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HYPERHOLOMORPHIC FUNCTIONS IN \mathbb{R}^4

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ABSTRACT. Let \mathbb{H} be the algebra of quaternions generated by e_1, e_2 and e_{12} satisfying $e_1e_2 = e_{12}$ and $e_ie_j + e_je_i = -2\delta_{ij}$ for $i = 1, 2, 12$. Any element x in $\mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ may be decomposed as $x = Px + Qxe_3$ for quaternions Px and Qx . The generalized Cauchy-Riemann operator in \mathbb{R}^4 is defined by $D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_0} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}e_1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}e_2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}e_3$. Leutwiler noticed that the power function $(x_0 + x_1e_1 + x_2e_2 + x_3e_3)^m$ is the solution of the generalized Cauchy-Riemann system $x_3Df + 2f_3 = 0$ which has connections to the hyperbolic metric. We study solutions of the equation $x_3Df + 2Q'(f) = 0$ (the prime $'$ is the main involution) called hyperholomorphic functions. If $f = f_0 + f_1e_1 + f_2e_2 + f_3e_3$ for some real functions f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3 then f is the solution of the generalized Cauchy-Riemann system stated earlier.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let \mathbb{H} be the associative algebra of quaternions generated by e_1, e_2 and e_{12} satisfying the usual relations

$$e_1^2 = e_2^2 = e_{12}^2 = -1$$

$$e_1e_2 = e_{12} = -e_{12}e_1.$$

Set $e_1e_2 = e_{12}$. The conjugation \bar{q} of the quaternion $q = t + xe_1 + ye_2 + ze_{12}$ is defined by

$$\bar{q} = t - xe_1 - ye_2 - ze_{12}.$$

The involution $' : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ is the isomorphism defined by

$$q' = t - xe_1 - ye_2 + ze_{12}.$$

The second involution $* : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$, called **reversion**, is the anti-isomorphism defined by

$$q^* = t + xe_1 + ye_2 - ze_{12}.$$

We consider the set $\mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ with the usual addition and the multiplication defined by

$$(1) \quad (u_1, u_2)(v_1, v_2) = (u_1v_1 - u_2v_2', u_1v_2 + u_2v_1').$$

It is known that

$$\mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H} \cong Cl_{0,3},$$

where $Cl_{0,3}$ is the Clifford algebra generated by the elements e_1, e_2 and e_3 satisfying the relation $e_i e_j + e_j e_i = -2\delta_{ij}$ for the usual Kronecker delta δ_{ij} . The isomorphism $\varphi : \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H} \rightarrow Cl_{0,3}$ is given by $\varphi(q_1, q_2) = q_1 + q_2 e_3$. We identify the space $\mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ with $Cl_{0,3}$.

The elements $x = t + x e_1 + y e_2 + w e_3$ for $t, x, y, w \in \mathbb{R}$ are called *paravectors* in $\mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$. The space \mathbb{R}^4 is identified with the set of paravectors. We also denote $e_0 = 1$.

The involution $()'$ is extended to an isomorphism in $\mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ by

$$(2) \quad (q_1 + q_2 e_3)' = q_1' - q_2' e_3 \quad (q_i \in \mathbb{H}).$$

Note that

$$(3) \quad e_3 q = q' e_3$$

for any $q \in \mathbb{H}$.

The involution $*$ is extended to $\mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned} e_3^* &= e_3, (ab)^* = b^* a^* \\ (a + b)^* &= a^* + b^* \end{aligned}$$

and the conjugation by $\bar{a} = (a^*)' = (a')^*$. Note that $\overline{ab} = \bar{b}\bar{a}$.

Paravectors can be characterized as follows.

Lemma 1. *An element $x \in \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ is a paravector if and only if*

$$(4) \quad \sum_{i=0}^3 e_i x e_i = -2x'.$$

Proof. It is easy to see that the equation (4) holds for all e_i with $i = 0, \dots, 3$. Using the linearity we infer that it holds for all paravectors. Conversely, calculate first

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^3 e_i e_j e_k e_i &= 2e_j e_k \quad \text{for } 0 < j < k \leq 3 \\ \sum_{i=0}^3 e_i e_1 e_2 e_3 e_i &= -2e_1 e_2 e_3. \end{aligned}$$

Hence comparing the components of the left and right side of the equality (4) we note that the equality (4) implies that x has to be a paravector. \square

The projection operators $P : \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ and $Q : \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ are defined by equations $P(q_1 + q_2 e_3) = q_1$ and $Q(q_1 + q_2 e_3) = q_2$ for $q_i \in \mathbb{H}$. Applying (2) we note that $P(a') = (Pa)'$ and $Q(a') = -(Qa)'$. By virtue of (1) we obtain

$$(5) \quad P(ab) = PaPb - Qa(Qb)',$$

$$(6) \quad Q(ab) = PaQb + Qa(Pb)'.$$

The notation $f \in \mathcal{C}^k(\Omega)$ for a function $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ means that the real coordinate functions of f are k -times continuously differentiable on $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^4$.

