ . Consequently, by integrating off-shell ADT conserved charge, we obtained quasi-local conserved charge [\(64\)](#page-10-3). It should be noted that this result is independent of the integration surface Σ and then we can use the formula [\(64\)](#page-10-3) to calculate the conserved charge of solutions which are not asymptotically AdS. We showed that our general formula Eq.[\(72\)](#page-11-2) reduces to the previous one for the spin-3 gravity presented in [\[18\]](#page-20-0) when we take into account only transformation under diffeomorphism, without considering generalized Lorentz gauge transformation (i.e. $\lambda_{\xi} = 0$), and by taking $\frac{1}{\mu} \to 0$. In the section 5, we fixed generator of Lorentz gauge transformation λ_{ξ} by demanding that generalized Lie derivative of the generalized dreibein e_{μ} becomes zero when ξ is Killing vector field and λ_{ξ} transforms as [\(22\)](#page-5-3) under generalized Lorentz gauge transformation. In the section 6, we obtained a general formula [\(86\)](#page-13-4) for the entropy of black hole solutions of the spin-3 topologically massive gravity. In the section 7, we applied this formalism to calculate energy, angular momentum and entropy of a special black hole solution and we have shown that obtained results are consistent with previous results in the limiting cases. Moreover our result for energy, angular momentum and entropy are consistent with the first law of black hole mechanics.

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A $SL(3,\mathbb{R})$ generators

In the section 7, we used the following basis of $SL(3,\mathbb{R})$ generators [\[4,](#page-19-3) [30\]](#page-21-6)

$$
L_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \t L_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \t L_{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
$$

\n
$$
W_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \t W_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \t W_0 = \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
$$

\n
$$
W_{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \t W_{-2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
$$
 (110)

The generators satisfy the following commutation relations

$$
[L_i, L_j] = (i - j)L_{i+j}
$$

\n
$$
[L_i, W_m] = (2i - m)W_{i+m}
$$

\n
$$
[W_m, W_n] = -\frac{1}{3}(m - n)(2m^2 + 2n^2 - mn - 8)L_{m+n}.
$$
\n(111)

where $-1 \le i, j \le 1$ and $-2 \le m, n \le 2$. Also, the non-zero traces are

$$
tr(L_0L_0) = 2, \t tr(L_1L_{-1}) = -4
$$

$$
tr(W_0W_0) = \frac{8}{3}, \t tr(W_1W_{-1}) = -4, \t tr(W_2W_{-2}) = 16.
$$
 (112)

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