

# Affine reductive spaces of small dimension and left A-loops

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## Abstract

In this paper we determine the at least 4-dimensional affine reductive homogeneous manifolds for an at most 9-dimensional simple Lie group or an at most 6-dimensional semi-simple Lie group. Those reductive spaces among them which admit a sharply transitive differentiable section yield local almost differentiable left A-loops. Using this we classify all global almost differentiable left A-loops  $L$  having either a 6-dimensional semi-simple Lie group or the group  $SL_3(\mathbb{R})$  as the group topologically generated by their left translations. Moreover, we determine all at most 5-dimensional left A-loops  $L$  with  $PSU_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$  as the group topologically generated by their left translations.

## 1 Introduction

The affine reductive spaces are essential objects of differential geometry (cf. [8], [19], [12]). They are homogeneous manifolds  $G/H$  such that there exists an  $Ad(H)$ -invariant subspace  $\mathfrak{m}$  of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of  $G$  that is complementary to the subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

The explicit knowledge of affine reductive spaces plays an important role in many investigations (cf. [21], [4], [13]). This paper is an application to differentiable loops since the affine reductive spaces are the key for the classification of almost differentiable left A-loops  $L$ ; these are loops in which any mapping  $x \mapsto [(ab)^{-1}(a(bx))]$ ,  $a, b \in L$  is an automorphism of  $L$ . The relations between them and reductive homogeneous spaces are explicitly discussed in [10], [11] and [18].

Using the fact that the groups topologically generated by the left translations of almost differentiable left A-loops  $L$  are Lie groups (cf. [17]), we treat  $L$  as images of global differentiable sections  $\sigma : G/H \rightarrow G$ , where  $G$  is a connected

Lie group,  $H$  is a closed subgroup containing no non-trivial normal subgroup of  $G$  such that the subset  $\sigma(G/H)$  is invariant under the conjugation with the elements of  $H$ . Since the tangent space  $T_1(\sigma(G/H))$  is a complementary reductive subspace to the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $H$  the affine reductive spaces are crucial for the classification of almost differentiable left A-loops.

In contrast to the compact connected Lie groups in which for any connected closed subgroup there is an reductive complement (cf. [12], p. 199), for non-compact Lie groups the situation is complicated already if they have small dimension. This is documented by Section 3 and Proposition 20, where we determine all at least 4-dimensional affine reductive homogeneous spaces  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{m})$ , such that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is either an at most 9-dimensional simple Lie algebra or it is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{g}_2$ , where  $\mathfrak{g}_2$  is a 3-dimensional simple Lie algebra.

The exponential images  $\exp \mathfrak{m}$  of reductive complements  $\mathfrak{m}$  of the triples  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{m})$  obtained in Section 3 and in Proposition 20 yield local left A-loops. In Section 4 and Proposition 21 we discuss which of these left A-loops can be extended to global ones. They are precisely those exponential images  $\exp \mathfrak{m}$  which form systems of representatives for the cosets  $\{xH \mid x \in G\}$  in  $G$  and do not contain any element conjugate to an element of  $H$ .

Since differentiable Bruck loops have realizations on differentiable affine symmetric spaces  $G/H$ , where  $H$  is the set of fixed elements of an involutory automorphism of  $G$  and  $\sigma(G/H)$  is the exponential image of the  $(-1)$ -eigenspace of the corresponding automorphism of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of  $G$ , the class of differentiable Bruck loops form a proper subclass of almost differentiable left A-loops. An important subclass of Bruck loops are the Bruck loops of hyperbolic type which correspond to Lie groups  $G$  and involutions  $\tau$  fixing elementwise a maximal compact subgroup of  $G$  (cf. [7], 64.9, 64.10). Almost differentiable left A-loops  $L$  having dimension at most 3 and semi-simple Lie groups as the groups topologically generated by their left translations are classified in [18], Section 27 and in [6]. Hence in the following main result of this paper only at most 4-dimensional almost differentiable left A-loops occur.

**Theorem** *Let  $L$  be a connected almost differentiable left A-loop such that  $\dim L \geq 4$  and the group topologically generated by the left translations of  $L$  is semi-simple.*

*If  $\dim G = 6$  then  $G$  is isomorphic to  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R}) \times G_2$ , where  $G_2$  is either  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$  or  $SO_3(\mathbb{R})$  and the loop  $L$  is either a Scheerer extension of  $G_2$  by the hyperbolic plane loop  $\mathbb{H}_2$  (cf. [18], Section 22) or the direct product  $\mathbb{H}_2 \times \mathbb{H}_2$ .*

*If the group  $G$  is simple and  $7 \leq \dim G \leq 9$  then  $G$  is isomorphic either to  $SL_3(\mathbb{R})$  or to  $PSU_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$ . In the first case  $L$  is the 5-dimensional Bruck loop of hyperbolic type having the group  $SO_3(\mathbb{R})$  as the stabilizer of  $e \in L$  (cf. [5],*

*p. 12). In the case  $G \cong PSU_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$  every loop  $L$  with  $\dim L < 6$  is the complex hyperbolic plane loop  $L_0$  having the group  $Spin_3 \times SO_2(\mathbb{R})/\langle(-1, -1)\rangle$  as the stabilizer of  $e \in L_0$  (cf. [5], p. 9).*

## 2 Some basic notions

A binary system  $(L, \cdot)$  is called a loop if there exists an element  $e \in L$  such that  $x = e \cdot x = x \cdot e$  holds for all  $x \in L$  and the equations  $a \cdot y = b$  and  $x \cdot a = b$  have precisely one solution which we denote by  $y = a \setminus b$  and  $x = b / a$ . Let  $(L_1, \cdot)$  and  $(L_2, *)$  be two loops. The set  $L = L_1 \times L_2 = \{(a, b) \mid a \in L_1, b \in L_2\}$  with the componentwise multiplication is again a loop, which is called the direct product of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , and the loops  $(L_1, \cdot)$ ,  $(L_2, *)$  are subloops of  $L$ .

A loop is called a left A-loop if each mapping  $\lambda_{x,y} = \lambda_{xy}^{-1} \lambda_x \lambda_y : L \rightarrow L$  is an automorphism of  $L$ .

Let  $G$  be the group generated by the left translations of  $L$  and let  $H$  be the stabilizer of  $e \in L$  in the group  $G$ . The left translations of  $L$  form a subset of  $G$  acting on the cosets  $\{xH; x \in G\}$  such that for any given cosets  $aH$  and  $bH$  there exists precisely one left translation  $\lambda_z$  with  $\lambda_z aH = bH$ .

Conversely, let  $G$  be a group,  $H$  be a subgroup containing no normal non-trivial subgroup of  $G$  and  $\sigma : G/H \rightarrow G$  be a section with  $\sigma(H) = 1 \in G$  such that the set  $\sigma(G/H)$  of representatives for the left cosets  $\{xH, x \in G\}$  acts sharply transitively on the space  $G/H$  of  $\{xH, x \in G\}$  (cf. [18], p. 18). Such a section we call a sharply transitive section. Then the multiplication defined by  $xH * yH = \sigma(xH)yH$  on the factor space  $G/H$  or by  $x * y = \sigma(xyH)$  on  $\sigma(G/H)$  yields a loop  $L(\sigma)$ . The group  $G$  is isomorphic to the group generated by the left translations of  $L(\sigma)$ .

If  $G$  is a Lie group and  $\sigma$  is a differentiable section satisfying the above conditions then the loop  $L(\sigma)$  is almost differentiable. This loop is a left A-loop if and only if the subset  $\sigma(G/H)$  is invariant under the conjugation with the elements of  $H$ . Moreover the manifold  $L$  is parallelizable since the set of the left translations is sharply transitive.

Let  $L_1$  be a loop defined on the factor space  $G_1/H_1$  with respect to a section  $\sigma_1 : G_1/H_1 \rightarrow G_1$  the image of which is the set  $M_1 \subset G_1$ . Let  $G_2$  be a group, let  $\varphi : H_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be a homomorphism and  $(H_1, \varphi(H_1)) = \{(x, \varphi(x)); x \in H_1\}$ . A loop  $L$  is called a Scheerer extension of  $G_2$  by  $L_1$  if the loop  $L$  is defined on the factor space  $(G_1 \times G_2)/(H_1, \varphi(H_1))$  with respect to the section  $\sigma : (G_1 \times G_2)/(H_1, \varphi(H_1)) \rightarrow G_1 \times G_2$  the image of which is the set  $M_1 \times G_2$ .

If  $L$  is a connected almost differentiable left A-loop, then the group  $G$  topologically generated by the left translations of  $L$  within the group of autohomeomorphisms is a connected Lie group (cf. [17]; [18], Proposition 5.20).

p. 75), and we may describe  $L$  by a differentiable section.

Let  $L$  be a connected almost differentiable left A-loop. Let  $G$  be the Lie group topologically generated by the left translations of  $L$ , and let  $(\mathfrak{g}, [., .])$  be the Lie algebra of  $G$ . Denote by  $\mathfrak{h}$  the Lie algebra of the stabilizer  $H$  of the identity  $e \in L$  in  $G$  and by  $\mathfrak{m} = T_1\sigma(G/H)$  the tangent space at  $1 \in G$  of the image of the section  $\sigma : G/H \rightarrow G$  corresponding to  $L$ . Then  $\mathfrak{m}$  generates  $\mathfrak{g}$  and the homogeneous space  $G/H$  is reductive, i.e. we have  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{m} \oplus \mathfrak{h}$  and  $[\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{m}] \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ . (cf. [18], Proposition 5.20. p. 75) If  $[\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}] \subseteq \mathfrak{h}$  then the factor space  $G/H$  is an affine symmetric space ([16]) and the corresponding loop  $L$  is called a Bruck loop.

In our computation we often use the following facts about the Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$ .

As a real basis of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  we choose the following

$$(*) \quad e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(cf. [9], pp. 19-20).

With respect to this basis the Lie algebra multiplication is given by:

$$[e_1, e_2] = 2e_3, \quad [e_1, e_3] = 2e_2, \quad [e_3, e_2] = 2e_1.$$

**1.1** An element  $X = \lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \lambda_3 e_3 \in \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  is elliptic, parabolic or hyperbolic according whether

$$k(X) = k(X, X) = \lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 - \lambda_3^2 \text{ is smaller, equal, or greater } 0.$$

The basis elements  $e_1, e_2$  are hyperbolic,  $e_3$  is elliptic and the elements  $e_2 + e_3, e_1 + e_3$  are both parabolic. All elliptic elements, all hyperbolic elements as well as all parabolic elements of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  are conjugate in this order to  $e_3, e_1$  respectively to  $e_2 + e_3$  (cf. [9], p. 23). There are 3 conjugacy classes of the one dimensional subgroups of  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . As representatives of these classes we can choose  $\exp e_3, \exp e_1, \exp e_2 + e_3$ . There is precisely one conjugacy class  $\mathcal{C}$  of the two dimensional subgroups of  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$ , as a representative of  $\mathcal{C}$  we choose

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix}; a > 0, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

The Lie algebra of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is generated by the elements  $e_1, e_2 + e_3$ .

According to [9] for the exponential function  $\exp : \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  we have

$$\exp X = C(k(X)) I + S(k(X)) X.$$

Here is

$$C(x) = \begin{cases} \cosh \sqrt{x} & \text{for } 0 \leq x, \\ \cos \sqrt{-x} & \text{for } 0 > x, \end{cases} \quad \sqrt{|x|} S(x) = \begin{cases} \sinh \sqrt{x} & \text{for } 0 \leq x, \\ \sin \sqrt{-x} & \text{for } 0 > x. \end{cases}$$

**1.2** As a real basis of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathfrak{su}_2(\mathbb{C})$  we can choose the basis elements  $\{ie_1, ie_2, e_3\}$ , where  $i^2 = -1$ . Every element of  $\mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$  is conjugate to  $e_3$ .

If  $X \in \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$  has the decomposition

$$X = \lambda_1 ie_1 + \lambda_2 ie_2 + \lambda_3 e_3$$

then the normalized real Cartan-Killing form  $k : \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ;  $k(X, Y) = \frac{1}{8} \text{trace}(\text{ad}X \text{ ad}Y)$  satisfies

$$k(X) = k(X, X) = -\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2 - \lambda_3^2.$$

For the exponential function  $\exp : \mathfrak{su}_2(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow SU_2(\mathbb{C})$  one has

$$\exp X = C(k(X)) I + S(k(X)) X,$$

where  $C(x) = \cosh(\sqrt{-xi})$  and  $S(x) = \frac{\sinh(\sqrt{-xi})}{\sqrt{-xi}}$ .

**Proposition 1.** *There is no connected almost differentiable left A-loop  $L$  such that the group  $G$  topologically generated by its left translations is a compact quasi-simple Lie group  $G$  with  $\dim G \leq 9$ .*

*Proof.* If  $G$  is a quasi-simple Lie group then it admits a continuous section if and only if  $G$  is locally isomorphic to  $SO_8(\mathbb{R})$  (cf. [20], pp. 149-150).  $\square$

An important tool to exclude certain stabilizers  $H$  is the fundamental group  $\pi_1$  of a connected topological space. This shows the following lemma which is proved in [5], p. 6.

**Lemma 2.** *Denote by  $G$  a connected Lie group and by  $H$  a connected subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $\sigma : G/H \rightarrow G$  be a global section. Then  $\pi_1(K) \cong \pi_1(\sigma(G/H)) \times \pi_1(K_1)$ , where  $K$  respectively  $K_1$  is a maximal compact subgroup of  $G$  respectively  $H$ .*

From [6] we use Lemma 2, which reads as follows.

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $L$  be an almost differentiable loop and denote by  $\mathfrak{m}$  the tangent space  $T_1\sigma(G/H)$ , where  $\sigma : G/H \rightarrow G$  is the section corresponding to  $L$ . Then  $\mathfrak{m}$  does not contain any element of  $Ad_g \mathfrak{h}$  for some  $g \in G$ . Moreover, every element of  $G$  can be uniquely written as a product of an element of  $\sigma(G/H)$  with an element of  $H$ .*

### 3 Affine reductive spaces of small dimension

In this section we determine all affine reductive homogeneous spaces  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{m})$ , where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is a simple non-compact Lie algebra of dimension at most 9 and  $\mathfrak{h}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  such that  $\dim \mathfrak{g} - \dim \mathfrak{h} > 3$ .

First we deal with the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ . A real basis of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is given by  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, ie_1, ie_2, ie_3\}$ , where  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  is the basis of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  described by (\*).

