

Lorentzian holonomy groups with applications to parallel spinors

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- I. Holonomy groups and parallel spinors
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Holonomy groups

Let $(M^{r,s}, h)$ be a semi-Riemannian manifold.

$$\nabla^h \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{P}_\gamma : T_{\gamma(0)}M \xrightarrow{\sim} T_{\gamma(1)}M$$

$$\text{Hol}_p(M, h) := \{ \mathcal{P}_\gamma \mid \gamma \text{ loop in } p \} \subset O(T_pM, h_p)$$

$$\text{Hol}_p^0(M, h) := \{ \mathcal{P}_\gamma \mid \gamma \sim p \} \subset SO_0(T_pM, h_p)$$

Lie group with Lie algebra $\mathfrak{hol}_p(M, h)$,
closed if it acts completely reducible.

Parallel spinors

$(M^{r,s}, h)$ spin \rightsquigarrow spin bundle S , ∇^S lift of ∇^h .

$$\begin{array}{c} \{ \varphi \in \Gamma(S) \mid \nabla^S \varphi = 0 \} \\ \downarrow \\ \left\{ \text{spinors fixed under } \widetilde{\text{Hol}}_p(M, h) \subset \text{Spin}(r, s) \right\} \\ \downarrow \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{annihilated spinors under} \\ \text{the spin representation of } \mathfrak{hol}_p(M, h) \end{array} \right\} \end{array}$$

Question: What are the holonomy groups of manifolds with parallel spinors?

Decomposition

– **Holonomy** [de Rham'52, Wu'64]:
 (M, h) simply connected, complete \Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hol}(M, h) = H_1 \times \dots \times H_k &\iff \\ (M, h) \stackrel{\text{isom.}}{\simeq} (M_1, h_1) \times \dots \times (M_k, h_k), \end{aligned}$$

(M_i, h_i) simply connected, complete,
 $H_i = \text{Hol}(M_i, h_i)$ trivial or indecomposable
(:= no *non-degenerate* invariant subspace)

– **Parallel spinors:**

Let $H_1 \subset SO(r_1, s_1)$, $H_2 \subset SO(r_2, s_2)$. Then:

$\widetilde{H}_i \subset \text{Spin}(r_i, s_i)$ fix a spinor \iff

$\widetilde{H_1 \times H_2} \subset \text{Spin}(r_1 + r_2, s_1 + s_2)$ fixes a spinor.

$\rightsquigarrow (M_1, h_1) \times (M_2, h_2)$ has parallel spinor fields
 $\iff (M_1, h_1)$ and (M_2, h_2) have parallel spinor fields.

Question: What are indecomposable holonomy groups of manifolds with parallel spinors?

Berger algebras

Ambrose-Singer theorem + Bianchi-identity

\leadsto algebraic constraints on $\text{hol}_p(M, h) \subset \mathfrak{so}(T_p M, h)$:

Let $\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{gl}(E)$ be a Lie algebra.

- $\mathcal{K}(\mathfrak{g}) := \{R \in \Lambda^2 E^* \otimes \mathfrak{g} \mid R(x, y)z + R(y, z)x + R(z, x)y = 0\}$
- $\underline{\mathfrak{g}} := \text{span}\{R(x, y) \mid x, y \in E, R \in \mathcal{K}(\mathfrak{g})\}$

$\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{gl}(E)$ is called **Berger algebra** $\stackrel{\text{def.}}{\iff} \underline{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{g}$.

Ambrose-Singer $\Rightarrow \text{hol}_p(M, h)$ is a Berger algebra.

Classification of irreducible Berger algebras:

- $\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{so}(r, s)$ [Berger '55] and
 - $\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{gl}(n)$ [Schwachhöfer/Merkulov '99]
- \leadsto list of holonomy groups of (simply connected) **irreducible** semi-Riemannian/affine manifolds.

