

Pseudo-Riemannian manifolds
with many Killing spinors

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Figueroa-O’Farrill, Meessen and Philip showed that M-theory backgrounds with more than 24 supersymmetries are locally homogeneous. Notice that

$$24 = (3/4) \cdot 32, \quad N = 32 = \dim S_{1,10}.$$

This result is obtained from a careful analysis of the Killing spinor equations of M-theory.

Inspired by this work, we study how many Killing spinors of a pseudo-Riemannian n -dimensional manifold (M, g) of signature s implies that M is locally homogeneous.

We define a $\wedge^k TM$ -valued bilinear form

$$S \otimes S \rightarrow \wedge^k TM, \quad (s, t) \mapsto [s, t]_k,$$

on the spinor bundle S which associates to a pair of conformal Killing spinors s, t a conformal Killing polyvector field $\omega = [s, t]_k$. For $k = 1$ we obtain conformal Killing vector fields.

The main results:

(M, g) pseudo-Riemannian n -manifold of signature s with a spinor bundle S of rank N .

- M is locally homogeneous if it admits more than $\frac{3}{4}N$ (independent) Killing spinors with the same Killing number, unless $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $s \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.
- M is locally homogeneous if it admits k_{\pm} Killing spinors with Killing number $\pm\lambda$ such that $k_+ + k_- > \frac{3}{2}N$, unless $n \equiv s \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.
- Similarly, a pseudo-Riemannian manifold with more than $\frac{3}{4}N$ *conformal* Killing spinors is *conformally* locally homogeneous.

For definite metrics, the bounds $\frac{3}{4}N$ and $\frac{3}{2}N$ in the above results can be relaxed to $\frac{1}{2}N$ and N , respectively.

- a pseudo-Riemannian spin manifold with more than $\frac{3}{4}N$ parallel spinors is flat and $\frac{1}{4}N$ parallel spinors suffice if the metric is definite.
- Similarly, a Riemannian spin manifold with more than $\frac{3}{8}N$ Killing spinors with the Killing number $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ has constant curvature $4\lambda^2$.
- For Lorentzian or negative definite metrics the same is true with the bound $\frac{1}{2}N$.

- A Riemannian spin manifold with $\frac{3}{8}N$ Killing spinors with the Killing number $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ can be locally represented in the form

$$M = I \times M_1 \times M_2, \quad g = ds^2 + \cos^2(s)g_1 + \sin^2(s)g_2,$$

where (M_1, g_1) is of constant curvature 1 or of dimension ≤ 1 , (M_2, g_2) is a seven-dimensional 3-Sasakian manifold and $I \subset (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ is an interval,

- Finally, we give a description of (not necessarily complete) Riemannian manifolds admitting Killing spinors, which provides an inductive construction of such manifolds.

Conformally Killing polyvectors

Let (M, g) be an n -dimensional pseudo-Riemannian manifold.

Definition 1 A k -vector field $\omega \in \Gamma(\wedge^k TM) \cong \Gamma(\wedge^k T^*M)$ ($k \geq 1$) is called **Killing** if

$$X \lrcorner \nabla_X \omega = 0, \quad \text{for all } X \in TM.$$

It is called **conformally Killing** if there exists a $(k-1)$ -vector field $\tilde{\omega}$ such that

$$X \lrcorner \nabla_X \omega = g(X, X) \tilde{\omega}, \quad \text{for all } X \in TM. \quad (1)$$

Characterisation of conformally Killing polyvectors

- (i) $\omega \in \Gamma(\wedge^k TM)$ is Killing if and only if $\dot{\gamma} \lrcorner \omega$ is a parallel $(k-1)$ -vector field along γ , for every geodesic γ :

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}(\dot{\gamma} \lrcorner \omega) = 0. \quad (2)$$

- (ii) ω is conformally Killing if and only if $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}(\dot{\gamma} \lrcorner \omega) = 0$, for every null geodesic γ .

Killing spinors and conformal Killing spinors

Definition 2 A spinor field $s \in \Gamma(S)$ is called *Killing* with Killing number $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ if

$$\nabla_X s = \lambda Xs, \quad \text{for all } X \in TM,$$

where Xs is the Clifford product of the vector X and the spinor s .

