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Those flat compact complete space-forms with metric of signature (2,2) are classified up to finite covers. The simply transitive subgroups of $R^4 \rtimes SO(2,2)$ are classified up to conjugation.

1. Introduction.

- (1.1) If $\Gamma \subseteq R^4 \rtimes SO(2,2)$ and Γ acts on R^{p+q} freely and properly discontinuously with compact quotient, then $X = R^{p+q}/\Gamma$ is a flat compact complete space-form with metric of signature (p,q). Recently D. Fried [3] has classified those flat compact complete space-forms with metric of signature (1,3) upto finite covers. Ravi S. Kulkarni pointed out that Fried's method can be applied to the case (p,q)=(2,2). The basic idea of Fried's method is in the following theorem:
- (1.2) Theorem. Suppose X is a flat compact complete space-form with fundamental group $\Gamma \subseteq R^4 \rtimes SO(2,2)$. Then there is a uniquely determined subgroup H of $R^4 \rtimes SO(2,2)$ that acts simply transitively on R^4 and $H \cap \Gamma = \pi$ has finite index in Γ .
- (1.3) In §2 we classify those subgroups of $R^4 \rtimes SO(2, 2)$ that act on R^4 simply transitively, up to the conjugacy of $R^4 \rtimes O(2, 2)$. Every such subgroup, as a Lie group, is isomorphic to one of the following:

$$R^4$$
, $R \times \text{Nil}^3$, Nil^4 , $R \times \left\{ R^2 \rtimes \begin{pmatrix} e^t & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} ; t \in R \right\}$, $R \times \{ R^2 \rtimes \text{SO}(2) \}$.

All of them, except the last one, correspond to Γ 's. Their uniform lattices are known, cf. [3] and [7].

(1.4) To prove Theorem (1.2), we first prove in §3 that Γ is virtually solvable. This result confirms a conjecture by Milnor in a special case. In [6], it is conjectured that the fundamental group of a complete affinely flat manifold is virtually polycyclic. Our result, combined with

Fried's result, shows that this conjecture is true for compact pseudo-Riemannian 4-manifolds.

- (1.5) In §4 we complete the proof of Theorem 1.2, using the theory of crystallographic hull developed by Fried and Goldman, cf. [4]. In §5, we give our classification. By comparing our list with Fried's, we obtain an interesting fact: as differential manifolds, they are the same coset spaces of the form H/Γ , where H is a Lie group isomorphic to R^4 , $R \times Nil^3$, Nil^4 or $R \times \{R^2 \rtimes \begin{pmatrix} e^t & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$; $t \in R\}$ and Γ is a uniform lattice of H. These Lie groups have simply transitive representations as affine motions and when the signature is (2,2) (resp. (3,1)), the images of the representations are $R^4 \rtimes SO(2,2)$ (resp. $R^4 \rtimes SO(3,1)$).
- (1.6) Notations and some properties of SO(2, 2) and so(2, 2). Throughout this paper we will call $\{e_i\}$, $1 \le i \le 4$, a standard basis s.t. the metric Q, w.r.t. this basis, has the form

$$Q(v, v) = v_1 v_3 + v_2 v_4,$$

where $v = \sum_{i=1}^4 v_i e_i$. The full group of orientation-preserving isometries is $R^4 \rtimes \mathrm{SO}(2\,,\,2)$ and

$$SO(2,2) = \left\{ g \in SL_4(R); {}^tg \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix} g = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},\,$$

where $I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. The infinitesimal isometries are $R^4 \times so(2, 2)$ and

$$(1.6.1) \quad \operatorname{so}(2,2) = \left\{ X \in \operatorname{gl}_{4}(R); {}^{t}X \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix} X = 0 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & 0 & d \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & -d & 0 \\ 0 & c & -a_{11} & -a_{21} \\ -c & 0 & -a_{12} & -a_{22} \end{pmatrix}; a_{ij}, d, c \in R \right\}.$$

(1.6.2) $so(2, 2) = L_1 \oplus L_2$, where $L_i \simeq sl_2(R)$, i = 1, 2; and

$$L_{1} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \\ & -a & -c \\ & -b & a \end{pmatrix}; a, b, c \in R \right\},$$

$$L_{2} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a' & 0 & 0 & d' \\ 0 & a' & -d' & 0 \\ 0 & c' & -a' & 0 \\ -c' & 0 & 0 & -a' \end{pmatrix}; a', d', c' \in R \right\}.$$

 L_1 , L_2 are permuted by an element of O(2, 2).

(1.6.3) It is easy to show that any Cartan subalgebra of so(2, 2) is conjugate under O(2, 2) to one of the following:

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & & & \\ & b & & \\ & & -a & \\ & & -b \end{pmatrix} ; a, b, \in R \right\},$$

(2)
$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & 0 & b \\ -a & 0 & -b & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 & a \\ -b & 0 & -a & 0 \end{pmatrix}; a, b, \in R \right\},$$

(3)
$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b & & & \\ -b & a & & & \\ & & -a & b \\ & & -b & -a \end{pmatrix} ; a, b, \in R \right\}.$$

An immediate corollary is

(1.6.4) If X is in a Cartan subalgebra of so(2, 2) and det X = 0, then X must conjugate under O(2, 2) to

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & -a & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\},\,$$

or

(5)
$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & 0 & a \\ -a & 0 & -a & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 & a \\ -a & 0 & -a & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

(1.7) We identify Aff(n), resp. aff(n), with

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & v \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} ; A \in GL_4(R), v \in R^4 \right\},\,$$

resp.

