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**CHARACTERISATION OF A FOUR-DIMENSIONAL
RIEMANNIAN MANIFOLDS BY CHARACTERISTIC
COEFFICIENTS OF JACOBI OPERATOR**

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In the present paper we investigate 4-dimensional Riemannian manifolds (M, g) for which two of the characteristic coefficients of the Jacobi operator R_X are a pointwise constants at any point $p \in M$.

Let (M, g) be a four-dimensional Riemannian manifold with a metric tensor g and ∇ let be an uniquely Levi-Civita connection induced by a metric g . Let R be a curvature tensor of the manifold defined as bilinear mapping by the equality $R(x, y) = [\nabla_X, \nabla_Y] - \nabla_{[x, y]}$, where x, y are arbitrary tangent vectors in the tangent space M_p at a point $p \in M$, and $[\cdot, \cdot]$ are Lie brackets. The *Jacobi operator* R_X is a symmetric linear operator of the tangent space M_p at a point $p \in M$ defined by the equality $R_X(u) = R(u, X, X)$ [5]. For the matrix of R_X with respect to an arbitrary orthonormal Lorentzian basis in M_p of type (1) we have the entries $a_{ij} = R(e_i, X, X, e_j)$; $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Since X is an eigenvector of R_X with a corresponding eigenvalue 0, then the characteristic equation $\det(a_{ij} - cg_{ij}) = 0$ of R_X can be represented by $\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k J_k c^{n-k}$, where $J_0 = 1$, $J_n = 0$; $J_i = J_i(p; X)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Because of $J_1(p; X) = \text{trace } R_X = \rho(X)$, where ρ is the Ricci tensor on M , then $\text{trace } R_X$ is a pointwise constant on the manifold (by $\dim M \geq 3$) if and only if (M, g) is an Einstein Lorentzian manifold. The problem about a global constancy of the eigenvalues of R_X was created in Riemannian geometry from Bob Osserman [5] and the manifolds satisfying this hypothesis was called *globally Osserman manifolds* [6] and it was proved from Chi [1] that (M, g) is a *globally Osserman manifolds* if and only if (M, g) locally is a rank one symmetric space or (M, g) is flat when $\dim M = 4$ or m is odd or if $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$. Manifolds for which eigenvalues of R_X are pointwise constants on M are called *point-wise Osserman manifolds* and was investigated in [6]. In the case $\dim M = 4$ the Jacobi operator R_X has the following characteristic equation: $c(c^3 - J_1 c^2 + J_2 c - J_3) = 0$. Let p be a fixed point of M and let e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 be an orthonormal basis in the tangent space M_p . Using the characteristic

equation of the Jacobi operator $R_{ae_1+be_2}$ for any real numbers a, b ($a^2 + b^2 = 1$) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
J_2(p; ae_1 + be_2) &= a^4(K_{13}K_{14} - R_{3114}^2) + b^4(K_{23}K_{24} - R_{3224}^2) \\
&\quad + 2a^3b(K_{13}R_{1442} + K_{14})R_{1332} - (R_{3124} + R_{3214})_{3114}) \\
&\quad + a^2b^2(K_{13}K_{24} + 4R_{1332}R_{1442} + K_{14}K_{23} - (R_{3124} + R_{3214})^2 - 2R_{3114}R_{3224}) \\
(1) \quad &\quad + 2ab^3(K_{24}R_{1332} + K_{23}R_{1442} - (R_{3124} + R_{3214})R_{3224}) \\
&\quad + 2ab(K_{12}(R_{1332} + R_{1442}) + R_{2113}R_{1223} + R_{2114}R_{1224}) \\
&\quad + a^2(K_{12}K_{13} + K_{12}K_{14} - R_{2113}^2 - R_{2114}^2) \\
&\quad + b^2(K_{12}K_{23} + K_{12}K_{24} - R_{1223}^2 - R_{1224}^2),
\end{aligned}$$

