

**EXISTENCE OF GENERALIZED AFFINE SYMMETRIC SPACES  
OF ARBITRARY ORDER**

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In [1] the following existence theorem on generalized symmetric Riemannian spaces was proved:

**THEOREM A.** *For every even integer  $n \geq 4$  there is a generalized symmetric Riemannian space of order  $n$  diffeomorphic to  $R^{n-1}$  and such that the identity component of its full isometry group is solvable.*

The main result of the present paper is an affine counterpart of this theorem:

**THEOREM 1.** *For every integer  $n \geq 3$  there is a generalized affine symmetric space of order  $n$  diffeomorphic to  $R^{2n-2}$  and such that the identity component of its full affine group is solvable.*

**1. Generalized affine symmetric spaces.** All differentiable manifolds, mappings, and tensor fields are supposed to be of class  $C^\infty$ .

Let  $(M, \nabla)$  be a differentiable affine manifold and let  $x \in M$  be a point. A *symmetry* of  $(M, \nabla)$  at  $x$  is an affine transformation  $s_x$  of  $(M, \nabla)$  for which  $x$  is an isolated fixed point. An *s-structure* on  $(M, \nabla)$  is a family  $\{s_x\}_{x \in M}$  of symmetries of  $(M, \nabla)$ , briefly denoted by  $\{s_x\}$ . To every s-structure  $\{s_x\}$  on  $(M, \nabla)$  there corresponds a tensor field  $S$  on  $M$  of type  $(1, 1)$  defined by  $S_x = (s_x)_{*,x}$  for all  $x \in M$ . The tensor field  $S$  is called the *symmetry tensor field* of  $\{s_x\}$ .

Following Kowalski [5], a *generalized affine symmetric space* (briefly, a g.a.s. space) is a connected affine manifold  $(M, \nabla)$  admitting an s-structure  $\{s_x\}$  with the following properties:

- (i) The map  $M \times M \rightarrow M$ ,  $(x, y) \mapsto s_x(y)$ , is differentiable.
- (ii) For every  $x, y \in M$ ,  $s_x \circ s_y = s_z \circ s_x$ , where  $z = s_x(y)$ .
- (iii) The symmetry tensor field  $S$  of  $\{s_x\}$  is parallel, i.e.,  $\nabla S = 0$ .

The s-structure  $\{s_x\}$  on  $(M, \nabla)$  satisfying conditions (i)-(iii) is called an *admissible s-structure*.

Property (iii) of admissible  $s$ -structures yields the following

**PROPOSITION 1.1.** *For every symmetry  $s'_o$  of  $(M, \nabla)$  at a point  $o \in M$  there is at most one admissible  $s$ -structure  $\{s_x\}$  on  $(M, \nabla)$  such that  $s_o = s'_o$ .*

An  $s$ -structure  $\{s_x\}$  on  $(M, \nabla)$  is said to be of *order*  $k$  if  $k$  is the least positive integer for which  $(s_x)^k = \text{id}$  for all  $x \in M$ . If there is a point  $x \in M$  such that  $(s_x)^k \neq \text{id}$  for all integers  $k$ , then  $\{s_x\}$  is said to be of *order*  $\infty$ . The *order of a g.a.s. space*  $(M, \nabla)$  is the least element  $k$  of the set  $\{2, 3, \dots, \infty\}$  for which there is an admissible  $s$ -structure of order  $k$  on  $(M, \nabla)$ .

In contrast to the Riemannian case, there are g.a.s. spaces of order  $\infty$  (cf. [3], Theorem 2, and [6]). Generalized affine symmetric spaces of order 2 are nothing but the affine symmetric spaces. (Recall that, in this case, there is a unique admissible  $s$ -structure  $\{s_x\}$  of order 2 — it consists of usual geodesic symmetries and  $S = -\text{id}$ .) Thus, g.a.s. spaces of order  $k \geq 3$  are those of special interest.

