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Finslerian Subspaces given by Generalized Conformal β -Change

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Abstract

In the present paper, we study Finslerian subspace F^m of F^n and another Finslerian subspace \bar{F}^m of the \bar{F}^n subjected to the generalized conformal β -change is totally geodesic and totally h-autoparallel.

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1. Introduction

In 1976, M. Hashiguchi [1] studied the conformal change of Finsler metrics, namely, $\bar{L} = e^{\sigma(x)}L$. In particular, he also dealt with the special conformal transformation named C-conformal transformation. This change has been studied by H. Izumi[2], V. K. Kropina[3]. In 2008, S. Abed ([4], [5]) introduced the transformation $\bar{L} = e^{\sigma(x)}L + \beta$, thus generalizing the conformal, Randers and generalized Randers changes. Moreover, he established the relationships between some important tensors associated with (M, L) and the corresponding tensors associated with (M, \bar{L}) . He also studied some invariant and σ -invariant properties and obtained a relationship between the Cartan connection associated with (M, L) and the transformed Cartan connection associated with (M, \bar{L}) .

In this paper, we deal with a general change of Finsler metrics defined by:

$$L(x, y) \rightarrow \bar{L}(x, y) = f(e^{\sigma(x)} L(x, y), \beta(x, y))$$

where f is a positively homogeneous function of degree one in $\bar{L} := e^\sigma L$ and β . This change will be referred to as a generalized β -conformal change. It is clear that this change is a generalization of the above mentioned changes and deals simultaneously with β -change and conformal change. It combines also the special case of Shibata ($\bar{L} = f(L, \beta)$) and that of Abed ($\bar{L} = e^\sigma L, \beta$).

In 1984, C. Shibata [6] studied β -change of Finsler metrics and discussed certain invariant tensors under such a change. In 1979, Singh, et.al.[7] studied a Randers space $F^n(M, L(x, y) = (g_{ij}(x)y^i y^j)^{\frac{1}{2}} + b_i(x)y^i), n \geq 2$ which undergoes a change $L(x, y) \mapsto L^*(x, y) = L^2(x, y) + (\alpha_i(x)y^i)^2$.

In the present paper, we consider a general Finsler space $F^n(M, L)$ which undergoes conformal and β -change, that is $L(x, y) \rightarrow \bar{L}(x, y) = f(e^{\sigma(x)} L(x, y), \beta(x, y))$ where $\beta(x, y) = b_i(x)y^i$ is a 1-form. We study Finslerian subspace $F^m = (M^m, \bar{L}(u, v))$ of F^n and another Finslerian subspace $\bar{F}^m = (M^m, \bar{L}(u, v))$ of the \bar{F}^n subjected to the generalized conformal β -change. Further, we consider a Finsler subspace is totally geodesic and totally h-autoparallel. For the notations and terminology, we refer the reader to the books [8] and [9], the papers [6] by Shibata and [10] by Youssef.

2. Preliminaries

Let $F^n = (M, L), n \geq 2$ be an n -dimensional C^∞ Finsler manifold with fundamental function $L = L(x, y)$. Consider the following change of Finsler structures which will be referred to as a generalized β -conformal change:

$$L(x, y) \longrightarrow \bar{L}(x, y) = f(e^{\sigma(x)} L(x, y), \beta(x, y)), \quad (2.1)$$

where f is a positively homogeneous function of degree one in $e^\sigma L$ and 1-form β where, $\beta = b_i(x)dx^i$.

We define

$$f_1 := \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{L}}, \quad f_2 := \frac{\partial f}{\partial \beta}, \quad f_{12} := \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \bar{L} \partial \beta}, \dots,$$

where $\tilde{L} = e^\sigma L$.