Berger-list of irreducible holonomy groups

Riemannian: [Berger '55, Simons '62, ...]
 $SO(m)$, $U(p)$, $SU(p)$, $Sp(q)$, $Sp(1) \cdot Sp(q)$,
 $Spin(7)$, G_2 and holonomy groups of
symmetric spaces.

Lorentzian: only $SO_0(1, m - 1)$!
(Direct proof by Olmos/diScala '01)

\leadsto **Irreducible holonomy groups of semi-Riemannian manifolds with parallel spinors:**

Riem.: [Wang '89] $SU(p)$, $Sp(q)$, $Spin(7)$, G_2

pseudo-Riem.: [Baum/Kath '99]
 $SU(p, q)$, $Sp(p, q)$, $G_{2(2)}^* \subset SO(7, 7)$, $G_2^{\mathbb{C}} \subset SO(7, 7)$,
 $Spin(4, 3) \subset SO(4, 4)$, $Spin(7)^{\mathbb{C}} \subset SO(8, 8)$.

No irreducible Lorentzian manifolds with parallel spinors!

Riemannian: indecomposable = irreducible

\implies de Rham-decomposition + Berger-list

\rightsquigarrow Classification of all holonomy groups of simply-connected, complete Riemannian manifolds (with parallel spinors).

Simply connected, complete Lorentzian mfd.

Indecomposable \neq irreducible. Wu-decomposition:

$$(M, h) \simeq (\widehat{M}, \widehat{h}) \times (N_1, g_1) \times \dots \times (N_k, g_k)$$

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Lorentzian: Riemannian, irred. or flat

- flat (\checkmark)
- irred., i.e. $Hol = SO_0(1, m - 1)$ (\checkmark)
- indecomposable, non-irreducible, i.e. with degenerate, holonomy -invariant subspace

Parallel spinors on Lorentzian manifolds

- Spinorfield $\varphi \rightsquigarrow$ **causal** vector field V_φ via:

$$h(V_\varphi, X) = -\langle X \cdot \varphi, \varphi \rangle_S.$$

- φ **parallel** $\implies V_\varphi$ parallel.

\rightsquigarrow 2 cases —

V_φ timelike:

$$(M, h) \simeq (\mathbb{R}, -dt^2) \times (N_1, g_1) \times \dots \times (N_k, g_k)$$

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Riemannian with
 $Hol = SU(k), Sp(k), G_2, Spin(7)$

V_φ lightlike:

$$(M, h) \simeq (\hat{M}, \hat{h}) \times (N_1, g_1) \times \dots \times (N_k, g_k)$$

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indecomposable Lorentzian
with parallel lightlike vector field

II. Lorentzian manifolds (M^{n+2}, h) with indecomposable, non-irreducible holonomy

$E \subset T_p M$ be degenerate, holonomy invariant
 $\implies L = E \cap E^\perp \subset T_p M$ is one-dimensional, lightlike and holonomy invariant.

$\implies \text{Hol}_p(M, h) \subset \text{Iso}(L) \subset \text{SO}(T_p M, h_p)$.

$L \longleftrightarrow$ recurrent, lightlike vector field X

$\mathfrak{hol} \subset \underbrace{\text{iso}(L) = (\mathbb{R} \oplus \mathfrak{so}(n)) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n}_{\parallel} \subset \mathfrak{so}(1, n+1)$.

$$\left\{ \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} a & v^t & 0 & a \in \mathbb{R}, \\ 0 & A & -v & v \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ 0 & 0^t & -a & A \in \mathfrak{so}(n) \end{array} \right) \right\}$$

$\mathfrak{g} := \text{pr}_{\mathfrak{so}(n)} \mathfrak{hol}$ — “screen holonomy”

parallel spinor \iff

$\text{pr}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathfrak{hol}) = 0$ and $\exists v \in \Delta_n : \mathfrak{g}v = 0$.