An *automorphism* of an  $s$ -structure  $\{s_x\}$  on  $(M, \nabla)$  is a diffeomorphism  $f: M \rightarrow M$  such that

$$f \circ s_x = s_y \circ f, \quad y = f(x), \quad \text{for each } x \in M.$$

If  $\{s_x\}$  is an admissible  $s$ -structure, then property (ii) implies that every symmetry  $s_x$  is an automorphism of the  $s$ -structure  $\{s_x\}$ . The following is the easier part of a basic theorem proved in [4] (cf. [5], Theorem B):

**THEOREM B.** *Let  $\{s_x\}$  be an admissible  $s$ -structure on a g.a.s. space  $(M, \nabla)$ . Then:*

1. *The group  $\text{Aut}(\{s_x\})$  of all automorphisms of the  $s$ -structure  $\{s_x\}$  is a transitive Lie transformation group of  $M$ , which is a closed subgroup of the full affine transformation group  $A(M, \nabla)$ .*

2. *If  $G$  is the identity component of  $\text{Aut}(\{s_x\})$ ,  $o \in M$  is a fixed point, and  $G_o$  the isotropy subgroup of  $G$  at  $o$ , then the homogeneous space  $M = G/G_o$  is reductive in a canonical way and the connection  $\nabla$  is the canonical connection on  $G/G_o$ .*

**COROLLARY.** (a) *Every g.a.s. space is a complete affine manifold.*

(b) *The connection  $\nabla$  of every g.a.s. space  $(M, \nabla)$  is parallel, i.e.,  $\nabla$  has parallel curvature and torsion:  $\nabla R = 0$  and  $\nabla T = 0$ .*

**2. Admissible automorphisms of transvection algebra.** In this section we construct an infinitesimal analogy to every admissible  $s$ -structure on a simply connected and connected affine manifold  $(M, \nabla)$ . Necessary conditions for the existence of admissible  $s$ -structures are given in the Corollary to Theorem B. Hence throughout this section we assume that  $(M, \nabla)$  always denotes a simply connected and connected affine manifold with complete parallel connection.

We shall use the following notation:  $o$  is a fixed point of  $M$ ;  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the tangent vector space  $T_o(M)$ ;  $K$  is the isotropy subgroup of the full affine group  $A(M, \nabla)$  at  $o$ ;  $A(M, \nabla)^o$  and  $K^o$  are the identity components;  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{k}$  denote the Lie algebras of the groups  $A(M, \nabla)$  and  $K$ , respectively;  $\hat{\mathfrak{k}}$  is the subalgebra of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{m})$  given by

$$\hat{\mathfrak{k}} = \{A \in \mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{m}) \mid A(R_o) = A(T_o) = 0\}.$$

First we give a description of the algebra  $\mathfrak{a}$ . For this purpose let us consider the Lie algebra  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}} = \hat{\mathfrak{k}} + \mathfrak{m}$  (vector space direct sum) with the bracket operation defined as follows:

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} [X, Y] &= (-R_o(X, Y), -T_o(X, Y)), \\ [A, X] &= A(X), \quad [A, B] = A \circ B - B \circ A \end{aligned}$$

for all  $A, B \in \hat{\mathfrak{k}}$  and  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{m}$ . The assumptions  $\nabla R = \nabla T = 0$  imply that  $R_o(X, Y)(R_o) = R_o(X, Y)(T_o) = 0$  for every  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{m}$ . Consequently, every curvature transformation  $R_o(X, Y)$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{m}$ , is an element of  $\hat{\mathfrak{k}}$ . This means that the bracket operation in  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  is well defined. Using the basic properties of curvature and torsion we can easily see that  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  is actually a Lie algebra.