The angular metric tensor \bar{h}_{ij} of the space \bar{F}^n is given by [10]

$$\bar{h}_{ij} = e^\sigma p h_{ij} + q_0 m_i m_j \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \{ p &= f f_1/L, \quad q = f f_2, \quad q_0 = f f_{22}, \quad p_0 = f_2^2 + q_0, \quad q_{-1} = f f_{12}/L, \\ p_{-1} &= q_{-1} + p f_2/f, \quad q_{-2} = f(e^\sigma f_{11} - f_1/L)/L^2, \quad p_{-2} = q_{-2} + e^\sigma p^2/f^2, \\ m_i &= b_i - \beta y^i/L^2 \neq 0, \quad \sigma_i = \partial_i \sigma. \} \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

h_{ij} being the angular metric tensor of F^n . The fundamental metric tensor \bar{g}_{ij} and its inverse \bar{g}^{ij} of \bar{F}^n are expressed as [10]

$$\bar{g}_{ij} = e^\sigma p g_{ij} + p_0 b_i b_j + e^\sigma p_{-1} (b_i y_j + b_j y_i) + e^\sigma p_{-2} y_i y_j, \quad (2.4)$$

$$\bar{g}^{ij} = (e^{-\sigma}/p) g^{ij} - s_0 b^i b^j - s_{-1} (b^i y^j + b^j y^i) - s_{-2} y^i y^j, \quad (2.5)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \{ s_0 &= e^{-\sigma} f^2 q_0 / (\varepsilon p L^2), \quad s_{-1} = p_{-1} f^2 / (\varepsilon p L^2), \\ s_{-2} &= p_{-1} (e^\sigma m^2 p L^2 - b^2 f^2) / (\varepsilon p \beta L^2), \\ \varepsilon &= f^2 (e^\sigma p + m^2 q_0) / L^2 \neq 0, \quad m^2 = g^{ij} m_i m_j. \} \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

g_{ij} and g^{ij} respectively being the metric tensor and inverse metric tensor of F^n . The Cartan tensor \bar{C}_{ijk} and the associate Cartan tensor \bar{C}_{ij}^l of \bar{F}^n are given by the following expressions:

$$\bar{C}_{ijk} = e^\sigma p C_{ijk} + \frac{1}{2} e^\sigma p_{-1} (h_{ij} m_k + h_{jk} m_i + h_{ki} m_j) + \frac{1}{2} p_{02} m_i m_j m_k, \quad (2.7)$$

The $(h)hv$ -torsion tensor \bar{C}_{ij}^l is expressed in terms of C_{ij}^l as [10]

$$\bar{C}_{ij}^l = C_{ij}^l + M_{ij}^l, \quad (2.8)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_{ij}^l &= \frac{1}{2p} [e^{-\sigma} m^l - p m^2 (s_0 b^l + s_{-1} y^l)] (e^\sigma p_{-1} h_{ij} + p_{02} m_i m_j) \\ &- e^\sigma (s_0 b^l + s_{-1} y^l) (p C_{isj} b^s + p_{-1} m_i m_j) + \frac{p-1}{2p} (h_i^l m_j + h_j^l m_i); \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

$$h_j^i = g^{il} h_{lj}, \quad p_{02} = \frac{\partial p_0}{\partial \beta}$$

C_{ijk} and C_{ij}^l respectively being the Cartan tensor and associate Cartan tensor of F^n . The spray coefficients \bar{G}^i of \bar{F}^n in terms of the spray coefficients G^i of F^n are expressed as [10]

$$\bar{G}^i = G^i + D^i, \quad (2.10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
D^i &= \frac{\sigma_0}{2p} \{ [2p - \beta p_{-1} - e^\sigma p^2 L^2 s_{-2} - p s_{-1} (2e^\sigma p \beta + e^\sigma p_{-1} L^2 m^2)] y^i \\
&\quad - 2e^\sigma p^2 \beta s_0 b^i \} + \frac{q}{p} e^{-\sigma} F_0^i - \frac{1}{2} L^2 \sigma^i + \frac{1}{2} (e^\sigma p E_{00} - 2q F_{\beta 0} \\
&\quad + e^\sigma p L^2 \sigma_\beta) (s_0 b^i + s_{-1} y^i); \\
E_{jk} &= (1/2)(b_{j|k} + b_{k|j}), \quad F_{jk} = (1/2)(b_{j|k} - b_{k|j}), \quad F_j^i = g^{ik} F_{kj}
\end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

the symbol ‘|’ denote the h -covariant derivative with respect to the Cartan connection CT and the lower index ‘ $_0$ ’ (except in s_0) denote the contraction by y^i .

