



**APPLICATION OF EQUIVALENCE METHOD TO CLASSIFY MONGE-AMPÈRE
EQUATIONS OF ELLIPTIC TYPE**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we apply Cartan's equivalence method to give a local classification of Monge-Ampère equations of elliptic type. Then we find a necessary and sufficient conditions such that a Monge-Ampère equation is either contactomorphic to the Laplace equation or to an Euler-Lagrange equation.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Cartan's method to state the equivalence problem developed by Elie Cartan in the years 1905-1910 and more recently in [12, 10], is a crucial tool. Hence, In their work, R. Bryant, D. Grossman and P. Griffiths in the years 1997-1998 [13] clarified the strategy of Cartan. Locally, the application of Cartan's method to study the equivalence problem to classify Monge-Ampère equations [14, 1] in two variables leads to three non-zero orbits: a negative space, a null space and a positive space, which correspond respectively to three types of Monge-Ampère equations: hyperbolic, parabolic and elliptic equations. The general classification problems for symplectic Monge-Ampère equations were studied by Lychagin, Roubtsov [2, 7, 8], Kruglikov [6], A. G. Kushner [3, 5] and others: they showed that to any differential 2-form ω in the manifold of 1-jets of functions on a 2-dimensional smooth manifold \mathcal{M} , $J^1\mathcal{M}$, we can associate a Monge-Ampère equation E_ω which is entirely determined by the sign of the Pfaffian function $\text{Pf}(\omega)$ at each point of $\mathcal{D} \subset J^1\mathcal{M}$. In [13], R. Bryant, D. Grossman and P. Griffiths applied the equivalence method to classify Monge-Ampère equations of hyperbolic type: Given a 5-dimensional contact manifold (\mathcal{M}, I) , they applied this method to some Monge-Ampère system ε , locally algebraically generated as

$$\varepsilon = \{\theta, d\theta, \Psi\},$$

for $\theta \in \Gamma(I)$ where θ is non zero contact form generating I , $\Gamma(I)$ being the module generated by contact form I , and Ψ is a 2-form in $\Omega^2(\mathcal{M})$.

Our aim is to apply the equivalence method to classify Monge-Ampère equations of elliptic type. We determined the necessary and sufficient conditions for an elliptic Monge-Ampère system to be locally equivalent to the Monge-Ampère system of the linear homogeneous Laplace equations and the necessary and sufficient conditions when it is locally equivalent to an Euler-Lagrange system. A work of A. Kushner - V. Lychagin and V. Roubtsov in [9, 4] contain results on equivalence of Monge-Ampère equation to homogeneous Laplace equation. Those results are formulated in terms of the number of coefficients in the Monge-Ampère equation and can be explicitly verified with just finite number of usual algebraic operations and Partial Differentiations.

2. MONGE-AMPÈRE EQUATIONS

Let \mathcal{M} be a 2-dimensional smooth manifold and let $J^1\mathcal{M}$ be the manifold of 1-jet of smooth function on \mathcal{M} given in [7] by

$$J^1\mathcal{M} := \{(a, L) \mid a \in \mathcal{M} \times \mathbb{R}, L \in T_a(\mathcal{M} \times \mathbb{R}) \dim L = 2, L \text{ is plane}\}.$$

For all smooth function $u \in C^\infty(U)$ with $U \subset \mathcal{M}$, we associate the graph of u by $\Sigma := j^1u(U) \subset J^1\mathcal{M}$ with

$$j^1u : U \rightarrow J^1\mathcal{M}.$$

Denote $a = (x^1, x^2, z)$ and $L = (p_1, p_2)$ with x^1, x^2 are the local coordinates on \mathcal{M} . We have $z \circ (j^1(u)) = u$ and for $1 \leq a \leq 2$, $p_a \circ (j^1(u)) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^a}$, then

$$\Sigma := \left\{ \left(x = (x^1, x^2), u(x), \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^1}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^2} \right), x \in \mathcal{M} \right\},$$

is a smooth submanifold of $J^1\mathcal{M}$ which is endowed with a natural contact structure given by the 1-form not closed θ

$$\theta = dz - p_1 dx^1 - p_2 dx^2.$$

If Ψ is a two form over $J^1\mathcal{M}$, then

$$\Psi = \Psi_{p_1 p_2} dp_1 \wedge dp_2 + \Psi_{p_1 x^2} dp_1 \wedge dx^2 + \Psi_{p_2 x^2} dp_2 \wedge dx^2 + \Psi_{p_1 x^1} dp_1 \wedge dx^1$$

$$+\Psi_{p_2x^1}dp_2 \wedge dx^1 + \Psi_{x^1x^2}dx^1 \wedge dx^2 \pmod{\theta}.$$

A Monge-Ampère equations read

$$\begin{cases} \Psi|_{\Sigma} = 0, \\ \theta|_{\Sigma} = 0 \ (\Rightarrow d\theta|_{\Sigma} = 0), \\ dx^1 \wedge dx^2|_{\Sigma} \neq 0, \end{cases}$$

