HARMONIC TORI IN QUATERNIONIC PROJECTIVE 3-SPACES

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ABSTRACT. Burstall classified conformal non-superminimal harmonic two-tori in spheres and complex projective spaces. In this paper, we shall classify conformal non-superminimal harmonic two-tori in a 2- or 3-dimensional quaternionic projective space, which are not always covered by primitive harmonic two-tori of finite type.

INTRODUCTION

The harmonic two-spheres in n -dimensional quaternionic projective space $\mathbf{H}P^n$ are studied and classified in [Ba-W]. In contrast with the case of harmonic two-spheres, there is a class of non-conformal harmonic maps for two-torus. For non-conformal harmonic two-tori in compact symmetric space of rank one, a beautiful theory is established by [B-F-P-P], which says that they are obtained by integrating certain commuting Hamiltonian flows. They called the map of this kind a map of *finite type*. However, the geometrically interesting class of harmonic maps is that of conformal ones. The (weakly) conformal harmonic maps are, again, divided into two subclasses, the class of superminimal ones and the class of non-superminimal ones. The former class is well understood and it is obtained by projecting a horizontal holomorphic map into a certain generalized flag manifold.

In [B], Burstall proved that any non-superminimal harmonic torus in a sphere or a complex projective space is covered by a *primitive* harmonic map of finite type into a certain generalized flag manifold. In the previous paper [U], the present author generalized Burstall's result to $G_2(\mathbf{C}^4)$ as target. Moreover, for the general complex Grassmann manifold as target, some sufficient conditions for a given harmonic map to be of finite type are given (see [U]).

In the present paper, we treat the harmonic two-tori in quaternionic projective space. We prove the classification theorem for non-superminimal harmonic two-tori in $\mathbf{H}P^2$ and $\mathbf{H}P^3$ (Theorems 5.1 and 5.2).

1. QUATERNIONIC PROJECTIVE SPACE AND HARMONIC SEQUENCE

Let $\mathbf{C}^{2n}$ be a $2n$ -dimensional complex number space with the standard Hermitian inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ defined by $\langle v, w \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} v_i \overline{w_i}$, where $v = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n})$, $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{2n})$. Let $\mathbf{H}$ be the division ring of quaternions and j a unit quaternion with $j^2 = -1$. The correspondence $\mathbf{C}^2 \ni (v_1, w_1) \longrightarrow v_1 + w_1 j \in \mathbf{H}$ yields an identification $\mathbf{C}^2 \cong \mathbf{H}$. In general, we have an identification $\mathbf{C}^{2n} \cong \mathbf{H}^n$. Let

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$J : \mathbf{C}^{2n} \longrightarrow \mathbf{C}^{2n}$ be the conjugate linear map given by left multiplication by j , that is,

$$J(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n}) = (-\overline{v_2}, \overline{v_1}, \dots, -\overline{v_{2n}}, \overline{v_{2n-1}}) .$$

Then, $J^2 = -I$, where I is the identity map on $\mathbf{C}^{2n}$. Let $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$ be the Grassmann manifold of all complex 2-dimensinal subspaces of $\mathbf{C}^{2n}$ with its standard Kähler structure. The quaternionic projective space $\mathbf{HP}^{n-1}$ may be regarded as the totally geodesic submanifold of $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$ as follows :

$$\mathbf{HP}^{n-1} = \{V \in G_2(\mathbf{C}^{2n}) \mid V = JV\} ,$$

that is, the set of all complex 2-dimensional subspaces of $\mathbf{C}^{2n}$ which are closed under the action of J . The inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ has the following property :

$$(1.1) \quad \langle Jv, Jw \rangle = \overline{\langle v, w \rangle} = \langle w, v \rangle \quad \text{for all } v, w \in \mathbf{C}^{2n} .$$

Let $\varphi : M \longrightarrow G_2(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$ be a smooth map of a Riemann surface. Let $V(\varphi)$ be the pull-back of universal bundle over $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$ by φ . Then, $V(\varphi)$ is a subbundle of the trivial bundle $V(\mathbf{C}^{2n}) = M \times \mathbf{C}^{2n}$. We equip $V(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$ with the standard Hermitian connected structure compatible with the Hermitian metric $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. For any subbundle F of $V(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$, we denote by $F^\perp$ the Hermitian orthogonal complement of F in $V(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$ with respect to $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. Then, F and $F^\perp$ are both equipped with the Hermitian connected structures induced from that of $V(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$. Moreover, F and $F^\perp$ both have the Koszul-Malgrange holomorphic structures. Let $A_i^{F, F^\perp}$ be the $(1, 0)$ -part of the second fundamental form of F in $V(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$. By taking the image of the second fundamental form, we may define the new subbundle F_1 of $V(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$, which is defined on M except the singularity subset S . If $A_i^{F, F^\perp}$ is a holomorphic section, S is a discrete set. In this case, the line bundle $[S]$ defined by the divisor S enables us to extend F_1 smoothly over M , which is also denoted by F_1 . Set $V_0 = V(\varphi)$. It is known that $A_i^{V_0, V_0^\perp}$ is a $\text{Hom}(V_0, V_0^\perp)$ -valued holomorphic differential if and only if φ is a harmonic map. It is also known that V_1 defines a harmonic map $\varphi_1 : M \longrightarrow G_k(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$ with $k \leq 2$, where V_1 is isomorphic to the pull-back of the universal bundle over $G_k(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$ by φ_1 . Repeating this procedure, we obtain the harmonic sequence $V_0 \rightarrow V_1 \rightarrow V_2 \rightarrow \dots$ of the bundles or the harmonic map sequence $\{\varphi_i\}$. In the case where we use $(0, 1)$ -part of the second fundamental form $A''^{F, F^\perp}$, we denote the corresponding harmonic sequence by $V_0 \leftarrow V_{-1} \leftarrow V_{-2} \leftarrow \dots$ (see [Ba-W, B-W, W]).

