

# Geometry of Hsiang algebras, or Where Hsiang meets Clifford and Jordan?



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During the writing my talk I realized that a more relevant title should be

## Where Hsiang meets Elduque and Okubo?



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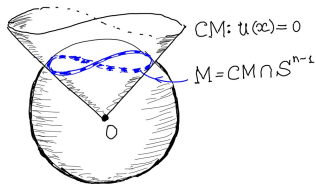
# Initial geometrical context

- A geodesic line is a shortest curve between two points.
- A **minimal surface** is a surface that *locally minimizes its area*.



Malmö Live Concert, Sweden, <https://www.fotosidan.se/blogs/wolfgang/offentlig-konst-i-malmo.htm>

- Minimal submanifolds in spheres:  $M \subset \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$  is (locally) minimal iff the cone  $CM \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is so. The majority of known minimal cones are algebraic



- W.-Y. Hsiang (1967): the cone  $u^{-1}(0)$  is a minimal hypersurface in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  iff

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n u''_{x_i x_j} u'_{x_i} u'_{x_j} - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n u'^2_{x_i} \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n u'_{x_j x_j} \right) = Q(x) u(x).$$

where  $\deg Q(x) = 2 \deg u - 4$

- The first **non-trivial case**:  $\deg u = 3$  and

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle \nabla u; \nabla |\nabla u|^2 \rangle - |\nabla u|^2 \Delta u = q(x) \cdot u(x) \quad (*)$$

## Hsiang's Problem

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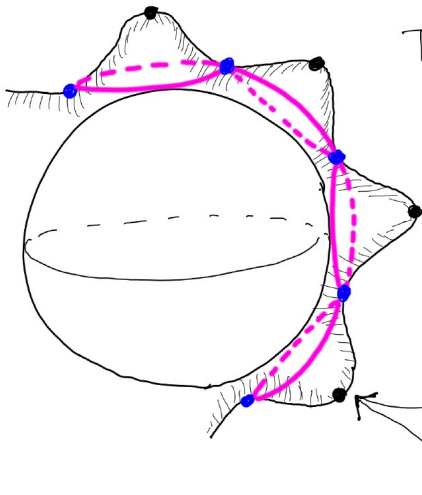
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- idempotents:  $x^2 = x$   
(loc-max)

- 2-nilpotents:  $x^2 = 0$   
(saddle points)

— minimal submanifold

$$u(x) = 0$$

$\text{Idm}(A)$

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- A. A commutative algebra with a symmetric bilinear form  $h$  is called **pseudo-composition** (Meyberg, Osborn, Walcher, Röhl, Gradl) if

$$x^3 = h(x, x)x \quad (5)$$

Elduque and Okubo (2000) proved that in fact  $h$  above must be an *invariant form*. This implies that *any pseudo-composition algebra is almost-Hsiang*:

$$(5) \Rightarrow h(x^3, x^2) = h(x, x)h(x, x^2), \quad \theta = 1.$$

The linearization of (5) gives  $2L(x)^2 + L(x^2) = x \otimes_h x + h(x, x)\mathbf{1}$  implying for any **idempotent**  $c$  that

$$2L(c)^2 + L(c) - \mathbf{1} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  the spectrum of  $L(c)$  on  $c^\perp$  is  $\{-1, \frac{1}{2}\}$  with the Peirce decomposition

$$\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{K}c \oplus \mathbb{A}_c(-1) \oplus \mathbb{A}_c(\tfrac{1}{2})$$

## Definition 2.2

If additionally to (5),  $\text{tr } L(x) = 0$ , such a **Hsiang** algebra is called **eikonal**.