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} X & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} ; X \in \operatorname{gl}_4(R), v \in \mathbb{R}^4 \right\},\,$$

w.r.t. a given basis. Let P_l be the natural homomorphism taking an affine transformation (or an infinitesimal affine transformation) to its linear part. Let L(G) be the Lie algebra of a Lie group G and A(G) be the algebraic hull of G. We will need the following well-known lemma.

- (1.7.1) LEMMA. If $G \subseteq \text{Aff}(n)$ s.t. G acts freely on \mathbb{R}^n , then every $A \in P_l(G)$ has 1 as an eigenvalue.
- (1.7.2) LEMMA (Kostant and Sullivan, cf. [5]). If G is as in (1.7.1), then every $A \in P_l(A(G))$ has 1 as an eigenvalue.
- (1.7.3) COROLLARY. If G is an in (1.7.1), then every $X \in P_l(L(A(G)))$ or $X \in L(A(P_l(G)))$ has 0 as an eigenvalue.
- 2. Simply transitive subgroups. We will classify subgroups of $R^4 \times SO(2, 2)$ that act simply transitively on R^4 . Our classification is up to the conjugation under $R^4 \times O(2, 2)$. It is well known that a simply transitive group of affine motions must be solvable, connected, simply connected and of dimension 4, cf. [1]. We will start from a special case when the groups are unipotent. The following lemma from Auslander and Scheuneman plays the key role in this section.
- (2.1) Lemma. Let U be a nilpotent Lie group which has a faithful representation $\rho\colon U\to \mathrm{Aff}(n)$, let ρ_* be the induced monomorphism of Lie algebras

$$ho_*L(U)
ightarrow \left\{ \left(egin{array}{cc} X & v \ 0 & 0 \end{array}
ight) \, ; \, X \in \mathrm{gl}_n(R) \, , \, v \in R^n
ight\} = \mathrm{aff}(n) \, ,$$

and let P_l be as in (1.7), let P_t be the projection from an element in aff(n) to its translation part. Then $\rho(U)$ acts on \mathbb{R}^n simply transitively if and only if

- (1) $P_l \circ \rho_*(L(U))$ is nilpotent, and
- (2) $P_t \circ \rho_*(L(U))$ is a linear isomorphism of L(U) onto \mathbb{R}^n .

For a proof, cf. [1]. So unipotent simply transitive subgroups are exactly the following U's s.t.

(2.2)
$$L(U) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} X(v) & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; v \in \mathbb{R}^n \right\},$$

where X(v) is a linear function of v and $P_l(L(U)) = \{X(v); v \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$ is nilpotent.

- (2.3) LEMMA. There is a vector $v_0 \in \mathbb{R}^4$ such that
 - (i) $P_l(L(U))(v_0) = 0$,
- (ii) $Q(v_0, v_0) = 0$.

Proof. If $V = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^4 : P_l(L(U))v = 0\}$, then V^{\perp} is invariant. By Engel's Theorem on V^{\perp} , V^{\perp} meets V.

Let $\{e_i\}$ be our standard basis. Then we choose $v_0 = e_1$ since O(2, 2) is transitive on $\{v; Q(v, v) = 0\}/v \sim tv$, where $t \in R - \{0\}$.

(2.4) COROLLARY. W.r.t. the above standard basis, $X \in P_l(L(U))$ has the form

$$X(v) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & -b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where a = a(v) and b = b(v) are linear functions of v.

To find a(v) and b(v), we compute the commutator of L(U).

$$(2.5) \qquad \left[\begin{pmatrix} X(v) & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} X(v') & v' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} X(v'') & v'' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where v'' = X(v)v' - X(v')v, X(v'') = X(v)X(v') - X(v')X(v) = 0. So

$$a(v'') = b(v'') \equiv 0.$$

Write

(2.6)
$$a(v) = \sum_{i=1}^{4} a_i v_i, \qquad b(v) = \sum_{i=1}^{4} b_i v_i.$$

Then we have

(2.7)
$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^{4} a_i v_i'', \qquad 0 = \sum_{i=1}^{4} b_i v_i'',$$

where v_i'' 's are linear functions of a_i , b_i and $v_i v_j'$, $1 \le i$, $j \le 4$, and all coefficients of $v_i v_i'$ must be zero. We obtain

- (2.8) LEMMA.
 - (i) $a_1 = b_1 = 0$,
- (ii) $a_2b_4 + a_4^2 = 0$,
- (iii) $a_2b_2 + a_4a_2 = 0$,
- (iv) $b_2b_4 + b_4a_4 = 0$,
- (v) $b_2^2 + b_4 a_2 = 0$.