Along of Σ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{p_1p_2} \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{(\partial x^1)^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{(\partial x^2)^2} - \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^1 \partial x^2} \right)^2 \right] + \Psi_{p_1x^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{(\partial x^1)^2} + \Psi_{p_2x^1} \frac{\partial^2 u}{(\partial x^2)^2} \\ + (\Psi_{p_1x^1} + \Psi_{p_2x^2}) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^1 \partial x^2} + \Psi_{x^1x^2} \left(x^a, u(x), \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^a} \right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Assuming $\Psi_{p_1x^1} = \Psi_{p_2x^2}$, a classical Monge-Ampère equation has the following form

$$(2.1) \quad Au_{x^1x^1} + 2BAu_{x^1x^2} + Cu_{x^2x^2} + D(u_{x^1x^1}u_{x^2x^2} - u_{x^1x^2}) + E = 0;$$

where A, B, C, D and E are a functions of independant variables x^1 and x^2 , an unknown function $u = u(x^1, x^2) := z$ and its first partial derivatives $u_{x^1} := p$ and $u_{x^2} := q$. It's known that the left-hand side of Monge-Ampère equation (2.1) corresponds to the differential 2-form

$$Adx^1 \wedge dx^2 + Bdp \wedge dx^2 + C(dx^1 \wedge dp + dq \wedge dx^2) + Ddx^1 \wedge dq + Edp \wedge dq.$$

Definition 2.1. [13] For a contact manifold (\mathcal{M}, I) with Lagrangian $\Lambda \in \Omega^n(\mathcal{M})$, the unique form $\Pi := \theta \wedge \Psi$ is called *Poincaré-Cartan form* of Λ , or equivalently, $\Pi \equiv 0 \pmod{I}$.

Definition 2.2. The Euler-Lagrange system of the Lagrangian Λ is the differential ideal generated algebraically as

$$\varepsilon_{\Lambda} = \{\theta, d\theta, \Psi\} \in \Omega^*(\mathcal{M}).$$

A Monge-Ampère system locally generated by $\varepsilon = \{\theta, d\theta, \Psi\}$, the generator Ψ may be uniquely chosen modulo $\{I\}$ and modulo multiplication by functions. By the condition of primitivity¹ we assume

$$d\theta \wedge \Psi = 0 \pmod{\theta}.$$

Hence, locally, Monge-Ampère equations read

$$\begin{cases} \theta \in \Omega^1(\mathcal{M}) \text{ and } \Psi \in \Omega^2(\mathcal{M}), \\ \Psi \wedge d\theta = 0 \pmod{\theta}, \\ \theta \wedge d\theta \wedge d\theta \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2.3. A Monge-Ampère system $\varepsilon = \{\theta, d\theta, \Psi\}$ on a $2n + 1$ -dimensional contact manifold (\mathcal{M}, I) where Ψ is assumed to be primitive modulo $\{I\}$ is locally equivalent to an Euler-Lagrange system ε_{Λ} if and only if it satisfies

$$d\Pi := d(\theta \wedge \Psi) = \varphi \wedge \Pi,$$

with $d\varphi \equiv 0 \pmod{\{\theta, d\theta\}}$.

Proof. See [13] page 16-19. ■

Remark 2.4. Along Σ , Euler-Lagrange equations of the action $\int_{\Sigma} \Lambda$, where $\theta|_{\Sigma} = 0$, are given by:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z} - \frac{d}{dx^i} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial p_i} \right) = 0.$$

¹This primitivity form is non-zero every where, locally $\Psi_x \notin \{\theta, d\theta\}_x$. The explanation is in [13] page 18.

Theorem 2.5. (Darboux) Let $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{M}_1)$ and $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{M}_2)$ be symplectic manifolds of the same dimension. Then for any points $a \in \mathcal{M}_1$ and $b \in \mathcal{M}_2$ there are neighborhoods $\mathcal{O}_1 \ni a$ and $\mathcal{O}_2 \ni b$ and a diffeomorphism $\varphi : \mathcal{O}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_2$ such that $\varphi(a) = b$ and $\varphi^*(\mathcal{O}_2) = \mathcal{O}_1$ in \mathcal{O}_1 .

Corollary 2.6. [9]. Let (Ω, \mathcal{M}) be a $2n$ -dimensional symplectic manifold. Then for point $a \in \mathcal{M}$ there are local canonical coordinates $(q^1, \dots, q^n, p_1, \dots, p_n)$ such that $q^i(a) = p_i(a) = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and Ω has the following canonical form:

$$\Omega = \sum_{i=1}^n dq^i \wedge dp_i.$$

3. EQUIVALENCE PROBLEM

In this section, We apply locally the equivalence problem to classify the Monge-Ampère system $\varepsilon = (\mathcal{M}, \theta, \Psi)$ satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \theta \wedge d\theta \wedge d\theta \neq 0, \\ \Psi \wedge d\theta = 0 \text{ mod}(\theta), \end{cases}$$

by comparing it with another system $\tilde{\varepsilon} = (\tilde{\mathcal{M}}, \tilde{\theta}, \tilde{\Psi})$, by looking at a local diffeomorphism $\varphi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{M}}$ such that

$$\begin{cases} \varphi^* \tilde{\theta} = \theta, \\ \varphi^* \tilde{\Psi} = \Psi. \end{cases}$$

