

LEFT INVARIANT COMPLEX STRUCTURES ON $U(2)$ AND $SU(2) \times SU(2)$ REVISITED

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We compute the torsion-free linear maps $J : \mathfrak{su}(2) \rightarrow \mathfrak{su}(2)$, deduce a new description of the complex structures and their equivalence classes under the action of the automorphism group for $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ and $\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$, and prove that in both cases the set of complex structures is a differentiable manifold. The situations of $\mathfrak{u}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{u}(2)$, $\mathfrak{su}(2)^N$ and $\mathfrak{u}(2)^N$ are also considered. Extension of complex structures from $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ to $\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$ are studied, local holomorphic charts given, and attention is paid to what representations of $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ we can get from a substitute to the regular representation on a space of holomorphic functions for the complex structure.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The left invariant complex structures on the group $U(2)$ of unitary 2×2 matrices, i.e., complex structures on its Lie algebra $\mathfrak{u}(2)$, have been computed for the first time, up to equivalence, in [11] in the algebraic approach, that is by determining the complex Lie subalgebras \mathfrak{m} of the complexification $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ such that $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathfrak{m} \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{m}}$, bar denoting conjugation. More recently, and more generally, all left invariant maximal rank CR -structures on any finite dimensional compact Lie group have been classified up to equivalence in [2]. Independently, in the case of $SU(2) \times SU(2)$, the complex structures on $\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$ have been computed in [4] by direct approach and computations.

In the present paper, we first compute the torsion-free linear maps $J : \mathfrak{su}(2) \rightarrow \mathfrak{su}(2)$. They appear to be maximal rank CR -structures, of the $CR0$ -type in the classification of [2]. Then we show how to deduce, with the computer assisted methods of [6], a new description of the complex structures and their equivalence classes under the action of the automorphism group for the specific cases of $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ and $\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$, without resorting to the general results of [2]. Our method, which consists in growing dimensions starting with

torsion-free linear maps of $\mathfrak{su}(2)$, is new and very different from that of [4] in the case $\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$.

The cases $\mathfrak{u}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{u}(2)$, $\mathfrak{su}(2)^N$, $\mathfrak{u}(2)^N$ are considered as well. In these cases, the set of complex structures is a differentiable manifold, though we write down explicit proofs only in the cases of $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ and $\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$. We also examine the extension of complex structures from $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ to $\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$, compute local complex charts for the complex manifolds associated to the complex structures, and determine what representations of $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ we can get from a substitute to the regular representation on a space of holomorphic functions for the complex structure.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Let G_0 be a connected finite dimensional real Lie group, with Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} . An almost complex structure on \mathfrak{g} is a linear map $J : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ such that $J^2 = -1$. The almost complex structure J is said to be *integrable* if it satisfies the condition

$$(1) \quad [JX, JY] - [X, Y] - J[JX, Y] - J[X, JY] = 0, \quad \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}.$$

From the Newlander-Nirenberg theorem [10], condition (1) means that G_0 can be given the structure of a complex manifold with the same underlying real structure and such that the canonical complex structure on G_0 is the left invariant almost complex structure \hat{J} associated to J . (For more details, see [6], [7].) By a complex structure on \mathfrak{g} , we will mean an *integrable* almost complex structure on \mathfrak{g} , that is one satisfying (1).

Let J a complex structure on \mathfrak{g} and denote by $G = (G_0, J)$ the group G_0 endowed with the structure of complex manifold defined by \hat{J} . The complexification $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of \mathfrak{g} splits as $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathfrak{g}^{(1,0)} \oplus \mathfrak{g}^{(0,1)}$ where $\mathfrak{g}^{(1,0)} = \{\tilde{X} = X - iJX; X \in \mathfrak{g}\}$, $\mathfrak{g}^{(0,1)} = \{\tilde{X} = X + iJX; X \in \mathfrak{g}\}$. We will denote $\mathfrak{g}^{(1,0)}$ by \mathfrak{m} . The integrability of J amounts to \mathfrak{m} being a complex subalgebra of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$. In that way the set of complex structures on \mathfrak{g} can be identified with the set of all complex subalgebras \mathfrak{m} of $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$ such that $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}} = \mathfrak{m} \oplus \bar{\mathfrak{m}}$, bar denoting conjugation in $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$. In particular, J is said to be abelian if \mathfrak{m} is. That is the algebraic approach. Our approach is more elementary. We fix a basis of \mathfrak{g} , write down the torsion equations $ij|k$ ($1 \leq i, j, k \leq n$) obtained by projecting on x_k the equation $[Jx_i, Jx_j] - [x_i, x_j] - J[Jx_i, x_j] - J[x_i, Jx_j] = 0$, where $(x_j)_{1 \leq j \leq n}$ is the basis of \mathfrak{g} we use, and solve them in steps by specific programs with the computer algebra system *Reduce* by A. Hearn. These programs are downloadable in the electronic archive [3]. From now on, we will use the same notation J for J and \hat{J} as well. For any $x \in G_0$, the complexification $T_x(G_0)_{\mathbb{C}}$ of the tangent space also splits as the direct sum of the holomorphic vectors

$T_x(G_0)^{(1,0)} = \{\tilde{X}X - iJX; X \in T_x(G_0)\}$ and the antiholomorphic vectors $T_x(G_0)^{(0,1)} = \{\tilde{X}^-X + iJX; X \in T_x(G_0)\}$. For any open subset $V \subset G_0$, the space $H_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$ of complex valued holomorphic functions on V consists of all complex smooth functions f on V which are annihilated by any antiholomorphic vector field. This is equivalent to f being annihilated by all

$$\tilde{X}_j^- = X_j + iJX_j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$$

with $(X_j)_{1 \leq j \leq n}$ the left invariant vector fields associated to the basis $(x_j)_{1 \leq j \leq n}$ of \mathfrak{g} . Hence

$$H_{\mathbb{C}}(V) = \{f \in C^\infty(V); \tilde{X}_j^- f = 0, \forall j, 1 \leq j \leq n\}.$$

Finally, the automorphism group $\text{Aut } \mathfrak{g}$ of \mathfrak{g} acts on the set $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{g}}$ of all complex structures on \mathfrak{g} by $J \mapsto \Phi \circ J \circ \Phi^{-1} \forall \Phi \in \text{Aut } \mathfrak{g}$. Two complex structures J, J' on \mathfrak{g} are said to be *equivalent* if they are on the same $\text{Aut } \mathfrak{g}$ orbit. For simply connected G_0 , this amounts to requiring the existence of an $f \in \text{Aut } G_0$ such that $f : (G_0, J) \rightarrow (G_0, J')$ is biholomorphic.

3. $U(2)$

Consider the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ along with its basis $\{J_1, J_2, J_3\}$ defined by $J_1 = \frac{i}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $J_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $J_3 = \frac{i}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$. One has

$$(2) \quad [J_1, J_2] = J_3, \quad [J_2, J_3] = J_1, \quad [J_3, J_1] = J_2$$

and the corresponding one-parameter subgroups of $SU(2)$ are $e^{tJ_1} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{t}{2} & i \sin \frac{t}{2} \\ i \sin \frac{t}{2} & \cos \frac{t}{2} \end{pmatrix}$, $e^{tJ_2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{t}{2} & -\sin \frac{t}{2} \\ \sin \frac{t}{2} & \cos \frac{t}{2} \end{pmatrix}$, $e^{tJ_3} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\frac{t}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\frac{t}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$. By means of the basis $\{J_1, J_2, J_3\}$, $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ can be identified to the euclidean vector space \mathbb{R}^3 the bracket being then identified to the vector product \wedge . Then $\text{Aut } \mathfrak{su}(2)$ consists of the matrices $A = \text{Mat}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b})$ with \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} any two orthogonal normed vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 , i.e., $\text{Aut } \mathfrak{su}(2) \cong SO(3)$. Now, $\mathfrak{u}(2) = \mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{c}$ where $\mathfrak{c} = \mathbb{R}J_4$ is the center of $\mathfrak{u}(2)$, $J_4 = \frac{i}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. We use the basis (J_1, J_2, J_3, J_4) for $\mathfrak{u}(2)$. \mathbb{R}^* stands for $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$.

LEMMA 1. $\text{Aut } \mathfrak{u}(2) \cong SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^*$.

Proof. As the center is invariant, any $\Phi \in \text{Aut } \mathfrak{u}(2)$ is of the form

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 0 \\ & A & & 0 \\ & & & 0 \\ b_1^4 & b_2^4 & b_3^4 & b_4^4 \end{pmatrix}$$

with $A \in \text{Aut } \mathfrak{su}(2) \cong SO(3)$ and $b_4^4 \in \mathbb{R}^*$. Necessarily, $b_1^4 = b_2^4 = b_3^4 = 0$, since $\Phi(J_k) \in [\mathfrak{u}(2), \mathfrak{u}(2)] = \mathfrak{su}(2)$, $1 \leq k \leq 3$. \square

LEMMA 2. Let $J : \mathfrak{su}(2) \rightarrow \mathfrak{su}(2)$ linear. J has zero torsion, i.e., satisfies (1), if and only if there exists $R \in SO(3)$ such that

$$(3) \quad R^{-1}JR \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proof. Let $J = (\xi_j^i)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 3}$ in the basis (J_1, J_2, J_3) . The 9 torsion equations are

$$\begin{aligned} 12|1 & \quad \xi_3^1(\xi_2^2 + \xi_1^1) + \xi_1^3(\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^1) - \xi_2^3(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^1) = 0, \\ 12|2 & \quad \xi_3^2(\xi_2^2 + \xi_1^1) - \xi_2^3(\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^1) - \xi_1^3(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^1) = 0, \\ 12|3 & \quad \xi_2^1\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2\xi_1^1 - (\xi_1^3)^2 - (\xi_2^3)^2 + \xi_3^3(\xi_2^2 + \xi_1^1) + 1 = 0, \\ 13|1 & \quad \xi_1^1(\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^1) + \xi_3^2(\xi_3^1 + \xi_1^3) - \xi_3^3(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^1) = 0, \\ 13|2 & \quad \xi_3^1\xi_1^3 + \xi_2^2\xi_1^1 - (\xi_1^2)^2 - (\xi_3^2)^2 + \xi_3^3(\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^1) + 1 = 0, \\ 13|3 & \quad -\xi_1^1(\xi_2^2 + \xi_3^2) + \xi_1^2(\xi_3^1 + \xi_1^3) + \xi_3^3(\xi_3^2 - \xi_2^2) = 0, \\ 23|1 & \quad \xi_2^3\xi_3^2 + \xi_2^2\xi_1^1 - (\xi_3^1)^2 - (\xi_2^1)^2 - \xi_3^3(\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^1) + 1 = 0, \\ 23|2 & \quad \xi_2^2(\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^1) - \xi_3^1(\xi_3^2 + \xi_2^3) + \xi_3^3(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^1) = 0, \\ 23|3 & \quad \xi_2^2(\xi_1^3 + \xi_3^1) - \xi_2^1(\xi_3^2 + \xi_3^3) + \xi_3^3(\xi_3^1 - \xi_3^1) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Again, we identify $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ to \mathbb{R}^3 with the vector product by means of the basis (J_1, J_2, J_3) . J has at least one real eigenvalue λ . Let $\mathbf{f}_3 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ some normed eigenvector associated to λ . Then there exist normed vectors $\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{f}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such that $(\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{f}_2, \mathbf{f}_3)$ is a direct orthonormal basis of \mathbb{R}^3 . Hence there exists $R \in SO(3)$ such that