- (2.9) COROLLARY.
 - (i) $b_4(b_2 + a_4) = 0$,
- (ii) $a_2(b_2 + a_4) = 0$,
- (iii) $(b_2 a_4)(b_2 + a_4) = 0$.
- (2.10) Now we can get some necessary conditions for the nontranslation unipotent simply transitive subgroups. If $b_2 + a_4 \neq 0$, then $b_4 = a_2 = 0$. By (2.8) (ii) and (v), $b_2^2 = a_4^2 = 0$ and we get a contradiction. So $b_2 + a_4 = 0$, and we have three subcases:

(2.10.1)
$$b_2 = a_4 = b_4 = a_2 = 0$$
, but $(a_3, b_3) \neq (0, 0)$, i.e.,
$$\begin{cases} a(v) = a_3 v_3 \\ b(v) = b_3 v_3. \end{cases}$$

(2.10.2) $b_2 + a_4 = 0$ but $b_2 \neq 0$, $a_4 \neq 0$. Then by (2.8) $b_4 \neq 0$, $a_2 \neq 0$, i.e.

$$\begin{cases} a(v) = a_2v_2 + a_3v_3 + a_4v_4 \\ b(v) = b_2v_2 + b_3v_3 + b_4v_4. \end{cases}$$

(2.10.3) $b_2 = 0$, $a_4 = 0$, $(a_2, b_4) \neq (0, 0)$. By (2.8), $b_4 a_2 = 0$, so

$$\begin{cases} a(v) = a_2v_2 + a_3v_3 \\ b(v) = b_3v_3, \end{cases}$$

or

$$\begin{cases} a(v) = a_3 v_3 \\ b(v) = b_3 v_3 + b_4 v_4. \end{cases}$$

(2.11) Theorem. Up to conjugacy under $R^4 \rtimes O(2,2)$, the nontranslation unipotent simply transitive groups U of $R^4 \rtimes SO(2,2)$, have the following Lie algebras:

$$L(U) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} X(v) & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \; ; \; v \in R^4 \right\} \; ,$$

where

$$X(v) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a(v) & 0 & b(v) \\ 0 & 0 & -b(v) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a(v) & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

Type of $L(U)$	a(v)	b(v)	isomorphism type as an abstract Lie algebra
I-1	v_3	v_3	$N_3 \oplus R$
I-2	v_3	$-v_3$	$N_3 \oplus R$
I-3	v_3	0	$N_3 \oplus R$
II-1	$v_2 + v_4 + tv_3, \ (t \ge 0)$	$-v_2 - v_4$	N_4
II-2	$-v_2 + v_4 + tv_3, \ (t \ge 0)$	$-v_{2} + v_{4}$	N_4
II-3	v_{2}	v_2	N.

a(v) and b(v) are listed in the following table:

The equivalence classes are uniquely determined by the type of L(U) and the parameter t (in Type II).

Proof. The discussion of the conjugacy under $R^4 \rtimes O(2, 2)$ is long and tedious. We will only write down a brief one for subcase (2.10.2). We give the following lemma without proof.

(2.11.1) LEMMA. If $a(v) \not\equiv 0$, $b(v) \not\equiv 0$, $a'(v') \not\equiv 0$, $b'(v') \not\equiv 0$, and if there is a matrix $A = (a_{ij}) \in O(2, 2)$ such that

$$A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a(v) & 0 & b(v) \\ 0 & 0 & -b(v) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a(v) & 0 \end{pmatrix} A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a'(v') & 0 & b'(v') \\ 0 & 0 & -b'(v') & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a'(v') & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

then either

$$(1) \begin{cases} a'(v') = \frac{a_2 a_{22}^2}{a_{11}} v_2' + \left\{ \frac{a_{22} a_{23}}{a_{11}} a_2 + \frac{a_{22}}{a_{11}^2} a_3 + \frac{a_{22} a_{43}}{a_{11}} a_4 \right\} v_3' \\ + \frac{a_4}{a_{11}} v_4' \\ b'(v') = \frac{b_2}{a_{11}} v_2' + \left\{ \frac{a_{23}}{a_{11} a_{22}} b_2 + \frac{1}{a_{11}^2 a_{22}} b_3 + \frac{a_{43}}{a_{11} a_{22}} b_4 \right\} v_3' \\ + \frac{b_4}{a_{11} a_{22}^2} v_4' \end{cases}$$

where $a_{11}a_{22} \neq 0$; or

where
$$a_{11}a_{22} \neq 0$$
; or
$$\begin{cases} a'(v') = \frac{b_4 a_{42}^2}{a_{11}} v'_2 + \left\{ \frac{a_{42}a_{23}}{a_{11}} b_2 + \frac{a_{42}}{a_{11}^2} b_3 + \frac{a_{42}a_{43}}{a_{11}} b_4 \right\} v'_3 \\ + \frac{b_2}{a_{11}} v'_4 \end{cases}$$

$$b'(v') = \frac{a_4}{a_{11}} v'_2 + \left\{ \frac{a_{23}}{a_{11}a_{42}} a_2 + \frac{1}{a_{11}^2 a_{42}} a_3 + \frac{a_{43}}{a_{11}a_{42}} a_4 \right\} v'_3 \\ + \frac{a_4}{a_{11}a_{41}^2} v'_4 \end{cases}$$

where $a_{11}a_{42} \neq 0$.