3.1. Preliminaries. Let $\eta^0 = \alpha\theta \neq 0$, for some smooth function $\alpha \neq 0$. Denote by $\text{mod}(I)$ up to a differential form contained in the differential ideal generated by I . Locally, by Darboux theorem, we can find 1-forms $\eta^0, \eta^1, \eta^2, \eta^3, \eta^4$ such that

$$(3.1) \quad d\eta^0 = \eta^1 \wedge \eta^2 + \eta^3 \wedge \eta^4 \text{ mod}(I).$$

There exist functions b_{ij} such that $\Psi = \frac{1}{2}b_{ij}\eta^i \wedge \eta^j$, and since $\Psi \wedge d\eta^0 = 0 \text{ mod}(\theta)$, then

$$b_{12} + b_{34} = 0.$$

We will study the conditions imposed by $\eta = (\eta^0, \eta^1, \eta^2, \eta^3, \eta^4)$ such that (3.1) be checked. So there are three non-zero orbits which we call: negative space, null space and positive space.

- (1) If $\Psi \wedge \Psi$ is a negative multiple of $d\eta^0 \wedge d\eta^0$, then the local coframing η may be chosen so that in addition of (3.1),

$$\Psi = \eta^1 \wedge \eta^2 - \eta^3 \wedge \eta^4 \text{ mod}(\theta),$$

for a classical variational problem, this occurs when the Euler-Lagrange PDE is hyperbolic.

- (2) If $\Psi \wedge \Psi = 0$, then η may be chosen so that

$$\Psi = \eta^1 \wedge \eta^3 \text{ mod}(\theta),$$

for a classical variational problem, this occurs when the Monge-Ampère PDE is parabolic.

- (3) If $\Psi \wedge \Psi$ is a positive multiple of $d\eta^0 \wedge d\eta^0$, then the local coframing η may be chosen so that in addition of (3.1),

$$\Psi = \eta^1 \wedge \eta^4 - \eta^3 \wedge \eta^2 \text{ mod}(\theta),$$

for a classical variational problem, this occurs when the Monge-Ampère PDE is elliptic.

In the following we will study the elliptic case, we look at the following system

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{cases} \eta^0 = \alpha\theta \neq 0 \\ d\eta^0 = \eta^1 \wedge \eta^2 + \eta^3 \wedge \eta^4 \pmod{\theta}, \\ \Psi = \eta^1 \wedge \eta^4 - \eta^3 \wedge \eta^2 \pmod{\theta}. \end{cases}$$

3.2. An algebra preliminary. For $\omega := (\omega^1, \omega^2, \omega^3, \omega^4) \in (\mathbb{R}^4)^*$, assuming that $\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2 \wedge \omega^3 \wedge \omega^4 \neq 0$, we consider the symmetric non-degenerate function

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4)^* \times \Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4)^* \longrightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

$$(\alpha, \beta) \longmapsto \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle := \frac{\alpha \wedge \beta}{\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2 \wedge \omega^3 \wedge \omega^4}.$$

The Lie algebra $SL(4, \mathbb{R})$ acts on $\Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4)^* \simeq \mathbb{R}^6$ through the action $\forall g \in SL(4, \mathbb{R})$

$$q_g : \Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4)^* \longrightarrow \Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4)^*,$$

$$\alpha \longmapsto q_g(\alpha) := g^* \alpha,$$

q_g is a quadratic form in g and we have

$$\langle q_g(\alpha), q_g(\beta) \rangle = \langle g^* \alpha, g^* \beta \rangle = \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle.$$

We want to represent $SL(4, \mathbb{R}) = \text{Sp}(\mathbb{R}^{3,3}) := \text{Sp}(3, 3)^1$ on \mathbb{R}^6 . Let $G := SO(\Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4)^*, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle) \subset GL(6, \mathbb{R})$. Denote

$$\Phi : SL(4, \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow G,$$

$$g \longmapsto q_g.$$

A basis $(\alpha_L^1, \alpha_L^2, \alpha_L^3, \alpha_R^1, \alpha_R^2, \alpha_R^3)$ of $\Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4)^*$ given by

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_L^1 = \omega^1 \wedge \omega^2 + \omega^3 \wedge \omega^4, \\ \alpha_L^2 = \omega^1 \wedge \omega^3 + \omega^4 \wedge \omega^2, \\ \alpha_L^3 = \omega^1 \wedge \omega^4 + \omega^2 \wedge \omega^3, \\ \alpha_R^1 = \omega^1 \wedge \omega^2 - \omega^3 \wedge \omega^4, \\ \alpha_R^2 = \omega^1 \wedge \omega^3 - \omega^4 \wedge \omega^2, \\ \alpha_R^3 = \omega^1 \wedge \omega^4 - \omega^2 \wedge \omega^3, \end{cases}$$

we have $\forall a, b \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$\langle \alpha_L^a, \alpha_L^b \rangle = 2\delta_b^a, \quad \langle \alpha_R^a, \alpha_R^b \rangle = -2\delta_b^a \text{ and } \langle \alpha_L^a, \alpha_R^b \rangle = 0.$$

