

## ON NON-PARALLEL $s$ -STRUCTURES

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**ABSTRACT.** Using algebraic topology, we find out the number of all non-parallel  $s$ -structures which an  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $E^n$  admits. The obtaining results are generalized on a manifold  $M$  which is  $CW$ -complex.

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### 0. INTRODUCTION

Let  $E^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space and  $f : E^n \rightarrow E^n$  an automorphism

If  $x_0 \in E^n$  then the expression  $f(x_0) + Df_{x_0}(x - x_0)$  is the linear approximation of  $f$  at  $x_0$

We assume that  $x_0$  is a fixed point of  $f$  and the Jacobian matrix  $Df$  is an orthogonal matrix. Then, if in a closed neighborhood of  $x_0$  (under the usual topology) there is no other fixed point,  $f$  is called  $s$ -symmetry on  $x_0$  and it is written

$$f_{x_0}(x) = x_0 + A_{x_0}(x - x_0),$$

where the Jacobian  $A_{x_0}$  belongs to  $O(n) - \{I\}$ , (if  $A_{x_0} = I$ , then every point of  $E^n$  will be a fixed point)

A family  $\{f_{x_0} : x_0 \in E^n\}$  of  $s$ -symmetries is called an  $s$ -structure on  $E^n$

An  $s$ -structure is called regular if  $f_{x_0} \circ f_{\psi_0} = f_{u_0} \circ f_{x_0}$ , where  $u_0 = f_{x_0}(\psi_0)$

An  $s$ -structure is called parallel if  $A_{x_0}$  is constant i.e. does not depend on  $x_0$ . It is clear that a parallel  $s$ -structure is also a regular one. If  $f_0$  is an orthogonal transformation at the origin without fixed vectors and  $t_{x_0}$  is a translation on  $E^n$  such that  $t_{x_0}(0) = x_0$  then

$$f_{x_0} = t_{x_0} \circ f_0 \circ t_{x_0}^{-1}$$

are the only parallel  $s$ -structures on  $E^n$

Therefore the following question arises: Do there exist non-parallel regular  $s$ -structures on  $E^n$ ?

O. Kowalski in [1] proved that the Euclidean spaces  $E^2$ ,  $E^3$  and  $E^4$  admit only parallel regular  $s$ -structures and found out a non-parallel regular  $s$ -structure on  $E^5$

S. Wegrzynowski in [2] obtained the same results using analytical calculations on Lie algebras

In the present paper, we will give a complete classification of the Euclidean spaces of arbitrary dimension admitting non-parallel  $s$ -structures and we will give the number of these ones as well. Finally we will generalize the meaning of an  $s$ -structure on every manifold which is a  $CW$ -complex and we will solve the analogous problem on these manifolds. We will prove that the number of the non-parallel  $s$ -structures is a dimensional-invariant.

**1. Euclidean Spaces**

In the present paragraph we will prove the following

**THEOREM 1.** In an  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $E^n$  the number  $N$  of the non-parallel  $s$ -structures is given by

$$N = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } n = 2, 3, 4 \text{ ,} \\ 2^{n-1}(2^n - 1) & \text{for } n \geq 5 \text{ .} \end{cases}$$

**PROOF.** Let  $f_{x_0}$  be an  $s$ -symmetry on  $E^n$ , i.e. an isometry with an isolated fixed point  $x_0$

If  $x_0$  and  $x'_0$  are two fixed points, then we can find positive numbers  $\epsilon$  and  $\epsilon'$  such that (under the usual topology in  $E^n$ )  $x_0 \notin \bar{N}(x'_0, \epsilon')$  and  $x'_0 \notin \bar{N}(x_0, \epsilon)$ , where  $\bar{N}(x'_0, \epsilon')$  ( $\bar{N}(x_0, \epsilon)$ ) is the closure of the open neighborhood of  $x_0$  ( $x'_0$ ) with radius  $\epsilon$  ( $\epsilon'$ )

So, we can substitute the fixed point  $x_0$  with the neighborhood  $\bar{N}(x_0, \epsilon)$  preserving the geometrical properties of  $f_{x_0}$ . Then,  $f_{x_0}$  becomes

$$f_{x_0} : E^n - \bar{N}(x_0, \epsilon) \rightarrow E^n - \bar{N}(x_0, \epsilon) ,$$

where  $\bar{N}(x_0, \epsilon)$  is invariant under the action of  $f_{x_0}$

Denoting  $\tilde{E}_{x_0}^n(\epsilon) = E^n - \bar{N}(x_0, \epsilon)$ ,  $f_{x_0}$  takes the form

$$f_{x_0} : \tilde{E}_{x_0}^n(\epsilon) \rightarrow \tilde{E}_{x_0}^n(\epsilon) .$$

