

Local Type I Metrics with Holonomy in G_2^*

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Abstract. By [arXiv:1604.00528], a list of possible holonomy algebras for pseudo-Riemannian manifolds with an indecomposable torsion free G_2^* -structure is known. Here indecomposability means that the standard representation of the algebra on $\mathbb{R}^{4,3}$ does not leave invariant any proper non-degenerate subspace. The dimension of the socle of this representation is called the type of the Lie algebra. It is equal to one, two or three. In the present paper, we use Cartan's theory of exterior differential systems to show that all Lie algebras of Type I from the list in [arXiv:1604.00528] can indeed be realised as the holonomy of a local metric. All these Lie algebras are contained in the maximal parabolic subalgebra \mathfrak{p}_1 that stabilises one isotropic line of $\mathbb{R}^{4,3}$. In particular, we realise \mathfrak{p}_1 by a local metric.

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1 Introduction

Many problems in geometry can be rephrased as the problem of locally prescribing a given group as holonomy, and this can be reduced to a PDE problem in a number of ways, but most of these lead to PDE that are either degenerate or overdetermined in some way, so the methods of exterior differential systems turn out to be essentially involved. In [4] Bryant showed that the local existence of many non-Riemannian holonomy groups is based on the translation of the structure equations for a given holonomy group into an exterior differential system, and then to use Cartan–Kähler theory [5] to conclude the existence of such metrics. We recall that an exterior differential system is a system of equations on a manifold defined by equating to zero a number of exterior differential forms.

In the present paper, we consider 7-dimensional pseudo-Riemannian manifolds (M, g) with holonomy H contained in the non-compact subgroup $G_2^* \subset \text{SO}(4, 3)$. This is the pseudo-Riemannian analogue of a torsion-free G_2 -structure, which is well known from the holonomy theory of Riemannian manifolds since G_2 is one of the groups on Berger's list [3]. While torsion-free G_2 -structures exist on Riemannian 7-manifolds, their pseudo-Riemannian analogues are structures on manifolds of signature $(4, 3)$. The Lie group G_2^* can be viewed either as the stabiliser of a certain generic 3-form, the stabiliser of a non-isotropic element of the real spinor representation of $\text{Spin}(4, 3)$ or the stabiliser of a cross product on $\mathbb{R}^{4,3}$. Therefore a torsion-free G_2^* -structure on a pseudo-Riemannian manifold M of signature $(4, 3)$ can be understood as a parallel generic 3-form, a parallel non-isotropic spinor field or a parallel cross-product \times on M .

Examples of signature (4,3)-metrics with holonomy group equal to G_2^* have been constructed, see for instance [2, 6, 8, 9, 12, 14]. In the present paper we are interested in the case where the holonomy is strictly contained in G_2^* .

In [7] a classification of indecomposable Berger algebras strictly contained in the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}_2^* was obtained, where by indecomposable we mean that the holonomy representation does not leave invariant any proper non-degenerate subspace. The indecomposable Berger algebras $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}_2^* \subset \mathfrak{so}(4,3)$ have been distinguished by the dimension of the socle, i.e., of the maximal semisimple subrepresentation of their natural representation on $\mathbb{R}^{4,3}$. As in [7] we will say that \mathfrak{h} is of Type I, II or III, if, respectively, the dimension of the socle is one, two or three. The types can be described in terms of the two 9-dimensional maximal parabolic subalgebras $\mathfrak{p}_1, \mathfrak{p}_2$ of \mathfrak{g}_2^* , which can be characterised by the action of G_2^* on isotropic subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^{4,3}$. More precisely, \mathfrak{p}_1 is the Lie algebra of the stabiliser of an isotropic line and \mathfrak{p}_2 is the stabiliser of an isotropic 2-plane spanned by two vectors b_1, b_2 satisfying $b_1 \times b_2 = 0$. Moreover, $\mathfrak{p}_1 = \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R}) \ltimes \mathfrak{m}$, where \mathfrak{m} is three-step nilpotent, is of Type I and $\mathfrak{p}_2 = \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R}) \ltimes \mathfrak{n}$, where \mathfrak{n} is two-step nilpotent, is of Type II. Both \mathfrak{p}_1 and \mathfrak{p}_2 are indecomposable Berger algebras.

By [7], \mathfrak{h} is contained, up to conjugation, in \mathfrak{p}_1 if \mathfrak{h} is of Type I or III. If \mathfrak{h} is of Type II, then $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{p}_2$ up to conjugation. In this way we obtained the list of possible holonomy algebras for pseudo-Riemannian manifolds with a torsion free G_2^* -structure. To complete the classification of holonomy algebras one must prove that all Berger algebras can be realised as holonomy algebras. In [7], we already did this for some of the Berger algebras, which we realised as holonomy algebras of left-invariant metrics on Lie groups. For Type I, we realised the nilpotent Lie algebra \mathfrak{m} and, furthermore, a 7-dimensional solvable Lie algebra and a 6-dimensional nilpotent Lie algebra. For Type II we realised $\mathfrak{n}, \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R}) \ltimes \mathfrak{n}$ and 3-dimensional abelian example, and for Type III a three-dimensional abelian Lie algebra. Moreover, we know which Berger algebras are holonomy algebras of symmetric spaces with an invariant G_2^* -structure [7, 11]. Furthermore, Willse proved for some of the Berger algebras that they appear as the holonomy of an ambient metric. For instance, \mathfrak{n} arises as a holonomy algebra in this way [13].

In the present paper we construct local metrics that have holonomy algebras of Type I. Since the list of Berger algebras of Type I is rather long, we will give all the details only for those Berger algebras that are maximal or minimal in the following sense. We consider the largest Berger algebra of Type I, i.e., the parabolic subalgebra \mathfrak{p}_1 and we consider all Berger algebras that do not contain all of \mathfrak{m} . For each Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} of this kind we use an adapted coframe to write the structure equations for the H -structure and Cartan's theory of exterior differential systems. This will give a normal form for a metric whose holonomy is contained in the considered Berger algebra \mathfrak{h} . Then we use this normal form to find a metric whose holonomy is equal to \mathfrak{h} . For each of the remaining Berger algebras \mathfrak{h} from the list we will give only an example of a metric that shows that \mathfrak{h} is indeed a holonomy algebra. In this way we prove

Theorem 1.1. *Each indecomposable Berger algebra of Type I is the holonomy algebra of a metric of signature (4, 3).*

Notation. If b_1, \dots, b_n is a basis of a vector space W , then we denote by b^1, \dots, b^n its dual basis of W^* . Furthermore, $b^{i_1 \dots i_k} := b^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge b^{i_k} \in \bigwedge^k W^*$.

2 Holonomy representations contained in G_2^* and their type

The group G_2^* is known to be one of the groups on Berger's list of the holonomy groups of irreducible pseudo-Riemannian manifolds. In general, the holonomy representation of a pseudo-Riemannian metric is not completely reducible since it can leave invariant isotropic subspaces. Hence one is interested not only in irreducible holonomy representations but also in the much wider class of indecomposable ones, that is, in those whose natural representation on the tangent

space does not contain any non-degenerate invariant subspace. Lie algebras of holonomy groups are called holonomy algebras and their natural representation on the tangent space is called holonomy representation. We are interested in this representations rather than in the holonomy algebra as an abstract Lie algebra. Therefore we consider the holonomy algebra of a pseudo-Riemannian manifold of signature (p, q) always as a subalgebra of $\mathfrak{so}(p, q)$. Analogously to holonomy groups, it is called indecomposable if it does not leave invariant any non-degenerate subspace of $\mathbb{R}^{p,q}$.

This paper is part of a project whose aim is the classification of indecomposable holonomy algebras strictly contained in the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}_2^* of G_2^* . Here we want to understand G_2^* as the stabiliser of the 3-form

$$\omega = \sqrt{2}(e^{167} + e^{235}) - e^4 \wedge (e^{15} - e^{26} - e^{37}) \quad (2.1)$$

on \mathbb{R}^7 , where e_1, \dots, e_7 is a basis of \mathbb{R}^7 . This 3-form induces a metric

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle = 2(e^1 \cdot e^5 + e^2 \cdot e^6 + e^3 \cdot e^7) - (e^4)^2 \quad (2.2)$$

of signature $(4, 3)$ on \mathbb{R}^7 . In particular, we consider G_2^* as a subgroup of $SO(4, 3)$.

In [7], we obtained a classification of indecomposable Berger algebras strictly contained in the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_2^* \subset \mathfrak{so}(4, 3)$ on $\mathbb{R}^{4,3}$. We distinguished three types of such algebras corresponding to the dimension of the maximal semisimple subrepresentation of their natural representation on $\mathbb{R}^{4,3}$. This subrepresentation is called socle. If a holonomy algebra \mathfrak{h} is indecomposable, then its socle is (totally) isotropic. Hence, for $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}_2^*$ it has dimension one, two or three. Accordingly, we will say that \mathfrak{h} is of Type I, II or III.

Here we want to study the question whether Berger algebras of Type I are indeed holonomy algebras, i.e., whether there are local metrics such that these Berger algebras are the holonomy algebras of these metrics. Let us first recall the classification of indecomposable Berger algebras of Type I.

Let \mathfrak{h} be the holonomy algebra of a pseudo-Riemannian manifold $M^{4,3}$ of signature $(4, 3)$. Here we always assume that \mathfrak{h} is indecomposable. Suppose that the holonomy representation of \mathfrak{h} on $V := T_{x_0}(M^{4,3})$ is contained in $\mathfrak{g}_2^* \subset \mathfrak{so}(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$, where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the metric of $M^{4,3}$ at x_0 . If \mathfrak{h} is of Type I, then we may choose a basis of V which gives us an identification $V \cong \mathbb{R}^7$ such that (2.1) and (2.2) hold and, in addition, such that \mathfrak{h} is a subalgebra of the maximal parabolic subalgebra

$$\mathfrak{h}^I := \{h(A, v, u, y) \mid A \in \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R}), v \in \mathbb{R}, u, y \in \mathbb{R}^2\} \cong \mathfrak{p}_1 \quad (2.3)$$

of \mathfrak{g}_2^* , where

$$h(A, v, u, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \text{tr } A & -u_2 & u_1 & \sqrt{2}v & 0 & -y_1 & -y_2 \\ 0 & a_1 & a_2 & \sqrt{2}u_1 & y_1 & 0 & v \\ 0 & a_3 & a_4 & \sqrt{2}u_2 & y_2 & -v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}v & \sqrt{2}u_1 & \sqrt{2}u_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\text{tr } A & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & u_2 & -a_1 & -a_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -u_1 & -a_2 & -a_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

for $A := \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_4 \end{pmatrix}$, $y = (y_1, y_2)^\top$, $u = (u_1, u_2)^\top$.

We define

$$\mathfrak{m} := \{h(0, v, u, y) \mid v \in \mathbb{R}, u, y \in \mathbb{R}^2\} \subset \mathfrak{h}^I$$

and identify $\mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R})$ with $\{h(A, 0, 0, 0) \mid A \in \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R})\}$. Then $\mathfrak{h}^I = \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R}) \ltimes \mathfrak{m}$, where $A \in \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R})$ acts on \mathfrak{m} by

$$A \cdot h(0, v, u, y) = h(0, \operatorname{tr}(A)v, Au, (A + \operatorname{tr} A)y).$$

The Lie bracket on \mathfrak{m} is given by

$$[h(0, v, u, y), h(0, \bar{v}, \bar{u}, \bar{y})] = h(0, 2\theta(u, \bar{u}), 0, 3(\bar{v}u - v\bar{u})),$$

where $\theta(u, \bar{u}) := u_1\bar{u}_2 - u_2\bar{u}_1$ for $u, \bar{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2$. We define subspaces of \mathfrak{m} by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{m}(1, 0, 0) &:= \{h(0, v, 0, 0) \mid v \in \mathbb{R}\}, & \mathfrak{m}(0, 1, 0) &:= \{h(0, 0, (u_1, 0)^\top, 0) \mid u_1 \in \mathbb{R}\}, \\ \mathfrak{m}(0, 0, 2) &:= \{h(0, 0, 0, y) \mid y \in \mathbb{R}^2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we put

$$\mathfrak{m}(i, j, 2) = \mathfrak{m}(i, 0, 0) \oplus \mathfrak{m}(0, j, 0) \oplus \mathfrak{m}(0, 0, 2)$$

for $i, j \in \{0, 1\}$.

Remark 2.1. It is well known that the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g}_2^* has a grading $\mathfrak{g}_2^* = g_{-3} \oplus g_{-2} \oplus g_{-1} \oplus g_0 \oplus g_1 \oplus g_2 \oplus g_3$. For details see, e.g., [10, p. 14], where the notation is very similar to ours. The parabolic subalgebra \mathfrak{p}_1 is equal to $g_0 \oplus g_1 \oplus g_2 \oplus g_3$ and \mathfrak{m} equals $g_1 \oplus g_2 \oplus g_3$. Moreover, $\mathfrak{m}(1, 0, 0) = g_2$, $\mathfrak{m}(0, 0, 2) = g_3$ and $\mathfrak{m}(0, 1, 0)$ is a subspace of g_1 .

We define matrices

$$C_a := \begin{pmatrix} a & -1 \\ 1 & a \end{pmatrix}, \quad S := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad N := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and the following Lie subalgebras of $\mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R}) \subset \mathfrak{h}^I$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{d} &:= \{\operatorname{diag}(a, d) \mid a, d \in \mathbb{R}\}, & \mathfrak{co}(2) &:= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}, \\ \hat{\mathfrak{b}}_2 &:= \operatorname{span}\{I, N\}, & \mathfrak{s}_\lambda &:= \operatorname{span}\{\operatorname{diag}(\lambda, \lambda - 1), N\}, & \lambda &\in \mathbb{R}, \\ \mathfrak{b}_2 &:= \text{Lie algebra of upper triangular matrices.} \end{aligned}$$

Let \mathfrak{a} be the projection of \mathfrak{h} to $\mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R}) \subset \mathfrak{h}^I$.

Theorem 2.2 ([7]). *If $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{g}_2^*$ is an indecomposable Berger algebra of Type I, then there exists a basis of V such that we are in one of the following cases*

- 1) $\mathfrak{a} \in \{0, \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R}), \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R}), \mathfrak{co}(2), \mathfrak{b}_2, \hat{\mathfrak{b}}_2, \mathfrak{d}, \mathbb{R} \cdot C_a, \mathbb{R} \cdot S\}$ and $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{a} \ltimes \mathfrak{m}$,
- 2) $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{s}_\lambda = \operatorname{span}\{X := \operatorname{diag}(\lambda, \lambda - 1), N\}$ and
 - a) $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{a} \ltimes \mathfrak{m}$,
 - b) $\lambda = 1$ and $\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{R} \cdot h(X, 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0) \ltimes (\mathbb{R} \cdot N \ltimes \mathfrak{m}(1, 1, 2))$,
 - c) $\lambda = 2$ and $\mathfrak{h} = \operatorname{span}\{X, h(N, 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0)\} \ltimes \mathfrak{m}(i, j, 2)$, where $(i, j) \in \{(0, 0), (1, 0), (1, 1)\}$,
- 3) $\mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot \operatorname{diag}(1, \mu)$ and
 - a) $\mu \in [-1, 1]$ and $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{a} \ltimes \mathfrak{m}$,
 - b) $\mu = 0$ and $\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{R} \cdot h(\operatorname{diag}(1, 0), 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0) \ltimes \mathfrak{m}(1, 1, 2)$,

4) $\mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot N$ and

a) $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{a} \ltimes \mathfrak{m}$,

b) $\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{R} \cdot h(N, 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0) \ltimes \mathfrak{m}(1, j, 2)$ for $j \in \{0, 1\}$.

