GEOMETRY SEMINAR

On a class of second order partial differential equations describing pseudo-spherical or spherical surfaces

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Abstract. We consider second order real partial differential equations of the form

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_{xt}=F\left(u,u_{x},v,v_{x}\right),\\ v_{xt}=G\left(u,u_{x},v,v_{x}\right), \end{array} \right.$$

describing pseudo-spherical or spherical surfaces, meaning that, their generic solutions provide metrics, with coordinates (x,t), on open subsets of the plane, with constant curvature K = -1 or K = 1. These systems can be described as integrability conditions of \mathfrak{g} -valued linear problems, with $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sl}(2,\mathbb{R})$ or $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{su}(2)$, when K = -1, K = 1, respectively. We obtain characterization and also classification results. Applications of the theory provide new examples and new families which contains systems of equations such as Pohlmeyer-Lund-Regge and Konno-Oono.

References

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