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B. Elduque and Okubo studied commutative *admissible cubic algebras*, i.e.

$$x^2x^2 = N(x)x = h(x^2, x)x \quad (6)$$

and proved that there exists an **invariant** bilinear form  $h$ :

$$N(x) = h(x^2, x).$$

Such an algebra is also almost-Hsiang:

$$(6) \Rightarrow h(x^2, x^3) = h(x^2x^2, x) = h(x^2, x)h(x, x), \quad \theta = 1.$$

The classification of Elduque and Okubo contains two relevant for us classes:

- ① The simple Jordan algebras of **degree 3** with the new multiplication  $x^2 := x^\sharp$
- ② The contraction of **trace zero** elements of a simple **degree 4** Jordan algebra.

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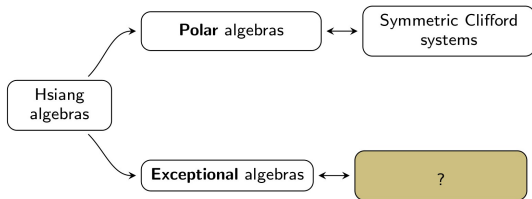
# Further examples of Hsiang algebras

## Definition 3.2

A commutative  $h$ -metrized algebra  $\mathbb{A}$  is **polar** if there is a nontrivial  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -grading  $\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{A}_0 \oplus \mathbb{A}_1$  such that  $\mathbb{A}_0\mathbb{A}_0 = 0$  and  $x(xy) = h(x, x)y$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{A}_0$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{A}_1$ .

## Theorem (V.T. 2010)

There exists a bijection between polar algebras symmetric Clifford systems.



For example, any exact pseudo-composition algebra  $\mathbb{A}$  is exceptional. Indeed, we have  $\langle x^2; x^2 \rangle = \langle x^3; x \rangle = \langle x; x \rangle \neq 0$  for  $x \neq 0$ . This contradicts to  $\mathbb{A}_0\mathbb{A}_0 = 0$ .

## Basic facts on Hsiang algebras, II

- ①  $\mathbb{A}$  is **exceptional if and only if**  $\mathbb{A}_c(1) \oplus \mathbb{A}_c(-\frac{1}{2})$  is (isotopy of) a simple Jordan algebra. In this case, either  $n_2 = 0$  or  $n_2 = 3\mathbf{d} + 2$  and the hidden simple Jordan algebra is  $\text{Herm}_3(\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{d}})$ ,  $\mathbf{d} \in \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$ .
- ②  $\mathbb{A}$  is **mutant iff**  $n_2 = 2$ , this corresponds to  $\mathbf{d} = 0$ .
- ③  $\mathbb{A}$  is **exceptional or mutant iff**  $\text{tr } L(x)^2 = m\langle x; x \rangle$  for some real  $m$ . In this case,  $m = 2(n_1 + \mathbf{d} + 1)$ .
- ④ There are **finitely many dimensions**  $n$  of  $\mathbb{A}$  where exceptional Hsiang algebras can exist. Except the case  $n_2 = 0$ , in all other cases,  $\dim \mathbb{A} = 3(n_1 + 2\mathbf{d} + 1)$ , where  $\dim \mathbb{A}_c(-\frac{1}{2}) = 3\mathbf{d} + 2$ ,  $\mathbf{d} \in \{0, 1, 2, 4, 8\}$ .

$n$	2	5	8	14	26	3	6	12	24	9	12	21	15	18	30	42	27	30	54
$n_1$	1	2	3	5	9	0	1	3	7	0	1	4	0	1	5	9	0	1	1
$n_2$	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	8	8	8	8	14	14	26
$\mathbf{d}$	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	4	8

The colours correspond to **pseudo-composition**, **mutants** and **two unsettled** cases.

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# Tripling construction

Let  $(\mathbb{A}, h, \sigma)$  be a metrized algebra with involution  $\sigma$ . Define a **commutative** algebra structure on  $\mathbb{A} \times \mathbb{A} \times \mathbb{A}$  (the **tripling**) with a  $\circ$ -invariant form  $T$  by

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) \circ (y_1, y_2, y_3) := (x_3^\sigma y_2^\sigma + y_2^\sigma x_3^\sigma, x_1^\sigma y_3^\sigma + y_1^\sigma x_3^\sigma, y_2^\sigma x_1^\sigma + x_2^\sigma y_1^\sigma),$$
$$H((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) := \sum_{i=1}^3 h(x_i, y_i).$$

When  $\mathbb{A} = \mathfrak{g}$  is a **Lie algebra** endowed with the **standard** involution  $\sigma = -\mathbb{1}$ , its triple is the Nahm algebra construction of Kinyun-Sagle (2002).