$$R^{-1}JR = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & 0 \\ * & * & 0 \\ * & * & \lambda \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence we may suppose $\xi_3^1 = \xi_3^2 = 0$ in J . Now, the torsion equations 12|1 and 12|2 read respectively $\xi_1^3(\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^1) = \xi_2^3(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^1)$, $\xi_1^3(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^1) = \xi_2^3(\xi_1^1 - \xi_2^2)$ and imply the two equations $(\xi_1^3)^2(\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^1) = -(\xi_2^3)^2(\xi_2^2 - \xi_1^1)$, $(\xi_2^3)^2(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^1) = -(\xi_1^3)^2(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^1)$. Hence each one of the conditions $\xi_2^2 \neq \xi_1^1$ or $\xi_2^1 \neq -\xi_2^2$ implies $\xi_1^3 = \xi_2^3 = 0$. We now have two cases. Case 1: $\xi_1^3 = \xi_2^3 = 0$, Case 2: ξ_1^3, ξ_2^3 not both zero. In Case 2, one necessarily has $\xi_2^2 = \xi_1^1$ and $\xi_2^1 = -\xi_2^2$. Then equations 23|1 and 23|2 read $-(\xi_2^1)^2 + (\xi_1^1)^2 + 1 = 0$, $\xi_2^1\xi_1^1 = 0$ and give $\xi_1^1 = 0$, $\xi_2^1 = \pm 1$. Now equation 12|3 reads $(\xi_2^3)^2 + (\xi_1^3)^2 = 0$. Hence Case 2 doesn't occur, i.e., one may suppose $\xi_1^3 = \xi_2^3 = 0$. Then equations 13|1 and 23|2 read resp. $\xi_3^3(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^1) = \xi_1^1(\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^1)$, $\xi_3^3(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^1) = -\xi_2^2(\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^1)$, hence if $\xi_1^2 \neq \xi_2^1$, necessarily $\xi_2^2 = -\xi_1^1$. Now, $\xi_1^2 = \xi_2^1$ is impossible since it would imply either $\xi_3^3 = 0$ or $\xi_2^1 = 0$. In fact, first, if $\xi_2^1 = 0$, equations 12|3, 13|2 and 23|1 read resp. $\xi_3^3(\xi_2^2 + \xi_1^1) - \xi_2^2\xi_1^1 + 1 = 0$, $\xi_3^3(-\xi_2^2 + \xi_1^1) - \xi_2^2\xi_1^1 - 1 = 0$,

$\xi_3^3(-\xi_2^2 + \xi_1^1) + \xi_2^2\xi_1^1 + 1 = 0$, so that 12|3 + 13|2 gives $\xi_1^1(\xi_3^3 - \xi_2^2) = 0$ and 12|3 + 23|1 gives $\xi_1^1\xi_3^3 = -1$, hence $\xi_1^1 \neq 0$ and $\xi_3^3 = \xi_2^2$, which is impossible since then 12|3 reads $(\xi_2^2)^2 + 1 = 0$. Second, if $\xi_3^3 = 0$, 12|3, 13|2 read resp. $-\xi_2^2\xi_1^1 + (\xi_2^2)^2 + 1 = 0$, $-\xi_2^2\xi_1^1 + (\xi_2^2)^2 - 1 = 0$, which is contradictory. Hence we get as asserted $\xi_1^2 \neq \xi_1^1$ and $\xi_2^2 = -\xi_1^1$. Now, we prove that $\xi_1^1 = 0$ and $\xi_2^1 = \pm 1$. Since $\xi_2^2 = -\xi_1^1$, equations 12|3, 13|1, 13|2, 23|1 read respectively

$$\begin{aligned} 12|3 & \quad \xi_2^1\xi_1^2 + (\xi_1^1)^2 + 1 = 0, \\ 13|1 & \quad \xi_3^3(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^1) - \xi_1^1(\xi_1^2 - \xi_2^1) = 0, \\ 13|2 & \quad 2\xi_3^3\xi_1^1 + (\xi_1^2)^2 + (\xi_1^1)^2 - 1 = 0, \\ 23|1 & \quad 2\xi_3^3\xi_1^1 - (\xi_2^1)^2 - (\xi_1^1)^2 + 1 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From 12|3, $\xi_2^1 \neq 0$ and $\xi_1^2 = -\frac{1+(\xi_1^1)^2}{\xi_2^1}$. Then 13|1, 13|2, read respectively $Q = 0$, $R = 0$ with $Q = \xi_1^1((\xi_1^1)^2 + (\xi_2^1)^2 + 1) - \xi_3^3((\xi_1^1)^2 - (\xi_2^1)^2 + 1)$, $R = (\xi_2^1)^2(2\xi_3^3\xi_1^1 + (\xi_1^1)^2 - 1) + ((\xi_1^1)^2 + 1)^2$. Denote from 23|1, $S = 2\xi_3^3\xi_1^1 - (\xi_2^1)^2 - (\xi_1^1)^2 + 1$. Suppose $\xi_1^1 \neq 0$. Then $N = \frac{R-S}{\xi_1^1}2\xi_3^3((\xi_2^1)^2 - 1) + \xi_1^1((\xi_1^1)^2 + (\xi_2^1)^2 + 3) = 0$ would give, for $\xi_2^1 \neq \pm 1$, $\xi_3^3 = -\frac{\xi_1^1((\xi_1^1)^2 + (\xi_2^1)^2 + 3)}{2((\xi_2^1)^2 - 1)}$ and then $R - \frac{((\xi_2^1)^2 - 2\xi_2^1 + (\xi_1^1)^2 + 1)((\xi_2^1)^2 + 2\xi_2^1 + (\xi_1^1)^2 + 1)}{(\xi_2^1)^2 - 1}$ which is impossible since the polynomial $X^2 \pm 2X + (\xi_1^1)^2 + 1$ has no real root. Hence $\xi_2^1 = \pm 1$. Now, $S = 0$ gives $\xi_3^3 = \frac{\xi_1^1}{2}$ and then $R(\xi_1^1)^2((\xi_1^1)^2 + 4) \neq 0$. Hence $\xi_1^1 = 0$. Finally, that implies as asserted $\xi_2^1 = \pm 1$, since $R = -(\xi_2^1)^2 + 1$. We conclude that $\xi_1^1 = \xi_2^2 = 0$, $\xi_1^2 = -\xi_2^1$, $\xi_2^1 = \pm 1$. Changing if necessary Φ to $\Phi \text{diag}(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, -1)$, one may suppose $\xi_2^1 = 1$. \square

Remark 1. Recall that a rank r CR -structure on a real Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} is a r -dimensional subalgebra \mathfrak{m} of the complexification $\mathfrak{g}_{\mathbb{C}}$ of \mathfrak{g} such that $\mathfrak{m} \cap \bar{\mathfrak{m}} = \{0\}$. Then $\mathfrak{m} = \{X - iJ_{\mathfrak{p}}X; X \in \mathfrak{p}\}$ where \mathfrak{p} (the real part of \mathfrak{m}) is a vector subspace of \mathfrak{g} and $J_{\mathfrak{p}} : \mathfrak{p} \rightarrow \mathfrak{p}$ is a zero torsion linear map such that $J_{\mathfrak{p}}^2 = -\text{Id}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $[X, Y] - [J_{\mathfrak{p}}X, J_{\mathfrak{p}}Y] \in \mathfrak{p}$, $\forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{p}$. Alternatively, a CR -structure can be defined by such data $(\mathfrak{p}, J_{\mathfrak{p}})$. For even-dimensional \mathfrak{g} , CR -structures of maximal rank $r = \frac{1}{2} \dim \mathfrak{g}$ are just complex structures on \mathfrak{g} . CR -structures of maximal rank on a real compact Lie algebra have been classified in [2]. For odd-dimensional \mathfrak{g} , they fall essentially into two classes: $CR0$ and (strict) CRI . For even-dimensional \mathfrak{g} they are all $CR0$. From Lemma 2, any linear map $J : \mathfrak{su}(2) \rightarrow \mathfrak{su}(2)$ which has zero torsion is such that $\ker(J^2 + \text{Id}) \neq \{0\}$, and hence defines a maximal rank CR -structure on $\mathfrak{su}(2)$. It is of type $CR0$. Let us elaborate on that point. $\mathfrak{a}_0 = \mathbb{C}J_3$ is a Cartan subalgebra of $\mathfrak{su}(2)$. The complexification $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$ of $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ decomposes as $\mathfrak{sl}(2) = \mathbb{C}H_- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{C}H_+$ with $H_{\pm} = iJ_1 \mp J_2$, $H_3 = iJ_3$, $\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{C}H_3$. Any maximal rank CR -structure of $CR0$ -type (respectively (strict) CRI -type) is

equivalent to $\mathfrak{m} = \mathbb{C}H_+$ (respectively $\mathfrak{m} = \mathbb{C}(aJ_3 + H_+)$, $a \in \mathbb{R}^*$), and has real part $\mathfrak{p} = \mathbb{R}J_1 \oplus \mathbb{R}J_2$ (respectively $\mathfrak{p} = \mathbb{R}J_1 \oplus \mathbb{R}J'_2$, $J'_2 = J_2 - aJ_3$). The corresponding endomorphism $J_{\mathfrak{p}}$ of \mathfrak{p} has matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ in the basis (J_1, J_2) (respectively (J_1, J'_2)) and has zero torsion on \mathfrak{p} . Any extension of $J_{\mathfrak{p}}$ to $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ has matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \xi_3^1 \\ -1 & 0 & \xi_3^2 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 \end{pmatrix}$ in the basis (J_1, J_2, J_3) (respectively (J_1, J'_2, J_3)). In the *CRO* case, it has zero torsion on the whole of $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ if and only if $\xi_3^1 = \xi_3^2 = 0$, i.e., is of the form (3). In the *CRI* case, it never has zero torsion on the whole of $\mathfrak{su}(2)$.

LEMMA 3. Let $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{j=1}^N \mathfrak{g}^{(j)}$, where $\mathfrak{g}^{(j)}$ are real Lie algebras with bases $\mathcal{B}_j = (X_k^{(j)})_{1 \leq k \leq n_j}$, and let $\pi^{(j)} : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}^{(j)}$ be the projections. Let $J : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$ be a linear map, $\pi_j^i = \pi^{(i)} \circ J \circ \pi^{(j)}$, $\tilde{\pi}_j^i = \pi^{(i)} \circ J \circ \pi^{(j)}|_{\mathfrak{g}^{(j)}}$. If J has zero torsion, then the two following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) $\tilde{\pi}_i^i$ has zero torsion for any i ;
- (ii) $[\pi_j^i X, \pi_j^i Y] \pi_j^i [JX, Y] + \pi_j^i [X, JY], \forall X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}^{(j)}$ for any i, j such that $i \neq j$.

Proof. For any i, j let $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}$. Applying $\pi^{(i)}$ to the torsion equation (1) we get

$$(4) \quad [\pi^{(i)} JX, \pi^{(i)} JY] - [\pi^{(i)} X, \pi^{(i)} Y] - \pi^{(i)} J[JX, Y] - \pi^{(i)} J[X, JY] = 0.$$

Suppose first $i = j$ and $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}^{(i)}$. Then $[JX, Y][\pi^{(i)} JX, Y] = \pi^{(i)} [\pi^{(i)} J\pi^{(i)} X, Y]$, and $[X, JY][X, \pi^{(i)} JY] = \pi^{(i)} [X, \pi^{(i)} J\pi^{(i)} Y]$, and moreover $[\pi^{(i)} X, \pi^{(i)} Y] = [X, Y]$, hence (4) gives $[\pi^{(i)} JX, \pi^{(i)} JY] - [X, Y] - \pi^{(i)} J\pi^{(i)} [\pi^{(i)} J\pi^{(i)} X, Y] - \pi^{(i)} J\pi^{(i)} [X, \pi^{(i)} J\pi^{(i)} Y] = 0$, i.e.,

$$[\tilde{\pi}_i^i X, \tilde{\pi}_i^i Y] - [X, Y] - \tilde{\pi}_i^i [\tilde{\pi}_i^i X, Y] - \tilde{\pi}_i^i [X, \tilde{\pi}_i^i Y] = 0,$$

that is $\tilde{\pi}_i^i$ has no torsion. Suppose now $i \neq j$ and $X, Y \in \mathfrak{g}^{(j)}$. Then $[\pi^{(i)} X, \pi^{(i)} Y] = 0$ and (4) gives

$$[\pi^{(i)} JX, \pi^{(i)} JY] - \pi^{(i)} J\pi^{(j)} [JX, Y] - \pi^{(i)} J\pi^{(j)} [X, JY] = 0,$$

i.e.,

$$[\pi_j^i X, \pi_j^i Y] - \pi_j^i [JX, Y] - \pi_j^i [X, JY] = 0. \quad \square$$

THEOREM 1. (i) Let $J : \mathfrak{u}(2) \rightarrow \mathfrak{u}(2)$ linear. J has zero torsion, i.e., satisfies (1), if and only if there exists $\Phi \in SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}_+^*$ such that

$$\Phi^{-1} J \Phi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 & \xi_4^3 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^4 & \xi_4^4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \xi_3^3 & \xi_4^3 \\ \xi_3^4 & \xi_4^4 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R}).$$

(ii) Any $J \in \mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}$ is equivalent to a unique

$$(5) \quad J(\xi) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1 + \xi^2) & -\xi \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$. $J(\xi)$ and $J(\xi')$ ($\xi, \xi' \in \mathbb{R}$) are equivalent if and only if $\xi = \xi'$.