Our aim is to show that all these Lie algebras are indeed holonomy algebras of a metric of signature $(4, 3)$ (in particular, they are all Berger algebras). First we will concentrate on maximal and minimal examples in the following sense. We realise as a holonomy algebra the parabolic subalgebra $\mathfrak{h}^I \cong \mathfrak{p}_1$ and all Berger algebras that do not contain all of \mathfrak{m} . In all these cases we give a kind of local normal form for a metric whose holonomy is contained in the considered Berger algebra \mathfrak{h} and we give an example of a metric with holonomy equal to \mathfrak{h} . For each of the remaining Berger algebras we will give only an example of a metric that shows that this Lie algebra is a holonomy algebra. In this way we prove Theorem 1.1.

Before we start, we mention that for some of the listed Berger algebras already metrics are known. For instance, in [7], we constructed left-invariant metrics on Lie groups realising \mathfrak{m} , $\mathbb{R} \cdot N \ltimes \mathfrak{m}$ and $\mathfrak{s}_{1/2} \ltimes \mathfrak{m}$ as holonomy algebras. Furthermore, Willse constructed an ambient metric with holonomy $\mathfrak{s}_{1/2} \ltimes \mathfrak{m}$ (personal communication).

We recall that in general, given an n -dimensional pseudo-Riemannian manifold (M, g) with holonomy H , the holonomy bundle of the metric g is always a 1-flat H -structure, i.e., there exists a compatible torsion-free connection (see for instance [4]). The structure equations on the H -structure $B \rightarrow M$ are given by

$$d\eta = -\theta \wedge \eta$$

and

$$d\theta = -\theta \wedge \theta + R(\eta \wedge \eta),$$

where $\eta: TB \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $\theta: TB \rightarrow \mathfrak{h}$ and $R: B \rightarrow K(\mathfrak{h})$ is the curvature function with \mathfrak{h} the Lie algebra of H . Here $K(\mathfrak{h})$ denotes the H -representation

$$0 \rightarrow K(\mathfrak{h}) \rightarrow S^2(\mathfrak{h}) \xrightarrow{\wedge} \Lambda^4(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Using a local frame (b_i) trivializing the 1-flat H -structure it is possible to write down locally the structure equations for the 1-flat H -structure and reformulate the structure equations as a set of differential equations for local functions on the manifold. Note that in terms of the local frame we have that θ is given by $\theta_j^i = b^i(\nabla b_j)$, where ∇ is the Levi-Civita connection and the 1-form $b^i(\nabla b_j)$ is defined by $b^i(\nabla b_j)(X) := b^i(\nabla_X b_j)$ for all tangent vectors X .

In order to show that all the Berger algebras \mathfrak{h} of type I can be realized as holonomy algebras, we first obtain a local normal form for metrics with holonomy algebra contained in the maximal parabolic subalgebra \mathfrak{p}_1 . Let P_1 be the Lie group with Lie algebra \mathfrak{p}_1 . Since the existence of a 1-flat P_1 -structure is equivalent to the induced pseudo-Riemannian metric having holonomy algebra contained in \mathfrak{p}_1 , we first write down locally the structure equations for a 1-flat P_1 -structure trivialized by an adapted local frame (b_i) and reformulate these structure equations as a set of differential equations for local functions on the manifold. Then we give a solution to the mentioned differential equations. By using Ambrose–Singer holonomy theorem [1], we compute enough components of the curvature tensor and its covariant derivative to conclude that the holonomy algebra is equal to \mathfrak{p}_1 . We use the same argument for all indecomposable Berger algebras \mathfrak{h} of type I which do not contain all of \mathfrak{m} . For the remaining Berger algebras \mathfrak{h} we only give a solution of the above mentioned differential equations which shows that \mathfrak{h} is a holonomy algebra.

3 Local metrics with holonomy of Type I

3.1 Adapted coordinates

In this subsection, we introduce a normal form for metrics whose holonomy algebra is contained in $\mathfrak{h}^I \cong \mathfrak{p}_1$. We will use this normal form in the next subsection to prove that \mathfrak{h}^I is indeed a holonomy algebra. Let b_1, \dots, b_7 be a local section in the reduction of the frame bundle of $M^{4,3}$ to the holonomy group. With respect to b_1, \dots, b_7 the 3-form defining the G_2^* -structure equals

$$\omega = \sqrt{2}(b^{167} + b^{235}) - b^4 \wedge (b^{15} - b^{26} - b^{37})$$

and the metric is given by

$$g = 2(b^1 \cdot b^5 + b^2 \cdot b^6 + b^3 \cdot b^7) - (b^4)^2. \quad (3.1)$$

Let \mathfrak{h}^I be defined as in equation (2.3). The dual frame b^1, \dots, b^7 satisfies the structure equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} db^1 \\ db^2 \\ db^3 \\ db^4 \\ db^5 \\ db^6 \\ db^7 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \text{tr } \mathbf{A} & -\mathbf{u}_2 & \mathbf{u}_1 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} & 0 & -\mathbf{y}_1 & -\mathbf{y}_2 \\ 0 & \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{y}_1 & 0 & \mathbf{v} \\ 0 & \mathbf{a}_3 & \mathbf{a}_4 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_2 & \mathbf{y}_2 & -\mathbf{v} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\text{tr } \mathbf{A} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{u}_2 & -\mathbf{a}_1 & -\mathbf{a}_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{u}_1 & -\mathbf{a}_2 & -\mathbf{a}_4 \end{pmatrix} \wedge \begin{pmatrix} b^1 \\ b^2 \\ b^3 \\ b^4 \\ b^5 \\ b^6 \\ b^7 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.2)$$

for $\mathbf{A} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 \\ \mathbf{a}_3 & \mathbf{a}_4 \end{pmatrix}$, where bold symbols denote 1-forms.

Definition 3.1. Let x_1, \dots, x_7 be (local) coordinates on $M^{4,3}$. We introduce the notation

$$dx_{(i_1, \dots, i_k)} := dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_k}.$$

We denote by $I(\omega^1, \dots, \omega^k)$ the algebraic ideal generated by the differential forms $\omega^1, \dots, \omega^k$ and define

$$I_0 := I(dx_5, dx_6, dx_7), \quad I_1 := I(dx_{(5,6)}, dx_{(6,7)}, dx_{(5,7)}).$$

Proposition 3.2. *The holonomy of $(M^{4,3}, g)$ is contained in \mathfrak{h}^I if and only if there are local coordinates x_1, \dots, x_7 such that $g = 2(b^1 \cdot b^5 + b^2 \cdot b^6 + b^3 \cdot b^7) - (b^4)^2$ for*

$$b^1 = dx_1 + r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7)dx_5 + r_6(x_1, \dots, x_7)dx_6 + r_7(x_1, \dots, x_7)dx_7, \quad (3.3)$$

$$b^2 = dx_2 + q_2(x_2, \dots, x_7)dx_6 + s_2(x_2, \dots, x_7)dx_7, \quad (3.4)$$

$$b^3 = dx_3 + q_3(x_2, \dots, x_7)dx_6 + s_3(x_2, \dots, x_7)dx_7, \quad (3.5)$$

$$b^4 = dx_4 + q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_6, \quad (3.6)$$

$$b^5 = f(x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_5, \quad (3.7)$$

$$b^j = dx_j, \quad j = 6, 7, \quad (3.8)$$

where the functions $r_5, r_6, r_7, q_2, q_3, q_4, s_2, s_3$ and f satisfy the differential equations

$$(s_2 - q_3)_{x_i} = 0, \quad i \in \{2, 3\}, \quad (s_2 - q_3)_{x_4} = -(q_4)_{x_7}, \quad (3.9)$$

$$(r_6)_{x_1} = f_{x_6}/f = (q_2)_{x_2} + (q_3)_{x_3}, \quad (r_7)_{x_1} = f_{x_7}/f = (q_3)_{x_2} + (s_3)_{x_3}, \quad (3.10)$$

$$(r_6)_{x_2} = -\sqrt{2}(q_3)_{x_4}, \quad (r_7)_{x_2} = -\sqrt{2}(s_3)_{x_4}, \quad (3.11)$$

$$(r_6)_{x_3} = \sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_4}, \quad (r_7)_{x_3} = \sqrt{2}((q_3)_{x_4} - (q_4)_{x_7}), \quad (3.12)$$

$$(r_6)_{x_4} = -2\sqrt{2} \left((s_2)_{x_6} - (q_2)_{x_7} - \sum_{j=2}^4 (s_2)_{x_j} q_j + \sum_{j=2}^3 (q_2)_{x_j} s_j \right) - (q_4)_{x_5}/f, \quad (3.13)$$

$$(r_7)_{x_4} = -2\sqrt{2} \left((s_3)_{x_6} - (q_3)_{x_7} - \sum_{j=2}^4 (s_3)_{x_j} q_j + \sum_{j=2}^3 (q_3)_{x_j} s_j \right), \quad (3.14)$$

$$(r_5)_{x_1} = -\frac{f}{\sqrt{2}}(q_4)_{x_7}, \quad (3.15)$$

$$(r_5)_{x_2} = -\frac{f}{2\sqrt{2}}(r_7)_{x_4}, \quad (3.16)$$

$$(r_5)_{x_3} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(q_4)_{x_5} + \frac{f}{2\sqrt{2}}(r_6)_{x_4}, \quad (3.17)$$

$$(r_5)_{x_4} = \frac{f}{\sqrt{2}} \left((r_6)_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_6} + (r_7)_{x_1} r_6 - (r_6)_{x_1} r_7 + \sum_{j=2}^4 (r_7)_{x_j} q_j - \sum_{j=2}^3 (r_6)_{x_j} s_j \right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}((q_3)_{x_5} - (s_2)_{x_5}). \quad (3.18)$$

Proof. First assume that the holonomy is contained in \mathfrak{h}^f . Let b_1, \dots, b_7 be a local section in the reduction of the frame bundle to the holonomy group. The structure equations imply that we can introduce coordinates such that $b^5 = f dx_5$ and $b^6, b^7 \in I_0$. We transform the local frame pointwise (in a smooth way) by a suitable element of

$$\mathrm{GL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \cong \{ \mathrm{diag}(\det a, a, 1, (\det a)^{-1}, (a^\top)^{-1}) \mid a \in \mathrm{GL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \}$$

and, furthermore, by $\exp h(0, 0, u, 0)$ for a suitable local map $u: M^{4,3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ such that

$$b^6 = dx_6, \quad b^7 = dx_7$$

(possibly changing f). Then

$$0 = ddx_6 = -\mathbf{u}_2 \wedge f dx_5 + \mathbf{a}_1 \wedge dx_6 + \mathbf{a}_3 \wedge dx_7,$$

$$0 = ddx_7 = \mathbf{u}_1 \wedge f dx_5 + \mathbf{a}_2 \wedge dx_6 + \mathbf{a}_4 \wedge dx_7$$

implies $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_4, \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2 \in I_0$. Now

$$db^5 = df \wedge dx_5 = (\mathrm{tr} \mathbf{A}) \wedge b^5 = (\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_4) \wedge f dx_5$$

implies $f = f(x_5, x_6, x_7)$. Furthermore, $db^4 \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$. Hence $b^4 = dx_4 + \hat{q} dx_5 + q_4 dx_6$. Transforming the local frame by $\exp h(0, v, 0, 0)$ for a suitable local function v we obtain $\hat{q} = 0$. Thus

$$b^4 = dx_4 + q_4 dx_6.$$

Since

$$db^4 = dq_4 \wedge dx_6 = -\sqrt{2}(\mathbf{v} \wedge b^5 + \mathbf{u}_1 \wedge b^6 + \mathbf{u}_2 \wedge b^7) \in I(\mathbf{v} \wedge dx_5) + I_1,$$

we have $q_4 = q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7)$ and $\mathbf{v} \in I_0$. Now we see from $\mathrm{tr} A, \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{v}, b^6, b^7 \in I_0$ that

$$db^1 = -(\mathrm{tr} \mathbf{A}) \wedge b^1 + \mathbf{u}_2 \wedge b^2 - \mathbf{u}_1 \wedge b^3 - \sqrt{2} \mathbf{v} \wedge b^4 + \mathbf{y}_1 \wedge b^6 + \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge b^7$$

is in I_0 . Thus $b^1 = dx_1 + r_5 dx_5 + r_6 dx_6 + r_7 dx_7$. Similarly, we proceed with b^2 and b^3 and obtain

$$b^2 = dx_2 + \hat{q}_2 dx_5 + q_2 dx_6 + s_2 dx_7, \quad b^3 = dx_3 + \hat{q}_3 dx_5 + q_3 dx_6 + s_3 dx_7.$$

Transforming the local frame by $\exp h(0, 0, 0, y)$ for suitable local function $y: M^{4,3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ we may assume that $\hat{q}_2 = \hat{q}_3 = 0$. By (3.2), the functions q_2, q_3, s_2, s_3 do not depend on x_1 . This shows that under the assumption that the holonomy is in \mathfrak{h}^I , we find coordinates x_1, \dots, x_7 such that equations (3.1) and (3.3)–(3.8) hold.

Now assume that we have any local metric g given by (3.1) with respect to a local frame b_1, \dots, b_7 . Denote the holonomy group of g by H and assume that b_1, \dots, b_7 is a section in the reduction of the frame bundle to H . Assume further that (3.3)–(3.8) hold. Since the connection reduces to the holonomy reduction, the matrix-valued 1-form $\theta = (\theta_j^i) = (b^i(\nabla b_j))$ takes values in the Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} of H . Hence \mathfrak{h} is contained in \mathfrak{h}^I if and only if θ takes values in \mathfrak{h}^I . Thus, by (2.3), the holonomy of g is contained in \mathfrak{h}^I if and only if

$$b^i(\nabla b_1) = 0, \quad i = 2, 3, \quad (3.19)$$

$$b^1(\nabla b_1) = b^2(\nabla b_2) + b^3(\nabla b_3), \quad (3.20)$$

$$b^2(\nabla b_4) = \sqrt{2}b^1(\nabla b_3), \quad b^3(\nabla b_4) = -\sqrt{2}b^1(\nabla b_2), \quad (3.21)$$

$$b^1(\nabla b_4) = \sqrt{2}b^2(\nabla b_7). \quad (3.22)$$

Note that there are six more equations which have to be satisfied, but these are automatically fulfilled with the ansatz of the adapted coframe before. Using the Koszul formula, we find

$$\begin{aligned} b^i(\nabla b_1) &= \frac{1}{2}((r_{4+i})_{x_1} - f_{x_{4+i}}/f)b^5, \quad i = 2, 3, \\ b^1(\nabla b_1) &= \frac{(r_5)_{x_1}}{f}b^5 + \left(\frac{f_{x_6}}{2f} + \frac{(r_6)_{x_1}}{2}\right)b^6 + \left(\frac{f_{x_7}}{2f} + \frac{(r_7)_{x_1}}{2}\right)b^7, \\ b^1(\nabla b_i) &= \frac{(r_5)_{x_i}}{f}b^5 + \frac{(r_6)_{x_i}}{2}b^6 + \frac{(r_7)_{x_i}}{2}b^7, \quad i = 2, 3, \\ b^2(\nabla b_2) &= \frac{1}{2}(r_6)_{x_2}b^5 + (q_2)_{x_2}b^6 + \frac{1}{2}((s_2)_{x_2} + (q_3)_{x_2})b^7, \\ b^3(\nabla b_3) &= \frac{1}{2}(r_7)_{x_3}b^5 + \frac{1}{2}((s_2)_{x_3} + (q_3)_{x_3})b^6 + (s_3)_{x_3}b^7, \\ b^1(\nabla b_4) &= \frac{(r_5)_{x_4}}{f}b^5 + \left(\frac{(q_4)_{x_5}}{2f} + \frac{(r_6)_{x_4}}{2}\right)b^6 + \frac{(r_7)_{x_4}}{2}b^7, \\ b^2(\nabla b_4) &= \left(-\frac{(q_4)_{x_5}}{2f} + \frac{(r_6)_{x_4}}{2}\right)b^5 + (q_2)_{x_4}b^6 + \frac{1}{2}(-(q_4)_{x_7} + (s_2)_{x_4} + (q_3)_{x_4})b^7, \\ b^3(\nabla b_4) &= \frac{1}{2}(r_7)_{x_4}b^5 + \frac{1}{2}((q_4)_{x_7} + (s_2)_{x_4} + (q_3)_{x_4})b^6 + (s_3)_{x_4}b^7, \\ b^2(\nabla b_7) &= -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=2}^3 (s_2 - q_3)_{x_i}b^i - \frac{1}{2}((s_2 - q_3)_{x_4} + (q_4)_{x_7})b^4 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\left((r_6)_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_6} + (r_7)_{x_1}r_6 - (r_6)_{x_1}r_7 + \sum_{j=2}^4 (r_7)_{x_j}q_j \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{j=2}^3 (r_6)_{x_j}s_j - (s_2)_{x_5}/f + (q_3)_{x_5}/f\right)b^5 \\ &\quad - \left((s_2)_{x_6} - (q_2)_{x_7} - \sum_{j=2}^4 (s_2)_{x_j}q_j + \sum_{j=2}^3 (q_2)_{x_j}s_j\right)b^6 \\ &\quad - \left((s_3)_{x_6} - (q_3)_{x_7} - \sum_{j=2}^4 (s_3)_{x_j}q_j + \sum_{j=2}^3 (q_3)_{x_j}s_j\right)b^7. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, (3.22) is equivalent to (3.9), (3.13), (3.14) and (3.18). Furthermore, (3.21) is equivalent to (3.16), (3.17) and

$$-\sqrt{2}(r_6)_{x_2} = (q_4)_{x_7} + (s_2)_{x_4} + (q_3)_{x_4}, \quad (r_7)_{x_2} = -\sqrt{2}(s_3)_{x_4}, \quad (3.23)$$

$$(r_6)_{x_3} = \sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_4}, \quad \sqrt{2}(r_7)_{x_3} = -(q_4)_{x_7} + (s_2)_{x_4} + (q_3)_{x_4}. \quad (3.24)$$

