

# Proper affine vector fields in Bianchi type V space-times

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**Abstract.** A study of Bianchi type V space-times according to its proper affine vector fields is given by using holonomy and decomposability, the rank of the  $6 \times 6$  Riemannian matrix and direct integration techniques. Studying proper affine vector field in the above space-time it is shown that there exist only two cases when the above space-time admits proper affine vector fields.

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## 1 Introduction

The aim of this paper is to find the existence of proper affine vector fields in Bianchi type V space-times by using holonomy and decomposability, the rank of the  $6 \times 6$  Riemann matrix and direct integration techniques. Through out  $M$  is representing the four dimensional, connected, Hausdorff space-time manifold with Lorentz metric  $g$  of signature  $(-, +, +, +)$  The curvature tensor associated with  $g$  through Levi-Civita connection  $\Gamma$ , is denoted in component form by  $R^a_{bcd}$ . The usual covariant, partial and Lie derivatives are denoted by a semicolon, a comma and the symbol  $L$ , respectively. Round and square brackets denote the usual symmetrization and skew-symmetrization, respectively. The space-time  $M$  will be assumed nonflat in the sense that the Riemann tensor does not vanish over any nonempty open subset of  $M$ .

A vector field  $X$  on  $M$  is called an affine vector field if it satisfies

$$(1.1) \quad X_{a;bc} = R_{abcd}X^d.$$

or equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned} X_{a,bc} - \Gamma_{ac}^f X_{f,b} - \Gamma_{bc}^f X_{a,f} - \Gamma_{ab}^e X_{e,c} + \Gamma_{ab}^e \Gamma_{ec}^f X_f - (\Gamma_{ab}^e)_{,c} X_e - \Gamma_{ab}^f \Gamma_{cf}^e X_e \\ + \Gamma_{fb}^e \Gamma_{ca}^f X_e + \Gamma_{af}^e \Gamma_{bc}^f X_e = R_{abcd}X^d. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $X$  be a smooth vector field on  $M$  then in any coordinate system on  $M$ , one decompose  $X$  in the form

$$(1.2) \quad X_{a;b} = \frac{1}{2}h_{ab} + F_{ab},$$

where  $h_{ab} = L_X g_{ab}$  and  $F_{ab} = -F_{ba}$  are symmetric and skew symmetric tensors on  $M$ , respectively. It follows from equation (1.1) that

$$(1.3) \quad (i) \quad h_{ab;c} = 0 \quad (ii) \quad F_{ab;c} = R_{abcd}X^d \quad (iii) \quad F_{ab;c}X^c = 0.$$

Such a vector field  $X$  is called affine if the local diffeomorphism  $\phi_t$  (for appropriate  $t$ ) associated with  $X$  map geodesics into geodesics. If  $h_{ab} = 2cg_{ab}$ ,  $c \in R$  then the vector field  $X$  is called homothetic (and Killing if  $c = 0$ .) The vector field  $X$  is said to be proper affine if it is not homothetic vector field and also  $X$  is said to be proper homothetic vector field if it is not Killing vector field on  $M$  [1]. Define the subspace  $S_p$  of the tangent space  $T_pM$  to  $M$  at  $p$  as those  $k \in T_pM$  satisfying

$$(1.4) \quad R_{abcd}k^d = 0.$$

## 2 Affine vector fields

In this section we will briefly discuss when the space-times admit proper affine vector fields for further details see [5].

Suppose that  $M$  is a simple connected space-time. Then the holonomy group of  $M$  is a connected Lie subgroup of the identity component of the Lorentz group and is thus characterized by its subalgebra in the Lorentz algebra. These have been labeled into fifteen types  $R_1 - R_{15}$  [3]. It follows from [5] that the space-times admitting nowhere zero covariantly constant second order symmetric tensor field  $h_{ab}$  are the only space-times which could admit proper affine vector fields. It is also known that this forces the holonomy type to be either  $R_2, R_3, R_4, R_6, R_7, R_8, R_{10}, R_{11}$  or  $R_{13}$ . Here, we will only discuss the space-times which has the holonomy type  $R_{10}$  and  $R_{13}$ . A study of the affine vector fields of the space-times which has the holonomy type  $R_2, R_3, R_4, R_6, R_7, R_8$ , or  $R_{11}$  can be found in [1].