Proof. (i) From Lemma 3,

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} & & \xi_4^1 \\ & J_1 & \xi_4^2 \\ & & \xi_4^3 \\ \xi_1^4 & \xi_2^4 & \xi_3^4 & \xi_4^4 \end{pmatrix}$$

for some $J_1 : \mathfrak{su}(2) \rightarrow \mathfrak{su}(2)$ with zero torsion. From Lemma 2, there exists $R \in SO(3)$ such that $R^{-1}J_1R \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 \end{pmatrix}$, whence

$$\Phi^{-1}J\Phi \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \xi_4^1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \xi_4^2 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 & \xi_4^3 \\ \xi_1^4 & \xi_2^4 & \xi_3^4 & \xi_4^4 \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\Phi = \text{diag}(R, 1)$. Hence we may suppose $J_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 \end{pmatrix}$. Now the torsion equations 13|4, 23|4 14|3, 24|3 give the two Cramer systems $\xi_2^4\xi_3^3 + \xi_1^4 = 0$, $-\xi_2^4 + \xi_3^3\xi_1^4 = 0$; $\xi_4^2\xi_3^3 - \xi_4^1 = 0$, $\xi_4^2 + \xi_3^3\xi_4^1 = 0$. Hence $\xi_1^4 = \xi_2^4 = \xi_3^3 = \xi_4^2 = 0$. Then all torsion equations vanish, and (i) is proved ([3], torsionu2.red).

(ii) From (i), we may suppose

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 & \xi_4^3 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^4 & \xi_4^4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now $J \in \mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}$ if and only if $\begin{pmatrix} \xi_3^3 & \xi_4^3 \\ \xi_3^4 & \xi_4^4 \end{pmatrix}^2 = -I$, i.e.,

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 & \xi_4^3 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1+(\xi_3^3)^2}{\xi_4^3} & -\xi_3^3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \xi_4^3 \neq 0.$$

Now, for any $\Phi = \text{diag}(A, b) \in \text{Aut } \mathfrak{u}(2)$ ($A \in SO(3), b \neq 0$),

$$(6) \quad \Phi J \Phi^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} & & & b^{-1} A \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \xi_4^3 \end{pmatrix} \\ & A J_1 A^{-1} & & \\ b \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -\frac{1+(\xi_3^3)^2}{\xi_4^3} \end{pmatrix} A^{-1} & & & -\xi_3^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Taking $A = I, b = \xi_4^3$, we get

$$\Phi J \Phi^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1 + (\xi_3^3)^2) & -\xi_3^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence J is equivalent to $J(\xi)$ in (5) with $\xi = \xi_3^3$. The last assertion of the theorem results from (6). \square

Remark 2. In [11], the equivalence classes of left invariant complex structures on $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ are shown to be parametrized by the complex subalgebras \mathfrak{m}_d with basis $\{J_1 + iJ_2, 2iJ_3 + dJ_4\}$ with $d = -\frac{1+i\xi}{1+\xi^2}, \xi \in \mathbb{R}$. The complex structure defined by \mathfrak{m}_d has matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi & 2(1 + \xi^2) \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\xi \end{pmatrix} = \Phi J(\xi) \Phi^{-1},$$

with $\Phi = \text{diag}\left(1, 1, 1, \frac{1}{2(1+\xi^2)}\right) \in \text{Aut } \mathfrak{u}(2)$.

Remark 3. $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ has no abelian complex structures since, for $J(\xi), \mathfrak{m} = \mathbb{C}\tilde{J}_1 \oplus \mathbb{C}\tilde{J}_3$ is the solvable Lie algebra $[\tilde{J}_1, \tilde{J}_3] = i(1 - i\xi)\tilde{J}_1$.

COROLLARY 1. $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}$ consists of the matrices

$$(7) \quad \begin{pmatrix} (a_4^1)^2 c^2 \xi & (a_4^3 + a_4^2 a_4^1 c \xi) c & (a_4^3 a_4^1 c \xi - a_4^2) c & a_4^1 \\ -(a_4^3 - a_4^2 a_4^1 c \xi) c & (a_4^2)^2 c^2 \xi & (a_4^3 a_4^2 c \xi + a_4^1) c & a_4^2 \\ (a_4^3 a_4^1 c \xi + a_4^2) c & (a_4^3 a_4^2 c \xi - a_4^1) c & (a_4^3)^2 c^2 \xi & a_4^3 \\ -(\xi^2 + 1) c^2 a_4^1 & -(\xi^2 + 1) c^2 a_4^2 & -(\xi^2 + 1) c^2 a_4^3 & -\xi \end{pmatrix},$$

with the conditions

$$(8) \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_4^1 \\ a_4^2 \\ a_4^3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}, \quad c = \pm ((a_4^1)^2 + (a_4^2)^2 + (a_4^3)^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Proof. As is known, any $R \in SO(3)$ can be written

$$(9) \quad \begin{pmatrix} u^2 - v^2 - w^2 + s^2 & -2(uv + ws) & 2(-uw + sv) \\ 2(-sw + uv) & u^2 - v^2 + w^2 - s^2 & -2(su + vw) \\ 2(sv + uw) & 2(su - vw) & u^2 + v^2 - w^2 - s^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

for $q = (u, v, w, s) \in \mathbb{S}^3$ (R can be written in exactly 2 ways by means of q and $-q$). Hence any $\Phi \in \text{Aut } \mathfrak{u}(2)$ can be written

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} & & & 0 \\ & R & & 0 \\ & & & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$$

with R as in (9) and $c \in \mathbb{R}^*$. Then we get for $\Phi J(\xi)\Phi^{-1}$ the matrix (7) with

$$(10) \quad a_4^1 = \frac{2}{c}(sv - uw),$$

$$(11) \quad a_4^2 = -\frac{2}{c}(su + vw),$$

$$(12) \quad a_4^3 = \frac{1}{c}(2u^2 + 2v^2 - 1).$$

From $u^2 + v^2 + w^2 + s^2 = 1$, one gets $(a_4^1)^2 + (a_4^2)^2 + (a_4^3)^2 = \frac{1}{c^2}$. Conversely, for any matrix J of the form (7) with conditions (8) there exist $\Phi \in \text{Aut } \mathfrak{u}(2)$ and $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $J = \Phi J(\xi)\Phi^{-1}$. This amounts to the existence of $q = (u, v, w, s) \in \mathbb{S}^3$ such that equations (10), (11), (12) hold true, and follows from the fact that the map $\mathbb{S}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2 \ q \mapsto (ca_4^1, ca_4^2, ca_4^3)$ is the Hopf fibration. \square

COROLLARY 2. $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}$ is a closed 4-dimensional (smooth) submanifold of \mathbb{R}^{16} with two connected components, each of them diffeomorphic to $\mathbb{R} \times (\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\})$.

Proof. Denote $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}^+$ (respectively $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}^-$) the subset of those $J \in \mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}$ with $c > 0$ (respectively $c < 0$). As c is uniquely defined by the matrix $J = (a_j^i) \in \mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}$ by the formula

$$2c = \frac{a_4^3(a_2^1 - a_1^2) + a_4^2(-a_3^1 + a_1^3) + a_4^1(a_3^2 - a_2^3)}{(a_4^1)^2 + (a_4^2)^2 + (a_4^3)^2},$$

one has $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)} = \mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}^+ \cup \mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}^-$ with disjoint union. $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}^+$ (respectively $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}^-$) is a closed subset of \mathbb{R}^{16} . It hence suffices to prove that $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}^+$ is a regular submanifold, the case of $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}^-$ being analogous. Let $F : \mathbb{R} \times (\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}^+$ be the bijection defined by $F(\xi, (a_4^1, a_4^2, a_4^3)) = J$ where J is the matrix (7) with $c = ((a_4^1)^2 + (a_4^2)^2 + (a_4^3)^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$. We equip $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}^+$ with the differentiable

structure transferred from $\mathbb{R} \times (\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\})$. The injection i from $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}^+$ into the open subset $X \subset \mathbb{R}^{16}$ defined by $(a_4^1)^2 + (a_4^2)^2 + (a_4^3)^2 \neq 0$ is smooth. Now, there is a smooth retraction $r : X \mapsto \mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}^+$ defined by $r(A) = F(-a_4^4, (a_4^1, a_4^2, a_4^3))$ for $A = (a_j^i) \in X$. Hence i is an immersion and the topology of $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)}^+$ is the induced topology of \mathbb{R}^{16} . \square

4. $SU(2) \times SU(2)$

LEMMA 4. $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)) (SO(3) \times SO(3)) \cup \tau (SO(3) \times SO(3))$ where $\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is the switch between the two factors of $\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$.

Proof. Let $J_k^{(1)}$, $1 \leq k \leq 3$, (respectively $J_\ell^{(2)}$, $1 \leq \ell \leq 3$) be the basis for the first (respectively the second) factor $\mathfrak{su}(2)^{(1)}$ (respectively $\mathfrak{su}(2)^{(2)}$) of $\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$ with relations (2), and $\pi^{(1)}$ (respectively $\pi^{(2)}$) the corresponding projections. Let $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 & \Phi_2 \\ \Phi_3 & \Phi_4 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2))$, each Φ_j being a 3×3 matrix. $\Phi_1 = (\pi^{(1)} \circ \Phi)|_{\mathfrak{su}(2)^{(1)}}$ is an homomorphism of $\mathfrak{su}(2)^{(1)}$ into itself. Hence the three columns of Φ_1 are two-by-two orthogonal vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 and if one of them is zero, then the three of them are zero. In particular, if $\Phi_1 \neq 0$, then $\Phi_1 \in SO(3)$. With the same reasoning, the same property holds true for Φ_2, Φ_3, Φ_4 . Suppose first $\Phi_1 \neq 0$. For $k, \ell = 1, 2, 3$, $[\pi^{(1)}(\Phi(J_k^{(1)})), \pi^{(1)}(\Phi(J_\ell^{(2)}))] = \pi^{(1)}(\Phi([J_k^{(1)}, J_\ell^{(2)}])) = 0$. That implies that any column of Φ_1 is collinear with any column of Φ_2 , hence $\Phi_2 = 0$ since the columns of Φ_1 are linearly independent. Then $\det \Phi_4 \neq 0$, whence $\Phi_4 \in SO(3)$ and finally $\Phi_3 = 0$ by the above reasoning. Hence $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Phi_4 \end{pmatrix} \in SO(3) \times SO(3)$. Suppose now $\Phi_1 = 0$. Then $\det \Phi_2 \neq 0$, whence $\Phi_2 \in SO(3)$, and $\det \Phi_3 \neq 0$, whence $\Phi_3 \in SO(3)$. By the same argument as before, $\Phi_4 = 0$. Hence $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Phi_2 \\ \Phi_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tau \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_3 & 0 \\ 0 & \Phi_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \tau(SO(3) \times SO(3))$. \square

