

## CERTAIN INFINITESIMAL TRANSFORMATIONS ON QUATERNIONIC KÄHLERIAN MANIFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. In the present paper, we study conformal and projective Killing vector fields and infinitesimal  $Q$ -transformations on a quaternionic Kählerian manifold, and prove that an infinitesimal conformal or projective automorphism in a compact quaternionic Kählerian manifold is necessarily infinitesimal automorphism.

### 1. Introduction

A quaternionic Kählerian manifold is defined as a Riemannian manifold whose holonomy group is a subgroup of  $Sp(m) \cdot Sp(1)$ . Recently several authors ([1],[2],[3],[4]) have studied quaternionic Kählerian manifolds and obtained many interesting results. In particular, Ishihara ([4]) has introduced the notion of infinitesimal  $Q$ -transformations preserving the quaternionic structure, and obtained the following result: *In a compact quaternionic Kählerian manifold, a Killing vector field is necessarily an infinitesimal automorphism.*

In this paper, we consider conformal and projective Killing vector fields whose local 1-parameter group preserves the quaternionic structure, and prove the following theorems:

**THEOREM A.** *An infinitesimal conformal automorphism on a  $4m$  ( $m \geq 2$ )-dimensional compact quaternionic Kählerian manifold is necessarily an infinitesimal automorphism.*

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**THEOREM B.** *An infinitesimal projective automorphism on a  $4m(m \geq 2)$ -dimensional compact quaternionic Kählerian manifold is necessarily an infinitesimal automorphism.*

Manifolds, mappings, tensor fields and other geometric objects we discuss are assumed to be differentiable and of class  $C^\infty$ . The indices  $h, i, j, k, l, r, s, t$  run over the range  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , ( $n = 4m, m \geq 1$ ) and the summation convention will be used with respect to this system of indices.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $(M, g, V)$  be an  $n(= 4m)$ -dimensional quaternionic Kählerian manifold covered by a system of coordinate neighborhoods  $U$  and denote its quaternionic Kählerian structure by  $(g, V)$  or briefly  $V$ . Then there exists a canonical local basis  $\{F, G, H\}$  of the 3-dimensional vector bundle  $V$  consisting of tensors of type  $(1,1)$  over  $M$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} F^2 &= -I, & G^2 &= -I, & H^2 &= -I, \\ GH &= -HG = F, & HF &= -FH = G, & FG &= -GF = H \end{aligned}$$

in each local coordinate neighborhood  $U$ , where  $I$  denotes the identity tensor field of type  $(1,1)$  in  $M$ . Moreover, the local tensor fields  $F, G$  and  $H$  are almost Hermitian with respect to  $g$  and

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_X F &= & r(X)G & - q(X)H, \\ \nabla_X G &= -r(X)F & + p(X)H, \\ \nabla_X H &= q(X)F - p(X)G \end{aligned}$$

are satisfied for any vector field  $X$  on  $M$ , where  $p, q$  and  $r$  are local 1-forms defined on  $U$  and  $\nabla$  denotes the Riemannian connection with respect to  $g$  (cf. [3],[4]).

We put in  $U$

$$(2.3) \quad \Lambda = F \otimes F + G \otimes G + H \otimes H,$$

then it follows that  $\Lambda$  determines a global tensor field of type  $(2,2)$  in  $M$ , which will be also denoted by  $\Lambda$ . Then, using (2.2), we easily find

$$(2.4) \quad \nabla \Lambda = 0.$$

It is well known (cf. [1],[3]) that any quaternionic Kählerian manifold is an Einstein space, provided  $dimM \geq 8$ , i.e., that the Ricci tensor  $S$  of  $M$  has the form

$$(2.5) \quad S = \frac{k}{4m}g,$$

$k$  being the scalar curvature of  $M$ , which is a constant if  $M$  is connected. We denote by  $K_{kji}^h$  components of the curvature tensor of  $(M, g)$  and put  $K_{kjih} = K_{kji}^s g_{hs}$ , where  $g_{ji}$  are components of  $g$ . We denote by  $(g^{ji}) = (g_{ji})^{-1}$  and put  $F^{ih} = g^{is}F_s^h, G^{ih} = g^{is}G_s^h, H^{ih} = g^{is}H_s^h$ , which are all skew-symmetric. Then we can easily see that if  $m > 1$ ,

$$(2.6) \quad K_{ksih}F_j^s F^{ih} = K_{ksih}G_j^s G^{ih} = K_{ksih}H_j^s H^{ih} = -\frac{k}{2(m+2)}g_{kj}.$$

In particular, in the case of  $m = 1$ , we have

$$(2.7) \quad K_{ksih}(F_j^s F^{ih} + G_j^s G^{ih} + H_j^s H^{ih}) = -\frac{k}{6}g_{kj}$$

(cf. [4]).