In fact:

$\dim\{\text{par. spinors}\} = \dim\{v \in \Delta_n \mid \mathfrak{g}v = 0\} \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$

Properties:

$\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{hol}_p(M, h) \subset \mathfrak{iso}(L)$ indecomposable. \implies

- $pr_{\mathbb{R}^n}(\mathfrak{h}) = \mathbb{R}^n$.
 - \mathfrak{h} is Abelian $\iff \mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{R}^n$.
 - $pr_{\mathbb{R}}\mathfrak{h} = 0 \iff \exists$ parallel lightlike vectorfield.
 - $\mathfrak{g} = pr_{\mathfrak{so}(n)}(\mathfrak{h})$ is compact and therefore reductive, i.e. $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{z} \oplus \mathfrak{d}$ where \mathfrak{z} is the center of \mathfrak{g} and $\mathfrak{d} = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]$.
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Indecomposable \implies

parallel spinor \rightsquigarrow *lightlike* parallel vector field
 $\rightsquigarrow \mathfrak{hol}(M, h) \subset \mathfrak{so}(n) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n$.

(M, h) indecomposable with $\mathfrak{hol} \subset \mathfrak{so}(n) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n$ admits a parallel spinor \iff spin representation of $\mathfrak{g} := pr_{\mathfrak{so}(n)}\mathfrak{hol}$ has trivial subrepresentation.

In fact:

$$\text{Dim}\{\text{parallel spinors}\} = \text{Dim}\{v \in \Delta_n \mid \mathfrak{g}v = 0\} \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$$

Question: Which Lie algebras occur as

$$\mathfrak{g} = pr_{\mathfrak{so}(n)}(M, h)$$

and which of these has trivial spin subrepresentations?

Four algebraic types

[Berard-Bergery/Ikemakhen'93]

$\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{iso}(L) \subset \mathfrak{so}(1, n + 1)$ indecomposable,

$$\mathfrak{g} := \text{pr}_{\mathfrak{so}(n)}(\mathfrak{h}) = \mathfrak{z} \oplus \mathfrak{d}.$$

Then \mathfrak{h} belongs to one of the following types:

1st case — \mathfrak{h} contains \mathbb{R}^n :

Type 1: \mathfrak{h} contains \mathbb{R} , i.e. $\boxed{\mathfrak{h} = (\mathbb{R} \oplus \mathfrak{g}) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n}$.

Type 2: $\text{pr}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathfrak{h}) = 0$ i.e. $\boxed{\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{g} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n}$.

Type 3: Neither Type 1 nor Type 2.

$\exists \varphi : \mathfrak{z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ surjective:

$$\boxed{\mathfrak{h} = \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} \varphi(A) & v^t & 0 & \\ 0 & A + B & -v & \\ 0 & 0 & -\varphi(A) & \end{array} \right) \middle| A \in \mathfrak{z}, B \in \mathfrak{d}, v \in \mathbb{R}^n \right\}}.$$

2nd case — \mathfrak{h} does not contain \mathbb{R}^n — **Type 4:**

\exists a decomposition $\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^l$, $0 < k, l < n$,

$\exists \varphi : \mathfrak{z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$ surjective:

$$\boxed{\mathfrak{h} = \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & \varphi(A)^t & v^t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A + B & -v \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\varphi(A) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \middle| A \in \mathfrak{z}, B \in \mathfrak{d}, v \in \mathbb{R}^k \right\}}.$$

Indecomposable, non-irreducible Lorentzian manifolds with Abelian holonomy

Example: Symmetric spaces with solvable transvection group (Cahen-Wallach spaces).

Proposition. [’00] (M, h) has Abelian holonomy $\mathbb{R}^n \iff$ it is an indecomposable *pp*-wave.

Def. A Lorentzian mfd. is called *pp-wave* : $\iff \exists$ parallel lightlike vector field and:

$$\text{tr}_{(3,5)(4,6)}(\mathcal{R} \otimes \mathcal{R}) = 0.$$

In coordinates:

$$h = dx dz + f dz^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n dy_i^2, \text{ with } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0.$$

(\exists a similar result for $\text{hol}(M, h) = \mathbb{R} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n$.)

