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ABSTRACT. In the paper special 4-planar mappings of almost antiquaternionic Hermitian spaces are studied. Fundamental equations of these mappings are expressed in linear Cauchy form.

The 4-quasiplanar mappings of an almost quaternionic space have been studied in [5], [9] and [14]. These mappings generalize the geodesic, quasigeodesic and holomorphically projective mappings of Riemannian and Kählerian spaces, see [4], [12], [13], [15], [17], [18]. Similar problems are studied on complex manifolds in [2]. Antiquaternionic spaces which were studied e.g. in [11], [16] have some properties similar to those of quaternions [1]. This fact can be used in the study of 4-planar mappings of almost antiquaternionic spaces.

I. N. Kurbatova studied a special kind of 4-planar mappings (called 4-quasiplanar, see [9]) from a Riemannian space V_n onto another Riemannian space \bar{V}_n where an almost quaternionic structure on V_n is Hermitian and it satisfies additional conditions so that V_n a \bar{V}_n are Apt spaces.

Analyzing the results of [9] (theorems 2 – 6) we noticed that the space \bar{V}_n is implicitly supposed to be Hermitian and this assumption is essential. The Hermitian structure of \bar{V}_n is more important than the Hermitian structure of V_n and, moreover, it simplifies fundamental equations of 4-planar mappings. In this paper we do not assume V_n to be Hermitian.

1. A well-known definition says that an *almost antiquaternionic* space is a differentiable manifold M_n with almost product structures $\overset{1}{F}$ and $\overset{2}{F}$ satisfying

$$(1) \quad \overset{1}{F}_\alpha^h \overset{1}{F}_i^\alpha = \delta_i^h; \quad \overset{2}{F}_\alpha^h \overset{2}{F}_i^\alpha = \delta_i^h; \quad \overset{1}{F}_\alpha^h \overset{2}{F}_i^\alpha + \overset{2}{F}_\alpha^h \overset{1}{F}_i^\alpha = 0,$$

where δ_i^h is the Kronecker symbol, see e.g. [3], [14], [16].

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The tensor $\overset{3}{F}_i^h \equiv \overset{1}{F}_i^\alpha \overset{2}{F}_\alpha^h$ defines an almost complex structure. The relations among the tensors $\overset{1}{F}, \overset{2}{F}, \overset{3}{F}$ are the following

$$(2) \quad \overset{1}{F}_i^h = -\overset{2}{F}_i^\alpha \overset{3}{F}_\alpha^h = \overset{3}{F}_i^\alpha \overset{2}{F}_\alpha^h, \quad \overset{2}{F}_i^h = -\overset{3}{F}_i^\alpha \overset{1}{F}_\alpha^h = \overset{1}{F}_i^\alpha \overset{3}{F}_\alpha^h, \quad \overset{3}{F}_i^h = \overset{1}{F}_i^\alpha \overset{2}{F}_\alpha^h = -\overset{2}{F}_i^\alpha \overset{1}{F}_\alpha^h,$$

i.e. that the three structures $\overset{1}{F}, \overset{2}{F}, \overset{3}{F}$ define an *almost antiquaternionic structure*.

Let $A_n \equiv (M_n, \Gamma, \overset{1}{F}, \overset{2}{F}, \overset{3}{F})$ be an almost antiquaternionic space with a torsion-free affine connection Γ .

Definition 1. A curve $\ell: x^h = x^h(t)$ in A_n is called *4-planar*, if the tangent vector $\lambda^h = dx^h/dt$, being parallelly transported along this curve, remains in the linear 4-dimensional space generated by the tangent vector λ^h and the corresponding vectors $\overset{1}{F}_\alpha^h \lambda^\alpha, \overset{2}{F}_\alpha^h \lambda^\alpha$ and $\overset{3}{F}_\alpha^h \lambda^\alpha$.

A curve is 4-planar if and only if the equations

$$\frac{d\lambda^h}{dt} + \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^h \lambda^\alpha \lambda^\beta = \sum_{s=0}^3 \rho_s^h \overset{s}{F}_\alpha^h \lambda^\alpha$$

hold, where $\overset{0}{F}_i^h \equiv \delta_i^h, \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^h$ are components of the affine connection on A_n and $\rho_s^h = \rho_s^h(t)$ ($s = 0, \dots, 3$) denote functions of the parameter t .

Any geodesic curve is a special case of a 4-planar curve where $\rho_1 \equiv \rho_2 \equiv \rho_3 \equiv 0$.

Consider two spaces A_n and \bar{A}_n with the same underlying manifold M_n and the same almost antiquaternionic structure $(\overset{1}{F}, \overset{2}{F}, \overset{3}{F})$ but with two different torsion-free affine connections Γ and $\bar{\Gamma}$, respectively.