Write
$$a'(v') = \sum_{i=2}^{4} a'_i v'_i$$
 and $b'(v') = \sum_{i=2}^{4} b'_i v'_i$, then from (2.11.1)
$$a'_2 b'_4 = a'_4 b'_2 = \frac{a_4 b_2}{a_{11}^2} = -\frac{a_4^2}{a_{11}^2} < 0,$$

since $a_4 = -b_2 \neq 0$. So we can choose a_{11} such that $a'_2b'_4 = a'_4b'_2 =$ -1, i.e. $a_4/a_{11} = \pm 1$. Next we use (1) (resp. (2)) if $a_4/a_{11} = 1$ (resp. -1), and choose a_{22} (resp. a_{42}) to reduce

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_2' & a_4' \\ b_2' & b_4' \end{pmatrix}$$

to

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{if } a_2 a_4 > 0 \,,$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{if } a_2 a_4 < 0.$$

Now a_3' , b_3' have the form

$$\begin{cases} a_3' = z_1 + \frac{a_{22}}{a_{11}^2} a_3 \\ b_3' = \pm z_1 + \frac{1}{a_{11}^2 a_{22}} b_3, \end{cases} \text{ or } \begin{cases} a_3' = z_2 + \frac{a_{42}}{a_{11}^2} b_3 \\ b_3' = \pm z_2 + \frac{1}{a_{11}^2 a_{42}} a_3, \end{cases}$$

where z_1 (resp. z_2) depends on a_{23} , a_{43} (resp. a_{23} , a_{43}) and z_i , i = 1, 2 can assume any real number. We can choose z_i so that $b_3' = 0$ and we can choose the sign of a_{22} (resp. a_{42}) so that $a_3' \ge 0$. So we can find an $A \in O(2, 2)$ such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is of Type II-1 or Type II-2. We can replace $\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ by $\begin{pmatrix} A & w \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and show that the translation part doesn't contribute to the classification. We omit the rest of the proof.

- (2.12) To handle the general case, namely when the simply transitive group of affine motion is non-unipotent solvable, we need the following lemma from Auslander, cf. [1].
- (2.12.1) LEMMA. Let H be an n-dimensional, connected, simply connected, solvable Lie group acting simply transitively as affine motions on R^n . Let A(H) be the algebraic hull of H and let U be the unipotent radical of A(H). Then U operates simply transitively as affine motions on R^n .

Now all such nontranslation U's are known from (2.11), and we'll study them first.

(2.12.2) LEMMA. Let H, U be as in (2.12.1) and assume that U is not the translation group T. Then H = U.

Proof. W.r.t. the standard basis $\{e_i\}$, $1 \le i \le 4$, we know

$$L(P_l(U)) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a(v) & 0 & b(v) \\ 0 & 0 & -b(v) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a(v) & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \, v \in R^4 \right\}.$$

Notice that A(H) is contained in the normalizer of U, we have

$$[L(A(H)), L(U)] \subseteq L(U), \qquad [L(P_l(A(H))), L(P_l(U))] \subseteq L(P_l(U)).$$

Since for

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & 0 & d \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & -d & 0 \\ 0 & c & -a_{11} & -a_{21} \\ -c & 0 & -a_{12} & -a_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a(v) & 0 & b(v) \\ 0 & 0 & -b(v) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a(v) & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

we have

$$[Y, X] = \begin{pmatrix} -a(v)a_{21} + b(v)c & a(v)(a_{11} - a_{22}) & 0 & b(v)(a_{11} + a_{22}) \\ 0 & a(v)a_{21} + b(v)c & -b(v)(a_{11} + a_{22}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a(v)a_{21} - b(v)c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a(v)(a_{11} - a_{22}) & -a(v)a_{21} - b(v)c \end{pmatrix}.$$

So

$$\begin{cases} -a(v)a_{21} + b(v)c = 0, \\ a(v)a_{21} + b(v)c = 0, \end{cases}$$

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i.e.

$$\begin{cases} a(v)a_{21} = 0 \\ b(v)c = 0 \end{cases}$$

for any a_{21} , c, a(v) and b(v), $v \in \mathbb{R}^4$.

By (2.11), we can always find a v so that $a(v) \neq 0$, so we must have $a_{21} = 0$. Similarly c = 0, unless $b(v) \equiv 0$. So we have two cases.

Case 1. Type of L(U) is I-1, I-2 or II. $L(P_I(A(H)))$ is contained in

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & 0 & d \\ 0 & a_{22} & -d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{12} & -a_{22} \end{pmatrix}; a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{22}, d \in R \right\}.$$

Case 2. Type of L(U) is I-3. $L(P_l(A(H)))$ is contained in

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c & -a_{11} & 0 \\ -c & 0 & -a_{12} & -a_{22} \end{pmatrix}; a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{22}, c \in R \right\}.$$

It's easy to show that matrices in Case 1 and Case 2 are conjugate under O(2, 2). We will only write down a proof for Case 1; a proof for Case 2 can be obtained similarly.

Again let $Y \in L(P_l(A(H)))$. Then by (1.7.3) det Y = 0, so $a_{11}a_{22} = 0$, i.e. $a_{11} = 0$ or $a_{22} = 0$.