$n + 2$ -dim. *pp*-wave admits $2^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$ parallel spinors which are pure, i.e.

$$\dim\{Z \in TM^{\mathbb{C}} \mid Z \cdot \varphi = 0\} = \frac{\dim M}{2}$$

Construction of indecomposable, non-irreducible Lorentzian manifolds with

$$pr_{SO(n)}Hol(M, h) = \text{Riemannian holonomy}$$

Proposition. ['00] Let

- (N, g) be a Riemannian manifold,
- γ be a function of $z \in \mathbb{R}$,
- $f \in C^\infty(N \times \mathbb{R}^2)$, sufficiently generic,
- ϕ_z be a family of 1-forms on N , such that

$$d\phi_z \in \mathcal{H}(N, g) \times_{Hol_p(N, g)} \mathfrak{hol}_p(N, g).$$

\implies The Lorentzian manifold

$$(M = N \times \mathbb{R}^2, h = 2dxdz + fdz^2 + \phi_z dz + e^{2\gamma} \cdot g)$$

is indecomposable, non-irreducible and

$$pr_{SO(n)}Hol_{(x,p,z)}(M, h) = Hol_p(N, g).$$

(N, g) parallel spinors $\implies (M, h)$ parallel spinors.

$Hol(N, g) = \{1\}, SU(p), Sp(q) \implies$ pure.

**Coordinates for indecomposable,
non-irreducible Lorentzian manifolds:
[Walker'49, Brinkmann'25]**

On $(M^{n+2}, h) \ni$ **recurrent**, lightlike vector field
 $\iff \exists$ coordinates $(U, \varphi = (x, (y_i)_{i=1}^n, z)) :$

$$h = 2 dx dz + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i dy_i dz}_{:=\phi_z} + \underbrace{\sum_{i,j=1}^n g_{ij} dy_i dy_j}_{g_z}$$

with $\frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} = 0, f \in C^\infty(M).$

\exists **parallel** lightlike vector field $\iff \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0.$

$(U, \varphi) \rightsquigarrow$ family of n -dimensional Riemannian submanifolds with metric g_z and 1-form ϕ_z :

$$W_{(x,z)} := \left\{ \varphi^{-1}(x, y_1, \dots, y_n, z) \mid (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \right\}$$

Proposition. [Ikemakhen '96]

$$Hol_p(W_{x(p),z(p)}, g_{z(p)}) \subset pr_{SO(n)} Hol_p(M, h).$$

Question: Under which conditions " = " ?

III. On the classification of Lorentzian holonomy groups

Result: ['02, '03] $\mathfrak{g} = pr_{\mathfrak{so}(n)} \mathfrak{hol}(M, h)$ for (M, h) indecomposable, non-irred. Lorentzian $\iff \mathfrak{g}$ is a Riemannian holonomy algebra.

Consequence: $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{hol}_p(M, h) \implies$

Type 1 or 2: $\mathfrak{h} = (\mathbb{R} \oplus \mathfrak{g}) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n$ or $\mathfrak{g} \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\mathfrak{g} =$ Riemannian holonomy algebra.

Type 3 or 4: $\mathfrak{g} = pr_{\mathfrak{so}(n)} \mathfrak{h}$ is a Riemannian holonomy algebra with center, i.e. with $\mathfrak{so}(2)$ summand.

Corollary. ['03] $H =$ holonomy group of an indecomposable Lor. mf. with **parallel spinors**. $\implies H$ is of uncoupled type 2, i.e.

$$H = G \ltimes \mathbb{R}^n,$$

$G =$ product of $\{1\}$, $SU(p)$, $Sp(q)$, G_2 or $Spin(7)$.

This generalizes a result of R. Bryant ['99] for $n \leq 9$.

Proof is by algebraic means, direct geometric proof is desirable.

Up to dim 9 proved also by Galaev '03, also algebraically.