Using an orthogonal coordinate system in  $E^n$  we have

$$\tilde{E}_{x_0}^n(\epsilon) = \left\{ (x_1 - x_1^0, x_2 - x_2^0, \dots, x_n - x_n^0) / \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - x_i^0)^2 > \epsilon \right\} .$$

If we define

$$\tilde{E}_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon, j) = \left\{ (x_1 - x_1^0, \dots, x_{j-1} - x_{j-1}^0; x_{j+1} - x_{j+1}^0, \dots, x_n - x_n^0) / \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n (x_i - x_i^0)^2 > \epsilon \right\}$$

then  $\tilde{E}_{x_0}^n(\epsilon)$  can be decomposed to the "direct sum" of the above  $(n - 1)$ -dimensional subspaces as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E}_{x_0}^n(\epsilon) &= \bigoplus_{j=1}^n \tilde{E}_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon, j) \quad \underline{\text{def}} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{1}{n-1} [(0, x_2 - x_2^0, \dots, x_n - x_n^0)^T + \dots + (x_1 - x_1^0, x_2 - x_2^0, \dots, 0)^T] / \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - x_j^0)^2 > \epsilon \right\} . \end{aligned}$$

The action of an orthogonal matrix  $A_{x_0}$  on  $\tilde{E}_{x_0}^n(\epsilon)$  has the form.

$$A_{x_0} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - x_1^0 \\ \vdots \\ x_n - x_n^0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{n-1} A_{x_0} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ x_n - x_n^0 \end{pmatrix} + \dots + \begin{pmatrix} x_1 - x_1^0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] .$$

We observe that this action can be decomposed to a sum of mutually independent parts

Choosing the  $j$ -th part where  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , we shall prove that if  $x_0, x'_0$  are two different fixed points in  $E^n$  we can pass from  $\tilde{E}_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon, j)$  to  $\tilde{E}_{x'_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon', j)$  for every  $j$ , where,

$$*\tilde{E}_{x'_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon', j) = A_{x_0}(\tilde{E}_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon', j)) .$$

Taking  $\tilde{E}_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon^*, j)$  with  $\epsilon^* = \min\{\epsilon, \epsilon'\}$  we have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \tilde{E}_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon^*, j) & \xrightarrow{\phi_j} & {}^* \tilde{E}_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon^*, j) \\
 \downarrow h_1 & & \nearrow \alpha_j \\
 \mathbb{R} \times S_{x_0}^{n-2}(\epsilon^*) & & \\
 \downarrow q_1 \times I & & \\
 \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \times S_{x_0}^{n-2}(\epsilon^*) & & \\
 \downarrow h_2 & & \\
 S^1 \times S_{x_0}^{n-2}(\epsilon^*) & & \\
 \downarrow q_2 & & \\
 S^1 \wedge S_{x_0}^{n-2}(\epsilon^*) & & \\
 \downarrow h_3 & & \\
 S_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon^*) & & 
 \end{array}$$

where,  $a_j : S_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon^*) \xrightarrow{st} E^{n-1} \xrightarrow{h_4} E^{n-2} \times E^1 \xrightarrow{q} E^{n-2} \times S^1 \xrightarrow{h_5} {}^* \tilde{E}_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon^*, j)$ , and  $h_i$  are homeomorphisms,  $q_1 \times I$  is the natural map,  $q_2$  is the quotient map,  $q = (id, q_{S^1})$  is the quotient map and  $S_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon^*)$  is the  $(n - 1)$ -sphere with center  $x_0$  and radius  $\epsilon^*$  under quotient topology ( $V \subset S^{n-1}$  is open if and only if  $q_2^{-1}(V)$  is open)

Repeating the above diagram for every  $j$ , it turns out that the existence of  $\phi_j$  depends on the existence of  $\alpha_j$ , which are classified by definition from the  $n - 1$  homotopy group of  $\tilde{E}_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon, j)$ . But  $\tilde{E}_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon, j)$  is of the same homotopy type with  $S_{x_0}^{n-2}(\epsilon)$ , hence

$$\pi_{n-1}(\tilde{E}_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon, j)) \cong \pi_{n-1}(S^{n-2}).$$

Finally, we obtain that the mapping.

$$\bigoplus_{j=1}^n \tilde{E}_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon, j) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{j=1}^n {}^* \tilde{E}_{x_0}^{n-1}(\epsilon, j)$$

exists if the corresponding maps  $\alpha_j$  belong to the same homotopy equivalence class.

