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Abstract: In this note we give some new results concerning generalized symmetric Riemannian spaces (i.e., Riemannian manifolds which admit a regular family of symmetries in the sense of A.J. Ledger). We also present a complete classification of all simply connected irreducible generalized symmetric spaces of dimension 3, 4 and 5 that are not symmetric in the sense of E. Cartan.

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Let (M,q) be a smooth Riemannian manifold. An s-structure on (M,q) is a family $\{s_X: X\in M\}$ of isometries of (M,q) (called <u>symmetries</u>) such that each s_X has the point X as an isolated fixed point. The corresponding tensor field S of type (1,1) defined by $S_X = (s_{X_\#})_X$ for each $X\in M$ is called the <u>symmetry tensor field</u> of $\{s_X\}$. Follow-

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ing A.J. Ledger ([1],[2]) an &-structure {&x} on (M,q) is called regular if for every pair of points x, u, s M

$$b_x \circ b_y = b_z \circ b_x$$
, where $x = b_x(y)$.

An equivalent condition is that the corresponding tensor field S is invariant by each A_X , i.e., for all $X \in M$ and all vector fields X on M

$$b_{\times_{*}}(SX) = S(b_{\times_{*}}X) .$$

From a result by F. Brickel ([3], Theorem 1) we can obtain:

Theorem 1. For a regular s -structure $\{s_x\}$ on (M,g) the symmetry tensor field S is always smooth.

An s-structure $\{s_X\}$ is called <u>of order</u> k ($k \ge 2$) if, for all $x \in M$, $(s_X)^k$ = identity, and k is the least integer of this property.

Using an unpublished result by A.W. Deicke we can pro-

Theorem 2. If the Riemannian manifold (M, g) admits a regular h -structure then it also admits a regular h -structure of finite order.

On account of Theorem 2 we introduce

Definition 1. A generalized symmetric space (g.s. space) is a Riemannian manifold (M,g) admitting a regular &-structure. Order of a g.s. space (M,g) is the least integer & such that M admits a regular &-structure of order & .

Let us remark that the g.s. spaces of order 2 are

nothing but the Cartan symmetric spaces, and the g.s. spaces of dimension 2 are homogeneous spaces of constant curvature.

Let (M, g) be a g.s. space and $\{s_X\}$ a fixed regular s-structure on (M, g). Then the triplet $(M, g, \{s_X\})$ will be called a (Riemannian) s-manifold. Let now ∇ denote the Riemannian connection of (M, g) and S the symmetry tensor field of $\{s_X\}$. Following A.J. Ledger [1], we introduce a new linear connection ∇ by the formula

$$\widetilde{\nabla}_{\!_{\!X}} \Upsilon = \nabla_{\!_{\!X}} \Upsilon - D(\Upsilon, X)$$
, where

$$\mathbb{P}(Y,X) = (\nabla S)(S^{-1}Y,(I-S)^{-1}X) = (\nabla_{(I-S)^{-1}Y}S)(S^{-1}X) \ .$$

The basic properties of the connection $\widetilde{\nabla}$ are the following:

- 1) All symmetries s_{χ} , $\chi\in M$, are affine transformations of the affine manifold (M , $\tilde{\nabla}$) .
- 2) The affine manifold (M , $\widetilde{\nabla}$) is complete.
- 3) (M, $\widetilde{\nabla}$) has parallel curvature and parallel torsion, i.e., $\widetilde{\nabla}\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}=0$, $\widetilde{\nabla}\widetilde{\mathbf{T}}=0$.

4)
$$\widetilde{\nabla}S = 0$$
, $\widetilde{\nabla}(\nabla S) = 0$, $\widetilde{\nabla}q = 0$.