The signature of Φ is $(3, 3)$ and $SO(\Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4)^*, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle) \subset SL(4, \mathbb{R})$ and we know that $\dim SL(4, \mathbb{R}) = \dim SO(\Lambda^2(\mathbb{R}^4)^*, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle) = 15$, then

$$G = \text{Spin}(3, 3).$$

The first step of the equivalence method is to find a group G preserves (3.2), we define

$$G = G_{ellip} = \{g \in SL(4, \mathbb{R}), \quad g^* \alpha_L^1 = \alpha_L^1; \quad g^* \alpha_L^3 = \alpha_L^3\}.$$

For all ξ in the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}_{ellip} := \mathfrak{g}$, we have $\xi = (\xi_j^i)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 4} \in M(4, \mathbb{R})$ $\text{tr} \xi = 0$, and moreover, for $L_\xi \in G$ we have $L_\xi = I + \xi + o(\xi)$, then

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{cases} \xi \in M(4, \mathbb{R}), \quad \text{tr} \xi = 0, \\ \xi^* \alpha_L^1 = 0; \quad \xi^* \alpha_L^3 = 0, \end{cases}$$

which gives

$$\begin{cases} \xi_1^1 + \xi_2^2 + \xi_3^3 + \xi_4^4 = 0, \\ \xi_a^1 \omega^a \wedge \omega^2 + \xi_a^2 \omega^1 \wedge \omega^a + \xi_a^3 \omega^a \wedge \omega^4 + \xi_a^4 \omega^3 \wedge \omega^a = 0, \\ \xi_a^1 \omega^a \wedge \omega^4 + \xi_a^2 \omega^1 \wedge \omega^a + \xi_a^3 \omega^a \wedge \omega^3 + \xi_a^4 \omega^2 \wedge \omega^a = 0, \end{cases}$$

¹“Spin” is a notation used by physicists. ($\text{Spin}(1, 3) = SL(2, \mathbb{C})$).

then there exist $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}$ and a basis $\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \xi_4, \xi_5, \xi_6$ of \mathfrak{g} such as

$$\xi = a\xi_1 + b\xi_2 + c\xi_3 + d\xi_4 + e\xi_5 + f\xi_6,$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & \xi_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \xi_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \xi_4 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \xi_5 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \xi_6 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

Denote the \mathbb{R} -linear map by

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi : \mathfrak{g} &\longrightarrow sl(2, \mathbb{C}), \\ X, Y &\longmapsto \Phi([X, Y]) = [\Phi(X), \Phi(Y)]. \end{aligned}$$

A basis of $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ is $(h_0, e_0, f_0, h_1, e_1, f_1)$ is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} h_0 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & e_0 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & f_0 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ h_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} & e_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} & f_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} [h_0, h_1] &= [e_0, e_1] = [f_0, f_1] = 0, & [h_a, e_b] &= -2i^{a+b}e_0, \\ [h_a, f_b] &= -2i^{a+b}f_0 & \text{and } [e_a, f_b] &= -i^{a+b}h_0. \end{aligned}$$

We have this correspondence

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1 &\longleftrightarrow h_0, \\ \xi_2 &\longleftrightarrow e_0, \\ \xi_3 &\longleftrightarrow f_1, \\ \xi_4 &\longleftrightarrow h_1, \\ \xi_5 &\longleftrightarrow e_1, \\ \xi_6 &\longleftrightarrow f_0, \end{aligned}$$

then this showed the lemma

Lemma 3.1. The \mathbb{R} -linear map $\Phi : \mathfrak{g} \longrightarrow sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ is a homomorphism of Lie algebra.

Denote the real-linear isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} T : \mathbb{R}^4 &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^2 \\ X = \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \\ x^4 \end{pmatrix} &\longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} x^3 + ix^1 \\ x^2 + ix^4 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

we can show that $\forall 1 \leq i \leq 6$

$$T(\xi_i X) = \Phi(\xi_i)T(X),$$

Then we can continuous to work in the 2-dimensional complex.

3.3. Back to the equivalence problem. In this part, we will apply directly the equivalence problem for the Monge-Ampère system of elliptic type on contact manifold of dimension 5. We will give criteria in terms of the differential invariants thus obtained for a given system to be locally equivalent to the system associated to the linear homogeneous Laplace equation or to an Euler Lagrange system. On the contact manifold \mathcal{M} , one can locally find a coframing $\omega = g^{-1}\eta$ where η satisfied 3.2 and $g \in \mathfrak{g}$ the Lie Algebra defined in the previous part. The exterior derivative of this equation is

$$(3.4) \quad d\omega = g^{-1}dg \wedge \omega + g^{-1}d\eta.$$

Definition 3.2. Let $G \in Gl(n, \mathbb{C})$ be a subgroup and $B \cong \mathcal{M} \times G$. A G -structure $B \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a principal subbundle of the coframe bundle $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, having structure group G . A pseudo-connection in the G -structure is a \mathfrak{g} -valued 1-form on B whose restriction to the fiber tangent spaces $\mathcal{V}_b \subset T_b B$ equals the identification $\mathcal{V}_b \cong \mathfrak{g}$ induced by the right G -action on B .