Definition 2. A diffeomorphism $f: A_n \rightarrow \bar{A}_n$ is called a *4-planar mapping*, if it maps any geodesic of A_n to a 4-planar curve of \bar{A}_n .

Remark. In the following we shall attach to each local map φ around a point $p \in A_n$ the local map $\varphi \circ f^{-1}$ around the point $f(p) \in \bar{A}_n$. This means that any point $x \in A_n$ and the corresponding point $f(x) \in \bar{A}_n$ will have the same local coordinates.

The following theorem holds [14]:

Theorem 1. A diffeomorphism of A_n onto \bar{A}_n is a 4-planar mapping if and only if in every local coordinate system $x = (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n)$ the conditions

$$(3) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{ij}^h(x) = \Gamma_{ij}^h(x) + \sum_{s=0}^3 \psi_{(i}^s \overset{s}{F}_{j)}^h$$

hold, where Γ_{ij}^h and $\bar{\Gamma}_{ij}^h$ are components of the affine connections Γ and $\bar{\Gamma}$, respectively, $\psi_{(i}^s(x), s = 0, \dots, 3$, are covectors, and (ij) denotes a symmetrization of indices.

Using Theorem 1 one can prove that all 4-planar curves of A_n are mapped onto 4-planar curves of \bar{A}_n .

Finally, we will consider a special case of \bar{A}_n , namely an almost antiquaternionic Riemannian space $\bar{V}_n \equiv (M_n, \bar{g}, \overset{1}{F}, \overset{2}{F}, \overset{3}{F})$ in which $\bar{\Gamma}$ denote the Levi-Civita connection of \bar{g} .

The following theorem holds (see [14]).

Theorem 2. *A diffeomorphism $f: A_n \rightarrow \bar{V}_n$ is a 4-planar mapping if and only if the metric tensor $\bar{g}_{ij}(x)$ satisfies the following equations:*

$$(4) \quad \bar{g}_{ij,k} = \sum_{s=0}^3 \left(\psi_k \bar{g}_{\alpha(i} \overset{s}{F}_{j)}^{\alpha} + \psi_s (i \bar{g}_j)_{\alpha} \overset{s}{F}_k^{\alpha} \right),$$

where comma denotes the covariant derivative in A_n .

Recall that the covariant derivative of \bar{g} in \bar{V}_n is zero.

The proof follows from the fact that formulas (3) and (4) are equivalent in our special case.

2. Now we shall prove the following two lemmas.

Consider the spaces A_n, \bar{A}_n and let " , " or " | " before an index denote a covariant derivative w.r. to the corresponding local variable on A_n and \bar{V}_n , respectively. Now and further we will suppose that the affinors $\overset{s}{F}_i^h$ defining the almost antiquaternionic structure are traceless, i.e. $\overset{s}{F}_{\alpha}^{\alpha} = 0, s = 1, 2, 3$.

Lemma 1. *Let a 4-planar mapping $A_n \rightarrow \bar{A}_n$ be given and let $\psi_s i$ denote the corresponding covectors from (3). Then*

$$(5) \quad \overset{s}{F}_{i,\alpha}^{\alpha} = \overset{s}{F}_{i|\alpha}^{\alpha}, \quad s = 1, 2, 3.$$

holds if and only if the covectors $\psi_s i$ are expressed by formulas

$$(6) \quad \psi_s i = \frac{n^2 + 2n}{n^2 - 2n + 8} \psi_{\alpha} \overset{s}{F}_i^{\alpha}, \quad s = 1, 2, \quad \psi_3 i = -\frac{n^2 - 6n}{n^2 - 2n + 8} \psi_{\alpha} \overset{3}{F}_i^{\alpha}, \quad \psi_i \equiv \psi_0 i.$$

The proof of the Lemma 1 is a consequence of (5) and the fundamental equations of 4-planar mappings (3). We use also the algebraic properties (1) and (2) of antiquaternionic structures.

A manifold with an affine connection Γ and an almost complex structure F is said to be an *Apt space* (see [4], [9], or *nearly Kählerian space* or *Tachibana space* [4], [6], [7], [8], [10], [19]), if its structure F satisfies $F_{i,\alpha}^{\alpha} = 0$; a space $A_n = (M_n, \Gamma, \overset{1}{F}, \overset{2}{F}, \overset{3}{F})$ to be an *almost antiquaternionic Apt space*, if

$$\overset{s}{F}_{i,\alpha}^{\alpha} = 0, \quad s = 1, 2, 3.$$

Lemma 1 implies that an Apt space A_n is 4-planarly mapped on an Apt space \bar{A}_n iff (6) holds. Obviously, antiquaternionic Kählerian spaces are Apt spaces.