The next definition brings together all the algebraic compatibility conditions among the tensor fields φ , S, \tilde{K} and \tilde{T} :

<u>Definition 2.</u> An <u>algebraic someonic is a collection</u> $(V, \mathbf{q}_0, S_0, \widetilde{R}_0, \widetilde{T}_0)$, where V is (real) vector space, \mathbf{q}_0 is a positive inner product on V, S_0 , \widetilde{R}_0 , \widetilde{T}_0 are tensors of types (1,1), (1,3), (1,2) respectively, and the following

conditions are satisfied:

- (i) Both S_0 , $I-S_0$ are non-singular transformations of Y
- (ii) For any $X,Y\in V$ the endomorphism $\widetilde{R}_o(X,Y)$ acting as derivation on the tensor algebra $\mathcal{T}(V)$ satisfies

$$\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}_o(X,Y)\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}_o=\mathbb{R}_o(X,Y)\widetilde{T}_o=\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}_o(X,Y)g_o=\widetilde{\mathbb{R}}_o(X,Y)S_o=0$$

- (iii) The tensors \widetilde{R}_0 , \widetilde{T}_0 , Q_0 are invariant by S_0 (iv) $\widetilde{R}_0(X,Y) = -\widetilde{R}_0(Y,X)$, $\widetilde{T}_0(X,Y) = -\widetilde{T}_0(Y,X)$
- (v) The first Bianchi identity $\mathfrak{G}(\widetilde{X}_{g}(X,Y)Z-\widetilde{T}_{g}(\widetilde{T}_{g}(X,Y),Z))=0 \text{ holds}$
- (vi) The second Bianchi identity $\mathfrak{F}(\widetilde{X}_o(\widetilde{X}_o(X,Y),Z))=0$ holds.

We shall make use of the following theorem by A.J. Ledger ([1]):

Theorem A. Let $(M, q, i \diamond_N)$ be an β -manifold. Then the group of all isometries of (M, q) keeping the tensor field S invariant is a transitive Lie group. Hence (M, q) is a homogeneous Riemannian manifold G/H and it is a complete Riemannian space.

On account of this theorem we can make

<u>Definition</u> 3. Two s-manifolds $(M, q, \{s_X^2\}), (M', q', \{s_X^2\})$ are called <u>locally isomorphic</u> if for any two points $p \in M$, $p' \in M'$ there is an isometry φ of a neighbourhood $U \ni p$ onto a neighbourhood $U' \ni p'$ such that $\varphi_*(S|_{\mathcal{H}}) = S'|_{\mathcal{H}'}$.

Definition 4. Two algebraic $_{\mathcal{S}}$ -manifolds $(V_i, g_i, S_i, \widetilde{R}_i, \widetilde{T}_i)$ i = 1, 2 will be called isomorphic if there is a linear isomorphism $f: V_1 \longrightarrow V_2$ of vector spaces such that $f(g_1) = g_2$,

$$f(S_1) = S_2$$
, $f(\widetilde{X}_1) = \widetilde{X}_2$, $f(\widetilde{Y}_1) = \widetilde{Y}_2$.

Theorem 3. Let $(M, q, \{s_X\})$ be an s-manifold. Then for each point $p \in M$ the collection $(M_p, g_p, S_p, \widetilde{R}_p, \widetilde{T}_p)$ is an algebraic s-manifold and for any two points $p, q \in M$ the corresponding algebraic s-manifolds are isomorphic.

We shall call the isomorphism class of all $(M_{n},g_{n},S_{n},\widetilde{R}_{n},\widetilde{T}_{n}),\ n\in M\ ,\ \text{the algebraic type of the s-manifold (M,g_{1},f_{N}).}$

Theorem 4 (Equivalence theorem). Two &-manifolds are locally isomorphic if and only if they have the same algebraic type.

Notice that two locally isomorphic simply connected \wedge - manifolds are globally isomorphic.

Using a construction by K. Nomizu ([4]), we can prove

Theorem 5 (Existence theorem). Any algebraic %-manifold is the algebraic type of a (unique) simply connected %-manifold.