Remark on coupled types 3 and 4: \mathfrak{g} = Riemannian holonomy with center

\implies it is a sum of the following:

- $\mathfrak{so}(2)$ acting on \mathbb{R}^2 or on itself,
- $\mathfrak{so}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(n)$ acting on \mathbb{R}^{2n} ,
- $\mathfrak{so}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{so}(10)$ acting on \mathbb{R}^{32} = reellification of the cx. spinor module of dimension 16,
- $\mathfrak{so}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{e}_6$ acting on \mathbb{R}^{54} ,
- $\mathfrak{u}(n)$ acting on \mathbb{R}^{2n} or on $\mathbb{R}^{n(n-1)}$.

Then apply method of Ch. Boubel ['00]:

(M, h) with holonomy of uncoupled type 1 or 2, \mathfrak{g} with center (+further algebraic constraints)

\rightsquigarrow construct locally a metric on M with holonomy of coupled type 3 or 4.

To do this: *Start with entries of the above list!*

Proof. (of the corollary) Type 4 $\implies G$ = Riemannian holonomy with center has $SO(2)$ -factor, spin representations of $SO(2)$ has no fixed vectors. (*) \implies Proposition. \square

Proof: 1. Weak-Berger algebras

Let (E, h) be a Euclidean vector space $\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{so}(E, h)$:

$$\mathcal{B}_h(\mathfrak{g}) := \{Q \in \text{Hom}(E, \mathfrak{g}) \mid \\ h(Q(x)y, z) + h(Q(y)z, x) + h(Q(z)x, y) = 0\}$$

$$\mathfrak{g}_h := \text{span}\{Q(x) \mid x \in E, Q \in \mathcal{B}_h(\mathfrak{g})\}.$$

$\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{so}(E, h)$ **weak-Berger algebra** $\Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{g}_h = \mathfrak{g}$.

Lemma. Orthogonal Berger \implies weak-Berger.

Because: $\mathcal{R} \in \mathcal{K}(\mathfrak{g}) \implies \mathcal{R}(x, \cdot) \in \mathcal{B}_h(\mathfrak{g})$

Decomposition:

h positive definite $\implies E = E_0 \oplus \dots \oplus E_r$:

\mathfrak{g} trivial on E_0 , irred. on E_i , $i \geq 1$.

\mathfrak{g} weak-Berger $\implies \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \mathfrak{g}_r$:

\mathfrak{g}_i ideals, irred. on E_i and trivial on E_j for $i \neq j$,

$\mathfrak{g}_i \in \mathfrak{so}(E_i, h|_{E_i})$ weak-Berger.

Problem:

$\mathfrak{ho}l$ is a Berger algebra but not completely reducible.

$\mathfrak{g} = pr_{\mathfrak{so}(n)} \mathfrak{ho}l$ is completely reducible, but not a holonomy algebra and hence not a Berger algebra, a priori.

\leadsto weak-Berger algebras.

2. Weak-Berger algebras and Lorentzian holonomy

Prop. ['02] Let (M^{n+2}, h) be indecomposable, non-irreducible Lorentzian, $\mathfrak{g} = pr_{\mathfrak{so}(n)}(\mathfrak{hol}_p(M, h))$. Then \mathfrak{g} is a weak-Berger algebra.

In particular: \mathfrak{g} decomposes into irreducibly acting ideals [Berard-Bergery, Ikemakhen '93] which are weak Berger.

Corollary. [Berard-Bergery, Ikemakhen '93] $G := pr_{SO(n)}Hol_p(M, h)$ is closed in $SO(n)$ and therefore compact.

☞ This is not true for the whole holonomy group, there are non-closed examples!

↪ Classify real, irreducible weak-Berger algebras!