Using the classification of Lie (see Theorem 15 in [15], p. 129) we obtain that every 2-dimensional Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  has (up to conjugation) one of the following shapes:

$$\mathfrak{h}_1 = \langle e_1, e_2 + e_3 \rangle, \quad \mathfrak{h}_2 = \langle i(e_2 + e_3), e_2 + e_3 \rangle, \quad \mathfrak{h}_3 = \langle e_3, ie_3 \rangle,$$

and every 1-dimensional Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is one of the following:

$$\mathfrak{h}_4 = \langle e_1 \rangle, \quad \mathfrak{h}_5 = \langle e_2 + e_3 \rangle, \quad \mathfrak{h}_6 = \langle e_3 \rangle.$$

**Proposition 4.** *The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$  is reductive with respect to the following pairs  $(\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{m})$ , where  $\mathfrak{h}$  is an at most 2-dimensional subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{m}$  is a complementary subspace to  $\mathfrak{h}$  generating  $\mathfrak{g}$*

- 1)  $\mathfrak{h}_3 = \langle e_3, ie_3 \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m} = \langle e_1, e_2, ie_1, ie_2 \rangle$ ,
- 2)  $\mathfrak{h}_4 = \langle e_1 \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_a = \langle e_2, e_3, ie_1 + ae_1, ie_2, ie_3 \rangle$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- 3)  $\mathfrak{h}_6 = \langle e_3 \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_b = \langle e_1, e_2, ie_1, ie_2, ie_3 + be_3 \rangle$ , where  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* The basis elements of an arbitrary complement  $\mathfrak{m}_1$  to  $\mathfrak{h}_1$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$  are

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= e_2 + a_1e_1 + b_1(e_2 + e_3), & X_2 &= ie_1 + a_2e_1 + b_2(e_2 + e_3), \\ X_3 &= ie_2 + a_3e_1 + b_3(e_2 + e_3), & X_4 &= ie_3 + a_4e_1 + b_4(e_2 + e_3), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_j, b_j, j = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are real parameters.

An arbitrary complement  $\mathfrak{m}_2$  to  $\mathfrak{h}_2$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$  has as generators

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 &= e_1 + a_1(e_2 + e_3) + b_1i(e_2 + e_3), & Y_2 &= e_2 + a_2(e_2 + e_3) + b_2i(e_2 + e_3), \\ Y_3 &= ie_1 + a_3(e_2 + e_3) + b_3i(e_2 + e_3), & Y_4 &= ie_2 + a_4(e_2 + e_3) + b_4i(e_2 + e_3), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_j, b_j \in \mathbb{R}, j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

We can choose as basis elements of an arbitrary complement  $\mathfrak{m}_3$  to  $\mathfrak{h}_3$  the following:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_1 &= e_1 + a_1e_3 + b_1ie_3, & Z_2 &= e_2 + a_2e_3 + b_2ie_3, \\ Z_3 &= ie_1 + a_3e_3 + b_3ie_3, & Z_4 &= ie_2 + a_4e_3 + b_4ie_3, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_j, b_j \in \mathbb{R}, j = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are real numbers.

An arbitrary complement  $\mathfrak{m}_4$  to  $\mathfrak{h}_4$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$  has as basis elements

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 &= e_2 + a_1e_1, & W_2 &= e_3 + a_2e_1, & W_3 &= ie_1 + a_3e_1, \\ W_4 &= ie_2 + a_4e_1, & W_5 &= ie_3 + a_5e_1 \end{aligned}$$

with the real parameters  $a_j, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ .

The generators of an arbitrary complement  $\mathfrak{m}_5$  to  $\mathfrak{h}_5$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$  are

$$V_1 = e_1 + a_1(e_2 + e_3), \quad V_2 = e_2 + a_2(e_2 + e_3), \quad V_3 = ie_1 + a_3(e_2 + e_3),$$

$$V_4 = ie_2 + a_4(e_2 + e_3), \quad V_5 = ie_3 + a_5(e_2 + e_3),$$

where  $a_j, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  are real parameters.

An arbitrary complement  $\mathbf{m}_6$  to  $\mathbf{h}_6$  in  $\mathbf{g}$  has as generators

$$U_1 = e_1 + a_1e_3, \quad U_2 = e_2 + a_2e_3, \quad U_3 = ie_1 + a_3e_3, \\ U_4 = ie_2 + a_4e_3, \quad U_5 = ie_3 + a_5e_3$$

with  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Using the relation  $[\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{m}_i] \subseteq \mathbf{m}_i, i = 1, \dots, 6$ , we obtain the contradictions that  $[e_2 + e_3, X_1] = 2e_1 - 2a_1(e_2 + e_3) \in \mathbf{h}_1$  and  $[e_2 + e_3, Y_1] = [e_2 + e_3, V_1] = -2(e_2 + e_3) \in \mathbf{h}_2 \cap \mathbf{h}_5$  and the assertion follows.  $\square$

Now we consider the Lie algebra  $\mathbf{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3(\mathbb{R})$ . It is isomorphic to the Lie algebra of matrices

$$(\lambda_1e_1 + \lambda_2e_2 + \lambda_3e_3 + \lambda_4e_4 + \lambda_5e_5 + \lambda_6e_6 + \lambda_7e_7 + \lambda_8e_8) \mapsto \\ \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_5 - \lambda_8 & \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 & \lambda_5 & \lambda_6 \\ \lambda_4 & \lambda_7 & \lambda_8 \end{pmatrix}; \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1, \dots, 8.$$

In this representation the Lie multiplication of  $\mathbf{g}$  is given by

$$[e_1, e_2] = [e_1, e_7] = [e_2, e_6] = [e_3, e_4] = [e_3, e_6] = [e_4, e_7] = [e_5, e_8] = 0, \\ [e_1, e_6] = [e_2, e_5] = \frac{1}{2}[e_2, e_8] = e_2, \quad [e_1, e_8] = [e_2, e_7] = \frac{1}{2}[e_1, e_5] = e_1, \\ [e_4, e_6] = [e_3, e_8] = \frac{1}{2}[e_3, e_5] = -e_3, \quad [e_3, e_7] = [e_4, e_5] = \frac{1}{2}[e_4, e_8] = -e_4, \\ [e_6, e_8] = [e_5, e_6] = [e_3, e_2] = e_6, \quad [e_1, e_4] = [e_5, e_7] = [e_7, e_8] = -e_7, \\ [e_1, e_3] = -e_5, \quad [e_2, e_4] = -e_8, \quad [e_6, e_7] = e_5 - e_8.$$

Now using the classification of Lie, who has determined all subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{sl}_3(\mathbb{R})$  (cf. [15], pp. 288-289 and [14], p. 384) we obtain that every 4-dimensional Lie algebra  $\mathbf{h}$  of  $\mathbf{g}$  has (up to conjugation) one of the following forms:

$$\mathbf{h}_1 = \langle e_1, e_2, e_6, e_5 + ce_8 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{h}_2 = \langle e_3, e_5, e_6, e_8 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{h}_3 = \langle e_1, e_2, e_6, e_8 \rangle, \\ \mathbf{h}_4 = \langle e_2, e_5, e_6, e_8 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{h}_5 \cong \mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{R}) = \langle e_5, e_6, e_7, e_8 \rangle, \text{ where } c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The 3-dimensional subalgebras  $\mathbf{h}$  of  $\mathbf{g}$  (up to conjugation) are the following:

$$\mathbf{h}_6 \cong \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R}) = \langle e_1 - e_3, e_2 - e_4, e_7 - e_6 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{h}_7 \cong \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) = \langle e_1 + e_3, e_2 + e_4, e_6 - e_7 \rangle, \\ \mathbf{h}_8 \cong \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) = \langle e_5 - e_8, e_6, e_7 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{h}_9 = \langle a(e_5 + e_8) + e_6 - e_7, e_1, e_2 \rangle, \quad a \geq 0, \\ \mathbf{h}_{10} = \langle e_5 - e_8, e_2 + e_3, e_6 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{h}_{11} = \langle e_3, e_6, e_8 + e_2 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{h}_{12} = \langle e_2, e_6, e_5 + e_8 - e_3 \rangle, \\ \mathbf{h}_{13} = \langle e_1, e_2, e_6 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{h}_{14} = \langle e_5, e_8, e_6 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{h}_{15} = \langle e_2, e_5 + e_8, e_6 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{h}_{16} = \langle e_3, e_6, e_8 \rangle, \\ \mathbf{h}_{17} = \langle e_2, e_6, (b - 1)e_5 + be_8 \rangle, \quad b \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbf{h}_{18} = \langle e_3, e_6, e_5 + ce_8 \rangle, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The 2-dimensional subalgebras  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  are given (up to conjugation) by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{h}_{19} &= \langle e_6, e_2 + e_3 \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{20} &= \langle e_6, e_2 + e_8 \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{21} &= \langle e_3, e_6 + e_5 \rangle, \\ \mathfrak{h}_{22} &= \langle e_3, e_5 + ae_8 \rangle, & a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 1\}, & & \mathfrak{h}_{23} &= \langle e_5, e_6 \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{24} &= \langle e_2, e_6 \rangle, \\ \mathfrak{h}_{25} &= \langle e_6, e_3 \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{26} &= \langle e_5, e_8 \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{27} &= \langle e_6, e_5 + e_8 \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{28} &= \langle e_6, e_8 \rangle, \\ \mathfrak{h}_{29} &= \langle e_5 - e_8, e_2 + e_3 \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{30} &= \langle e_5 + e_8, e_6 - e_7 \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, every 1-dimensional subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  has one of the following shapes:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathfrak{h}_{31} &= \langle e_5 + ae_8 \rangle, & a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, & & \mathfrak{h}_{32} &= \langle e_2 + e_8 \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{33} &= \langle e_2 + e_3 \rangle, \\ \mathfrak{h}_{34} &= \langle e_6 \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{35} &= \langle e_6 - e_7 + b(e_5 + e_8) \rangle, & b &\geq 0.\end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 5.** *The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3(\mathbb{R})$  is reductive with respect to a 4-dimensional subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and a complementary subspace  $\mathfrak{m}$  generating  $\mathfrak{g}$  only in the case  $\mathfrak{h}_5 \cong \mathfrak{gl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_5 = \langle e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 \rangle$ .*

*Proof.* The basis elements of an arbitrary complement  $\mathfrak{m}_i$  to the subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}_i$  are:

For  $i = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}e_3 + a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 + a_3(e_5 + ce_8) + a_4e_6, & e_4 + b_1e_1 + b_2e_2 + b_3(e_5 + ce_8) + b_4e_6, \\ e_7 + c_1e_1 + c_2e_2 + c_3(e_5 + ce_8) + c_4e_6, & e_8 + d_1e_1 + d_2e_2 + d_3(e_5 + ce_8) + d_4e_6,\end{aligned}$$

for  $i = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}e_1 + a_1e_3 + a_2e_5 + a_3e_6 + a_4e_8, & e_2 + b_1e_3 + b_2e_5 + b_3e_6 + b_4e_8, \\ e_4 + c_1e_3 + c_2e_5 + c_3e_6 + c_4e_8, & e_7 + d_1e_3 + d_2e_5 + d_3e_6 + d_4e_8,\end{aligned}$$

for  $i = 3$

$$\begin{aligned}e_3 + a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 + a_3e_6 + a_4e_8, & e_4 + b_1e_1 + b_2e_2 + b_3e_6 + b_4e_8, \\ e_5 + c_1e_1 + c_2e_2 + c_3e_6 + c_4e_8, & e_7 + d_1e_1 + d_2e_2 + d_3e_6 + d_4e_8,\end{aligned}$$

for  $i = 4$

$$\begin{aligned}e_1 + a_1e_2 + a_2e_5 + a_3e_6 + a_4e_8, & e_3 + b_1e_2 + b_2e_5 + b_3e_6 + b_4e_8, \\ e_4 + c_1e_2 + c_2e_5 + c_3e_6 + c_4e_8, & e_7 + d_1e_2 + d_2e_5 + d_3e_6 + d_4e_8,\end{aligned}$$

for  $i = 5$

$$\begin{aligned}e_1 + a_1e_5 + a_2e_6 + a_3e_7 + a_4e_8, & e_2 + b_1e_5 + b_2e_6 + b_3e_7 + b_4e_8, \\ e_3 + c_1e_5 + c_2e_6 + c_3e_7 + c_4e_8, & e_4 + d_1e_5 + d_2e_6 + d_3e_7 + d_4e_8,\end{aligned}$$

where  $a_j, b_j, c_j, d_j$  are real numbers  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . The assertion follows now from the relation  $[\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{m}] \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ .  $\square$



**Proposition 6.** *The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3(\mathbb{R})$  is reductive with a 3-dimensional subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  and a 5-dimensional complementary subspace  $\mathfrak{m}$  generating  $\mathfrak{g}$  in precisely one of the following cases:*

- 1)  $\mathfrak{h}_6 \cong \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_6 = \langle e_5, e_8, e_1 + e_3, e_2 + e_4, e_7 + e_6 \rangle$ ,
- 2)  $\mathfrak{h}_7 = \langle e_1 + e_3, e_2 + e_4, e_6 - e_7 \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_7 = \langle e_5, e_8, e_1 - e_3, e_2 - e_4, e_7 + e_6 \rangle$ ,
- 3)  $\mathfrak{h}_8 = \langle e_5 - e_8, e_6, e_7 \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_8 = \langle e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5 + e_8 \rangle$ .