2. HYPERHOLOMORPHIC FUNCTIONS

The Cauchy Riemann operator is defined by

$$Df = \sum_{i=0}^3 e_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$$

for a mapping $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$, $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^4$, whose components are partially differentiable. An operator \overline{D} is defined by

$$\overline{D}f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_0} - \sum_{j=1}^3 e_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}.$$

Note that $D\overline{D} = \overline{D}D = \Delta$, where Δ is the Laplace operator in \mathbb{R}^4 . If $Df = 0$ the function f is called (left) *monogenic*. For the reference on properties of monogenic functions in the general case see [1] and for quaternions [21].

Using (5) we obtain

$$(7) \quad P(Df) = \sum_{i=0}^2 e_i \frac{\partial Pf}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial Q'f}{\partial x_3}.$$

Similarly, the property (6) implies that

$$(8) \quad Q(Df) = \sum_{i=0}^2 e_i \frac{\partial Qf}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial P'f}{\partial x_3}.$$

The **modified Cauchy-Riemann operator** M is defined by

$$(Mf)(x) = (Df)(x) + \frac{2}{x_3} Q'f$$

and the operator \overline{M} by

$$(\overline{M}f)(x) = (\overline{D}f)(x) - \frac{2}{x_3} Q'f.$$

Note that

$$(Mf)(x) + (\overline{Mf})(x) = (Df)(x) + (\overline{Df})(x) = 2\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_0}$$

and

$$(9) \quad \overline{Df} = (D(f'))', \quad \overline{Mf} = (M(f'))'.$$

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^4$ be open. If $f \in \mathcal{C}^2(\Omega)$ and $Mf(x) = 0$ for any $x \in \Omega \setminus \{x \mid x_3 = 0\}$, the function f is called **hyperholomorphic** in Ω . If f is hyperholomorphic in Ω and $f = \sum_{i=0}^3 f_i e_i$ for some real functions f_i the function f is called an **H -solution**.

The H -solutions in \mathbb{R}^3 were introduced by H. Leutwiler ([17]). They are notably studied in \mathbb{R}^n by H. Leutwiler ([18], [19], [20]), H. Hempfling ([13], [14], [15]), J. Cnops ([4]), P. Cerejeiras ([3]) and S.-L. Eriksson-Bique ([6], [11], [8], [9]). In \mathbb{R}^3 the hyperholomorphic functions are researched by W. Hengartner and H. Leutwiler ([16]) and in \mathbb{R}^n by H. Leutwiler and S.-L. Eriksson-Bique ([11]).

Applying (7) and (8) for $x_3 Mf = 0$ we obtain the following system.

Proposition 2. *Let Ω be an open subset of \mathbb{R}^4 and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ be a mapping with continuous partial derivatives. The equation $Mf = 0$ is equivalent with the system of equations*

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 \left(D_2(Pf) - \frac{\partial(Qf)'}{\partial x_3} \right) + 2Q'f &= 0, \\ D_2(Qf) + \frac{\partial P'(f)}{\partial x_3} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $D_2 = \sum_{i=0}^2 e_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$.

Using the preceding result we infer the relation between monogenic and hyperholomorphic functions.

Proposition 3. *Let Ω be an open subset of \mathbb{R}^4 . Then if $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ is monogenic and $Qf = 0$, then f is hyperholomorphic.*

Proposition 4. *Let $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ be twice continuously differentiable on an open subset Ω of \mathbb{R}^4 . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{M}Mf = M\overline{M}f &= \Delta(Pf) - \frac{2}{x_3} \frac{\partial Pf}{\partial x_n} \\ &+ \left(\Delta(Qf) - \frac{2}{x_3} \frac{\partial Qf}{\partial x_3} + \frac{2}{x_3^2} Qf \right) e_3, \end{aligned}$$

where Δ is the Laplacian in \mathbb{R}^4 .