Moreover, (3.20) is equivalent to

$$(r_5)_{x_1}/f = \frac{1}{2}((r_6)_{x_2} + (r_7)_{x_3}), \quad (3.25)$$

$$f_{x_6}/f + (r_6)_{x_1} = 2(q_2)_{x_2} + (s_2)_{x_3} + (q_3)_{x_3}, \quad (3.26)$$

$$f_{x_7}/f + (r_7)_{x_1} = 2(s_3)_{x_3} + (s_2)_{x_2} + (q_3)_{x_2}, \quad (3.27)$$

and (3.19) to

$$(r_6)_{x_1} = f_{x_6}/f, \quad (r_7)_{x_1} = f_{x_7}/f. \quad (3.28)$$

Using equation (3.9), we see that (3.23)–(3.28) is equivalent to (3.10), (3.11), (3.12) and (3.15). \blacksquare

3.2 Realisation of the maximal parabolic subgroup as a holonomy group

It is easy to check that the functions

$$\begin{aligned} u(x_5, x_6, x_7) &= x_7, & f &= e^u, & q_2(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= -\sqrt{2}x_4, \\ q_3(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= \sqrt{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}x_5 - x_6\right) + (-x_4 + x_5 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x_7)x_6e^{-x_7}, \\ q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7) &= x_5 - 2x_6 + x_6e^{-x_7}, \\ s_2(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= 0, & s_3(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x_4 + x_3, \\ r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x_4(x_6 - 1)e^{-x_7} + x_7 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x_1x_6 - x_3) - x_4^2e^{x_7}, \\ r_6(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= (-x_4 + x_5 + \sqrt{2}x_6 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x_7 + \sqrt{2}x_2x_6)e^{-x_7} + e^{-2x_7} - 2x_3, \\ r_7(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= x_1 + x_2 \end{aligned}$$

satisfy (3.9)–(3.18). Hence the metric defined by (3.1), where b_1, \dots, b_7 are given as in Proposition 3.2, has holonomy $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{h}_I$.

We want to show that \mathfrak{h} is equal to \mathfrak{h}^I . More exactly, we will show that R_{56}, R_{57} and $(\nabla_{b_5}R)_{56}$ generate \mathfrak{h}^I as a Lie algebra. Since by the Ambrose–Singer theorem these operators are in $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{h}^I$, this will prove the assertion. We will see that it is not necessary to know all components of these operators. For entries that are not needed, we just write a ‘*’ (even if these entries are not complicated). We compute

$$R_{56} = h(A_{56}, *, (0, -\frac{1}{2})^\top, *), \quad R_{57} = h(A_{57}, *, (\frac{1}{2}, 0)^\top, *), \quad (\nabla_{b_5}R)_{56} = h(A'_{56}, *, *, *),$$

at $x = 0$, where $A_{56} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $A_{57} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $A'_{56} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. In particular, we get $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R})$. Since we do not know a priori that \mathfrak{h} is indecomposable, this is not sufficient to prove $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{h}^I$. To finish the proof, we will show that

$$\mathfrak{u} := \{u \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \exists v \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}^2: h(0, v, u, y) \in \mathfrak{h}\}$$

is equal to \mathbb{R}^2 , which implies that \mathfrak{h} contains \mathfrak{m} . Since R_{56} and R_{57} are in \mathfrak{h} , also

$$[R_{56}, R_{57}] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}h(A_{57}, *, (-\frac{1}{2}, 0)^\top, *)$$

is in \mathfrak{h} , thus $(1, 0)^\top$ is in \mathfrak{u} . Hence $\mathfrak{u} = \mathbb{R}^2$ because of the \mathfrak{a} -invariance of \mathfrak{u} .

3.3 Type I 2(b)

We consider the Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} spanned by $h(\text{diag}(1, 0), 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0)$, N and $\mathfrak{m}(1, 1, 2)$. The structure equations are now

$$\begin{pmatrix} db^1 \\ db^2 \\ db^3 \\ db^4 \\ db^5 \\ db^6 \\ db^7 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} & -\mathbf{x} & \mathbf{u}_1 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} & 0 & -\mathbf{y}_1 & -\mathbf{y}_2 \\ 0 & \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{n} & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{y}_1 & 0 & \mathbf{v} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{x} & \mathbf{y}_2 & -\mathbf{v} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{x} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{x} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{x} & -\mathbf{x} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{u}_1 & -\mathbf{n} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \wedge \begin{pmatrix} b^1 \\ b^2 \\ b^3 \\ b^4 \\ b^5 \\ b^6 \\ b^7 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.29)$$

Proposition 3.3. *The holonomy of $(M^{4,3}, g)$ is contained in the Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} of Type I 2(b) if and only if there are local coordinates x_1, \dots, x_7 such that $g = 2(b^1 \cdot b^5 + b^2 \cdot b^6 + b^3 \cdot b^7) - (b^4)^2$ for*

$$\begin{aligned} b^1 &= dx_1 + r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7)dx_5 + r_6(x_2, \dots, x_7)dx_6 + r_7(x_4, \dots, x_7)dx_7, \\ b^2 &= dx_2 + q_2(x_3, \dots, x_7)dx_6, \quad b^3 = dx_3 + q_3(x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_6, \\ b^6 &= dx_6 + p(x_5, x_6)dx_5, \quad b^j = dx_j, \quad j = 4, 5, 7, \end{aligned} \quad (3.30)$$

where the functions q_3, r_5, r_6, r_7 are of the form

$$\begin{aligned} q_3 &= -p_{x_6}x_7 + \bar{q}_3(x_5, x_6), \quad r_5 = -p_{x_6}x_1 + p_{x_6}(1-p)x_2 + \bar{r}_5(x_3, \dots, x_7), \\ r_6 &= -p_{x_6}x_2 + \bar{r}_6(x_3, \dots, x_7), \quad r_7 = -2\sqrt{2}p_{x_6}x_4 + \bar{r}_7(x_5, x_6, x_7). \end{aligned}$$

and $p, q_2, q_3, \bar{r}_5, \bar{r}_6, \bar{r}_7$ satisfy the differential equations

$$(\bar{r}_6)_{x_3} = (q_2)_{x_3}p + \sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_4}, \quad (3.31)$$

$$(\bar{r}_6)_{x_4} = (q_2)_{x_4}p + 2\sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_7}, \quad (3.32)$$

$$(\bar{r}_5)_{x_3} = ((q_2)_{x_3}p + \sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_4})p + (q_2)_{x_7}, \quad (3.33)$$

$$(\bar{r}_5)_{x_4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}((\bar{r}_6)_{x_7} - (\bar{r}_7)_{x_6} + 3(q_2)_{x_7}p + (q_3)_{x_5}) + 2p_{x_6}x_6x_4 + (q_2)_{x_4}p^2. \quad (3.34)$$

Proof. The structure equations imply $b^5 = fdx_5$ for some function f . Transforming the local frame by $\exp h(\text{diag}(x, 0), 0, (0, x)^\top, 0)$ for a suitable local function x we may assume $b^5 = dx_5$. Hence $\mathbf{x} \in I(dx_5)$, which implies $db^6 \in I(dx_5)$. Thus we can introduce x_6 such that $b^6 = dx_6 + pdx_5$. Hence $p = p(x_5, x_6)$. Furthermore, (3.29) shows $db^7 \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$. Hence we can introduce x_7 such that $b^7 = dx_7 + f_5dx_5 + f_6dx_6$. Transforming the local frame by $\exp h(n \cdot N, 0, (u_1, 0)^\top, 0)$ for suitable local functions u_1, n we may assume $b^7 = dx_7$. By (3.29), we obtain

$$0 = db^7 = \mathbf{u}_1 \wedge dx_5 + \mathbf{n} \wedge (dx_6 + pdx_5),$$

which implies $\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{u}_1 \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$. Consequently, $db^4 \in I(dx_5)$. Hence we can introduce x_4 such that $b^4 = dx_4 + f_4dx_5$. Transforming the local frame by $\exp h(0, v, 0, 0)$ for a suitable local function v we may assume $b^4 = dx_4$. Because of $db^4 = 0$, equation (3.29) shows that $\mathbf{v} \in I_0$. Again by (3.29), we obtain $db^3 \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$. Transforming by $\exp h(0, 0, 0, (y_2)^\top)$ for a suitable local function y_2 we may assume $b^3 = dx_3 + q_3dx_6$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} db^3 &= dq_3 \wedge dx_6 = -\sqrt{2}\mathbf{x} \wedge dx_4 - \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge dx_5 + \mathbf{v} \wedge (dx_6 + pdx_5) \\ &\in I(dx_{(4,5)}, \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge dx_5) + I_1, \end{aligned}$$

thus $q_3 = q_3(x_5, x_6, x_7)$ and $\mathbf{y}_2 \in I(dx_4) + I_0$. Furthermore, (3.29) yields $db^2 \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$. Transforming the local frame by $\exp h(0, 0, 0, (y_1, 0)^\top)$ for a suitable function y_1 we may assume $b^2 = dx_2 + q_2 dx_6$, thus

$$\begin{aligned} db^2 &= dq_2 \wedge dx_6 = -\mathbf{x} \wedge b^2 - \mathbf{n} \wedge b^3 - \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 \wedge dx_4 - \mathbf{y}_1 \wedge dx_5 - \mathbf{v} \wedge dx_7 \\ &\in I(dx_{(2,5)}, dx_{(3,5)}, dx_{(3,6)}, dx_{(4,5)}, dx_{(4,6)}, \mathbf{y}_1 \wedge dx_5) + I_1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have $q_2 = q_2(x_3, \dots, x_7)$ and $\mathbf{y}_1 \in I(dx_2, \dots, dx_7)$. Finally, we have $db^1 \in I_0$, thus $b^1 = dx_1 + r_5 dx_5 + r_6 dx_6 + r_7 dx_7$ and (3.29) gives

$$\begin{aligned} db^1 &= dr_5 \wedge dx_5 + dr_6 \wedge dx_6 + dr_7 \wedge dx_7 \\ &\in I(dx_{(1,5)}, dx_{(2,5)}, dx_{(2,6)}, dx_{(3,5)}, dx_{(3,6)}) + dx_4 \wedge I_0 + I_1. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, $r_5 = r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7)$, $r_6 = r_6(x_2, \dots, x_7)$, $r_7 = r_7(x_4, \dots, x_7)$.

Now let the metric g be defined by (3.1) with respect to the local coordinates that we considered above. Then the holonomy of g is contained in \mathfrak{h} if and only if $b^2(\nabla b_1) = b^3(\nabla b_1) = b^3(\nabla b_2) = b^3(\nabla b_3) = 0$ and

$$\mathbf{x} = b^1(\nabla b_1) = b^2(\nabla b_2) = -b^1(\nabla b_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}b^3(\nabla b_4), \quad (3.35)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = b^1(\nabla b_3) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}b^2(\nabla b_4), \quad (3.36)$$

$$\mathbf{v} = b^2(\nabla b_7) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}b^1(\nabla b_4). \quad (3.37)$$

Note that there are six more equations which have to be satisfied, but these are automatically fulfilled with the ansatz of the adapted coframe before. Using the Koszul formula, we find $b^2(\nabla b_1) = b^3(\nabla b_1) = b^3(\nabla b_2) = b^3(\nabla b_3) = 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} b^1(\nabla b_1) &= (r_5)_{x_1} b^5, \\ b^1(\nabla b_2) &= ((r_5)_{x_2} - (r_6)_{x_2} p) b^5 + \frac{1}{2}(p_{x_6} + (r_6)_{x_2}) b^6, \\ b^2(\nabla b_2) &= \frac{1}{2}((r_6)_{x_2} - p_{x_6}) b^5, \\ b^1(\nabla b_3) &= ((r_5)_{x_3} - (r_6)_{x_3} p) b^5 + \frac{1}{2}((r_6)_{x_3} - (q_2)_{x_3} p) b^6, \\ b^1(\nabla b_4) &= ((r_5)_{x_4} - (r_6)_{x_4} p) b^5 + \frac{1}{2}((r_6)_{x_4} - (q_2)_{x_4} p) b^6 + \frac{1}{2}(r_7)_{x_4} b^7, \\ b^2(\nabla b_4) &= \frac{1}{2}((r_6)_{x_4} - (q_2)_{x_4} p) b^5 + (q_2)_{x_4} b^6, \\ b^3(\nabla b_4) &= \frac{1}{2}(r_7)_{x_4} b^5, \\ b^2(\nabla b_7) &= \frac{1}{2}((r_6)_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_6} - (q_2)_{x_7} p + (q_3)_{x_5}) b^5 + (q_2)_{x_7} b^6 + (q_3)_{x_7} b^7. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the system (3.35)–(3.37) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} p_{x_6} &= -(r_6)_{x_2}, & (r_5)_{x_1} &= \frac{1}{2}((r_6)_{x_2} - p_{x_6}) = (r_6)_{x_2} p - (r_5)_{x_2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(r_7)_{x_4} = (q_3)_{x_7}, \\ (r_5)_{x_3} - (r_6)_{x_3} p &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}((r_6)_{x_4} - (q_2)_{x_4} p) = (q_2)_{x_7}, & (r_6)_{x_3} - (q_2)_{x_3} p &= \sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_4}, \\ \sqrt{2}((r_5)_{x_4} - (r_6)_{x_4} p) &= (r_6)_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_6} - (q_2)_{x_7} p + (q_3)_{x_5}, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to the claim. ■

Remark 3.4. The system (3.31)–(3.34) can be easily solved. Obviously, (3.31) and (3.32) imply

$$(q_2)_{x_4 x_4} = 2(q_2)_{x_3 x_7}. \quad (3.38)$$

Now choose $p = p(x_5, x_6)$, $\bar{r}_7 = \bar{r}_7(x_5, x_6, x_7)$, $\bar{q}_3 = \bar{q}_3(x_5, x_6)$ and $q_2 = q_2(x_3, \dots, x_7)$ such that q_2 satisfies (3.38). By integrating (3.31) and (3.32), we determine \bar{r}_6 up to a function

of x_5, x_6, x_7 , which can be chosen arbitrarily. In order to show that we can determine \bar{r}_5 such that (3.33) and (3.34) are satisfied, we have to check that the derivative of the right hand side of (3.33) with respect to x_4 equals the derivative of the right hand side of (3.34) with respect to x_3 . But this is true since

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_4}(((q_2)_{x_3}p + \sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_4})p + (q_2)_{x_7}) = ((q_2)_{x_3x_4}p + \sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_4x_4})p + (q_2)_{x_7x_4}$$

and since (3.31) and (3.38) imply

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} & \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}((\bar{r}_6)_{x_7} - (\bar{r}_7)_{x_6} + 3(q_2)_{x_7}p + (q_3)_{x_5}) + 2p_{x_6x_6}x_4 + (q_2)_{x_4}p^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}((\bar{r}_6)_{x_7x_3} + 3(q_2)_{x_7x_3}p) + (q_2)_{x_4x_3}p^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_4x_7} + 4(q_2)_{x_7x_3}p) + (q_2)_{x_4x_3}p^2 \\ &= (q_2)_{x_4x_7} + \sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_4x_4}p + (q_2)_{x_4x_3}p^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we can integrate (3.33) and (3.34). This gives \bar{r}_5 up to a function of x_5, x_6, x_7 , which also can be chosen arbitrarily.