*Both Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{h}_7$  and  $\mathfrak{h}_8$  are isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .*

*Proof.* The generators of an arbitrary complement  $\mathfrak{m}_i$  to  $\mathfrak{h}_i$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$  are:  
For  $i = 6$

$$\begin{aligned} &e_3 + a_1(e_1 - e_3) + a_2(e_2 - e_4) + a_3(e_7 - e_6), \\ &e_4 + b_1(e_1 - e_3) + b_2(e_2 - e_4) + b_3(e_7 - e_6), \\ &e_5 + c_1(e_1 - e_3) + c_2(e_2 - e_4) + c_3(e_7 - e_6), \\ &e_6 + d_1(e_1 - e_3) + d_2(e_2 - e_4) + d_3(e_7 - e_6), \\ &e_8 + f_1(e_1 - e_3) + f_2(e_2 - e_4) + f_3(e_7 - e_6), \end{aligned}$$

for  $i = 7$

$$\begin{aligned} &e_3 + a_1(e_1 + e_3) + a_2(e_2 + e_4) + a_3(e_6 - e_7), \\ &e_4 + b_1(e_1 + e_3) + b_2(e_2 + e_4) + b_3(e_6 - e_7), \\ &e_5 + c_1(e_1 + e_3) + c_2(e_2 + e_4) + c_3(e_6 - e_7), \\ &e_6 + d_1(e_1 + e_3) + d_2(e_2 + e_4) + d_3(e_6 - e_7), \\ &e_8 + f_1(e_1 + e_3) + f_2(e_2 + e_4) + f_3(e_6 - e_7), \end{aligned}$$

for  $i = 8$

$$\begin{aligned} &e_1 + a_1(e_5 - e_8) + a_2e_6 + a_3e_7, \quad e_2 + b_1(e_5 - e_8) + b_2e_6 + b_3e_7, \\ &e_3 + c_1(e_5 - e_8) + c_2e_6 + c_3e_7, \quad e_4 + d_1(e_5 - e_8) + d_2e_6 + d_3e_7, \\ &e_5 + f_1(e_5 - e_8) + f_2e_6 + f_3e_7, \end{aligned}$$

for  $i = 9$

$$\begin{aligned} &e_3 + a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 + a_3(e_6 - e_7 + a(e_5 + e_8)), \\ &e_4 + b_1e_1 + b_2e_2 + b_3(e_6 - e_7 + a(e_5 + e_8)), \\ &e_5 + c_1e_1 + c_2e_2 + c_3(e_6 - e_7 + a(e_5 + e_8)), \\ &e_6 + d_1e_1 + d_2e_2 + d_3(e_6 - e_7 + a(e_5 + e_8)), \\ &e_8 + f_1e_1 + f_2e_2 + f_3(e_6 - e_7 + a(e_5 + e_8)), \end{aligned}$$

for  $i = 10$

$$e_1 + a_1(e_2 + e_3) + a_2(e_5 - e_8) + a_3e_6, \quad e_2 + b_1(e_2 + e_3) + b_2(e_5 - e_8) + b_3e_6,$$

$$e_4 + c_1(e_2 + e_3) + c_2(e_5 - e_8) + c_3e_6, \quad e_5 + d_1(e_2 + e_3) + d_2(e_5 - e_8) + d_3e_6, \\ e_7 + f_1(e_2 + e_3) + f_2(e_5 - e_8) + f_3e_6,$$

for  $i = 11$

$$e_1 + a_1(e_2 + e_8) + a_2e_3 + a_3e_6, \quad e_2 + b_1(e_2 + e_8) + b_2e_3 + b_3e_6, \\ e_4 + c_1(e_2 + e_8) + c_2e_3 + c_3e_6, \quad e_5 + d_1(e_2 + e_8) + d_2e_3 + d_3e_6, \\ e_7 + f_1(e_2 + e_8) + f_2e_3 + f_3e_6,$$

for  $i = 12$

$$e_1 + a_1e_2 + a_2e_6 + a_3(e_5 + e_8 - e_3), \quad e_3 + b_1e_2 + b_2e_6 + b_3(e_5 + e_8 - e_3), \\ e_4 + c_1e_2 + c_2e_6 + c_3(e_5 + e_8 - e_3), \quad e_7 + d_1e_2 + d_2e_6 + d_3(e_5 + e_8 - e_3), \\ e_8 + f_1e_2 + f_2e_6 + f_3(e_5 + e_8 - e_3),$$

for  $i = 13$

$$e_3 + a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 + a_3e_6, \quad e_4 + b_1e_1 + b_2e_2 + b_3e_6, \quad e_5 + c_1e_1 + c_2e_2 + c_3e_6, \\ e_7 + d_1e_1 + d_2e_2 + d_3e_6, \quad e_8 + f_1e_1 + f_2e_2 + f_3e_6,$$

for  $i = 14$

$$e_1 + a_1e_5 + a_2e_6 + a_3e_8, \quad e_2 + b_1e_5 + b_2e_6 + b_3e_8, \quad e_3 + c_1e_5 + c_2e_6 + c_3e_8, \\ e_4 + d_1e_5 + d_2e_6 + d_3e_8, \quad e_7 + f_1e_5 + f_2e_6 + f_3e_8,$$

for  $i = 15$

$$e_1 + a_1e_2 + a_2(e_5 + e_8) + a_3e_6, \quad e_3 + b_1e_2 + b_2(e_5 + e_8) + b_3e_6, \\ e_4 + c_1e_2 + c_2(e_5 + e_8) + c_3e_6, \quad e_5 + d_1e_2 + d_2(e_5 + e_8) + d_3e_6, \\ e_7 + f_1e_2 + f_2(e_5 + e_8) + f_3e_6,$$

for  $i = 16$

$$e_1 + a_1e_3 + a_2e_6 + a_3e_8, \quad e_2 + b_1e_3 + b_2e_6 + b_3e_8, \quad e_4 + c_1e_3 + c_2e_6 + c_3e_8, \\ e_5 + d_1e_3 + d_2e_6 + d_3e_8, \quad e_7 + f_1e_3 + f_2e_6 + f_3e_8,$$

for  $i = 17$  and  $b \neq 0$

$$e_1 + a_1e_2 + a_2e_6 + a_3((b-1)e_5 + be_8), \quad e_3 + b_1e_2 + b_2e_6 + b_3((b-1)e_5 + be_8), \\ e_4 + c_1e_2 + c_2e_6 + c_3((b-1)e_5 + be_8), \quad e_5 + d_1e_2 + d_2e_6 + d_3((b-1)e_5 + be_8), \\ e_7 + f_1e_2 + f_2e_6 + f_3((b-1)e_5 + be_8),$$

for  $i = 17$  and  $b = 0$

$$e_1 + a_1e_2 + a_2e_6 - a_3e_5, \quad e_3 + b_1e_2 + b_2e_6 - b_3e_5, \quad e_4 + c_1e_2 + c_2e_6 - c_3e_5, \\ e_7 + d_1e_2 + d_2e_6 - d_3e_5, \quad e_8 + f_1e_2 + f_2e_6 - f_3e_5,$$

for  $i = 18$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_1 + a_1e_3 + a_2(e_5 + ce_8) + a_3e_6, \quad e_2 + b_1e_3 + b_2(e_5 + ce_8) + b_3e_6, \\
& e_4 + c_1e_3 + c_2(e_5 + ce_8) + c_3e_6, \quad e_7 + d_1e_3 + d_2(e_5 + ce_8) + d_3e_6, \\
& e_8 + f_1e_3 + f_2(e_5 + ce_8) + f_3e_6,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $a_j, b_j, c_j, d_j, f_j \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3$ . Using the relation  $[\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{m}_i] \subseteq \mathbf{m}_i$ ,  $i = 6, \dots, 18$ , we obtain the assertion.  $\square$

**Proposition 7.** *The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3(\mathbb{R})$  is reductive with respect to a pair  $(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{m})$ , where  $\mathbf{h}$  is a 2-dimensional subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathbf{m}$  is a complementary subspace to  $\mathbf{h}$  generating  $\mathfrak{g}$  in exactly one of the following cases:*

- 1)  $\mathbf{h}_{26} = \langle e_5, e_8 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{m}_{26} = \langle e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_6, e_7 \rangle$ .
- 2)  $\mathbf{h}_{30} = \langle e_5 + e_8, e_6 - e_7 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{m}_{30} = \langle e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5 - e_8, e_6 + e_7 \rangle$ .

*Proof.* An arbitrary complement  $\mathbf{m}_i$  to the subalgebra  $\mathbf{h}_i$ ,  $i = 19, \dots, 30$ , in  $\mathfrak{g}$  has as generators in the case  $i = 19$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_1 + b_1e_6 + c_1(e_2 + e_3), \quad e_2 + b_2e_6 + c_2(e_2 + e_3), \quad e_4 + b_3e_6 + c_3(e_2 + e_3) \\
& e_5 + b_4e_6 + c_4(e_2 + e_3), \quad e_7 + b_5e_6 + c_5(e_2 + e_3), \quad e_8 + b_6e_6 + c_6(e_2 + e_3),
\end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 20$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_1 + b_1e_6 + c_1(e_2 + e_8), \quad e_2 + b_2e_6 + c_2(e_2 + e_8), \quad e_3 + b_3e_6 + c_3(e_2 + e_8), \\
& e_4 + b_4e_6 + c_4(e_2 + e_8), \quad e_5 + b_5e_6 + c_5(e_2 + e_8), \quad e_7 + b_6e_6 + c_6(e_2 + e_8),
\end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 21$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_1 + b_1e_3 + c_1(e_6 + e_5), \quad e_2 + b_2e_3 + c_2(e_6 + e_5), \quad e_4 + b_3e_3 + c_3(e_6 + e_5), \\
& e_5 + b_4e_3 + c_4(e_6 + e_5), \quad e_7 + b_5e_3 + c_5(e_6 + e_5), \quad e_8 + b_6e_3 + c_6(e_6 + e_5),
\end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 22$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_1 + b_1e_3 + c_1(e_5 + ae_8), \quad e_2 + b_2e_3 + c_2(e_5 + ae_8), \quad e_4 + b_3e_3 + c_3(e_5 + ae_8), \\
& e_6 + b_4e_3 + c_4(e_5 + ae_8), \quad e_7 + b_5e_3 + c_5(e_5 + ae_8), \quad e_8 + b_6e_3 + c_6(e_5 + ae_8),
\end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 23$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_1 + b_1e_5 + c_1e_6, \quad e_2 + b_2e_5 + c_2e_6, \quad e_3 + b_3e_5 + c_3e_6, \\
& e_4 + b_4e_5 + c_4e_6, \quad e_7 + b_5e_5 + c_5e_6, \quad e_8 + b_6e_5 + c_6e_6,
\end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 24$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_1 + b_1e_2 + c_1e_6, \quad e_3 + b_2e_2 + c_2e_6, \quad e_4 + b_3e_2 + c_3e_6, \\
& e_5 + b_4e_2 + c_4e_6, \quad e_7 + b_5e_2 + c_5e_6, \quad e_8 + b_6e_2 + c_6e_6,
\end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 25$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_1 + b_1e_3 + c_1e_6, \quad e_2 + b_2e_3 + c_2e_6, \quad e_4 + b_3e_3 + c_3e_6, \\
& e_5 + b_4e_3 + c_4e_6, \quad e_7 + b_5e_3 + c_5e_6, \quad e_8 + b_6e_3 + c_6e_6,
\end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 26$

$$e_1 + b_1e_5 + c_1e_8, \quad e_2 + b_2e_5 + c_2e_8, \quad e_3 + b_3e_5 + c_3e_8, \\ e_4 + b_4e_5 + c_4e_8, \quad e_6 + b_5e_5 + c_5e_8, \quad e_7 + b_6e_5 + c_6e_8,$$

in the case  $i = 27$

$$e_1 + b_1e_6 + c_1(e_5 + e_8), \quad e_2 + b_2e_6 + c_2(e_5 + e_8) \quad e_3 + b_3e_6 + c_3(e_5 + e_8), \\ e_4 + b_4e_6 + c_4(e_5 + e_8), \quad e_5 + b_5e_6 + c_5(e_5 + e_8), \quad e_7 + b_6e_6 + c_6(e_5 + e_8),$$

in the case  $i = 28$

$$e_1 + b_1e_6 + c_1e_8, \quad e_2 + b_2e_6 + c_2e_8 \quad e_3 + b_3e_6 + c_3e_8, \\ e_4 + b_4e_6 + c_4e_8, \quad e_5 + b_5e_6 + c_5e_8, \quad e_7 + b_6e_6 + c_6e_8,$$

in the case  $i = 29$

$$e_1 + b_1(e_2 + e_3) + c_1(e_5 - e_8), \quad e_2 + b_2(e_2 + e_3) + c_2(e_5 - e_8), \\ e_4 + b_3(e_2 + e_3) + c_3(e_5 - e_8), \quad e_5 + b_4(e_2 + e_3) + c_4(e_5 - e_8), \\ e_6 + b_5(e_2 + e_3) + c_5(e_5 - e_8), \quad e_7 + b_6(e_2 + e_3) + c_6(e_5 - e_8),$$

in the case  $i = 30$

$$e_1 + b_1(e_5 + e_8) + c_1(e_6 - e_7), \quad e_2 + b_2(e_5 + e_8) + c_2(e_6 - e_7), \\ e_3 + b_3(e_5 + e_8) + c_3(e_6 - e_7), \quad e_4 + b_4(e_5 + e_8) + c_4(e_6 - e_7), \\ e_5 + b_5(e_5 + e_8) + c_5(e_6 - e_7), \quad e_6 + b_6(e_5 + e_8) + c_6(e_6 - e_7),$$

where  $b_j, c_j \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 6$ . The relation  $[\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{m}_i] \subseteq \mathbf{m}_i$ ,  $i = 19, \dots, 30$ , yields the assertion.  $\square$

**Proposition 8.** *The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3(\mathbb{R})$  is reductive with a 1-dimensional subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  and a 7-dimensional complementary subspace  $\mathfrak{m}$  generating  $\mathfrak{g}$  in precisely one of the following cases:*