### 3. Infinitesimal transformations

Let  $\nabla'$  and  $\nabla$  be affine connections on Riemannian manifolds  $M'$  and  $M$ , respectively.

A map  $f : M' \rightarrow M$  is called *affine* if  $f_*\nabla'_X Y = \nabla_{f_*X} f_*Y$  for vector fields  $X, Y$  in  $M'$  (cf. [5]). An *affine transformation* of  $(M, \nabla)$  is an affine diffeomorphism of  $M$ . A vector field  $X$  on  $M$  is called *affine* if the local 1-parameter group of  $X$  consists of local affine transformations.

A map  $f : (M', \nabla') \rightarrow (M, \nabla)$  of manifolds is called *projective* if for each geodesic  $\gamma$  of  $\nabla'$ ,  $f \circ \gamma$  is a reparametrization of a geodesic of  $\nabla$  (cf. [5]). A *projective transformation* of  $M$  is a diffeomorphism which is projective. A vector field  $X$  on  $M$  is called *projective* if the local 1-parameter group of  $X$  consists of local projective transformations.

A map  $f : (M', g') \rightarrow (M, g)$  of Riemannian manifolds is called *conformal* if  $f^*g$  is conformally equivalent to  $g'$  (cf. [5]). A conformal diffeomorphism of a Riemannian manifold  $M$  is called a *conformal transformation*

of  $M$ . A vector field  $X$  on  $M$  is called *conformal* if the local 1- parameter group of  $X$  consists of local conformal transformations.

Let  $(M, g, V)$  be a quaternionic Kählerian manifold. If a transformation  $f : M \rightarrow M$  leaves the bundle  $V$  invariant, then  $f$  is called a *Q-transformation* of  $(M, g, V)$  ([4]). Let  $\{F, G, H\}$  be a canonical local basis of  $V$  in a coordinate neighborhood  $U$  of  $M$ . Then a transformation  $f : M \rightarrow M$  is a *Q-transformation* of  $(M, g, V)$  if and only if  $\{f^*F, f^*G, f^*H\}$  is a canonical local basis of  $V$  in  $f(U)$ , where  $f^*F$  denotes the tensor field induced by  $f$  from  $F$  and so on. Thus, a *Q-transformation*  $f$  preserves the tensor field  $\Lambda$  defined by (2.3) globally in  $M$ . Conversely, using (2.1), we can easily prove that a transformation  $f : M \rightarrow M$  is a *Q-transformation* of  $(M, g, V)$  if  $f$  preserves the tensor field  $\Lambda$  invariant.

A vector field  $X$  in  $(M, g, V)$  is called an *infinitesimal Q-transformation* of  $(M, g, V)$ , if the local 1- parameter group of  $X$  is a *Q-transformation* of  $(M, g, V)$ .

If a transformation  $f : M \rightarrow M$  is a *Q-transformation* of  $(M, g, V)$  and at the same time an isometry (resp. a conformal, a projective, an affine) of  $M$ , then  $f$  is called an *automorphism* (resp. a conformal automorphism, a projective automorphism, an affine automorphism) of  $(M, g, V)$ .

If, for a vector field  $X$  in  $M$ , the local 1- parameter group of  $X$  is an automorphism (resp. a conformal automorphism, a projective automorphism, an affine automorphism) of  $(M, g, V)$ , then  $X$  is called an *infinitesimal automorphism* (resp. *infinitesimal conformal automorphism*, *infinitesimal projective automorphism*, *infinitesimal affine automorphism*) of  $(M, g, V)$ .

From now on we let  $(M, g, V)$  be a quaternionic Kählerian manifold. Consider a vector field  $X$  in  $(M, g, V)$  and denote by  $X^h$  components of  $X$  and put  $X_i = g_{is}X^s$  in a coordinate neighborhood  $U$  of  $M$ . By means of  $\nabla\Lambda = 0$ , which is a direct consequence of (2.2), we can obtain in  $U$

$$(3.1) \quad \mathcal{L}_X \Lambda_k^{j_i h} = \nabla_k X^s \Lambda_s^{j_i h} - \nabla_t X^j \Lambda_k^{t_i h} + \nabla_i X^s \Lambda_k^{j_s h} - \nabla_t X^h \Lambda_k^{j_i t},$$

where

$$(3.2) \quad \Lambda_k^{j_i h} = F_k^j F_i^h + G_k^j G_i^h + H_k^j H_i^h$$

are components of  $\Lambda$  in  $U$  and  $\mathcal{L}_X$  denotes the Lie derivation with respect to  $X$  (cf. [4]).