Remark 3.5. We will say that a local coframe b on an open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^7$ is \mathfrak{h} -adapted if b has the form (3.30) and if the metric g given by (3.1) has holonomy contained in \mathfrak{h} . We have shown that each pseudo-Riemannian manifold of signature (4,3) whose holonomy is contained in \mathfrak{h} is locally isometric to some (U, g) , where U is an open subset of \mathbb{R}^7 and g is given by (3.1) with respect to an \mathfrak{h} -adapted coframe. Furthermore, we proved that \mathfrak{h} -adapted coframes exist and that a general \mathfrak{h} -adapted coframe depends on 2 functions in 4 variables, 3 functions in 3 variables and 2 functions in 2 variables. The latter statement follows from Remark 3.4. Indeed, in the sense of Cartan–Kähler theory, the contact system associated with the partial differential equation $u_{zz} = u_{xy}$ (for a function $u = u(x, y, z)$) is involutive and its solution depends on 2 functions in 2 variables. Hence the general solution $q = q(x_3, \dots, x_7)$ of (3.38) depends on 2 functions in 4 variables. Furthermore, p, \bar{q}_3 and \bar{r}_7 can be chosen arbitrarily, which gives 2 functions in 2 variables and 1 function in 3 variables. Finally, the determination of \bar{r}_6 and \bar{r}_7 as described in Remark 3.4 gives 2 additional arbitrary functions in 3 variables (integration constants).

Example 3.6. Starting with $p(x_5, x_6) = x_6^2$, $q_2(x_3, \dots, x_7) = x_3 + x_4$, $\bar{q}_3 = \bar{r}_7 = 0$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} q_3(x_5, x_6, x_7) &= -2x_6x_7, \\ r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= -2x_1x_6 + 2(1 - x_6^2)x_2x_6 + (x_6^2 + \sqrt{2})x_3x_6^2 + 2x_4^2 + x_4x_6^4, \\ r_6(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= -2x_2x_6 + (x_6^2 + \sqrt{2})x_3 + x_4x_6^2, \quad r_7(x_4, \dots, x_7) = -4\sqrt{2}x_4x_6. \end{aligned}$$

Then one computes

$$\begin{aligned} R_{56} &= 2h(\text{diag}(1, 0), 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0), \quad R_{67} = -2h(0, 1, 0, 0), \\ (\nabla_{b_5} R)_{56} &= \sqrt{2}h(-N, 0, (1, 0)^\top, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Since these elements generate \mathfrak{h} as a Lie algebra, the holonomy algebra coincides with \mathfrak{h} .

3.4 Type I 2(c), $i = j = 0$

We consider

$$\mathfrak{h} = \text{span} \{ X = \text{diag}(2, 1), h(N, 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0) \} \ltimes \mathfrak{m}(0, 0, 2).$$

The structure equations are

$$\begin{pmatrix} db^1 \\ db^2 \\ db^3 \\ db^4 \\ db^5 \\ db^6 \\ db^7 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 3\mathbf{x} & -\mathbf{n} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{y}_1 & -\mathbf{y}_2 \\ 0 & 2\mathbf{x} & \mathbf{n} & 0 & \mathbf{y}_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{x} & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} & \mathbf{y}_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3\mathbf{x} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{n} & -2\mathbf{x} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{n} & -\mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \wedge \begin{pmatrix} b^1 \\ b^2 \\ b^3 \\ b^4 \\ b^5 \\ b^6 \\ b^7 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.39)$$

where bold symbols denote 1-forms.

Proposition 3.7. *The holonomy of $(M^{4,3}, g)$ is contained in the Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} of Type I 2(c) with $i = j = 0$, if and only if we can introduce local coordinates x_1, \dots, x_7 such that $g = 2(b^1 \cdot b^5 + b^2 \cdot b^6 + b^3 \cdot b^7) - (b^4)^2$ for*

$$\begin{aligned} b^1 &= dx_1 + r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7)dx_5 + r_6(x_2, x_3, x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_6 + r_7(x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_7, \\ b^2 &= dx_2 + q_2(x_3, x_5, x_6)dx_6, \quad b^3 = dx_3 + q_3(x_4, x_5, x_6)dx_6, \\ b^4 &= dx_4 + q(x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_5 + q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_6, \\ b^j &= dx_j, \quad j = 5, 6, \quad b^7 = dx_7 + p(x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_5, \end{aligned}$$

where $p, q, q_2, q_3, q_4, r_5, r_6, r_7$ are of the form

$$\begin{aligned} p &= ax_6x_7 + bx_7 + \bar{p}, \quad q = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}ax_7^2 - \sqrt{2}\bar{p}_{x_6}x_7 + \bar{q}, \\ q_2 &= 2ax_3x_6 + 2bx_3 + \bar{q}_2, \quad q_3 = 2\sqrt{2}(ax_6 + b)x_4 + \bar{q}_3, \quad q_4 = 2\sqrt{2}(ax_6 + b)x_7 + \bar{q}_4, \\ r_5 &= -(ax_6 + b)(3x_1 + px_3) + (ax_7 + \bar{p}_{x_6})(x_2 - \sqrt{2}px_4) + \bar{r}_5, \\ r_6 &= -4(ax_6 + b)x_2 - \bar{p}_{x_6}x_3 - ax_3x_7 + \bar{r}_6, \\ r_7 &= -(ax_6 + b)x_3 - \sqrt{2}\bar{p}_{x_6}x_4 - \sqrt{2}ax_4x_7 + \bar{r}_7 \end{aligned}$$

for some functions $a = a(x_5)$, $b = b(x_5)$, $\bar{p} = \bar{p}(x_5, x_6)$, $\bar{q} = \bar{q}(x_5, x_6)$, $\bar{q}_j = \bar{q}_j(x_5, x_6)$ and $\bar{r}_k = \bar{r}_k(x_5, x_6, x_7)$ for $j = 2, 3, 4$, $k = 5, 6, 7$ that satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{p}_{x_6x_6} &= 2(a^2x_6^2 + (2ab - a')x_6 + b^2 - b'), \quad (\bar{q}_4)_{x_5} - (\bar{q})_{x_6} = 2\sqrt{2}(ax_6 + b)\bar{p}, \\ (\bar{r}_6)_{x_7} - (\bar{r}_7)_{x_6} &= (ax_6 + b)(2ax_7^2 + \bar{q}_3 + 2\sqrt{2}\bar{q}) + \sqrt{2}\bar{q}_4(ax_7 + \bar{p}_{x_6}) - (\bar{q}_3)_{x_5}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We can introduce coordinates such that $b^5 \in \text{span}\{dx_5\}$. Changing the local frame b_1, \dots, b_7 by $\exp tX$ for a suitable local function t we obtain $b^5 = dx_5$. Then $\mathbf{x} \in I(dx_5)$, hence $db^6 \in I(dx_5)$ by (3.39). Consequently, we can introduce x_6 such that $b^6 = dx_6 + t_1dx_5$ for some function t_1 . Now we change the local frame b_1, \dots, b_7 by $\exp(t_2 \cdot h(N, 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0))$ for a suitable local function t_2 such that $b^6 = dx_6$. Then $\mathbf{n} \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$ by (3.39). Thus $db^7 \in I(dx_5)$, which gives $b^7 = dx_7 + pdx_5$ for suitable functions x_7 and p . Then

$$dp \wedge dx_5 = db^7 = \mathbf{n} \wedge b^6 + \mathbf{x} \wedge b^7 \in I_1$$

implies $p = p(x_5, x_6, x_7)$. By (3.39), we get $db^4 = -\sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} \wedge b^7$, thus $db^4 \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$. Hence we can choose x_4 such that $b^4 = dx_4 + qdx_5 + q_4dx_6$. Now

$$db^4 = -\sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} \wedge b^7 \in I_1$$

gives $q = q(x_5, x_6, x_7)$ and $q_4 = q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7)$. Again by (3.39), we have $db^3 \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$. Thus we can choose x_3 such that $b^3 = dx_3 + t_1dx_5 + t_2dx_6$ for some functions t_1, t_2 . Now we change

the local frame b_1, \dots, b_7 by $\exp(h(0, 0, 0, (0, y_2)^\top))$ for a suitable local function y_2 such that $b^3 = dx_3 + q_3 dx_6$. Since

$$dq_3 \wedge dx_6 = db^3 = -\mathbf{x} \wedge b^3 - \sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} \wedge b^4 - \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge b^5,$$

we have $dq_3 \in I(dx_4, dx_5, dx_6)$, thus $q_3 = q_3(x_4, x_5, x_6)$. This gives $\mathbf{y}_2 \in I(dx_3, dx_4, dx_5, dx_6)$. Similarly, $b^2 = dx_2 + q_2 dx_6$, where $q_2 = q_2(x_3, x_5, x_6)$. Thus $\mathbf{y}_1 \in I(dx_2, dx_3, dx_5, dx_6)$. Finally, (3.39) shows that $db^1 \in I_0$. Thus we can choose x_1 such that $b^1 = dx_1 + r_5 dx_5 + r_6 dx_6 + r_7 dx_7$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} dr_5 \wedge dx_5 + dr_6 \wedge dx_6 + dr_7 \wedge dx_7 &= -3\mathbf{x} \wedge b^1 + \mathbf{n} \wedge b^2 + \mathbf{y}_1 \wedge b^6 + \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge b^7 \\ &\in I(dx_{(1,5)}, dx_{(2,5)}, dx_{(2,6)}, dx_{(4,5)}, dx_{(4,7)}) + dx_3 \wedge I_0 + I_1, \end{aligned}$$

hence r_5, r_6, r_7 are as claimed.

We proceed as in the proof of Proposition 3.2. We compute $b^2(\nabla b_1) = b^3(\nabla b_1) = b^3(\nabla b_2) = 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} b^1(\nabla b_1) &= (r_5)_{x_1} b^5, \\ b^1(\nabla b_2) &= (r_5)_{x_2} b^5 + \frac{1}{2}(r_6)_{x_2} b^6, \\ b^2(\nabla b_2) &= \frac{1}{2}(r_6)_{x_2} b^5, \\ b^1(\nabla b_3) &= ((r_5)_{x_3} - (r_7)_{x_3} p) b^5 + \frac{1}{2}(p_{x_6} + (r_6)_{x_3}) b^6 + \frac{1}{2}(p_{x_7} + (r_7)_{x_3}) b^7, \\ b^2(\nabla b_3) &= \frac{1}{2}((r_6)_{x_3} - p_{x_6}) b^5 + (q_2)_{x_3} b^6, \\ b^3(\nabla b_3) &= \frac{1}{2}((r_7)_{x_3} - p_{x_7}) b^5, \\ b^1(\nabla b_4) &= ((r_5)_{x_4} - (r_7)_{x_4} p) b^5 - \frac{1}{2}((q_4)_{x_7} p - (q_4)_{x_5} + q_{x_6}) b^6 - \frac{1}{2}(q_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_4}) b^7, \\ b^2(\nabla b_4) &= \frac{1}{2}((q_4)_{x_7} p - (q_4)_{x_5} + q_{x_6}) b^5 - \frac{1}{2}((q_4)_{x_7} - (q_3)_{x_4}) b^7, \\ b^3(\nabla b_4) &= \frac{1}{2}(q_{x_7} + (r_7)_{x_4}) b^5 + \frac{1}{2}((q_4)_{x_7} + (q_3)_{x_4}) b^6, \\ b^2(\nabla b_7) &= \frac{1}{2}((q_3)_{x_4} - (q_4)_{x_7}) b^4 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}((r_6)_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_6} + (r_7)_{x_4} q_4 + (r_7)_{x_3} q_3 + (q_3)_{x_5} - (q_3)_{x_4} q) b^5. \end{aligned}$$

The equation $\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{3}b^1(\nabla b_1) = \frac{1}{2}b^2(\nabla b_2) = b^3(\nabla b_3)$ is equivalent to

$$\frac{1}{3}(r_5)_{x_1} = \frac{1}{4}(r_6)_{x_2} = \frac{1}{2}((r_7)_{x_3} - p_{x_7}). \quad (3.40)$$

Furthermore, $\mathbf{n} = -b^1(\nabla(b_2)) = b^2(\nabla b_3) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}b^3(\nabla b_4)$ is equivalent to

$$-(r_5)_{x_2} = \frac{1}{2}((r_6)_{x_3} - p_{x_6}) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(q_{x_7} + (r_7)_{x_4}), \quad (3.41)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}(r_6)_{x_2} = (q_2)_{x_3} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}((q_4)_{x_7} + (q_3)_{x_4}). \quad (3.42)$$

Finally, $b^1(\nabla b_3) = b^1(\nabla b_4) = b^2(\nabla b_4) = b^2(\nabla b_7) = 0$ is equivalent to

$$(r_7)_{x_3} p = (r_5)_{x_3}, \quad (3.43)$$

$$p_{x_6} + (r_6)_{x_3} = 0, \quad (3.44)$$

$$p_{x_7} + (r_7)_{x_3} = 0, \quad (3.45)$$

$$(r_7)_{x_4} p = (r_5)_{x_4}, \quad (3.46)$$

$$(q_4)_{x_7} p - (q_4)_{x_5} + q_{x_6} = 0, \quad (3.47)$$

$$q_{x_7} = (r_7)_{x_4}, \quad (3.48)$$

$$(q_4)_{x_7} = (q_3)_{x_4}, \quad (3.49)$$

$$(r_6)_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_6} + (r_7)_{x_4}q_4 + (r_7)_{x_3}q_3 + (q_3)_{x_5} - (q_3)_{x_4}q = 0. \quad (3.50)$$

Equations (3.40), (3.42) and (3.45) imply $-4p_{x_7} = (r_6)_{x_2} = -2(q_2)_{x_3}$. Hence p_{x_7} does not depend on x_7 and $(q_2)_{x_3}$ does not depend on x_3 . Thus

$$p(x_5, x_6, x_7) = \hat{p}(x_5, x_6)x_7 + \bar{p}(x_5, x_6), \quad q_2(x_3, x_5, x_6) = 2\hat{p}(x_5, x_6)x_3 + \bar{q}_2(x_5, x_6).$$

Now (3.41), (3.44), (3.45) and (3.48) yield

$$\begin{aligned} r_6 &= -4\hat{p}x_2 - \hat{p}_{x_6}x_3x_7 - \bar{p}_{x_6}x_3 + \bar{r}_6, & \bar{r}_6 &= \bar{r}_6(x_5, x_6, x_7), \\ r_7 &= -\hat{p}x_3 - \sqrt{2}\hat{p}_{x_6}x_4x_7 - \sqrt{2}\bar{p}_{x_6}x_4 + \bar{r}_7, & \bar{r}_7 &= \bar{r}_7(x_5, x_6, x_7), \end{aligned}$$

and (3.40), (3.41), (3.43) and (3.46) give

$$r_5 = -3\hat{p}x_1 + p_{x_6}x_2 - \hat{p}p_{x_3} - \sqrt{2}p_{x_6}p_{x_4} + \bar{r}_5, \quad \bar{r}_5 = \bar{r}_5(x_5, x_6, x_7).$$

Equations (3.49) and (3.42) imply $(q_4)_{x_7} = (q_3)_{x_4} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(r_6)_{x_2} = 2\sqrt{2}\hat{p}$, thus

$$q_3 = 2\sqrt{2}\hat{p}x_4 + \bar{q}_3, \quad q_4 = 2\sqrt{2}\hat{p}x_7 + \bar{q}_4, \quad \bar{q}_j = \bar{q}_j(x_5, x_6), \quad j = 3, 4.$$

Moreover, (3.48) gives

$$q = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{p}_{x_6}x_7^2 - \sqrt{2}\bar{p}_{x_6}x_7 + \bar{q}, \quad \bar{q} = \bar{q}(x_5, x_6).$$

Now (3.47) is equivalent to

$$\hat{p}_{x_6x_6} = 0, \quad 2\hat{p}^2 = 2\hat{p}_{x_5} + \bar{p}_{x_6x_6}, \quad 2\sqrt{2}\hat{p}\bar{p} = (\bar{q}_4)_{x_5} - (\bar{q})_{x_6}$$

and (3.50) is equivalent to

$$(\bar{r}_6)_{x_7} - (\bar{r}_7)_{x_6} = 2\hat{p}_{x_6}\hat{p}x_7^2 + \sqrt{2}\hat{p}_{x_6}\bar{q}_4x_7 + \sqrt{2}\bar{p}_{x_6}\bar{q}_4 + \hat{p}\bar{q}_3 - (\bar{q}_3)_{x_5} + 2\sqrt{2}\hat{p}\bar{q}.$$

Putting $\hat{p}(x_5, x_6) = a(x_5)x_6 + b(x_5)$, we obtain the assertion. \blacksquare

Remark 3.8. Similarly to Remark 3.5 we can determine the generality of \mathfrak{h} -adapted coframes. The functions $a, b, \bar{q}, \bar{q}_2, \bar{q}_3, \bar{r}_5, \bar{r}_6$ can be chosen arbitrarily. This gives 2 functions in 3 variables, 3 functions in 2 variables and 2 functions in 1 variable. The stepwise determination of \bar{p}, \bar{q}_4 and \bar{r}_7 gives 1 more function in 2 variables and 2 functions in 1 variable. All in all, a general \mathfrak{h} -adapted coframe depends on 2 functions in 3 variables, 4 functions in 2 variables and 4 functions in 1 variable.