- 1)  $\mathfrak{h}_{31,1} = \langle e_5 + ae_8 \rangle$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, 1, -\frac{1}{2}, -2\}$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_b = \langle e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_6, e_7, e_8 + b(e_5 + ae_8) \rangle$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- 2)  $\mathfrak{h}_{31,2} = \langle e_5 - 2e_8 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_{b,c,d} = \langle e_6, e_7, e_1 + b(e_5 - 2e_8), e_3 + c(e_5 - 2e_8), e_2, e_4, e_8 + d(e_5 - 2e_8) \rangle$ ,  $b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- 3)  $\mathfrak{h}_{31,3} = \langle e_5 - \frac{1}{2}e_8 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_{b,c,d} = \langle e_6, e_7, e_1, e_2 + b(e_5 - \frac{1}{2}e_8), e_3, e_4 + c(e_5 - \frac{1}{2}e_8), e_8 + d(e_5 - \frac{1}{2}e_8) \rangle$ ,  $b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- 4)  $\mathfrak{h}_{31,4} = \langle e_5 + e_8 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_{b,c,d} = \langle e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_6 + b(e_5 + e_8), e_7 + c(e_5 + e_8), e_8 + d(e_5 + e_8) \rangle$ ,  $b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- 5)  $\mathfrak{h}_{32} = \langle e_2 + e_8 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_d = \langle e_1, e_2, e_3, -e_8 + 2e_4, e_6, e_7, e_5 + de_8 \rangle$ ,  $d \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- 6)  $\mathfrak{h}_{35} = \langle e_6 - e_7 + b(e_5 + e_8) \rangle$ ,  $b \geq 0$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_c = \langle e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_6 + e_7, e_5 - e_8, e_8 - 2ce_7 + 2cbe_8 \rangle$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* An arbitrary complement  $\mathbf{m}_i$  to the subalgebra  $\mathbf{h}_i$ ,  $i = 31, \dots, 35$ , in  $\mathbf{g}$  has as generators in the case  $i = 31$

$$e_1 + a_1(e_5 + ae_8), \quad e_2 + a_2(e_5 + ae_8), \quad e_3 + a_3(e_5 + ae_8), \quad e_4 + a_4(e_5 + ae_8), \\ e_6 + a_5(e_5 + ae_8), \quad e_7 + a_6(e_5 + ae_8), \quad e_8 + a_7(e_5 + ae_8),$$

in the case  $i = 32$

$$e_1 + a_1(e_2 + e_8), \quad e_3 + a_2(e_2 + e_8), \quad e_4 + a_3(e_2 + e_8), \quad e_5 + a_4(e_2 + e_8), \\ e_6 + a_5(e_2 + e_8), \quad e_7 + a_6(e_2 + e_8), \quad e_8 + a_7(e_2 + e_8),$$

in the case  $i = 33$

$$e_1 + a_1(e_2 + e_3), \quad e_3 + a_2(e_2 + e_3), \quad e_4 + a_3(e_2 + e_3), \quad e_5 + a_4(e_2 + e_3), \\ e_6 + a_5(e_2 + e_3), \quad e_7 + a_6(e_2 + e_3), \quad e_8 + a_7(e_2 + e_3),$$

in the case  $i = 34$

$$e_1 + a_1e_6, \quad e_2 + a_2e_6, \quad e_3 + a_3e_6, \quad e_4 + a_4e_6, \quad e_5 + a_5e_6, \\ e_7 + a_6e_6, \quad e_8 + a_7e_6,$$

in the case  $i = 35$

$$e_1 + a_1(e_6 - e_7 + b(e_5 + e_8)), \quad e_2 + a_2(e_6 - e_7 + b(e_5 + e_8)), \\ e_3 + a_3(e_6 - e_7 + b(e_5 + e_8)), \quad e_4 + a_4(e_6 - e_7 + b(e_5 + e_8)), \\ e_5 + a_5(e_6 - e_7 + b(e_5 + e_8)), \quad e_7 + a_6(e_6 - e_7 + b(e_5 + e_8)), \\ e_8 + a_7(e_6 - e_7 + b(e_5 + e_8)),$$

where  $a_j \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 7$ . Using the relation  $[\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{m}_i] \subseteq \mathbf{m}_i$ ,  $i = 31, \dots, 35$ , we obtain the assertion.  $\square$

Now we deal with the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{su}_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$ . It can be treated as the Lie algebra of matrices

$$(\lambda_1e_1 + \lambda_2e_2 + \lambda_3e_3 + \lambda_4e_4 + \lambda_5e_5 + \lambda_6e_6 + \lambda_7e_7 + \lambda_8e_8) \mapsto \\ \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda_1i & -\lambda_2 - \lambda_3i & \lambda_4 + \lambda_5i \\ \lambda_2 - \lambda_3i & \lambda_1i + \lambda_6i & \lambda_7 + \lambda_8i \\ \lambda_4 - \lambda_5i & \lambda_7 - \lambda_8i & -\lambda_6i \end{pmatrix}; \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1, \dots, 8.$$

Then the multiplication of  $\mathbf{g}$  is given by the following:

$$[e_1, e_6] = 0, \quad [e_3, e_2] = 2e_1, \quad [e_4, e_5] = 2(e_1 - e_6), \quad [e_8, e_7] = 2e_6, \\ [e_6, e_3] = [e_7, e_4] = [e_8, e_5] = \frac{1}{2}[e_1, e_3] = e_2, \\ [e_2, e_6] = [e_4, e_8] = [e_7, e_5] = \frac{1}{2}[e_2, e_1] = e_3,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[e_7, e_2] &= [e_3, e_8] = [e_5, e_6] = [e_1, e_5] = e_4, \\
[e_8, e_2] &= [e_7, e_3] = [e_6, e_4] = [e_4, e_1] = e_5, \\
[e_2, e_4] &= [e_3, e_5] = [e_8, e_1] = \frac{1}{2}[e_8, e_6] = e_7, \\
[e_2, e_5] &= [e_4, e_3] = [e_1, e_7] = \frac{1}{2}[e_6, e_7] = e_8.
\end{aligned}$$

The normalized Cartan-Killing form  $k : \mathfrak{su}_3(\mathbb{C}, 1) \times \mathfrak{su}_3(\mathbb{C}, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the map  $(X, Y) \mapsto \frac{1}{12}\text{trace}(\text{ad}X\text{ad}Y) = \frac{1}{2}\text{trace}(XY)$ . An element  $X = \lambda_i e_i \in \mathfrak{su}_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$ ,  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 8$ , is elliptic, parabolic or loxodromic according whether

$$k(X) = k(X, X) = -\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_2^2 - \lambda_3^2 - \lambda_6^2 + \lambda_4^2 + \lambda_5^2 + \lambda_7^2 + \lambda_8^2 - 2\lambda_1\lambda_6$$

is smaller, equal or greater 0.

Let  $H$  be a connected closed subgroup of the group  $PSU_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$ . Then according to [1], Satz 1, p. 251 and [2], Section 5, p. 276, the group  $H$  is, up to conjugacy, one of the following:

- (1)  $H$  is a subgroup of  $Spin_3 \times SO_2(\mathbb{R})/\langle(-1, -1)\rangle$ ,
- (2)  $H$  is a subgroup of the 5-dimensional solvable group  $NG_{1,1}$  in [1], p. 253,
- (3)  $H$  is the group  $SL_2(\mathbb{R}) \times SO_2(\mathbb{R})/\langle(-1, -1)\rangle$ ,
- (4)  $H$  is the group  $SL_2(\mathbb{R}) \times \{1\}/\langle(-1, 1)\rangle \cong PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$ ,
- (5)  $H$  is the connected component of the group  $SO_3(\mathbb{R}, 1) \cong PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

The Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{h}_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , of  $H$  in the cases (1) till (5) are given in this order by

$$\begin{aligned}
\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_1 &= \langle e_1, e_2, e_3, e_6 \rangle, \quad \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_2 = \langle e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6, e_8, e_4 - e_3, e_5 + e_2, e_6 + e_7 \rangle, \\
\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_3 &= \langle e_1, e_6, e_7, e_8 \rangle, \quad \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_4 = \langle e_6, e_7, e_8 \rangle, \quad \widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_5 = \langle e_2, e_4, e_7 \rangle.
\end{aligned}$$

After a straightforward calculation in  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_2$  we obtain that the conjugacy classes of the 4-dimensional subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{su}_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$  are the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{h}_1 &= \langle e_1, e_2, e_3, e_6 \rangle, \quad \mathfrak{h}_2 = \langle e_4 - e_3, e_2 + e_5, e_6 + e_7, e_8 \rangle, \\
\mathfrak{h}_3 &= \langle e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + ae_8, e_4 - e_3, e_2 + e_5, e_6 + e_7 \rangle, \quad \mathfrak{h}_4 = \langle e_1, e_6, e_7, e_8 \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Computations in  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_1$  and  $\widehat{\mathfrak{h}}_2$  yield that the 3-dimensional subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{su}_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$  have one of the following shapes:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{h}_5 &= \langle e_1, e_2, e_3 \rangle, \quad \mathfrak{h}_6 = \langle e_2, e_4, e_7 \rangle, \quad \mathfrak{h}_7 = \langle e_6, e_7, e_8 \rangle, \\
\mathfrak{h}_8 &= \langle e_5 + e_2, e_6 + e_7, e_8 \rangle, \quad \mathfrak{h}_9 = \langle e_4 - e_3 + be_8, e_5 + e_2, e_6 + e_7 \rangle, \\
\mathfrak{h}_{10} &= \langle e_4 - e_3 + b(e_5 + e_2), e_6 + e_7, e_8 + c(e_5 + e_2) \rangle, \\
\mathfrak{h}_{11} &= \langle e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + \frac{3}{2}c(e_4 - e_3) - \frac{3}{2}b(e_5 + e_2), e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2), \\
&\quad e_6 + e_7 \rangle, \text{ where } b, c \in \mathbb{R}.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly we obtain that every 2-dimensional subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{su}_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$  has one of the following forms:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{h}_{12} &= \langle e_1, e_6 \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{13} &= \langle e_4 - e_3, e_6 + e_7 \rangle, \\
\mathfrak{h}_{14} &= \langle e_5 + e_2 + b(e_4 - e_3), e_6 + e_7 \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{15} &= \langle e_4 - e_3, e_8 + b(e_6 + e_7) \rangle, \\
\mathfrak{h}_{16} &= \langle e_5 + e_2 + b(e_4 - e_3), e_8 + c(e_6 + e_7) \rangle, \\
\mathfrak{h}_{17} &= \langle e_6 + e_7, e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2) \rangle, \\
\mathfrak{h}_{18} &= \langle e_6 + e_7 + a(e_4 - e_3) + b(e_5 + e_2), e_8 + c(e_4 - e_3) + d(e_5 + e_2) \rangle, \\
\mathfrak{h}_{19} &= \langle e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + ae_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2), e_6 + e_7 \rangle, \\
\mathfrak{h}_{20} &= \langle e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + \frac{3}{2}a(e_4 - e_3) - \frac{3}{2}b(e_5 + e_2) - \frac{3(a^2+b^2)}{2}(e_6 + e_7), \\
& \quad e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + c(e_6 + e_7) \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  and in the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_{18}$  one has  $bc - ad = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Moreover, every 1-dimensional subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{h}_{21} &= \langle e_1 + ae_6 \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{22} &= \langle e_6 \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{23} &= \langle e_8 \rangle, \\
\mathfrak{h}_{24} &= \langle e_6 + e_7 + ce_8 \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{25} &= \langle e_5 + e_2 + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8 \rangle, \\
\mathfrak{h}_{26} &= \langle e_4 - e_3 + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8 \rangle, \\
\mathfrak{h}_{27} &= \langle e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + d(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8 \rangle,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b, c, d$  are real numbers.

**Proposition 9.** *The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{su}_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$  is reductive with a 4-dimensional subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  and a complementary subspace  $\mathfrak{m}$  generating  $\mathfrak{g}$  if and only if the following holds:*

- 1)  $\mathfrak{h}_1 \cong \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{so}_2(\mathbb{R}) = \langle e_1, e_2, e_3, e_6 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_1 = \langle e_4, e_5, e_7, e_8 \rangle$ ,
- 2)  $\mathfrak{h}_4 \cong \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{so}_2(\mathbb{R}) = \langle e_1, e_6, e_7, e_8 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_4 = \langle e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5 \rangle$ .

*Proof.* For the basis elements of an arbitrary complement  $\mathfrak{m}$  to  $\mathfrak{h}_1$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
e_4 + a_1e_1 + b_1e_2 + c_1e_3 + d_1e_6, & \quad e_5 + a_2e_1 + b_2e_2 + c_2e_3 + d_2e_6, \\
e_7 + a_3e_1 + b_3e_2 + c_3e_3 + d_3e_6, & \quad e_8 + a_4e_1 + b_4e_2 + c_4e_3 + d_4e_6
\end{aligned}$$

with the real numbers  $a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

An arbitrary complement  $\mathfrak{m}$  to  $\mathfrak{h}_2$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$  has as generators

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_1 + a_1(e_4 - e_3) + b_1(e_5 + e_2) + c_1(e_6 + e_7) + d_1e_8, \\
& e_2 + a_2(e_4 - e_3) + b_2(e_5 + e_2) + c_2(e_6 + e_7) + d_2e_8, \\
& e_3 + a_3(e_4 - e_3) + b_3(e_5 + e_2) + c_3(e_6 + e_7) + d_3e_8, \\
& e_6 + a_4(e_4 - e_3) + b_4(e_5 + e_2) + c_4(e_6 + e_7) + d_4e_8,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are real parameters.

The basis elements of an arbitrary complement  $\mathbf{m}$  to  $\mathbf{h}_3$  in  $\mathbf{g}$  are

$$\begin{aligned} e_3 + a_1(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + ae_8) + b_1(e_4 - e_3) + c_1(e_2 + e_5) + d_1(e_6 + e_7), \\ e_5 + a_2(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + ae_8) + b_2(e_4 - e_3) + c_2(e_2 + e_5) + d_2(e_6 + e_7), \\ e_7 + a_3(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + ae_8) + b_3(e_4 - e_3) + c_3(e_2 + e_5) + d_3(e_6 + e_7), \\ e_8 + a_4(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + ae_8) + b_4(e_4 - e_3) + c_4(e_2 + e_5) + d_4(e_6 + e_7), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

As the generators of an arbitrary complement  $\mathbf{m}$  to  $\mathbf{h}_4$  in  $\mathbf{g}$  we can choose the following:

$$\begin{aligned} e_2 + a_1e_1 + b_1e_6 + c_1e_7 + d_1e_8, \quad e_3 + a_2e_1 + b_2e_6 + c_2e_7 + d_2e_8, \\ e_4 + a_3e_1 + b_3e_6 + c_3e_7 + d_3e_8, \quad e_5 + a_4e_1 + b_4e_6 + c_4e_7 + d_4e_8, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_i, b_i, c_i, d_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are real numbers.

Now the assertion follows from the relation  $[\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{m}] \subseteq \mathbf{m}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 10.** *The Lie algebra  $\mathbf{g} = \mathfrak{su}_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$  is reductive with respect to precisely one of the following pairs  $(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{m})$ , where  $\mathbf{h}$  is a 3-dimensional subalgebra of  $\mathbf{g}$  and  $\mathbf{m}$  is a complementary subspace to  $\mathbf{h}$  generating  $\mathbf{g}$ :*

- 1)  $\mathbf{h}_6 \cong \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) = \langle e_2, e_4, e_7 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{m}_6 = \langle e_1, e_3, e_5, e_6, e_8 \rangle$ ,
- 2)  $\mathbf{h}_7 \cong \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) = \langle e_6, e_7, e_8 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{m}_7 = \langle e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5 \rangle$ .