$$J_3(p; ae_1 + be_2) =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\quad a^4(2R_{2113}R_{3114}R_{2114} + K_{12}K_{13}K_{14} - K_{12}R_{3114}^2 - K_{13}R_{2114}^2 - K_4R_{2113}^2) \\
&\quad + 2a^3b(R_{2114}R_{2113}(R_{3124} + R_{3214}) - R_{2113}R_{3114}R_{1224} - R_{1223}R_{3114}R_{2114} \\
&\quad + K_{12}K_{14}R_{1332} + K_{12}K_{13}R_{1442} - K_{12}(R_{3124} + R_{3214})R_{3114} \\
&\quad - R_{1332}R_{2114}^2 + K_{13}R_{2114}R_{1224} + K_{14}R_{2113}R_{1223} - R_{1442}R_{2113}^2) \\
&\quad + a^2b^2(K_{12}K_{13}K_{24} + 4K_{12}R_{1442} - 2R_{1224}R_{2113}(R_{3124} + R_{3214}) \\
&\quad + K_{12}K_{14}K_{24} + 2R_{1223}R_{3224}R_{2114} - 2R_{1223}R_{3114}R_{1224} \\
&\quad - 2(R_{3124} + R_{3214})R_{1223}R_{2114} - K_{23}R_{2114}^2 + 4R_{1332}R_{2114}R_{1224} - K_{13}R_{1224}^2 \\
&\quad - K_{12}(R_{3124} + R_{3214})^2 - 2K_{12}R_{3114}R_{3224} - K_{24}R_{2113}^2 + 4R_{1442}R_{2113}R_{1223} \\
&\quad - K_{14}R_{1223}^2) + 2ab^3(K_{12}K_{23}R_{1442} + K_{12}K_{24}R_{1332} - R_{2113}R_{3224}R_{1224} \\
&\quad - R_{1224}R_{1223}(R_{3124} + R_{3214}) - R_{2114}R_{1223}(R_{3124} + R_{3214}) \\
&\quad + K_{23}R_{2114}R_{1224} - R_{1224}^2R_{1332} - K_{12}R_{3224}(R_{3124} + R_{3214}) \\
&\quad + K_{24}R_{1223}R_{2113} - R_{1223}^2R_{1442}) \\
&\quad + b^4(K_{12}K_{23}K_{24} - 2R_{1223}R_{3224}R_{1224} - K_{12}R_{3224}^2 - K_{23}R_{1224}^2 - K_{24}R_{1223}^2).
\end{aligned}$$

Suppose e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 are eigenvectors of the Jacobi operator R_{e_1} . Then we have equalities $R_{2113} = R_{2114} = R_{3114} = 0$. From the condition $J_2(p; ae_1 + be_2) = J_2(p; -ae_1 + be_2)$ and (1) we obtain the system

$$\begin{aligned}
&\quad (K_{12} + K_{13})R_{1442} + (K_{12} + K_{14})R_{1332} = 0, \\
(2) \quad &\quad (K_{12} + K_{13})R_{1443} + (K_{13} + K_{14})R_{1223} = 0, \\
&\quad (K_{12} + K_{14})R_{1334} + (K_{13} + K_{14})R_{1224} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Also from the condition $J_3(p; ae_1 + be_3) = J_3(p; -ae_1 + be_3)$ and according to (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
K_{12}(K_{13}R_{1442} + K_{14}R_{1332}) &= 0, & K_{13}(K_{14}R_{1223} + K_{12}R_{1443}) &= 0, \\
K_{14}(K_{12}R_{1334} + K_{13}R_{1224}) &= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Suppose $J_3(p; e_1) = K_{12}K_{13}K_{14}$ is different from zero. Then all eigenvalues $K_{12}, K_{13},$

K_{14} of R_{e_1} are different from zero. From the last system we receive:

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} K_{12}R_{1334} + K_{13}R_{1224} &= 0, \\ K_{12}R_{1443} + K_{14}R_{1223} &= 0, \\ K_{13}R_{1442} + K_{14}R_{1332} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now from (2) and (3) we obtain following two systems:

$$(4) \quad (K_{12} - K_{13})R_{1334} = 0, \quad (K_{13} - K_{14})R_{1442} = 0, \quad (K_{12} - K_{14})R_{1223} = 0;$$

$$(5) \quad R_{1442} + R_{1332} = 0, \quad R_{1443} + R_{1223} = 0, \quad R_{1334} + R_{1224} = 0.$$

From the eigenvalues of the Jacobi operator R_{e_1} we have the following possibilities:

$$(6) \quad K_{12} = K_{13} = K_{14};$$

$$(7) \quad K_{12} \neq K_{13} \neq K_{14}$$

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{Two of eigenvalues of } R_{e_1} \text{ are equal for example } K_{12} = K_{13} \\ &\text{and also } K_{12} = K_{13} \neq K_{14}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose (6) holds. Then from arbitrariness of e_1 it follows that (M, g) is a space of constant sectional curvature K_{12} at a fixed point $p \in M$, i.e. $R(x, y, z) = \mu(g(y, z)x - g(x, z)y)$, for any $x, y, z \in M_p$.