Definition. A harmonic map φ is said to have *strong isotropy order* r if $V_0 \perp V_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, r$ and V_{r+1} is not perpendicular to V_0 with respect to $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$. In the case of $r = \infty$, φ is said to be *strongly isotropic* or *superminimal*.

Finally, we prepare the following lemma.

Lemma 1.1. *For any subbundle F of $V(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$, we have*

$$(A_i^{JF, (JF)^\perp} \circ J)(v) = (J \circ A''^{F, F^\perp})(v) , \quad (A''^{JF, (JF)^\perp} \circ J)(v) = (J \circ A_i^{F, F^\perp})(v) ,$$

where $v \in C^\infty(F)$.

Proof. Let ∂' and ∂'' be the $(1, 0)$ - and $(0, 1)$ -differentiations, respectively, of the flat connection on $V(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$. Then, since J is a conjugate linear map, we have

$\partial' \circ J = J \circ \partial''$ and $\partial'' \circ J = J \circ \partial'$. If we denote by ∇^E the connection of the bundle E , for $v \in C^\infty(F)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}\partial'(Jv) &= \nabla'^{JF} Jv + A'^{JF, (JF)^\perp}(Jv), \\ J(\partial''v) &= J\nabla''^F v + JA''^{F, F^\perp}(v),\end{aligned}$$

where ∇'^E and ∇''^E are the $(1,0)$ - and $(0,1)$ -part of ∇^E , respectively. Since we see that $(JF)^\perp = J(F^\perp)$ by using (1.1), comparing the components of the two equations, we obtain the first desired equation. Similarly, using the equation $\partial'' \circ J = J \circ \partial'$ we obtain the second desired equation. $\square$

2. HARMONIC MAPS OF FINITE TYPE

Let G be a compact semisimple Lie group. Let $N = G/K$ be a reductive homogeneous space. We have the reductive decomposition of the Lie algebra $\mathcal{G}$ of G :

$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{K} + \mathcal{M}, \quad [\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{M}] \subset \mathcal{M},$$

where $\mathcal{K}$ is the Lie algebra of K and $\mathcal{M}$ is identified with the tangent space T_oN of N at the base point o . Suppose that there is an (inner) automorphism $\tau : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ of order k with fixed set $\mathcal{K}$. Set $\zeta = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/k)$. Then, the complexification $\mathcal{G}^{\mathbb{C}}$ of $\mathcal{G}$ is decomposed as

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{G}^{\mathbb{C}} = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_k} \mathcal{G}_i$$

where $\mathcal{G}_i$ is the ζ^i -eigenspace of τ . We have

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}^{\mathbb{C}} &= \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \mathcal{G}_i, & \mathcal{K}^{\mathbb{C}} &= \mathcal{G}_0, \\ \overline{\mathcal{G}}_i &= \mathcal{G}_{-i} & [\mathcal{G}_i, \mathcal{G}_j] &\subset \mathcal{G}_{i+j}\end{aligned}$$

The map $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow T_xN$ given by $\xi \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \big|_{t=0} \exp t\xi \cdot x$ restricts to an isomorphism $\text{Adg}\mathcal{M} \rightarrow T_xN$. We denote the inverse map by $\beta : T_xN \rightarrow \text{Adg}\mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{G}$ and we may regard β as a $\mathcal{G}$ -valued 1-form on N , which is called Maurer-Cartan form of N (see [B-R]). In this situation, N becomes a k -symmetric space in the sense of Kowalski ([K]). Define the bundle $[\mathcal{G}_i]$ by $[\mathcal{G}_i]_x = \text{Adg} \cdot \mathcal{G}_i$ for $x = g \cdot o$.

Let $\psi : M \rightarrow N$ be a smooth map of a Riemann surface.

Definition. ψ is said to be a *primitive* map if $\psi^*\beta(\partial/\partial z)$ is $[\mathcal{G}_1]$ -valued.

In the case of $k = 2$, the primitive map condition is meaningless because $\mathcal{M}^{\mathbb{C}} = \mathcal{G}_1$. For $k > 2$, any primitive map ψ is a harmonic map ([B, B-P]). Let $F : M \rightarrow G$ be a (local) lift of $\psi : M \rightarrow N$ with projection given by $F \rightarrow F \cdot o$. Such F always exists locally and is called a *framing* of ψ .

Now, suppose that G is a matrix group. Set $\alpha = F^{-1}dF$. Write $\alpha = \alpha_{\mathcal{K}} + \alpha_{\mathcal{M}}$ according as the decomposition $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{K} + \mathcal{M}$. Write also $\alpha_{\mathcal{M}} = \alpha'_{\mathcal{M}} + \alpha''_{\mathcal{M}}$, where $\alpha'_{\mathcal{M}}$ and $\alpha''_{\mathcal{M}}$ are the $(1,0)$ - and $(0,1)$ -forms with values in $\mathcal{M}$, respectively. We have

$$(2.3) \quad \psi^*\beta = \text{Ad}F\alpha_{\mathcal{M}}.$$

Now, ψ is a primitive map if and only if $\alpha'_{\mathcal{M}}(\partial/\partial z)$ is $\mathcal{G}_1$ -valued. We give examples of certain primitive maps, the construction of which is due to Burstall ([B]). We fix an Iwasawa decomposition :

$$\mathcal{K}^{\mathbf{C}} = \mathcal{K} \oplus \mathcal{B},$$

where $\mathcal{B}$ is a solvable subalgebra of $\mathcal{K}^{\mathbf{C}}$. Such a decomposition exists since $\mathcal{K}$ is compact so that $\mathcal{K}^{\mathbf{C}}$ is reductive.