THEOREM 2. Let $J : \mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2) \rightarrow \mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$ linear. J has zero torsion, i.e., satisfies (1), if and only if there exists $\Phi \in SO(3) \times SO(3)$ such that

$$(13) \quad \Phi^{-1} J \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 & 0 & 0 & \xi_6^3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^6 & 0 & 0 & \xi_6^6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proof. From Lemmas 3 and 2, there exists $\Phi \in SO(3) \times SO(3)$ such that

$$(14) \quad \Phi^{-1} J \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \xi_4^1 & \xi_5^1 & \xi_6^1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & \xi_4^2 & \xi_5^2 & \xi_6^2 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 & \xi_4^3 & \xi_5^3 & \xi_6^3 \\ \xi_1^4 & \xi_2^4 & \xi_3^4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \xi_1^5 & \xi_2^5 & \xi_3^5 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ \xi_1^6 & \xi_2^6 & \xi_3^6 & 0 & 0 & \xi_6^6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence we may suppose J of the form (14). The matrix $(\xi_j^i)_{1 \leq i \leq 3, 4 \leq j \leq 6}$ (respectively $(\xi_j^i)_{4 \leq i \leq 6, 1 \leq j \leq 3}$) is the matrix of π_2^1 (respectively π_1^2) of Lemma 3. Consider the vectors $\mathbf{u} = \pi_2^1 J_1^{(2)}$, $\mathbf{v} = \pi_2^1 J_2^{(2)}$, $\mathbf{w} = \pi_2^1 J_3^{(2)}$. From Lemma 2 (ii) one has

$$\begin{aligned} & [\pi_2^1 J_1^{(2)}, \pi_2^1 J_2^{(2)}] \pi_2^1 [J J_1^{(2)}, J_2^{(2)}] + \pi_2^1 [J_1^{(2)}, J J_2^{(2)}] = \\ & = \pi_2^1 [-J_2^{(2)}, J_2^{(2)}] + \pi_2^1 [J_1^{(2)}, J_1^{(2)}] = 0, \\ & [\pi_2^1 J_2^{(2)}, \pi_2^1 J_3^{(2)}] \pi_2^1 [J J_2^{(2)}, J_3^{(2)}] + \pi_2^1 [J_2^{(2)}, J J_3^{(2)}] = \\ & = \pi_2^1 [J_1^{(2)}, J_3^{(2)}] + \pi_2^1 [J_2^{(2)}, \xi_6^6 J_3^{(2)}] = -\pi_2^1 J_2^{(2)} + \xi_6^6 \pi_2^1 J_1^{(2)}, \\ & [\pi_2^1 J_1^{(2)}, \pi_2^1 J_3^{(2)}] \pi_2^1 [J J_1^{(2)}, J_3^{(2)}] + \pi_2^1 [J_1^{(2)}, J J_3^{(2)}] = \\ & = \pi_2^1 [-J_2^{(2)}, J_3^{(2)}] + \pi_2^1 [J_1^{(2)}, \xi_6^6 J_3^{(2)}] = -\pi_2^1 J_1^{(2)} - \xi_6^6 \pi_2^1 J_2^{(2)}. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad \mathbf{v} \wedge \mathbf{w} = -\mathbf{v} + \xi_6^6 \mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{w} = -\mathbf{u} - \xi_6^6 \mathbf{v},$$

which implies $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} = 0$. With the same reasoning for π_1^2 , we get

$$(15) \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi_6^1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi_6^2 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 & 0 & 0 & \xi_6^3 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^5 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^6 & 0 & 0 & \xi_6^6 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now, the torsion equations 16|3, 26|3 36|4, 36|5 give the 2 Cramer systems $\xi_6^2 \xi_3^3 - \xi_6^1 = 0$, $\xi_6^2 + \xi_3^3 \xi_6^1 = 0$; $\xi_3^5 \xi_6^6 + \xi_3^4 = 0$, $-\xi_3^5 + \xi_6^6 \xi_3^4 = 0$. Hence $\xi_6^1 = \xi_6^2 = \xi_3^4 = \xi_3^5 = 0$. Then all torsion equations vanish, and the theorem is proved ([3]). \square

COROLLARY 3. Any $J \in \mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)}$ is equivalent under some member of $SO(3) \times SO(3)$ to

$$(16) \quad J(\xi, \eta) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi & 0 & 0 & \eta \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1+\xi^2}{\eta} & 0 & 0 & -\xi \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}$, $\eta \neq 0$. $J(\xi, \eta)$ and $J(\xi', \eta')$ are equivalent under some member of $SO(3) \times SO(3)$ (respectively $\tau(SO(3) \times SO(3))$) if and only if $\xi' = \xi$ and $\eta' = \eta$ (respectively $\xi' = -\xi$ and $\eta' = -\frac{1+\xi^2}{\eta}$).

Proof. J in (13) satisfies $J^2 = -I$ if and only if $\xi_3^3 \neq 0$ and $\xi_6^3 = -\frac{1+(\xi_3^3)^2}{\xi_6^3}$, $\xi_6^6 = -\xi_3^3$, leading to $J(\xi, \eta)$ in (16) with $\xi = \xi_3^3, \eta = \xi_6^3$.

Suppose $J(\xi', \eta')\Phi J(\xi, \eta)\Phi^{-1}$ with $\Phi \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Phi_2 \end{pmatrix} \in SO(3) \times SO(3)$. Then $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi' \end{pmatrix} \Phi_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi \end{pmatrix} \Phi_1^{-1}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\xi' \end{pmatrix} \Phi_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\xi \end{pmatrix} \Phi_2^{-1}$, which imply first $\xi' = \xi$ and second $\Phi_1 = \text{diag}(R_1, 1)$, $\Phi_2 = \text{diag}(R_2, 1)$ with $R_1, R_2 \in SO(2)$. Then $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \eta' \end{pmatrix} \Phi_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \eta \end{pmatrix} \Phi_1^{-1}$ implies $\eta' = \eta$.

Now, suppose $J(\xi', \eta') = \Psi J(\xi, \eta) \Psi^{-1}$ with $\Psi = \tau \Phi \in \tau(SO(3) \times SO(3))$, $\Phi \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Phi_2 \end{pmatrix} \in SO(3) \times SO(3)$. Then $\Phi J(\xi, \eta) \Phi^{-1} \tau J(\xi', \eta') \tau = J(-\xi', -\frac{1+\xi'^2}{\eta'})$. Hence $\xi = -\xi'$ and $\eta = -\frac{1+\xi'^2}{\eta'}$, i.e., $\eta' = -\frac{1+\xi^2}{\eta}$. \square

Remark 4. Lemma 1 in [4] states that a left invariant almost complex structure on $SU(2) \times SU(2)$ is integrable if and only if it has the form $AI_{a,c}A^{-1}$ with $A \in SO(3) \times SO(3)$, $a \in \mathbb{R}, c \in \mathbb{R}^*$, and

$$I_{a,c} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a}{c} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{a^2+c^2}{c} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{c} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{a}{c} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

One has $\Phi^{-1}I_{a,c}\Phi = J(\frac{a}{c}, -\frac{a^2+c^2}{c})$ with $\Phi = \text{diag}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) \in SO(3) \times SO(3)$.

Remark 5. $\mathfrak{su}(2) \times \mathfrak{su}(2)$ has no abelian complex structures since, for $J(\xi, \eta)$, $\mathfrak{m} = \mathbb{C}\tilde{J}_1^{(1)} \oplus \mathbb{C}\tilde{J}_3^{(1)} \oplus \mathbb{C}\tilde{J}_1^{(2)}$ is the solvable Lie algebra $[\tilde{J}_1^{(1)}, \tilde{J}_3^{(1)}] = i(1 - i\xi)\tilde{J}_1^{(1)}$, $[\tilde{J}_3^{(1)}, \tilde{J}_1^{(2)}] = \frac{1+\xi^2}{\eta}\tilde{J}_1^{(2)}$.

COROLLARY 4. $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)}$ consists of the matrices

$$(17) \quad \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1^2 \xi & -\lambda_1 \mu_1 \xi + \nu_1 & \lambda_1 \nu_1 \xi + \mu_1 & \eta \lambda_1 \lambda_2 & -\eta \lambda_1 \mu_2 & \eta \lambda_1 \nu_2 \\ -\lambda_1 \mu_1 \xi - \nu_1 & \mu_1^2 \xi & \lambda_1 - \mu_1 \nu_1 \xi & -\eta \mu_1 \lambda_2 & \eta \mu_1 \mu_2 & -\eta \mu_1 \nu_2 \\ \lambda_1 \nu_1 \xi - \mu_1 & -\lambda_1 - \mu_1 \nu_1 \xi & \nu_1^2 \xi & \eta \nu_1 \lambda_2 & -\eta \nu_1 \mu_2 & \eta \nu_1 \nu_2 \\ -\frac{\xi^2+1}{\eta} \lambda_1 \lambda_2 & \frac{\xi^2+1}{\eta} \mu_1 \lambda_2 & -\frac{\xi^2+1}{\eta} \nu_1 \lambda_2 & -\lambda_2^2 \xi & \lambda_2 \mu_2 \xi + \nu_2 & -\lambda_2 \nu_2 \xi + \mu_2 \\ \frac{\xi^2+1}{\eta} \lambda_1 \mu_2 & -\frac{\xi^2+1}{\eta} \mu_1 \mu_2 & \frac{\xi^2+1}{\eta} \nu_1 \mu_2 & \lambda_2 \mu_2 \xi - \nu_2 & -\mu_2^2 \xi & \lambda_2 + \mu_2 \nu_2 \xi \\ -\frac{\xi^2+1}{\eta} \lambda_1 \nu_2 & \frac{\xi^2+1}{\eta} \mu_1 \nu_2 & -\frac{\xi^2+1}{\eta} \nu_1 \nu_2 & -\lambda_2 \nu_2 \xi - \mu_2 & -\lambda_2 + \mu_2 \nu_2 \xi & -\nu_2^2 \xi \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$(18) \quad (\xi, \eta) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^*, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i \\ \mu_i \\ \nu_i \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{S}^2, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Proof. $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)}$ consists of the matrices $\Phi J(\xi, \eta) \Phi^{-1}$, $(\xi, \eta) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^*$, $\Phi \in SO(3) \times SO(3)$. Let $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Phi_2 \end{pmatrix} \in SO(3) \times SO(3)$. Φ_1, Φ_2 can be written in the form (9) for respectively $q_1 = (u_1, v_1, w_1, s_1)$, $q_2 = (u_2, v_2, w_2, s_2) \in \mathbb{S}^3$. Then $\Phi J(\xi, \eta) \Phi^{-1}$ is the matrix (17) with, for $i = 1, 2$,

$$(19) \quad \lambda_i = 2(s_i v_i - u_i w_i),$$

$$(20) \quad \mu_i = 2(s_i u_i + v_i w_i),$$

$$(21) \quad \nu_i = 2u_i^2 + 2v_i^2 - 1.$$

One has $\lambda_i^2 + \mu_i^2 + \nu_i^2 = 1$. Conversely, for any matrix J of the form (17) with condition (18) there exist $\Phi \in SO(3) \times SO(3)$ and $(\xi, \eta) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^*$ such that $J = \Phi J(\xi, \eta) \Phi^{-1}$. This amounts to the existence for $i = 1, 2$ of $q_i = (u_i, v_i, w_i, s_i) \in \mathbb{S}^3$ such that equations (19), (20), (21) hold true, which again follows from the Hopf fibration. \square

COROLLARY 5. $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)}$ is a closed 6-dimensional (smooth) submanifold of \mathbb{R}^{36} diffeomorphic to $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^* \times (\mathbb{S}^2)^2$.

Proof. Let X the open subset of \mathbb{R}^{36} of those matrices $(a_j^i)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 6}$ such that $H^2 N_1 N_2 \neq 0$, where $H^2 = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=4}^6 (a_j^i)^2$, $N_1 = (a_3^2 - a_2^3)^2 + (a_3^1 - a_1^3)^2 + (a_2^1 - a_1^2)^2$, $N_2 = (a_6^5 - a_5^6)^2 + (a_6^4 - a_4^6)^2 + (a_5^4 - a_4^5)^2$ and consider $F : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^* \times (\mathbb{S}^2)^2 \rightarrow X$ defined by $F(\xi, \eta, (\lambda_1, \mu_1, \nu_1), (\lambda_2, \mu_2, \nu_2)) = J$, where J is the matrix (17).