If $a_{22} = 0$, then an element in L(A(H)) has the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & 0 & d(v) & v_1 \\ 0 & 0 & -d & 0 & v_2 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{11} & 0 & v_3 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{12} & 0 & v_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{for some } v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

By subtracting an element $\begin{pmatrix} X(v) & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in L(U)$, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y-X(v) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12}-a(v) & 0 & d-b(v) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -d+b(v) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{12}+a(v) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in L(A(H)).$$

For any $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} X(v') & v' \\ 0 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \in L(U)$, we have

But we know that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_{11}a(v') & 0 & a_{11}b(v') & a_{11}v'_1 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{11}b(v') & 0 & a_{11}v'_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{11}v'_3 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{11}a(v') & 0 & a_{11}v'_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in L(U).$$

So we have

- (1) $a_{11}v'_1 = a_{11}v'_1 + (a_{12} a(v))v'_2 + (d b(v))v'_4$;
- (2) $a_{11}v_2' = -(d b(v))v_3';$
- (3) $a_{11}v_3^7 = -a_{11}v_3'$;
- (4) $a_{11}v_4' = -(a_{12} a(v))v_3'$.

From (3) we get $a_{11} = 0$. Then (2), resp. (4), implies d = b(v), resp. $a_{12} = a(v)$, i.e. Y = X(v). So $\begin{pmatrix} Y & v \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in L(U)$.

If $a_{11}=0$, let $\begin{pmatrix} Yv\\0&0 \end{pmatrix}\in L(A(H))$. By subtracting an element $\begin{pmatrix} X(v)&v\\0&0 \end{pmatrix}\in L(U)$, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y - X(v) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a - 12 - a(v) & 0 & d - b(v) & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & -(d - b(v)) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(a_{12} - a(v)) & -a_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in L(A(H)).$$

Then for any $\begin{pmatrix} X(v') & v' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in L(U)$, we have

$$\begin{split} & \left[\begin{pmatrix} Y - X(v) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} X(v') & v' \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ & = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -a_{22}a(v') & 0 & a_{22}b(v') & (a_{12} - a(v))v'_2 + (d - b(v))v'_4 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{22}b(v') & 0 & a_{22}v'_2 - (d - b(v))v'_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{22}a(v') & 0 & -(a_{12} - a(v))v'_3 - a_{22}v'_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in L(U). \end{split}$$

Let $a(v) = \sum a_i v_i$, $b(v) = \sum b_i v_i$, $2 \le i \le 4$ as in (2.6) $(a_1 = b_1 = 0)$ and let

$$v'' = \begin{pmatrix} (a_{12} - a(v))v_2' + (d - b(v))v_4' \\ a_{22}v_2' - (d - b(v))v_3' \\ 0 \\ -(a_{12} - a(v))v_3' - a_{22}v_4' \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\begin{cases} -a_{22}a(v') = a(v'') = a_2(a_{22}v'_2 - (d - b(v))v'_3) \\ +a_4(-(a_{12} - a(v))v'_3 - a_{22}v'_4), \\ a_{22}b(v') = b(v'') = b_2(a_{22}v'_2 - (d - b(v))v'_3) \\ +b_4(-(a_{12} - a(v))v'_3 - a_{22}v'_4), \end{cases}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{cases} -a_{22}(a_2v_2' + a_3v_3' + a_4 + v_4') = a_2(a_{22}v_2' - (d - b(v))v_3') \\ +a_4(-(a_{12} - a(v))v_3' - a_{22}v_4'), \\ a_{22}(b_2v_2' + b_3v_3' + b_4v_4') = b_2(a_{22}v_2' - (d - b(v))v_3') \\ +b_4(-(a_{12} - a(v))v_3' - a_{22}v_4'), \end{cases}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{cases} 2a_{22}a_2v_2' + (a_3a_{22} - a_4(a_{12} - a(v)) - a_2(d - b(v)))v_3' = 0, \\ 2a_{22}b_4v_4' + (b_3a_{22} + b_4(a_{12} - a(v)) + b_2(d - b(v)))v_3' = 0. \end{cases}$$

Letting v_i' 's vary, we have

- (1) $a_{22}a_2=0$;
- (2) $a_{22}b_4 = 0$;
- (3) $a_3a_{22} a_4(a_{12} a(v)) a_2(d b(v)) = 0$;
- (4) $b_3a_{22} + b_4(a_{12} a(v)) + b_2(d b(v)) = 0$.

If $a_{22} \neq 0$, we must have $a_2 = b_4 = 0$ by (1) and (2). According to (2.10), this implies $b_2 = a_4 = b_4 = a_2 = 0$. Then (3) and (4) lead to

$$\begin{cases} a_3 a_{22} = 0, \\ b_3 a_{22} = 0, \end{cases}$$

i.e. $a_3 = b_3 = 0$. So U = T, and we have a contradiction. So $a_{22} = 0$. We always have $a_{11} = a_{22} = 0$, i.e. A(H) is unipotent; so H is unipotent. But any unipotent connected Lie group is Zariski closed, so H = A(H). U, as the unipotent radical of H must be H itself.

- (2.12.3) Now consider the case when the unipotent radical A(H) is precisely the group T of translations of R^4 . Suppose $H \neq T$, i.e. H is not unipotent.
 - (2.12.3.1) LEMMA. $P_l(H)$ is abelian.