Set

$$\wedge \mathcal{G}_{\tau}^{\mathbf{C}} = \{\xi : S^1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}^{\mathbf{C}} \mid \xi(\zeta\lambda) = \tau\xi(\lambda) \text{ for } \lambda \in S^1\},$$

which is an infinite dimensional Lie algebra. We equip it with the Sobolev H^r -topology for some $r > 1/2$. Let $\wedge \mathcal{G}_{\tau}$ be the real form

$$\wedge \mathcal{G}_{\tau} = \{\xi \in \wedge \mathcal{G}_{\tau}^{\mathbf{C}} \mid \xi : S^1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}\}.$$

Any $\xi \in \wedge \mathcal{G}_{\tau}$ has a Fourier expansion $\xi = \sum \xi_n \lambda^n$. Define a finite dimensional subspace $\wedge_d$ as follows :

$$\wedge_d = \{\xi \in \wedge \mathcal{G}_{\tau} \mid \xi_n = 0 \text{ for all } |n| > d\}.$$

Let $d \equiv 1 \pmod k$. Then, $\xi_d \in \mathcal{G}_1$ and $\xi_{d-1} \in \mathcal{K}^{\mathbf{C}}$. Let $\mathcal{T}$ be the given maximal torus in $\mathcal{K}$ and $\mathcal{N}$ the nilpotent subalgebra given by the positive root spaces and set $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{T}^{\mathbf{C}}$. Then, we have

$$\mathcal{K}^{\mathbf{C}} = \mathcal{N} \oplus \mathcal{H} \oplus \overline{\mathcal{N}} \quad , \quad \mathcal{B} = (\sqrt{-1}\mathcal{T}) \oplus \mathcal{N}.$$

Any element $\eta \in \mathcal{K}^{\mathbf{C}}$ may be written as $\eta = \eta_{\mathcal{N}} + \eta_{\mathcal{H}} + \eta_{\overline{\mathcal{N}}}$. Define a map $r : \mathcal{K}^{\mathbf{C}} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}^{\mathbf{C}}$ by

$$r(\eta) = \eta_{\overline{\mathcal{N}}} + \frac{1}{2}\eta_{\mathcal{H}}$$

(see [B-P]). Now, take a $\xi_0 \in \wedge_d$ as an initial condition and solve the differential equation

$$(2.4) \quad \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial z} = [\xi, \lambda \xi_d + r(\xi_{d-1})]; \quad \xi(0) = \xi_0.$$

Then, there is a primitive harmonic map $\psi : \mathbf{R}^2 \longrightarrow N$ with framing $F : \mathbf{R}^2 \longrightarrow G$ satisfying $F^{-1}\partial F/\partial z = \xi_d + r(\xi_{d-1})$.

Definition. A primitive harmonic map ψ obtained by solving the equation (2.4) is said to be of *finite type*.

We have a question : “What kind of primitive harmonic maps are of finite type?” There is the following answer:

Theorem 2.1 ([B-F-P-P, B-P, B]). *Let $\psi : T^2 \longrightarrow N$ be a primitive harmonic map of a two-torus into a k -symmetric space ($k \geq 2$). Suppose that $\psi^*\beta(\partial/\partial z)$ is semisimple on a dense subset of T^2 . Then, ψ is of finite type.*

Now, let $p : G/K \longrightarrow G/H$ be the homogeneous projection with $K \subset H$ and $\psi : M \longrightarrow G/K$ be a primitive harmonic map of a Riemann surface. Then, it is known that $p \circ \psi : M \longrightarrow G/H$ is also a harmonic map ([B-P, B]). Next, we consider the question: “What kind of harmonic map into $G_k(\mathbf{C}^n)$ is covered by a primitive harmonic map into N ?” Let $\varphi : M \longrightarrow G_k(\mathbf{C}^n)$ be a non-superminimal harmonic map of a Riemann surface with strong isotropy order r . Set $V_0 = V(\varphi)$ and let $V_0 \rightarrow V_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow V_{r-1} \rightarrow V_r$ be the harmonic sequence of the bundles

for φ , where each V_i is of rank k for $i = 0, 1, \dots, r-1$ and $\text{rank } V_r = n - rk$. Set $G = SU(n)$. Let $N = SU(n)/S(U(k) \times \dots \times U(k) \times U(n-rk))$ be the flag manifold. Any point x of N may be expressed as $x = (w_0, w_1, \dots, w_r)$, where w_i is a k -plane for $i = 0, 1, \dots, r-1$ and w_r is an $(n-rk)$ -plane. Let $p : N \rightarrow G_k(\mathbf{C}^n)$ be the projection map which assigns to the flag its first element ; $p(w_0, w_1, \dots, w_r) = w_0$. Fix any point $x = (w_0, w_1, \dots, w_r) \in N$ and define $Q \in G$ by

$$Q = \zeta^i \text{ on } w_i \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, r,$$

where $\zeta = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/(r+1))$. Then, $\tau = \text{Ad } Q$ is an order $(r+1)$ automorphism of G , and the identity component of its fixed set is conjugate to $S(U(k) \times \dots \times U(k) \times U(n-rk))$, which we denote by K . Thus, $N = G/K$ becomes an $(r+1)$ -symmetric space (see [K]). We define a map $\psi : M \rightarrow N = G/K$ by

$$\psi(p) = ((V_0)_p, (V_1)_p, \dots, (V_r)_p) \text{ for } p \in M.$$

Then, $\varphi = p \circ \psi$. It turns out that such ψ is necessarily a primitive map (Lemma 3.1 in [U]).