*Proof.* An arbitrary complement  $\mathbf{m}_i$  to the subalgebra  $\mathbf{h}_i, i = 5, \dots, 11$ , in  $\mathbf{g}$  has as generators in the case  $i = 5$

$$\begin{aligned} e_4 + a_1e_1 + b_1e_2 + c_1e_3, \quad e_5 + a_2e_1 + b_2e_2 + c_2e_3, \quad e_6 + a_3e_1 + b_3e_2 + c_3e_3, \\ e_7 + a_4e_1 + b_4e_2 + c_4e_3, \quad e_8 + a_5e_1 + b_5e_2 + c_5e_3, \end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 6$

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 + a_1e_2 + b_1e_4 + c_1e_7, \quad e_3 + a_2e_2 + b_2e_4 + c_2e_7, \quad e_5 + a_3e_2 + b_3e_4 + c_3e_7, \\ e_6 + a_4e_2 + b_4e_4 + c_4e_7, \quad e_8 + a_5e_2 + b_5e_4 + c_5e_7, \end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 7$

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 + a_1e_6 + b_1e_7 + c_1e_8, \quad e_2 + a_2e_6 + b_2e_7 + c_2e_8, \quad e_3 + a_3e_6 + b_3e_7 + c_3e_8, \\ e_4 + a_4e_6 + b_4e_7 + c_4e_8, \quad e_5 + a_5e_6 + b_5e_7 + c_5e_8, \end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 8$

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 + a_1(e_2 + e_5) + b_1(e_6 + e_7) + c_1e_8, \quad e_2 + a_2(e_2 + e_5) + b_2(e_6 + e_7) + c_2e_8, \\ e_3 + a_3(e_2 + e_5) + b_3(e_6 + e_7) + c_3e_8, \quad e_4 + a_4(e_2 + e_5) + b_4(e_6 + e_7) + c_4e_8, \\ e_6 + a_5(e_2 + e_5) + b_5(e_6 + e_7) + c_5e_8, \end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 9$



$$\begin{aligned}
& e_1 + a_1(e_2 + e_5) + b_1(e_6 + e_7) + c_1(e_4 - e_3 + be_8), \\
& e_2 + a_2(e_2 + e_5) + b_2(e_6 + e_7) + c_2(e_4 - e_3 + be_8), \\
& e_3 + a_3(e_2 + e_5) + b_3(e_6 + e_7) + c_3(e_4 - e_3 + be_8), \\
& e_6 + a_4(e_2 + e_5) + b_4(e_6 + e_7) + c_4(e_4 - e_3 + be_8), \\
& e_8 + a_5(e_2 + e_5) + b_5(e_6 + e_7) + c_5(e_4 - e_3 + be_8),
\end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 10$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_1 + a_1(e_4 - e_3 + b(e_2 + e_5)) + b_1(e_6 + e_7) + c_1(e_8 + c(e_2 + e_5)), \\
& e_2 + a_2(e_4 - e_3 + b(e_2 + e_5)) + b_2(e_6 + e_7) + c_2(e_8 + c(e_2 + e_5)), \\
& e_3 + a_3(e_4 - e_3 + b(e_2 + e_5)) + b_3(e_6 + e_7) + c_3(e_8 + c(e_2 + e_5)), \\
& e_5 + a_4(e_4 - e_3 + b(e_2 + e_5)) + b_4(e_6 + e_7) + c_4(e_8 + c(e_2 + e_5)), \\
& e_6 + a_5(e_4 - e_3 + b(e_2 + e_5)) + b_5(e_6 + e_7) + c_5(e_8 + c(e_2 + e_5)),
\end{aligned}$$

and in the case  $i = 11$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_2 + a_1(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + \frac{3}{2}c(e_4 - e_3) - \frac{3}{2}b(e_5 + e_2)) + \\
& b_1(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)) + c_1(e_6 + e_7), \\
& e_3 + a_2(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + \frac{3}{2}c(e_4 - e_3) - \frac{3}{2}b(e_5 + e_2)) + \\
& b_2(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)) + c_2(e_6 + e_7), \\
& e_4 + a_3(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + \frac{3}{2}c(e_4 - e_3) - \frac{3}{2}b(e_5 + e_2)) + \\
& b_3(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)) + c_3(e_6 + e_7), \\
& e_5 + a_4(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + \frac{3}{2}c(e_4 - e_3) - \frac{3}{2}b(e_5 + e_2)) + \\
& b_4(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)) + c_4(e_6 + e_7), \\
& e_7 + a_5(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + \frac{3}{2}c(e_4 - e_3) - \frac{3}{2}b(e_5 + e_2)) + \\
& b_5(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)) + c_5(e_6 + e_7),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $a_j, b_j, c_j \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 5$ . The relation  $[\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{m}_i] \subseteq \mathbf{m}_i$ ,  $i = 5, \dots, 11$ , yields the assertion.  $\square$

**Proposition 11.** *The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{su}_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$  is reductive with respect to the following pairs  $(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{m})$ , where  $\mathbf{h}$  is a 2-dimensional subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathbf{m}$  is a complementary subspace to  $\mathbf{h}$  generating  $\mathfrak{g}$ , if and only if one of the following holds:*

- 1)  $\mathbf{h}_{12} = \langle e_1, e_6 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{m}_{12} = \langle e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_7, e_8 \rangle$ ,
- 2)  $\mathbf{h}_{20} = \langle e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + \frac{3}{2}a(e_4 - e_3) - \frac{3}{2}b(e_5 + e_2) - \frac{3(a^2+b^2)}{2}(e_6 + e_7), e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + c(e_6 + e_7) \rangle$

and

$$\mathbf{m}_{20} = \langle e_6 + e_7, e_2 + e_5, e_4 - e_3, e_4 - be_8 + 2ae_1 - ae_6, e_2 + ae_8 + 2be_1 - be_6, e_6 + ce_8 + be_5 - ae_4 \rangle, \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

*Proof.* An arbitrary complement  $\mathbf{m}_i$  to the subalgebra  $\mathbf{h}_i$ ,  $i = 12, \dots, 20$ , in  $\mathbf{g}$  has as generators in the case  $i = 12$

$$\begin{aligned} e_2 + a_1 e_1 + b_1 e_6, & \quad e_3 + a_2 e_1 + b_2 e_6, & \quad e_4 + a_3 e_1 + b_3 e_6, \\ e_5 + a_4 e_1 + b_4 e_6, & \quad e_7 + a_5 e_1 + b_5 e_6, & \quad e_8 + a_6 e_1 + b_6 e_6, \end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 13$

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 + a_1(e_4 - e_3) + b_1(e_6 + e_7), & \quad e_2 + a_2(e_4 - e_3) + b_2(e_6 + e_7), \\ e_3 + a_3(e_4 - e_3) + b_3(e_6 + e_7), & \quad e_5 + a_4(e_4 - e_3) + b_4(e_6 + e_7), \\ e_6 + a_5(e_4 - e_3) + b_5(e_6 + e_7), & \quad e_8 + a_6(e_4 - e_3) + b_6(e_6 + e_7), \end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 14$

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 + a_1(e_2 + e_5 + b(e_4 - e_3)) + b_1(e_6 + e_7), \\ e_2 + a_2(e_2 + e_5 + b(e_4 - e_3)) + b_2(e_6 + e_7), \\ e_3 + a_3(e_2 + e_5 + b(e_4 - e_3)) + b_3(e_6 + e_7), \\ e_4 + a_4(e_2 + e_5 + b(e_4 - e_3)) + b_4(e_6 + e_7), \\ e_6 + a_5(e_2 + e_5 + b(e_4 - e_3)) + b_5(e_6 + e_7), \\ e_8 + a_6(e_2 + e_5 + b(e_4 - e_3)) + b_6(e_6 + e_7), \end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 15$

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 + a_1(e_4 - e_3) + b_1(e_8 + b(e_6 + e_7)), \\ e_2 + a_2(e_4 - e_3) + b_2(e_8 + b(e_6 + e_7)), \\ e_3 + a_3(e_4 - e_3) + b_3(e_8 + b(e_6 + e_7)), \\ e_5 + a_4(e_4 - e_3) + b_4(e_8 + b(e_6 + e_7)), \\ e_6 + a_5(e_4 - e_3) + b_5(e_8 + b(e_6 + e_7)), \\ e_7 + a_6(e_4 - e_3) + b_6(e_8 + b(e_6 + e_7)), \end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 16$

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 + a_1(e_5 + e_2 + b(e_4 - e_3)) + b_1(e_8 + c(e_6 + e_7)), \\ e_2 + a_2(e_5 + e_2 + b(e_4 - e_3)) + b_2(e_8 + c(e_6 + e_7)), \\ e_3 + a_3(e_5 + e_2 + b(e_4 - e_3)) + b_3(e_8 + c(e_6 + e_7)), \\ e_4 + a_4(e_5 + e_2 + b(e_4 - e_3)) + b_4(e_8 + c(e_6 + e_7)), \\ e_6 + a_5(e_5 + e_2 + b(e_4 - e_3)) + b_5(e_8 + b(e_6 + e_7)), \\ e_7 + a_6(e_5 + e_2 + b(e_4 - e_3)) + b_6(e_8 + b(e_6 + e_7)), \end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 17$

$$e_1 + a_1(e_6 + e_7) + b_1(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_2 + a_2(e_6 + e_7) + b_2(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)), \\
& e_3 + a_3(e_6 + e_7) + b_3(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)), \\
& e_4 + a_4(e_6 + e_7) + b_4(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)), \\
& e_5 + a_5(e_6 + e_7) + b_5(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)), \\
& e_6 + a_6(e_6 + e_7) + b_6(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)),
\end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 18$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_1 + a_1(e_6 + e_7 + a(e_4 - e_3) + b(e_5 + e_2)) + b_1(e_8 + c(e_4 - e_3) + d(e_5 + e_2)), \\
& e_2 + a_2(e_6 + e_7 + a(e_4 - e_3) + b(e_5 + e_2)) + b_2(e_8 + c(e_4 - e_3) + d(e_5 + e_2)), \\
& e_3 + a_3(e_6 + e_7 + a(e_4 - e_3) + b(e_5 + e_2)) + b_3(e_8 + c(e_4 - e_3) + d(e_5 + e_2)), \\
& e_4 + a_4(e_6 + e_7 + a(e_4 - e_3) + b(e_5 + e_2)) + b_4(e_8 + c(e_4 - e_3) + d(e_5 + e_2)), \\
& e_5 + a_5(e_6 + e_7 + a(e_4 - e_3) + b(e_5 + e_2)) + b_5(e_8 + c(e_4 - e_3) + d(e_5 + e_2)), \\
& e_6 + a_6(e_6 + e_7 + a(e_4 - e_3) + b(e_5 + e_2)) + b_6(e_8 + c(e_4 - e_3) + d(e_5 + e_2)),
\end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 19$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_2 + a_1(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + ae_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)) + b_1(e_6 + e_7), \\
& e_3 + a_2(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + ae_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)) + b_2(e_6 + e_7), \\
& e_4 + a_3(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + ae_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)) + b_3(e_6 + e_7), \\
& e_5 + a_4(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + ae_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)) + b_4(e_6 + e_7), \\
& e_7 + a_5(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + ae_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)) + b_5(e_6 + e_7), \\
& e_8 + a_6(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + ae_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + c(e_5 + e_2)) + b_6(e_6 + e_7),
\end{aligned}$$

and in the case  $i = 20$

$$\begin{aligned}
& e_2 + a_1(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + \frac{3}{2}a(e_4 - e_3) - \frac{3}{2}b(e_5 + e_2) - \frac{3(a^2+b^2)}{2}(e_6 + e_7)) + \\
& + b_1(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + c(e_6 + e_7)), \\
& e_3 + a_2(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + \frac{3}{2}a(e_4 - e_3) - \frac{3}{2}b(e_5 + e_2) - \frac{3(a^2+b^2)}{2}(e_6 + e_7)) + \\
& + b_2(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + c(e_6 + e_7)), \\
& e_4 + a_3(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + \frac{3}{2}a(e_4 - e_3) - \frac{3}{2}b(e_5 + e_2) - \frac{3(a^2+b^2)}{2}(e_6 + e_7)) + \\
& + b_3(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + c(e_6 + e_7)), \\
& e_5 + a_4(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + \frac{3}{2}a(e_4 - e_3) - \frac{3}{2}b(e_5 + e_2) - \frac{3(a^2+b^2)}{2}(e_6 + e_7)) + \\
& + b_4(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + c(e_6 + e_7)), \\
& e_6 + a_5(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + \frac{3}{2}a(e_4 - e_3) - \frac{3}{2}b(e_5 + e_2) - \frac{3(a^2+b^2)}{2}(e_6 + e_7)) + \\
& + b_5(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + c(e_6 + e_7)), \\
& e_7 + a_6(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + \frac{3}{2}a(e_4 - e_3) - \frac{3}{2}b(e_5 + e_2) - \frac{3(a^2+b^2)}{2}(e_6 + e_7)) + \\
& + b_6(e_8 + b(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + c(e_6 + e_7)),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $a_j, b_j \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 6$ . Using the relation  $[\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{m}_i] \subseteq \mathbf{m}_i$ ,  $i = 12, \dots, 20$ , we obtain the assertion.  $\square$

**Proposition 12.** *The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{su}_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$  is reductive with a 1-dimensional subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  and a 7-dimensional complementary subspace  $\mathfrak{m}$  generating  $\mathfrak{g}$  in precisely one of the following cases:*

1)  $\mathfrak{h} = \langle e_1 - 2e_6 \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_{b,c,d} = \langle e_2 + b(e_1 - 2e_6), e_3 + c(e_1 - 2e_6), e_6 + d(e_1 - 2e_6), e_4, e_5, e_7, e_8 \rangle$ , when  $b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

2)  $\mathfrak{h} = \langle e_1 + e_6 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_{b,c,d} = \langle e_2, e_3, e_7, e_8, e_4 + d(e_1 + e_6), e_5 + b(e_1 + e_6), e_6 + c(e_1 + e_6) \rangle$  with  $b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

3)  $\mathfrak{h} = \langle e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_{b,c,d} = \langle e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6 + b(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6), e_7 + c(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6), e_8 + d(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6) \rangle$  and  $b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

4)  $\mathfrak{h}_a = \langle e_1 + ae_6 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_b = \langle e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6 + b(e_1 + ae_6), e_7, e_8 \rangle$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-\frac{1}{2}, -2, 1\}$ ,  $b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