Observe first that F is injective. In fact, $\xi, (\lambda_1, \mu_1, \nu_1), (\lambda_2, \mu_2, \nu_2)$ can be retrieved from $(a_j^i)F(\xi, \eta, (\lambda_1, \mu_1, \nu_1), (\lambda_2, \mu_2, \nu_2))$ by the formulas $\xi = a_1^1 + a_2^2 +$

$a_3^3, (\lambda_1, \mu_1, \nu_1) \left(\frac{a_3^2 - a_2^3}{\sqrt{N_1}}, \frac{a_3^1 - a_1^3}{\sqrt{N_1}}, \frac{a_2^1 - a_1^2}{\sqrt{N_1}} \right), (\lambda_2, \mu_2, \nu_2) \left(\frac{a_6^5 - a_5^6}{\sqrt{N_2}}, \frac{a_6^4 - a_4^6}{\sqrt{N_2}}, \frac{a_5^4 - a_4^5}{\sqrt{N_2}} \right)$; hence $F(\xi, \eta, (\lambda_1, \mu_1, \nu_1), (\lambda_2, \mu_2, \nu_2))F(\xi', \eta', (\lambda'_1, \mu'_1, \nu'_1), (\lambda'_2, \mu'_2, \nu'_2))$ implies $\xi = \xi', (\lambda'_1, \mu'_1, \nu'_1) = (\lambda_1, \mu_1, \nu_1), (\lambda'_2, \mu'_2, \nu'_2) = (\lambda_2, \mu_2, \nu_2)$, and then $\eta = \eta'$ since

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 \lambda_2 & -\lambda_1 \mu_2 & \lambda_1 \nu_2 \\ -\mu_1 \lambda_2 & \mu_1 \mu_2 & -\mu_1 \nu_2 \\ \nu_1 \lambda_2 & -\nu_1 \mu_2 & \nu_1 \nu_2 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0.$$

From the injectivity of F , $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)}^+ \cup \mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)}^-$ with disjoint union, where $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)}^\epsilon$ denotes the set of those J s having η the sign of ϵ ($\epsilon = \pm$). Now, the map $G_\epsilon : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_\epsilon^* \times (\mathbb{S}^2)^2$ defined by

$$G_\epsilon((a_j^i)) \left(a_1^1 + a_2^2 + a_3^3, \epsilon \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=4}^6 (a_j^i)^2}, \left(\frac{a_3^2 - a_2^3}{\sqrt{N_1}}, \frac{a_3^1 - a_1^3}{\sqrt{N_1}}, \frac{a_2^1 - a_1^2}{\sqrt{N_1}} \right), \left(\frac{a_6^5 - a_5^6}{\sqrt{N_2}}, \frac{a_6^4 - a_4^6}{\sqrt{N_2}}, \frac{a_5^4 - a_4^5}{\sqrt{N_2}} \right) \right)$$

is a smooth retraction for the restriction F_ϵ of F to $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_\epsilon^* \times (\mathbb{S}^2)^2$. Hence F_ϵ is an immersion and the topology of $\mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)}^\epsilon$ is the induced topology from X . The corollary follows. \square

Remark 6. We may consider $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ as a subalgebra of $\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$ by identifying J_1, J_2, J_3, J_4 to $J_1^{(1)}, J_2^{(1)}, J_3^{(1)}, J_3^{(2)}$ respectively. Then the complex structure J in (17) leaves $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ invariant if and only if $\lambda_2 = \mu_2 = 0, \nu_2 = \pm 1$. For the restriction of J to $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ to be (7), one must take $\lambda_1 = \frac{a_4^1}{\eta\nu_2}, \mu_1 = -\frac{a_4^2}{\eta\nu_2}, \nu_1 = \frac{a_4^3}{\eta\nu_2}$ with $c = \frac{\nu_2}{\eta}$. Then

$$J \begin{pmatrix} (a_4^1)^2 c^2 \xi & (a_4^3 + a_4^2 a_4^1 c \xi) c & (a_4^3 a_4^1 c \xi - a_4^2) c & 0 & 0 & a_4^1 \\ -(a_4^3 - a_4^2 a_4^1 c \xi) c & (a_4^2)^2 c^2 \xi & (a_4^3 a_4^2 c \xi + a_4^1) c & 0 & 0 & a_4^2 \\ (a_4^3 a_4^1 c \xi + a_4^2) c & (a_4^3 a_4^2 c \xi - a_4^1) c & (a_4^3)^2 c^2 \xi & 0 & 0 & a_4^3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \nu_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\nu_2 & 0 & 0 \\ -(\xi^2 + 1) c^2 a_4^1 & -(\xi^2 + 1) c^2 a_4^2 & -(\xi^2 + 1) c^2 a_4^3 & 0 & 0 & -\xi \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence any complex structure on $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ can be extended in 2 (in general non equivalent) ways to a complex structure on $\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$. For example, $J(\xi)$ can be extended (here $a_4^1 = a_4^2 = 0, a_4^3 = 1, c = 1$) with $\nu_2 = 1$ to $J(\xi, 1)$ or

with $\nu_2 = -1$ to $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(1+\xi^2) & 0 & 0 & -\xi \end{pmatrix}$ which is equivalent to $J(\xi, -1)$. Now, $J(\xi, -1) \cong J(\xi, 1) \Leftrightarrow \xi = 0$.

5. $SU(2)^N$

The results of Lemma 4, Theorem 2, and Corollary 3 easily generalize in the following way.

LEMMA 5. For any $N \in \mathbb{N}^*$,

$$\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{su}(2))^N SO(3)^N \cup \left(\bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \tau_\sigma(SO(3)^N) \right) \quad (\text{disjoint reunion}),$$

where Σ is the set of circular permutations of $\{1, \dots, N\}$ having no fixed point, and $\tau_\sigma = (T_j^i)_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$ with the T_j^i s the 3×3 blocks $T_j^i = \delta_{i, \sigma(j)} I$ (I the 3×3 identity and $\delta_{k, \ell}$ the Kronecker symbol).

THEOREM 3. Let $J : \mathfrak{su}(2)^N \rightarrow \mathfrak{su}(2)^N$ linear. J has zero torsion if and only if there exist $\Phi \in SO(3)^N$ and $M = (\xi_{3j}^{3i})_{1 \leq i, j \leq N} \in \text{gl}(N, \mathbb{R})$ such that $\Phi^{-1} J \Phi = J(M)$ with $J(M) = (J_j^i(M))_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$ and the $J_j^i(M)$ s the following 3×3 blocks

$$(22) \quad \begin{aligned} & J_i^i(M) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_{3i}^{3i} \end{pmatrix}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N, \\ & J_j^i(M) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_{3j}^{3i} \end{pmatrix}, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq N, \quad i \neq j. \end{aligned}$$

(Here we used that the analogs of 16|3, 26|3 36|4, 36|5 at the end of the proof of Theorem 2 are respectively, with $i < j$,

$$\begin{aligned} 3i - 2, 3j|3i : & \quad \xi_{3j}^{3i-2} - \xi_{3i}^{3i} \xi_{3j}^{3i-1} = 0 \\ 3i - 1, 3j|3i : & \quad \xi_{3j}^{3i-1} + \xi_{3i}^{3i} \xi_{3j}^{3i-2} = 0 \\ 3i, 3j|3j - 2 : & \quad \xi_{3i}^{3j-2} + \xi_{3j}^{3j} \xi_{3i}^{3j-1} = 0 \\ 3i, 3j|3j - 1 : & \quad -\xi_{3i}^{3j-1} + \xi_{3j}^{3j} \xi_{3i}^{3j-2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and give $\xi_{3j}^{3i-2} = \xi_{3j}^{3i-1} \xi_{3i}^{3j-2} = \xi_{3i}^{3j-1} = 0$. Then all torsion equations vanish.)

Example 1. For $N = 4$,

$$J(M) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc||ccc|ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 & 0 & 0 & \xi_6^3 & 0 & 0 & \xi_9^3 & 0 & 0 & \xi_{12}^3 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^6 & 0 & 0 & \xi_6^6 & 0 & 0 & \xi_9^6 & 0 & 0 & \xi_{12}^6 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^9 & 0 & 0 & \xi_6^9 & 0 & 0 & \xi_9^9 & 0 & 0 & \xi_{12}^9 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^{12} & 0 & 0 & \xi_6^{12} & 0 & 0 & \xi_9^{12} & 0 & 0 & \xi_{12}^{12} \end{array} \right),$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_3^3 & \xi_6^3 & \xi_9^3 & \xi_{12}^3 \\ \xi_3^6 & \xi_6^6 & \xi_9^6 & \xi_{12}^6 \\ \xi_3^9 & \xi_6^9 & \xi_9^9 & \xi_{12}^9 \\ \xi_3^{12} & \xi_6^{12} & \xi_9^{12} & \xi_{12}^{12} \end{pmatrix}.$$

COROLLARY 6. For even N , any $J \in \mathfrak{X}_{\text{su}(2)^N}$ is equivalent under some member of $SO(3)^N$ to some $J(M) = (J_j^i(M))_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$ with $M = (\xi_{3j}^{3i})_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$ such that $M^2 = -I$ and $J_j^i(M)$ defined in (22). $J(M)$ and $J(M')$ are equivalent under some member of $SO(3)^N$ (respectively $\tau_\sigma(SO(3)^N)$, $\sigma \in \Sigma$) if and only if $M' = M$ (respectively $M' = M^{\sigma^{-1}}$, $M^{\sigma^{-1}} = (\xi_{3\sigma^{-1}(j)}^{3\sigma^{-1}(i)})_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$). Here we make use of $(\tau_\sigma)^{-1} = \tau_{\sigma^{-1}}$ and $\tau_\sigma J(M')(\tau_\sigma)^{-1} = (J_{\sigma^{-1}(j)}^{\sigma^{-1}(i)}(M'))_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$.

Example 2. For $N = 2$, Σ consists only of the transposition $(1, 2)$;

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_3^3 & \xi_6^3 \\ -\frac{1+(\xi_3^3)^2}{\xi_6^3} & -\xi_3^3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M' = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_3^3 & \xi_6^3 \\ -\frac{1+(\xi_3^3)^2}{\xi_6^3} & -\xi_3^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For $\sigma = (1, 2)$, the condition $M' = M^{\sigma^{-1}}$ reads $\xi_3^3 = -\xi_3^3$, $\xi_6^3 = \frac{1+(\xi_3^3)^2}{\xi_6^3}$ and is that of Corollary 3.