Finally, we consider the question: “What kind of harmonic map into $G_k(\mathbf{C}^n)$ is covered by a primitive harmonic map of finite type?” Let A_{φ}^{FR} be the ∂' -first return map for φ , that is,

$$(2.5) \quad A_{\varphi}^{FR} = A_{\varphi}^{V_r, V_0} \circ A_{\varphi}^{V_{r-1}, V_r} \circ \dots \circ A_{\varphi}^{V_0, V_1}.$$

We have the following answer:

Theorem 2.2 ([U]). *Let $\varphi : T^2 \rightarrow G_k(\mathbf{C}^n)$ be a harmonic map. If the ∂' -first return map A_{φ}^{FR} for φ is semisimple and invertible on a dense subset of T^2 , then φ is covered by a primitive harmonic map of finite type into $SU(n)/S(U(k) \times \dots \times U(k) \times U(n-rk))$, where r is the strong isotropy order of φ .*

For example, any non-superminimal harmonic tori in $\mathbf{CP}^{n-1}$ and any weakly conformal non-superminimal harmonic tori in $G_2(\mathbf{C}^4)$ may be classified using Theorem 2.2 (see [U]).

3. HARMONIC MAPS OF ODD STRONG ISOTROPY ORDER

In this section, we investigate the ∂' -first return map for harmonic maps of odd strong isotropy order.

Let $\varphi : M \rightarrow \mathbf{HP}^{n-1} \subset G_2(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$ be a non-superminimal harmonic map with strong isotropy order r . Suppose that r is odd. Let A_{φ}^{FR} and A_{φ}^{FR} be the ∂' - and ∂'' -first return map for φ , respectively. As in (2.5), the ∂'' -first return map is defined by

$$A_{\varphi}^{FR} = A_{\varphi}^{V_{-r}, V_0} \circ A_{\varphi}^{V_{-r+1}, V_{-r}} \circ \dots \circ A_{\varphi}^{V_0, V_{-1}}.$$

Let $\{e_1, Je_1\}$ be a local unitary basis for V_0 . Then, using (1.1) and Lemma 1.1 we have

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \langle A_{\varphi}^{FR}(e_1), Je_1 \rangle &= -\langle e_1, JA_{\varphi}^{FR}(e_1) \rangle \\ &= -\langle e_1, A_{\varphi}^{FR}(Je_1) \rangle \\ &= -(-1)^{r+1} \langle A_{\varphi}^{FR}(e_1), Je_1 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since r is odd, we obtain $\langle A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR}(e_1), Je_1 \rangle = 0$. Similarly, we have $\langle A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR}(Je_1), e_1 \rangle = 0$. Again, using (1.1) and Lemma 1.1 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR}(Je_1), Je_1 \rangle &= \langle JA_{\iota\varphi}^{FR}(e_1), Je_1 \rangle \\ (3.2) \quad &= \langle e_1, A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR}(e_1) \rangle \\ &= (-1)^{r+1} \langle A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR}(e_1), e_1 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since r is odd, we obtain $\langle A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR}(Je_1), Je_1 \rangle = \langle A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR}(e_1), e_1 \rangle$. Therefore, the ∂' -first return map for φ is of the form

$$(3.3) \quad A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix},$$

where a is non-zero on a dense subset of M because φ is non-superminimal. This, together with Theorem 2.2, yields :

Proposition 3.1. *Let $\varphi : T^2 \longrightarrow \mathbf{H}P^{n-1}$ be a non-superminimal harmonic map of strong isotropy order r . Suppose that r is odd. Then, φ is covered by a primitive harmonic map of finite type into $SU(2n)/S(U(2) \times \cdots \times U(2) \times U(2n-2r))$.*

4. HARMONIC MAPS OF EVEN STRONG ISOTROPY ORDER

In this section, we investigate the ∂' -first return map for harmonic maps of even strong isotropy order.

Let $\varphi : M \longrightarrow \mathbf{H}P^{n-1} \subset G_2(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$ be a non-superminimal harmonic map with strong isotropy order r . Suppose that r is even.

Let $\{e_1, Je_1\}$ be a local unitary basis for V_0 . Then, by (3.2) we obtain

$$(4.1) \quad \text{trace} A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR} = 0.$$

Therefore, by (4.1) and Theorem 2.2 we have :

Proposition 4.1. *If $\det A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR} \neq 0$ on a dense subset of T^2 , then φ is covered by a primitive harmonic map of finite type into $SU(2n)/S(U(2) \times \cdots \times U(2) \times U(2n-2r))$.*

Thus, in the following, we consider the case where $A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR}$ is nilpotent. Set $B = \text{Im} A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR}$, which is extended over M and a holomorphic line subbundle of V_0 . Since $A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR}$ is nilpotent, $B \subset \text{Ker} A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR}$. Then, we obtain

Lemma 4.1. *Define φ_1 by the forward replacement of B from φ , that is,*

$$V(\varphi_1) = V(\varphi) \ominus B \oplus \text{Im}(A_{\iota}^{V(\varphi), V(\varphi)^\perp} |_B).$$

Then, φ_1 has strong isotropy order $r+1$.