We have also the following result by A.J. Ledger, which corresponds to Theorem 6.2 of [1].

Theorem B. For any & -manifold there is a simply connected covering & -manifold such that the covering map is a local isomorphism in the neighbourhood of each point.

The following result is useful in all kinds of classification problems: Theorem 6. Let (M,q) be a simply connected g.s. space and let $M=M_0\times M_1\times \ldots \times M_K$ be the de Rham decomposition of (M,q) (i.e., M_0 is the Euclidean part and M_1,\ldots,M_K are irreducible components). Then all Riemannian spaces M_0,M_1,\ldots,M_K are g.s. spaces. Moreover, any regular b-structure of order k on (M,q) determines a regular b-structure of order k; on each M; where k; k for $i=0,1,\ldots,K$

A modest classification problem.

According to Theorem 5, if we succeed in classifying all algebraic >> -manifolds of a given dimension, then we can classify all simply connected >> -manifolds and thus all simply connected generalized symmetric spaces of this dimension.

In the rest of this note we present a <u>complete classification of all simply connected and irreducible g.s. spaces of dimensions</u> 3, 4, 5 and of orders greater than 2 (we shall call these spaces briefly "exceptional" ones). It means, we leave out all symmetric spaces of E. Cartan which are well-known. In each case we shall give a representation in the form of a homogeneous Riemannian space (cf. Theorem A). As a rule, we shall describe first the underlying homogeneous manifold and then we give the family of all admissible invariant metrics in a different, more explicit form.

The details of the method and the complete proofs will appear as a special issue in the edition "Rozpravy ČSAV", Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, Prague.

Dimension m = 3.

All exceptional spaces are of order 4 and of the following type:

As a homogeneous space, M is the matrix group $\begin{bmatrix} e^{-x} & 0 & x \\ 0 & e^{x} & y \end{bmatrix}$

Also, M is the space $R^3(x,y,z)$ with a Riemannian metric $q=e^{2z}dx^2+e^{-2z}dy^2+\lambda^2dz^2$, where $\lambda>0$ is a constant.

The typical symmetry at the point (0,0,0) is the transformation x' = -x, x' = x, x' = -x.

Dimension m = 4.

All exceptional spaces are of order 3 and of the following type:

M is the homogeneous space | a & u | | cost -sint 0 | sint cost 0 | 0 0 1 |

where det $\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = 1$.

Also, M is the space $R^4(x, y, \mu, \nu)$ with a Riemann metric $q = (-x + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 1}) d\mu^2 + (x + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 1}) d\nu^2 - 2y d\mu d\nu + \lambda^2 \cdot \frac{(1+y^2)dx^2 + (1+x^2)dy^2 - 2xy dx dy}{1+x^2+y^2}$ ($\lambda > 0$)

Each transformation u' = cost.u - sint.v, x' = cos2t.x - sin2t.y

v' = sint.u + cost.v, y' = sin 2t.x + cost 2t.yfor t + ks is a symmetry at the point (0,0,0,0) which extends to a regular s -structure on M.

Dimension m = 5.

All exceptional spaces are of order 4 or 6, and of the following 12 types:

Type 1.

Also, M is the space $R^5(x,y,x,u,v)$ with a Riemann metric $q = dx^2 + dy^2 + dv^2 + \lambda^2(xdu + ydv - dx)^2$ $(\lambda > 0)$. The typical symmetry at the point (0, ..., 0) is the trans-

The typical symmetry at the point $(0, \dots, 0)$ is the transformation $x' = a_1$, $a_2' = -x$, x' = -x, u' = -v, v' = u.

Type 2.