Introducing any pseudo-connection $\varphi \in \Omega^1(B) \otimes \mathfrak{g}$ satisfies the fundamental formula for the equivalence method given by

$$d\omega = -\varphi \wedge \omega + \tau,$$

where $\tau \in \Omega^2(B)$ is the torsion of the pseudo-connection φ . A consequence of (3.4), for $0 \leq i, j, k \leq 4$ we have

$$\varphi = -g^{-1}dg \text{ and } \tau = g^{-1}d\eta = \frac{1}{2}T_{jk}^i \omega^j \wedge \omega^k.$$

Denote by π the vector valued 1-forms such that, $\omega = P\pi$, where $P \in M(5, \mathbb{C})$ for

$$\begin{cases} \pi^0 = \omega^0, \\ \pi^1 = \omega^3 + i\omega^1, \\ \pi^2 = \omega^2 + i\omega^4, \\ \bar{\pi}^1 = \omega^3 - i\omega^1, \\ \bar{\pi}^2 = \omega^2 - i\omega^4, \end{cases}$$

then

$$(3.5) \quad d\pi = -\psi \wedge \pi + P^{-1}\tau,$$

where $\psi = P^{-1}\varphi P$. Consider $\forall M_{\mathfrak{q}} = (a_j^i)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 4} \in \mathfrak{g}$, we note $M \in M(5, \mathbb{C})$ by

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a_0^0 & 0 \\ 0 & M_{\mathfrak{q}} \end{pmatrix},$$

if $M_{\mathfrak{q}} = (a_j^i)_{1 \leq i, j \leq 4} \in \mathfrak{g}$, then

$$P^{-1}MP = \begin{pmatrix} a_0^0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_1^1 + ia_3^1 & a_4^1 + ia_2^1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_3^2 - ia_1^2 & a_2^2 - ia_4^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_3^3 + ia_1^3 & a_2^3 + ia_4^3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_1^4 - ia_3^4 & a_4^4 - ia_2^4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proposition 3.3. Let $(\mathcal{M}^5, \varepsilon)$ an elliptic Monge-Ampère system. An adapted coframe is the sections of G -structure on \mathcal{M} , where G is the smallest subgroup generated by all matrices of size $(1,2,2)$ of the form

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_0^0 & 0 & 0 \\ C & A & 0 \\ \bar{C} & 0 & \bar{A} \end{pmatrix},$$

where $A \in sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ and $\det A = a_0^0 \neq 0$.

Proof. The sections of G -structure adapted (3.2) are of the form (3.6). ■

The second step of equivalence problem is “Calculation of the structure equations”, we have $\psi = P^{-1}\varphi P$, thus it is of the form

$$(3.7) \quad \psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_0^0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \psi_0^1 & \psi_1^1 & \psi_2^1 & 0 & 0 \\ \psi_0^2 & \psi_1^2 & \psi_2^2 & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{\psi}_0^1 & 0 & 0 & \bar{\psi}_1^1 & \bar{\psi}_2^1 \\ \bar{\psi}_0^2 & 0 & 0 & \bar{\psi}_1^2 & \bar{\psi}_2^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\psi_1^1 + \psi_2^2 = \bar{\psi}_1^1 + \bar{\psi}_2^2 = \psi_0^0$.

We assume $P^{-1}\tau := \begin{pmatrix} \tau^0 \\ \tau^1 \\ \tau^2 \\ \bar{\tau}^1 \\ \bar{\tau}^2 \end{pmatrix}$, where

$$\tau^0 := d\pi^0 + \psi_0^0 \wedge \pi^0 = \frac{i}{2}(\bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 - \pi^1 \wedge \pi^2),$$

and for $\iota = 1, 2, 3, 4$, we assume

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^\iota &= T_{12}^\iota \pi^1 \wedge \pi^2 + T_{1\bar{1}}^\iota \pi^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 + T_{1\bar{2}}^\iota \pi^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 + T_{2\bar{1}}^\iota \pi^2 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 + T_{2\bar{2}}^\iota \pi^2 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 + T_{\bar{1}\bar{2}}^\iota \bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 \\ &\quad + T_{01}^\iota \pi^0 \wedge \pi^1 + T_{02}^\iota \pi^0 \wedge \pi^2 + T_{0\bar{1}}^\iota \pi^0 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 + T_{0\bar{2}}^\iota \pi^0 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2. \end{aligned}$$

This produces the structure equations

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{cases} d\pi^0 = -\psi_0^0 \wedge \pi^0 + \frac{i}{2}(\bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 - \pi^1 \wedge \pi^2), \\ d\pi^1 = -\psi_0^1 \wedge \pi^0 - \psi_1^1 \wedge \pi^1 - \psi_2^1 \wedge \pi^2 + \tau^1, \\ d\pi^2 = -\psi_0^2 \wedge \pi^0 - \psi_1^2 \wedge \pi^1 - \psi_2^2 \wedge \pi^2 + \tau^2, \\ d\bar{\pi}^1 = -\bar{\psi}_0^1 \wedge \pi^0 - \bar{\psi}_1^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 - \bar{\psi}_2^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 + \bar{\tau}^1, \\ d\bar{\pi}^2 = -\bar{\psi}_0^2 \wedge \pi^0 - \bar{\psi}_1^2 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 - \bar{\psi}_2^2 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 + \bar{\tau}^2, \end{cases}$$

Now we go to the next step which allows us to absorb the maximum of torsion in (3.8) respecting $\psi_1^1 + \psi_2^2 = \bar{\psi}_1^1 + \bar{\psi}_2^2 = \psi_0^0$. First, by change the form $\psi_0^\iota \leftarrow \psi_0^\iota - T_{0*\iota} \pi^*$ we can consider ¹.