Proof. The property (8) implies that

$$QMf = QDf + \frac{2}{x_3} Q(Q'f) = D_2Qf + \frac{\partial P'f}{\partial x_3}.$$

Hence we have

$$\overline{M}Mf = \overline{D}Df + 2\overline{D} \left(\frac{Q'f}{x_3} \right) - \frac{2}{x_3} \left((D_2Qf)' + \frac{\partial Pf}{\partial x_3} \right).$$

Since by (9) and (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{D} \left(\frac{Q'f}{x_3} \right) &= \frac{\overline{D}Q'f}{x_3} + \frac{e_3 Q'f}{x_3^2} = \frac{(DQf)'}{x_3} + \\ &= \frac{(D_2Qf)'}{x_3} - \frac{1}{x_3} \frac{\partial Qf}{\partial x_3} e_3 + \frac{Qf}{x_3^2} e_3, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$\overline{M}Mf = \Delta Pf - \frac{2}{x_3} \frac{\partial Pf}{\partial x_3} + \left(\Delta Qf - \frac{2}{x_3} \frac{\partial Qf}{\partial x_3} + 2 \frac{Qf}{x_3^2} \right) e_3.$$

From the definitions we note that $Mf + \overline{M}f = 2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_0}$. Hence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M\overline{M}f + M^2f &= 2M \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_0} \right) = 2 \frac{\partial Mf}{\partial x_0} \\ &= (M + \overline{M})(Mf) = \overline{M}Mf + M^2f, \end{aligned}$$

which implies $M\overline{M}f = \overline{M}Mf$, completing the proof. \square

Corollary 5. *If $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ is hyperholomorphic then*

$$(10) \quad x_3 \Delta Pf - 2 \frac{\partial Pf}{\partial x_3} = 0$$

and

$$(11) \quad -2Qf = x_3^2 \Delta(Qf) - 2x_3 \frac{\partial Qf}{\partial x_3}.$$

Conversely, if the equations (10) and (11) hold, then $\overline{M}f$ is hyperholomorphic.

The equation (10) is the Laplace-Beltrami equation associated with the hyperbolic metric

$$ds^2 = x_3^{-2} (dx_0^2 + dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2).$$

The second equation (11) presents the eigenfunctions of the Laplace-Beltrami operator corresponding to the eigenvalue -2 .

Using standard methods we obtain the following observation.

Lemma 6. *Let $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be twice continuously differentiable on an open subset Ω of \mathbb{R}^4 . If u satisfies the equation*

$$(12) \quad -2u(x) = x_3^2 \Delta u(x) - 2x_3 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_3}(x), \quad x = (x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

then the mapping $g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{u(x)}{x_3}, & \text{if } x_3 \neq 0, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_3}(x), & \text{if } x_3 = 0, \end{cases}$$

is harmonic on $\Omega \setminus \{x_3 = 0\}$. Moreover, if $u \in \mathcal{C}^3(\Omega)$, then g is harmonic on Ω .

Proof. If $x_3 \neq 0$, then

$$\Delta g = \frac{\Delta u}{x_3} - \frac{2\partial u}{x_3^2 \partial x_3} + \frac{2u}{x_3^3}.$$

Using (12) we note that $\Delta g = 0$. Since by (12) $\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_3} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta u$, we see that $g \in \mathcal{C}^2(\Omega)$ and therefore $\Delta g = 0$ on Ω provided that $u \in \mathcal{C}^3(\Omega)$. \square

Proposition 7. *If $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ is hyperholomorphic and $f \in \mathcal{C}^3(\Omega)$, then Δf is monogenic and therefore also harmonic.*

Proof. Assume that $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ is hyperholomorphic. Using preceding Lemma and $\Delta = D\bar{D}$ we obtain

$$0 = D\bar{D}Mf = D\bar{D}Df + 2\Delta \left(\frac{Q'f}{x_3} \right) = D(\Delta f).$$

Hence Δf is monogenic and furthermore harmonic. \square

Example 8. *Let $f = u + iv$ be holomorphic in an open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$. We define the mapping $\pi : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by*

$$\pi(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_0 + x_1 i$$

and the mapping $\rho : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by

$$\rho(x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_0 + i\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2}.$$

Then the function $f \circ \pi$ is hyperholomorphic in the set $\{x \mid \pi(x) \in \Omega\}$. Moreover the function \tilde{f} defined by

$$\tilde{f}(x) = u \circ \rho(x) + \frac{x_1 e_1 + x_2 e_2 + x_3 e_3}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2}} v \circ \rho(x)$$

is hyperholomorphic in the set $\{x \mid \rho(x) \in \Omega\}$ (see [17, p.157]).

Proposition 9. *The space of hyperholomorphic functions in an open subset Ω of \mathbb{R}^4 forms a right quaternionic vector space.*

Proof. Let $q \in \mathbb{H}$. Using (6) we notice that

$$M(fq) = (Df)q + 2\frac{Q'(fq)}{x_3} = (Mf)q,$$

implying the assertion. \square

The following result is easy to see.