Proof. $P_l(H) \simeq H/\operatorname{Ker}(P_l|_H)) = H/(H \cap T) \subseteq A(H)/T$, but A(H)/T is abelian (cf. [2], A(H)/U(H) is abelian, since A(H) is solvable and algebraic).

(2.12.3.2) Lemma. dim $P_l(H) = 1$; $P_l(H)$ is diagnolizable in \mathbb{C} .

Proof. $P_l(H)$ is a connected abelian subgroup of $SO_0(2, 2)$, so $\dim P_l(H) \leq 2$. By (1.7.3) $\det X = 0$ for every $X \in L(P_l(H))$, i.e. 0 is an eigenvalue of X. Since $X \in SO(2, 2)$, so

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & 0 & d \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & -d & 0 \\ 0 & c & -a_{11} & -a_{21} \\ -c & 0 & -a_{12} & -a_{22} \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$\det(X - \lambda I) = \lambda^4 + (2dc - 2a_{12}a_{21} - a_{11}^2 - a_{22}^2)\lambda^2 + (-a_{11}a_{22} + a_{12}a_{21} + dc)^2 = \lambda^4 + \{-4a_{12}a_{21} - (a_{11} - a_{12})^2\}\lambda^2,$$

since 0 is an eigenvalue. So the eigenvalues of X are $\{0, 0, 0, 0, 0\}$ or $\{0, 0, \lambda, -\lambda\}$, $\lambda \neq 0$, $\lambda \in R$ or $\sqrt{-1}R$. If $\dim P_l(H) = 2$, then by (1.6.2) so $(2, 2) = L_1 \oplus L_2$, $L_i \simeq \mathrm{sl}_2(R)$. So $L(P_l(H)) = RX_1 + RX_2$ where $X_i \in L_i$, i = 1, 2. But by (1.6.2)

$$\det(X_1 - \lambda I) = \lambda^4 + 2(a^2 + bc)\lambda^2 + (a^2 + bc)^2, \text{ and}$$
$$\det(X_2 - \lambda I) = \lambda^4 + 2(b'c' - a'^2)\lambda^2 + (b'c' - a'^2)^2.$$

So zero is an eigenvalue of X_i , i=1,2, if and only if all the eigenvalues of X_i are zero. This means $P_l(H)$ is unipotent and leads to a contradiction. So dim $P_l(H)=1$, $L(P_l(H))=RX$ and X has eigenvalues $\{0,0,\lambda,-\lambda\}$, $\lambda \neq 0$, $\lambda \in R$ or $\sqrt{-1}R$. Since X is an infinitesimal isometry, it is diagnolizable.

(2.12.3.3) COROLLARY. $L(P_l(H))$ is contained in a Cartan subalgebra of so(2, 2) and is conjugate under O(2, 2) to

$$\begin{pmatrix}
a & & 0 \\
0 & & \\
& -a \\
0 & & 0
\end{pmatrix}$$

(2)
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & 0 & a \\ -a & 0 & -a & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 & a \\ -a & 0 & -a & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since H is simply transitive, the map P_t : $L(H) \to R^4$ is a linear isomorphism, so in (2.12.3.3) we have $a = \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i v_i$, where

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

is the corresponding translation part. Since T is the unipotent radical of A(H), we have $[L(H), L(H)] \subseteq L(T) = R^4$. By computing the commutator and using the fact that H is simply transitive, we must have $a(v) = a_2v_2 + a_4v_4$, $(a_2, a_4) \neq (0, 0)$ in Case (1) and $a(v) = a_1(v_1 - v_3) + a_2(v_2 - v_4)$, $(a_1, a_2) \neq (0, 0)$ in Case (2). Finally, by considering the conjugation under $R^4 \rtimes O(2, 2)$, we get

(2.12.4) THEOREM. If $H \subseteq R^4 \rtimes SO(2, 2)$ acts simply transitively on R^4 and H is not unipotent, then H is conjugate under $R^4 \rtimes O(2, 2)$

to one of the following:

(i) Type III-1:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a(v) & & & 0 \\ & 0 & & \\ & & -a(v) & \\ 0 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \end{pmatrix},$$

where $a(v) = tv_2 + v_4$, t > 0 and $L(H) \simeq R \oplus \{R^2 \rtimes R\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}\}$. (ii) Type III-2:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a(v) & 0 & a(v) \\ -a(v) & 0 & -a(v) & 0 \\ 0 & a(v) & 0 & a(v) \\ -a(v) & 0 & -a(v) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \end{pmatrix},$$

where $a(v) = t(v_1 - v_3)$, t > 0 and $L(H) = R \oplus \{R^2 \rtimes R(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{smallmatrix})\}$. The type and the parameter t determine the equivalence classes uniquely.