M is the matrix group depending of two real parameters
$$A_1 > 0$$
, $0 = \frac{a_1 t}{a_2 t} = 0 = 0$ $0 = \frac{a_2 t}{a_2 t} = 0$

Also, M is the space $\mathbb{R}^5(x, y, x, w, t)$ with a Riemann met-

$$q = e^{-2\lambda_1 t} dx^2 + e^{2\lambda_1 t} dy^2 + e^{-2\lambda_2 t} dx^2 + e^{2\lambda_2 t} dw^2 + dt^2 + e^{2\lambda_2 t} dx^2 + e^{2\lambda_2 t} dx^2 + dt^2 + e^{2\lambda_2 t} dx^2 + e^{2\lambda_2$$

$$+2\beta\left[e^{(\lambda_1-\lambda_2)t}dydz-e^{(\lambda_2-\lambda_4)t}dxdw\right]$$
.

Here either $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > 0$, $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 < 1$, or $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 > 0$, $\alpha = 0$, $0 \le \beta < 1$, or $\lambda_1 > 0$, $\lambda_2 = 0$, $\alpha = 0$, $0 < \beta < 1$.

The typical symmetry at the point (0, ..., 0) is the transformation x' = -y, y' = x, x' = -w, w' = x, t' = -t.

Type 3. M is the homogeneous space SO(3,C)/SO(2), where SO(3,C) denotes the special complex orthogonal group and SO(2) denotes the subgroup $\begin{vmatrix} SO(2) & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ of SO(3,C).

The Riemann metric g in M is induced by the following real invariant positive semi-definite form on the group GL(3,C) of all regular

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{\gamma} &= \lambda^2 (\omega_1 \, \overline{\omega}_1 + \omega_2 \, \overline{\omega}_2) + \gamma (\omega_1^2 + \overline{\omega}_1^2 + \omega_2^2 + \overline{\omega}_2^2) + \mu^2 \Big(\frac{\omega_3 - \overline{\omega}_3}{\lambda} \Big)^2 \\ \text{where } & \omega_1 = a_2 \, da_3 + b_2 \, db_3 + c_2 \, dc_3 \,, \; \omega_2 = a_3 \, da_1 + b_3 \, db_1 + \\ & + c_3 \, dc_1 \,, \; \; \omega_3 = a_1 \, da_2 + b_1 \, db_2 + c_1 dc_2 \,, \; \text{and} \; \lambda \,, \gamma \,, \; \mu \\ \text{are real parameters satisfying } \; \lambda > 0 \,, \; \mu > 0 \,, \; |2 \, \gamma| < \lambda^2 \;. \end{split}$$
 The typical symmetry at the origin of M is induced by the following transformation of GL(3,C):

Type 4.

M is the complex matrix $\begin{vmatrix} e^{2t} & 0 & z \\ 0 & e^{-2t} & w \end{vmatrix}$ Here z, w denote group depending of a complex variables complex parameter A: $\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ and t a real variable.

Also, M is the space $C^2(x, w) \times R^1(t)$ with a (real) Riemann metric

$$\begin{split} q &= e^{-(\lambda+\lambda)t} dz d\overline{z} + e^{(\lambda+\overline{\lambda})t} dw d\overline{w} + (dt)^2 + 2\mu \left[e^{(\overline{\lambda}-\lambda)t} dz d\overline{w} \right. + \\ &+ e^{(\lambda-\overline{\lambda})t} d\overline{z} dw \right] + \alpha e^{-2\lambda t} (dz)^2 + \overline{\alpha} e^{-2\overline{\lambda}t} (d\overline{z})^2 - \alpha e^{2\lambda t} (dw)^2 - \overline{\alpha} e^{2\overline{\lambda}t} (d\overline{w})^2 \,. \end{split}$$

Here λ , ∞ are complex parameters, μ a real parameter, $\infty \overline{\alpha} + \mu^2 < 1/4$. In case that $\lambda + \overline{\lambda} = 0$, $\mu = 0$ we have $\infty = 0$.

The typical symmetry at the point (0,0;0) is the transformation x' = ix, w' = ix, t' = -t.

Types 5a, 5b.