6. $U(2) \times U(2)$

LEMMA 6. $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{u}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{u}(2))H \cup \tau H$, where $\tau = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & I \\ \hline I & 0 \end{array} \right)$ is the switch between the two factors of $\mathfrak{u}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{u}(2)$,

$$H \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} \Phi_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_4^4 & 0 & b_8^4 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \Phi_4 & 0 \\ 0 & b_4^8 & 0 & b_8^8 \end{array} \right), \Phi_1, \Phi_4 \in SO(3), b_4^4 b_8^8 - b_8^4 b_4^8 \neq 0 \right\},$$

$$\tau H \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & 0 & \Phi_2 & 0 \\ 0 & b_4^4 & 0 & b_8^4 \\ \hline \Phi_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_4^8 & 0 & b_8^8 \end{array} \right), \Phi_2, \Phi_3 \in SO(3), b_4^4 b_8^8 - b_8^4 b_4^8 \neq 0 \right\}.$$

Proof. Analogous to that of Lemma 4. \square

THEOREM 4. (i) Let $J : \mathfrak{u}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{u}(2) \rightarrow \mathfrak{u}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{u}(2)$ linear. J has zero torsion if and only if there exists $\Phi \in (SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}_+^*)^2 \subset H$ and $M \in \mathfrak{gl}(4, \mathbb{R})$ such that $\Phi^{-1}J\Phi = K(M)$, where

$$(23) \quad K(M) \left(\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 & \xi_4^3 & 0 & 0 & \xi_7^3 & \xi_8^3 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \xi_3^4 & \xi_4^4 & 0 & 0 & \xi_7^4 & \xi_8^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^7 & \xi_4^7 & 0 & 0 & \xi_7^7 & \xi_8^7 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^8 & \xi_4^8 & 0 & 0 & \xi_7^8 & \xi_8^8 \end{array} \right), \quad M \begin{pmatrix} \xi_3^3 & \xi_4^3 & \xi_7^3 & \xi_8^3 \\ \xi_3^4 & \xi_4^4 & \xi_7^4 & \xi_8^4 \\ \xi_3^7 & \xi_4^7 & \xi_7^7 & \xi_8^7 \\ \xi_3^8 & \xi_4^8 & \xi_7^8 & \xi_8^8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(ii) For $M, M' \in \mathfrak{gl}(4, \mathbb{R})$, there exists some $\Phi \in H$ such that $K(M') = \Phi K(M) \Phi^{-1}$ if and only if there exists $\begin{pmatrix} b_4^4 & b_8^4 \\ b_4^8 & b_8^8 \end{pmatrix} \in GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ such that $M' = GMG^{-1}$, with

$$(24) \quad G \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_4^4 & 0 & b_8^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & b_4^8 & 0 & b_8^8 \end{pmatrix} \in GL(4, \mathbb{R}).$$

(iii) For $M, M' \in \mathfrak{gl}(4, \mathbb{R})$, there exists $\Psi \in \tau H$ such that $K(M') = \Psi K(M) \Psi^{-1}$ if and only if there exists $\Phi \in H$ such that $K(M') = \Phi K(M) \Phi^{-1}$.

Proof. (i) From Lemma 3 and Theorem 1(i), there exists $\Phi \in (SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}_+^*)^2 \subset H$ such that

$$(25) \quad \Phi^{-1}J\Phi = \left(\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \xi_5^1 & \xi_6^1 & \xi_7^1 & \xi_8^1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi_5^2 & \xi_6^2 & \xi_7^2 & \xi_8^2 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 & \xi_4^3 & \xi_5^3 & \xi_6^3 & \xi_7^3 & \xi_8^3 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^4 & \xi_4^4 & \xi_5^3 & \xi_6^3 & \xi_7^4 & \xi_8^4 \\ \hline \xi_1^5 & \xi_2^5 & \xi_3^5 & \xi_4^5 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \xi_1^6 & \xi_2^6 & \xi_3^6 & \xi_4^6 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \xi_1^7 & \xi_2^7 & \xi_3^7 & \xi_4^7 & 0 & 0 & \xi_7^7 & \xi_8^7 \\ \xi_1^8 & \xi_2^8 & \xi_3^8 & \xi_4^8 & 0 & 0 & \xi_7^8 & \xi_8^8 \end{array} \right).$$

Hence we may suppose J of the form (25). The matrix $(\xi_j^i)_{1 \leq i \leq 4, 5 \leq j \leq 8}$ (respectively $(\xi_j^i)_{5 \leq i \leq 8, 1 \leq j \leq 4}$) is the matrix of π_2^1 (respectively π_1^2) of Lemma 3. Consider $\mathbf{u} = \pi_2^1 J_1^{(2)}$, $\mathbf{v} = \pi_2^1 J_2^{(2)}$, $\mathbf{w} = \pi_2^1 J_3^{(2)}$, $\mathbf{z} = \pi_2^1 J_4^{(2)}$. From Lemma 2 (ii) one has

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}] &= 0, & [\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}] &= -\mathbf{v} + \xi_7^7 \mathbf{u}, & [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}] &= -\mathbf{u} - \xi_7^7 \mathbf{v}, \\ [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{z}] &= -\xi_8^7 \mathbf{v}, & [\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{z}] &= \xi_8^7 \mathbf{u}, & [\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}] &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

which implies $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} = 0$. With the same reasoning for π_1^2 , we get

$$J = \left(\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi_7^1 & \xi_8^1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \xi_7^2 & \xi_8^2 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 & \xi_4^3 & 0 & 0 & \xi_7^3 & \xi_8^3 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^4 & \xi_4^4 & 0 & 0 & \xi_7^4 & \xi_8^4 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \xi_3^5 & \xi_4^5 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^6 & \xi_4^6 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^7 & \xi_4^7 & 0 & 0 & \xi_7^7 & \xi_8^7 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^8 & \xi_4^8 & 0 & 0 & \xi_7^8 & \xi_8^8 \end{array} \right).$$

Now the torsion equations 17|3, 27|3, 18|3, 28|3, 35|7, 36|7, 45|7, 46|7, give the four Cramer systems $\xi_7^2 \xi_3^3 - \xi_7^1 = 0$, $\xi_7^2 + \xi_3^3 \xi_7^1 = 0$; $\xi_8^2 \xi_3^3 - \xi_8^1 = 0$, $\xi_8^2 + \xi_3^3 \xi_8^1 = 0$; $\xi_3^6 \xi_7^7 - \xi_3^5 = 0$, $\xi_3^6 + \xi_7^7 \xi_3^5 = 0$, $\xi_4^6 \xi_7^7 - \xi_4^5 = 0$, $\xi_4^6 + \xi_7^7 \xi_4^5 = 0$.

Hence $\xi_7^1 = \xi_7^2 = \xi_8^1 = \xi_8^2 = 0$, $\xi_3^5 = \xi_3^6 = \xi_4^5 = \xi_4^6 = 0$. Then all torsion equations vanish ([3]).

(ii) Suppose there exists

$$\Phi = \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} \Phi_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_4^4 & 0 & b_8^4 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \Phi_4 & 0 \\ 0 & b_4^8 & 0 & b_8^8 \end{array} \right) \in H, \quad \Phi_1, \Phi_4 \in SO(3), \quad b_4^4 b_8^8 - b_8^4 b_4^8 \neq 0,$$

such that $\Phi K(M) = K(M')\Phi$, with $M = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_3^3 & \xi_4^3 & \xi_7^3 & \xi_8^3 \\ \xi_3^4 & \xi_4^4 & \xi_7^4 & \xi_8^4 \\ \xi_3^7 & \xi_4^7 & \xi_7^7 & \xi_8^7 \\ \xi_3^8 & \xi_4^8 & \xi_7^8 & \xi_8^8 \end{pmatrix}$, $M' = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_3^{\prime 3} & \xi_4^{\prime 3} & \xi_7^{\prime 3} & \xi_8^{\prime 3} \\ \xi_3^{\prime 4} & \xi_4^{\prime 4} & \xi_7^{\prime 4} & \xi_8^{\prime 4} \\ \xi_3^{\prime 7} & \xi_4^{\prime 7} & \xi_7^{\prime 7} & \xi_8^{\prime 7} \\ \xi_3^{\prime 8} & \xi_4^{\prime 8} & \xi_7^{\prime 8} & \xi_8^{\prime 8} \end{pmatrix}$.

One has $\Phi K(M) = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$ with $A = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} A_1 & & & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{array} \right)$, $D = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} D_1 & & & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{array} \right)$,
 $A_1 = \Phi_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 \end{pmatrix}$, $D_1 = \Phi_4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_7^7 \end{pmatrix}$, and $K(M')\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} A' & B' \\ C' & D' \end{pmatrix}$ with
 $A' = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} A'_1 & & & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{array} \right)$, $D' = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} D'_1 & & & * \\ * & * & * & * \end{array} \right)$, $A'_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_3^3 \end{pmatrix} \Phi_1$, $D'_1 =$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi_7^7 \end{pmatrix} \Phi_4$. Hence $\xi_3^{\prime 3} = \xi_3^3$, $\xi_7^{\prime 7} = \xi_7^7$, and $\Phi_1 = \text{diag}(R_1, 1)$, $\Phi_4 =$
 $= \text{diag}(R_4, 1)$, $R_1, R_4 \in SO(2)$. Now, since

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} R_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_4^4 & 0 & 0 & b_8^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & R_4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_4^8 & 0 & 0 & b_8^8 \end{pmatrix},$$

we reindex the basis as the new basis $(J_1^{(1)}, J_2^{(1)}, J_1^{(2)}, J_2^{(2)}, J_3^{(1)}, J_4^{(1)}, J_3^{(2)}, J_4^{(2)})$, so that Φ , $K(M)$, $K(M')$ have respective matrices in the new basis

$$\Phi = \left(\begin{array}{cc|cccc} R_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & R_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_4^4 & 0 & b_8^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_4^8 & 0 & b_8^8 \end{array} \right),$$

$$K(M) = \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & M \end{array} \right), \quad K(M') = \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & M' \end{array} \right).$$

The conclusion follows.

(iii) One has $\tau K(M')\tau = K(\tau_1 M' \tau_1)$ with τ_1 the same as τ yet with 2×2 blocks: $\tau_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Now, let $\Psi = \tau\Phi \in \tau H$, $\Phi \in H$. Then $K(M') = \Psi K(M)\Psi^{-1}$ if and only if $\Phi K(M)\Phi^{-1} = \tau K(M')\tau K(\tau_1 M' \tau_1)$, i.e., there exists $\begin{pmatrix} b_4^4 & b_8^4 \\ b_4^8 & b_8^8 \end{pmatrix} \in GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ such that $\tau_1 M' \tau_1 = G M G^{-1}$ with G as in (24), i.e.,

$M' = (\tau_1 G)M(\tau_1 G)^{-1} = G_1 M G_1^{-1}$ with $G_1 = \tau_1 G \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_8^8 & 0 & b_4^8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & b_8^4 & 0 & b_4^4 \end{pmatrix}$ which is simply the matrix corresponding to $\begin{pmatrix} b_8^8 & b_4^8 \\ b_8^4 & b_4^4 \end{pmatrix} \in GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ in the formula (24). \square

COROLLARY 7. *Any $J \in \mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{u}(2)}$ is equivalent under some member of $(SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}_+^*)^2$ to $K(M)$ in (23) with $M \in GL(4, \mathbb{R})$, $M^2 = -I$. $K(M)$, $K(M')$ are equivalent if and only if there exists some $\begin{pmatrix} b_4^4 & b_8^4 \\ b_8^8 & b_4^8 \end{pmatrix} \in GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ such that $M' = GMG^{-1}$ with G as in (24).*

Proof. Follows readily from Theorem 4. \square

7. $U(2)^N$

The results of Lemma 6, Theorem 4 and Corollary 7 generalize in the following way.

LEMMA 7. $\forall N \in \mathbb{N}^*$, $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{u}(2))^N H_N \cup (\bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \tau_\sigma H_N)$ (disjoint reunion) where

- $H_N = \left\{ (U_j^i)_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}; U_i^i \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_i & 0 \\ 0 & b_i^i \end{pmatrix}, U_j^i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_j^i \end{pmatrix} \ (i \neq j), \Phi_i \in SO(3), \det(b_i^i) \neq 0 \right\}$;

- Σ is the set of circular permutations of $\{1, \dots, N\}$ having no fixed point, and $\tau_\sigma = (T_j^i)_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$ with the T_j^i s the 4×4 blocks $T_j^i = \delta_{i, \sigma(j)} I$ (I the 4×4 identity and $\delta_{k, \ell}$ the Kronecker symbol).