5)  $\mathfrak{h} = \langle e_6 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_a = \langle e_1 + ae_6, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_7, e_8 \rangle$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

6)  $\mathfrak{h} = \langle e_8 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_a = \langle e_1 + ae_8, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6, e_7 \rangle$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

7)  $\mathfrak{h} = \langle e_6 + e_7 + ce_8 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_b = \langle e_1 + bce_8, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6 + e_7, e_7 - \frac{1}{c}e_8 \rangle$  with  $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

8)  $\mathfrak{h}_{b,c} = \langle e_5 + e_2 + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_d = \langle e_1 - \frac{c^3d - cd - b}{2c}e_8, e_2 + \frac{1}{c}e_8, e_3 + cde_8, e_7 - \frac{b+cd}{c}e_8, e_4 - e_3, e_2 + e_5, e_6 + e_7 \rangle$ , where  $b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}, c \neq 0$ ,

9)  $\mathfrak{h}_{a,b,c} = \langle e_4 - e_3 + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_d = \langle e_2 - dce_8, e_3 - \frac{1+dc^2a+a^2}{c}e_8, e_6 - \frac{a^3+a-bc+dc^2+dc^2a^2}{c^2}e_8, e_5 + e_2, e_6 + e_7, e_4 - e_3, e_1 + \frac{bc+c^2a-a-a^3+c^4d-c^2d-c^2a^2d}{2c^2}e_8 \rangle$  with  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}, c \neq 0$ ,

10)  $\mathfrak{h}_{a,b,c,d} = \langle e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + d(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8 \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{m}_f = \langle e_6 + e_7, e_4 - e_3, e_5 + e_2, e_3 + f(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + ce_8), e_2 - \frac{2c}{3}e_4 - \frac{4a}{3}e_1 - \frac{2a}{3}e_7 + \frac{2d}{3}e_8, e_7 - \frac{b}{c}e_8 + \frac{a}{c}e_4 + \frac{d}{c}e_2, e_8 - \frac{8ac-4fc^2+24fd^2-9f+12d}{2(8dc-3a+4ac^2)}(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + ce_8) \rangle$ ,

where  $a, b, c, d, f \in \mathbb{R}, c \neq 0, 8dc - 3a + 4ac^2 \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* An arbitrary complement  $\mathfrak{m}_i$  to the subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}_i$ ,  $i = 21, \dots, 27$ , in  $\mathfrak{g}$  has as generators in the case  $i = 21$

$$e_2 + a_1(e_1 + ae_6), \quad e_3 + a_2(e_1 + ae_6), \quad e_4 + a_3(e_1 + ae_6), \quad e_5 + a_4(e_1 + ae_6), \\ e_6 + a_5(e_1 + ae_6), \quad e_7 + a_6(e_1 + ae_6), \quad e_8 + a_7(e_1 + ae_6),$$

in the case  $i = 22$

$$e_1 + a_1e_6, \quad e_2 + a_2e_6, \quad e_3 + a_3e_6, \quad e_4 + a_4e_6, \\ e_5 + a_5e_6, \quad e_7 + a_6e_6, \quad e_8 + a_7e_6,$$

in the case  $i = 23$

$$e_1 + a_1e_8, \quad e_2 + a_2e_8, \quad e_3 + a_3e_8, \quad e_4 + a_4e_8, \\ e_5 + a_5e_8, \quad e_6 + a_6e_8, \quad e_7 + a_7e_8,$$

in the case  $i = 24$

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 + a_1(e_6 + e_7 + ce_8), & \quad e_2 + a_2(e_6 + e_7 + ce_8), \\ e_3 + a_3(e_6 + e_7 + ce_8), & \quad e_4 + a_4(e_6 + e_7 + ce_8), \\ e_5 + a_5(e_6 + e_7 + ce_8), & \quad e_7 + a_6(e_6 + e_7 + ce_8), \\ & \quad e_8 + a_7(e_6 + e_7 + ce_8), \end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 25$

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 + a_1(e_5 + e_2 + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), & \quad e_2 + a_2(e_5 + e_2 + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ e_3 + a_3(e_5 + e_2 + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), & \quad e_4 + a_4(e_5 + e_2 + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ e_6 + a_5(e_5 + e_2 + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), & \quad e_7 + a_6(e_5 + e_2 + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ & \quad e_8 + a_7(e_5 + e_2 + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 26$

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 + a_1(e_4 - e_3 + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ e_2 + a_2(e_4 - e_3 + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ e_3 + a_3(e_4 - e_3 + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ e_5 + a_4(e_4 - e_3 + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ e_6 + a_5(e_4 - e_3 + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ e_7 + a_6(e_4 - e_3 + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ e_8 + a_6(e_4 - e_3 + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \end{aligned}$$

in the case  $i = 27$

$$\begin{aligned} e_2 + a_1(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + d(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ e_3 + a_2(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + d(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ e_4 + a_3(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + d(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ e_5 + a_4(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + d(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ e_6 + a_5(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + d(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ e_7 + a_6(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + d(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \\ e_8 + a_7(e_1 - \frac{1}{2}e_6 + d(e_4 - e_3) + a(e_5 + e_2) + b(e_6 + e_7) + ce_8), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 7$ , are real parameters. The relation  $[\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{m}_i] \subseteq \mathbf{m}_i$ ,  $i = 21, \dots, 27$ , yields the assertion.  $\square$

## 4 Left A-loops as sections in simple Lie groups

The connected almost differentiable left A-loops  $L$  with  $\dim L \leq 2$  are classified in [18], Section 27 and Theorem 18.14. Furthermore, all 3-dimensional left A-loops which are differentiable sections in a non-solvable Lie group are determined in [6]. In this section we deal with the at least 4-dimensional almost differentiable left A-loops having an at most 9-dimensional simple Lie group  $G$  as the group topologically generated by their left translations. According to Lemma 1 the group  $G$  is not compact.

**Proposition 13.** *There exists no at least 4-dimensional differentiable left A-loop having a group locally isomorphic to  $PSL_2(\mathbb{C})$  as the group topologically generated by its left translations.*

*Proof.* Since the tangent space  $T_e L$  for an almost differentiable left A-loop  $L$  is reductive only the pairs  $(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{m})$  in Proposition 4 can occur as the tangent objects  $(T_1 H, T_e L)$ , where  $H$  is the stabilizer of the identity  $e$  of  $L$ . A maximal compact subalgebra of the Lie algebra  $\mathbf{h}_3$  as well as of  $\mathbf{h}_6$  is isomorphic to  $so_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Hence the Lie group corresponding to  $\mathbf{h}_3$  as well as to  $\mathbf{h}_6$  cannot be the stabilizer of  $e \in L$  (cf. Lemma 2). Moreover, the hyperbolic elements  $e_1 \in \mathbf{h}_4$  and  $e_2 \in \mathbf{m}_a$  are conjugate (see 1.1). This contradiction to Lemma 3 yields the assertion.  $\square$

**Proposition 14.** *Let  $G$  be locally isomorphic to  $SL_3(\mathbb{R})$ . Every connected almost differentiable left A-loop having  $G$  as the group topologically generated by its left translations is isomorphic to the 5-dimensional Bruck loop  $L_0$  of hyperbolic type having the group  $SO_3(\mathbb{R})$  as the stabilizer of  $e \in L_0$ .*

*Proof.* Since the tangent space  $T_e L$  for an almost differentiable left A-loop  $L$  is reductive we have to investigate the pairs  $(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{m})$  listed in Propositions 5, 6, 7 and 8. According to Lemma 2 the Lie groups belonging to the Lie algebras  $\mathbf{h}_5$ ,  $\mathbf{h}_7$ ,  $\mathbf{h}_8$ ,  $\mathbf{h}_{30}$  and  $\mathbf{h}_{35}$  for  $b = 0$  cannot be stabilizers of  $e \in L$ . The element

$-e_5 + e_8 \in \mathbf{h}_{26}$  is conjugate to  $\frac{1}{2}e_1 + 2e_3 \in \mathbf{m}_{26}$  under  $g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,

the element  $e_2 + e_8 \in \mathbf{h}_{32}$  is conjugate to  $e_1 + 2e_7 - e_8 + 2e_4 \in \mathbf{m}_d$  under  $g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $e_6 - e_7 + b(e_5 + e_8) \in \mathbf{h}_{35}$ ,  $b > 0$ , is conjugate to

$(b^2 + 1)e_1 - e_3 + 2b(e_5 - e_8) \in \mathbf{m}_c$  under  $g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -b & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Moreover, the

element  $e_8 + \frac{1}{a}e_5 \in \mathbf{h}_{31,1}$  is conjugate to  $\frac{-a^2+a+1}{a^2}e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + e_4 - e_6 - e_7 \in \mathbf{m}_b$  under  $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{a} & -1 \\ 1 & \frac{a+1}{a} & -1 \\ 0 & \frac{a}{2+a} & \frac{a}{2+a} \end{pmatrix}$ .

In the case 2) of Proposition 8 we choose  $k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  in such a way that  $l := k^2c + k + b \neq 0$ . Then the element  $l(e_5 - 2e_8) \in \mathfrak{h}_{31,2}$  is conjugate to  $e_1 + b(e_5 - 2e_8) + 3l(e_2 - ke_6) + k(e_3 + c(e_5 - 2e_8)) + \frac{3k^2c+k+3b}{3l}(ke_4 - e_7) \in$

$$\mathfrak{m}_{b,c,d} \text{ under } g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{3k^2c+k+3b}{3kl} & 1 \\ k & 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{k}{3l} & \frac{1}{3l} & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In the case 3) of Proposition 8 we take  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $n := k^2b - 2k + c \neq 0$ . Then the element  $n(e_5 - \frac{1}{2}e_8) \in \mathfrak{h}_{31,3}$  is conjugate to

$$-ke_1 + k^2(e_2 + b(e_5 - \frac{1}{2}e_8)) + \frac{3k^2b-2k+3c}{2}(e_3 - ke_6) + e_4 + c(e_5 - \frac{1}{2}e_8) + e_7 \in$$

$$\mathfrak{m}_{b,c,d} \text{ under } g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{2}{3n} & \frac{-3k^2b+2b-3c}{3n} \\ 1 & 1 & -k \\ 1 & 0 & k \end{pmatrix}.$$

In the case 4) of Proposition 8 we take  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $m := k^2b + k + c \neq 0$ . Then the element  $m(e_5 + e_8) \in \mathfrak{h}_{31,4}$  is conjugate to

$$(3c + 3k^2b + k)(ke_2 - e_1) + e_4 - ke_3 + e_7 + c(e_5 + e_8) + k^2(e_6 + b(e_5 + e_8)) \in$$

$$\mathfrak{m}_{b,c,d} \text{ under } g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -k \\ -\frac{1}{3m} & 0 & \frac{-3c-k-3k^2b}{3m} \\ 0 & 1 & k \end{pmatrix}. \text{ These facts contradict Lemma}$$

3.

In the remaining case one has  $[\mathfrak{m}_6, \mathfrak{m}_6] = \mathfrak{h}_6$  and the loop  $L$  with  $T_eL = \mathfrak{m}_6$  is a Bruck loop. The assertion follows now from the proof of the Theorem 13 in [5], p. 12.  $\square$

Since the exponential image of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{su}_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$  is much more complicated than the exponential image of  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_3(\mathbb{R})$  we treat the almost differentiable left A-loops having  $PSU_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$  as the group topologically generated by the left translations under the assumption that their dimension is at most 5.

**Proposition 15.** *Let  $G$  be locally isomorphic to  $PSU_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$ . Every at most 5-dimensional connected almost differentiable left A-loop having  $G$  as the group topologically generated by the left translations is isomorphic to the complex hyperbolic plane loop  $L_0$  having the group  $Spin_3 \times SO_2(\mathbb{R}) / \langle (-1, -1) \rangle$  as the stabilizer of  $e \in L_0$ .*

*Proof.* Since the tangent space  $T_eL$  for an almost differentiable left A-loop  $L$  is reductive we have to deal only with the pairs  $(\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{m})$  described in the Propositions 9, 10. The complex hyperbolic plane loop  $L_0$  is realized on the exponential image of the subspace  $\mathfrak{m}_1$  (cf. [5], p. 8). The Lie group corresponding to  $\mathfrak{h}_4$  cannot be the stabilizer of a 4-dimensional topological loop  $L$  (see Lemma 2). According to 1.2 the element  $e_2 \in \mathfrak{h}_6$  is conjugate to  $e_1 \in \mathfrak{m}_6$ , which is a contradiction to Lemma 3. Two loxodromic elements of  $\mathfrak{su}_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$  are conjugate in  $SU_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$  if and only if they have the same

eigenvalues (cf. Prop. 3.2.3 (d) in [3], p. 65) and therefore they are conjugate in  $SL_3(\mathbb{C})$ . Since the elements  $e_7 \in \mathfrak{h}_7$  and  $e_4 \in \mathfrak{m}_7$  are loxodromic and  $Ad_g(e_7) = e_4$  with  $g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{2} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in SL_3(\mathbb{C})$  we have also a contradiction to Lemma 3.  $\square$

At the end of this section we show that several reductive spaces  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{m})$ , where  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{su}_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$  and  $\dim \mathfrak{h} \leq 2$  can not correspond to an almost differentiable left A-loop.

**Proposition 16.** *There is no almost differentiable left A-loop corresponding to one of the following triples:  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}_{12}, \mathfrak{m}_{12})$  in Proposition 11 and  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{m}_a)$  in the case 6) as well as  $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{m}_b)$  in the case 7) of Proposition 12.*

*Proof.* Since the elements  $e_1 \in \mathfrak{h}_{12}$  and  $e_2 \in \mathfrak{m}_{12}$  are elliptic in a subalgebra isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  (see 1.2) they are conjugate under  $Ad PSU_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$ . Since the element  $e_8 \in \mathfrak{h}$  in the case 6 as well as  $e_6 + e_7 + ce_8 \in \mathfrak{h}$ ,  $c \neq 0$ , in the case 7 of Proposition 12 is hyperbolic in a subalgebra isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  (see 1.1), we have that  $e_8$  and  $e_7 \in \mathfrak{m}_a$  respectively  $e_6 + e_7 + ce_8$  and  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2+2c^2}}(e_7 - \frac{1}{c}e_8) \in \mathfrak{m}_b$  are conjugate under  $Ad PSU_3(\mathbb{C}, 1)$ . This contradicts Lemma 3.  $\square$

## 5 Reductive loops corresponding to semi-simple Lie groups of dimension 6

Let  $G = G_1 \times G_2$  be the group topologically generated by the left translations of a connected almost differentiable left A-loop  $L$ , such that  $G_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , is a 3-dimensional quasi-simple Lie group. In contrast to the non-existence of 3-dimensional almost differentiable left A-loops belonging to  $G$  (cf. Propositions 5 and 8 in [6]) we will show that there are such loops  $L$  with  $G = G_1 \times G_2$  as the group topologically generated by the left translations if  $\dim L \geq 4$ .