## Definition

A metrized algebra  $(\mathbb{A}, \sigma, h, \circ)$  is called a **quasicomposition algebra** if

$$x \circ (x^\sigma \circ (x \circ y)) = h(x, x)(x \circ y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{A}.$$

## Theorem 4.1 (D.J. Fox, V.T., 2024)

$T(\mathbb{A})$  is a **Hsiang algebra** iff  $\mathbb{A}$  is a **quasicomposition algebra**. In that case,  $T(\mathbb{A})$  is a **exceptional or mutant Hsiang algebra** with  $d(\mathbb{A}) \in \{0, 1, 2, 4, 8\}$ .

# Contractions of Jordan algebras

## Theorem (V.T., 2015)

Given a simple unital rank 3 Jordan algebra  $(\mathbb{A}, \bullet)$  and its arbitrary unital subalgebra  $\mathbb{B} \trianglelefteq \mathbb{A}$ , the contraction of  $\mathbb{A}$  onto  $\mathbb{B}^\perp$  is a Hsiang algebra.

More precisely, let  $e$  be the unit of  $\mathbb{A}$ ,  $\text{Tr}(x)$  be the trace form such that  $\text{Tr}(e) = 3$ ,  $h(x, y) := \text{Tr}(x \bullet y)$ , and

$$\mathbb{A} = \mathbb{B} \oplus_h \mathbb{B}^\perp, \quad \pi : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}^\perp \text{ be the orthogonal projection.}$$

If  $x \diamond y := \pi(x \bullet y)$  then  $(\mathbb{B}^\perp, \diamond, h)$  is a Hsiang algebra with  $\theta = 1/6$ .

- If  $\mathbb{B} = \langle e \rangle$  then  $(e^\perp, \bullet)$  is the *deunitalization* of  $\mathbb{A}$  and it is known as an **eikonal algebra**. The classes of eikonal algebras and **trace-less pseudo-composition algebras** coincide (and appear only in dimensions  $n = 5, 8, 14, 26$ ). These algebras occur in many contexts including the Cartan **isoparametric** hypersurfaces with 3 distinct principal curvatures.
- Another important case is a "diagonal frame"  $\mathbb{B} = \mathbb{D} = \langle e_1, e_2, e_2 \rangle$ ,  $\sum e_i = e$ ; then  $\mathbb{D}^\perp$  is known as a **mutant Hsiang algebra**, i.e. the **tripling** of a Hurwitz algebra.



## The contractions of cubic Jordan algebras

Let  $\mathcal{H}_3(\text{Hurv}_d)$  denote the Jordan algebra of Hermitean  $3 \times 3$ -matrices over the Hurwitz algebra  $\text{Hurv}_d$ ,  $d \in \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$ . Then

	$\mathcal{H}_3(\Omega_1)$	$\mathcal{H}_3(\Omega_2)$	$\mathcal{H}_3(\Omega_4)$	$\mathcal{H}_3(\Omega_8)$	Elkonals
$\langle e \rangle$	$\mathbf{K}^5$	$\mathbf{K}^8$	$\mathbf{K}^{14}$	$\mathbf{K}^{26}$	
$\langle e, e_1 \rangle$	$\mathbf{K}^4$	$\mathbf{K}^7$	$\mathbf{K}^{13}$	$\mathbf{K}^{25}$	Mutants Triplings
$\langle e, e_1, e_2 \rangle$	$\mathbf{K}^3$	$\mathbf{K}^6$	$\mathbf{K}^{12}$	$\mathbf{K}^{24}$	
$\mathcal{H}_3(\Omega_1)$	—	—	$\mathbf{K}^9$	$\mathbf{K}^{21}$	
$\mathcal{H}_3(\Omega_2)$	—	—	—	$\mathbf{K}^{18}$	
$\mathcal{H}_3(\Omega_4)$	—	—	—	—	

In the remained (—) cases, the contraction is a zero algebra.