First consider the case when  $M$  has type  $R_{13}$ . Then one can always set up local coordinates  $(t, x^1, x^2, x^3)$  on an open set  $U = U_1 \times U_2$ , where  $U_1$  is a one dimensional timelike submanifold of  $U$  coordinatized by  $t$  and  $U_2$  is a three dimensional spacelike submanifold of  $U$  coordinatized by  $x^1, x^2, x^3$  and where the above product is a metric product and the metric on  $U$  is given by [1]

$$(2.1) \quad ds^2 = -dt^2 + g_{\alpha\beta}dx^\alpha dx^\beta, \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, 2, 3)$$

where  $g_{\alpha\beta}$  depends on  $x^\gamma$ , ( $\gamma = 1, 2, 3$ ). The above space-time is clearly 1 + 3 decomposable. The curvature rank of the above space-time is atmost three and there exists a unique nowhere zero vector field  $t_a = t_{,a}$  satisfying  $t_{a;b} = 0$  and also  $t^a t_a = -1$ . From the Ricci identity  $R^a{}_{bcd}t^d = 0$ . It follows from [5] that affine vector fields in this case are

$$(2.2) \quad X = (c_1 t + c_2) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + Y$$

where  $c_1, c_2 \in R$  and  $Y$  is a homothetic vector field in the induced geometry on each of the three dimensional submanifolds of constant  $t$ .

Now consider the situation when  $M$  has type  $R_{10}$ . The situation is similar to that of previous  $R_{13}$  case except that now we have local decomposition is  $U = U_1 \times U_2$ ,

where  $U_1$  is a one dimensional spacelike submanifold of  $U$  and  $U_2$  is a three dimensional timelike submanifold of  $U$ , respectively. The space-time metric on  $U$  is given by [1]

$$(2.3) \quad ds^2 = dx^2 + g_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta, \quad (\alpha, \beta = 0, 2, 3)$$

where  $g_{\alpha\beta}$  depends on  $x^\gamma$ , ( $\gamma = 0, 2, 3$ ). The above space-time is clearly 1 + 3 decomposable. The curvature rank of the above space-time is atmost three and there exists a unique nowhere zero vector field  $x_a = x_{,a}$  satisfying  $x_{a;b} = 0$  and also  $x^a x_a = 1$ . From the Ricci identity  $R^a{}_{bcd} x^d = 0$ . It follows from [5] that affine vector fields in this case are

$$(2.4) \quad X = (c_1 x + c_2) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + Y$$

where  $c_1, c_2 \in R$  and  $Y$  is a homothetic vector field in the induced geometry on each of the three dimensional submanifolds of constant  $x$ .

### 3 Main results

As mentioned in section 2, the space-times which can admit proper affine vector fields have holonomy type  $R_2, R_3, R_4, R_6, R_7, R_8, R_{10}, R_{11}$  or  $R_{13}$  and it follows from [4] that the rank of the  $6 \times 6$  Riemann matrix is atmost three. Here in this paper we will consider the rank of the  $6 \times 6$  Riemann matrix to study affine vector fields in Bianchi type V space-time. Consider a Bianchi type V space-time in the usual coordinate system  $(t, x, y, z)$  (labeled by  $(x^0, x^1, x^2, x^3)$ , respectively) with line element [7]

$$(3.1) \quad ds^2 = -dt^2 + A^2(t) dx^2 + e^{2qx} (X^2(t) dy^2 + Y^2(t) dz^2),$$

where  $A(t)$ ,  $X(t)$  and  $Y(t)$  are some nowhere zero functions of  $t$  only and  $q$  is a non zero constant on  $M$  (if  $q = 0$  then the above space-time become Bianchi type I and their affine vector fields are given in [6]). The above space-time admits three independent Killing vector fields which are  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - qy \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - qz \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ . The non-zero independent components of the Riemann tensor are

$$R_{0101} = -A\ddot{A} \equiv \alpha_1, \quad R_{0202} = -e^{2qx} X\ddot{X} \equiv \alpha_2,$$

$$R_{0303} = -e^{2qx} Y\ddot{Y} \equiv \alpha_3, \quad R_{1212} = e^{2qx} A^2 X^2 \left( \frac{\dot{A}\dot{X}}{AX} - \frac{q^2}{A^2} \right) \equiv \alpha_4,$$

$$R_{1313} = e^{2qx} A^2 Y^2 \left( \frac{\dot{A}\dot{Y}}{AY} - \frac{q^2}{A^2} \right) \equiv \alpha_5, \quad R_{2323} = e^{4qx} X^2 Y^2 \left( \frac{\dot{X}\dot{Y}}{XY} - \frac{q^2}{A^2} \right) \equiv \alpha_6,$$

$$R_{0212} = qe^{2qx} X^2 \left( \frac{\dot{A}}{A} - \frac{\dot{X}}{X} \right) \equiv \alpha_7, \quad R_{0313} = qe^{2qx} Y^2 \left( \frac{\dot{A}}{A} - \frac{\dot{Y}}{Y} \right) \equiv \alpha_8.$$