The following fact is well known from linear algebra:

**Lemma 17.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{g}_2$ , where  $\mathfrak{g}_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are simple Lie algebras of dimension 3. For any subspace  $\mathfrak{m}$  with dimension 4 respectively 5 the intersections  $\mathfrak{m} \cap \mathfrak{g}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{m} \cap \mathfrak{g}_2$  have dimension at least 1 respectively at least 2.*

The fact that the coset space  $G/H$  is parallelizable is reflected in the following lemma.



**Lemma 18.** *Let  $G$  be isomorphic to the Lie group  $G_1 \times G_2$ , such that  $G_2 \cong SO_3(\mathbb{R})$  and for the subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  one has  $H = H_1 \times H_2$  with  $1 \neq H_2 \leq G_2$ . Then  $G$  cannot be the group topologically generated by the left translations of a topological loop.*

For the proof see Lemma 2 in [5], p. 5.

First let  $G$  be locally isomorphic to  $SO_3(\mathbb{R}) \times SO_3(\mathbb{R})$ . Since the at most 2-dimensional connected subgroups of  $G$  are tori and  $\dim L \geq 4$  Lemma 2 gives

**Proposition 19.** *There is no left  $A$ -loop as differentiable section in a group locally isomorphic to  $SO_3(\mathbb{R}) \times SO_3(\mathbb{R})$ .*

Now let  $G$  be locally isomorphic to  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R}) \times G_2$ , where  $G_2$  is either the group  $SO_3(\mathbb{R})$  or  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Using the real basis of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  respectively of  $\mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$  introduced in **1.1** respectively in **1.2** we can choose  $(e_1, 0)$ ,  $(e_2, 0)$ ,  $(e_3, 0)$ ,  $(0, \varepsilon e_1)$ ,  $(0, \varepsilon e_2)$ ,  $(0, e_3)$  as a real basis of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{g}_2$ , where  $\varepsilon = i$  with  $i^2 = -1$  for  $\mathfrak{g}_2 = \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\varepsilon = 1$  for  $\mathfrak{g}_2 = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

Denote by  $H$  a subgroup of  $G$ . First we assume that  $H$  is decomposable into a direct product. If  $H$  has dimension 2 then with Lemma 18 we obtain that  $H$  is (up to interchanging the components) either  $\mathcal{L}_2 \times \{1\}$  or  $K_1 \times K_2$ , where  $K_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are 1-dimensional subgroups of  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Now according to **1.1** the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $H$  has one of the following forms:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_1 &= \langle (e_3, 0), (0, e_3) \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_2 &= \langle (e_3, 0), (0, e_2 + e_3) \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_3 &= \langle (e_3, 0), (0, e_1) \rangle, \\ \mathfrak{h}_4 &= \langle (e_1, 0), (0, e_1) \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_5 &= \langle (e_1, 0), (0, e_2 + e_3) \rangle, \\ \mathfrak{h}_6 &= \langle (e_2 + e_3, 0), (0, e_2 + e_3) \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_7 &= \langle (e_1, 0), (e_2 + e_3, 0) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{h}_1$  till  $\mathfrak{h}_7$  are subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  but  $\mathfrak{h}_7$  is also a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$ .

If  $\dim H = 1$  then  $H$  has the shape  $K_1 \times \{1\}$  with a 1-dimensional subgroup  $K_1$  of  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . Then according to **1.1** the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $H$  has (up to interchanging the components) one of the following forms:

$$\mathfrak{h}_8 = \langle (e_3, 0) \rangle, \quad \mathfrak{h}_9 = \langle (e_1, 0) \rangle, \quad \mathfrak{h}_{10} = \langle (e_2 + e_3, 0) \rangle.$$

These algebras are subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  as well as  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$ .

Now we suppose that  $H$  is not a direct product of two subgroups. In the case  $\dim H = 2$  one has  $H = \{(x, \varphi(x)) \mid x \in \mathcal{L}_2\}$ , where  $\varphi \neq 1$  is a homomorphism of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  into  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . If  $\varphi$  is injective then the Lie algebra of  $H$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  and has the shape

$$\mathfrak{h}_{11} = \langle (e_1, e_1), (e_2 + e_3, e_2 + e_3) \rangle.$$

If  $\varphi$  has 1-dimensional kernel then the Lie algebra of  $H$  is given by

$$\mathfrak{h}_{12} = \langle (e_1, k), (e_2 + e_3, 0) \rangle,$$

where  $k$  denotes either the element  $e_1$  or  $e_2 + e_3$  of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  or  $e_3$  of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \cap \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$  (see **1.1** and **1.2**).

In the case  $\dim H = 1$  one has  $H = \{(k_1, \varphi(k_1)) \mid k_1 \in K_1\}$ , where  $K_1$  is a 1-dimensional subgroup of  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\varphi \neq 1$  is a homomorphism of  $K_1$  into  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$  or  $SO_3(\mathbb{R})$ . Then the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $H$  has (up to interchanging the components) one of the following forms:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h}_{13} &= \langle (e_1, e_1) \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{14} &= \langle (e_1, e_2 + e_3) \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{15} &= \langle (e_2 + e_3, e_2 + e_3) \rangle, \\ \mathfrak{h}_{16} &= \langle (e_1, e_3) \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{17} &= \langle (e_2 + e_3, e_3) \rangle, & \mathfrak{h}_{18} &= \langle (e_3, e_3) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}_{13}$  till  $\mathfrak{h}_{18}$  are subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  but  $\mathfrak{h}_{16}, \mathfrak{h}_{17}, \mathfrak{h}_{18}$  are also subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Proposition 20.** *The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{g}_2$ , where  $\mathfrak{g}_2$  is a 3-dimensional simple Lie algebra, is reductive with an at most 2-dimensional subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  and a complementary subspace  $\mathfrak{m}$  generating  $\mathfrak{g}$  in exactly one of the following cases:*

- 1)  $\mathfrak{h}_8 = \langle (e_3, 0) \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_a = \langle (e_1, 0), (e_2, 0), (0, \varepsilon e_1), (0, \varepsilon e_2), (ae_3, e_3) \rangle$ ,
- 2)  $\mathfrak{h}_8 = \langle (e_3, 0) \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_b = \langle (e_1, 0), (e_2, 0), (0, \varepsilon e_1), (be_3, \varepsilon e_2), (0, e_3) \rangle$ ,
- 3)  $\mathfrak{h}_8 = \langle (e_3, 0) \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_c = \langle (e_1, 0), (e_2, 0), (ce_3, \varepsilon e_1), (0, \varepsilon e_2), (0, e_3) \rangle$ ,
- 4)  $\mathfrak{h}_9 = \langle (e_1, 0) \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_d = \langle (e_2, 0), (e_3, 0), (0, \varepsilon e_1), (0, \varepsilon e_2), (de_1, e_3) \rangle$ ,
- 5)  $\mathfrak{h}_9 = \langle (e_1, 0) \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_f = \langle (e_2, 0), (e_3, 0), (0, \varepsilon e_1), (fe_1, \varepsilon e_2), (0, e_3) \rangle$ ,
- 6)  $\mathfrak{h}_9 = \langle (e_1, 0) \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_g = \langle (e_2, 0), (e_3, 0), (ge_1, \varepsilon e_1), (0, \varepsilon e_2), (0, e_3) \rangle$ ,
- 7)  $\mathfrak{h}_{16} = \langle (e_1, e_3) \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_h = \langle (e_2, 0), (e_3, 0), (0, \varepsilon e_1), (0, \varepsilon e_2), (he_1, (1+h)e_3) \rangle$ ,
- 8)  $\mathfrak{h}_{17} = \langle (e_2 + e_3, e_3) \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_k = \langle (e_3, ke_3), (e_1, 0), (0, \varepsilon e_1), (0, \varepsilon e_2), (e_2 + e_3, 0) \rangle$ ,
- 9)  $\mathfrak{h}_{18} = \langle (e_3, e_3) \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_l = \langle (le_3, (1+l)e_3), (e_1, 0), (e_2, 0), (0, \varepsilon e_1), (0, \varepsilon e_2) \rangle$ ,
- 10)  $\mathfrak{h}_1 = \langle (e_3, 0), (0, e_3) \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_1 = \langle (e_1, 0), (e_2, 0), (0, e_1), (0, e_2) \rangle$ ,
- 11)  $\mathfrak{h}_3 = \langle (e_3, 0), (0, e_1) \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_3 = \langle (e_1, 0), (e_2, 0), (0, e_2), (0, e_3) \rangle$ ,
- 12)  $\mathfrak{h}_4 = \langle (e_1, 0), (0, e_1) \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_4 = \langle (e_2, 0), (e_3, 0), (0, e_2), (0, e_3) \rangle$ ,
- 13)  $\mathfrak{h}_{13} = \langle (e_1, e_1) \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_m = \langle (e_2, 0), (e_3, 0), (0, e_3), (0, e_2), (me_1, (1+m)e_1) \rangle$ ,
- 14)  $\mathfrak{h}_{14} = \langle (e_1, e_2 + e_3) \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{m}_n = \langle (e_2, 0), (e_3, 0), (0, e_1), (0, e_2 + e_3), (ne_1, e_2) \rangle$ ,

where  $a, b, c, d, f, g, h, k, l, m, n \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varepsilon = i$  for  $\mathfrak{g}_2 = \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$  whereas  $\varepsilon = 1$  for  $\mathfrak{g}_2 = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . The cases 1) till 10) occur for both simple 3-dimensional Lie algebras whereas the cases 10) till 14) occur only for  $\mathfrak{g}_2 = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

*Proof.* The basis elements of an arbitrary complement  $\mathfrak{m}_i$  to  $\mathfrak{h}_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 18$ , in  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \mathfrak{g}_2$ , where  $\mathfrak{g}_2$  is either  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  or  $\mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$ , are:  
In the case  $i = 1$

$$(e_1 + a_1e_3, a_2e_3), (e_2 + b_1e_3, b_2e_3), (c_1e_3, e_1 + c_2e_3), (d_1e_3, e_2 + d_2e_3),$$

in the case  $i = 2$

$$(e_1 + a_1e_3, a_2(e_2 + e_3)), (e_2 + b_1e_3, b_2(e_2 + e_3)), \\ (c_1e_3, e_1 + c_2(e_2 + e_3)), (d_1e_3, e_3 + d_2(e_2 + e_3)),$$

in the case  $i = 3$

$$(e_1 + a_1e_3, a_2e_1), (e_2 + b_1e_3, b_2e_1), (c_1e_3, e_2 + c_2e_1), (d_1e_3, e_3 + d_2e_1),$$

in the case  $i = 4$

$$(e_2 + a_1e_1, a_2e_1), (e_3 + b_1e_1, b_2e_1), (c_1e_1, e_2 + c_2e_1), (d_1e_1, e_3 + d_2e_1),$$

in the case  $i = 5$

$$(e_2 + a_1e_1, a_2(e_2 + e_3)), (e_3 + b_1e_1, b_2(e_2 + e_3)), \\ (c_1e_1, e_1 + c_2(e_2 + e_3)), (d_1e_1, e_3 + d_2(e_2 + e_3)),$$

in the case  $i = 6$

$$(e_1 + a_1(e_2 + e_3), a_2(e_2 + e_3)), (e_3 + b_1(e_2 + e_3), b_2(e_2 + e_3)), \\ (c_1(e_2 + e_3), e_1 + c_2(e_2 + e_3)), (d_1(e_2 + e_3), e_3 + d_2(e_2 + e_3)),$$

in the case  $i = 7$

$$(e_3 + a_1e_1 + a_2(e_2 + e_3), 0), (b_1e_1 + b_2(e_2 + e_3), \varepsilon e_1), \\ (c_1e_1 + c_2(e_2 + e_3), \varepsilon e_2), (d_1e_1 + d_2(e_2 + e_3), e_3),$$

in the case  $i = 8$

$$(e_1 + a_1e_3, 0), (e_2 + a_2e_3, 0), (a_3e_3, \varepsilon e_1), (a_4e_3, \varepsilon e_2), (a_5e_3, e_3),$$

in the case  $i = 9$

$$(e_2 + a_1e_1, 0), (e_3 + a_2e_1, 0), (a_3e_1, \varepsilon e_1), (a_4e_1, \varepsilon e_2), (a_5e_1, e_3),$$

in the case  $i = 10$

$$(e_2 + a_1(e_2 + e_3), 0), (e_1 + a_2(e_2 + e_3), 0), (a_3(e_2 + e_3), \varepsilon e_1), \\ (a_4(e_2 + e_3), \varepsilon e_2), (a_5(e_2 + e_3), e_3),$$

in the case  $i = 11$

$$(e_3 + a_1e_1 + a_2(e_2 + e_3), a_1e_1 + a_2(e_2 + e_3)), \\ (b_1e_1 + b_2(e_2 + e_3), e_1 + b_1e_1 + b_2(e_2 + e_3)), \\ (c_1e_1 + c_2(e_2 + e_3), e_2 + c_1e_1 + c_2(e_2 + e_3)), \\ (d_1e_1 + d_2(e_2 + e_3), e_3 + d_1e_1 + d_2(e_2 + e_3)),$$

in the case  $i = 12$

$$(e_3 + a_1e_1 + a_2(e_2 + e_3), a_1k), (b_1e_1 + b_2(e_2 + e_3), \varepsilon e_1 + b_1k),$$

$$(c_1e_1 + c_2(e_2 + e_3), \varepsilon e_2 + c_1k), (d_1e_1 + d_2(e_2 + e_3), e_3 + d_1k),$$

in the case  $i = 13$

$$(e_2 + a_1e_1, a_1e_1), (e_3 + a_2e_1, a_2e_1), (a_3e_1, e_1 + a_3e_1),$$

$$(a_4e_1, e_2 + a_4e_1), (a_5e_1, e_3 + a_5e_1),$$

in the case  $i = 14$

$$(e_2 + a_1e_1, a_1(e_2 + e_3)), (e_3 + a_2e_1, a_2(e_2 + e_3)), (a_3e_1, e_1 + a_3(e_2 + e_3)),$$

$$(a_4e_1, e_2 + a_4(e_2 + e_3)), (a_5e_1, e_3 + a_5(e_2 + e_3)),$$

in the case  $i = 15$

$$(e_2 + a_1(e_2 + e_3), a_1(e_2 + e_3)), (e_1 + a_2(e_2 + e_3), a_2(e_2 + e_3)),$$

$$(a_3(e_2 + e_3), e_1 + a_3(e_2 + e_3)), (a_4(e_2 + e_3), e_2 + a_4(e_2 + e_3)),$$

$$(a_5(e_2 + e_3), e_3 + a_5(e_2 + e_3)),$$

in the case  $i = 16$

$$(e_2 + a_1e_1, a_1e_3), (e_3 + a_2e_1, a_2e_3), (a_3e_1, \varepsilon e_1 + a_3e_3),$$

$$(a_4e_1, \varepsilon e_2 + a_4e_3), (a_5e_1, e_3 + a_5e_3),$$

in the case  $i = 17$

$$(e_2 + a_1(e_2 + e_3), a_1e_3), (e_1 + a_2(e_2 + e_3), a_2e_3), (a_3(e_2 + e_3), \varepsilon e_1 + a_3e_3),$$

$$(a_4(e_2 + e_3), \varepsilon e_2 + a_4e_3), (a_5(e_2 + e_3), e_3 + a_5e_3),$$

in the case  $i = 18$

$$(e_1 + a_1e_3, a_1e_3), (e_2 + a_2e_3, a_2e_3), (a_3e_3, \varepsilon e_1 + a_3e_3),$$

$$(a_4e_3, \varepsilon e_2 + a_4e_3), (a_5e_3, e_3 + a_5e_3),$$

where  $a_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 5, b_j, j = 1, 2, c_k, k = 1, 2, d_l, l = 1, 2,$  are real parameters,  $\varepsilon = i$  for  $\mathfrak{g}_2 = \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\varepsilon = 1$  for  $\mathfrak{g}_2 = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