Lemma 10. *Let Ω be an open subset of \mathbb{R}^4 and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ be hyperholomorphic. Then $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$ is hyperholomorphic for $l = 0, 1, 2$.*

Product of hyperholomorphic functions is not necessarily hyperholomorphic.

Theorem 11. *Let Ω be an open subset of \mathbb{R}^4 and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ be hyperholomorphic. Then the product $f(x)x$ is hyperholomorphic if and only if f is an H -solution.*

Proof. Assume that $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ and $f(x)x$ are hyperholomorphic. Then by (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= M(fx) = (Df)x + \sum_{i=0}^3 e_i f e_i + 2 \frac{Q'(fx)}{x_3} \\ &= (Df)x + 2 \frac{Q'f(Px)}{x_3} + 2 \frac{P'(f)Q'x}{x_3} + \sum_{i=0}^3 e_i f e_i. \end{aligned}$$

Since $Px = x - x_3 e_3$ and $Qx = x_3$ we obtain

$$0 = (Mf)x + \sum_{i=0}^3 e_i f e_i - 2Q'f e_3 + 2P'(f) = \sum_{i=0}^3 e_i f e_i + 2f'.$$

By virtue of Lemma 1 we find out that f is para vector valued. The converse statement is proved similarly. \square

Corollary 12. *The function x^m is an H -solution.*

Theorem 13. *Let Ω be an open subset of \mathbb{R}^4 and $F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ be hyperholomorphic. Then the function $f(x) = F(x)x^{-1}$ is hyperholomorphic in $\Omega \setminus \{0\}$ if and only if it is paravector valued.*

Proof. Assume that $F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ and $f(x) = F(x)x^{-1}$ are hyperholomorphic. Since $F(x) = (F(x)x^{-1})x$ we obtain from the preceding theorem that $(F(x)x^{-1})$ is para vector valued. On the other hand, assume that f is vector valued and F is hyperholomorphic. Then by (6) and Lemma 1, we conclude

$$0 = MF = (Mf)x + \sum_{j=0}^n e_j f e_j + 2f' = (Mf)x$$

and therefore f is also hyperholomorphic. \square

Corollary 14. *The function x^{-m} is an H -solution.*

Theorem 15. *Let Ω be an open subset of \mathbb{R}^4 and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ twice continuously differentiable. Then f is hyperholomorphic if and only if for any $a \in \Omega$ and any ball*

$B(a, r)$ with $B(a, r) \subset \Omega$ there exists a continuous differentiable mapping H from $B(a, r)$ into \mathbb{H} satisfying the equations

$$(13) \quad f = \overline{D}H$$

and

$$(14) \quad x_n \Delta H - 2 \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_n} = 0$$

on $B(a, r)$.

Proof. Assume that a mapping $H : B(x, r) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ satisfies (14) and $f = \overline{D}H$. Since $D\overline{D} = \Delta$ we have $x_3 Df = x_3 \Delta H$. The equality $-2 \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_n} = Q'f$ follows from

$$Qf e_3 = Q\overline{D}H = -e_3 \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_n}.$$

Hence $Mf = 0$ and therefore f is hyperholomorphic.

Conversely assume that $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$ is hyperholomorphic. Set $Pf = f_0 + f_1 e_1 + f_2 e_2 + f_{12} e_{12}$. Let $B(a, r)$ be a ball in \mathbb{R}^4 centered at $a = (a_0, \dots, a_n)$ satisfying $B(a, r) \subset \Omega$. Let $s_i : (B(a, r) \cap \{x \mid x_3 = a_3\})^\sim \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a twice continuously differentiable solution of the Poisson equation (which exists for example by [2, p.171])

$$\Delta s_i(\tilde{x}) = f_i(\tilde{x}, a_3).$$

for $i = 0, 1, 2, 12$ and a ball $B((a_0, a_1, a_2), r)$. Set $s = \sum_{i \in \{0, 1, 2, 12\}} s_i e_i$ and define a mapping $H : B(a, r) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ by

$$H(x) = - \int_{a_3}^{x_3} Q'f(\tilde{x}, t) dt + D_2 s.$$

Then we have by Proposition 2

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{D}H(x) &= e_3 2Q'f(x) - \int_{a_n}^{x_n} \overline{D}_2 Q'f(\tilde{x}, t) dt + \overline{D}_2 D_2 s \\ &= Q_2 f(x) e_n + \int_{a_n}^{x_n} \frac{\partial Pf}{\partial x_n}(\tilde{x}, t) dt + (Pf)(\tilde{x}, a_n) \\ &= f(x). \end{aligned}$$

Since the image space of H is \mathbb{H} we note that

$$Qf e_3 = -e_3 \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_3}.$$

Using the assumption f is hyperholomorphic we obtain

$$0 = x_3 Df + 2Q'f = x_3 D\overline{D}H - 2 \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_3}.$$

Hence the mapping H satisfies (14), completing the proof. \square

Hyperholomorphic functions may be obtained from H -solutions as follows.