It is well known that

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{for } n = 2 \quad \pi_1(S^0) = 0, \\
 \text{for } n = 3 \quad \pi_2(S^1) = 0, \\
 \text{for } n = 4 \quad \pi_3(S^2) = \mathbb{Z}.
 \end{array}$$

Hence, it is clear that the spaces  $E^2, E^3$  and  $E^4$  admit only parallel  $s$ -structures because  $\alpha_j$ 's exist and belong to the same homotopy equivalence class.

For  $n \geq 5$  we have  $\pi_{n-1}(S^{n-2}) = \mathbb{Z}_2$ , so the spaces  $E^n$  for  $n \geq 5$  admit non-parallel  $s$ -structures.

To find out the number of the non-parallel  $s$ -structures of a Euclidean space  $E^n (n \geq 5)$  we consider the case  $n = 5$

Composing again the 4-dimensional spaces we have

$$\tilde{E}_{x_0}^5(\epsilon) = \tilde{E}_{x_0}^4(\epsilon, 1) \oplus \dots \oplus \tilde{E}_{x_0}^4(\epsilon, 5),$$

and

$${}^* \tilde{E}_{x_0}^5(\epsilon) = {}^* \tilde{E}_{x_0}^4(\epsilon, 1) \oplus \dots \oplus {}^* \tilde{E}_{x_0}^4(\epsilon, 5).$$

If 0 and 1 are the classes of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  then every  $\tilde{E}_{x_0}^4(\epsilon, j)$  and  ${}^* \tilde{E}_{x_0}^4(\epsilon, j)$  corresponds to 0 or 1. Hence

$$\tilde{E}_{x_0}^5 = \alpha_1 \oplus \alpha_2 \oplus \alpha_3 \oplus \alpha_4 \oplus \alpha_5,$$

and

$${}^* \tilde{E}_{i'}^5 = {}^* \alpha_1 \oplus {}^* \alpha_2 \oplus {}^* \alpha_3 \oplus {}^* \alpha_4 \oplus {}^* \alpha_5,$$

where  $\alpha_i, {}^* \alpha_i$  are 0 or 1

The passing from  ${}^* \tilde{E}_{i'}^5$  to  ${}^* E_{i'}^5$  can be done by a parallel way, if and only if  ${}^* \alpha_i = \alpha_i$ , for every  $i = 1, \dots, 5$

Obviously, there exist  $2^5 = 32$  5-tuples and  $\binom{32}{2} = 496$  non-parallel mappings

The above proof we can apply to the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space, and so the proof of the theorem is completed

**2. CW-COMPLEXES**

In the present paragraph we generalize the results of the first one

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional manifold which is a  $CW$ -complex. Then,  $M$  admits  $N$  non-parallel  $s$ -structures where  $N$  is given by

$$N = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n < 5, \\ 2^{n-1}(2^n - 1) & \text{if } n \geq 5. \end{cases}$$

**PROOF.**  $M$  is a  $CW$ -complex, hence it can be decomposed as

$$M = e_{i_1} \sqcup e_{i_2} \sqcup \dots \sqcup e_{i_n}, \quad i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \dots \leq i_n,$$

where  $e_{i_n}$  is the maximal-dimension cell and  $\dim M = \dim e_{i_n}$

We have to take the fixed point on the cell  $e_{i_n}$ . Otherwise the fixed point will not be isolated

We consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} e_{i_1} & \dots & e_{i_{n-1}} & e_{i_n} & h_1 & E_{x_0}^n & \\ I & & I & f & & f_{x_0} & \\ e_{i_1} & \dots & e_{i_{n-1}} & e'_{i_n} & h_2 & {}^* E_{x_0}^n & \end{array}$$

where  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are homeomorphisms and  $f_{x_0}$  is defined as in Theorem 1. Also, we define  $f$  to be non-parallel if and only if it does not depend on  $x_0$

Thus, we can study the maps  $f_{x_0}$  instead of  $f$ . The last suggestion completes the proof of Theorem 2.

**Examples:**

- 1  $S^6 = e_1 \sqcup e_6, N = \binom{2^6}{2} = 2016,$
- 2  $CP(10) = e_0 \sqcup e_2 \sqcup e_4 \sqcup e_6 \sqcup e_8 \sqcup e_{10}, N = 2^9(2^{10} - 1) = 523.776,$
- 3  $RP(6) = e_0 \sqcup e_1 \sqcup e_2 \sqcup e_3 \sqcup e_4 \sqcup e_5 \sqcup e_6, N = 2^5(2^6 - 1) = 2016.$

Considering the first and third example of the second paragraph we observe that two manifolds which are  $CW$ -complexes ( $S^6, RP(6)$ ) have the same number of non-parallel  $s$ -structures although they have different geometrical and topological structures. Thus, the following questions arises: "Do there exist manifolds admitting  $N$  non-parallel  $s$ -structures where  $N \neq \binom{2^n}{n}, n \geq 5$ ?"

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