The relation between the coefficients \bar{N}_j^i of Cartan nonlinear connection in \bar{F}^n and the coefficients N_j^i of the corresponding Cartan nonlinear connection in F^n is given by [10]

$$\bar{N}_j^i = N_j^i + D_j^i, \tag{2.12}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
D_j^i &= \frac{e^{-\sigma}}{p} A_j^i - (s_0 b^i + s_{-1} y^i) A_{tj} b^t - (q b_{0|j} + e^\sigma p L^2 \sigma_j) \\
&\quad (s_{-1} b^i + s_{-2} y^i);
\end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{ij} &= E_{00} B_{ij} + F_{i0} Q_j + q F_{ij} + E_{j0} Q_i - 2(e^\sigma p C_{sij} + V_{sij}) D^s \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_0 [2e^\sigma p g_{ij} + 2e^\sigma p_{-1} m_j y_i - 2\beta B_{ij} + e^\sigma p_{-1} (b_i y_j - b_j y_i)] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_i (e^\sigma L^2 p_{-1} m_j + 2e^\sigma p y_j) + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_j (2e^\sigma p y_i + e^\sigma L^2 p_{-1} m_i);
\end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

$$A_j^i = g^{li} A_{lj}, \quad 2B_{ij} = e^\sigma p_{-1} h_{ij} + p_{02} m_i m_j, \quad Q_i = e^\sigma p_{-1} y_i + p_0 b_i$$

The coefficients \bar{F}_{jk}^i of Cartan connection $C\bar{T}$ in \bar{F}^n and the coefficients F_{jk}^i of the corresponding Cartan connection CT in F^n are related as [10]

$$\bar{F}_{jk}^i = F_{jk}^i + D_{jk}^i, \tag{2.15}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
D_{jk}^i &= \{ (e^{-\sigma}/p) g^{it} - (s_0 b^i + s_{-1} y^i) b^t - (s_{-1} b^i + s_{-2} y^i) y^t \} \{ F_{tk} Q_j \\
&\quad + F_{tj} Q_k + E_{jk} Q_t + \frac{1}{2} \Theta_{(j,k,t)} (2e^\sigma p C_{jkm} D_t^m + 2V_{jkm} D_t^m \\
&\quad - K_{jk} \sigma_t - 2B_{jk} b_{0|t}) \} \\
V_{ijk} &= \frac{1}{2} e^\sigma p_{-1} (h_{ij} m_k + h_{jk} m_i + h_{ki} m_j) + \frac{1}{2} p_{02} m_i m_j m_k
\end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
K_{ij} &= A_1 g_{ij} + A_2 b_i b_j + A_3 (b_i y_j + b_j y_i) + A_4 y_i y_j, \\
A_1 &= e^\sigma (2p - \beta p_{-1}), \quad A_2 = -\beta p_{02}, \quad A_3 = e^\sigma p_{-1} + (\beta^2 / L^2) p_{02}, \\
A_4 &= e^\sigma p_{-2} - (\beta^3 / L^4) p_{02}, \quad \Theta_{(j,k,t)} \{A_{jkt}\} = A_{jkt} - A_{ktj} - A_{tjk},
\end{aligned}$$

The tensor D_{jk}^i has the properties:

$$D_{j0}^i = B_{j0}^i = D_j^i; \quad D_{00}^i = 2D^i, \quad \text{where} \quad B_{jk}^i = \partial_k D_j^i. \quad (2.17)$$

Lemma 2.1. [6]. If the covariant vector, the components $b_i(x)$ of which are coefficients of the one-form L , is parallel with respect to the Cartan connection CT on F^n , then the difference tensor $D_{jk}^i (= \bar{F}_{jk}^i - F_{jk}^i)$ vanishes.