As is well known, the assumptions on  $(M, \nabla)$  imply that the group  $A(M, \nabla)^o$  is transitive on  $M$  and that  $K^o$  is the isotropy subgroup of  $A(M, \nabla)^o$  at  $o$ . By [2], Theorem X.2.8, the homogeneous space  $A(M, \nabla)^o/K^o$  is reductive in a natural way and, under the standard identification  $M = A(M, \nabla)^o/K^o$ ,  $\nabla$  is the canonical connection on  $A(M, \nabla)^o/K^o$ . Therefore, we can write  $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{m}$  (vector space direct sum). By Corollary VI.7.9 of [2], the linear isotropy representation  $\lambda$  of  $K$  in  $\mathfrak{m}$  maps  $K$  isomorphically onto the group  $\hat{K}$  consisting of all automorphisms  $\phi$  of the vector space  $\mathfrak{m}$  such that  $\phi(R_o) = R_o$  and  $\phi(T_o) = T_o$ . Clearly, the Lie algebra of the group  $\hat{K}$  is the algebra  $\hat{\mathfrak{k}}$ . Hence the induced representation  $\lambda_*: \mathfrak{k} \rightarrow \hat{\mathfrak{k}}$  is a Lie algebra isomorphism. As is well known,  $\lambda_*$  is the restriction of the adjoint representation of  $\mathfrak{k}$  in  $\mathfrak{a}$  to  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Using this fact and formulas (1) and (2) of [2], Theorem X.2.6, we obtain the following

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *The map  $\varphi = \lambda_* + \text{id}_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is an isomorphism between the Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$ .*

In the sequel, the algebras  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  will be identified by the isomorphism  $\varphi$ .

Now, let  $\hat{\mathfrak{h}}$  be the vector subspace of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{m})$  generated by the set of all curvature transformations  $R_o(X, Y)$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{m}$ . It follows immediately from (1) that  $\hat{\mathfrak{h}} \subset \hat{\mathfrak{k}}$ . By [5], Theorem 2, the vector space

$\mathfrak{t} = \hat{\mathfrak{h}} + \mathfrak{m}$  is a subalgebra of the Lie algebra  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$ . With respect to the geometrical interpretation of the algebra  $\mathfrak{t}$  given in the same theorem,  $\mathfrak{t}$  is called the *transvection algebra* of  $(M, \mathcal{V})$ .

Every admissible  $s$ -structure  $\{s_x\}$  on  $(M, \mathcal{V})$  induces a linear transformation  $\phi$  of the transvection algebra  $\mathfrak{t}$  defined by  $\phi = \text{id} + S_o$ , where  $\text{id}$  is the identity transformation of  $\hat{\mathfrak{h}}$  and  $S_o = (s_o)_{*,o}$ . The basic properties of  $\phi$  are the following:

**PROPOSITION 2.2.** (i)  $\phi$  is an automorphism of the transvection algebra  $\mathfrak{t}$ .

(ii)  $\phi(\mathfrak{m}) = \mathfrak{m}$ .

(iii)  $\text{Fix}\phi = \hat{\mathfrak{h}}$ .

For the proof of (i) we need the following

**LEMMA.** (a)  $S_o(T_o) = T_o$ .

(b)  $S_o(R_o) = R_o$ .

(c)  $R_o(U, V)(S_o) = 0$  for all  $U, V \in \mathfrak{m}$ .

(d)  $R_o(U, V) = R_o(S_o U, S_o V)$  for all  $U, V \in \mathfrak{m}$ .

(e)  $S_o[U, V] = [U, S_o V]$  for all  $U \in \hat{\mathfrak{h}}, V \in \mathfrak{m}$ .

**Proof.** (a) and (b) are clear. (c) follows from  $\nabla S = 0$ . (d) is a simple consequence of (b) and (c). It is sufficient to prove (e) for  $U = R_o(X, Y)$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{m}$ . In such a case, (e) is nothing but (d).

**Proof of Proposition 2.2.** (i) We see that  $\phi$  is a vector space isomorphism. Now, it suffices to prove the equality  $\phi[U, V] = [\phi U, \phi V]$  in the following three special cases:

1.  $U, V \in \hat{\mathfrak{h}}$ . Then also  $[U, V] \in \hat{\mathfrak{h}}$  and  $\phi[U, V] = [U, V] = [\phi U, \phi V]$ .