It is called *conformally Killing* if there exists a spinor field $\tilde{s} \in \Gamma(S)$ such that

$$\nabla_X s = X\tilde{s}, \quad \text{for all } X \in TM. \quad (3)$$

Remarks

1) The last equation implies

$$\tilde{s} = -\frac{1}{n}Ds, \quad (4)$$

where $Ds = \sum g^{ij}e_i\nabla_{e_j}s$ is the Dirac operator. In particular, any Killing spinor is an eigen-spinor for the Dirac operator: $Ds = -n\lambda s$.

2) The Killing number is related to the scalar curvature by $scal = 4n(n - 1)\lambda^2$. Therefore, the scalar curvature of a pseudo-Riemannian manifold with Killing spinor is constant and the Killing numbers of different Killing spinors on the same manifold coincide up to a sign. It is well known that a Riemannian manifold which admits a Killing spinor is Einstein, but this is no longer true for indefinite pseudo-Riemannian manifolds,

Endomorphism of S associated with a polyvector

Let $\gamma_v : S_p \rightarrow S_p$ be the Clifford multiplication with $v \in T_p M$.

The linear map $\gamma : \wedge^k T_p M \rightarrow \text{End}(S_p)$, for all $k \geq 1$, is defined by

$$\gamma_{v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_k} := \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_k} \epsilon(\sigma) \gamma_{v_{\sigma 1}} \cdots \gamma_{v_{\sigma k}},$$

where \mathfrak{S}_k is the symmetric group.

For $\lambda \in \wedge^0 T_p M = \mathbb{R}$ we put $\gamma_\lambda = \lambda \text{id} \in \text{End } S_p$.

Admissible bilinear forms, their symmetry and type

Definition 3 A bilinear form h on the spinor module satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} h(s, t) &= \sigma h(t, s), \\ h(\gamma_X s, t) &= \tau h(t, \gamma_X s), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

for $s, t \in S$ and $X \in TM$, is called **admissible** of **symmetry** σ and **type** τ , where $\sigma, \tau \in \{-1, +1\}$.

There always exists a **nondegenerate** admissible bilinear form.

An admissible form is invariant under the connected spin group and defines a parallel section of $S^* \otimes S^*$. In the following, h always denote a parallel nondegenerate section of $S^* \otimes S^*$ of symmetry σ and type τ . Notice that

$$h(\gamma_\xi s, t) = \tau^k (-1)^{\frac{(k-1)k}{2}} h(s, \gamma_\xi t), \quad \xi \in \Gamma(\wedge^k TM).$$

Bilinear $\wedge^k TM$ -valued form

We associate with $h(s, t)$ a bilinear $\wedge^k TM$ -valued form $[s, t]_k$ on S defined by

$$g([s, t]_k, \xi) = h(\gamma_\xi s, t) \quad \forall \xi \in \Gamma(\wedge^k TM), s, t \in \Gamma(S). \quad (6)$$

(Here g is canonically extended to a nondegenerate symmetric bilinear form on the exterior algebra.) Such brackets occur in the classification of polyvector super-Poincaré algebras. For $k = 0$ we put $[s, t]_0 = h(s, t)$.

Conformal Killing polyvector associated with conformal Killing spinors

Theorem 1 *Let s, t be conformal Killing spinors on an n -dimensional pseudo-Riemannian spin manifold (M, g) . Then $\omega = [s, t]_k \in \Gamma(\wedge^k TM)$ ($k \geq 1$) is a conformal Killing polyvector;*

$$X \lrcorner \nabla_X \omega = g(X, X) \tilde{\omega} \quad \forall X \in TM,$$

where $\tilde{\omega} \in \Gamma(\wedge^{k-1} TM)$ is given by

$$n\tilde{\omega} = (-1)^{k-1} [Ds, t]_{k-1} + \tau[s, Dt]_{k-1}. \quad (7)$$

Corollary 1 *Let s and t be Killing spinors with Killing numbers λ and μ , respectively, and $\omega = [s, t]_k$. Then the following is true.*

(i) *ω is a conformal Killing polyvector with $\tilde{\omega} = (\lambda(-1)^k - \mu\tau)[s, t]_{k-1}$.*