Writing the curvature tensor with components  $R_{abcd}$  at  $p$  as a  $6 \times 6$  symmetric matrix in a well known way [2]

$$(3.2) \quad R_{abcd} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & 0 & \alpha_7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_3 & 0 & \alpha_8 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_7 & 0 & \alpha_4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_8 & 0 & \alpha_5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha_6 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5, \alpha_6, \alpha_7$  and  $\alpha_8$  are real functions of  $t$ . The possible rank of the  $6 \times 6$  Riemann matrix is six, five, four or three. Ranks two and one is not possible for the following reason: Suppose the rank of the  $6 \times 6$  Riemann matrix is two. Then there exist only two non-zero rows or columns in (3.2). If we set any four rows or columns identically zero in (3.2) with judicious choice of  $A, X$  and  $Y$ , this forces the rank of the  $6 \times 6$  Riemann matrix to be zero thus giving a contradiction. Similar argument will also apply to the rank one. We are only interested in those cases when the rank of the  $6 \times 6$  Riemann matrix is less than or equal to three. Thus there exist only two possibilities:

(A1) Rank = 3,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \alpha_7 = \alpha_8 = 0, \alpha_4 \neq 0, \alpha_5 \neq 0$  and  $\alpha_6 \neq 0$ .

(A2) Rank = 3,  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_4 = \alpha_7 = 0, \alpha_3 \neq 0, \alpha_5 \neq 0, \alpha_6 \neq 0$  and  $\alpha_8 \neq 0$ .

We will consider each case in turn.

**Case A1**

In this case  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \alpha_7 = \alpha_8 = 0, \alpha_4 \neq 0, \alpha_5 \neq 0, \alpha_6 \neq 0$ , the rank of the  $6 \times 6$  Riemann matrix is 3 and there exists a unique (up to a multiple) nowhere zero timelike vector field  $t_a = t_{,a}$  solution of equation (1.4) and  $t_{a;b} \neq 0$ . From the above constraints we have  $A = a_1t + a_2, X = b_1t + b_2, Y = c_1t + c_2, A = k_1X, Y = k_2A$ , and  $\frac{a_2b_1}{b_2} \neq \pm q$ , where  $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c_1, c_2, k_1, k_2 \in R - \{0\}$ . The line element can, after a rescaling of  $x, y$  and  $z$ , be written in the form

$$(3.3) \quad ds^2 = -dt^2 + (b_1t + b_2)^2(dx^2 + e^{2qx}(dy^2 + dz^2)).$$

Substituting the above information into the equations (1.1) and after some calculation one find affine vector fields in this case are

$$(3.4) \quad Z^0 = td_5, Z^1 = d_1, Z^2 = -qyd_1 - zd_3 + d_2, Z^3 = -qzd_1 + yd_3 + d_4,$$

where  $d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, d_5 \in R$ . One can write the above equation (3.4), after subtracting Killing vector fields as

$$(3.5) \quad Z = (t, 0, 0, 0).$$

Clearly, in this case the above space-time admit proper affine vector field.

Now consider the sub case when  $b_1 = 0$  in (3.3) the line element can, after a rescaling of  $x, y$  and  $z$ , be written in the form

$$(3.6) \quad ds^2 = -dt^2 + (dx^2 + e^{2qx}(dy^2 + dz^2)),$$

where  $q \neq 0, 1$ . The space-time is clearly 1 + 3 decomposable. In this case the rank of the  $6 \times 6$  Riemann matrix is 3 there exists a unique (up to a multiple) nowhere

zero timelike vector field  $t_a = t_{,a}$  such that  $t_{a;b} = 0$  (and so, from the Ricci identity  $R^a{}_{bcd}t_a = 0$ ). The affine vector fields in this case [5] are

$$(3.7) \quad X = (c_7x + c_8) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + Z'$$