Suppose (7) is hold. Then from the system(4) we obtain

$$(9) \quad R_{1jjk} = 0, \quad j \neq k \quad (j, k = 1, 2, 3, 4),$$

and then from the equalities (3), (4) and (10) it follows that

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} J_2(p; e_1) &= K_{12}K_{13} + K_{12}K_{14} + K_{13}K_{14}, \\ J_3(p; e_1) &= K_{12}K_{13}K_{14}; \\ J_2(p; e_2) &= K_{12}K_{23} + K_{12}K_{24} + K_{23}K_{24} - R_{3224}^2, \\ J_3(p; e_2) &= K_{12}K_{23}K_{24} - K_{12}R_{3224}^2; \\ J_2(p; e_3) &= K_{13}K_{23} + K_{13}K_{34} + K_{23}K_{34} - R_{2334}^2, \\ J_3(p; e_3) &= K_{13}K_{23}K_{34} - K_{13}R_{2334}^2; \\ J_2(p; e_4) &= K_{14}K_{24} + K_{14}K_{34} + K_{24}K_{34} - R_{2443}^2, \\ J_3(p; e_4) &= K_{12}K_{24}K_{34} - K_{14}^2R_{2443}^2. \end{aligned}$$

From the condition $J_3(p; e_1) = J_3(p; e_2)$ we have $K_{12}K_{13}K_{14} = K_{12}(K_{23}K_{24} - R_{3224}^2)$ and since $K_{12} \neq 0$, then from the last equality we have:

$$(11) \quad K_{13}K_{14} = K_{23}K_{24} - R_{3224}^2.$$

From the condition $J_2(p; e_1) = J_2(p; e_2)$ we receive $K_{12}K_{13} + K_{12}K_{14} + K_{13}K_{14} = K_{12}K_{23} + K_{12}K_{24} + K_{23}K_{24} - R_{3224}^2$. Now from the last equality and (11) it follows that $K_{12}(K_{13} + K_{14}) = K_{12}(K_{23} + K_{24})$ and since $K_{12} \neq 0$ then we obtain $K_{13} + K_{14} = K_{23} + K_{24}$. Further using the conditions $J_2(p; e_1) = J_2(p; e_3) = J_2(p; e_4)$, $J_3(p; e_1) = J_3(p; e_3) = J_3(p; e_4)$ and (10) we have $K_{12} + K_{14} = K_{23} + K_{34}$, $K_{12} + K_{13} = K_{24} + K_{34}$. Thus the pointwise conditions of the characteristic coefficients $J_2(p; e_1)$ and

$J_3(p; e_1)$ give us the system

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} K_{12} + K_{13} &= K_{24} + K_{34}, \\ K_{12} + K_{14} &= K_{23} + K_{34}, \\ K_{13} + K_{14} &= K_{23} + K_{24}, \end{aligned}$$

and from this system we obtain directly

$$(13) \quad K_{12} = K_{34}, \quad K_{13} = K_{24}, \quad K_{14} = K_{23}.$$

From here and from the condition

$$J_2(p; e_1) = J_2(p; e_2) = J_2(p; e_3) = J_2(p; e_4),$$

it follows that

$$(14) \quad R_{ijk} = 0, \quad i \neq j \neq k, \quad (i, j, k = 1, 2, 3, 4).$$

The equalities (13) and (14) means that eigenvalues of the Jacobi operator R_{e_1} formed a Singer-Thorpe basis in the tangent space M_p . Following [3] we use the standard denoting: $K_{12} = K_{34} = 1$, $K_{13} = K_{24} = 2$, $K_{14} = K_{23} = 3$, $R_{1234} = 1$, $R_{1342} = 2$, $R_{1423} = 3$. Then from the characteristic equation of $R_{ae_1+be_2}$ ($a^2 + b^2 = 1$; $a, b \in R$) we have:

$$(c - \lambda_1)(c^2 - (\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)c + \lambda_2\lambda_3 + a^2b^2((\lambda_2 - \lambda_3)^2 + (\mu_2 - \mu_3)^2)) = 0,$$

and from here it follows that

$$J_2(p; ae_1 + be_2) = \lambda_1(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3) + \lambda_2\lambda_3 + a^2b^2((\lambda_2 - \lambda_3)^2 + (\mu_2 - \mu_3)^2).$$

