

Differential structures on κ -Minkowski space, and Lorentz algebra

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Solution

$$\varphi(A, B) = -A + \sqrt{1 - B}$$

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- Basis for extended algebra \mathcal{A} :

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