Contracting (3) with respect to h and j we got the lemma

Lemma 2. *If for a 4-planar mapping $A_n \rightarrow \bar{A}_n$ the formulae (6) hold and the spaces A_n and \bar{A}_n are equiaffine, then the vector ψ_i is a gradient, i.e. there exists a function ψ such that $\psi_i = \psi_{,i}$.*

3. Now we shall show that if a 4-planar mapping from A_n onto a Riemannian space \bar{V}_n is given, then the formulae (3) and (4) are both equivalent to the following formula:

$$(7) \quad \bar{g}^{ij}_{,k} = - \sum_{s=0}^3 \left(\psi_{,k} \bar{g}^{\alpha(i} \bar{F}_\alpha^{j)} + \psi_{,s} \bar{g}^{\alpha(i} \bar{F}_k^{j)} \right),$$

where \bar{g}^{ij} is the inverse matrix of metric tensor \bar{g}_{ij} . In fact, (7) is a consequence of the identity $\bar{g}^{ij}_{,k} = -\bar{g}_{\alpha\beta,k} \bar{g}^{\alpha i} \bar{g}^{\beta j}$.

In what follows we shall assume an antiquaternionic structure on \bar{V}_n which is *Hermitian*, i.e. we have

$$(8) \quad \bar{g}_{i\alpha} \bar{F}_j^\alpha + \bar{g}_{j\alpha} \bar{F}_i^\alpha = 0, \quad s = 1, 2, 3.$$

(8) is equivalent with

$$(9) \quad \bar{g}^{i\alpha} \bar{F}_\alpha^j + \bar{g}^{j\alpha} \bar{F}_\alpha^i = 0, \quad s = 1, 2, 3,$$

or with

$$(10) \quad \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} \bar{F}_\alpha^i \bar{F}_\beta^j = e_s \bar{g}^{ij}, \quad s = 1, 2, 3, \quad e_1 = e_2 = -1, \quad e_3 = 1.$$

Using (9), the equations of 4-planar mappings are simplified to

$$(11) \quad \bar{g}^{ij}_{,k} = -2\psi_{,k} \bar{g}^{ij} - \sum_{s=0}^3 \psi_{,s} \bar{g}^{\alpha(i} \bar{F}_k^{j)}.$$

Suppose now that the covector ψ_i is a gradient, i.e. $\psi_i \equiv \psi_{,i} \equiv \psi_{,i}$ where ψ is a function. We define the tensor

$$a^{ij} \equiv e^{2\psi} \bar{g}^{ij}.$$

Then (11) can be rewritten in the form

$$(12) \quad a^{ij}_{,k} = \sum_{s=0}^3 \lambda_s^{(i} \bar{F}_k^{j)},$$

where

$$(13) \quad \lambda_s^i \equiv -\psi_{,s} \bar{g}^{\alpha i}.$$

By the definition of the tensor a^{ij} (10) is equivalent with

$$(14) \quad a^{\alpha\beta} \bar{F}_\alpha^i \bar{F}_\beta^j = e_s a^{ij}, \quad s = 1, 2, 3.$$

Due to the fact that \bar{V}_n is Hermitian and using (13) we see that the formula (6) is equivalent with

$$(15) \quad \lambda_s^i = \frac{n^2 + 2n}{n^2 - 2n + 8} \lambda^\alpha \bar{F}_\alpha^i, \quad s = 1, 2, \quad \lambda_3^i = -\frac{n^2 - 6n}{n^2 - 2n + 8} \lambda^\alpha \bar{F}_\alpha^i, \quad \lambda^i \equiv \lambda_0^i.$$

Now we come back to the affine case. Let a space A_n be given as before and let the system of equations (12), (14) and (15) have a solution for a regular matrix

function a^{ij} and a vector function λ^i . Then one can prove that the inverse matrix $\|\tilde{g}_{ij}\| = \|a^{ij}\|^{-1}$ defines a Riemannian metric \tilde{g} on M_n and the covector $\lambda^\alpha \tilde{g}_{\alpha i}$ is a gradient $\text{grad } \psi$. By the conformal change $\tilde{g}_{ij} = e^{2\psi} \tilde{g}_{ij}$ we obtain a new metric \bar{g} for which A_n becomes a almost antiquaternionic Hermitian space \bar{V}_n . Moreover, there exists a 4-planar mapping $A_n \rightarrow \bar{V}_n$.

