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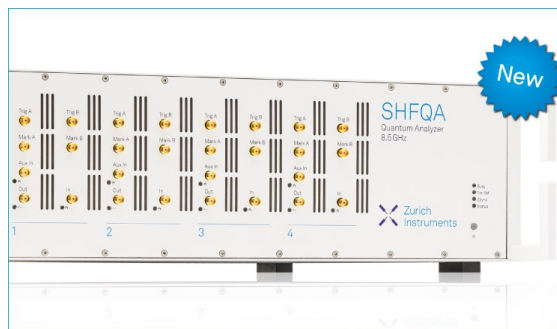
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# On the Typology of Quasi-Einstein Spaces

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**Abstract.** The paper treats a particular type of pseudo-Riemannian spaces, namely quasi-Einstein spaces with gradient defining vector. These spaces are a generalization of well-known Einstein spaces. There are three types of these spaces that permit locally geodesic mappings. We studied some geometric properties of every type.

## INTRODUCTION

Let us study a pseudo-Riemannian space  $V_n (n > 2)$ , with a metric tensor  $g_{ij}$ . Here we construct an Einstein tensor in this space. The tensor is defined by a known expression:

$$E_{ij} \stackrel{def}{=} R_{ij} - \frac{R}{n} g_{ij},$$

where  $R_{ij}$  – Ricci tensor  $R_{ij} \stackrel{def}{=} R_{ija}^a$ ,  $R$  is a scalar curvature  $R_{\alpha\beta} g^{\alpha\beta} = R$ ,  $R_{ijk}^h$  – Riemannian tensor. A defect of Einstein tensor [13] is a tensor  $D_{ij}$ , defined by an equation

$$E_{ij} - D_{ij} = 0.$$

When selecting a special type of tensor  $D_{ij}$ , one can select a particular type of special pseudo-Riemannian spaces. For example, if  $D_{ij}$  is a linear combination of metric tensor and covariant derivative of a certain vector, then taking into account coefficients of this combination, one can obtain  $\varphi(Ric)$  spaces or Ricci solitons [4, 7]. When  $D_{ij}$  is represented by a simple bivector, called defining, then the space is quasi-Einstein [6]. Mapping is a main way for modeling of the above-mentioned spaces. We conducted a research aimed at conformal and geodesic mappings of pseudo-Riemannian spaces with various types of deformation tensor of Einstein tensor [2, 9, 10]. This work treats geodesic mappings of quasi-Einstein spaces with gradient defining vector. These spaces are subdivided into three types: main, particular and special. The obtained results were applied for a research on some geometric properties of spaces of every type.

## BASIC EQUATIONS OF GEODESIC MAPPINGS THEORY

Bijection of points of pseudo-Riemannian spaces  $V_n$  with a metric tensor  $g_{ij}$  and  $\bar{V}_n$  with a metric tensor  $\bar{g}_{ij}$  is a geodesic mapping when every geodesic line  $V_n$  is transformed into a geodesic line  $\bar{V}_n$ . Pseudo-Riemannian spaces  $V_n$  and  $\bar{V}_n$  that permit a geodesic mapping between them are called spaces in geodesic correspondence or belonging to a single geodesic class. In order to define pseudo-Riemannian spaces  $V_n$  and  $\bar{V}_n$  as permitting bijective geodesic mappings there is a necessary and sufficient condition [17]

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{ij}^h = \Gamma_{ij}^h + \varphi_i \delta_j^h + \varphi_j \delta_i^h, \quad (1)$$

or otherwise, taking into account a covariant constancy of a metric tensor,

$$\bar{g}_{ij;k} = 2\varphi_k \bar{g}_{ij} + \varphi_i \bar{g}_{jk} + \varphi_j \bar{g}_{ik}, \quad (2)$$

here  $\varphi_i$  is a certain (necessarily gradient) vector;  $\Gamma_{ij}^h, \bar{\Gamma}_{ij}^h$  – Christoffel symbols  $V_n$  and  $\bar{V}_n$  respectively;  $\delta_i^h$  – Kronecker symbols; comma “,” is a sign of covariant derivatives in respect to connectivity  $V_n$  [1].