2.  $U, V \in \mathfrak{m}$ . Then

$$\phi[U, V] = \phi(-R_o(U, V), -T_o(U, V)) = (-R_o(U, V), -S_o(T_o(U, V))).$$

By Lemma (d) and (a) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi[U, V] &= (-R_o(S_o U, S_o V), -T_o(S_o U, S_o V)) \\ &= [S_o U, S_o V] = [\phi U, \phi V]. \end{aligned}$$

3.  $U \in \hat{\mathfrak{h}}, V \in \mathfrak{m}$ . In this case  $\phi[U, V] = S_o[U, V]$  and  $[\phi U, \phi V] = [U, S_o V]$ . By Lemma (e) we have  $\phi[U, V] = [\phi U, \phi V]$ .

Assertions (ii) and (iii) of Proposition 2.2 are obvious.

By Proposition 2.2, an *admissible automorphism* of the transvection algebra  $\mathfrak{t}$  is an automorphism  $\phi$  of  $\mathfrak{t}$  satisfying (ii) and (iii) of that proposition.

**THEOREM 2.** *There is an order-preserving one-to-one correspondence between the set of all admissible  $s$ -structures on  $(M, \mathcal{V})$  and between the set*

of all admissible automorphisms of the transvection algebra  $\mathfrak{t}$  of  $(M, \nabla)$ . The admissible automorphism  $\phi = \text{id} + (s_o)_{*,o}$  corresponds to an admissible  $s$ -structure  $\{s_x\}$ .

**Proof.** By Proposition 1.1, the mapping  $\{s_x\} \mapsto \phi = \text{id} + (s_o)_{*,o}$  is injective. Clearly, since the order of the map  $\phi$  is equal to that of  $(s_o)_{*,o}$ , the above-mentioned correspondence is order preserving. Thus, it remains only to show how to construct an admissible  $s$ -structure  $\{s_x\}$  from a prescribed admissible automorphism  $\phi$  of  $\mathfrak{t}$ .

Let  $G$  be the connected subgroup of  $A(M, \nabla)^0$  corresponding to the algebra  $\mathfrak{t}$  and let  $H$  be the isotropy subgroup of  $G$  at  $o$ . The group  $G$  acts transitively on  $M$  because  $\mathfrak{m} \subset \mathfrak{t}$ . The isomorphism  $\varphi$  from Proposition 2.1 maps the Lie algebra of  $H$  isomorphically onto  $\hat{\mathfrak{h}}$ . The homogeneous space  $G/H$  is reductive and, under the natural identification  $M = G/H$ , the connection  $\nabla$  coincides with the canonical connection on  $G/H$  corresponding to the decomposition  $\mathfrak{t} = \mathfrak{h} + \mathfrak{m}$ . Every admissible automorphism  $\phi$  of the transvection algebra  $\mathfrak{t}$  induces an automorphism  $\sigma$  of the group  $G$  such that  $\sigma_{*,e} = \phi$ . A simple homotopy argument shows that the group  $H$  is connected, so we have

$$(2) \quad \sigma|_H = \text{id}_H.$$

Therefore, there is a well-defined diffeomorphism  $s$  of  $G/H$  given by

$$(3) \quad s(gH) = \sigma(g)H \quad \text{for all } g \in G.$$

Since  $\sigma_{*,e}(\mathfrak{m}) = \mathfrak{m}$  and  $\sigma(H) = H$ , Proposition 3.1 in [1] implies that  $s$  is an affine transformation of  $(M, \nabla)$ . It is easy to see that  $s$  is a symmetry of  $(M, \nabla)$  at  $o$ . By (2) and (3),  $s$  is  $\text{ad}(H)$ -invariant, so for every  $x \in M$  there is a well-defined symmetry  $s_x$  at  $x$  given by  $s_x = g \circ s \circ g^{-1}$ , where  $g$  is an arbitrary element of  $G$  such that  $g(o) = x$ . We claim that this  $s$ -structure  $\{s_x\}$  is admissible and that the corresponding admissible automorphism of the transvection algebra is the given  $\phi$ .