THEOREM 5. *Let $J : \mathfrak{u}(2)^N \rightarrow \mathfrak{u}(2)^N$. J has zero torsion if and only if there exists $\Phi \in (SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}_+^*)^N \subset H_N$ and $M = (M_j^i)_{1 \leq i, j \leq N} \in \mathfrak{gl}(2N, \mathbb{R})$,*

$M_j^i \begin{pmatrix} \xi_{4i-1}^{4i-1} & \xi_{4j}^{4i-1} \\ \xi_{4j-1}^{4i-1} & \xi_{4j}^{4i} \end{pmatrix}$, such that $\Phi^{-1} J \Phi = K(M)$ with

$$(26) \quad K(M) = (K_j^i(M))_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$$

and the $K_j^i(M)$ s the 4×4 blocks

$$K_i^i(M) = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M_i^i \end{array} \right), \quad 1 \leq i \leq N,$$

$$K_j^i(M) = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M_j^i \end{array} \right), \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq N, \ i \neq j.$$

(Here we used that the analogs of 17|3, 27|3 18|3, 28|3 35|7, 36|7 45|7, 46|7 at the end of (i) in the proof of Theorem 4 are respectively, with $i < j$,

$$\begin{aligned}
4i - 3, 4j - 1 | 4i - 1 : \quad & \xi_{4j-1}^{4i-3} - \xi_{4i-1}^{4i-1} \xi_{4j-1}^{4i-2} = 0 \\
4i - 2, 4j - 1 | 4i - 1 : \quad & \xi_{4j-1}^{4i-2} + \xi_{4i-1}^{4i-1} \xi_{4j-1}^{4i-3} = 0 \\
4i - 3, 4j | 4i - 1 : \quad & \xi_{4j}^{4i-3} - \xi_{4i-1}^{4i-1} \xi_{4j}^{4i-2} = 0 \\
4i - 2, 4j | 4i - 1 : \quad & \xi_{4j}^{4i-2} + \xi_{4i-1}^{4i-1} \xi_{4j}^{4i-3} = 0 \\
4i - 1, 4j - 3 | 4j - 1 : \quad & \xi_{4i-1}^{4j-3} - \xi_{4j-1}^{4j-1} \xi_{4i-1}^{4j-2} = 0 \\
4i - 1, 4j - 2 | 4j - 1 : \quad & \xi_{4i-1}^{4j-2} + \xi_{4j-1}^{4j-1} \xi_{4i-1}^{4j-3} = 0 \\
4i, 4j - 3 | 4j - 1 : \quad & \xi_{4i}^{4j-3} - \xi_{4j-1}^{4j-1} \xi_{4i}^{4j-2} = 0 \\
4i, 4j - 2 | 4j - 1 : \quad & \xi_{4i}^{4j-2} + \xi_{4j-1}^{4j-1} \xi_{4i}^{4j-3} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

and give $\xi_{4j-1}^{4i-3} = \xi_{4j-1}^{4i-2} \xi_{4j}^{4i-3} = \xi_{4j}^{4i-2} \xi_{4i-1}^{4j-3} = \xi_{4i-1}^{4j-2} \xi_{4i}^{4j-3} = \xi_{4i}^{4j-2} 0$. Then all torsion equations vanish.)

COROLLARY 8. Any $J \in \mathfrak{X}_{\mathfrak{u}(2)N}$ is equivalent under some member of $(SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}_+^*)^N$ to $K(M)$ in (26) with $M \in GL(2N, \mathbb{R})$, $M^2 = -I$. $K(M)$, $K(M')$ are equivalent if and only if there exists some $(b_{4j}^{4i})_{1 \leq i, j \leq N} \in GL(N, \mathbb{R})$ such that $M' = GMG^{-1}$ with $G = (G_j^i(M))_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$, $G_i^i \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & b_{4i}^{4i} \end{pmatrix}$, $G_j^j \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_{4j}^{4j} \end{pmatrix}$, $i \neq j$.

Remark 7. The closed set $\mathcal{R} = \{M \in GL(2N, \mathbb{R}); M^2 = -I\}$ consists of the conjugates of $\mathcal{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I_N \\ I_N & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ (I_N the $N \times N$ identity) under the action of $GL(2N, \mathbb{R})$. Hence it is a $2N^2$ -dimensional submanifold of \mathbb{R}^{4N^2} with a diffeomorphism

$$\chi : GL(2N, \mathbb{R}) / \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{R},$$

$\mathcal{S} = \{Q = \begin{pmatrix} R & -S \\ S & R \end{pmatrix}; R, S \in GL(N, \mathbb{R}), \det Q \neq 0\}$ the stabilizer of \mathcal{T} , and χ defined by $\chi[P] = P\mathcal{T}P^{-1}$ for $[P]$ the class mod \mathcal{S} of $P \in GL(2N, \mathbb{R})$. For $N = 2$, $\chi \left[\begin{pmatrix} -\eta & 0 \\ \xi & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} \xi & \eta \\ -\frac{1+\xi^2}{\eta} & -\xi \end{pmatrix}$, $(\xi, \eta) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^*$. For general N and for $G \in GL(2N, \mathbb{R})$, $M = \chi[P]$, $M'\chi[P'] \in \mathcal{R}$, $GMG^{-1}\chi[GP]$ and the condition $M' = GMG^{-1}$ reads $[P']\chi[GP]$.

8. LOCAL CHART AND A REPRESENTATION FOR $(U(2), J(\xi))$

8.1. Local chart

For any fixed $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$, denote simply J the complex structure $J(\xi)$ on $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ and by G the group $U(2)$ endowed with the left invariant structure of complex manifold defined by J . For any open subset $V \subset U(2)$, the space $H_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$ of complex valued holomorphic functions on V (considered here as a subset of G) consists of all complex smooth functions f on V which are annihilated by all $\tilde{X}_j^- = X_j + iJX_j$, $1 \leq j \leq 4$, with $(X_j)_{1 \leq j \leq 4}$ (respectively (JX_j)) the left invariant vector fields associated to the basis $(J_j)_{1 \leq j \leq 4}$ of $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ (respectively to (JJ_j)). One has $\tilde{X}_1^- = X_1 - iX_2$, $\tilde{X}_2^- = i\tilde{X}_1^-$, $\tilde{X}_4^- = iX_3 + (1 - i\xi)X_4$, $\tilde{X}_3^- = -i(1 + i\xi)\tilde{X}_4^-$, hence

$$(27) \quad H_{\mathbb{C}}(V) = \{f \in C^\infty(V); \tilde{X}_1^- f \tilde{X}_4^- f = 0\}.$$

As is known, the map $\mathbb{S}^1 \times SU(2) \rightarrow U(2)$ defined by

$$(\zeta, A) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \zeta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} A$$

is a diffeomorphism of manifolds (not of groups). Introducing Euler angles as coordinates in the open subset $\Omega = SU(2) \setminus (e^{\mathbb{R}J_1} \cup e^{\pi J_3} e^{\mathbb{R}J_1})$ of $SU(2)$, one gets the coordinates $(s, \theta, \varphi, \psi)$ in the open subset

$$(28) \quad V = (\mathbb{S}^1 \setminus \{-1\}) \times \Omega$$

such that u defined by

$$(29) \quad u(s, \theta, \varphi, \psi) \begin{pmatrix} e^{is} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{\varphi J_3} e^{\theta J_1} e^{\psi J_3} \begin{pmatrix} e^{is} e^{i\frac{\varphi+\psi}{2}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} & ie^{is} e^{i\frac{\varphi-\psi}{2}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ ie^{-i\frac{\varphi-\psi}{2}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} & e^{-i\frac{\varphi+\psi}{2}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

is a diffeomorphism of $] - \pi, \pi[\times]0, \pi[\times]0, 2\pi[\times] - 2\pi, 2\pi[$ on V . Then one gets on V (see e.g. [12], p. 141)

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= \cos \psi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\sin \psi}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} - \cot \theta \sin \psi \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi}, \\ X_2 &= -\sin \psi \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\cos \psi}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} - \cot \theta \cos \psi \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi}, \\ X_3 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi}, \\ X_4 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $f \in C^\infty(V)$ is in $H_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$ if and only if it satisfies the two equations

$$\begin{aligned} i \sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi} - \cos \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \psi} &= 0, \\ i \frac{\partial f}{\partial \psi} + (1 - i\xi) \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi} \right) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The two functions

$$(30) \quad w^1 = e^{i(s+\varphi)} \cot \frac{\theta}{2},$$

$$(31) \quad w^2 = e^{(1+i\xi)\frac{s}{2(1+\xi^2)}} e^{i\frac{\psi}{2}} \sqrt{\sin \theta}$$

are holomorphic on V . Let $F : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ defined by $F = (w^1, w^2)$. It is easily seen that F is injective, with jacobian $-\frac{1}{4(1+\xi^2)} e^{\frac{s}{1+\xi^2}} (\cot \frac{\theta}{2})^2 \neq 0$, hence F is a biholomorphic bijection of V onto an open subset $F(V)$ of \mathbb{C}^2 , i.e., (V, F) is a chart of G . $F(V)$ is the set of those $(w^1, w^2) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ satisfying the following conditions, where $r_1 = |w^1|$, $r_2 = |w^2|$ and $\omega(r_1, r_2) = \log r_2 - \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{2r_1}{1+r_1^2} : r_1 r_2 \neq 0$, $\sqrt{\frac{2r_1}{1+r_1^2}} e^{-\frac{\pi}{2(1+\xi^2)}} < r_2 < \sqrt{\frac{2r_1}{1+r_1^2}} e^{\frac{\pi}{2(1+\xi^2)}}$, $\arg w_1 \not\equiv 2(1 + \xi^2)\omega(r_1, r_2) \pmod{2\pi}$, $\arg w_2 \not\equiv \xi\omega(r_1, r_2) + \pi \pmod{2\pi}$. For example, if $\xi = 0$,

$$V \bigcup_{r_1 > 0} \bigcup_{e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}} y(r_1) < r_2 < e^{\frac{\pi}{2}} y(r_1)} \left(\left(\mathcal{C}_{r_1}^{(1)} \setminus \{\arg \equiv 2\omega(r_1, r_2)\} \right) \times \left(\mathcal{C}_{r_2}^{(2)} \setminus \{\arg \equiv \pi\} \right) \right),$$

where $\mathcal{C}_{r_j}^j$, $j = 1, 2$ is the circle with radius r_j in the w^j -plane and $y(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2x}{1+x^2}}$, $x > 0$.

8.2. A representation on a space of holomorphic functions

As $U(2)$ is compact, there are no nonconstant holomorphic functions on the whole of $U(2)$. Instead, we consider the space $H_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$ of holomorphic functions on the open subset V (28), and we compute (as kind of substitute for the regular representation) the representation λ of the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ we get by Lie derivatives on $H_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$. First, note that for any $x = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in V$ as in (29), the complex coordinates w^1, w^2 of x (30), (31) satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} w^1 &= -ie^{-is} \frac{a}{\bar{b}}, \\ (w^2)^2 &= 2iab \bar{e}^s \frac{1+i\xi}{1+\xi^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, one gets for the complex coordinates $w_{e^{-tJ_1x}}^1, w_{e^{-tJ_1x}}^2$ of e^{-tJ_1x} ($x \in V$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$ sufficiently small)

$$w_{e^{-tJ_1x}}^1 = \frac{1 + w^1 \cot \frac{t}{2}}{\cot \frac{t}{2} - w^1},$$

$$(w_{e^{-tJ_1x}}^2)^2 = (w^2)^2 \left(\cos t + \frac{\sin t}{2} \frac{1 - (w^1)^2}{w^1} \right).$$

Whence for any $f \in H_{\mathbb{C}}(V)$, denoting $J_1 f$ instead of $\lambda(J_1)f$,

$$(J_1 f)(w^1, w^2) = \left[\frac{d}{dt} f(w_{e^{-tJ_1x}}^1, w_{e^{-tJ_1x}}^2) \right]_{t=0} \frac{1 + (w^1)^2}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial w^1} +$$

$$+ \frac{w^2 (1 - (w^1)^2)}{4w^1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial w^2}.$$

In the same way,

$$w_{e^{-tJ_2x}}^1 = -i \frac{i \sin \frac{t}{2} + w^1 \cos \frac{t}{2}}{-i \cos \frac{t}{2} + w^1 \sin \frac{t}{2}},$$

$$(w_{e^{-tJ_2x}}^2)^2 = (w^2)^2 \left(\cos t + i \frac{\sin t}{2} \frac{1 + (w^1)^2}{w^1} \right),$$

$$(J_2 f)(w^1, w^2) = \frac{i(1 - (w^1)^2)}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial w^1} + \frac{iw^2 (1 + (w^1)^2)}{4w^1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial w^2},$$

$$w_{e^{-tJ_3x}}^1 = e^{-it} w^1, \quad (w_{e^{-tJ_3x}}^2)^2 = (w^2)^2,$$

$$(J_3 f)(w^1, w^2) = -iw^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial w^1}.$$

