

we conclude that  $\text{ad}(x_\alpha.v^- \wedge v^- \wedge v_{\mu_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge v_{\mu_{n-3}})$  is different from 0 and has  $2\sigma_0\lambda + \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} \mu_i$  as its weight. But  $\lambda + \sigma_0\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} \mu_i = 0$ , hence  $-\lambda + \sigma_0\lambda + \alpha \in \Phi \cup \{0\}$ , or equivalently  $\lambda - \sigma_0\lambda - \alpha \in \Phi \cup \{0\}$ .

If  $\lambda - \sigma_0\lambda - \alpha = 0$ , then  $\lambda - \sigma_0\lambda$  is a root of  $L$  which is impossible by Lemma 3.2. Therefore  $\lambda - \sigma_0\lambda - \alpha \in \Phi$ .  $\square$

*Finally we proceed to C3).*

To find all good triples we look for the pairs  $L$  and  $V$  where  $L$  is a finite dimensional semisimple Lie algebra and  $V$  is a faithful irreducible  $L$ -module with the property in Lemma 3.5. For this purpose we discuss two different cases, namely  $L$  is simple or not.

At first we assume that  $L$  is not simple, say  $L = \bigoplus_{i=1}^s L_i$ , where  $L_i$  are the simple ideals of  $L$  and  $s \geq 2$ . Further let  $H_i := H \cap L_i$ ,  $\Phi_i \subseteq \Phi$  the root system of  $L_i$  relative to  $H_i$  and  $\Delta_i = \Delta \cap \Phi_i$  (see Theorem A6 and Remark A1). First, we can assume that  $\alpha \in \Delta_1$ . Then  $\alpha(H_i) = \{0\}$  for all  $2 \leq i \leq s$ . Let  $\beta = \lambda - \sigma_0\lambda - \alpha$ . If  $\beta \in \Phi_1$ , then  $\beta(H_i) = \{0\}$  for all  $2 \leq i \leq s$ . Therefore  $(\lambda - \sigma_0\lambda)(H_i) = \{0\}$ . Denote by  $\sigma_i$  the element in the Weyl group of  $L_i$  with the property:  $\sigma_i\Delta_i = -\Delta_i$ , and let  $\lambda^{(i)}$  be the restriction of  $\lambda$  to  $H_i$ . Then  $\lambda^{(i)} - \sigma_i\lambda^{(i)} = 0$ , which in turn implies  $\lambda^{(i)} = 0$  for all  $i \geq 2$ . But this is impossible because  $V$  is faithful (see Corollary A12). Hence  $\beta \in \Phi_i$  for some  $i \geq 2$ , say  $i = 2$ . The same argument gives  $s = 2$ , that is,  $L = L_1 \oplus L_2$ . It follows that  $\alpha = \lambda^{(1)} - \sigma_1\lambda^{(1)}$ , that is, the simple root  $\alpha$  is a sum of two nonzero dominant weights. This is only possible if the rank of  $L_1$  is 1. Thus  $L_1 \cong \mathfrak{so}(3, K)$  and  $\lambda^{(1)}$  is the only fundamental dominant weight of  $L_1$ .

Assume now that  $\alpha \in \Delta_2$ . Repeating the above consideration, we can also conclude that  $L_2 \cong \mathfrak{so}(3, K)$  and  $\lambda^{(2)}$  is the only fundamental dominant weight of  $L_2$ . Summarizing the foregoing results we obtain  $L \cong \mathfrak{so}(4, K)$  and  $V \cong K^4$ .

Can we construct from  $\mathfrak{so}(4, K)$  and  $K^4$  a good triple? Since we have to deal with a 4-dimensional  $\mathfrak{so}(4, K)$ -module, this question is the same as to ask whether there exists an  $\mathfrak{so}(4, K)$ -module morphism of the form  $\text{ad}: \wedge^2 K^4 \rightarrow \mathfrak{so}(4, K)$  with G3), or equivalently whether there exists a simple 3-Lie algebra structure on  $K^4$  such that the Lie algebra of its derivations is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{so}(4, K)$ . Theorem 1.2.4 shows that such a 3-Lie algebra exists and it is unique up to isomorphism. Therefore we have proved

**Theorem 3.6:** *If  $V$  is a finite dimensional simple  $n$ -Lie algebra over an algebraically closed field  $K$  of characteristic 0 for which the Lie algebra of the derivations is not simple, then  $n = 3$ . Moreover  $V$  is isomorphic to the 3-Lie algebra  $(K^4, b, f)$  with the vector product.*

*Let us now treat the case that  $L$  is simple. Denote by  $\alpha_0$  the maximal root of*