Example 3.9. For $a(x_5) := 1, \bar{p}(x_5, x_6) := \frac{1}{6}x_6^4, \bar{q}_4(x_5, x_6) := \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}x_5x_6^5,$

$$\bar{r}_6(x_5, x_6, x_7) := \frac{2}{3}x_6x_7^3 + \frac{1}{3}x_5x_6^5x_7^2 + \frac{4}{9}x_5x_6^8x_7$$

and $b = \bar{q}_2 = \bar{q}_3 = \bar{q} = \bar{r}_5 = \bar{r}_7 = 0$ the holonomy equals \mathfrak{h} . To show this we determine the operators R_{56}, R_{57} and R_{36} , which are in \mathfrak{h} by Proposition 3.7. As in Section 3.2 we only compute those entries that are needed and write ‘*’ for the remaining ones. We obtain

$$R_{56} = h(\text{diag}(2, 1), *, *, *), \quad R_{57} = h(N, *, *, *, *), \quad R_{36} = h(0, 0, 0, (0, 1)^\top),$$

which generate \mathfrak{h} as a Lie algebra. This proves the assertion.

3.5 Type I 2(c), $i = 1, j = 0$

We consider

$$\mathfrak{h} = \text{span} \{X = \text{diag}(2, 1), h(N, 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0)\} \ltimes \mathfrak{m}(1, 0, 2).$$

The structure equations are

$$\begin{pmatrix} db^1 \\ db^2 \\ db^3 \\ db^4 \\ db^5 \\ db^6 \\ db^7 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 3\mathbf{x} & -\mathbf{n} & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} & 0 & -\mathbf{y}_1 & -\mathbf{y}_2 \\ 0 & 2\mathbf{x} & \mathbf{n} & 0 & \mathbf{y}_1 & 0 & \mathbf{v} \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{x} & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} & \mathbf{y}_2 & -\mathbf{v} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3\mathbf{x} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{n} & -2\mathbf{x} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{n} & -\mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \wedge \begin{pmatrix} b^1 \\ b^2 \\ b^3 \\ b^4 \\ b^5 \\ b^6 \\ b^7 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.51)$$

Proposition 3.10. *The holonomy of $(M^{4,3}, g)$ is contained in the Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} of Type I 2(c) with $i = 1, j = 0$ if and only if we can introduce local coordinates x_1, \dots, x_7 such that $g = 2(b^1 \cdot b^5 + b^2 \cdot b^6 + b^3 \cdot b^7) - (b^4)^2$ for*

$$b^1 = dx_1 + r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7)dx_5 + r_6(x_2, \dots, x_7)dx_6 + r_7(x_3, \dots, x_7)dx_7,$$

$$b^2 = dx_2 + q_2(x_3, x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_6, \quad b^3 = dx_3 + q_3(x_4, \dots, x_7)dx_6,$$

$$b^4 = dx_4 + q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_6, \quad b^k = dx_k, \quad k = 5, 6,$$

$$b^7 = dx_7 + p(x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_5,$$

where q_2, q_3, r_5, r_6, r_7 are of the form

$$q_2 = 2p_{x_7}x_3 + \bar{q}_2, \quad q_3 = 2\sqrt{2}p_{x_7}x_4 + \bar{q}_3,$$

$$r_5 = -3p_{x_7}x_1 + p_{x_6}x_2 - p_{x_7}p_{x_3} + (2p_{x_5x_7} + p_{x_6x_6} - 2p_{x_7}^2)x_4^2 \\ + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}((\bar{r}_6)_{x_7} - (\bar{r}_7)_{x_6} - 2\sqrt{2}p_{x_6}q_4 - p_{x_7}\bar{q}_3 - 3p_{x_6}p + (\bar{q}_3)_{x_5})x_4 + \bar{r}_5,$$

$$r_6 = -4p_{x_7}x_2 - p_{x_6}x_3 + \sqrt{2}(\bar{q}_2)_{x_7}x_4 + \bar{r}_6, \quad r_7 = -p_{x_7}x_3 - 2\sqrt{2}p_{x_6}x_4 + \bar{r}_7$$

for functions $\bar{q}_k = \bar{q}_k(x_5, x_6, x_7)$, $k = 2, 3$, $\bar{r}_l = \bar{r}_l(x_5, x_6, x_7)$, $l = 5, 6, 7$, satisfying

$$p_{x_7x_7} = 0, \quad (\bar{q}_3)_{x_7} = -p_{x_6}, \quad (q_4)_{x_7} = 2\sqrt{2}p_{x_7}, \quad \sqrt{2}(\bar{q}_2)_{x_7} = (q_4)_{x_5} - 2\sqrt{2}p_{x_7}p.$$

Proof. As for Type I 2(c), $i = j = 0$, we can introduce coordinates such that $b^k = dx_k$, $k = 5, 6$, $b^7 = dx_7 + p(x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_5$ and $\mathbf{x} \in I(dx_5)$, $\mathbf{n} \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$. But now we can assume additionally, that $b^4 = dx_4 + q_4dx_6$. Then

$$db^4 = dq_4 \wedge dx_6 = -\sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} \wedge dx_5 - \sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} \wedge b^7$$

gives $q_4 = q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7)$ and $\mathbf{v} \in I_0$. Again by (3.51), we have $db^3 \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$. As for Type I 2(c), $i = j = 0$ we can choose x_3 such that $b^3 = dx_3 + q_3dx_6$. Since

$$dq_3 \wedge dx_6 = db^3 = -\mathbf{x} \wedge b^3 - \sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} \wedge b^4 - \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge dx_5 + \mathbf{v} \wedge dx_6 \\ \in I(dx_{(3,5)}, dx_{(4,5)}, dx_{(4,6)}, \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge dx_5) + I_1,$$

we have $q_3 = q_3(x_4, \dots, x_7)$ and $\mathbf{y}_2 \in I(dx_3, \dots, dx_7)$. Similarly, $b^2 = dx_2 + q_2dx_6$, where $q_2 = q_2(x_3, x_5, x_6, x_7)$. Thus $\mathbf{y}_1 \in I(dx_2, dx_3) + I_0$. Finally, (3.51) shows that $db^1 \in I_0$. Thus we can choose $b^1 = dx_1 + r_5dx_5 + r_6dx_6 + r_7dx_7$. Then

$$dr_5 \wedge dx_5 + dr_6 \wedge dx_6 + dr_7 \wedge dx_7 = -3\mathbf{x} \wedge b^1 + \mathbf{n} \wedge b^2 - \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} \wedge b^4 + \mathbf{y}_1 \wedge b^6 + \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge b^7$$

$$\in I(dx_{(1,5)}, dx_{(2,5)}, dx_{(2,6)}) + dx_3 \wedge I_0 + dx_4 \wedge I_0 + I_1,$$

hence r_5, r_6, r_7 are as claimed. We proceed as in the proof of Proposition 3.2. For $\nabla b_1 = \nabla b_2 = \nabla b_3 = 0$, we get the same formulas as in the case of Type I 2(c), $i = j = 0$. Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} b^1(\nabla b_4) &= ((r_5)_{x_4} - (r_7)_{x_4}p)b^5 + \frac{1}{2}(-(q_4)_{x_7}p + (q_4)_{x_5} + (r_6)_{x_4})b^6 + \frac{1}{2}(r_7)_{x_4}b^7, \\ b^2(\nabla b_4) &= \frac{1}{2}((q_4)_{x_7}p - (q_4)_{x_5} + (r_6)_{x_4})b^5 + \frac{1}{2}((q_3)_{x_4} - (q_4)_{x_7})b^7, \\ b^3(\nabla b_4) &= \frac{1}{2}(r_7)_{x_4}b^5 + \frac{1}{2}((q_4)_{x_7} + (q_3)_{x_4})b^6, \\ b^2(\nabla b_7) &= \frac{1}{2}((q_3)_{x_4} - (q_4)_{x_7})b^4 + \frac{1}{2}((r_6)_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_6} + (r_7)_{x_4}q_4 + (r_7)_{x_3}q_3 + (q_3)_{x_5} \\ &\quad - (q_3)_{x_7}p)b^5 + (q_2)_{x_7}b^6 + (q_3)_{x_7}b^7. \end{aligned}$$

The equation $\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{3}b^1(\nabla b_1) = \frac{1}{2}b^2(\nabla b_2) = b^3(\nabla b_3)$ is equivalent to (3.40). Furthermore, $\mathbf{n} = -b^1(\nabla b_2) = b^2(\nabla b_3) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}b^3(\nabla b_4)$ is equivalent to

$$-(r_5)_{x_2} = \frac{1}{2}((r_6)_{x_3} - p_{x_6}) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(r_7)_{x_4}, \quad (3.52)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}(r_6)_{x_2} = (q_2)_{x_3} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}((q_4)_{x_7} + (q_3)_{x_4}), \quad (3.53)$$

and $\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}b^1(\nabla b_4) = b^2(\nabla b_7)$ is equivalent to

$$(q_3)_{x_4} = (q_4)_{x_7}, \quad (3.54)$$

$$\sqrt{2}((r_5)_{x_4} - (r_7)_{x_4}p) = (r_6)_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_6} + (r_7)_{x_4}q_4 + (r_7)_{x_3}q_3 + (q_3)_{x_5} - (q_3)_{x_7}p, \quad (3.55)$$

$$-(q_4)_{x_7}p + (q_4)_{x_5} + (r_6)_{x_4} = 2\sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_7}, \quad (3.56)$$

$$(r_7)_{x_4} = 2\sqrt{2}(q_3)_{x_7}. \quad (3.57)$$

Finally, $b^1(\nabla b_3) = b^2(\nabla b_4) = 0$ is equivalent to

$$(r_5)_{x_3} = (r_7)_{x_3}p, \quad p_{x_6} + (r_6)_{x_3} = 0, \quad p_{x_7} + (r_7)_{x_3} = 0, \quad (3.58)$$

$$(q_4)_{x_7}p - (q_4)_{x_5} + (r_6)_{x_4} = 0, \quad (q_3)_{x_4} = (q_4)_{x_7}. \quad (3.59)$$

Equations (3.40) and (3.52)–(3.59) simplify to

$$\begin{aligned} p_{x_6} &= -(q_3)_{x_7} = (r_5)_{x_2} = -(r_6)_{x_3} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(r_7)_{x_4}, \\ p_{x_7} &= \frac{1}{2}(q_2)_{x_3} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(q_3)_{x_4} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(q_4)_{x_7} = -\frac{1}{3}(r_5)_{x_1} = -\frac{1}{4}(r_6)_{x_2} = -(r_7)_{x_3}, \\ (r_5)_{x_3} &= -p_{x_7}p, \quad (r_6)_{x_4} = (q_4)_{x_5} - 2\sqrt{2}p_{x_7}p = \sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_7}, \\ \sqrt{2}(r_5)_{x_4} &= (r_6)_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_6} - 2\sqrt{2}p_{x_6}q_4 - p_{x_7}q_3 - 3p_{x_6}p + (q_3)_{x_5}. \end{aligned}$$

These equations imply, in particular, $2p_{x_7x_7} = (q_2)_{x_3x_7} = (q_2)_{x_7x_3} = ((q_4)_{x_5} - 2\sqrt{2}p_{x_7}p)_{x_3} = 0$. Now the second part of the proposition follows easily. \blacksquare

Remark 3.11. In the same way as in Remarks 3.5 and 3.8 we determine the generality of \mathfrak{h} -adapted coframes. The functions $\bar{r}_5, \bar{r}_6, \bar{r}_7$ can be chosen arbitrarily. This gives 3 functions in 3 variables. Integration of $p_{x_7x_7} = 0$ shows that the choice of p depends on 2 functions in 2 variables. Then \bar{q}_3, q_4 and \bar{q}_2 depend on 3 arbitrary functions in 2 variables. Thus a general \mathfrak{h} -adapted coframe depends on 3 functions in 3 variables and 5 functions in 2 variables.

Example 3.12. Starting with $p(x_5, x_6, x_7) = x_6x_7$, $\bar{q}_2(x_5, x_6, x_7) = -x_6^2x_7^2$, $\bar{q}_3(x_5, x_6, x_7) = x_5 - \frac{1}{2}x_7^2$, $q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7) = 2\sqrt{2}x_6x_7$ and $\bar{r}_5 = \bar{r}_6 = \bar{r}_7 = 0$ we get

$$q_2 = 2x_3x_6 - x_6^2x_7^2, \quad q_3 = 2\sqrt{2}x_4x_6 + x_5 - \frac{1}{2}x_7^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
r_5 &= -3x_1x_6 + x_2x_7 - x_3x_6^2x_7 - 2x_4^2x_6^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 - x_5x_6 - \frac{21}{2}x_6x_7^2)x_4, \\
r_6 &= -4x_2x_6 - x_3x_7 - 2\sqrt{2}x_4x_6^2x_7, \quad r_7 = -x_3x_6 - 2\sqrt{2}x_4x_7.
\end{aligned}$$

We want to show that the holonomy equals \mathfrak{h} . We proceed as in Example 3.9 and compute the following parts of the curvature tensor and its covariant derivative:

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{56} &= h(\text{diag}(2, 1), *, *, *), & R_{57} &= h(N, *, *, *), & R_{25} &= -h(0, 0, 0, (0, 1)^\top), \\
(\nabla_{b_5} R)_{56} &= -h(0, 1, 0, *),
\end{aligned}$$

which generate \mathfrak{h} as a Lie algebra.