Theorem 16. *A mapping f is hyperholomorphic on a ball $B(a, r) \subset \mathbb{R}^4$ if and only if there exist H -solutions g_i such that*

$$f = g_0 + g_1e_1 + g_2e_2 + g_{12}e_{12}.$$

Proof. Assume that f is hyperholomorphic on a ball $B(a, r) \subset \mathbb{R}^4$. Applying Theorem 15 we find a mapping H from $B(a, r)$ into \mathbb{H} satisfying the equations (14) and $f = \overline{D}H$. Denote $H = h_0 + h_1e_1 + h_2e_2 + h_{12}e_{12}$ for real functions h_i . Then the mapping $g_i = \overline{D}h_i$ is vector valued and therefore an H -solution. Clearly we have $f = g_0 + g_1e_1 + g_2e_2 + g_{12}e_{12}$. \square

Corollary 17. *If f is hyperholomorphic on Ω , then it is real analytic on $\Omega \setminus \{x_3 = 0\}$. Moreover, if $f \in \mathcal{C}^3(\Omega)$ is hyperholomorphic on Ω , then it is real analytic on Ω .*

Proof. The H -solutions are real-analytic by [8, Theorem 4]. Hence the preceding theorem implies the statement. \square

The fundamental homogeneous polynomial H -solutions are defined as follows.

Definition 18. *The homogeneous polynomials L_m^α are defined for any multi-index $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^2$ and a non-negative integer m by*

$$L_m^\alpha = \frac{1}{\alpha!} \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|} x^{m+|\alpha|}}{\partial x^\alpha}.$$

The homogeneous polynomial H -solution T_m^α of degree m is defined by

$$\frac{\partial T_m^\alpha}{\partial x^\alpha} = \alpha! x_3^2 e_3$$

and $T_m^\alpha(x) = 0$ for any x with $x_3 = 0$.

Theorem 19. *The set $\{L_m^\alpha \mid |\alpha| \leq m\} \cup \{T_m^\alpha \mid |\alpha| = m - n + 1\}$ is a basis of the right \mathbb{H} -module of homogeneous hyperholomorphic polynomials of degree m .*

Proof. Using [8, Theorem 4] we obtain that the set in question is a basis of the right \mathbb{H} -module generated by the homogeneous polynomial H -solutions of degree m . If f is a homogenous hyperholomorphic polynomial of degree m , then by Theorem 16 there exists homogeneous polynomial H -solutions p_i of degree m satisfying $f = \sum_{i \in \{0,1,2,12\}} p_i e_i$. Hence it is also a basis of the right \mathbb{H} -module of homogeneous hyperholomorphic polynomials of degree m . \square

Theorem 20. *Let $f \in \mathcal{C}^3(\Omega)$ be hyperholomorphic in a neighborhood of a point $x = (x_0, x_1, x_2, 0)$. Then there exist constants $b_k(\alpha), c(\alpha) \in \mathbb{H}$ such that*

$$f = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{|\alpha|=0}^k L_k^\alpha b_k(\alpha) + \sum_{|\alpha|=k-2} T_k^\alpha c_k(\alpha) \right)$$

Proof. Assume that $f \in \mathcal{C}^3(\Omega)$ is hyperholomorphic in a neighborhood of a point $x = (x_0, x_1, x_2, 0)$. If $T(y) = y + a$ for $a \in \mathbb{R}^4$ with the last coordinate $a_3 = 0$ then $f \circ T$ is also hyperholomorphic. Hence we may assume that $x = 0$. Since f is hyperholomorphic, f is real analytic and therefore admits the presentation

$$f(y) = \sum_{\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^{n+1}} a(\beta) y^\beta.$$

in some neighborhood $B_r(0)$. Applying M we obtain

$$0 = Mf(y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M \left(\sum_{|\beta|=k} a(\beta) y^\beta \right).$$

Since $M \left(\sum_{|\beta|=k} a(\beta) y^\beta \right)$ is a homogeneous polynomial of degree k we infer

$$M \left(\sum_{|\beta|=k} a(\beta) y^\beta \right) = 0.$$

This implies that $\sum_{|\beta|=k} a(\beta) y^\beta$ is hyperholomorphic. Applying Theorem 19 we obtain the result. \square

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