



On conformal pseudo-subriemannian fundamental graded Lie algebras of semisimple type



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ABSTRACT

We introduce the notion of a conformal pseudo-subriemannian fundamental graded Lie algebra. Moreover we give a classification of conformal pseudo-subriemannian fundamental graded Lie algebras of semisimple type and their prolongations. Also we apply these results to a conformal pseudo-subriemannian geometry.

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1. Introduction and notation

This paper is the sequel to the previous one [16]. We first recall the notion of fundamental graded Lie algebras. Moreover we define the notion of conformal pseudo-subriemannian fundamental graded Lie algebras, which is a generalization of conformal subriemannian fundamental graded Lie algebras.

A graded Lie algebra (GLA) $\mathfrak{m} = \bigoplus_{p < 0} \mathfrak{g}_p$ is called a fundamental graded Lie algebra (FGLA) if it is a finite dimensional graded Lie algebra generated by nonzero subspace \mathfrak{g}_{-1} . An FGLA \mathfrak{m} is said to be of the μ -th kind if $\mathfrak{g}_{-\mu} \neq \{0\}$ and $\mathfrak{g}_p = \{0\}$ for $p < -\mu$. Let $\mathfrak{m} = \bigoplus_{p < 0} \mathfrak{g}_p$ be an FGLA over \mathbb{R} such that $\mathfrak{g}_{-2} \neq \{0\}$, and let $[g]$ be the conformal class of a nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form g on \mathfrak{g}_{-1} . Then the pair $(\mathfrak{m}, [g])$ is called a conformal pseudo-subriemannian FGLA. In particular if g is positive definite, then $(\mathfrak{m}, [g])$ is called a conformal subriemannian FGLA. Also if the signature of g has the form (r, r) , then $(\mathfrak{m}, [g])$ is called a conformal neutral-subriemannian FGLA. Note that if $(\mathfrak{m}, [g])$ is a conformal pseudo-subriemannian FGLA, so is $(\mathfrak{m}, [-g])$. Given two conformal pseudo-subriemannian FGLAs $(\mathfrak{m}_1, [g_1])$ and $(\mathfrak{m}_2, [g_2])$ we say that $(\mathfrak{m}_1, [g_1])$ is isomorphic to $(\mathfrak{m}_2, [g_2])$ if there exists a graded Lie algebra isomorphism φ of \mathfrak{m}_1 onto \mathfrak{m}_2 such

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that $[\varphi^*g_2] = [g_1]$. Also we say that $(\mathfrak{m}_1, [g_1])$ is equivalent to $(\mathfrak{m}_2, [g_2])$ if $(\mathfrak{m}_1, [g_1])$ is isomorphic to $(\mathfrak{m}_2, [g_2])$ or $(\mathfrak{m}_2, [-g_2])$.

Let $(\mathfrak{m}, [g])$ be a conformal pseudo-subriemannian FGLA, and let \mathfrak{g}_0 be the Lie algebra consisting of all the derivations D of \mathfrak{m} satisfying the following conditions: (1) $D(\mathfrak{g}_p) \subset \mathfrak{g}_p$ for all $p < 0$; (2) $D|_{\mathfrak{g}_{-1}} \in \mathfrak{co}(\mathfrak{g}_{-1}, g)$. There exists a GLA $\mathfrak{l} = \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{l}_p$ such that: (i) $\mathfrak{g}_p = \mathfrak{l}_p$ for $p \leq 0$; (ii) $\mathfrak{l} = \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{l}_p$ is transitive, i.e., for $X \in \mathfrak{l}_p$, $p \geq 0$, if $[X, \mathfrak{l}_{-1}] = \{0\}$, then $X = 0$; (iii) $\mathfrak{l} = \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{l}_p$ is maximum among GLAs satisfying conditions (i) and (ii) above, which is called the prolongation of $(\mathfrak{m}, [g])$ (For more details on the prolongation, see [12, §5]). Note that the prolongation of $(\mathfrak{m}, [g])$ is finite dimensional (Lemma 3.2). Clearly the prolongation of $(\mathfrak{m}, [g])$ coincides with that of $(\mathfrak{m}, [-g])$.

It is known that the prolongation $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_p$ of a conformal subriemannian FGLA $(\mathfrak{m}, [g])$ satisfying the condition $\mathfrak{g}_1 \neq \{0\}$ is a real rank one simple graded Lie algebra ([4], [16]). In contrast, there exists a conformal neutral-subriemannian FGLA $(\mathfrak{m}, [g])$ such that the prolongation $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_p$ of $(\mathfrak{m}, [g])$ is nonsemisimple and such that $\mathfrak{g}_1 \neq \{0\}$ (cf. Example 5.1). A conformal pseudo-subriemannian FGLA is said to be of semisimple type if the prolongation is semisimple. In this paper we give a strong classification of conformal pseudo-subriemannian FGLAs of semisimple type and their prolongations (Theorem 5.2). Here, by a strong classification, we mean a classification using root systems plus an explicit realization of all the subspaces \mathfrak{g}_p . In particular we prove that the prolongation of a conformal pseudo-subriemannian FGLA of semisimple type is simple. In section 6 we give a local classification of maximally homogeneous conformal pseudo-subriemannian manifolds of semisimple type (Theorem 6.1).

Notation and conventions

- (1) Blackboard bold is used for the standard systems \mathbb{Z} (the ring of integers), \mathbb{R} (real numbers), \mathbb{C} (complex numbers), \mathbb{C}' (split complex numbers), the real division rings \mathbb{H} (Hamilton’s quaternions), \mathbb{H}' (split quaternions), \mathbb{O} (Cayley’s [nonassociative] octonions) and \mathbb{O}' (split octonions). We denote by $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$ (resp. $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$) the set consisting of all the positive real numbers (resp. non-negative real numbers). For $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}', \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{H}', \mathbb{O}$ or \mathbb{O}' , we set $\text{Im } \mathbb{K} = \{z \in \mathbb{K} : \text{Re } z = 0\}$.
- (2) For any real vector space V we denote by $V(\mathbb{C})$ the complexification of V .
- (3) Let V be a finite dimensional real vector space, and let g be a nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form on V . We set

$$\mathfrak{so}(V, g) = \{A \in \mathfrak{gl}(V) : A \cdot g = 0\},$$

$$\mathfrak{co}(V, g) = \{A \in \mathfrak{gl}(V) : A \cdot g = \eta_A g \text{ for some } \eta_A \in \mathbb{R}\},$$

where $A \cdot g$ is a symmetric bilinear form on V defined by $(A \cdot g)(x, y) = g(Ax, y) + g(x, Ay)$ ($x, y \in V$). We define a linear mapping $g^b : V \rightarrow V^*$ by $g^b(x)(y) = g(x, y)$ ($x, y \in V$). Since g is non-degenerate, g^b is a linear isomorphism. We denote by g^\sharp the inverse mapping of g^b .

- (4) For a graded vector space $V = \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} V_p$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ we denote subspaces $\bigoplus_{p \leq k} V_p$ and $\bigoplus_{p \geq k} V_p$ by $V_{\leq k}$ and $V_{\geq k}$ respectively. Also we denote the subspace $\bigoplus_{p < 0} V_p$ by V_- . We call V_- the negative part of V .
- (5) For a reductive Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} , we denote by \mathfrak{g}^{ss} the semisimple part of \mathfrak{g} .
- (6) For a GLA $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_p$ we denote by $\text{Aut}_0(\mathfrak{g})$ the group consisting of all the automorphisms a of \mathfrak{g} such that $a(\mathfrak{g}_p) = \mathfrak{g}_p$ for all $p \in \mathbb{Z}$.

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