3.6 Type I 2(c), $i = j = 1$

We consider

$$\mathfrak{h} = \text{span} \{ X = \text{diag}(2, 1), h(N, 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0) \} \ltimes \mathfrak{m}(1, 1, 2).$$

The structure equations are

$$\begin{pmatrix} db^1 \\ db^2 \\ db^3 \\ db^4 \\ db^5 \\ db^6 \\ db^7 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 3\mathbf{x} & -\mathbf{n} & \mathbf{u}_1 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} & 0 & -\mathbf{y}_1 & -\mathbf{y}_2 \\ 0 & 2\mathbf{x} & \mathbf{n} & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{y}_1 & 0 & \mathbf{v} \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{x} & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} & \mathbf{y}_2 & -\mathbf{v} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -3\mathbf{x} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{n} & -2\mathbf{x} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{u}_1 & -\mathbf{n} & -\mathbf{x} \end{pmatrix} \wedge \begin{pmatrix} b^1 \\ b^2 \\ b^3 \\ b^4 \\ b^5 \\ b^6 \\ b^7 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.60)$$

Proposition 3.13. *The holonomy of $(M^{4,3}, g)$ is contained in the Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} of Type I 2(c), $i = j = 1$ if and only if we can introduce coordinates (x_1, \dots, x_7) such that $g = 2(b^1 \cdot b^5 + b^2 \cdot b^6 + b^3 \cdot b^7) - (b^4)^2$ for*

$$\begin{aligned}
b^1 &= dx_1 + r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7)dx_5 + r_6(x_2, \dots, x_7)dx_6 + r_7(x_3, \dots, x_7)dx_7, \\
b^2 &= dx_2 + q_2(x_3, \dots, x_7)dx_6 + s(x_4, \dots, x_7)dx_7, \\
b^3 &= dx_3 + q_3(x_4, \dots, x_7)dx_6, \quad b^4 = dx_4 + q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_6, \\
b^k &= dx_k, \quad k = 5, 6, 7,
\end{aligned}$$

where $q_2, q_3, s, r_5, r_6, r_7$ are of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
q_2 &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}ax_3 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}a_{x_7}x_4^2 + \sqrt{2}bx_4 + \bar{q}_2, & q_3 &= \frac{2}{3}ax_4 + \bar{q}_3, & s &= -\frac{1}{3}ax_4 + \bar{s}, \\
r_5 &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}ax_1 - \frac{2}{3}a_{x_7}x_2x_4 - bx_2 + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}a_{x_7}x_3^2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}a_{x_7x_7}x_3x_4^2 + (\frac{1}{3}a_{x_6} + \sqrt{2}b_{x_7})x_3x_4 \\
&\quad - (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(q_4)_{x_5} + \bar{s}_{x_6} - (\bar{q}_2)_{x_7} + \frac{1}{3}aq_4)x_3 + \frac{1}{9\sqrt{2}}a_{x_7x_7x_7}x_4^4 \\
&\quad + (\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}b_{x_7x_7} - \frac{1}{9}a_{x_6x_7})x_4^3 + (-\bar{s}_{x_6x_7} + (\bar{q}_2)_{x_7x_7} + \frac{1}{3}a_{x_7}q_4 - \frac{5}{9}a^2 - b_{x_6})x_4^2 \\
&\quad + (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\bar{r}_6)_{x_7} - (\bar{r}_7)_{x_6} - \bar{s}_5 + (\bar{q}_3)_{x_5}) + 2bq_4 - \frac{1}{3}\bar{q}_3a + \frac{2}{3}\bar{s})x_4 + \bar{r}_5, \\
r_6 &= -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}ax_2 + \frac{4}{3}a_{x_7}x_3x_4 + 2bx_3 + \frac{4}{9}a_{x_7x_7}x_4^3 + (\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}a_{x_6} + 2b_{x_7})x_4^2 \\
&\quad + (2\sqrt{2}(-\bar{s}_{x_6} + (\bar{q}_2)_{x_7} - \frac{1}{3}aq_4) - (q_4)_{x_5})x_4 + \bar{r}_6, \\
r_7 &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}ax_3 + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}a_{x_7}x_4^2 + 2\sqrt{2}bx_4 + \bar{r}_7
\end{aligned}$$

for arbitrary functions $\bar{s} = \bar{s}(x_5, x_6, x_7)$, $\bar{q}_k = \bar{q}_k(x_5, x_6, x_7)$, $k = 2, 3$, $q_4 = q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7)$, $\bar{r}_l = \bar{r}_l(x_5, x_6, x_7)$, $l = 5, 6, 7$ and $a := (q_4)_{x_7}$, $b := (\bar{q}_3)_{x_7}$.

Proof. We proceed as in the proof of Proposition 3.10 and obtain now $b^k = dx_k$, $k = 5, 6, 7$, and $\mathbf{x} \in I(dx_5)$, $\mathbf{n} \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$, $\mathbf{u}_1 \in I_0$. Moreover, as above, $b^4 = dx_4 + q_4 dx_6$, which implies

$$db^4 = dq_4 \wedge dx_6 = \sqrt{2}(-\mathbf{v} \wedge dx_5 - \mathbf{u}_1 \wedge dx_6 - \mathbf{n} \wedge dx_7).$$

Hence $q_4 = q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7)$ and $\mathbf{v} \in I_0$. Furthermore, we have $db^3 \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$ and can choose x_3 such that $b^3 = dx_3 + q_3 dx_6$. As in the proof of Proposition 3.10, we see that $q_3 = q_3(x_4, \dots, x_7)$ and $\mathbf{y}_2 \in I(dx_3, \dots, dx_7)$. Now (3.60) gives $db^2 \in I_0$. Thus $b^2 = dx_2 + q_2 dx_6 + s dx_7$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} dq_2 \wedge dx_6 + ds \wedge dx_7 &= db^2 = -2\mathbf{x} \wedge b^2 - \mathbf{n} \wedge b^3 - \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 \wedge b^4 - \mathbf{y}_1 \wedge dx_5 + \mathbf{v} \wedge dx_7 \\ &\in I(dx_{(2,5)}, dx_{(3,5)}, dx_{(3,6)}, dx_{(4,5)}, dx_{(4,6)}, dx_{(4,7)}, \mathbf{y}_1 \wedge dx_5) + I_1, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain $q_2 = q_2(x_3, \dots, x_7)$, $s = s(x_4, \dots, x_7)$ and $\mathbf{y}_1 \in I(dx_2, \dots, dx_7)$. Finally, (3.60) shows that $db^1 \in I_0$. Thus we can choose $b^1 = dx_1 + r_5 dx_5 + r_6 dx_6 + r_7 dx_7$. Then db^1 equals

$$dr_5 \wedge dx_5 + dr_6 \wedge dx_6 + dr_7 \wedge dx_7 \in I(dx_{(1,5)}, dx_{(2,5)}, dx_{(2,6)}) + dx_3 \wedge I_0 + dx_4 \wedge I_0 + I_1,$$

hence r_5, r_6, r_7 are as claimed.

We proceed as in the proof of Proposition 3.2. The equation $\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{3}b^1(\nabla b_1) = \frac{1}{2}b^2(\nabla b_2) = b^3(\nabla b_3)$ is equivalent to

$$\frac{1}{3}(r_5)_{x_1} = \frac{1}{4}(r_6)_{x_2} = \frac{1}{2}(r_7)_{x_3}. \quad (3.61)$$

Furthermore, $\mathbf{n} = -b^1(\nabla(b_2)) = b^2(\nabla b_3) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}b^3(\nabla b_4)$ is equivalent to

$$-(r_5)_{x_2} = \frac{1}{2}(r_6)_{x_3} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(r_7)_{x_4}, \quad (3.62)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}(r_6)_{x_2} = (q_2)_{x_3} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}((q_4)_{x_7} + s_{x_4} + (q_3)_{x_4}), \quad (3.63)$$

and $\mathbf{u}_1 = b^1(\nabla b_3) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}b^2(\nabla b_4)$ is equivalent to

$$-2\sqrt{2}(r_5)_{x_3} = (q_4)_{x_5} - (r_6)_{x_4}, \quad (3.64)$$

$$(r_6)_{x_3} = \sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_4}, \quad (3.65)$$

$$\sqrt{2}(r_7)_{x_3} = -(q_4)_{x_7} + s_{x_4} + (q_3)_{x_4}. \quad (3.66)$$

Finally, $\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}b^1(\nabla b_4) = b^2(\nabla b_7)$ is equivalent to

$$(q_3)_{x_4} = (q_4)_{x_7} + s_{x_4}, \quad (3.67)$$

$$\sqrt{2}(r_5)_{x_4} = (r_6)_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_6} + (r_7)_{x_4}q_4 + (r_7)_{x_3}q_3 - (r_6)_{x_2}s - s_{x_5} + (q_3)_{x_5}, \quad (3.68)$$

$$(q_4)_{x_5} + (r_6)_{x_4} = 2\sqrt{2}(-s_{x_6} + (q_2)_{x_7} + s_{x_4}q_4), \quad (3.69)$$

$$(r_7)_{x_4} = 2\sqrt{2}(q_3)_{x_7}. \quad (3.70)$$

Equations (3.61), (3.63), (3.66) and (3.67) are equivalent to

$$\frac{1}{3}(r_5)_{x_1} = \frac{1}{4}(r_6)_{x_2} = \frac{1}{2}(r_7)_{x_3} = -\frac{1}{2}(q_2)_{x_3} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(q_3)_{x_4} = -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}(q_4)_{x_7} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}s_{x_4}. \quad (3.71)$$

Equations (3.62), (3.65) and (3.70) are equivalent to

$$-(r_5)_{x_2} = \frac{1}{2}(r_6)_{x_3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(q_2)_{x_4} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(r_7)_{x_4} = (q_3)_{x_7}. \quad (3.72)$$

Hence we have to solve the system consisting of equations (3.64), (3.68), (3.69), (3.71) and (3.72). This is done in a straightforward way starting with (3.71) and (3.72), continuing with (3.69) and finishing with (3.64) and (3.68). The result shows that q_k , $k = 2, 3, 4$, s and r_l , $l = 5, 6, 7$ have the claimed form. \blacksquare

Remark 3.14. Proceeding similarly as in the previous cases we see that a general \mathfrak{h} -adapted coframe depends on 7 functions in 3 variables.

Example 3.15. Choosing $q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7) = x_6x_7$, $\bar{q}_3(x_5, x_6, x_7) = x_6x_7 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}x_7^2$ and $\bar{s} = \bar{q}_2 = \bar{r}_5 = \bar{r}_6 = \bar{r}_7 = 0$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} b(x_6, x_7) &= x_6 + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}x_7, & s(x_4, \dots, x_7) &= -\frac{1}{3}x_4x_6, \\ q_2(x_3, \dots, x_7) &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}x_3x_6 + \sqrt{2}b(x_6, x_7)x_4, \\ r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x_1x_6 - b(x_6, x_7)x_2 + \frac{5}{3}x_3x_4 - \frac{1}{3}x_3x_6^2x_7 - \frac{5}{9}x_4^2x_6^2 - x_4^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{5}{3}x_4x_6^2x_7 + \frac{11}{9}\sqrt{2}x_4x_6x_7^2, \\ r_6(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}x_2x_6 + 2b(x_6, x_7)x_3 + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{3}x_4^2 - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}x_4x_6^2x_7, \\ r_7(x_3, \dots, x_7) &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}x_3x_6 + 2\sqrt{2}b(x_6, x_7)x_4. \end{aligned}$$

One computes

$$\begin{aligned} R_{56} &= \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}X - h(N, 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0), & R_{57} &= -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}h(N, 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0), \\ R_{45} &= h(0, -\sqrt{2}, (\frac{5}{3}, 0)^\top, 0). \end{aligned}$$

These operators generate \mathfrak{h} as a Lie algebra. Hence the holonomy is equal to \mathfrak{h} .

3.7 Type I 3(b)

We consider

$$\mathfrak{h} = \text{span} \{h(\text{diag}(1, 0), 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0)\} \times \mathfrak{m}(1, 1, 2).$$

The structure equations are

$$\begin{pmatrix} db^1 \\ db^2 \\ db^3 \\ db^4 \\ db^5 \\ db^6 \\ db^7 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & -\mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{u}_1 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} & 0 & -\mathbf{y}_1 & -\mathbf{y}_2 \\ 0 & \mathbf{a}_1 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{y}_1 & 0 & \mathbf{v} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{y}_2 & -\mathbf{v} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{a}_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{a}_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{a}_1 & -\mathbf{a}_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{u}_1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \wedge \begin{pmatrix} b^1 \\ b^2 \\ b^3 \\ b^4 \\ b^5 \\ b^6 \\ b^7 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.73)$$

where bold symbols denote 1-forms.

Proposition 3.16. *The holonomy of $(M^{4,3}, g)$ is contained in the Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} of Type I 3(b) if and only if there are local coordinates x_1, \dots, x_7 such that $g = 2(b^1 \cdot b^5 + b^2 \cdot b^6 + b^3 \cdot b^7) - (b^4)^2$ for*

$$\begin{aligned} b^1 &= dx_1 + r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7)dx_5 + r_6(x_2, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_6 + r_7(x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_7, \\ b^i &= dx_i + q_i(x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_6, & i &= 2, 3, \\ b^6 &= dx_6 + p(x_5, x_6)dx_5, & b^j &= dx_j, & j &= 4, 5, 7, \end{aligned}$$

where $p = p(x_5, x_6)$ and $q_2 = q_2(x_5, x_6, x_7)$ are arbitrary and the functions q_3, r_5, r_6, r_7 are of the form

$$q_3 = -p_{x_6}x_7 + \bar{q}_3,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
r_5 &= -p_{x_6}x_1 + p_{x_6}(1-p)x_2 + (q_2)_{x_7}x_3 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(3(q_2)_{x_7}p + (q_3)_{x_5} + (\hat{r}_6)_{x_7} - (\hat{r}_7)_{x_6})x_4 \\
&\quad + ((q_2)_{x_7x_7} + p_{x_6x_6})x_4^2 + \hat{r}_5, \\
r_6 &= -p_{x_6}x_2 + 2\sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_7}x_4 + \hat{r}_6, \quad r_7 = -2\sqrt{2}p_{x_6}x_4 + \hat{r}_7.
\end{aligned}$$

for arbitrary functions $\bar{q}_3 = \bar{q}_3(x_5, x_6)$ and $\hat{r}_j = \hat{r}_j(x_5, x_6, x_7)$, $j = 5, 6, 7$.

Proof. We can introduce coordinates such that $b^5 \in \text{span}\{dx_5\}$. Transforming the local frame by $\exp h(\text{diag}(x, 0), 0, (0, x)^\top, 0)$ for a suitable local function x we may assume $b^5 = dx_5$. Then $\mathbf{a}_1 \in I(dx_5)$, hence $db^6 \in I(dx_5)$ by (3.73). Thus we can introduce x_6 such that $b^6 = dx_6 + p dx_5$. Hence $p = p(x_5, x_6)$. Furthermore, (3.73) shows $db^7 \in I(dx_5)$. Hence we can introduce x_7 such that $b^7 = dx_7 + f_5 dx_5$. Transforming the local frame by $\exp h(0, (u_1, 0)^\top, 0, 0)$ for a suitable local function u_1 we may assume $b^7 = dx_7$. By

$$0 = db^7 = \mathbf{u}_1 \wedge b^5,$$

we obtain that $\mathbf{u}_1 \in I(dx_5)$. Consequently, $db^4 \in I(dx_5)$. Hence we can introduce x_4 such that $b^4 = dx_4 + f_4 dx_5$. Transforming the local frame by $\exp h(0, v, 0, 0)$ for a suitable local function v we may assume $b^4 = dx_4$. By

$$0 = db^4 = -\sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} \wedge b^5 - \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 \wedge b^6 - \sqrt{2}\mathbf{a}_1 \wedge b^7,$$

we obtain that $\mathbf{v} \in I_0$. Again by (3.73), we obtain $db^3 \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$. Transforming the local frame by $\exp h(0, 0, 0, (0, y_2)^\top)$ for a suitable function y_2 we may assume $b^3 = dx_3 + q_3 dx_6$. Then

$$db^3 = dq_3 \wedge dx_6 = -\sqrt{2}\mathbf{a}_1 \wedge dx_4 - \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge dx_5 + \mathbf{v} \wedge (dx_6 + p dx_5) \in I(dx_{(4,5)}, \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge dx_5) + I_1,$$

thus $q_3 = q_3(x_5, x_6, x_7)$ and $\mathbf{y}_2 \in I(dx_4) + I_0$. Furthermore, (3.73) yields $db^2 \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$. Transforming the local frame by $\exp h(0, 0, 0, (y_1, 0)^\top)$ for a suitable function y_1 we may assume $b^2 = dx_2 + q_2 dx_6$, thus

$$\begin{aligned}
db^2 &= dq_2 \wedge dx_6 = -\mathbf{a}_1 \wedge b^2 - \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 \wedge dx_4 - \mathbf{y}_1 \wedge dx_5 - \mathbf{v} \wedge dx_7 \\
&\in I(dx_{(2,5)}, dx_{(4,5)}, \mathbf{y}_1 \wedge dx_5) + I_1.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we get $q_2 = q_2(x_5, x_6, x_7)$ and $\mathbf{y}_1 \in I(dx_2, dx_4) + I_0$. Finally, we have $db^1 \in I_0$, thus $b^1 = dx_1 + r_5 dx_5 + r_6 dx_6 + r_7 dx_7$ and (3.73) gives

$$db^1 = r_5 \wedge dx_5 + r_6 \wedge dx_6 + r_7 \wedge dx_7 \in I(dx_{(1,5)}, dx_{(2,5)}, dx_{(2,6)}, dx_{(3,5)}) + dx_4 \wedge I_0 + I_1.$$

Consequently, $r_5 = r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7)$, $r_6 = r_6(x_2, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7)$, $r_7 = r_7(x_4, \dots, x_7)$.