3. Finslerian Subspaces given by Generalized conformal β -change

Let M^n be an n -dimensional smooth manifold and $F^n = (M^n, L)$ be an n -dimensional Finsler space equipped with a fundamental function $L(x, y)$ on M^n . Then the metric tensor $g_{ij}(x, y)$ and Cartans C -tensor $C_{ijk}(x, y)$ are given by

$$g_{ij} = (\partial^2 L^2 / \partial y^i \partial y^j) / 2, \quad C_{ijk} = (\partial g_{ij} / \partial y^k) / 2,$$

and we can introduce in F^n the Cartan connection $CT = (F_{jk}^i, G_j^i, C_{jk}^i)$. An m -dimensional subspace M^m of the underlying smooth manifold M^n may be parametrically represented by the equation $x^i = x^i(u^\alpha) (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$, where u^α are Gaussian coordinates on M^m and Greek indices run from 1 to m . Here, we shall assume that the matrix consisting of the projection factors $B_\alpha^i = \partial x^i / \partial u^\alpha$ is of rank m . The following notations are also employed : $B_{\alpha\beta}^i := \partial^2 x^i / \partial u^\alpha \partial u^\beta$, $B_{0\beta}^i := v^\alpha B_{\alpha\beta}^i$, $B_{\alpha\beta\dots}^{ij\dots} := B_\alpha^i B_\beta^j \dots$. If the supporting element y^i at a point (u^α) of M^m is assumed to be tangential to M^m , we may then write $y^i = B_\alpha^i(u) v^\alpha$, so that v^α is thought of as the supporting element of M^m at the point (u^α) . Since the function $\underline{L}(u, v) := L(x(u), y(u, v))$ gives rise to a Finsler metric of M^m , we get an m -dimensional Finsler space $F^m = (M^m, \underline{L}(u, v))$.

At each point (u^α) of F^m , the unit normal vectors $N_\alpha^i(u, v)$ are defined by

$$g_{ij} B_\alpha^i N_a^j = 0, \quad g_{ij} N_a^i N_b^j = \delta_{ab} \quad (a, b, \dots = m+1, \dots, n). \quad (3.1)$$

If (B_α^i, N_α^i) is the inverse matrix of (B_α^i, N_α^i) , we have

$$B_\alpha^i B_i^\beta = \delta_\alpha^\beta, \quad B_\alpha^i N_i^a = 0, \quad N_a^i B_i^\alpha = 0, \quad N_a^i N_i^b = \delta_a^b, \quad (3.2)$$

and further

$$B_\alpha^i B_j^\alpha + N_a^i N_j^a = \delta_j^i. \quad (3.3)$$

Making use of the inverse matrix $(g^{\alpha\beta})$ of $(g_{\alpha\beta})$, we get $B_i^\alpha = g^{\alpha\beta} g_{ij} B_\beta^j$. By (3.1) and (3.3), we also have $\delta_{ab} N_i^b = g_{ij} N_a^j$.

For the induced Cartan connection $C\Gamma = (F_{\beta\gamma}^\alpha, G_\beta^\alpha, C_{\beta\gamma}^\alpha)$ on F^m , the second fundamental h -tensor $H_{\alpha\beta}^a$ and the normal curvature vector H_α^a in a normal direction N_a^i are given by