Eqs. (1) and (2) are equivalent, they are necessary and sufficient conditions for bijective geodesic correspondence of pseudo-Riemannian spaces  $V_n$  and  $\bar{V}_n$ . The equations represent a necessary condition for a geodesic mapping:

$$\bar{R}_{ijk}^h = R_{ijk}^h + \varphi_{ij} \delta_k^h - \varphi_{ik} \delta_j^h, \quad (3)$$

$$\bar{R}_{ij} = R_{ij} + (n-1)\varphi_{ij}, \quad (4)$$

here  $\varphi_{ij} = \varphi_{i,j} - \varphi_i \varphi_j$ ;  $R_{ijk}^h, R_{ij}$  – Riemannian and Ricci tensors. Geodesic mapping that differs from homothety is called non-trivial. A certain pseudo-Riemannian space  $V_n$  permits non-trivial geodesic mapping when it contains a solution of system of differential equations in respect to tensor  $a_{ij} = a_{ji} \neq c g_{ij}$  and vector  $\lambda_i = \lambda_i \neq 0$ . It is a necessary and sufficient condition. This system is called a linear form of main equations. Linear form of main equations for geodesic mappings theory can be written as follows [17]

$$a_{ij;k} = \lambda_i g_{jk} + \lambda_j g_{ik}, \quad (5)$$

$$n\lambda_{i,j} = \mu g_{ij} + a_{\alpha i} R_j^\alpha - a_{\alpha \beta} R_{.ij}^{\alpha \beta}, \quad (6)$$

here  $\mu = \lambda_{\alpha\beta} g^{\alpha\beta}$ ;  $R_j^i = R_{\alpha j} g^{\alpha i}$ ;  $R_{ij}^k = R_{ija}^h g^{\alpha k}$ . It follows from the latter:

$$(n-1)\mu_{,i} = 2(n+1)\lambda_{\alpha} R_i^{\alpha} + a_{\alpha\beta}(2R_{.i.}^{\alpha\beta} - R^{\alpha\beta}_{.i}). \quad (7)$$

Solutions (2) and (5) are connected by relation

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ij} &= e^{2\varphi} \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} g_{\alpha i} g_{\beta j}; \\ \lambda_i &= -e^{2\varphi} \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} g_{\alpha i} g_{\beta}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

System of equations (5), (6) and (7) opens a possibility to answer a question: whether a certain pseudo-Riemannian space  $V_n$  permits a geodesic mapping onto a pseudo-Riemannian space  $\bar{V}_n$ . The problem is reduced to finding the integrability conditions of these equations and their differential extensions. This system is called a system of main equations of theory of geodesic mappings [11, 12]. Pseudo-Riemannian spaces  $V_n (n > 2)$  are called quasi-Einstein spaces, when the following condition is true

$$R_{ij} = \frac{R}{n} g_{ij} + U_i U_j,$$

here  $U_i$  is defined as gradient vector, or otherwise

$$U_i = U_i = \partial_i U.$$

The definition implies that vector  $U_i$  is a necessarily isotropic vector [6].  $R$  is a scalar curvature, selected in a way that  $R = R_{\alpha\beta} g^{\alpha\beta}$ . The work [8], proves that when a quasi-Einstein space  $V_n$  permits non-trivial geodesic mappings, then for this space the following condition is true:

$$\lambda_{i,j} = \mu g_{ij} + \frac{R}{n(n-1)} a_{ij}, \quad (9)$$

or

$$\lambda_i - \nu U_i = 0. \quad (10)$$

According to the latter statement, quasi-Einstein spaces can be subdivided into three types:

1. Main type – when the equation (9) is true, while (10) is not true;
2. Particular type – when the equation (10) is true and the equation (9) is not;
3. Special type – when both equations (9) and (10) are true.

In the further discussion we are going to treat different types of quasi-Einstein spaces consequently.

## QUASI-EINSTEIN SPACES OF THE MAIN TYPE

Let us treat a quasi-Einstein space of the main type, namely every quasi-Einstein space, which permits non-trivial geodesic mappings and where conditions (5), (9) are true. So far as it is proved in the work [8], then there are following conditions imposed on the invariant  $\mu$

$$\mu_{,i} = \frac{2R}{n(n-1)}, \quad (11)$$

and a scalar curvature  $R$  is a constant. Let us find a covariant derivative for the equation (8) and take into account the equation (2)

$$\lambda_{ij} = -e^{2\varphi} \varphi_{\alpha,j} \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} g_{\beta i} + e^{2\varphi} \varphi_{\alpha} \varphi_{\beta} \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} g_{ij} + e^{2\varphi} \varphi_j \varphi_{\alpha} \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} g_{\beta i}, \quad (12)$$

here  $\bar{g}^{ij}$  are elements of an inverse matrix for a metric tensor  $\bar{V}_n$ , of a space that corresponds in a geodesic sense to  $V_n$ . Let us substitute (10) in (12), and then, take into account (8) and multiply the result by  $e^{-2\varphi}$

$$e^{-2\varphi} \mu g_{ij} + \frac{2R}{n(n-1)} \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} g_{\alpha i} g_{\beta j} = -\varphi_{\alpha,j} \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} g_{\beta i} + \varphi_{\alpha} \varphi_{\beta} \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} \bar{g}_{ij} + \varphi_j \varphi_{\alpha} \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} g_{\beta i}. \quad (13)$$