Using a local differentiable cross-section in the principal fibre bundle  $G(M, H)$  we see that the map  $(x, y) \mapsto s_x(y)$  is differentiable. A simple calculation shows that condition (ii) of the definition of an admissible  $s$ -structure is also satisfied. Finally, the symmetry tensor field  $S$  of  $\{s_x\}$  is invariant by  $G$ , so  $S$  is parallel. This means that the constructed  $s$ -structure  $\{s_x\}$  is admissible. The equalities

$$\phi = \text{id} + (\phi|_{\mathfrak{m}}) = \text{id} + s_{*,o} = \text{id} + (s_o)_{*,o}$$

complete the proof of Theorem 2.

**3. Proof of Theorem 1.** In this section we construct a sequence  $(M_n, \mathcal{V}_n)$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , of g.a.s. spaces satisfying all requirements of Theorem 1. For  $n = 3$ , the space  $(M_3, \mathcal{V}_3)$  is known from the complete list of g.a.s. spaces of dimension 4 (see [6]).

For every integer  $n \geq 3$  let us consider the matrix group  $G_n$  consisting of the matrices

$$\left\| \begin{array}{ccccc} e^{u_0} & 0 & \dots & 0 & x_0 \\ 0 & e^{u_1} & \dots & 0 & x_1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & e^{u_{n-1}} & x_{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right\|,$$

where  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}) \in R^{2n-1}$  is an arbitrary element and  $u_0 = -u_1 - \dots - u_{n-1}$ . The Lie group  $G_n$  is diffeomorphic to the Cartesian space  $R^{2n-1}(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1})$  in a canonical way. Suppose that the matrices of  $G_n$  are identified with the corresponding  $(2n - 1)$ -tuples. Particularly, for the neutral element  $e$  of  $G_n$  we have  $e = (0, \dots, 0)$ . Let us consider a 1-parameter subgroup  $H_n$  of  $G_n$  given by the equalities  $x_0 = x_1 = \dots = x_{n-2} = -x_{n-1} = t$ ,  $u_1 = \dots = u_{n-1} = 0$  and the homogeneous space  $M_n = G_n/H_n$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.1.** *The manifold  $M_n$  is diffeomorphic to  $R^{2n-2}$  for all  $n \geq 3$ .*

**Proof.** The action of  $H_n$  on  $G_n$  is given by the formula

$$\begin{aligned} &(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}) \cdot t \\ &= (x_0 + te^{u_0}, x_1 + te^{u_1}, \dots, x_{n-2} + te^{u_{n-2}}, x_{n-1} - te^{u_{n-1}}, u_1, \dots, u_n), \end{aligned}$$

where  $u_0 = -u_1 - \dots - u_{n-1}$ . Therefore, every orbit  $g \cdot H_n$ ,  $g \in G$ , meets the submanifold  $G'_n$  given by  $x_0 = 0$  at exactly one point, namely for  $t = -x_0 e^{-u_0}$ . Thus we have a bijection  $\psi: M_n \rightarrow G'_n$ . Using a differentiable local cross-section in the principal fibre bundle  $G_n(M_n, H_n)$ , we see easily that the map  $\psi$  is differentiable. The inverse map  $\psi^{-1}$  is a composition of the inclusion map  $G'_n \rightarrow G_n$  followed by the canonical projection  $G_n \rightarrow M_n$ , so it is also differentiable. The manifold  $G'_n$  is diffeomorphic to  $R^{2n-2}$  in a canonical way, which completes the proof of Proposition 3.1.

Note that in formulas of this section we use the following two index sets:

$$\begin{aligned} i, j, k, \dots &\in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}, \\ \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \kappa, \mu, \dots &\in \{1, \dots, n-1\}. \end{aligned}$$

A direct calculation shows that the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  of the Lie group  $G_n$  has a basis  $X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}, U_1, \dots, U_{n-1}$ , where

$$(4) \quad X_i = e^{u_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \quad U_a = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_a}.$$

The bracket operation in  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  is given by the formulas

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} [X_i, X_j] &= [U_\alpha, U_\beta] = 0, \\ [X_0, U_\alpha] &= X_0, \quad [X_\alpha, U_\beta] = -\delta_{\alpha\beta} X_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

In the sequel, we identify the algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  with the tangent vector space  $T_e(G_n)$ .