Proof. Set $B_0 = B$ and $C_0 = V(\varphi) \ominus B$. Define B_i for $i = 1, \dots, r$ by $B_i = \text{Im}(A_{\iota}^{V_{i-1}, V_i} |_{B_{i-1}})$. Set $C_i = V_i \ominus B_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, r-1$. Set $V'_r = \text{Im} A_{\iota}^{V_{r-1}, V_r}$, $C_r = V'_r \ominus B_r$ and $R = V_r \ominus V'_r$. By the nilpotency of $A_{\iota\varphi}^{FR}$, we see that $A_{\iota}^{V'_r, V_r^\perp} |_{B_r}$ has images in R and is a holomorphic bundle map. Hence, we set $B_{r+1} = \text{Im}(A_{\iota}^{V'_r, V_r^\perp} |_{B_r})$ and $R' = R \ominus B_{r+1}$. We want to show that $A_{\iota}^{B_{r+1}, C_0} \equiv 0$. Then, φ_1 has strong isotropy order $r+1$ (see [B-W]). Suppose the contrary. We denote by $\{V_n(\varphi_1)\}$ ($n \in \mathbf{Z}$) the harmonic sequence of the bundles for φ_1 . We have $V_{-1}(\varphi_1) \subset (B_0 \oplus B_{r+1} \oplus R')$. Then, we see that

$$(4.2) \quad V_{-\frac{r}{2}-1}(\varphi_1) \cap V_{\frac{r}{2}}(\varphi_1) = B_{\frac{r}{2}+1}.$$

On the other hand, since $V_{-1}(\varphi_1) = JV(\varphi_1)$, using Lemma 1.1 we obtain

$$JV_{\frac{r}{2}}(\varphi_1) = V_{-\frac{r}{2}-1}(\varphi_1),$$

which, together with (4.2), implies that $JV_{\frac{r}{2}}(\varphi_1) \cap V_{\frac{r}{2}}(\varphi_1) = B_{\frac{r}{2}+1}$, which is impossible because the J -invariant subspace must be even-dimensional. Therefore, we may conclude that $A_{\varphi_1}^{B_{r+1}, C_0} \equiv 0$ and thus φ_1 has strong isotropy order $r+1$. $\square$

A harmonic map $\varphi_1 : M \rightarrow G_2(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$ is no longer quaternionic. We want to search for an anti-holomorphic line subbundle δ of $V(\varphi_1)$ so that the backward replacement of φ_1 by δ may give a harmonic map of strong isotropy order at least $r+1$ which has values in quaternionic projective space $\mathbf{HP}^{n-1} \subset G_2(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$. The existence of such a line subbundle is ensured for the harmonic two-spheres in $\mathbf{HP}^{n-1}$ (see [Ba-W]). For the harmonic two-tori in $\mathbf{HP}^{n-1}$, it is not necessarily ensured. However, we have the following

Proposition 4.2. *Let $A_{\varphi_1}^{FR}$ be the ∂' -first return map for φ_1 and $\{Je_1, e_1^1\}$ a local unitary basis for $V(\varphi_1)$. Define a line subbundle δ of $V(\varphi_1)$ locally by*

$$(4.3) \quad \delta = \text{Span}_{\mathbf{C}}\{-\langle A_{\varphi_1}^{\varphi_1}(Je_1), e_1 \rangle e_1^1 + 2\langle A_{\varphi_1}^{\varphi_1}(e_1^1), e_1 \rangle Je_1\}.$$

Then, δ is an anti-holomorphic line subbundle of $V(\varphi_1)$, which may be extended over M . Define a harmonic map φ_2 by the backward replacement of δ from φ_1 . If $(\text{trace} A_{\varphi_1}^{FR})^2 - 4\det(A_{\varphi_1}^{FR}) = 0$, then φ_2 has strong isotropy order greater than or equal to $r+1$ and is quaternionic.

Proof. First of all, we investigate the form of the ∂' -first return map for φ_1 . Since φ_1 has strong isotropy order at least $r+1$ by Lemma 4.1, we denote by $\{V_i\}_{i=0}^{r+1}$ its harmonic sequence of the bundles. Set

$$(4.4) \quad A_{\varphi_1}^{V_0, V_{r+1}}(e_1^1) = \beta e_1.$$

Then, we may set

$$(4.5) \quad A_{\varphi_1}^{V_{r+1}, V_0}(e_1) = -\bar{\beta}e_1^1 + sJe_1.$$

Note that β is non-zero on a dense subset of M . From (4.5) we have

$$A_{\varphi_1}^{V_{r+1}, V_0} \circ A_{\varphi_1}^{V_r, V_{r+1}} \circ \dots \circ A_{\varphi_1}^{V_0, V_1} \circ A_{\varphi_1}^{V_{r+1}, V_0}(e_1) = -\bar{\beta}A_{\varphi_1}^{FR}(e_1^1) + sA_{\varphi_1}^{FR}(Je_1).$$