$$T_{0*\iota} = 0.$$

By a change of ψ_2^1 and ψ_1^2 , we can write

$$T_{2\bar{1}}^1 = T_{2\bar{2}}^1 = T_{1\bar{2}}^1 = T_{1\bar{1}}^2 = T_{1\bar{2}}^2 = T_{1\bar{2}}^2 = 0,$$

Respecting $\psi_1^1 + \psi_2^2 = \bar{\psi}_1^1 + \bar{\psi}_2^2 = \psi_0^0$, we can write

$$T_{1\bar{1}}^1 = T_{2\bar{1}}^2 = V_1 \text{ and } T_{2\bar{2}}^2 = T_{1\bar{2}}^1 = V_2,$$

thus (3.8) becomes

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{cases} d\pi^0 = -\psi_0^0 \wedge \pi^0 + \frac{i}{2}(\bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 - \pi^1 \wedge \pi^2), \\ d\pi^1 = -\psi_0^1 \wedge \pi^0 - \psi_1^1 \wedge \pi^1 - \psi_2^1 \wedge \pi^2 + V_1 \pi^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 + V_2 \pi^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 + U_1 \bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2, \\ d\pi^2 = -\psi_0^2 \wedge \pi^0 - \psi_1^2 \wedge \pi^1 - \psi_2^2 \wedge \pi^2 + V_1 \pi^2 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 + V_2 \pi^2 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 + U_2 \bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2, \\ d\bar{\pi}^1 = -\bar{\psi}_0^1 \wedge \pi^0 - \bar{\psi}_1^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 - \bar{\psi}_2^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 + \bar{V}_1 \bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \pi^1 + \bar{V}_2 \bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \pi^2 + \bar{U}_1 \pi^1 \wedge \pi^2, \\ d\bar{\pi}^2 = -\bar{\psi}_0^2 \wedge \pi^0 - \bar{\psi}_1^2 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 - \bar{\psi}_2^2 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 + \bar{V}_1 \bar{\pi}^2 \wedge \pi^1 + \bar{V}_2 \bar{\pi}^2 \wedge \pi^2 + \bar{U}_2 \pi^1 \wedge \pi^2, \end{cases}$$

¹*, * $\in \{1, 2, \bar{1}, \bar{2}\}$

here V_i and U_i are the new coefficients of torsion which are expressed in terms of T_{**}^i . After calculating $0 \equiv d(d\pi^0)$, we have

$$U_1 = -2\bar{V}_2, \quad U_2 = 2\bar{V}_1.$$

We calculate $d(d\pi^1) \equiv 0$ and $d(d\pi^2) \equiv 0$, thus we have the relation mod $\{\pi^0, \pi^1, \pi^2\}$.

$$(3.10) \quad 0 \equiv d \begin{pmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{i}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_0^1 \\ \psi_0^2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1^1 & \psi_2^1 \\ \psi_1^2 & \psi_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \end{pmatrix} - \psi_0^0 \begin{pmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let G_1 -structure $B_1 \subset B$ in which $\tau^1 = \tau^2 = 0$ and φ_0^1, φ_0^2 are semi-basic, we consider the projector $\Phi : B \rightarrow B_1$ such that, for $x \in B$ we associate $x.g_0$ is a submersion which respects fibers. Thus G_1 is a sub-group acting over B_1 generated by matrices of the form

$$(3.11) \quad g_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{A} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Denote by

$$\psi_0^i = P_0^i \pi^0 + P_*^i \pi^*, \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\psi}_0^i = \bar{P}_0^i \pi^0 + \bar{P}_*^i \pi^*,$$

then the structure equations read

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{cases} d\pi^0 = -\psi_0^0 \wedge \pi^0 + \frac{i}{2}(\bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 - \pi^1 \wedge \pi^2), \\ d\pi^1 = -\psi_1^1 \wedge \pi^1 - \psi_2^1 \wedge \pi^2 - P_*^1 \pi^* \wedge \pi^0, \\ d\pi^2 = -\psi_1^2 \wedge \pi^1 - \psi_2^2 \wedge \pi^2 + P_*^2 \pi^* \wedge \pi^0, \end{cases}$$

the same way as previous, we absorb the torsion, respecting the condition $\psi_1^1 + \psi_2^2 = \psi_0^0$

$$(3.13) \quad \begin{cases} d\pi^0 = -\psi_0^0 \wedge \pi^0 + \frac{i}{2}(\bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 - \pi^1 \wedge \pi^2), \\ d\pi^1 = -\psi_1^1 \wedge \pi^1 - \psi_2^1 \wedge \pi^2 - P\pi^1 \wedge \pi^0 - P_1^1 \bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \pi^0 - P_2^1 \bar{\pi}^2 \wedge \pi^0, \\ d\pi^2 = -\psi_1^2 \wedge \pi^1 - \psi_2^2 \wedge \pi^2 - P\pi^2 \wedge \pi^0 - P_1^2 \bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \pi^0 - P_2^2 \bar{\pi}^2 \wedge \pi^0, \end{cases}$$