(2.13) Combining (2.11) with (2.12.4) and denoting $H = T_4$ as Type 0, we complete the classification of simply transitive subgroups of $R^4 \times SO(2, 2)$. We summarize our result in the following table. We denote

$$A(a, b, v) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a(v) & 0 & b(v) \\ 0 & 0 & -b(v) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a(v) & 0 \end{pmatrix}, v \in \mathbb{R}^4 \right\},$$

$$B(a, v) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a(v) & 0 \\ 0 & & \\ & -a(v) \\ 0 & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, v \in \mathbb{R}^4 \right\},$$

$$C(a, v) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a(v) & 0 & a(v) \\ -a(v) & 0 & -a(v) & 0 \\ 0 & a(v) & 0 & a(v) \\ -a(v) & 0 & -a(v) & 0 \end{pmatrix}, v \in \mathbb{R}^4 \right\}.$$

Table of equivalence classes of simply transitive subgroups of $R^4 \times SO(2, 2)$ (given in the form of subalgebras of aff(n) w.r.t. a standard basis).

type of $L(H)$	affine form of $L(H)$	isomorphism type as abstract Lie algebra
0	$\left\{\left(\begin{smallmatrix}0&v\\0&0\end{smallmatrix}\right);v\in R^4\right\};$	R^4
I-1	$A(a, b, v), \begin{cases} a(v) = v_3, \\ b(v) = v_3 \end{cases}$ $(a(v) = v_3, $	$R \oplus N_3$
I-2	$A(a, b, v), \begin{cases} a(v) = v_3, \\ b(v) = -v_3 \end{cases}$ $a(v) = v_3,$	$R \oplus N_3$
I-3	$A(a \ b \ a)$	$R \oplus N_3$
II-1	$A(a, b, v), \begin{cases} b(v) = 0 \\ a(v) = v_2 + v_4 + tv_3, \\ b(v) = -v_2 - v_4, t \ge 0, \end{cases}$	N_4
II-2	$A(a, b, v), \begin{cases} a(v) = -v_2 + v_4 + tv_3, \\ b(v) = -v_2 + v_4, \ t \ge 0 \end{cases}$	N_4
II-3	$A(a,b,v), $ $\begin{cases} a(v)=v_2, \\ b(v)=v_3 \end{cases}$	N_4
III-1	$B(a, v), a(v) = tv_2 + v_4, t \in R$	$R \oplus \{R^2 \rtimes R \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{smallmatrix}\right)\}$
III-2	$C(a, v), a(v) = t(v_1 - v_3), t > 0$	$R \oplus \left\{ R^2 \rtimes R \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \right\}$

The type of L(H) and the parameter t determine the equivalence classes uniquely.

- 3. Γ is virtually solvable. A group with a solvable subgroup of finite index is called virtually solvable.
- (3.1) Theorem. If $\Gamma \subset R^4 \rtimes SO(2, 2)$ and Γ acts freely and properly discontinuously on R^4 with compact quotient, then Γ is virtually solvable.

Proof. Let $\pi = P_l(\Gamma)$ and $A(\pi)$ be the algebraic hull of Γ . The identity component A_0 is of finite index in $A(\pi)$. We will show A_0 is solvable. The following lemma is due to D. Fried.

(3.2) LEMMA. If A_0 fixes a vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^4$ s.t. $Q(v, v) \neq 0$, then A_0 is solvable.

For a proof, cf. [3].

Assume that A_0 is not solvable. As in (1.7.2), for every $g \in A(\pi)$, $\det(g - I) = 0$. This shows $\det = 0$ on $L(A_0)$ and $\dim A_0 < \dim SO(2, 2)$. So A_0 contains a semisimpleconnected subgroup S

such that dim S=3 and $L(S)\simeq \mathrm{sl}_2(R)$. By (1.6.2) det $\neq 0$ on l_i so $L(S)\neq L_i$, i=1,2. So L(S) must be a maximal subalgebra of $\mathrm{so}(2,2)$, so $A_0=S$. Let $P_i\colon L(S)\to L_i$, i=1,2 be the projection map, then $P_i(L(S))=L_i$, i=1,2.

- (3.3) Claim. There is a nonzero vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^4$ such that
 - (i) $Q(v, v) \neq 0$;
- (ii) $A_0(v) = v$.

To prove the claim, let $0 \neq X \in L(A_0)$ such that RX is a split Cartan subalgebra of $L(A_0)$. Then $h = P_1(RX) \oplus P_2(RX)$ is a split Cartan subalgebra of $\operatorname{so}(2,2)$. By (1.6.3) h is conjugate under $\operatorname{O}(2,2)$ to $\{\operatorname{diag}\cdot(a,b,-a,-b); a,b\in R\}$. Since $\det X=0$ we can rescale and permute coordinates so $X=\operatorname{diag}\cdot(1,0,-1,0)$. Let $\{X,Y,Z\}$ be the basis of L(A) such that [X,Y]=2Y,[X,Z]=-2Z,[Y,Z]=X and $X=\operatorname{diag}\cdot(1,0,-1,0)$. Then $\operatorname{ad} X$ has three real eigenvalues on $\operatorname{so}(2,2)$: $\{2,0,-2\}$. Let E_λ be the corresponding eigenspaces, then

$$E_{2} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c & 0 & e \\ 0 & 0 & -e & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -c & 0 \end{pmatrix}; c, e \in R \right\},$$

$$E_{-2} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & -d \\ -f & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; d, f, \in R \right\}, \text{ and}$$

$$[E_{2}, E_{-2}] = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} cd - ef & 0 \\ -cd - ef & cd + ef \\ 0 & cd + ef \end{pmatrix}; cd + ef \right\}.$$

So there are $c, e, d, f \in R$ such that

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c & 0 & e \\ 0 & 0 & -e & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -c & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & -d \\ -f & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and [X, Z] = X implies

$$\begin{cases} cd - ef = 1, \\ cd + ef = 0, \end{cases}$$

i.e. $cd = -ef = \frac{1}{2}$, $cdef \neq 0$. Let $v = \frac{1}{c}e_2 - \frac{1}{e}e_4$. It's easy to check that $Q(v, v) = \frac{1}{ce} \neq 0$, $A_0(v) = v$.