Multiplying (13) by  $g^{i\alpha} \bar{g}^{\beta k}$ , we obtain

$$\varphi_{k,j} - \varphi_k \varphi_j = \bar{B} \bar{g}_{kj} - \frac{R}{n(n-1)} g_{kj}, \quad (14)$$

where  $\bar{B} = \varphi_{\alpha} \varphi_{\beta} \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} - e^{2\varphi} \mu$ .  $\bar{B}$  is some uniquely defined constant, so far as it is proved in the work [14]. Taking into account (14), we can re-write the equation (4) in the following way

$$\bar{R}_{ij} - \bar{B} \cdot (n-1) \bar{g}_{ij} = R_{ij} - \frac{R}{n} g_{kj}. \quad (15)$$

Eq. (15) and the definition of quasi-Einstein spaces imply the following statement

**Theorem 1.** *A geodesic mapping of pseudo-Riemannian quasi-Einstein spaces of the main type results in a generalized quasi-Einstein space and the following is true*

$$D_{ij} = \left( \bar{B}(n-1) - \frac{\bar{R}}{n} \right) \bar{g}_{ij}, \quad (16)$$

here  $\bar{R}$  is a scalar curvature  $\bar{V}_n$ .

## QUASI-EINSTEIN SPACES OF PARTICULAR TYPE

In the following discussion, we will turn our attention of quasi-Einstein spaces of the particular type. Let us treat quasi-Einstein spaces of the particular type. The following statement is true for them

$$\lambda_i = v U_i \quad (17)$$

and for convenience

$$U_i = s \lambda_i, \quad (18)$$

here  $s = \frac{1}{v}$ . Then, the above-mentioned expressions can be re-written in the following way

$$R_{ij} - \frac{R}{n} g_{ij} = S^2 \lambda_i \lambda_j; \quad (19)$$

$$\lambda^{\alpha} a_{\alpha i} = \rho \lambda_i. \quad (20)$$

Let us differentiate (18)

$$U_{i,j} = S_j \lambda_i + S \lambda_{i,j}. \quad (21)$$

Alternating the latter

$$S_j \lambda_i - S_i \lambda_j = 0, \quad (22)$$

let us wrap (22) with a vector  $\eta^i$  selected in a such way that  $\eta^\alpha \lambda_\alpha = 1$ . Then, we arrive at

$$S_i = \gamma \lambda_i, \quad (23)$$

where  $\gamma \stackrel{def}{=} S_\alpha \eta^\alpha$ . Then, the equation (21) is re-written as follows

$$U_{i,j} = \gamma \lambda_i \lambda_j + S \lambda_{i,j}. \quad (24)$$

As far as the vector  $U_i$  is an isotropic vector, then the equation (17) implies that  $\lambda_i$  is an isotropic vector too. Eqs. (19) and (24) can be transformed respectively to

$$\lambda_\alpha R_i^\alpha = \frac{R}{n} \lambda_i; \quad (25)$$

$$U_{\alpha,}^\alpha = S \lambda_{\alpha,}^\alpha, \quad (26)$$

here  $\lambda_{\alpha,}^\alpha = \lambda_{\alpha\beta} g^{\alpha\beta}$ .

Let us prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.** *The following conditions are true for the quasi-Einstein spaces of the particular type*

$$\lambda_{,j}^\alpha a_{\alpha i} = \rho \lambda_i \lambda_j + \rho \lambda_{i,j}. \quad (27)$$

*Proof.*

Let us differentiate (20) taking into account (5) and the fact that  $\lambda^i$  is an isotropic vector, then we arrive

$$\lambda_i \lambda_j + \lambda_{,j}^\alpha a_{\alpha i} = \rho_j \lambda_i + \rho \lambda_{i,j}. \quad (28)$$

Let us alternate, taking into account Lemma 1 from the work [14]:

$$\rho_j \lambda_i - \rho_i \lambda_j = 0. \quad (29)$$

Let us multiply by the vector  $\eta^i$  selected in such a way that  $\eta^i \lambda_i = 1$ . Then we get

$$\lambda_{,j}^\alpha a_{\alpha i} = (k - 1) \lambda_i \lambda_j + \rho \lambda_{i,j}. \quad (30)$$

Here  $k = \eta^\alpha \rho_\alpha$ . Thus, the theorem is proved and we should note that  $\rho = k - 1$ .