M is the homogeneous space $SO(3) \times SO(3) / SO(2)$, or $SO(2,1) \times SO(2,1) / SO(2)$, where SO(2) denotes the subgroup $\begin{vmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t & 0 \\ \sin t & \cos t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ cost sint $\begin{vmatrix} \cos t & \sin t & 0 \\ -\sin t & \cos t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

The Riemann metric o is induced by the following real in-

variant positive semi-definite form on the group $GL(3,R) \times GL(3,R)$ of all non-singular product matrices

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{g} &= \infty^2 \left[(\omega_1 + \widetilde{\omega}_2)^2 + (\widetilde{\omega}_1 + \omega_2)^2 \right] + \beta^2 \left[(\omega_1 - \widetilde{\omega}_2)^2 + (\widetilde{\omega}_1 - \omega_2)^2 \right] + \\ &+ \gamma^2 (\omega_1 + \widetilde{\omega}_3)^2 \ , \end{split}$$

where
$$\omega_1 = a_2 da_3 + b_2 db_3 \pm c_2 dc_3$$
 and $\widetilde{\omega}_1, \widetilde{\omega}_2, \widetilde{\omega}_3$ are given
$$\omega_2 = a_3 da_4 + b_3 db_1 \pm c_3 dc_1$$
 by similar expressions in
$$\omega_3 = a_1 da_2 + b_1 db_2 \pm c_1 dc_2$$
 $\widetilde{\alpha}_i, \widetilde{\delta}_i, \widetilde{c}_i, d\widetilde{\alpha}_i, d\widetilde{b}_i, d\widetilde{c}_i$.

Here α , β , γ are positive real parameters, $\alpha \geq \beta$, and the (+) and (-) signs in ω_1 , ω_2 , ω_3 correspond to the elliptic case 5a and to the hyperbolic case 5b respectively.

The typical symmetry at the origin of M is induced by the following transformation of $GL(3,R)\times GL(3,R)$:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_4 & c_0 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \times \begin{vmatrix} \widetilde{a}_1 & \widetilde{a}_2 & \widetilde{a}_3 \\ \widetilde{b}_1 & \widetilde{b}_2 & \widetilde{b}_3 \\ \widetilde{c}_1 & \widetilde{c}_2 & \widetilde{c}_3 \end{vmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \widetilde{a}_1 & -\widetilde{a}_2 & -\widetilde{a}_3 \\ -\widetilde{b}_1 & \widetilde{b}_2 & \widetilde{b}_3 \\ -\widetilde{c}_1 & \widetilde{c}_2 & \widetilde{c}_3 \end{vmatrix} \times \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & -a_2 & a_3 \\ -b_1 & b_2 & -b_3 \\ c_1 & -c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Types 6a, 6b.

M is the homogeneous space SU(3)/SU(2), or SU(2,1)/SU(2). Also, M is the submanifold of $C^3(x^1,x^2,x^3)$ given by the relation $x^1\bar{x}^1+x^2\bar{x}^2\pm x^3\bar{x}^3=\pm 1$. The Riemann metric on M is induced by the following hermitian metric on C^3 :

$$\widetilde{\mathfrak{F}} = \lambda \left(dx^{1} d\overline{x}^{1} + dx^{2} d\overline{x}^{2} \pm dx^{3} d\overline{x}^{3} \right) +$$

$$+ \mu \left(x^{1} d\overline{x}^{1} + x^{2} d\overline{x}^{2} \pm x^{3} d\overline{x}^{3} \right) \left(\overline{x}^{1} dx^{1} + \overline{x}^{2} dx^{2} \pm \overline{x}^{3} dx^{3} \right)$$

where Λ , μ are real parameters such that $\lambda > 0$, $\mu \neq 0$ and $\mu \pm \lambda > 0$. The (+) and (-) signs correspond to the elliptic case 6a and to the hyperbolic 6b respectively.