Let us consider vectors  $Y_0, Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1}$  defined by

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} Y_0 &= X_0 + X_1 + \dots + X_{n-2} - X_{n-1}, \\ Y_\alpha &= X_0 - X_\alpha \text{ for } \alpha \neq n-1, \quad Y_{n-1} = X_0 + X_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

The vectors  $Y_0, Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1}, U_1, \dots, U_{n-1}$  form a new basis of the algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  and the vector  $Y_0$  generates the subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}_n$  corresponding to the subgroup  $H_n$ . Formulas (4) and (5) yield

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} [Y_i, Y_j] &= [U_\alpha, U_\beta] = 0, \quad [Y_0, U_\alpha] = Y_\alpha, \\ [Y_\alpha, U_\beta] &= \left( \frac{1 + \delta_{\alpha\beta}}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} Y_i \right) - \delta_{\alpha\beta} Y_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

For the subspace  $\mathfrak{m}_n$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  spanned by  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1}, U_1, \dots, U_{n-1}$  we have  $\mathfrak{g}_n = \mathfrak{h}_n + \mathfrak{m}_n$  (vector space direct sum) and  $[\mathfrak{h}_n, \mathfrak{m}_n] \subset \mathfrak{m}_n$ . Since the group  $H_n$  is connected, the homogeneous space  $M_n = G_n/H_n$  is reductive. Let  $\nabla_n$  be the corresponding canonical connection on  $M_n$ . By [2], Proposition X.2.6, formulas (7) yield the following expressions for the torsion and curvature of  $\nabla_n$ . (The vector space  $\mathfrak{m}_n$  is identified with the tangent vector space  $T_o(M_n)$  in a standard way.)

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} T_o(Y_\alpha, Y_\beta) &= T_o(U_\alpha, U_\beta) = 0, \\ T_o(Y_\alpha, U_\beta) &= - \left( \frac{1 + \delta_{\alpha\beta}}{n} \sum_{\kappa=1}^{n-1} Y_\kappa \right) + \delta_{\alpha\beta} Y_\alpha, \end{aligned}$$

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} R_o(Y_\alpha, Y_\beta) Y_\gamma &= R_o(Y_\alpha, Y_\beta) U_\gamma = R_o(Y_\alpha, U_\beta) Y_\gamma \\ &= R_o(U_\alpha, U_\beta) Y_\gamma = R_o(U_\alpha, U_\beta) U_\gamma = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$R_o(Y_\alpha, U_\beta) U_\gamma = - \frac{1 + \delta_{\alpha\beta}}{n} U_\gamma.$$

Now, we calculate the algebra  $\mathfrak{a}_n$  of the full affine group  $A(M_n, \mathcal{V}_n)$ . According to Proposition 2.1 we have  $\mathfrak{a}_n = \hat{\mathfrak{a}}_n = \mathfrak{m}_n + \hat{\mathfrak{k}}_n$ , where

$$\hat{\mathfrak{k}}_n = \{A \in \mathfrak{gl}(\mathfrak{m}_n) \mid A(R_o) = A(T_o) = 0\}$$

and the multiplication in  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}_n$  is given by (1). By a long but routine calculation it may be shown that the algebra  $\hat{\mathfrak{k}}_n$  has a basis consisting of two endomorphisms  $Y$  and  $U$  of the vector space  $\mathfrak{m}_n$  given by

$$Y(U_a) = U(Y_a) = Y_a, \quad Y(Y_a) = U(U_a) = 0.$$

Under the identification  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}_n = \mathfrak{a}_n$  we have  $Y = Y_o$ . The vectors  $Y_o, Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1}, U_1, \dots, U_{n-1}, U$  form a basis of the algebra  $\mathfrak{a}_n$ . The bracket operation in  $\mathfrak{a}_n$  is given by (7) and by

$$(10) \quad [U, Y_i] = Y_i, \quad [U, U_a] = 0.$$

Consequently, the algebra  $[\mathfrak{a}_n, \mathfrak{a}_n]$  is spanned by the vectors  $Y_o, Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1}$ , so  $[[\mathfrak{a}_n, \mathfrak{a}_n], [\mathfrak{a}_n, \mathfrak{a}_n]] = 0$ . Hence the algebra  $\mathfrak{a}_n$  is solvable. We have proved the following