where  $c_7, c_8 \in R$  and  $Z'$  is a homothetic vector field in the induced geometry on each of the three dimensional submanifolds of constant  $t$ . The completion of case A1 necessities finding an homothetic vector fields in the induced geometry of the submanifolds of constant  $t$ . The induced metric  $g_{\alpha\beta}$  (where  $\alpha, \beta = 1, 2, 3$ ) with nonzero components is given by

$$(3.8) \quad g_{11} = 1, \quad g_{22} = e^{2qx}, \quad g_{33} = e^{2qx}.$$

A vector field  $Z'$  is a homothetic vector field if it satisfies  $L_{Z'}g_{\alpha\beta} = 2cg_{\alpha\beta}$ , where  $c \in R$ . One can expand by using (3.8) to get

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} Z^1{}_{,1} = c, \quad Z^1{}_{,2} + e^{2qx}Z^2{}_{,1} = 0, \quad Z^1{}_{,3} + e^{2qx}Z^3{}_{,1} = 0 \\ qZ^1 + Z^2{}_{,2} = c, \quad Z^2{}_{,3} + X^3{}_{,2} = 0, \quad qZ^1 + Z^3{}_{,3} = c. \end{aligned}$$

Equations (3.9) give

$$\begin{aligned} Z^1 = cx + A^1(y, z), \quad Z^2 = \frac{1}{2q}e^{-2qx}A^1_y(y, z) + A^2(y, z), \\ Z^3 = \frac{1}{2q}e^{-2qx}A^1_z(y, z) + A^3(y, z), \end{aligned}$$

where  $A^1(y, z)$ ,  $A^2(y, z)$  and  $A^3(y, z)$  are functions of integration. If one proceeds further after a strightforward calculation one can find that proper homothetic vector fields exist if  $q = 0$ , which is not possible. So homothetic vector fields in the induced gemetry are the Killing vector fields which are

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} Z^1 &= yc_1 + zc_3 + c_5, \\ Z^2 &= \frac{1}{2q}e^{-2qx}c_1 + \frac{q}{2}(z^2 - y^2)c_1 - qyzc_3 - qyc_5 - zc_6 + c_2, \\ Z^3 &= \frac{1}{2q}e^{-2qx}c_3 + \frac{q}{2}(y^2 - z^2)c_3 - qyzc_1 - qzc_5 + yc_6 + c_4, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6 \in R$ . Affine vector fields in this case are (from (3.7) and (3.10))

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{aligned} Z^0 &= tc_7 + c_8, \\ Z^1 &= yc_1 + zc_3 + c_5, \\ Z^2 &= \frac{1}{2q}e^{-2qx}c_1 + \frac{q}{2}(z^2 - y^2)c_1 - qyzc_3 - qyc_5 - zc_6 + c_2, \\ Z^3 &= \frac{1}{2q}e^{-2qx}c_3 + \frac{q}{2}(y^2 - z^2)c_3 - qyzc_1 - qzc_5 + yc_6 + c_4, \end{aligned}$$

One can write the above equation (3.11), after subtracting Killing vector fields as

$$(3.12) \quad Z = (tc_7 + c_8, 0, 0, 0).$$

Clearly, the above space-time (3.6) admits proper affine vector fields.

### Case A2

In this case  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_4 = \alpha_7 = 0, \alpha_3 \neq 0, \alpha_5 \neq 0, \alpha_6 \neq 0, \alpha_8 \neq 0$ , the rank of the  $6 \times 6$  Riemann matrix is 3 and there exist no non-trivial solutions of equation (1.4). Equations  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_4 = \alpha_7 = 0 \Rightarrow A = a_1t + a_2, X = b_1t + b_2, q = \pm a_1$  and  $X = kA$ , respectively where  $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, k \in R(a_1, b_1, k \neq 0)$ . The line element can, after a rescaling of  $y$ , be written in the form

$$(3.13) \quad ds^2 = -dt^2 + (a_1t + a_2)^2 dx^2 + e^{2qx}((a_1t + a_2)^2 dy^2 + Y^2(t) dz^2).$$

Affine vector fields in this case are

$$(3.14) \quad Z^0 = 0, Z^1 = c_1, Z^2 = -qyc_1 + c_2, Z^3 = -qzc_1 + c_3,$$

where  $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in R$ . Affine vector fields in this case are Killing vector fields.

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