# Mutants

A borderline case of polar algebras, called **mutants**, share important properties of exceptional algebras.

Given a Hurwitz algebra  $\text{Hurv}_d$  with unity  $e$ , conjugation  $\bar{x}$ , norm  $n(x)$ ,  $\dim \mathbf{H}_d = d \in \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$ , the **tripling**

$$\text{Tri}(\mathbf{H}_d) := \mathbf{H}_d \times \mathbf{H}_d \times \mathbf{H}_d = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus V_3$$

with **commutative** multiplication

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) * (y_1, y_2, y_3) = (\bar{x}_3 \bar{y}_2 + \bar{y}_3 \bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_1 \bar{y}_3 + \bar{y}_1 \bar{x}_3, \bar{x}_2 \bar{y}_1 + \bar{y}_2 \bar{x}_1)$$

and an invariant bilinear form  $H((x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3)) = \sum_{i=1}^3 t(\bar{x}_i y_i)$ , where  $t(x) = n(x + e) - n(x) - n(e)$  is the trace form ('the real part'). Note that

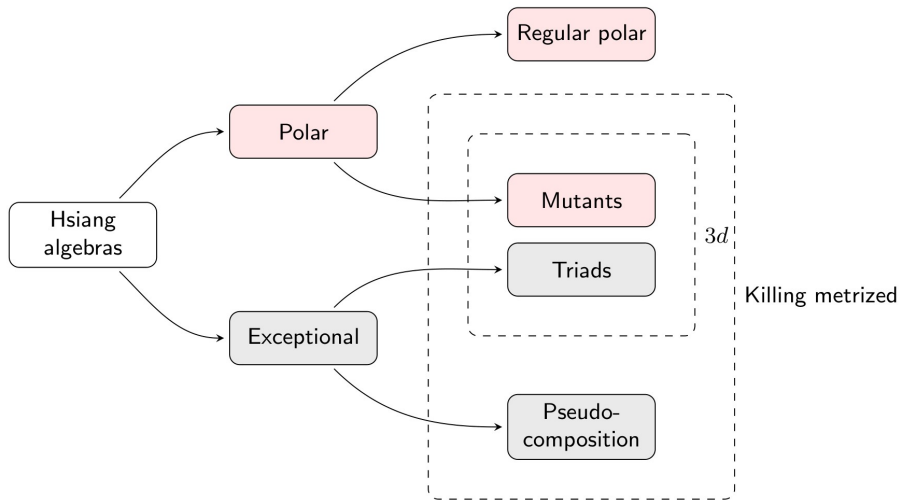
$$V_i V_i = 0, \quad V_i V_j = V_k$$

(cf. the concept of Cartan's triality)

**Proposition (D. Fox, V.T., 2024)**

$\text{Tri}(\mathbf{H}_d)$  is a **polar algebra** w.r.t. to any of the three decompositions  $V_k \oplus V_k^\perp$ . The corresponding defining form  $u(x) = u(x_1, x_2, x_3) = t(x_1(x_2 x_3))$ .