**PROPOSITION 3.2.** *The identity component of the group  $A(M_n, \mathcal{V}_n)$  is solvable for all  $n \geq 3$ .*

In Section 2 we have defined the transvection algebra  $\mathfrak{t}$  for every connected and simply connected parallel affine manifold  $(M, \mathcal{V})$ . For  $(M, \mathcal{V}) = (M_n, \mathcal{V}_n)$  we have

**PROPOSITION 3.3.** *The transvection algebra of  $(M_n, \mathcal{V}_n)$  is the algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  for all  $n \geq 3$ .*

**Proof.** It is sufficient to prove that the algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  is generated by the subspace  $\mathfrak{m}_n$ , but this fact is a simple consequence of (7) and (10).

The set  $\text{Aut}_a(\mathfrak{g}_n)$  of all admissible automorphisms of the transvection algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  of  $(M_n, \mathcal{V}_n)$  can be characterized in the following manner. Let  $C_n$  be the set of all cyclic permutations of the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ . For every  $r \in R$  and  $\sigma \in C_n$  consider a linear transformation  $F(\sigma, r)$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  defined by

$$F(\sigma, r)(Y_o) = Y_o,$$

$$F(\sigma, r)(Y_a) = \begin{cases} Y_{\sigma(a)} - Y_{\sigma(0)} & \text{if } \sigma(a) \neq 0, \\ -Y_{\sigma(0)} & \text{if } \sigma(a) = 0, \end{cases}$$

$$(11) \quad F(\sigma, r)(U_a) = \begin{cases} r(Y_{\sigma(a)} - Y_{\sigma(0)}) + U_{\sigma(a)} - U_{\sigma(0)} & \text{if } \sigma(a) \neq 0, \\ -rY_{\sigma(0)} - U_{\sigma(0)} & \text{if } \sigma(a) = 0. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to check that  $F(\sigma, r)$  is an admissible automorphism of  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  for every  $(\sigma, r) \in C_n \times R$ . Hence we have a well-defined injective mapping  $F: C_n \times R \rightarrow \text{Aut}_a(\mathfrak{g}_n)$ .

PROPOSITION 3.4. *The map  $F$  is bijective.*

Proof. It is enough to prove that  $F$  is surjective. Let  $\phi$  be an admissible automorphism of  $\mathfrak{g}_n$ . By [1], Lemma 6.3, a 1-dimensional vector subspace  $\mathfrak{i}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  is an ideal of the algebra  $\mathfrak{g}_n$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{i}$  is spanned by a vector  $X_j$  for some  $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ . Thus we have

$$(12) \quad \phi(X_j) = k_j \cdot X_{\sigma(j)},$$

where  $\sigma$  is a permutation of the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$  and  $k_j$  is a non-zero real number. Since  $\text{Fix}\phi = \mathfrak{h}_n$  and the subspace  $\mathfrak{h}_n$  is spanned by the vector  $Y_0$ , we have  $\phi(Y_0) = Y_0$ . This result together with (6) and (12) yields

$$(13) \quad \begin{aligned} \phi(Y_0) &= Y_0, \\ \phi(Y_a) &= \begin{cases} Y_{\sigma(a)} - Y_{\sigma(0)} & \text{if } \sigma(a) \neq 0, \\ -Y_{\sigma(0)} & \text{if } \sigma(a) = 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We prove now that  $\sigma$  is a cycle. Let  $k$  be the least positive integer for which  $\sigma^k(0) = 0$  holds. For every  $\delta = 1, \dots, k$  we put  $Y'_\delta = Y_a$ , where  $a = \sigma^\delta(0)$ . The elements of the set  $\{Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1}\} - \{Y'_1, \dots, Y'_k\}$  are denoted by  $Y'_{k+1}, \dots, Y'_{n-1}$ . By (13), the vector

$$(n-k-1)(Y'_1 + \dots + Y'_k) - (k+1)(Y'_{k+1} + \dots + Y'_{n-1})$$

is a fixed element of  $\mathfrak{m}_n$  by the transformation  $\phi$ . Since there is no non-zero fixed vector of  $\phi$  in  $\mathfrak{m}_n$ , we have  $k = n-1$ ; thus  $\sigma$  is a cycle.