Taking the inner product of this equation with e_1^1 and using (4.4), we obtain

$$(4.6) \quad \langle A_{\varphi_1}^{FR}(e_1), e_1 \rangle = \langle A_{\varphi_1}^{FR}(e_1^1), e_1^1 \rangle - \frac{s}{\beta} \langle A_{\varphi_1}^{FR}(Je_1), e_1^1 \rangle,$$

where $A_{\varphi_1}^{FR}$ is the ∂' -first return map for V_{r+1} . On the other hand, using (1.1) and Lemma 1.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A_{\varphi_1}^{FR}(Je_1), Je_1 \rangle &= \langle JA_{\varphi_1}^{FR}(e_1), Je_1 \rangle \\ &= \langle A_{\varphi_1}^{FR}(e_1), e_1 \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

which, together with (4.6), implies that the ∂' -first return map for φ_1 is of the form

$$(4.7) \quad A_{\varphi_1}^{FR} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & a - \frac{s}{\beta}c \end{pmatrix},$$

where $a = \langle A_{\varphi_1}^{FR}(e_1^1), e_1^1 \rangle$, $b = \langle A_{\varphi_1}^{FR}(e_1^1), Je_1 \rangle$ and $c = \langle A_{\varphi_1}^{FR}(Je_1), e_1^1 \rangle$. Note that c is non-zero on a dense subset of M by the definition of $V(\varphi_1)$. That δ defined in (4.3) is an anti-holomorphic subbundle of $V(\varphi_1)$ follows from the fact that $A_{\varphi_1}^{\varphi_1}$ is

an anti-holomorphic section. Now, $\delta = \text{Span}_{\mathbf{C}}\{\bar{s}e_1^1 + 2\beta Je_1\}$ and $\text{Im}(A''^{V_0, V_{r+1}} |_{\delta}) = \text{Span}_{\mathbf{C}}\{\bar{s}e_1 + 2\beta Je_1^1\}$. Then, $J\text{Im}(A''^{V_0, V_{r+1}} |_{\delta}) = \text{Span}_{\mathbf{C}}\{sJe_1 - 2\bar{\beta}e_1^1\}$, which is orthogonal to δ with respect to $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ and is contained in $V(\varphi_1)$. Therefore, we see that $V(\varphi_2)$ is quaternionic. To investigate the strong isotropy order of φ_2 , we want to know whether

$$\langle A_{\iota}^{V_r, V_{r+1}} \circ \dots \circ A_{\iota}^{V_0, V_1}(J\text{Im}(A''^{V_0, V_{r+1}} |_{\delta})), \text{Im}(A''^{V_0, V_{r+1}} |_{\delta}) \rangle$$

is zero or not. Using (4.4), (4.5) and Lemma 1.1, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle A_{\iota}^{V_r, V_{r+1}} \circ \dots \circ A_{\iota}^{V_0, V_1}(sJe_1 - 2\bar{\beta}e_1^1), \bar{s}e_1 + 2\beta Je_1^1 \rangle \\ &= s^2 \langle A_{\iota}^{V_r, V_{r+1}} \circ \dots \circ A_{\iota}^{V_0, V_1}(Je_1), e_1 \rangle + 2\bar{\beta}s \langle A_{\iota}^{V_r, V_{r+1}} \circ \dots \circ A_{\iota}^{V_0, V_1}(Je_1), Je_1^1 \rangle \\ & \quad - 2\bar{\beta}s \langle A_{\iota}^{V_r, V_{r+1}} \circ \dots \circ A_{\iota}^{V_0, V_1}(e_1^1), e_1 \rangle - 4\bar{\beta}^2 \langle A_{\iota}^{V_r, V_{r+1}} \circ \dots \circ A_{\iota}^{V_0, V_1}(e_1^1), Je_1^1 \rangle \\ &= \frac{s^2}{\beta} \langle A_{\iota}^{V_r, V_{r+1}} \circ \dots \circ A_{\iota}^{V_0, V_1}(Je_1), A''^{V_0, V_{r+1}}(e_1^1) \rangle \\ & \quad + 2\bar{\beta}s \langle A_{\iota}^{V_r, V_{r+1}} \circ \dots \circ A_{\iota}^{V_0, V_1}(Je_1), -\frac{\bar{s}}{\beta^2} A''^{V_0, V_{r+1}}(e_1^1) - \frac{1}{\beta} A''^{V_0, V_{r+1}}(Je_1) \rangle \\ & \quad - 2s \langle A_{\iota}^{V_r, V_{r+1}} \circ \dots \circ A_{\iota}^{V_0, V_1}(e_1^1), A''^{V_0, V_{r+1}}(e_1^1) \rangle \\ & \quad - 4\bar{\beta}^2 \langle A_{\iota}^{V_r, V_{r+1}} \circ \dots \circ A_{\iota}^{V_0, V_1}(e_1^1), -\frac{\bar{s}}{\beta^2} A''^{V_0, V_{r+1}}(e_1^1) - \frac{1}{\beta} A''^{V_0, V_{r+1}}(Je_1) \rangle \\ &= -\frac{s^2}{\beta} \langle A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR}(Je_1), e_1^1 \rangle + \frac{2s^2}{\beta} \langle A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR}(Je_1), e_1^1 \rangle + 2s \langle A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR}(Je_1), Je_1 \rangle \\ & \quad + 2s \langle A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR}(e_1^1), e_1^1 \rangle - 4s \langle A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR}(e_1^1), e_1^1 \rangle - 4\bar{\beta} \langle A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR}(e_1^1), Je_1 \rangle \\ &= -\frac{\bar{\beta}}{c} \left(\frac{s^2}{\beta^2} c^2 + 4bc \right) = -\frac{\bar{\beta}}{c} \{ (\text{trace} A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR})^2 - 4\det(A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR}) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, φ_2 has strong isotropy order greater than or equal to $r+1$ if and only if the equation $(\text{trace} A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR})^2 - 4\det(A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR}) \equiv 0$ holds. $\square$

Remark. (1) If $(\text{trace} A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR})^2 - 4\det(A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR}) \neq 0$, then we see that φ_2 has strong isotropy order r and is quaternionic, and that $A_{\iota\varphi_2}^{FR}$ is nilpotent. However, φ_2 is different from φ .