(ii) *If $\mu = (-1)^k \tau \lambda$, then $\omega = [s, t]_k$ is a Killing polyvector.*

(iii) *If $\lambda = \mu = 0$ then ω is parallel.*

Manifolds with many Killing spinors

Theorem 2 *Let (M, g) be a pseudo-Riemannian spin manifold of dimension n , signature s and spinor bundle S of rank N .*

- (i) If (M, g) admits $k > \frac{3}{4}N$ conformal Killing spinors, which are linearly independent at $p \in M$, then (M, g) admits n conformal Killing vector fields, which are linearly independent at $p \in M$.*

- (ii) Assume that $n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ or $s \not\equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. If (M, g) admits $k > \frac{3}{4}N$ Killing spinors with the same Killing number, which are linearly independent at $p \in M$, then (M, g) admits n Killing vector fields, which are linearly independent at $p \in M$.*

(iii) Assume that

$n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $s \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$.

Then S admits a parallel hypercomplex structure $J_1, J_2, J_3 = J_1 J_2 \in \Gamma(\text{End } S)$, which commutes with Clifford multiplication. Let I be any complex structure on S which is a linear combination of J_1, J_2, J_3 with constant coefficients. If (M, g) admits $k > \frac{3}{4}N$ solutions $s \in \Gamma(S)$ of the equation

$$\nabla_X s = \lambda X I s, \quad \text{for all } X \in TM, \quad (8)$$

with the same $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, which are linearly independent at $p \in M$, then (M, g) admits n Killing vector fields, which are linearly independent at $p \in M$.

(iv) Assume that

$n \not\equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ or $s \not\equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

If (M, g) admits k_+ Killing spinors with the Killing number λ , which are independent at p , and k_- Killing spinors with the Killing number $-\lambda$, which are independent at p , such that $k_+ + k_- > \frac{3}{2}N$, then it admits n Killing vector fields, which are independent at p .

(v) If g is definite, then (i)-(iv) hold under the weaker assumptions $k > \frac{1}{2}N$ and $k_+ + k_- > N$, respectively.

Idea of the proof

There exists a parallel nondegenerate bilinear form h of symmetry σ and type $\tau = -1$ on S unless $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $s \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. (The $\text{Pin}(n)$ -invariant scalar product on the spinor module associated with a positive definite scalar product, for instance, has $\tau = -1$.) For any conformal Killing spinors s, t , the vector field $[s, t]_1$ is conformal. Moreover, if s, t are Killing spinors with the same Killing number and $\tau = -1$, then $[s, t]_1$ is a Killing vector field. Therefore, to prove (i) and (ii) it suffices to show that

$$\Pi := [\cdot, \cdot]_1|_{S_0 \otimes S_0} : S_0 \otimes S_0 \rightarrow T_p M \quad (9)$$

is surjective if the subspace $S_0 \subset S_p$ spanned by the values of the given (conformal) Killing spinors at p has dimension $> \frac{3}{4} \dim S_p$.

Suppose first that g is definite.

Then we have to show that

Π is surjective if $\dim S_0 > \frac{1}{2} \dim S_p$ or equivalently,

$\exists v \in T_p M \setminus \{0\}$ such that

$$\gamma_v S_0 \subset S_0^\perp. \quad (10)$$

Suppose that there exists $v \in T_p M \setminus \{0\}$ s.t. (10) holds.

If $\dim S_0 > \frac{1}{2} \dim S_p$, then
 $\dim S_0^\perp < \frac{1}{2} \dim S_p < \dim S_0$
and $\ker \gamma_v \neq 0$.

Since $\gamma_v^2 = -g(v, v)id$, this implies $g(v, v) = 0$ and $v = 0$. This proves the surjectivity of Π .

If g is indefinite, we can only conclude that v is a null vector.

Lemma 1 *For any non-zero null vector v the subspace $L_v := \ker \gamma_v = \text{im } \gamma_v \subset S_p$ is h-isotropic of dimension $\frac{1}{2} \dim S_p$. Hence, $\text{rk } \gamma_v = \frac{1}{2} \dim S_p$.*

Consider the bilinear form $\beta = h(\gamma_v \cdot, \cdot)$ on S_p with $\text{rk } \beta = \text{rk } \gamma_v = \frac{1}{2} \dim S_p$.