Combining (3.3) with Lemma (3.2), we have a contradiction, so A_0 must be solvable.

- 4. Proof of Theorem (1.2). The principal tool is the following theorem from [4].
- (4.1) Theorem (Fried and Goldman). Let $\Gamma \subseteq \mathrm{Aff}(n)$ be virtually polycyclic and suppose that Γ acts properly discontinuously on \mathbb{R}^n . Then there exists at least one subgroup $H \subseteq \mathrm{Aff}(n)$ containing Γ such that:
 - (a) H has finitely many components and each component meets Γ ;
 - (b) H/Γ is compact;
 - (c) H and Γ have the same algebraic hull in Aff(n);
- (d) if Γ has a subgroup Γ_1 of finite index such that every element of $P_l(\Gamma_1)$ has all real eigenvalues, then H is uniquely determined by the above conditions;
- (e) the identity component H_0 of H acts simply transitively on \mathbb{R}^n and $H_0 \cap \Gamma$ is a discrete cocompact subgroup of H_0 and is of finite index in Γ .

Such a subgroup H in (4.1) is called a crystallographic hull for Γ . Since a discrete solvable subgroup of Lie with finitely many components is polycyclic and we proved in §3 that Γ in (1.2) is virtually solvable, by (4.1) we need only to check for the uniqueness of H. By (4.1)-(d), we need only to show that $P_l(\Gamma)$ has a subgroup of finite index with real eigenvalues only. Since H_0 must occur in our table of simply transitive motions and all these simply transitive motions, except Type III-2, have linear parts with only real eigenvalues, we need only to check Type III-2. By Bieberbach's theorem (cf. [8]), any discrete subgroup of Type III-2 meets T in a subgroup of finite index.

5. Classification of Γ .

(5.1) Lemma. Let Γ be a uniform lattice in a simply transitive group $H \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4 \rtimes SO(2,2)$. Then H is the identity component of the crystallographic hull of Γ if and only if H is not of Type III-2.

Proof. If H is of Type III-2, then Γ has a subgroup of finite index, say Γ_1 , such that $\Gamma_1 \subset T$. So Γ is virtually abelian. By [4], the crystallographic hull of a virtually abelian affine polycyclic group is itself virtually abelian, so H doesn't arise from any Γ .

In the unipotent cases, the algebraic hull of H is H itself. So $A(\Gamma)$, the algebraic hull of Γ , is contained in H. Since H_0' , the identity component of the crystallographic hull H' of Γ , acts simply transitively on R^4 , the dimension of H_0' must be four, and then by (4.1)-(C) we have

$$H'_0 \subseteq H' \subseteq A(H') = A(\Gamma) \subseteq H$$
.

So $H = H'_0$; then H' = H.

The only remaining case is Type III-1. Since Γ is not unipotent, H_0' , the identity component of the crystallographic hull H' of Γ , must be nonunipotent solvable, i.e. H_0' is of Type III-1 and $\Gamma \subseteq H \cap H_0'$. Then it's easy to show that $H_0' = H$.

- (5.2) Corollary. Up to finite covers, every flat compact complete space-form with metric of signature (2,2) is of the form H/Γ , where H is a simply transitive subgroup of $R^4 \times SO(2,2)$ of Type 0, Type I, Type II or Type III-1 and Γ is a uniform lattice of H.
- (5.3) Uniform lattices. The uniform lattices depend only on the structure of H as a Lie group and do not depend on its embedding in $R^4 \rtimes \mathrm{SO}(2,2)$. Since Type $0 \simeq R^4$, Type I $\simeq R \times \mathrm{Nil}^3$, Type II $\simeq \mathrm{Nil}^4$ and Type III-1 $\simeq R \times \{R^2 \rtimes \begin{pmatrix} e' & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$; $t \in R\}$, as Lie groups, they are exactly the same group as that listed in [8], and D. Fried gave a list of their uniform lattices there. C. T. C. Wall also studied them, cf. [7]. Here we only write them down to complete our classification.
- (5.3.1) The uniform lattices of H are semidirect products $Z^3 \rtimes Z_A$, where $A \in SL(Z)$ has a characteristic polynomial

$$\det(t - A) = (t - 1)(t^2 - bt + 1),$$

where $b \ge 2$ is an integer, and A and b satisfy:

- (i) Type 0: A = I, b = 2;
- (ii) Type I: $(A I)^2 = 0$, $A \neq I$, b = 2;
- (iii) Type II: $(A-I)^2 \neq 0$, $(A-I)^3 = 0$, b = 2;
- (iv) Type III-1: $b \ge 3$.

(Cf. [3] and [7] for a proof.)

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