(2) In the case where $\det A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR} \equiv 0$ and $\text{trace} A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR} \neq 0$, $\tilde{\varphi}_1$ defined by

$$V(\tilde{\varphi}_1) = V(\varphi_1) \ominus \text{Im} A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR} \oplus \text{Im}(A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{\varphi_1} |_{\text{Im} A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR}})$$

has strong isotropy order at least $r+1$. However, $\tilde{\varphi}_1$ is not quaternionic (it is quaternionic if $A_{\iota\varphi_1}^{FR}$ is nilpotent).

5. HARMONIC TORI IN $\mathbf{HP}^2$ AND $\mathbf{HP}^3$

In this section, we prove our results. Before stating the results, we give some definitions.

Definition. Let $\varphi : M \longrightarrow G_2(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$ be a harmonic map of strong isotropy order r and $\{V_i\}$ be the harmonic sequence of the bundles for φ , where $V_0 = V(\varphi)$. If there is some integer k with $1 \leq k \leq r$ such that $\text{rank} V_{k-1} = \text{rank} V_0$ and $\text{rank} \text{Im} A_{\iota}^{V_{k-1}, V_k} < \text{rank} V_0$, then $\text{rank} \text{Im} A_{\iota}^{V_{k-1}, V_k} = 1$ and $\text{Im} A_{\iota}^{V_{k-1}, V_k}$ defines a harmonic map $\psi : M \longrightarrow \mathbf{CP}^{2n-1}$. Let $\{V_n(\psi)\}$ be the harmonic sequence of the bundles for ψ , where $V_0(\psi) = V(\psi)$. Then, there is an anti-holomorphic line subbundle

F of $(V_{-1}(\psi) \oplus V(\psi))^\perp$ such that $V(\varphi) = G^{(-k+1)}(V_{-1}(\psi) \oplus F)$. In this case, we say that φ is obtained from ψ by the *extension and flag transforms*. In particular, if φ has images in $\mathbf{HP}^{n-1}$, we choose the above F such that $G^{(-k+1)}(V_{-1}(\psi) \oplus F)$ is J -invariant. Then,

$$V(\varphi) = G^{(-k+1)}(V_{-1}(\psi) \oplus F) \cap V_{-k}(\psi) \oplus J(G^{(-k+1)}(V_{-1}(\psi) \oplus F) \cap V_{-k}(\psi)).$$

In this case, we say that φ is a *quaternionic pair* obtained from ψ by the extension and flag transforms.

We denote by nG the n -products of a Lie group G . We embed $U(2)$ into $Sp(2)$ by $U(2) \ni \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & b \\ 0 & \bar{d} & -\bar{c} & 0 \\ 0 & -\bar{b} & \bar{a} & 0 \\ c & 0 & 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \in Sp(2)$. Thus, $nU(2)$ may be embedded in $nSp(2)$. We need the following lemma :

Lemma 5.1. *For $\zeta = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/n)$ with $n \geq 2$, let $Q = \begin{pmatrix} A & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \bar{A} \end{pmatrix} \in Sp(n) \subset U(2n)$, where*

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \zeta & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \zeta^2 & 0 \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & \zeta^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, $\tau = \text{Ad}Q$ defines an n -symmetric space structure on $Sp(n)/2Sp(1) \times (\frac{n-2}{2})U(2)$ or $Sp(n)/Sp(1) \times (\frac{n-1}{2})U(2)$ according as n is even or odd, in the same way as it defines an n -symmetric space structure on $U(2n)/nU(2)$. Moreover, if $\varphi : M \rightarrow U(2n)/nU(2)$ is a primitive harmonic map the image of which is contained in $N = Sp(n)/2Sp(1) \times (\frac{n-2}{2})U(2)$ or $N = Sp(n)/Sp(1) \times (\frac{n-1}{2})U(2)$ according as n is even or odd, then φ is also a primitive harmonic map regarded as a map into N .

Proof. τ is an order n automorphism of $U(2n)$ and its stabilizer is conjugate to $nU(2)$. Since τ leaves $Sp(n)$ invariant, it also defines an order n automorphism of $Sp(n)$. Its stabilizer is conjugate to $Sp(n) \cap nU(2)$, which is $2Sp(1) \times (\frac{n-2}{2})U(2)$ or $Sp(1) \times (\frac{n-1}{2})U(2)$ according as n is even or odd. Let $\mathcal{G}$ and $\mathcal{G}'$ be the Lie algebras of $U(2n)$ and $Sp(n)$, respectively. Since each eigenspace of τ for $\mathcal{G}'$ is nothing but the restriction of the eigenspace of τ for $\mathcal{G}$ to $\mathcal{G}'$, if the image of φ is contained in N then φ is also a primitive harmonic map regarded as a map into N . $\square$

Now, we prove the following

Theorem 5.1. *Let $\varphi : T^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{HP}^2 \subset G_2(\mathbf{C}^6)$ be a non-superminimal harmonic map of a two-torus. Then, either φ is a quaternionic pair obtained from a harmonic map into $\mathbf{CP}^5$ by the extension and flag transforms, or φ is covered by a primitive harmonic map of finite type into $\mathbf{HP}^2$ or $Sp(3)/Sp(1) \times U(2)$ according as the isotropy order of φ is one or two, respectively.*