The typical symmetry at the point (0,0,1) of M is induced by the following transformation of \mathbb{C}^3 :

$$x^{1\prime} = \overline{x}^2$$
, $x^{2\prime} = -\overline{x}^4$, $x^{3\prime} = \overline{x}^3$.

Remark. The case 6a was communicated to me orally by A.W. Deicke.

Type 7.

M is the real matrix group (t,x,y,u,v) are real variables and A is a real parameter). variables and A is a real parameter). variables and A is a real parameter). variables and A is a real parameter).

Also, M is the space $R^{5}(x,y,u,v,t)$ with a Riemann metric $g = (dt)^{2} + e^{-2At}(tdx - du)^{2} + e^{2At}(tdy + dv)^{2} + u(e^{-2At}dx^{2} + e^{2At}dy^{2}) + 27(dydu - dxdv)$,

where Λ , μ , γ are real parameters, $\lambda \ge 0$, $\mu > 0$, $\gamma^2 < \mu$.

The typical symmetry at the point (0, ..., 0) is the transformation x' = -y, y' = x, u' = -v, v' = u, t' = -t.

Types 8a, 8b.

M is the homogeneous space $I^e(R^3)/S_{0(2)}$ or

 $I^{h}(\mathbb{R}^{3}) / SO(2)$, where $I^{e}(\mathbb{R}^{3})$, or $I^{h}(\mathbb{R}^{3})$, denotes the group of all positive affine transformations of the space $\mathbb{R}^{3}(x,y,z)$ that preserve the differential form $dx^{2} + dy^{2} + dz^{2}$, or $dx^{2} + dy^{2} - dz^{2}$, respectively. ($I^{e}(\mathbb{R}^{3})$ is the semidirect product of SO(3) and t(3) and $I^{h}(\mathbb{R}^{3})$ is the semidirect product of SO(2,1) and t(3), where t(3) denotes the translation group of \mathbb{R}^{3} .)

Also, M is the submanifold of $\mathbb{R}^6(x,y,x;\alpha,\beta,\gamma)$ given by the relation $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 \pm \gamma^2 = \pm 1$. The Riemann metric on M is induced by the following non-singular invariant quadratic form on \mathbb{R}^6 :

$$\widetilde{g} = dx^2 + dy^2 \pm dz^2 + \lambda^2 (dx^2 + d\beta^2 \pm dy^2) +$$

+
$$\left[\mu^2 \pm (-1) \right] (\alpha dx + \beta dy \pm \sigma dz)^2$$

where A>0, $\mu>0$ are real parameters. The (+) and (-) signs correspond to the elliptic case 8a and to the hyperbolic case 8b respectively. In the elliptic case $\mu+1$.

The typical symmetry at the point (0,0,0;0,1) of M is induced by the following transformation of \mathbb{R}^6 : $x'=-y_1, y'=x, z'=-z, \alpha'=\beta, \beta'=-\alpha, \gamma'=\gamma$.

All preceding exceptional spaces (types 1 - 8b) are of order 4.

Type 9. (Spaces of order 6 .)

M is the matrix group $\begin{vmatrix} e^{-(u+v)} & 0 & 0 & x \\ 0 & e^{u} & 0 & y \\ 0 & 0 & e^{v} & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

Also, M is the space $\mathbb{R}^5(x,y,x,u,r)$ with a Riemann metric

$$g = a^{2}(du^{2} + dv^{2} + du dv) + (b^{2} + 1)(e^{2(u+v)}dx^{2} + e^{2u}dy^{2} + e^{-2v}dx^{2}) + (b^{2} - 2)(e^{v}dxdy + e^{u}dxdz - e^{-(u+v)}dydx),$$
where $a > 0$, $b > 0$.

The typical symmetry at the point (0, ..., 0) is the transformation x' = y, y' = -x, x' = x; w' = v, v' = -(u+v).

To conclude, let us remark that two Riemann spaces of different types are always non-isometric and within each type, the corresponding parameters are invariants of the Riemann metric.

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