

R-separable diagonal metrics in dimension four

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If

$$R = (a \cosh v - w)^{-1/2} (w - c \cos u)^{-1/2}$$

and the following system

$$\varphi_1'' + \frac{1}{4}\varphi_1 = 0, \quad \varphi_2'' - \frac{1}{4}\varphi_2 = 0, \quad \varphi_3'' + k^2\varphi_3 = 0.$$

holds then function

$$\psi = R(u, v, w)\varphi_1(u)\varphi_2(v)\varphi_3(w)$$

satisfies Helmholtz equation.

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- $n \geq 4$: existence of orthogonal coordinates is an additional assumption

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Definition

The Schrödinger equation

$$\Delta\psi + (k^2 - V)\psi = 0 \quad (1)$$

where

$$\Delta = h^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_i \frac{h}{\epsilon_i H_i^2} \partial_i, \quad h = H_1 H_2 \dots H_n, \quad \epsilon_i = \pm 1$$

is R-separable (or metric $\mathbf{g} = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i H_i^2 du_i^2$ is R-separable in the Schrödinger eq.) if there exist $2n + 1$ functions $R(u)$ and $p_i(u_i)$, $q_i(u_i)$ such that the following implication holds

$$\varphi_i'' + p_i \varphi_i' + q_i \varphi_i = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

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$$\psi(u) = R(u)\varphi_1(u_1)\varphi_2(u_2)\dots\varphi_n(u_n) \text{ solves (1).}$$

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The Weyl tensor of the metric is given by

$$W_{ijkl} = 0, \quad W^k{}_{ikj} = 0, \quad W^{ij}{}_{ij} \neq 0.$$

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From the above equation we can prove the following

Fact. *If the binary metric \mathbf{g} is conformally flat then*

$$\gamma \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1\}.$$

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Theorem (e.g. R. Gover & P. Nurowski)

If \mathbf{g} is conformal to Einstein (i.e. metric $\tilde{\mathbf{g}} = e^{2\Omega} \mathbf{g}$ is a solution of Einstein equations with cosmological constant) then Cotton tensor C_{ijk} and Bach tensor B_{ij} satisfy the following conditions

$$A_{ijk} + \Omega^l W_{lijk} = 0,$$

$$B_{ij} + (n-4)\Omega^k \Omega^l W_{kijl} = 0$$

for some gradient $\Omega_i = \nabla_i \Omega$.

4-dimensional case

Metric conformal to Einstein

In dimension $n = 4$ the necessary condition for metric \mathbf{g} to be conformal to Einstein is vanishing of Bach tensor,

$$B_{ij} = 0.$$

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Additional case

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where $\gamma = -\frac{3}{2}$ and

$$a_1 = B\alpha_1 - A\alpha_2,$$

$$b_1 = B\beta_1 - A\beta_2$$

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$(A, B, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in \mathbb{R})$ has vanishing Bach tensor $B_{ij} = 0$.

Conformal factor, $\tilde{\mathbf{g}} = e^{2\Omega}\mathbf{g}$

The conformal factor Ω satisfies the following system

$$\partial_1\Omega = -\partial_1(\log \mathbf{X}) + \frac{3}{4}\partial_1 \log [u_{14}u_{13}^2] + \frac{3}{4}\frac{\mathbf{Y}}{\mathbf{X}}\partial_1 \log \frac{u_{13}}{u_{14}}$$

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$$e^{-\Omega} = (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}) u_{13}^{-3/4} u_{14}^{-3/2} u_{23}^{-3/2} u_{24}^{\gamma/2} f(s)^{-1},$$

where

$$f(s) = A \left(2 - \frac{3}{\sqrt{s}} \right) (1 + \sqrt{s})^{3/2} + B \left(2 + \frac{3}{\sqrt{s}} \right) (1 - \sqrt{s})^{3/2}.$$

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