Respecting $\psi_1^1 + \psi_2^2 = \bar{\psi}_1^1 + \bar{\psi}_2^2 = \psi_0^0$, we can show

$$(3.14) \quad P + \bar{P} = 0.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -d\psi_0^0 \wedge \pi^0 + \frac{i}{2}\psi_0^0 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 - \frac{i}{2}\psi_0^0 \wedge \pi^1 \wedge \pi^2 \\ &+ \frac{i}{2}d\bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 - \frac{i}{2}\bar{\pi}^1 \wedge d\bar{\pi}^2 - \frac{i}{2}d\pi^1 \wedge \pi^2 + \frac{i}{2}\pi^1 \wedge d\pi^2, \end{aligned}$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} 2id\psi_0^0 \wedge \pi^0 &= (2\bar{P}\bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 - 2P\pi^1 \wedge \pi^2 - (P_1^2 + \bar{P}_1^2)\pi^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 + (\bar{P}_1^1 - P_2^2)\pi^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 \\ &+ (P_1^1 - \bar{P}_2^2)\pi^2 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 + (\bar{P}_2^1 - P_2^1)\pi^2 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2) \wedge \pi^0, \end{aligned}$$

thus

$$P - \bar{P} = 0,$$

for (3.14), then we have

$$P = 0,$$

then (3.13) reads

$$(3.15) \quad \begin{cases} d\pi^0 = -\psi_0^0 \wedge \pi^0 + \frac{i}{2}(\bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 - \pi^1 \wedge \pi^2), \\ d\pi^1 = -\psi_1^1 \wedge \pi^1 - \psi_2^1 \wedge \pi^2 - P_1^1 \bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \pi^0 - P_2^1 \bar{\pi}^2 \wedge \pi^0, \\ d\pi^2 = -\psi_1^2 \wedge \pi^1 - \psi_2^2 \wedge \pi^2 - P_1^2 \bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \pi^0 - P_2^2 \bar{\pi}^2 \wedge \pi^0, \end{cases}$$

in particular

$$(3.16) \quad \begin{aligned} 2id\psi_0^0 &= -(P_1^2 + \bar{P}_1^2)\pi^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 + (\bar{P}_1^1 - P_2^2)\pi^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 \\ &+ (P_1^1 - \bar{P}_2^2)\pi^2 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 + (\bar{P}_2^1 - P_2^1)\pi^2 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2. \end{aligned}$$

We define a pair of 2×2 matrix-valued functions on B_1 by

$$S_1 = \begin{pmatrix} P_1^1 + \bar{P}_2^2 & \bar{P}_2^1 + P_2^1 \\ P_1^2 - \bar{P}_1^2 & \bar{P}_1^1 + P_2^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_2 = \begin{pmatrix} P_1^1 - \bar{P}_2^2 & \bar{P}_2^1 - P_2^1 \\ P_1^2 + \bar{P}_1^2 & \bar{P}_1^1 - P_2^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Theorem 3.4. *An elliptic Monge-Ampère system $(\mathcal{M}, \varepsilon)$ satisfies $S_1 = S_2 = 0$ if and only if it is locally equivalent to the Monge-Ampère system for the linear homogeneous Laplace equations.*

Proof. If $S_2 = 0$, then ψ_0^0 is closed, from (3.16), $S_2 = 0$ if and only if for some 1-form α we have

$$d\psi_0^0 = \alpha \wedge \pi^0.$$

But $dd = 0$, hence $0 \equiv -\alpha \wedge d\pi^0$, which gives

$$\alpha \equiv 0 \text{ mo}\{\pi^0\}$$

Conversely, if $d\psi_0^0 = 0$, then $S_2 = 0$. In case $S_1 = S_2 = 0$, then $d\psi_0^0 = 0$, thus we can locally find a function $\lambda > 0$ such that

$$\psi_0^0 = \lambda^{-1}d\lambda.$$

In case $S_1 = S_2 = 0$ we can find

$$d(\pi^1 \wedge \pi^2) = -\psi_0^0 \pi^1 \wedge \pi^2,$$

hence, we can write

$$d(\lambda\omega^1 \wedge \omega^4) = d(\lambda\omega^3 \wedge \omega^2) = d(\lambda\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2) = d(\lambda\omega^3 \wedge \omega^4) = 0.$$

Then locally by (2.5) there exist a functions x, y, p and q such that

$$\begin{aligned} -dp \wedge dx &= \lambda\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2, \\ -dq \wedge dy &= \lambda\omega^3 \wedge \omega^4, \\ -dp \wedge dy &= \lambda\omega^1 \wedge \omega^4, \\ -dq \wedge dx &= \lambda\omega^3 \wedge \omega^2, \end{aligned}$$

Not that

$$d(\lambda\pi^0) = d(\lambda\omega^0) = \frac{i}{2}(\bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 - \pi^1 \wedge \pi^2) = \lambda(\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2 + \omega^3 \wedge \omega^4) = -dp \wedge dx - dq \wedge dy.$$

By Poincaré lemma, locally there is exist a function z , such that

$$\lambda\omega^0 = dz - pdx - qdy.$$

Then, in local coordinates, the elliptic Monge-Ampère system is

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &= \{\omega^0, \omega^1 \wedge \omega^2 + \omega^3 \wedge \omega^4, \omega^1 \wedge \omega^4 - \omega^3 \wedge \omega^2\} \\ &= \{dz - pdx - qdy, -dp \wedge dx - dq \wedge dy, -dp \wedge dy + dq \wedge dx\}. \end{aligned}$$

■

It's natural to ask about the situation in which $S_2 = 0$, but possibly $S_1 \neq 0$.