Finally,

$$w_{e^{-tJ_4x}}^1 = w^1, \quad (w_{e^{-tJ_4x}}^2)^2 = (w^2)^2 e^{-t \frac{1+i\xi}{1+\xi^2}},$$

$$(J_4 f)(w^1, w^2) = -\frac{1+i\xi}{1+\xi^2} w^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial w^2}.$$

In the complexification $\mathfrak{sl}(2) \oplus \mathbb{C}J_4$ of $\mathfrak{u}(2)$, introduce as usual

$$H_{\pm} = iJ_1 \mp J_2, \quad H_3 = iJ_3,$$

so that

$$[H_3, H_{\pm}] = \pm H_{\pm}, \quad [H_+, H_-] = 2H_3.$$

Then, extending the representation λ to $\mathfrak{sl}(2) \oplus \mathbb{C}J_4$, one has, with $H_4 = -(1 - i\xi)J_4$,

$$\begin{aligned}(H_+f)(w^1, w^2) &= i \left((w^1)^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial w^1} - \frac{1}{2} w^1 w^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial w^2} \right), \\ (H_-f)(w^1, w^2) &= i \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial w^1} + \frac{w^2}{2w^1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial w^2} \right), \\ (H_3f)(w^1, w^2) &= w^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial w^1}, \quad (H_4f)(w^1, w^2) = w^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial w^2}.\end{aligned}$$

8.3. A subrepresentation

We restrict λ to $H(\mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*)$, $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, and denote $\varphi_{p,q}$ the function $\varphi_{p,q}(w^1, w^2) = (w^1)^p (w^2)^q$ for $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$. The system $(\varphi_{p,q})_{p,q \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is total in $H(\mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*)$, and one has

$$(32) \quad H_+ \varphi_{p,q} = i \left(p - \frac{q}{2} \right) \varphi_{p+1,q},$$

$$(33) \quad H_- \varphi_{p,q} = i \left(p + \frac{q}{2} \right) \varphi_{p-1,q},$$

$$(34) \quad H_3 \varphi_{p,q} = p \varphi_{p,q},$$

$$(35) \quad H_4 \varphi_{p,q} = q \varphi_{p,q}.$$

For any $q \in \mathbb{Z}$, the subspace \mathcal{H}_q of functions of the form $(w^2)^q g(w^1)$, $g \in H(\mathbb{C}^*)$, is a closed invariant subspace of $H(\mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*)$, and $H(\mathbb{C}^* \times \mathbb{C}^*)$ is the closure of $\bigoplus_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{H}_q$.

8.4. A lemma

LEMMA 8. *Let $\mathcal{E} = H(\mathbb{C}^*)$ the Fréchet space of holomorphic functions of the complex variable z on \mathbb{C}^* . Let \mathcal{F} be any closed vector subspace of \mathcal{E} that is invariant by the operator $z \frac{d}{dz}$. Let $f \in \mathcal{F}$ and $f(z) = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_p z^p$ its Laurent expansion in \mathbb{C}^* . If for some $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, $c_p \neq 0$, then the function $z \mapsto z^p$ belongs to \mathcal{F} .*

Proof. We show first that the function $z \mapsto f(e^{i\theta} z)$ belongs to \mathcal{F} , $\forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}$, $\forall f \in \mathcal{F}$. Let $f \in \mathcal{F}$ and $f(z) = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_p z^p$ its Laurent expansion in \mathbb{C}^* . Since it is uniformly and absolutely convergent on compact subsets of \mathbb{C}^* , and since the operator $H = z \frac{d}{dz}$ is continuous on \mathcal{E} ,

$$\frac{(i\theta)^k}{k!} (H^k f)(z) = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} c_p \frac{(i\theta p)^k}{k!} z^p, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}, \forall z \in \mathbb{C}^*.$$

On the other hand, for any fixed $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, the double series

$$\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \sum_{p=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_p \frac{(i\theta p)^k}{k!} z^p$$

is absolutely and uniformly summable in the annulus $A(r, R)$ for any $0 < r < R < +\infty$ since

$$\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \sum_{p=-\infty}^{+\infty} |c_p| \frac{(|\theta| |p|)^k}{k!} |z|^p \leq \sum_{p < 0} |c_p| (e^{-|\theta|} r)^p + \sum_{p \geq 0} |c_p| (e^{|\theta|} R)^p < +\infty.$$

From the associativity theorem for summable families, we have

$$f(e^{i\theta} z) \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(i\theta)^k}{k!} (H^k f)(z)$$

with the series uniformly and absolutely convergent on compact subsets of \mathbb{C}^* . The conclusion follows, since $H^k f \in \mathcal{F}$, $\forall k$. Now we use the same trick as in [5], p. 14. For any $z \in \mathbb{C}^*$, denote f_z the periodic function on $\mathbb{R} : \theta \mapsto f(e^{i\theta} z)$. Its Fourier expansion is $f(e^{i\theta} z) = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{+\infty} \tilde{c}_p(z) e^{ip\theta}$ where

$$\tilde{c}_p(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(e^{i\theta} z) e^{-ip\theta} d\theta.$$

The function $z \mapsto \tilde{c}_p(z)$ belongs to \mathcal{F} as the right-hand side is a limit in \mathcal{E} of linear combinations of functions $z \mapsto f(e^{i\theta} z)$. But with the Laurent expansion of f one gets $f(e^{i\theta} z) = \sum_{p=-\infty}^{+\infty} c_p z^p e^{ip\theta}$. For any z , that series is a trigonometric series that converges uniformly on \mathbb{R} , hence it coincides with the Fourier series of f_z and $\tilde{c}_p(z) = c_p z^p$, $\forall p \in \mathbb{Z}$. Hence if for some $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, $c_p \neq 0$, then the function $z \mapsto z^p$ belongs to \mathcal{F} . \square

8.5. A closer look at the subrepresentation

Introduce the Casimir $C = H_+ H_- + (H_3)^2 - H_3$. On \mathcal{H}_q , $C = u(u + 1)$ with $u = \frac{q}{2}$. Now, we distinguish three cases. We use both the notation \uparrow_u^q , $D^q(2k)$, etc., of [8], Theorem 2.3, for representations of $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ and the usual notation of, e.g., [9], 7.3, \uparrow_u , $D^{(k)}$, etc. for representations of $\mathfrak{sl}(2)$. One has $\uparrow_u^q = \uparrow_u \otimes q$, $D^q(2k) = D^{(k)} \otimes q$ etc.

Case 1: $q = -2k$, $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$. Then from (32), (33), the closed subspace \mathcal{H}_q^\uparrow (respectively \mathcal{H}_q^\downarrow) generated by $\{\varphi_{k+n,q}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ (respectively $\{\varphi_{-k-n,q}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$) which consists of the functions $(w^2)^{-2k} (w^1)^k g(w^1)$ (respectively $(w^2)^{-2k} (w^1)^{-k} g(\frac{1}{w^1})$), $g \in H(\mathbb{C})$, is invariant and topologically irreducible from Lemma 8. $\mathcal{H}_q^\uparrow = \uparrow_{-k}^q = \uparrow_{-k} \otimes q$, $\mathcal{H}_q^\downarrow = \downarrow_{-k}^q = \downarrow_{-k} \otimes q$. \mathcal{H}_q is

indecomposable and $\mathcal{H}_q/(\mathcal{H}_q^\uparrow \oplus \mathcal{H}_q^\downarrow)$ is topologically irreducible and equal to $D^q(2(k-1)) = D^{(k-1)} \otimes q$, i.e., \mathcal{H}_q is a nontrivial extension of $D^q(2(k-1))$ by $\uparrow_{-k}^q \oplus \downarrow_{-k}^q$.

Case 2: $q = 2k$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$. The closed subspace \mathcal{H}_q^D generated by $\{\varphi_{-k+n,q}, n \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq n \leq 2k\}$, which consists of the functions $(w^2)^{2k}(w^1)^{-k}P(w^1)$, $P \in \mathbb{C}[w^1]$, $\deg P \leq 2k$, is invariant and topologically irreducible from Lemma 8, and $\mathcal{H}_q^D = D^q(2k) = D^{(k)} \otimes q$. There are exactly 2 closed invariant (nontrivial) subspaces containing \mathcal{H}_q^D . Each one is indecomposable, with topologically irreducible quotient by \mathcal{H}_q^D equal respectively to \uparrow_{-k-1}^q or \downarrow_{-k-1}^q .

Case 3: $q \notin 2\mathbb{Z}$. In that case $\mathcal{H}_q = D^q(u, 0)$ is topologically irreducible.

We see that λ is quite different from the regular representation, since the differentials of the representation in the unitary dual of $U(2)$ are $D^{(\ell)} \otimes m$, $2\ell \in \mathbb{N}$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, with $2\ell + m$ even ([1], p. 87).

9. CHART FOR $(SU(2) \times SU(2), J(\xi, \eta))$

In this last section, we compute an holomorphic chart for $J(\xi, \eta)$, $(\xi, \eta) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^*$, in the open subset $W = \Omega \times \Omega$ of $SU(2) \times SU(2)$ with Euler angles coordinates $(\theta_1, \phi_1, \psi_1, \theta_2, \phi_2, \psi_2)$. The space $H_{\mathbb{C}}(W)$ of complex valued holomorphic functions on W consists of all complex smooth functions f on W which are annihilated by all

$$\tilde{X}_j^{(k)-} = X_j^{(k)} + iJX_j^{(k)}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq 3, \quad 1 \leq k \leq 2,$$

$(X_j^{(k)})$ the left invariant vector fields associated to the basis $(J_1^{(1)}, J_2^{(1)}, J_3^{(1)}, J_1^{(2)}, J_2^{(2)}, J_3^{(2)})$ of $\mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)$. One has $\tilde{X}_1^{(k)-} = X_1^{(k)} - iX_2^{(k)}$, $\tilde{X}_2^{(k)-} = i\tilde{X}_1^{(k)-}$, $k = 1, 2$, $\tilde{X}_3^{(2)-} = i\eta X_3^{(1)} + (1 - i\xi)X_3^{(2)}$, $\tilde{X}_3^{(1)-} = i\frac{1+i\xi}{\eta}\tilde{X}_3^{(2)-}$. For $k = 1, 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} X_1^{(k)} &= \cos \psi_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k} + \frac{\sin \psi_k}{\sin \theta_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi_k} - \cot \theta_k \sin \psi_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_k}, \\ X_2^{(k)} &= -\sin \psi_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k} + \frac{\cos \psi_k}{\sin \theta_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi_k} - \cot \theta_k \cos \psi_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_k}, \\ X_3^{(k)} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_k}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $f \in C^\infty(W)$ is in $H_{\mathbb{C}}(W)$ if and only if it satisfies the equations

$$i \sin \theta_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_1} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi_1} - \cos \theta_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial \psi_1} = 0,$$

$$i \sin \theta_2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_2} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi_2} - \cos \theta_2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial \psi_2} = 0, \quad i\eta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \psi_1} + (1 - i\xi) \frac{\partial f}{\partial \psi_2} = 0.$$

The functions

$$z^1 = e^{i\varphi_1} \cot \frac{\theta_1}{2}, \quad z^2 = e^{i\varphi_2} \cot \frac{\theta_2}{2}, \quad z^3 = e^{i\frac{\psi_1}{2}} e^{\frac{\eta(1+i\xi)}{1+\xi^2} \frac{\psi_2}{2}} \sqrt{\sin \theta_1} \sqrt{\sin \theta_2}$$

are holomorphic on W . Let $Z : W \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$ defined by $Z = (z^1, z^2, z^3)$. Z is injective, with jacobian $-\frac{\eta}{4(1+\xi^2)} e^{\frac{\eta}{1+\xi^2} \psi_2} (\cot \frac{\theta_1}{2})^2 (\cot \frac{\theta_2}{2})^2 \neq 0$, hence Z is a biholomorphic bijection of W onto an open subset of \mathbb{C}^3 , i.e., (W, Z) is a local chart for $SU(2) \times SU(2)$ equipped with the complex structure $J(\xi, \eta)$.

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