Now let the metric g be defined by (3.1) with respect to the local coordinates that we considered above. Since the expression for b^i in the local coordinates (x_1, \dots, x_7) is the same as for the case Type I 2(b) with $r_6 = r_6(x_2, x_4, \dots, x_7)$ and $q_2 = q_2(x_5, x_6, x_7)$, we can proceed as in the proof of Proposition 3.3 by imposing the extra conditions coming from

$$b^2(\nabla b_3) = \frac{1}{2}((q_2)_{x_3}p - (r_6)_{x_3})b^5 + (q_2)_{x_3}b^6 = 0,$$

and $(r_6)_{x_3} = (q_2)_{x_3} = (q_2)_{x_4} = 0$. From equations (3.31)–(3.34) we now obtain the system

$$\begin{aligned}
(\bar{r}_6)_{x_4} &= 2\sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_7}, \quad (\bar{r}_5)_{x_3} = (q_2)_{x_7}, \\
(\bar{r}_5)_{x_4} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}((\bar{r}_6)_{x_7} - (\bar{r}_7)_{x_6} + 3(q_2)_{x_7}p + (q_3)_{x_5}) + 2p_{x_6x_6}x_4.
\end{aligned}$$

By integrating the first equation we determine \bar{r}_6 up to an arbitrary function $\hat{r}_6(x_5, x_6, x_7)$ and, by integrating the other two equations, we get the function \bar{r}_5 , up to an arbitrary function $\hat{r}_5(x_5, x_6, x_7)$. \blacksquare

Remark 3.17. Proceeding similarly as in the previous cases we see that in this case a general \mathfrak{h} -adapted coframe depends on 4 functions in 3 variables and 2 functions in 2 variables.

Example 3.18. For

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_5, x_6) &= x_5 x_6^2, & q_2(x_5, x_6, x_7) &= x_7 + x_6 x_7, & q_3(x_5, x_6, x_7) &= -2x_5 x_6 x_7, \\ r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= -2x_1 x_5 x_6 + 2x_2 x_5 x_6 (1 - x_5 x_6^2) + (1 + x_6) x_3 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (3(x_6 + 1) x_5 x_6^2 - 2x_6 x_7) x_4 + 2x_4^2 x_5, \\ r_6(x_2, x_4, \dots, x_7) &= -2x_2 x_5 x_6 + 2\sqrt{2}(x_6 + 1) x_4, \\ r_7(x_4, \dots, x_7) &= -4\sqrt{2} x_4 x_5 x_6 \end{aligned}$$

the holonomy equals \mathfrak{h} . Indeed, the elements

$$\begin{aligned} R_{56} &= h(0, 0, (-1, 0)^\top, (3, 0)^\top), & (\nabla_{b_4} R)_{56} &= h(0, 0, 0, (0, \sqrt{2})^\top), \\ (\nabla_{b_6} R)_{57} &= h(0, -1, 0, 0), & (\nabla_{b_5} R)_{56} &= h(\text{diag}(2, 0), 0, (0, 2)^\top, 0) \end{aligned}$$

generate \mathfrak{h} as a Lie algebra, the holonomy algebra coincides with \mathfrak{h} .

3.8 Type I 4(b), $j = 0$

We consider

$$\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{R} \cdot h(N, 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0) \times \mathfrak{m}(1, 0, 2).$$

The structure equations are

$$\begin{pmatrix} db^1 \\ db^2 \\ db^3 \\ db^4 \\ db^5 \\ db^6 \\ db^7 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\mathbf{n} & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} & 0 & -\mathbf{y}_1 & -\mathbf{y}_2 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{n} & 0 & \mathbf{y}_1 & 0 & \mathbf{v} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} & \mathbf{y}_2 & -\mathbf{v} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{n} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{n} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \wedge \begin{pmatrix} b^1 \\ b^2 \\ b^3 \\ b^4 \\ b^5 \\ b^6 \\ b^7 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.74)$$

Proposition 3.19. *The holonomy of $(M^{4,3}, g)$ is contained in the Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} of Type I 4(b) with $j = 0$ if and only if there are local coordinates x_1, \dots, x_7 such that $g = 2(b^1 \cdot b^5 + b^2 \cdot b^6 + b^3 \cdot b^7) - (b^4)^2$ for*

$$\begin{aligned} b^1 &= dx_1 + r_5(x_2, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7) dx_5 + r_6(x_3, x_5, x_6, x_7) dx_6 + r_7(x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7) dx_7, \\ b^3 &= dx_3 + q(x_5, x_6, x_7) dx_6, & b^7 &= dx_7 + p(x_5, x_6) dx_5, & b^j &= dx_j, & j &= 2, 4, 5, 6, \end{aligned}$$

where $p = p(x_5, x_6)$ is arbitrary and the functions q, r_5, r_6, r_7 are of the form

$$\begin{aligned} q &= -p_{x_6} x_7 + \bar{q}, \\ r_5 &= p_{x_6} x_2 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} ((\bar{r}_6)_{x_7} - (\bar{r}_7)_{x_6} - 3p_{x_6} p - p_{x_6 x_5} x_7 + \bar{q}_{x_5}) x_4 + p_{x_6 x_6} x_4^2 + \bar{r}_5, \\ r_6 &= -p_{x_6} x_3 + \bar{r}_6, & r_7 &= -2\sqrt{2} p_{x_6} x_4 + \bar{r}_7. \end{aligned}$$

where $\bar{q} = \bar{q}(x_5, x_6)$, $\bar{r}_j = \bar{r}_j(x_5, x_6, x_7)$, $j = 5, 6, 7$, are arbitrary.

Proof. We proceed as in the previous cases integrating the structure equations (3.74). We start by choosing $b^5 = dx_5$, $b^6 = dx_6$, which implies $\mathbf{n} \in I(dx_5)$. Moreover, we choose $b^7 = dx_7 + p(x_5, x_6)dx_5$, $b^4 = dx_4$, thus $\mathbf{v} \in I(dx_5, dx_7)$. Furthermore, we may choose $b^3 = dx_3 + qdx_6$. Then

$$dq \wedge dx_6 = -\sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} \wedge b^4 - \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge b^5 + \mathbf{v} \wedge b^6 \in I(dx_{(4,5)}, \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge dx_5) + I_1,$$

which yields $q = q(x_5, x_6, x_7)$ and $\mathbf{y}_2 \in I(dx_4) + I_0$. Next we choose $b^2 = dx_2$, which gives $\mathbf{y}_1 \in I(dx_3) + I_0$. Finally, $b^1 = dx_1 + r_5dx_5 + r_6dx_6 + r_7dx_7$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} dr_5 \wedge dx_5 + dr_6 \wedge dx_6 + dr_7 \wedge dx_7 &= \mathbf{n} \wedge b^2 - \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} \wedge b^4 + \mathbf{y}_1 \wedge b^6 + \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge b^7 \\ &\in I(dx_{(2,5)}, dx_{(3,6)}, dx_{(4,5)}, dx_{(4,7)}) + I_1, \end{aligned}$$

hence $r_5 = r_5(x_2, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7)$, $r_6 = r_6(x_3, x_5, x_6, x_7)$, $r_7 = r_7(x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7)$.

Now let the metric g be defined by (3.1) with respect to the local coordinates that we considered above. Then $\nabla b_1 = 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla b_2 &= (r_5)_{x_2} b^5 \otimes b_1, \\ \nabla b_3 &= \frac{1}{2}(p_{x_6} + (r_6)_{x_3})b^6 \otimes b_1 - \frac{1}{2}(p_{x_6} - (r_6)_{x_3})b^5 \otimes b_2, \\ \nabla b_4 &= ((r_5)_{x_4} - (r_7)_{x_4}p) b^5 + \frac{1}{2}(r_7)_{x_4} b^7 \otimes b_1 + \frac{1}{2}(r_7)_{x_4} b^5 \otimes b_3, \\ b^2(\nabla b_7) &= \frac{1}{2}((r_6)_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_6} - q_{x_7}p + q_{x_5})b^5 + q_{x_7}b^7. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the holonomy of g is contained in \mathfrak{h} if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} (r_5)_{x_2} &= p_{x_6}, & (r_6)_{x_3} &= -p_{x_6}, & 2\sqrt{2}q_{x_7} &= (r_7)_{x_4} = -2\sqrt{2}p_{x_6}, \\ (r_5)_{x_4} - (r_7)_{x_4}p &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}((r_6)_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_6} - q_{x_7}p + q_{x_5}), \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to the assertion. ■

Remark 3.20. Proceeding similarly as in the previous cases we see that a general \mathfrak{h} -adapted coframe depends on 2 functions in 2 variables and 3 functions in 3 variables.

Example 3.21. Starting with $p(x_5, x_6) = x_5x_6 + x_6^2$, $\bar{q} = \bar{r}_5 = 0$, $\bar{r}_6(x_5, x_6, x_7) = x_5^2$ and $\bar{r}_7(x_5, x_6, x_7) = x_6^2$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} q(x_5, x_6, x_7) &= -(x_5 + 2x_6)x_7, \\ r_5(x_2, x_4, \dots, x_7) &= (x_5 + 2x_6)x_2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(2x_6 + 3x_5^2x_6 + 9x_5x_6^2 + 6x_6^3 + x_7)x_4 + 2x_4^2, \\ r_6(x_3, x_5, x_6, x_7) &= -(x_5 + 2x_6)x_3 + x_5^2, & r_7(x_4, \dots, x_7) &= -2\sqrt{2}(x_5 + 2x_6)x_4 + x_6^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then one computes

$$R_{56} = h(2N, *, (0, 2)^\top, *), \quad R_{57} = -\frac{1}{2}h(0, 1, 0, 0), \quad R_{36} = h(0, 0, 0, (2, 0)^\top).$$

Since these elements generate \mathfrak{h} as a Lie algebra, the holonomy algebra coincides with \mathfrak{h} .

3.9 Type I 4(b), $j = 1$

We consider

$$\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{R} \cdot h(N, 0, (0, 1)^\top, 0) \ltimes \mathfrak{m}(1, 1, 2).$$

The structure equations are

$$\begin{pmatrix} db^1 \\ db^2 \\ db^3 \\ db^4 \\ db^5 \\ db^6 \\ db^7 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\mathbf{n} & \mathbf{u}_1 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} & 0 & -\mathbf{y}_1 & -\mathbf{y}_2 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{n} & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{y}_1 & 0 & \mathbf{v} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} & \mathbf{y}_2 & -\mathbf{v} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 & \sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{n} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\mathbf{u}_1 & -\mathbf{n} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \wedge \begin{pmatrix} b^1 \\ b^2 \\ b^3 \\ b^4 \\ b^5 \\ b^6 \\ b^7 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.75)$$

Proposition 3.22. *The holonomy of $(M^{4,3}, g)$ is contained in the Lie algebra \mathfrak{h} of Type I 4(b) with $j = 1$ if and only if there are local coordinates x_1, \dots, x_7 such that $g = 2(b^1 \cdot b^5 + b^2 \cdot b^6 + b^3 \cdot b^7) - (b^4)^2$ for*

$$\begin{aligned} b^1 &= dx_1 + r_5(x_2, \dots, x_7)dx_5 + r_6(x_3, \dots, x_7)dx_6 + r_7(x_4, \dots, x_7)dx_7, \\ b^2 &= dx_2 + q_2(x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_6, \quad b^3 = dx_3 + q_3(x_5, x_6, x_7)dx_6, \\ b^j &= dx_j, \quad j = 4, 5, 6, 7, \end{aligned}$$

where q_3 is arbitrary and the functions q_2 and r_5, r_6, r_7 are of the form

$$\begin{aligned} q_2 &= \sqrt{2}(q_3)_{x_7}x_4 + \bar{q}_2, \\ r_5 &= -(q_3)_{x_7}x_2 + \sqrt{2}(q_3)_{x_7x_7}x_3x_4 + (\bar{q}_2)_{x_7}x_3 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}(q_3)_{x_7x_7x_7}x_4^3 + ((\bar{q}_2)_{x_7x_7} - (q_3)_{x_6x_7})x_4^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}((\bar{r}_6)_{x_7} - (\bar{r}_7)_{x_6} + (q_3)_{x_5})x_4 + \bar{r}_5, \\ r_6 &= 2(q_3)_{x_7}x_3 + 2(q_3)_{x_7x_7}x_4^2 + 2\sqrt{2}(\bar{q}_2)_{x_7}x_4 + \bar{r}_6, \quad r_7 = 2\sqrt{2}(q_3)_{x_7}x_4 + \bar{r}_7, \end{aligned}$$

where $\bar{q}_2 = \bar{q}_2(x_5, x_6, x_7)$, $\bar{r}_j = \bar{r}_j(x_5, x_6, x_7)$, $j = 5, 6, 7$, are arbitrary.

Proof. We integrate (3.75). We may choose $b^j = dx_j$, $j = 5, 6, 7$, which implies $\mathbf{n} \in I(dx_5)$ and $\mathbf{u}_1 \in I(dx_5, dx_6)$. Now (3.75) gives $db^4 \in I(dx_5)$. Hence we may choose $b^4 = dx_4$. Then $\mathbf{v} \in I_0$. Again using (3.75) we see that we may choose $b^k = dx_k + q_k dx_6$, $k = 2, 3$. Because of

$$dq_3 \wedge dx_6 = -\sqrt{2}\mathbf{n} \wedge dx_4 - \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge dx_5 + \mathbf{v} \wedge dx_6 \in I(dx_{(4,5)}, \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge dx_5) + I_1$$

we obtain $q_3 = q_3(x_5, x_6, x_7)$ and $\mathbf{y}_2 \in I(dx_4) + I_0$. Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} dq_2 \wedge dx_6 &= -\mathbf{n} \wedge b^3 - \sqrt{2}\mathbf{u}_1 \wedge dx_4 - \mathbf{y}_1 \wedge dx_5 - \mathbf{v} \wedge dx_7 \\ &\in I(dx_{(3,5)}, dx_{(4,5)}, dx_{(4,6)}, \mathbf{y}_1 \wedge dx_5) + I_1. \end{aligned}$$

This implies $q_2 = q_2(x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7)$ and $\mathbf{y}_1 \in I(dx_3, dx_4) + I_0$. Finally, (3.75) shows $db^1 \in I_0$, thus $b^1 = dx_1 + r_5 dx_5 + r_6 dx_6 + r_7 dx_7$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} dr_5 \wedge dx_5 + dr_6 \wedge dx_6 + dr_7 \wedge dx_7 &= \mathbf{n} \wedge b^2 - \mathbf{u}_1 \wedge b^3 - \sqrt{2}\mathbf{v} \wedge dx_4 + \mathbf{y}_1 \wedge dx_6 + \mathbf{y}_2 \wedge dx_7 \\ &\in I(dx_{(2,5)}, dx_{(3,5)}, dx_{(3,6)}, dx_{(4,5)}, dx_{(4,6)}, dx_{(4,7)}) + I_1, \end{aligned}$$

hence $r_5 = r_5(x_2, \dots, x_7)$, $r_6 = r_6(x_3, \dots, x_7)$, $r_7 = r_7(x_4, \dots, x_7)$.