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\alpha\beta}^a &= N_i^a (B_{\alpha\beta}^i + F_{jk}^i B_{\alpha\beta}^{jk}) + M_{\alpha b}^a H_\beta^b, \\ H_\alpha^a &= N_i^a (B_{0\alpha}^i + G_j^i B_\alpha^j), \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

where $M_{\alpha b}^a := C_{ik}^j B_\alpha^i N_j^a N_b^k$ and $B_{0\alpha}^i = B_{\beta\alpha}^i v^\beta$. Contracting $H_{\beta\alpha}^a$ by v^β , we immediately get

$$H_{0\alpha}^a := H_{\beta\alpha}^a v^\beta = H_\alpha^a. \quad (3.5)$$

Lets introduce in $F^n = (M^n, \bar{L})$ the Cartan connection $C\bar{\Gamma} = (\bar{F}_{jk}^i, \bar{G}_j^i, \bar{C}_{jk}^i)$ from a generalized conformal β -change of the metric.

We now consider a Finslerian subspace $F^m = (M^m, \bar{L}(u, v))$ of F^n and another Finslerian subspace $\bar{F}^m = (M^m, \bar{L}(u, v))$ of the \bar{F}^n given by the generalized conformal β -change. Let N_a^i be unit normal vectors at each point of F^m , and (B_i^α, N_i^a) be the inverse matrix of (B_α^i, N_a^i) . The functions $B_\alpha^i(u)$ may be considered as components of m linearly independent vectors tangent to F^m and they are invariant under the generalized conformal β -change. The unit normal vectors $\bar{N}_a^i(u, v)$ of \bar{F}^m are uniquely determined by

$$\bar{g}_{ij} B_\alpha^i \bar{N}_a^j = 0, \quad \bar{g}_{ij} \bar{N}_a^i \bar{N}_b^j = \delta_{ab}. \quad (3.6)$$

The fundamental tensor $\bar{g}_{ij} = (\partial^2 \bar{L}^2 / \partial y^i \partial y^j) / 2$ of the Finsler space \bar{F}^n given by (2.3), (2.4).

Now contracting (3.1) by v^α , we immediately get

$$y_i N_a^i = 0 \quad (3.7)$$

Further contracting (2.4) by $N_a^i N_b^j$ and paying attention to (3.1), (3.6) and (3.7), we have

$$\bar{g}_{ij} N_a^i N_b^j = e^\sigma p \delta_{ab} + p_0 (b_i N_a^i) (b_j N_b^j). \quad (3.8)$$

Putting $a = b$, then we obtain

$$\bar{g}_{ij} (\pm N_a^i / \sqrt{e^\sigma p + p_0 (b_i N_a^i)^2}) (\pm N_a^j / \sqrt{e^\sigma p + p_0 (b_i N_a^i)^2}) = 1, \quad (3.9)$$

provided $e^\sigma p + p_0(b_i N_a^i)^2 > 0$. Therefore we can put

$$\bar{N}_a^i = N_a^i / \sqrt{e^\sigma p + p_0(b_i N_a^i)^2}, \quad (3.10)$$

where we have chosen the sign " + " in order to fix an orientation. On using (3.1) and (3.7), the first condition of (3.6) gives us

$$(b_i N_a^i)(p_0 b_j B_\alpha^j + e^\sigma y_j B_\alpha^j) = 0. \quad (3.11)$$

Now, assuming that $p_0 b_j B_\alpha^j + e^\sigma p_{-1} y_j B_\alpha^j = 0$ and contracting this by v^α , we find $p_0 \beta + e^\sigma p_{-1} L^2 = 0$. By (2.3) this equation lead us to $f f_\beta = 0$, where we have used $L f_{L\beta} + \beta f_{\beta\beta} = 0$ and $L f_L + \beta f_\beta = f$ owing to the homogeneity of f . Thus we have $f_\beta = 0$ because of $f \neq 0$. This fact means $\bar{L} = f(L)$ and contradicts the definition of a generalized conformal β -change of metric. Consequently (3.11) gives us

$$b_i N_a^i = 0. \quad (3.12)$$

Therefore (3.10) is rewritten as

$$\bar{N}_a^i = N_a^i / \sqrt{e^\sigma p} \quad (p > 0). \quad (3.13)$$

and then it is clear \bar{N}_a^i satisfies (3.6). Summarizing the above, we obtain