Under the assumption $\gamma_v S_0 \subset S_0^\perp$, the matrix of β with respect to a basis adapted to a decomposition $S_p = S_0 \oplus S_1$ is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ \sigma \tau A^t & B \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{2} \dim S_p = \text{rk } \beta \leq \text{rk } A + \text{rk}(\sigma \tau A^t, B) \leq$$

$$2 \dim S_1 = 2(\dim S_p - \dim S_0),$$

which implies

$$\dim S_0 \leq \frac{3}{4} \dim S_p.$$

We get a contradiction which shows that $\Pi : S_0 \otimes S_0 \rightarrow T_p M$ is surjective.

Case when $\tau = 1$

Proposition 1 *Let h be a nondegenerate parallel bilinear form of symmetry σ and type $\tau = +1$ on the spinor bundle S of a pseudo-Riemannian spin manifold (M, g) and denote by $S(\lambda) \subset \Gamma(S)$ the vector space of Killing spinors with a given Killing number $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Then the image $[S(\lambda), S(\lambda)]_1 \subset \Gamma(TM)$ consists of Killing vector fields if and only if $S_0 := S(\lambda)|_p \subset S_p$ is totally isotropic for all $p \in M$ with respect to h . If S_0 is maximally isotropic at a point p then $[S(\lambda), S(\lambda)]_1 \neq 0$, hence, (M, g) admits a Killing vector field, which does not vanish at p .*

Remark

One can check that $[S_0, S_0]_1$ is one-dimensional for any maximally isotropic subspace S_0 of the spinor module $S_{2,3} = \mathbb{R}^4$ of $\text{Spin}(2,3)$. For the spinor module $S_{4,5}$ of $\text{Spin}(4,5)$ one can construct a maximally isotropic subspace S_0 such that $\dim[S_0, S_0]_1 = 4$.

These examples show that in general a vector space of Killing spinors spanning a maximally isotropic subspace of S_p for all p is not sufficient to produce a transitive Lie algebra of Killing fields.

A multiplicative invariant $\kappa(M, \lambda)$

Let $S(\lambda) = S(M, \lambda)$ be the vector space of Killing spinors with Killing number $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, $k := \dim S(\lambda)$ and

$$\kappa(M, \lambda) := \frac{k}{N}, \quad \kappa(M) := \kappa(M, 0).$$

Then $\kappa(M) = 1$ if and only if M is flat and that $\kappa(M, \lambda) = \frac{\dim \mathbb{S}(\lambda)}{\text{rk } \mathbb{S}}$, where \mathbb{S} is the complex spinor bundle and $\mathbb{S}(\lambda) = S(M, \lambda)$ the vector space of complex Killing spinors with Killing number λ .

Proposition 2 *Let $M = M_1 \times M_2$ be the product of two pseudo-Riemannian spin manifolds. Then $\kappa(M) = \kappa(M_1)\kappa(M_2)$. In particular, $\kappa(M) = \kappa(M_1)$ if and only if M_2 is flat.*

Remark: The invariant $\kappa(M, \lambda)$ for $\lambda \neq 0$ is not multiplicative.

Manifolds with many parallel spinors

Theorem 3 *Let (M, g) be a pseudo-Riemannian spin manifold.*

(i) *If $\kappa(M) > \frac{3}{4}$, then (M, g) is flat.*

(ii) *If the metric g is definite and $\kappa(M) > \frac{1}{4}$, then (M, g) is flat. A complete simply connected Riemannian spin manifold (M, g) with $\kappa(M) = \frac{1}{4}$ is the product of a flat manifold and a manifold with holonomy group $SU(2)$.*

Theorem 4 *Let (\hat{M}, \hat{g}) be the Lorentzian cone over a pseudo-Riemannian manifold (M, g) of signature $(0, n)$ or $(n - 1, 1)$. If $\kappa(\hat{M}) > \frac{1}{2}$, then \hat{M} is flat and M has constant curvature 1.*

Cones \hat{M} over pseudo-Riemannian manifolds M and its spinor structure

Definition 4 *Let (M, g) be a pseudo-Riemannian manifold of signature (p, q) . The manifold $\hat{M} = \mathbb{R}^+ \times M$ endowed with the pseudo-Riemannian metric $\hat{g} = dr^2 + r^2g$ of signature $(p + 1, q)$ is called the **cone** over (M, g) .*

Recall that a **spin structure** on (M, g) is a $\text{Spin}_0(p, q)$ -equivariant two-fold covering

$$P_{\text{Spin}_0(p, q)}(M) \rightarrow P_{SO_0(p, q)}(M)$$

of the principal bundle of orthonormal frames.