It is well known [14] that tensor  $a_{ij}$  complies to the conditions

$$a_{\alpha\beta} T_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = 0, \quad (31)$$

where

$$T_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = \delta_i^\alpha R_j^\beta - \delta_j^\alpha R_i^\beta. \quad (32)$$

Pseudo-Riemannian space which contain

$$a_{\alpha\beta} T_{ij,k}^{\alpha\beta} = 0, \quad (33)$$

will be called geodesic Ricci-symmetrical. Let us treat tensor

$$T_{ijkl}^{\alpha\beta} = \delta_j^\alpha R_{ikl}^\beta + \delta_k^\alpha R_{ilj}^\beta + \delta_l^\alpha R_{ijk}^\beta. \quad (34)$$

It is true for tensor  $a_{ij}$

$$a_{\alpha\beta} T_{ijkl}^{\alpha\beta} = 0. \quad (35)$$

Let us call spaces, which comply to the conditions

$$a_{\alpha\beta} T_{ijkl,m}^{\alpha\beta} = 0, \quad (36)$$

geodesic symmetrical spaces.

Wrapping (34) by indices  $i, j$ , we obtain a statement

**Lemma 1.** *Geodesic symmetrical spaces are geodesic Ricci-symmetrical spaces.*

The following statement is true.

**Theorem 3.** *A quasi-Einstein space  $V_n$  is a space of the particular type with a sufficiency and necessity when  $V_n$  is a geodesic Ricci-symmetrical space and the equation (9) should not be true for it.*

*Proof.*

Let us differentiate (31) taking into account (33) and (5). We obtain

$$\lambda_\alpha R_i^\alpha g_{jk} + \lambda_j R_{ik} - \lambda_\alpha R_j^\alpha g_{ik} - \lambda_i R_{jk} = 0. \quad (37)$$

By substitution of (25) in (37), we get

$$\lambda_i \left( R_{jk} - \frac{R}{n} g_{kj} \right) - \lambda_j \left( R_{ik} - \frac{R}{n} g_{ik} \right) = 0. \quad (38)$$

The latter equation proves the theorem is true. Whether the obtain result is a sufficient condition, we can determine by direct substitution of formula e defining the particular type of quasi-Einstein spaces into (33).

The research on this issue was carried out by application of the methods developed in the works [18, 19].

**Theorem 4.** *There is no geodesic symmetrical pseudo-Rieamnnian spaces of a constant scalar curvature, belonging to the particular type.*

*Proof.*

Eq. (35), taking into account (5), (36), implies

$$\lambda_\alpha R_{jkl}^\alpha g_{im} + \lambda_\alpha R_{jli}^\alpha g_{km} + \lambda_i R_{m jkl} + \lambda_k R_{m jli} + \lambda_\alpha R_{jik}^\alpha g_{lm} + \lambda_l R_{m jik} = 0. \quad (39)$$

Wrapping (39) by indices  $i, m$  and, taking into account the definition of a quasi-Einstein space, we can formulate the following equation

$$\lambda_\alpha R_{ijk}^\alpha = \frac{R}{n(n-1)} (\lambda_k g_{ij} - \lambda_j g_{ik}). \quad (40)$$

Integrability conditions of equations (5) take the following shape

$$a_{\alpha i} R_{jkl}^\alpha + a_{\alpha j} R_{ikl}^\alpha = \lambda_i g_{jk} + \lambda_j g_{ik} - \lambda_{ki} g_{jl} - \lambda_{kj} g_{il}. \quad (41)$$

Let us multiply (41) by  $\lambda^l$  and wrap it by index  $l$ . Then taking into account that vector  $\lambda_i$  is an isotropic vector, we obtain

$$a_i^\alpha R_{kja}^\beta \lambda_\beta + a_j^\alpha R_{kia}^\beta \lambda_\beta = -\lambda_{ki} \lambda_j - \lambda_{kj} \lambda_i. \quad (42)$$

Substituting (40) and regrouping the members, we get

$$\lambda_i \left( \frac{R\rho}{n(n-1)} g_{jk} - \frac{R}{n(n-1)} a_{jk} + \lambda_{jk} \right) + \lambda_j \left( \frac{R\rho}{n(n-1)} g_{ik} - \frac{R}{n(n-1)} a_{ik} + \lambda_{ik} \right) = 0. \quad (43)$$

Alternating (43) by indices  $i, k$ . Reassigning the indices  $j$  and  $k$  and adding the result to (43), we arrive at

$$\lambda_{ij} = -\frac{R\rho}{n(n-1)} g_{ij} + \frac{R}{n(n-1)} a_{ij}. \quad (44)$$

So the theorem is proved.

## CONCLUSIONS

Pseudo-Riemannian quasi-Einstein spaces hold an important position in the theory of geodesic mappings of generalized spaces. They are a direct generalization for Einstein spaces and as such find numerous applications in mechanics and physics. Every quasi-Einstein space is classified into three types according to their properties in relation to geodesic mappings. It is proved that equations, which define non-trivial geodesic mappings, are analogous to corresponding equations of Einstein spaces. There are some types which permit a notable deviation from these analogies [3, 5, 15, 20]. The directions for future research are study on pseudo-Riemannian spaces of small dimensions, construction of classes of geodesically correspondent spaces, and of geodesic mapping “in general.”

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