Theorem 3.1. For a field of linear frame $(B_1^i, \dots, B_m^i, N_{m+1}^i, \dots, N_n^i)$ of F^n , there exists a field of linear frame $(B_1^i, \dots, B_m^i, \bar{N}_{m+1}^i, \dots, \bar{N}_n^i)$ of \bar{F}^n given by the generalized conformal β -change such that (3.6) is satisfied along \bar{F}^m , and then we get (3.12).

The quantities \bar{B}_i^α are uniquely defined along \bar{F}^m by

$$\bar{B}_i^\alpha = \bar{g}^{\alpha\beta} \bar{g}_{ij} B_\beta^j, \quad (3.14)$$

where $\bar{g}^{\alpha\beta}$ is the inverse matrix of $\bar{g}_{\alpha\beta}$. Let $(\bar{B}_i^\alpha, \bar{N}_i^a)$ be the inverse matrix of $(B_\alpha^i, \bar{N}_a^i)$, we have

$$B_\alpha^i \bar{B}_i^\beta = \delta_\alpha^\beta, \quad B_\alpha^i \bar{N}_i^a = 0, \quad \bar{N}_a^i \bar{B}_i^\alpha = 0, \quad \bar{N}_a^i \bar{N}_i^b = \delta_a^b, \quad (3.15)$$

and further

$$B_\alpha^i \bar{B}_j^\alpha + \bar{N}_a^i \bar{N}_j^a = \delta_j^i. \quad (3.16)$$

we also get $\delta_{ab} \bar{N}_i^b = \bar{g}_{ij} \bar{N}_a^j$, that is,

$$\bar{N}_i^a = \sqrt{e^\sigma p} N_i^a. \quad (3.17)$$

Now assuming that the covector field $b_i(x)$ is gradient, we have from (2.11)

$$N_i^a D^i = 0. \quad (3.18)$$

Differentiating (3.18) by y^j and contracting it by B_α^j , we get

$$N_i^a D_j^i B_\alpha^j = 0. \quad (3.19)$$

If each geodesic of F^m with respect to the induced metric is also a geodesic of F^n , then F^m is called totally geodesic. A totally geodesic subspace F^m is characterized by each $H_\alpha^a = 0$. From (3.4) and (3.17) we have

$$\bar{H}_\alpha^a = \sqrt{e^\sigma p} (H_\alpha^a + N_i^a D_j^i B_\alpha^j). \quad (3.20)$$

Thus from (3.19) we obtain $\bar{H}_\alpha^a = \sqrt{e^\sigma p} H_\alpha^a$. Hence we have

Theorem 3.2. Assume that the covector field $b_i(x)$ is gradient. Then the subspace F^m is totally geodesic, if and only if the subspace \bar{F}^m is totally geodesic.

From (3.4), (3.17) and Lemma 2.1, we have $\bar{H}_\alpha^a = \sqrt{e^\sigma p} H_\alpha^a$. Thus we obtain

Theorem 3.3. Let $b_i(x)$ be parallel with respect to CT on F^n . Then the subspace F^m is totally geodesic, if and only if the subspace \bar{F}^m is totally geodesic.

If each h -path of F^m with respect to the induced connection is also an h -path of F^n , then F^m is called totally h -autoparallel. A totally h -autoparallel subspace F^m is characterized by each $H_{\alpha\beta}^a = 0$. From (3.4), (3.5), (3.17) and Lemma 2.1, we obtain

Theorem 3.4. Let $b_i(x)$ be parallel with respect to CT on F^n . Then the subspace F^m is totally h -autoparallel, if and only if the subspace \bar{F}^m is totally h -autoparallel.

4. Conclusion

We have tried to generalize theorems of Finsler geometry and found that those not relying on the notion of translation may be successfully generalized.

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