If the characteristic polynomial of the Jacobi operator R_{e_1} is a point-wise constant, then we obtain the equality $\lambda_2 - \lambda_3 = +(\mu_2 - \mu_3)$. Analogously from the pointwise conditions of the characteristic coefficients $J_2(p; ae_1 + be_3)$ and $J_2(p; ae_1 + be_4)$ we obtain two equalities $\lambda_3 - \lambda_1 = +(\mu_3 - \mu_1)$ and $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = +(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$. Hence we have the system

$$\lambda_2 - \lambda_3 = \pm(\mu_2 - \mu_3), \quad \lambda_3 - \lambda_1 = \pm(\mu_3 - \mu_1), \quad \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = \pm(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$$

and according to the results in [3] we obtain that (M, g) is a pointwise constant at the fixed point p of M .

If we have (8), then using (7) we receive:

$$(15) \quad R_{1442} = R_{1443} = R_{1223} = R_{1332} = 0$$

and the characteristic equation of the Jacobi operator $R_{ae_1+be_2}$ with respect to the orthonormal basis $ae_1 + be_2, -be_1 + ae_2, e_3, e_4$, has the form

$$\begin{vmatrix} K_{12} - c & 0 & bR_{1224} \\ 0 & a^2K_{13} + b^2K_{23} - c & b^2R_{3224} + ab(R_{3124} + R_{3214}) \\ bR_{1224} & b^2R_{3224} + ab(R_{3124} + R_{3214}) & a^2K_{14} + b^2K_{24} - c \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

From here it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} J_3(p; ae_1 + be_3) &= K_{12}((a^2K_{13} + b^2K_{23})(a^2K_{14} + b^2K_{24}) - (b^2R_{3224} + ab(R_{3124} + R_{3214})^2)) \\ &\quad - b^2R_{1224}^2(a^2K_{13} + b^2K_{23}). \end{aligned}$$

According to our assumption this coefficient to be a pointwise constant we obtain $K_{23}R_{1334} = K_{23}R_{1224} = 0$. Then we have $R_{1334} = R_{1224} = 0$ or $K_{23} = 0$. In the first case we have

the equalities (10)–(15) again and from these equalities it follows that (M, g) is a space of constant sectional curvature at a fixed point p .

In the case $K_{23} = 0$ from the pointwise condition $J_2(p; e_1) = J_2(p; e_2)$ we obtain that $K_{12}(K_{13} + K_{14}) - K_{13}K_{14} = K_{12}K_{24}$ and hence $K_{13}K_{14} = 0$. Then $J_3(p; e_1) = 0$ which contradict with our assumption $J_3(p; e_1) = K_{12}K_{13}K_{14} \neq 0$.

Suppose $J_3(p; e_1) = K_{12}K_{13}K_{14} = 0$. Now we have the following logistic possibilities:

- a) $K_{12} = K_{13} = K_{14} = 0$ – then (M, g) is flat at a fixed point p .
- b) $K_{12} \neq 0, K_{13} = K_{14} = 0$. Then $K_{12} = \text{trace } R_{e_1} = \frac{\tau}{4}$, where τ is a scalar curvature on the manifold and hence the eigenvalues of the Jacobi R_{e_1} are constants.
- c) Let $K_{12} \neq 0, K_{13} \neq 0, K_{14} \neq 0$. Then from (10) it follows that

$$K_{12}(K_{23}K_{24} - R_{3224}^2) = K_{12}(K_{23}K_{24} - R_{2334}^2) = K_{12}K_{24}K_{34} = 0,$$

and from here we have

$$(16) \quad K_{23}K_{24} - R_{3224}^2 = K_{23}K_{24} - R_{2334}^2 = K_{24}K_{34} = 0$$

and (10) again. Hence

$$(17) \quad J_2 = K_{12}K_{13} = K_{12}(K_{23} + K_{24}) = K_{13}(K_{23} + K_{34}) = -R_{2443}^2.$$

From here we receive:

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} K_{12} &= K_{23} + K_{24}, \\ K_{13} &= K_{23} + K_{34}. \end{aligned}$$

If $K_{23}K_{24} = 0$, then at least one of the sectional curvature K_{23}, K_{24} is equal to zero. If $K_{23} = K_{24} = 0$, then all eigenvalues of the Jacobi operator R_{e_1} are equal at a fixed point p .