It remains only to show that there is a real number  $r$  such that  $\phi(U_a) = F(\sigma, r)(U_a)$  for all  $a$ . Since  $\phi(\mathfrak{m}_n) = \mathfrak{m}_n$ , there are real numbers  $A_a^*$  and  $B_a^*$  ( $a, \kappa = 1, \dots, n-1$ ) such that

$$(14) \quad \phi(U_a) = \sum_{\kappa} A_a^* Y_{\kappa} + \sum_{\kappa} B_a^* U_{\kappa}.$$

Applying the transformation  $\phi$  to the identity  $0 = [U_a, U_\beta]$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sum_{\kappa, \mu} (A_a^* B_\beta^\mu - A_\beta^* B_a^\mu) [Y_\kappa, U_\mu] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{\kappa, \mu} (A_a^* B_\beta^\mu - A_\beta^* B_a^\mu) + \sum_{\kappa} (A_a^* B_\beta^* - A_\beta^* B_a^*) \right) \left( \sum_i Y_i \right) - \\ &\quad - \sum_{\kappa} (A_a^* B_\beta^* - A_\beta^* B_a^*) Y_\kappa. \end{aligned}$$

Since the vectors  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1}, \sum_i Y_i$  are linearly independent, we obtain

$$(15) \quad A_\alpha^* B_\beta^* = A_\beta^* B_\alpha^* \quad \text{for all } \alpha, \beta, \kappa,$$

$$(16) \quad \sum_\kappa A_\alpha^* \sum_\mu B_\beta^\mu = \sum_\kappa A_\beta^* \sum_\mu B_\alpha^\mu \quad \text{for all } \alpha, \beta.$$

Similarly, using the identity  $[Y_0, U_\alpha] = Y_\alpha$ , we get

$$(17) \quad B_\alpha^* = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \kappa = \sigma(\alpha), \\ -1 & \text{if } \kappa = \sigma(0), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

From (15) and (17) we have

$$(18) \quad A_\alpha^\beta = 0 \quad \text{if } \beta \neq \sigma(\alpha) \text{ or } \beta \neq \sigma(0)$$

and

$$A_\alpha^{\sigma(0)} = A_\beta^{\sigma(0)} \quad \text{for all } \alpha, \beta.$$

Thus, there is a real number  $r$  such that

$$(19) \quad A_\alpha^{\sigma(0)} = -r \quad \text{for all } \alpha.$$

Put  $\beta = \sigma^{-1}(0)$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta$  in (16). By (16)-(19) we obtain

$$(20) \quad A_\alpha^{\sigma(\alpha)} = r \quad \text{for all } \alpha \neq \sigma^{-1}(0).$$

Substituting (17)-(20) in (14) we see that  $\phi(U_\alpha) = F(\sigma, r)(U_\alpha)$  for all  $\alpha$ , which completes the proof of Proposition 3.4.

Theorem 2 and Proposition 3.4 imply that  $(M_n, V_n)$  is a g.a.s. space for all  $n \geq 3$ . It follows from (11) that there are admissible  $s$ -structures of finite order on  $(M_n, V_n)$  corresponding to admissible automorphisms  $F(\sigma, 0)$ ,  $\sigma \in C_n$ , and that all of them are of order  $n$ . Thus, we have proved the following

**PROPOSITION 3.5.** *For all  $n \geq 3$ , the affine manifold  $(M_n, V_n)$  is a g.a.s. space of order  $n$ .*

By Propositions 3.5, 3.1, and 3.2, the g.a.s. space  $(M_n, V_n)$  satisfies all requirements of Theorem 1.

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