Enlarging the structure groups, we define the principal bundles $P_{\text{Spin}_0(p+1, q)}(M)$ and $P_{SO_0(p+1, q)}(M)$ over M .

The inclusion

$M \cong \{1\} \times M \subset \widehat{M} = \mathbb{R}^+ \times M$, defines identifications

$$P_{SO_0(p+1,q)}(M) = P_{SO_0(p+1,q)}(\widehat{M})|_M$$

$$P_{SO_0(p+1,q)}(\widehat{M}) = \pi^*(P_{SO_0(p+1,q)}(M))$$

where $\pi : \widehat{M} \rightarrow M$ is the projection.

We can extend the spinor structure of M to a spinor structure on \widehat{M} using:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{Spin}_0(p+1,q)}(\widehat{M}) &:= \pi^* P_{\text{Spin}_0(p+1,q)}(M) \rightarrow \\ &\rightarrow \pi^* P_{SO_0(p+1,q)}(M) = P_{SO_0(p+1,q)}(\widehat{M}). \end{aligned}$$

Here

$$\Theta : P_{\text{Spin}_0(p+1,q)}(M) \rightarrow P_{SO_0(p+1,q)}(M)$$

is the natural extension of the covering

$$P_{\text{Spin}_0(p,q)}(M) \rightarrow P_{SO_0(p,q)}(M).$$

Relation between spinor bundles of M and the cone \widehat{M}

Lemma 2 *Let $(\widehat{M}, \widehat{g})$ be the cone over a spin manifold (M, g) of signature (p, q) .*

(i) *If $s = p - q \equiv 0, 2, 4, 5$ or $6 \pmod{8}$, then*

$$\widehat{S}|_M \cong S.$$

(ii) *If $s = p - q \equiv 1, 3$ or $7 \pmod{8}$, then*

$$\widehat{S}^\pm|_M \cong S.$$

(iii) *If $n = \dim M = p + q$ is even,*

$$\widehat{S}|_M \cong \mathbb{S}.$$

where \mathbb{S} is the complex spinor bundles.

(iv) *If n is odd, then $\widehat{S}^\pm|_M \cong \mathbb{S}$.*

Relation between Killing spinors of M and parallel spinors of the cone \widehat{M}

Theorem 5 (Ch. Bär)

i) The restriction $\Gamma(\widehat{S}) \ni s \mapsto s|_M \in \Gamma(S)$ defines isomorphisms

$$\widehat{S}(0) \rightarrow S\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cong S\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right),$$

if $s = p - q \equiv 0, 2, 4, 5$ or $6 \pmod{8}$ and

$$\widehat{S}^\pm(0) \rightarrow S\left(\pm\frac{\epsilon}{2}\right),$$

for some $\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}$, if $s = p - q \equiv 1, 3$ or $7 \pmod{8}$.

ii) The restriction $\Gamma(\widehat{\mathbb{S}}) \ni s \mapsto s|_M \in \Gamma(\mathbb{S})$ defines isomorphisms

$$\widehat{\mathbb{S}}(0) \rightarrow \mathbb{S}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cong \mathbb{S}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right),$$

if $n = \dim M$ is even and

$$\widehat{\mathbb{S}}^\pm(0) \rightarrow \mathbb{S}\left(\pm\frac{\epsilon}{2}\right),$$

for some $\epsilon \in \{1, -1\}$, if n is odd.