Let the metric g be defined by (3.1) with respect to the local coordinates that we considered above. Then $\nabla b_1 = 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla b_2 &= (r_5)_{x_2} b^5 \otimes b_1, \quad \nabla b_3 = ((r_5)_{x_3} b^5 + \frac{1}{2}(r_6)_{x_3} b^6) \otimes b_1 + \frac{1}{2}(r_6)_{x_3} b^5 \otimes b_2, \\ \nabla b_4 &= ((r_5)_{x_4} b^5 + \frac{1}{2}(r_6)_{x_4} b^6 + \frac{1}{2}(r_7)_{x_4} b^7) \otimes b_1 + (\frac{1}{2}(r_6)_{x_4} b^5 + (q_2)_{x_4} b^6) \otimes b_2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(r_7)_{x_4} b^5 \otimes b_3, \end{aligned}$$

$$b^2(\nabla b_7) = \frac{1}{2}((r_6)_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_6} + (q_3)_{x_5})b^5 + (q_2)_{x_7}b^6 + (q_3)_{x_7}b^7.$$

Hence the holonomy of g is contained in \mathfrak{h} if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} -2\sqrt{2}(r_5)_{x_2} &= \sqrt{2}(r_6)_{x_3} = (r_7)_{x_4}, & 2\sqrt{2}(r_5)_{x_3} &= (r_6)_{x_4}, & (r_6)_{x_3} &= \sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_4}, \\ \sqrt{2}(r_5)_{x_4} &= (r_6)_{x_7} - (r_7)_{x_6} + (q_3)_{x_5}, & (r_6)_{x_4} &= 2\sqrt{2}(q_2)_{x_7}, & (r_7)_{x_4} &= 2\sqrt{2}(q_3)_{x_7}, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to the assertion. \blacksquare

Remark 3.23. Proceeding similarly as in the previous cases we see that in this case a general \mathfrak{h} -adapted coframe depends on 5 functions in 3 variables.

Example 3.24. Starting with $q_3(x_5, x_6, x_7) = (x_5 + x_6 + x_7)x_7$, $\bar{q}_2(x_5, x_6, x_7) = 2x_6x_7$, $\bar{r}_5 = \bar{r}_6 = \bar{r}_7 = 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} q_2(x_4, \dots, x_7) &= \sqrt{2}(x_5 + x_6 + 2x_7)x_4 + 2x_6x_7, \\ r_5(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= -(x_5 + x_6 + 2x_7)x_2 + 2\sqrt{2}x_3x_4 + 2x_3x_6 - x_4^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x_4x_7, \\ r_6(x_3, \dots, x_7) &= 2(x_5 + x_6 + 2x_7)x_3 + 4x_4^2 + 4\sqrt{2}x_4x_6, \\ r_7(x_4, \dots, x_7) &= 2\sqrt{2}(x_5 + x_6 + 2x_7)x_4. \end{aligned}$$

To show that the holonomy is equal to \mathfrak{h} we again compute parts of the curvature tensor:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{56} &= -h(N, *, (1, 1)^\top, *), & R_{35} &= h(0, 2, 0, *), \\ R_{67} &= h(0, *, (-2, 0)^\top, *), & R_{25} &= h(0, 0, 0, (1, 2)^\top), \end{aligned}$$

which generate \mathfrak{h} as a Lie algebra.

3.10 Holonomy algebras containing \mathfrak{m}

In the previous sections we concentrated on holonomy groups that are either maximal, i.e., isomorphic to $\mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R}) \ltimes \mathfrak{m}$ or that are small in the sense that they do not contain the whole Lie algebra \mathfrak{m} . For the sake of completeness we consider now also the remaining Berger algebras \mathfrak{h} of Type I satisfying $\mathfrak{m} \subset \mathfrak{h}$. We will not give normal forms for these metrics here, but we will give an example of a metric for each of these Lie algebras. This will complete the proof of Theorem 1.1.

In all cases we will proceed as follows. Given a Berger algebra $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{a} \ltimes \mathfrak{m}$, we choose functions $r_5, r_6, r_7, q_2, q_3, q_4, s_2, s_3$ and f that satisfy the differential equations (3.9)–(3.18) and in addition the differential equations for $b^i(\nabla b_j)$ that are equivalent to the condition that the projection of the connection form to $\mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R})$ is contained in \mathfrak{a} . This will ensure that the holonomy of the corresponding metric is contained in \mathfrak{h} . Finally, in each case, one has to check that the holonomy is equal to \mathfrak{h} . This is done in the same way as for the various examples in Sections 3.2–3.9. If \mathfrak{a} is equal to $\mathfrak{co}(2)$, \mathfrak{b}_2 , \mathfrak{d} , $\mathbb{R} \cdot C_a$, $\mathbb{R} \cdot S$ or $\mathbb{R} \cdot \text{diag}(1, \mu)$ for $\mu \neq 0$, the calculations are easy since \mathfrak{h} is already generated (as a Lie algebra) by $\{R_{ij} \mid i < j\}$. If \mathfrak{a} equals $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R})$, $\hat{\mathfrak{b}}_2$, $\mathbb{R} \cdot \text{diag}(1, 0)$ or \mathfrak{s}_λ , then we need also ∇R to generate \mathfrak{h} .

According to the described approach we now give functions $f, s_2, s_3, q_2, q_3, q_4, r_5, r_6, r_7$ for every $\mathfrak{a} \subset \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R})$ for which $\mathfrak{a} \ltimes \mathfrak{m}$ is on the list in Theorem 2.2. We start with $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{R})$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_5, x_6, x_7) &= e^{x_5}, & s_2(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= 0, & s_3(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= x_2 + x_4, \\ q_2(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2}x_4 - 1, & q_3(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= -\sqrt{2}e^{x_5} + x_6^2, & q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7) &= 1, \\ r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= -\frac{1}{4}e^{x_5}\sqrt{2}x_2x_4 + x_6x_7, & r_6(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= \frac{1}{2}x_3, \end{aligned}$$

$$r_7(x_1, \dots, x_7) = \frac{1}{2}x_4^2 - \sqrt{2}x_2.$$

We continue with $\mathfrak{a} \in \{\mathfrak{b}_2, \mathfrak{d}\}$. Starting with the functions

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_5, x_6, x_7) &= e^{x_6}, & s_2(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= x_4x_7 - x_4, & s_3(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= 0, \\ q_3(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= x_4x_7, & q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7) &= x_7, \\ r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= e^{x_6} \left(x_4^2x_7^2 - x_3x_4x_7 + x_3x_7^2 - \frac{2}{3}x_4^3 + 2x_4^2x_7 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}x_1 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - x_2x_4 + x_3x_4 - x_3x_7 - x_4^2 \right), \\ r_6(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= \sqrt{2}(-x_4^2x_7 + 2x_4x_7^2 - x_2x_7 + x_4^2 - 2x_4x_7) + x_1, \\ r_7(x_4, \dots, x_7) &= \sqrt{2}(x_3x_7 + x_4^2 - x_3), \end{aligned}$$

and choosing respectively $q_2(x_2, \dots, x_7) = x_2 + e^{x_3}$ or $q_2(x_2, \dots, x_7) = x_2$ we get holonomy equal to $\mathfrak{b}_2 \times \mathfrak{m}$ or $\mathfrak{d} \times \mathfrak{m}$, respectively.

Recall that we already gave an example of a metric with holonomy $\mathbb{R} \cdot N \times \mathfrak{m}$ in [7]. It remains to consider those Berger algebras $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{a} \times \mathfrak{m}$ for which \mathfrak{a} is equal to $\mathbb{R} \cdot S$, $\hat{\mathfrak{b}}_2$, $\mathfrak{co}(2)$, $\mathbb{R} \cdot C_a$, $\mathbb{R} \cdot \text{diag}(1, \mu)$, $\mu \in [-1, 1]$ or to \mathfrak{s}_λ , $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. We may assume $\lambda \neq 1/2$ since we considered the case $\lambda = 1/2$ already in [7].

For all these \mathfrak{a} we choose $f(x_5, x_6, x_7) = e^{x_5}$. Furthermore,

$$s_2(x_2, \dots, x_7) = \alpha x_4x_6, \quad q_3(x_2, \dots, x_7) = \beta x_4x_6,$$

where

$$(\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right), & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} \in \{\mathbb{R} \cdot S, \hat{\mathfrak{b}}_2, \mathfrak{co}(2)\}, \\ (-a, a), & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot C_a, \\ (1, 1), & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot \text{diag}(1, -1), \\ \left(-\frac{\mu}{1+\mu}, \frac{1}{1+\mu}\right), & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot \text{diag}(1, \mu), \mu \in (-1, 1], \\ \left(-\frac{\lambda-1}{2\lambda-1}, \frac{\lambda}{2\lambda-1}\right), & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{s}_\lambda. \end{cases}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} s_3(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= \begin{cases} x_6x_7, & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} \in \{\hat{\mathfrak{b}}_2, \mathfrak{s}_\lambda, \mathbb{R} \cdot S, \mathbb{R} \cdot \text{diag}(1, \mu) \mid \mu \in [-1, 1]\}, \\ x_6x_7 + x_4x_7, & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{co}(2), \\ x_6x_7 + x_4x_6, & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot C_a, \end{cases} \\ q_2(x_2, \dots, x_7) &= \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}x_4x_6, & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot S, \\ x_3x_5, & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} \in \{\hat{\mathfrak{b}}_2, \mathfrak{s}_\lambda\}, \\ 0, & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot \text{diag}(1, \mu), \mu \in [-1, 1], \\ x_4x_7, & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{co}(2), \\ x_4x_6, & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot C_a, \end{cases} \\ q_4(x_5, x_6, x_7) &= \begin{cases} x_6x_7, & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot S, \\ 0, & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot \text{diag}(1, -1), \\ 2ax_6(x_5 + x_7), & \text{if } \mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot C_a, \\ x_6(x_5 + x_7), & \text{else.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

In order to define r_5, r_6, r_7 , we put

$$\rho_1(x_1, \dots, x_7) := -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x_1e^{x_5} + x_3)x_6 + x_2x_7e^{x_5},$$

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_2(x_1, \dots, x_7) &:= -\frac{1}{2}((x_5 + x_7)x_3 + \frac{3}{2}x_4^2)x_6^2 - x_3x_4)e^{x_5}, \\ \rho_3(x_1, \dots, x_7) &:= \sqrt{2}(\frac{2}{3}x_7^3 + x_5x_7^2 - x_2)x_6 - e^{-x_5}x_4x_6, \\ \rho_4(x_1, \dots, x_7) &:= -\sqrt{2}x_4(x_5 + x_7)x_6^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x_2x_6 + x_4^2).\end{aligned}$$

Then, for $\mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot S$,

$$\begin{aligned}r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= \rho_2(x_1, \dots, x_7) + (-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x_1x_6 + x_2x_7 - 2x_4x_6x_7^2 + \frac{1}{2}(x_3x_5 + x_4x_7)x_6^2)e^{x_5}, \\ r_6(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(2x_4x_6^2x_7 + (x_2 + x_3)x_6 - x_4^2), \\ r_7(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x_3x_6 + 4x_4x_7).\end{aligned}$$

For $\mathfrak{a} = \hat{\mathfrak{b}}_2$,

$$\begin{aligned}r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= (\rho_1 + \rho_2)(x_1, \dots, x_7) - (x_3x_7 + x_4^2)x_5x_6e^{x_5}, \\ r_6(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= (\rho_3 + \rho_4)(x_1, \dots, x_7) - 2\sqrt{2}x_4x_5x_6x_7, \\ r_7(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(x_3x_6 + 4x_4x_7).\end{aligned}$$

If $\mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot \text{diag}(1, \mu)$, $\mu \neq -1$, then

$$\begin{aligned}r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= (\rho_1 + \frac{2\mu}{\mu+1}\rho_2)(x_1, \dots, x_7) + \frac{\mu(\mu-1)}{2(1+\mu)^2}x_4^2x_6^2e^{x_5}, \\ r_6(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= (\rho_3 + \frac{2\mu}{\mu+1}\rho_4)(x_1, \dots, x_7), \quad r_7(x_1, \dots, x_7) = -\sqrt{2}(\frac{\mu}{1+\mu}x_3x_6 + 2x_4x_7).\end{aligned}$$

For $\mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot \text{diag}(1, -1)$,

$$\begin{aligned}r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= (x_4^2x_6^2 + x_2x_7 - x_3x_4)e^{x_5}, \quad r_6(x_1, \dots, x_7) = -\sqrt{2}(x_2x_6 + x_4^2), \\ r_7(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= \sqrt{2}(x_3x_6 - 2x_4x_7).\end{aligned}$$

If $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{s}_\lambda$, $\lambda \neq 1/2$, then

$$\begin{aligned}r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= (\rho_1 + \frac{2(\lambda-1)}{2\lambda-1}\rho_2)(x_1, \dots, x_7) - \frac{\lambda-1}{2(2\lambda-1)^2}x_4^2x_6^2e^{x_5} - (x_3x_7 + x_4^2)x_5x_6e^{x_5}, \\ r_6(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= (\rho_3 + \frac{2(\lambda-1)}{2\lambda-1}\rho_4)(x_1, \dots, x_7) - 2\sqrt{2}x_4x_5x_6x_7, \\ r_7(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= -\sqrt{2}(\frac{\lambda-1}{2\lambda-1}x_3x_6 + 2x_4x_7).\end{aligned}$$

For $\mathfrak{a} = \mathfrak{co}(2)$,

$$\begin{aligned}r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= (x_3x_4 - (x_2x_6 + x_4^2)(x_5 + x_7)x_7 - x_4^2x_7^2)e^{x_5} + (\rho_1 + \rho_2)(x_1, \dots, x_7), \\ r_6(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= \sqrt{2}(x_3x_7 + x_4^2 - x_6^2x_7^2(x_5^2 + \frac{4}{3}x_5x_7 + \frac{1}{2}x_7^2) + \frac{1}{3}x_6x_7^3) \\ &\quad + (\rho_3 + \rho_4)(x_1, \dots, x_7), \\ r_7(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= \sqrt{2}(2x_4x_6x_7(x_5 + x_7) - x_2x_7 - 2x_4x_7 - \frac{1}{2}x_3x_6),\end{aligned}$$

and for $\mathfrak{a} = \mathbb{R} \cdot C_a$, we put

$$\begin{aligned}r_5(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= (x_2x_4 - 2ax_6(x_2x_6 + 3x_4^2)(x_5 + x_7) + (1 - 2a)(ax_3x_4 + x_2x_7) - x_4^2x_6^2)e^{x_5} \\ &\quad + 2a(\rho_1 + 2a\rho_2)(x_1, \dots, x_7), \\ r_6(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= \sqrt{2}(x_6x_3 - 8a^2x_5x_6^3x_7(x_5 + x_7) + (a - 2a^2)(x_2x_6 + x_4^2)) \\ &\quad - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6}x_6^2x_7^2(16a^2x_6x_7 - 3) + 2a(\rho_3 + 2a\rho_4)(x_1, \dots, x_7), \\ r_7(x_1, \dots, x_7) &= -\sqrt{2}((x_4 - 4a(x_5 + x_7)x_6^2 + 2x_7)x_4 + x_6(ax_3 + x_2)).\end{aligned}$$

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