Proof. (of the proposition) Bianchi-identity restricted to the non-degenerate subspace $\mathbb{R}^n \subset T_p M$ and AS \rightsquigarrow

$$\mathfrak{g} = \text{span} \left(\begin{array}{l} \{R(u, v) | R \in \mathcal{K}(\mathfrak{g}), u, v \in E\} \\ \cup \{Q(w) | Q \in \mathcal{B}_h(\mathfrak{g}), w \in E\} \end{array} \right) \subset \mathfrak{g}_h.$$

$Q \hat{=} pr_E \circ \mathcal{R}(\cdot, Z)|_{E \times E}$ with Z lightlike and transversal to L_p^\perp □

3. Transition to the complex situation

$$E \text{ real, } \mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{so}(E, h) \implies (\mathcal{B}_h(\mathfrak{g}))^{\mathbb{C}} = \mathcal{B}_{h^{\mathbb{C}}}(\mathfrak{g}^{\mathbb{C}}).$$

Lemma. $\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{so}(E, h)$ weak-Berger \iff
 $\mathfrak{g}^{\mathbb{C}} \subset \mathfrak{so}(E^{\mathbb{C}}, h^{\mathbb{C}})$ weak-Berger.

$\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{so}(E, h)$ irreducible \implies

1. $E^{\mathbb{C}}$ irreducible:

$\implies \mathfrak{g}$ semisimple

\rightsquigarrow weak-Berger property in terms of roots and weights

\rightsquigarrow result for simple and semisimple Lie algebras (uses ideas of Schwachhöfer '99).

2. $E^{\mathbb{C}}$ not irreducible:

$\implies E^{\mathbb{C}} = V \oplus \bar{V}$, V irreducible, $\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{u}(V) \implies$

$(\mathcal{B}_h(\mathfrak{g}))^{\mathbb{C}} \simeq$ first prolongation of $\mathfrak{g}^{\mathbb{C}} \subset \mathfrak{gl}(V)$.

Classification of irred. acting complex Lie algebras with non-vanishing first prolongation by Kobayashi/Nagano ['65]

\rightsquigarrow result for unitary Lie algebras

4. Weak-Berger algebras of real type

Let $\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{so}(V, H)$ irreducible, semisimple complex LA.

- $\Delta_0 :=$ roots and zero of $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Delta_0} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$
- $\Omega :=$ weights of $V = \bigoplus_{\mu \in \Omega} V_\mu$.
- $\Pi :=$ weights of $\mathcal{B}_H(\mathfrak{g}) = \bigoplus_{\phi \in \Pi} \mathcal{B}_\phi$.
- $Q \in \mathcal{B}_\phi$ and $v \in V_\mu \implies Q(v) \in \mathfrak{g}_{\phi+\mu}$

$$\bullet \Gamma := \left\{ \mu + \phi \mid \begin{array}{l} \mu \in \Omega, \phi \in \Pi \exists u \in V_\mu \\ \text{and } Q \in \mathcal{B}_\phi: Q(u) \neq 0 \end{array} \right\} \subset \Delta_0 \subset \mathfrak{t}^*.$$

Prop. If $\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{so}(V, h)$ is weak-Berger, then $\Gamma = \Delta_0$.

Lemma: If $\mathcal{B}_H(\mathfrak{g}) \neq 0$, $\Lambda \in \Omega$ extremal \implies
 $\forall u \in V_\Lambda \exists Q \in \mathcal{B}_\phi: Q(u) \neq 0$.

Define for $\alpha \in \Delta$ the weights of $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha V$:

$$\Omega_\alpha := \{\mu \in \Omega \mid \mu + \alpha \in \Omega\}.$$

Proposition. ['03] Let $\mathfrak{g} \subset \mathfrak{so}(V, H)$ as above. Then:

\exists extremal weight Λ , hyperplane $U \subset \mathfrak{t}^*$, $\alpha \in \Delta$:

(1) $\Omega \subset \{\Lambda + \beta \mid \beta \in \Delta_0\} \cup U \cup \{-\Lambda + \beta \mid \beta \in \Delta_0\}.$

or

(2) $\Omega_\alpha \subset \{\Lambda - \alpha + \beta \mid \beta \in \Delta_0\} \cup \{-\Lambda + \beta \mid \beta \in \Delta_0\}.$

Checking the representations of simple Lie algebra whether they obey (1) or (2)

~> Simple weak-Berger algebras of real type are complexifications of Riemannian holonomy algebras.