Theorem 3.5. *An elliptic Monge-Ampère system $(\mathcal{M}, \varepsilon)$ satisfies $S_2 = 0$ if and only if it is locally equivalent to an Euler-Lagrange system.*

Proof. The condition for ε to contain a Poincaré-Cartan form

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &= \frac{1}{2} \lambda \pi^0 \wedge (\bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 + \pi^1 \wedge \pi^2) \\ &= \lambda \omega^0 \wedge (\omega^1 \wedge \omega^4 - \omega^3 \wedge \omega^2). \end{aligned}$$

We can assume that Π to be closed for some $\lambda > 0$ on B_1 . By differentiating then

$$0 = (d\lambda - 2\lambda\psi_0^0) \wedge \omega^0 \wedge (\omega^1 \wedge \omega^4 - \omega^3 \wedge \omega^2).$$

Exterior algebra, for some function μ , say

$$d\lambda - 2\lambda\psi_0^0 = \mu\lambda\omega^0.$$

In other words,

$$d(\log \lambda) - 2\psi_0^0 = \mu\omega^0.$$

Hence

$$d\psi_0^0 \equiv 0 \pmod{\{\omega^0\}}.$$

But we know that

$$d\omega^0 = \omega^1 \wedge \omega^2 + \omega^3 \wedge \omega^4.$$

Then (3.16), gives $S_2 = 0$. ■

3.4. Remark in Cartan’s test.

Definition 3.6. If (π^0, π^1, π^2) be a lifted coframe, then the associated Exterior Differential System, with equivalence condition $\pi^0 \wedge \pi^1 \wedge \pi^2 \wedge \bar{\pi}^1 \wedge \bar{\pi}^2 \neq 0$, it is involutive if and only if it satisfies the test of Cartan.

To apply equivalence method to some problem there are several steps, one important is Cartan’s test. If the problem is involutive we can conclude, if this is not the case, it is necessary to extend the system to continue. We begin, for example, to test the involution in the elliptic case. To find this, it is a process to follow [12, 10], in (3.15), we have $r = 5$ and $n = 3$; to find the reduced characters of Cartan, replace in (3.15) ψ_j^i by $z_{j0}^i \pi^0 + z_{j1}^i \pi^1 + z_{j2}^i \pi^2$, we can show

$$(3.17) \quad \begin{cases} z_{0j}^0 = 0 & j = 0, \dots, 2, \\ z_{10}^1 = 0, & z_{11}^1 = z_{12}^2, \\ z_{20}^1 = 0, & z_{12}^1 = z_{21}^1, z_{22}^1, \\ z_{10}^2 = 0, & z_{11}^2, \end{cases}$$

The four parameters $z_{11}^1, z_{12}^1, z_{22}^1, z_{11}^2$ can be chosen arbitrarily, thus the degree of indeterminacy $r^{(1)}$ of a lifted coframe is the number of free variables in the solution to the associated linear absorption system

$$r^{(1)} = 4.$$

Let be $X = (x^0, \dots, x^2) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and the matrix M of size 3×4 define by

$$M(X) := M_k^l(X) := \sum_{j=0}^2 A_{jk}^l x^j, \quad i = 0, \dots, 2, \quad \binom{l}{k} \in \binom{0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2}{0, 1, 2, 1},$$

where A_{jk}^l are a coefficients define in (3.15). In other words

$$M(X) = (A_{0k}^l(x^0) + A_{1k}^l(x^1) + A_{2k}^l(x^2))_{\substack{0 \leq i \leq 2 \\ \binom{l}{k} \in \binom{0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2}{0, 1, 2, 1}}}.$$

Thus

$$M(X) = \begin{pmatrix} -x^0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -x^1 & -x^2 & 0 \\ -x^2 & x^2 & 0 & -x^1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For $X = (-1, -1, 0)$, thus

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

If we denote by s'_1, \dots, s'_3 the reduced characters Cartan then

$$s'_1 = 3.$$

Now, for $X = (x^0, \dots, x^2)$ and $Y = (y^0, \dots, y^2)$, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} M(X) \\ M(Y) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x^0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -x^1 & -x^2 & 0 \\ -x^2 & x^2 & 0 & -x^1 \\ -y^0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -y^1 & -y^2 & 0 \\ -y^2 & y^2 & 0 & -y^1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For $X = (-1, -1, 0)$ and $Y = (0, 0, -1)$, we have $s'_1 + s'_2 = 4$, thus

$$s'_2 = 1.$$

Or we have $s'_1 + s'_2 + s'_3 = r = 4$, then

$$s'_3 = 0,$$

thus we have

$$s'_1 + 2s'_2 + 3s'_3 = 5 > r^{(1)} = 4.$$

Hence the system (3.15) is not satisfies Cartan's test, thus it's necessary to extend the system to continue. Note that before the step of normalizing, the system (3.9) satisfies Cartan's test, I gave a proof of this in my thesis [11]. This leads to further investigations.

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