Finally we prepare the following lemmas for later use.

LEMMA 3.1 ([4]). *Let  $(M, g, V)$  be a compact quaternionic Kählerian manifold. Then a necessary and sufficient condition for a vector field  $X$  in  $(M, g, V)$  to be an infinitesimal  $Q$ -transformation is that*

$$(3.3) \quad 3m \left[ \nabla^l \nabla_l X^j + \frac{k}{4(m+2)} X^j \right] - \Lambda^{kjih} \nabla_k \nabla_i X_h = 0,$$

where  $\Lambda^{kjih} = g^{kt} g^{is} \Lambda_t^j s^h$ ,  $\nabla^l = g^{ls} \nabla_s$ .

REMARK. We can easily verify that (3.3) is established even if  $m = 1$  or  $m > 1$  (cf. [4]).

LEMMA 3.2 ([4]). *In a compact quaternionic Kählerian manifold, a Killing vector field is necessarily an infinitesimal automorphism.*

#### 4. Proofs of Theorem A and B

PROOF OF THEOREM A. Let  $X$  be an infinitesimal conformal automorphism in a compact quaternionic Kählerian manifold  $(M, g, V)$ . Then, as is well known (cf. [5]), we have

$$(4.1) \quad \nabla_k \nabla_l X^i + K_{jkl}{}^i X^j = \Phi_k \delta_l^i + \Phi_l \delta_k^i - \Phi^i g_{kl},$$

where  $\Phi$  is a positive function that characterizes a conformal change of the metric,  $\Phi_i = \nabla_i \Phi$  and  $\Phi^h = g^{hi} \Phi_i$ . Transvecting (4.1) with  $g^{kl}$  and using (2.5), we obtain

$$(4.2) \quad \nabla^l \nabla_l X^j + \frac{k}{4m} X^j = (2 - 4m) \Phi^j.$$

On the other hand, (4.1) can be rewritten as the form

$$\nabla_k \nabla_i X_h + K_{lkih} X^l = \Phi_k g_{ih} + \Phi_i g_{kh} - \Phi_h g_{ki},$$

from which, multiplying  $\Lambda^{kjih}$  and using (2.1) and (2.6), we have

$$(4.3) \quad \Lambda^{kjih} \nabla_k \nabla_i X_h + \frac{3k}{2(m+2)} X^j = -6\Phi^j.$$

Substituting (4.2) and (4.3) into (3.3), we can find  $\Phi^j = 0$  because  $m$  is a positive integer, which means that  $\Phi$  is a constant. Since a homothetic transformation of a compact orientable Riemannian manifold is an isometry (cf. [5]), we complete the proof Theorem A.  $\square$

PROOF OF THEOREM B. Let  $X$  be an infinitesimal projective automorphism in a compact quaternionic Kählerian manifold. Then we have

$$(4.4) \quad \nabla_k \nabla_l X^i + K_{jkl}{}^i X^j = \delta_k^i p_l + \delta_l^i p_k,$$

where  $p^i$  is a certain gradient vector ([5]). Transvecting (4.4) with  $g^{kl}$  and using (2.5), we have

$$(4.5) \quad \nabla^l \nabla_l X^j + \frac{k}{4m} X^j = 2p^j.$$

On the other side, (4.4) can be rewritten as the form

$$\nabla_k \nabla_i X_h + K_{lkih} X^l = g_{hk} p_i + g_{hi} p_k,$$

from which, multiplying  $\Lambda^{kjih}$  and using (2.1) and (2.6), we can obtain

$$(4.6) \quad \Lambda^{kjih} \nabla_k \nabla_i X_h + \frac{3k}{2(m+2)} X^j = -3p^j.$$

Substituting (4.5) and (4.6) into (3.3), it follows that  $p^j = 0$  because  $m$  is a positive integer. Hence  $X$  is an infinitesimal affine automorphism. By the way, an affine vector field is a Killing vector field in a compact orientable Riemannian manifold (cf. [5]). Thus Lemma 3.2 yields Theorem B.  $\square$

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