Using the relation  $[\mathfrak{h}_i, \mathfrak{m}_i] \subseteq \mathfrak{m}_i, i = 1, \dots, 18,$  and Lemma 17 we obtain the assertion.  $\square$

**Proposition 21.** *Let  $G$  be locally isomorphic to  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R}) \times G_2,$  where  $G_2$  is either  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$  or  $SO_3(\mathbb{R}).$  If  $G$  is the group topologically generated by the left translations of a connected almost differentiable left  $A$ -loop  $L$  then  $L$  is either a Scheerer extension of  $G_2$  by  $\mathbb{H}_2$  or the direct product  $\mathbb{H}_2 \times \mathbb{H}_2,$  where  $\mathbb{H}_2$  denotes the hyperbolic plane loop. In the second case  $G$  is isomorphic to  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R}) \times PSL_2(\mathbb{R}).$*

*Proof.* Since we assume that  $\dim L \geq 4$  we have to consider only the pairs  $(\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{m})$  in Proposition 20. Now using **1.1** and **1.2** we obtain that the element  $(0, e_1) \in \mathfrak{h}_3 \cap \mathfrak{h}_4,$  the element  $(e_1, 0) \in \mathfrak{h}_9,$  the element  $(e_1, e_1) \in \mathfrak{h}_{13}$  respectively the element  $(e_1, e_2 + e_3) \in \mathfrak{h}_{14}$  is conjugate in this order to

$(0, e_2) \in \mathfrak{m}_3 \cap \mathfrak{m}_4$ , to  $(e_2, 0) \in \mathfrak{m}_d \cap \mathfrak{m}_f \cap \mathfrak{m}_g$ , to  $(e_2, e_2) \in \mathfrak{m}_m$  respectively to  $(e_2, e_2 + e_3) \in \mathfrak{m}_n$ . Hence there exists no global left A-loop  $L$  such that  $T_e L$  is a reductive complement listed in the cases 4), 5), 6), 11), 12), 13), 14) (see. Lemma 3).

Now we consider the reductive complements  $\mathfrak{m}_a, \mathfrak{m}_b, \mathfrak{m}_c$  in 1) till 3) of Proposition 20. First we assume that  $a \neq 0, b \neq 0, c \neq 0$ . The vectors  $v_{j,l} = (ke_3, \frac{k}{l}\varepsilon e_j)$ ,  $w_{j,l} = (\sqrt{k^2 - 4\pi^2}e_2 + ke_3, \frac{k}{l}\varepsilon e_j)$ , where  $k > 2\pi$  is an integer, are contained in the subspace  $\mathfrak{m}_a$  for  $j = 3, l = a$  and  $\varepsilon = 1$ , in the subspace  $\mathfrak{m}_b$  for  $j = 2, l = b$ , respectively in  $\mathfrak{m}_c$  for  $j = 1, l = c$ , where  $\varepsilon = 1$  for  $\mathfrak{g}_2 = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\varepsilon = i$  for  $\mathfrak{g}_2 = \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$ . According to 1.1 and 1.2 the images of  $v_{j,l}, w_{j,l}, j = 1, 2, 3$ , under the exponential map have the following representatives in  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R}) \times G_2$ :

$$m_1 = \exp v_{3,a} = \left( A, \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{k}{a} & \sin \frac{k}{a} \\ -\sin \frac{k}{a} & \cos \frac{k}{a} \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

$$m_2 = \exp w_{3,a} = \left( I, \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{k}{a} & \sin \frac{k}{a} \\ -\sin \frac{k}{a} & \cos \frac{k}{a} \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

$$m_3 = \exp v_{2,b} = \left( A, \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \left( \frac{k}{b} \varepsilon \right) & \sinh \left( \frac{k}{b} \varepsilon \right) \\ -\sinh \left( \frac{k}{b} \varepsilon \right) & \cosh \left( \frac{k}{b} \varepsilon \right) \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

$$m_4 = \exp w_{2,b} = \left( \pm I, \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \left( \frac{k}{b} \varepsilon \right) & \sinh \left( \frac{k}{b} \varepsilon \right) \\ -\sinh \left( \frac{k}{b} \varepsilon \right) & \cosh \left( \frac{k}{b} \varepsilon \right) \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

$$m_5 = \exp v_{1,c} = \left( A, \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \left( \frac{k}{c} \varepsilon \right) + \sinh \left( \frac{k}{c} \varepsilon \right) & 0 \\ 0 & \cosh \left( \frac{k}{c} \varepsilon \right) - \sinh \left( \frac{k}{c} \varepsilon \right) \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

$$m_6 = \exp w_{1,c} = \left( I, \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \left( \frac{k}{c} \varepsilon \right) + \sinh \left( \frac{k}{c} \varepsilon \right) & 0 \\ 0 & \cosh \left( \frac{k}{c} \varepsilon \right) - \sinh \left( \frac{k}{c} \varepsilon \right) \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos k & \sin k \\ -\sin k & \cos k \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\varepsilon = i$  for  $\mathfrak{g}_2 = \mathfrak{so}_3(\mathbb{R})$ , whereas  $\varepsilon = 1$  for  $\mathfrak{g}_2 = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$ . For the representatives

$$g_1 = \left( I, \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{k}{a} & \sin \frac{k}{a} \\ -\sin \frac{k}{a} & \cos \frac{k}{a} \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

$$g_2 = \left( I, \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \left( \frac{k}{b} \varepsilon \right) & \sinh \left( \frac{k}{b} \varepsilon \right) \\ -\sinh \left( \frac{k}{b} \varepsilon \right) & \cosh \left( \frac{k}{b} \varepsilon \right) \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

$$g_3 = \left( I, \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \left( \frac{k}{c} \varepsilon \right) + \sinh \left( \frac{k}{c} \varepsilon \right) & 0 \\ 0 & \cosh \left( \frac{k}{c} \varepsilon \right) - \sinh \left( \frac{k}{c} \varepsilon \right) \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

we have  $g_1 = m_1 \cdot h_1 = m_2, g_2 = m_3 \cdot h_1 = m_4, g_3 = m_5 \cdot h_1 = m_6$  such that  $h_1 = (A^{-1}, I)$ . These facts again contradict Lemma 3.

For  $a = 0, b = 0, c = 0$  the complements  $\mathfrak{m}_a, \mathfrak{m}_b, \mathfrak{m}_c$  in 1) till 3) of Proposition 20 reduce to  $\mathfrak{m}_0 = \langle (e_1, 0), (e_2, 0), (0, \varepsilon e_1), (0, \varepsilon e_2), (0, e_3) \rangle$ . The

exponential image  $\exp \mathbf{m}_0$  is the direct product  $M \times G_2$ , such that  $M$  is the image of the section corresponding to the hyperbolic plane loop  $\mathbb{H}_2$  (cf. [18], pp. 283-284) and  $G_2$  is the group  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$  respectively  $SO_3(\mathbb{R})$  according whether  $\varepsilon = 1$  or  $\varepsilon = i$ . Since  $H$  has the shape  $H_1 \times \{1\}$ , where  $H_1 \cong SO_2(\mathbb{R}) \leq PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$  the global loop  $L_0$  realized on  $\exp \mathbf{m}_0$  is the direct product of  $\mathbb{H}_2$  and  $G_2$ .

Now we treat the complements  $\mathbf{m}_h, \mathbf{m}_k, \mathbf{m}_l, h, k, l \in \mathbb{R}$  of the cases 7) till 9) in Proposition 20. The reductive complement  $\mathbf{m}_a, a \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{m}_b, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , respectively  $\mathbf{m}_c, c \in \mathbb{R}$  of Lemma 12 in [6], p. 404, is in this order a subspace of  $\mathbf{m}_h, \mathbf{m}_k$ , respectively  $\mathbf{m}_l$ . Moreover, the subalgebra  $\mathbf{h}_{16}$  in the case 7) coincides with the subalgebra  $\mathbf{h}$  in case 1) of Lemma 12 in [6], the subalgebra  $\mathbf{h}_{17}$  in the case 8) is equal with the subalgebra  $\mathbf{h}$  in case 2) of Lemma 12 in [6], and the subalgebra  $\mathbf{h}_{18}$  in the case 9) coincides with the subalgebra  $\mathbf{h}$  in case 3) of Lemma 12 in [6], p. 404. Hence the same computations as in the proof of Proposition 13 in [6], pp. 404-406, show that for  $h \neq -1$  the complement  $\mathbf{m}_h$ , for  $k \neq 0$  the complement  $\mathbf{m}_k$  and for  $l \notin \{0, -1\}$  the complement  $\mathbf{m}_l$  cannot be the tangent space of a global almost differentiable left A-loop.

It remains to consider the complements  $\mathbf{m}_{h=-1}, \mathbf{m}_{k=0}, \mathbf{m}_{l=0}$  and  $\mathbf{m}_{l=-1}$ . First let  $\varepsilon = i$ . Then the element  $(e_1, e_3) \in \mathbf{h}_{16}$  is conjugate to  $(e_2, ie_1) \in \mathbf{m}_{h=-1}$ , the element  $(e_2 + e_3, e_3) \in \mathbf{h}_{17}$  is conjugate to  $(e_2 + e_3, ie_1) \in \mathbf{m}_{k=0}$  and the element  $(e_3, e_3) \in \mathbf{h}_{18}$  is conjugate to  $(e_3, ie_1) \in \mathbf{m}_{l=-1}$  (see **1.2**), which are contradictions to Lemma 3. Since the exponential image of the Lie algebra  $\mathbf{h}_{18}$  has the shape  $H_n = \{(x, x^n) \mid x \in SO_2(\mathbb{R}), n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}\}$  the exponential image  $M \times SO_3(\mathbb{R})$  of the complement  $\mathbf{m}_{l=0}$ , where  $M$  is the image of the section belonging to the hyperbolic plane loop  $\mathbb{H}_2$  (cf. [18], pp. 283-284), yields Scheerer extensions of  $SO_3(\mathbb{R})$  by  $\mathbb{H}_2$  (cf. [18], Section 2).

Finally let  $\varepsilon = 1$ . The complements  $\mathbf{m}_{h=-1}, \mathbf{m}_{k=0}, \mathbf{m}_{l=-1}$  and  $\mathbf{m}_{l=0}$  are (up to interchanging the components) equal to the vector space

$$\mathbf{m}' = \langle (e_1, 0), (e_2, 0), (e_3, 0), (0, e_1), (0, e_2) \rangle$$

and its exponential image  $\exp \mathbf{m}'$  is the direct product  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R}) \times M$ , where  $M$  is the image of the section corresponding to  $\mathbb{H}_2$ . The group  $H = \{(\varphi(x), x) \mid x \in SO_2(\mathbb{R})\}$  coincides with the group  $H_{16}$  belonging to  $\mathbf{h}_{16}$  respectively with  $H_{17}$  of  $\mathbf{h}_{17}$  if  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism from  $SO_2(\mathbb{R})$  onto a hyperbolic respectively a parabolic 1-parameter subgroup of  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . The subgroup  $H_{18}$  of  $\mathbf{h}_{18}$  has the form:  $H'_n = \{(x^n, x) \mid x \in SO_2(\mathbb{R}), n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}\}$ . According to [18], Section 2, any loop  $L$  realized on the factor space  $G/H_n$ ,  $n = 16, 17, 18$ , and having  $\exp \mathbf{m}'$  as the image of its section is a Scheerer extension of the Lie group  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$  by  $\mathbb{H}_2$ .

All Scheerer extensions having  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R}) \times SO_3(\mathbb{R})$  or  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R}) \times PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$  as the group topologically generated by their left translations satisfy the Bol identity because of  $[[\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{m}], \mathbf{m}] \subset \mathbf{m}$  but they are not Bruck loops since

there is no involutory automorphism  $\sigma : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  such that  $\sigma(\mathfrak{m}) = -\mathfrak{m}$  and  $\sigma(\mathfrak{h}) = \mathfrak{h}$ .

In the remaining case 10) in Proposition 20 the subgroup  $H_1$  of  $\mathfrak{h}_1$  is the direct product  $SO_2(\mathbb{R}) \times SO_2(\mathbb{R})$  and the exponential image  $M_1$  of  $\mathfrak{m}_1$  is the direct product  $M \times M$ , where  $M$  is the image of the section belonging to  $\mathbb{H}_2$ . According to Proposition 1.19 in [18], p. 28, the loop  $L$  is the direct product  $\mathbb{H}_2 \times \mathbb{H}_2$ .  $\square$

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