Proof. Let r be the strong isotropy order of φ . Suppose that $\text{rank Im} A_i^{V_{i-1}, V_i} = \text{rank } V_0$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, r$; otherwise we see that φ is a quaternionic pair obtained

from a harmonic map into $\mathbf{CP}^5$ by the extension and flag transforms. Then, $r = 1, 2$. If $r = 1$, then by Proposition 3.1 φ is a primitive harmonic map of finite type into $\mathbf{HP}^2 \subset G_2(\mathbf{C}^6)$. If $r = 2$, then we have $V_{-1} = V_2$, which implies that $\det(A_{I\varphi}^{FR}) \neq 0$. Therefore, by Proposition 4.1 φ is covered by a primitive harmonic map ψ of finite type into $U(6)/3U(2)$. Moreover, by Lemma 3.1 in [G], ψ has its images in a totally geodesic submanifold $Sp(3)/Sp(1) \times U(2)$ of $U(6)/3U(2)$. Then, Lemma 5.1 implies the desired result. $\square$

Theorem 5.2. *Let $\varphi : T^2 \longrightarrow \mathbf{HP}^3 \subset G_2(\mathbf{C}^8)$ be a non-superminimal harmonic map of a two-torus. If the strong isotropy order of φ is odd, then φ is covered by a primitive harmonic map of finite type into $\mathbf{HP}^3$ or $Sp(4)/2Sp(1) \times U(2)$ according as the strong isotropy order of φ is one or three. If the strong isotropy order of φ is even, then φ is obtained by either of the following methods:*

(1) *If $\det(A_{I\varphi}^{FR}) \neq 0$, then φ is covered by a primitive harmonic map of finite type into $SU(8)/S(2U(2) \times U(4))$.*

(2) *If $\det(A_{I\varphi}^{FR}) \equiv 0$, then either φ is a quaternionic pair obtained from a harmonic map into $\mathbf{CP}^7$ by the extension and flag transforms, or φ is obtained from $\varphi_1 : T^2 \longrightarrow G_2(\mathbf{C}^8)$, which has strong isotropy order 3 and satisfies $V_{-1}(\varphi_1) = JV(\varphi_1)$, by the backward replacement. Moreover, φ_1 is obtained by either of the following methods: (2-1) φ_1 is covered by a primitive harmonic map of finite type into $U(8)/4U(2)$; (2-2) φ_1 is obtained by the forward replacement from some φ_2 , which is quaternionic and has strong isotropy order 3 and is covered by a primitive harmonic map into $Sp(4)/2Sp(1) \times U(2)$; (2-3) φ_1 is obtained from a harmonic map into $\mathbf{CP}^7$ by the extension and flag transforms.*

Proof. Let r be the strong isotropy order of φ . Suppose that $\text{rank Im } A_{I\varphi}^{V_{i-1}, V_i} = \text{rank } V_0$ for $i = 1, \dots, r$; otherwise we see that φ is a quaternionic pair obtained from a harmonic map into $\mathbf{CP}^7$ by the extension and flag transforms. Then, $r = 1, 2, 3$. If $r = 1$, then by Proposition 3.1 φ is a primitive harmonic map into $\mathbf{HP}^3 \subset G_2(\mathbf{C}^8)$. If $r = 3$, then by Proposition 3.1, φ is covered by a primitive harmonic map into $U(8)/4U(2)$. Since $JV_1 = V_3$, and V_0 and V_2 are J -invariant, in the same way as in Lemma 3.1 in [G] we see that φ has its images in a totally geodesic submanifold $Sp(4)/2Sp(1) \times U(2)$ of $U(8)/4U(2)$. Then, Lemma 5.1 implies the result of this case. If $r = 2$ and $\det(A_{I\varphi}^{FR}) \neq 0$, then by Proposition 4.1 φ is covered by a primitive harmonic map into the flag manifold stated in the theorem. If $r = 2$ and $\det(A_{I\varphi}^{FR}) \equiv 0$, then by Proposition 4.2 we obtain a harmonic map φ_1 which has strong isotropy order 3 and satisfies $V_{-1}(\varphi_1) = JV(\varphi_1)$. If $(\text{trace } A_{I\varphi_1}^{FR})^2 - 4\det(A_{I\varphi_1}^{FR}) \neq 0$ and $\det(A_{I\varphi_1}^{FR}) \neq 0$, then by Theorem 2.2, φ_1 is covered by a primitive harmonic map of finite type into the flag manifold stated in the theorem. If $(\text{trace } A_{I\varphi_1}^{FR})^2 - 4\det(A_{I\varphi_1}^{FR}) \equiv 0$, then by Proposition 4.2 we obtain a harmonic map φ_2 which is quaternionic and has strong isotropy order 3. By the above argument, we see that φ_2 is covered by a primitive harmonic map of finite type into $Sp(4)/2Sp(1) \times U(2)$. Finally, if $\det(A_{I\varphi_1}^{FR}) \equiv 0$ and $\text{trace}(A_{I\varphi_1}^{FR}) \neq 0$, then we see that the harmonic sequence of φ_1 is reducible, that is, φ_1 is reduced to a harmonic map into $\mathbf{CP}^7$. Hence, φ_1 is obtained from a harmonic map into $\mathbf{CP}^7$ by the extension and flag transforms. $\square$

Remark. To classify all harmonic two-tori in $\mathbf{HP}^{n-1}$, we must analyze the class of harmonic maps $\varphi : T^2 \longrightarrow G_2(\mathbf{C}^{2n})$ which have the properties that $\det(A_{I\varphi}^{FR}) \equiv 0$, $\text{trace}(A_{I\varphi}^{FR}) \neq 0$ and $V_{-1}(\varphi) = JV(\varphi)$.

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