Riemannian manifolds, whose cone has parallel spinors

Theorem 6 *Let (M, g) be a simply connected Riemannian spin manifold and one of the conditions holds:*

a) *(M, g) is complete and not of constant curvature 1.*

b) *The holonomy algebra of M is different from $\mathfrak{so}(n)$, where $n = \dim M$.*

Then the holonomy algebra $\hat{\mathfrak{h}}$ of the cone (\hat{M}, \hat{g}) is irreducible. The cone admits a parallel spinor iff $\hat{\mathfrak{h}} = \mathfrak{su}(m)$ ($m \geq 3, k = 2$), $\mathfrak{sp}(m)$ ($m \geq 2, k = m + 1$), $\mathfrak{spin}(7)$ ($k = 1$) or \mathfrak{g}_2 ($k = 1$) where k in brackets indicates the number of parallel complex spinors.

Recall that according to Ch. Bär the holonomy algebra $\hat{\mathfrak{h}}$ of the cone (\hat{M}, \hat{g}) over a simply connected Riemannian manifold (M, g) belongs to the list of irreducible linear Lie algebras described in above Theorem :

$\mathfrak{su}(m)$, $(m \geq 3)$, $\mathfrak{sp}(m)$, $(m \geq 2)$, $\mathfrak{spin}(7)$, \mathfrak{g}_2

iff (M, g) is Einstein-Sasaki, 3-Sasakian, strictly nearly parallel G_2 or strictly nearly Kähler, respectively. We will call these geometric structures on (M, g) **Bär geometries**.

Estimation of $\kappa(U, \lambda)$

Theorem 7 *Let (M, g) be a Riemannian spin manifold which is not of constant positive curvature $4\lambda^2$.*

- (i) *Then $\kappa(M, \lambda) \leq \frac{3}{8}$.*
- (ii) *If $\kappa(U, \lambda) = \frac{3}{8}$ for small neighborhood $U \subset M$ of any point p . Then either (M, g) is locally isometric to seven-dimensional 3-Sasakian manifold or there exists a dense open subset $M' \subset M$ such that every point of M' has a neighborhood isometric to a Riemannian manifold of the form*
- $$(I \times M_1 \times M_2, ds^2 + \cos^2(s)g_1 + \sin^2(s)g_2),$$
- where (M_1, g_1) is of constant curvature 1 or of dimension ≤ 1 and (M_2, g_2) is a seven-dimensional 3-Sasakian manifold.*

Structure of a Riemannian spin manifold with parallel spinor

Theorem 8 *Let (M, g) be an n -dimensional Riemannian spin manifold which admits a non-trivial parallel spinor.*

Then either (M, g)

is locally a product $M = M_0 \times M_1 \times \cdots \times M_r$ of a flat Riemannian manifold M_0 with an arbitrary number of Riemannian manifolds M_i with irreducible holonomy group from the following list: $SU(m)$, $Sp(m)$, $Spin(7)$ or G_2 .

Inductive construction of manifolds with Killing spinor

Theorem 9 *Let (M, g) be an n -dimensional Riemannian spin manifold which admits a non-trivial Killing spinor with Killing constant $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Then (M, g) has holonomy $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{so}(n)$. Moreover, if the cone \widehat{M} is locally irreducible, then (M, g) carries locally one of the Bär geometries and if \widehat{M} is locally reducible, then, on a dense open subset, (M, g) can be locally represented in the form*

$$M = I \times M_1 \times M_2, \quad g = ds^2 + \cos^2(s)g_1 + \sin^2(s)g_2, \quad (11)$$

where $I \subset (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ is an interval and (M_1, g_1) and (M_2, g_2) are Riemannian manifolds which either admit a nontrivial Killing spinor with Killing constant $\pm\lambda$ or which are of dimension ≤ 1 .

Pseudo-Riemannian manifolds with Lorentzian cone, which admit many Killing spinors

Theorem 10 *Let (M, g) be spin with either a negative definite metric or a metric of Lorentzian signature $(+, \dots, +, -)$. If (M, g) is not of positive constant curvature $4\lambda^2$, then $\kappa(M, \lambda) \leq \frac{1}{2}$.*

Remark that a pseudo-Riemannian manifold (M, g) of dimension n which admits a Killing spinor with (real) Killing number $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ has positive scalar curvature $s = 4n(n-1)\lambda^2$. If g is negative definite of scalar curvature $s > 0$, then the Riemannian metric $-g$ has negative scalar curvature $-s$. This allows to treat also Riemannian manifolds with negative scalar curvature.

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