For semisimple Lie algebras:

V irreducible $\mathfrak{g}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_2$ -module $\implies V = V_1 \otimes V_2$ where V_i are irreducible \mathfrak{g}_i -modules.

~> derive criteria to the summands $\mathfrak{g}_i \subset \mathfrak{gl}(V_i)$

~> semisimple weak-Berger algebras are complexifications of Riemannian holonomy algebras

5. Weak-Berger algebras of non-real type

Let $\mathfrak{g}_0 \subset \mathfrak{so}(E, h)$ be real, but of non-real type.
 \implies

- $E^{\mathbb{C}} = V \oplus \bar{V}$ \mathfrak{g}_0 -invariant, $E = V_{\mathbb{R}}$,
- $(\mathfrak{g}_0)|_V$ is irreducible and unitary, but not orthogonal.

$\mathfrak{g} := (\mathfrak{g}_0^{\mathbb{C}})|_V$ — define the **first prolongation**

$$\mathfrak{g}^{(1)} := \{Q \in \text{Hom}(V, \mathfrak{g}) \mid Q(u)v = Q(v)u\}.$$

Proposition. [’02] There is an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : \mathcal{B}_H(\mathfrak{g}_0^{\mathbb{C}}) &\simeq \mathfrak{g}^{(1)} \\ Q &\mapsto Q|_{V \times V}. \end{aligned}$$

Weak-Berger $\implies \mathcal{B}_H(\mathfrak{g}) \neq 0$

Classification of Lie algebras with non-trivial 1. prolongation [Kobayashi/Nagano '65]

Table 1 Complex Lie algebras with $\mathfrak{g}^{(1)} \neq 0$, $\mathfrak{g}^{(1)} \neq V^*$:

\mathfrak{g}	V	$\mathfrak{g}^{(1)}$	Riem. Hol.
$\mathfrak{sl}(n, \mathbb{C})$	$\mathbb{C}^n, n \geq 2$	$(V \otimes \odot^2 V^*)_0$	$\mathfrak{su}(n)$
$\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{C})$	$\mathbb{C}^n, n \geq 1$	$V \otimes \odot^2 V^*$	$\mathfrak{u}(n)$
$\mathfrak{sp}(n, \mathbb{C})$	$\mathbb{C}^{2n}, n \geq 2$	$\odot^3 V^*$	$\mathfrak{sp}(n)$
$\mathbb{C} \oplus \mathfrak{sp}(n, \mathbb{C}),$	$\mathbb{C}^{2n}, n \geq 2$	$\odot^3 V^*$	not w-B!

Table 2 Complex Lie algebras with $\mathfrak{g}^{(1)} = V^*$:

\mathfrak{g}	V	Riem. symm. space
$\mathfrak{co}(n, \mathbb{C})$	$\mathbb{C}^n,$	$SO(2+n)/SO(2) \cdot SO(n)$
$\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{C})$	$\odot^2 \mathbb{C}^n$	$Sp(n)/U(n)$
$\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{C})$	$\wedge^2 \mathbb{C}^n$	$SO(2n)/U(n)$
$\mathfrak{sl}(\mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathfrak{gl}(m, \mathbb{C}))$	$\mathbb{C}^n \otimes \mathbb{C}^m$	$SU(n+m)/U(n) \cdot U(m)$
$\mathbb{C} \oplus \mathfrak{spin}(10, \mathbb{C})$	$\Delta_{10}^+ \simeq \mathbb{C}^{16}$	$E_6/SO(2) \cdot Spin(10)$
$\mathbb{C} \oplus \mathfrak{e}_6$	\mathbb{C}^{27}	$E_7/SO(2) \cdot E_6$

\leadsto every irreducible weak-Berger algebra which is unitary is a Riemannian holonomy algebra.

Decomposition property

\leadsto every unitary weak-Berger algebra is a Riemannian holonomy algebra.