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All examples of Hsiang algebras (including the infinite family of polar algebras) reveal a remarkable structure of idempotents:

### Not a theorem yet

- 1 Except the dimensions 2 and 3, the set of idempotents  $\text{Idm}(\mathbb{A})$  of a Hsiang algebra is a **homogeneous subspace** of the Euclidean sphere.
- 2 The dimension of the submanifold  $\text{Idm}(\mathbb{A})$  is  $\dim A_c(\frac{1}{2})$ .
- 3 For finer properties and  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{A})$  one need to work with **pre-idempotents** (i.e. the elements  $x$  satisfying  $x^2x^2 = -x^2$ )

A heuristic argument explaining item (2) (Krasnov-V.T., 2018): Let  $c \in \text{Idm}(\mathbb{A})$  be a fixed idempotent, then for  $c + x \in \text{Idm}(\mathbb{A})$  close to  $c$  enough:

$$\begin{aligned} c + x &= (c + x)^2 = c + 2cx + x^2 \approx c + 2cx \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2cx = c \\ \Rightarrow \quad x &\in A_c(\tfrac{1}{2}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dim \text{Idm}(\mathbb{A}) = \dim A_c(\tfrac{1}{2}) \end{aligned}$$

# Idempotents in Triple( $\mathbb{B}$ )

## Proposition 5.1

Let  $\mathbb{B}$  be a quasicomposition algebra. Then  $c \in \text{Idm}(\text{Triple}(\mathbb{B}))$  iff  $c = (x, y, 2(xy)^\sigma)$ , where  $|x| = |y| = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $y \in \text{im}(L(x^\sigma))$

## Example 5.1

- ① If  $\mathbb{B} = \text{Hurv}_d$  is a Hurwitz algebra then  $\text{im}(L(x^\sigma)) = \text{Hurv}_d$ , therefore

$$\text{Idm}(\text{Triple}(\text{Hurv}_d)) \cong S^{d-1} \times S^{d-1}.$$

- ② If  $(\mathfrak{so}(3, \mathbf{K}), \times)$  then  $\text{im}(L(x^\sigma)) = x^\perp$

$$\text{Idm}(\text{Triple}(\mathfrak{so}(3, \mathbf{K}))) \cong \text{St}(2, \mathbf{K}^3) = SO(3, \mathbf{K}).$$

- ③ If  $\mathbb{M}$  the Malcev algebra of imaginary octonions then  $\text{im}(L(x^\sigma)) = x^\perp$  and

$$\text{Idm}(\text{Triple}(\mathbb{M})) \cong \text{St}(2, \mathbf{K}^7) = G_2/SU(2)$$

$\dim \mathbb{A}$	$\dim \text{Idm}(\mathbb{A})$	$\text{Idm}(\mathbb{A})$	type	tripling
5	2	$\mathbb{RP}^2$	E.-O. (eikonal)	
6	2	$S^1 \times S^1$	mutant	yes
8	4	$\mathbb{CP}^2$	E.-O. (eikonal)	
9	3	$SO(3)$	pseudo-comp.	yes
12	5	$SU(3)/SO(3)$	para-complex	
12	6	$S^3 \times S^3$	mutant	yes
14	8	$\mathbb{HP}^2$	E.-O. (eikonal)	
15	6	$SU(4)/S(U(1) \times U(3))$	pseudo-comp.	
18	8	$SU(4)$	para-complex	yes
21	11	$G_2/SU(2)$	contraction	yes
24	14	$S^7 \times S^7$	mutant	yes
26	16	$\mathbb{OP}^2$	E.-O. (eikonal)	
27	12	$Sp(4)/Sp(1) \times Sp(3)$	pseudo-comp.	
30	14		para-complex	
54	26	$E_6/F_4$	para-complex	

Thank you!

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8	3	0	4											$\mathbb{C}P^2$	6	8 $SO(3)$	Eikonal
14	5	0	8											$\mathbb{H}P^2$	12	21 $Sp(3)$	Eikonal
26	9	0	16											$OP^2$	24	52 $E_6$	Eikonal
3	0	2	0	0	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	y	$S^1 \times S^0$	—		Mutant
6	1	2	2	0	2	4		2	2	2	2	2	y	$S^1 \times S^1$	2		Mutant
12	3	2	6	0	4	16		4	4	4	4	4	y	$S^3 \times S^3$	8		Mutant
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24	3	(8)	12	2		48		6	8	10	2	10					
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