Suppose one of the sectional curvature K_{23}, K_{24} is different from zero, say K_{24} , then from (18) we have

$$(19) \quad K_{12} = K_{23}, \quad K_{13} = K_{23} + K_{24},$$

and from here and (17) it follows that

$$R_{2334}^2 = -K_{12}K_{23}.$$

From the last equality, (17) and (19) we obtain:

$$R_{2334}^2 = K_{23}K_{24} = K_{13}(K_{12} - K_{23}) = K_{12}K_{13} - K_{23}^2 = -R_{2443}^2 - K_{12}^2.$$

Then $R_{2334}^2 + R_{2443}^2 + K_{12}^2 = 0$ and from here it follows that $K_{12} = 0$ which contradict with a hypothesis $K_{12} \neq 0$. From the result above we can formulate

Theorem 1. *Let (M, g) be a 4-dimensional Riemannian manifold such that the characteristic coefficients $J_2(p; x)$ and $J_3(p; x)$ of the Jacobi operator R_X are a pointwise constants for any unit tangent vector $X \in S_pM$ and at any fixed point $p \in M$. If e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 is orthonormal basis in the tangent space M_p we have one of the following possibilities:*

- a) e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 is a Singer Thorpe basis such that $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$,
- b) e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 is a Singer Thorpe basis such that $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 \neq 0$,
- c) e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 is an arbitrary orthonormal basis such that $K_{12} = \frac{\tau}{4}, K_{13} = K_{14} = 0$,

d) e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 is a Singer Thorpe basis such that

$$\lambda_2 - \lambda_3 = +(\mu_2 - \mu_3), \lambda_3 - \lambda_1 = +(\mu_3 - \mu_1), \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = +(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$$

and at least two of the invariants $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ are different.

Theorem 2. *Let (M, g) be a four-dimensional Riemannian manifold such that the characteristic coefficients $J_2(p; x)$ and $J_3(p; x)$ of the Jacobi operator R_X are a pointwise constants for each unit tangent vector $X \in M_p$ and at any fixed point $p \in M$. Then (M, g) locally is almost every where one of the following types of the manifolds:*

- a) a flat manifold,
- b) a space of constant sectional curvature,
- c) a pointwise Osserman manifold.

Proof. Let the set of all points on M is such that the number of eigenavlues of the Jacobi operator R_{e_1} is a locally constant. Because of R_{e_1} is a symmetric linear operator, then this set is almost everywhere open and dense on M [2]. Because of $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ are eigenvalues of the Jacobi operator R_{e_1} , then from Theorem 1 we have one of the possibilities a)–d). If we have a) and b), then (M, g) is respectively a flat manifold and a space of constant sectional curvature on Ω . If c) holds, then (M, g) locally is a globally Osserman manifold which contradict the result of Chi [1] that in this case the eigenvalues of Jacobi operator R_X are equal to 1 and $\frac{1}{4}$. Finally if d) holds, then (M, g) is a pointwise Osserman manifold on Ω .

In our paper [7] we have obtained the following results:

Theorem 3. *Let (M, g) be a 4-dimensional Riemannian manifold such that the characteristic coefficients $J_1(p; X)$ and $J_2(p, X)$ of the Jacobi operator R_X are a point-wise constants. Then all eigen values R_X are also point-wise constants and the same is also true for the characteristic coefficient $J_2(p; X)$.*

Theorem 4. *Let (M, g) be a 4-dimensional Riemannian manifold such that the characteristic coefficients $J_1(p; X)$ and $J_3(p, X) \neq 0$ of the Jacobi operator R_X are a point-wise constants. Then all eigen values R_X are also point-wise constants and the same is also true for the characteristic coefficient $J_2(p; X)$.*

Finally we can formulate the main result:

Theorem 5. *Let (M, g) be a 4-dimensional Riemannian manifold such that two of the characteristic coefficients of a non-degenerated Jacobi operator R_X are a point-wise constants for any unit tangent vector $X \in M_p$ and at any fixed point $p \in M$. Then (M, g) locally is one of the following types of manifolds:*

- a) a flat manifold,
- b) a space of constant sectional curvature,
- c) a pointwise Osserman manifold.

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ХАРАКТЕРИЗИРАНЕ НА ЧЕТИРИМЕРНИ РИМАНОВИ МНОГООБРАЗИЯ ЧРЕЗ ХАРАКТЕРИСТИЧНИТЕ КОЕФИЦИЕНТИ НА ОПЕРАТОРА НА ЯКОБИ

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В представената статия изследваме четримерните Риманови многообразия (M, g) със свойството два от характеристичните коефициенти на оператора на Якоби R_X да са точково постоянни в произволна точка от многообразието.