Now we can conclude the above results with

Theorem 3. *Under the condition (5) an equiaffine space A_n admits a 4-planar mapping on an antiquaternionic Hermitian space \bar{V}_n if and only if there exists a regular tensor a^{ij} on A_n satisfying (12), (14), and (15).*

This result coincides with the result by N.S. Sinyukov for geodesic mappings and the results by V.V. Domashev and J. Mikeš for holomorphically projective mappings of Kählerian spaces etc., see [12], [13], [18].

4. In the following we will analyze the equations (12), (14) and (15). We consider the covariant derivatives of (14) in A_n , i.e.

$$a^{\alpha\beta} \overset{r}{F}_{\alpha,k}^i \overset{r}{F}_{\beta}^j + a^{\alpha\beta} \overset{r}{F}_{\alpha,k}^i \overset{r}{F}_{\beta}^j + a^{\alpha\beta} \overset{r}{F}_{\alpha}^i \overset{r}{F}_{\beta,k}^j = e_r a^{ij}_{,k}, \quad r = 1, 2, 3.$$

Putting (12) into the above equation we get

$$(16) \quad \sum_{s=0}^3 \left(e_r \lambda^i \overset{s}{F}_k^j - \lambda^\alpha \overset{r}{F}_\alpha^i \overset{s}{F}_k^j \right) = a^{\alpha\beta} \overset{r}{F}_{\alpha,k}^i \overset{r}{F}_\beta^j.$$

For $r = 3$, using (1), (2) and (15) we have

$$(17) \quad \lambda^i \delta_k^j - \lambda^\alpha \overset{3}{F}_\alpha^i \overset{3}{F}_k^j = \frac{n^2 - 2n + 8}{4(n+2)} a^{\alpha\beta} \overset{3}{F}_{\alpha,k}^i \overset{3}{F}_\beta^j$$

and contracting (17) with respect to j and k we have the following expression of the vector λ^i :

$$(18) \quad \lambda^i = \frac{n^2 - 2n + 8}{4(n+2)^2} a^{\alpha\beta} \left(\overset{3}{F}_{\alpha,\gamma}^i \overset{3}{F}_\beta^\gamma + \overset{3}{F}_\alpha^i \overset{3}{F}_{\beta,\gamma}^\gamma \right).$$

It implies that λ^i can be expressed as linear functions in a^{ij} . It implies

Theorem 4. *Under the condition (5) an equiaffine space A_n admits a 4-planar mapping onto a Hermitian almost quaternionic space \bar{V}_n if and only if the following system of differential equations of Cauchy type is solvable with respect to the unknown functions a^{ij} :*

$$(19) \quad a^{ij}_{,k} = \sum_{s=0}^3 \lambda^i \overset{s}{F}_k^j,$$

where

$$(20) \quad \lambda^i \equiv \lambda_0^i, \quad \lambda_s^i = \frac{n^2 + 2n}{n^2 - 2n + 8} \lambda^\alpha \overset{s}{F}_\alpha^i, \quad s = 1, 2, \quad \lambda_3^i = -\frac{n^2 - 6n}{n^2 - 2n + 8} \lambda^\alpha \overset{3}{F}_\alpha^i,$$

$$\lambda^i = \frac{n^2 - 2n + 8}{4(n+2)^2} a^{\alpha\beta} \left(\overset{3}{F}_{\alpha,\gamma}^i \overset{3}{F}_\beta^\gamma + \overset{3}{F}_\alpha^i \overset{3}{F}_{\beta,\gamma}^\gamma \right),$$

and the matrix (a^{ij}) satisfies the algebraic condition

$$(21) \quad |a^{ij}| \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad a^{\alpha\beta} \overset{s}{F}_\alpha^i \overset{s}{F}_\alpha^j = e_s a^{ij}, \quad s = 1, 2, 3.$$

The system (19) does not have more than one solution for the initial Cauchy conditions $a^{ij}(x_o) = a_o^{ij}$ under the conditions (21). Therefore the general solution of (19) does not depend on more than $N_o = (n/2)^2$ parameters. The question of existence of a solution of (19) leads to the studium of integrability conditions, which are linear equations w.r. to the unknowns $a^{ij}(x)$ with coefficients from the space A_n .

Remarks. If the antiquaternionic structure is covariantly constant in A_n , i.e. $\overset{s}{F}_{i,j}^h = 0$, $s = 1, 2, 3$, then under the conditions of the Theorem 4, the 4-planar mapping is only affine. This follows from the fact, that by (20) $\lambda^i = 0$, $\lambda_s^i = 0$ and by (19) $a^{ij,k} = 0$. This is equivalent to $\bar{g}_{ij,k} = 0$, which is the condition for the mapping $A_n \rightarrow \bar{V}_n$ to be affine.

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