

Invariant infinite series metrics on reduced Σ -spaces

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Abstract. In this paper, we study the geometric properties of Finsler Σ -spaces. We prove that Infinite series Σ -spaces are Riemannian.

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1. Introduction

Let M be a C^∞ manifold and $\mu : M \times M \rightarrow M$, $\mu(x, y) = x.y$ be a differentiable multiplication. The space M with the multiplication μ is said to be symmetric if the following conditions hold:

- (1) $x.x = x$
- (2) $x.(x.y) = y$
- (3) $x.(y.z) = (x.y)(x.z)$
- (4) Every point x has a neighborhood U such that $x.y = y$ implies $y = x$, for all $y \in U$.

The notion of symmetric spaces is due to E. Cartan and reformulated by O. Loos as pair (M, μ) with conditions (1) – (4) in [18]. A. J. Ledger [15, 16] initiated the study later, generalized symmetric spaces or regular s -spaces. Let M be a C^∞ -manifold with a family of maps $\{s_x\}_{x \in M}$. The space M is said to be a regular s -space if the following conditions hold:

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- (a) $s_x x = x$,
- (b) s_x is a diffeomorphism,
- (c) $s_x \circ s_y = s_{s_x y} \circ s_x$,
- (d) $(s_x)_*$ has only one fixed vector, the zero vector.

Σ -spaces and reduced Σ -spaces were first introduced by O. Loos [18] as generalisation of reflection spaces and symmetric spaces [19]. They include also the class of regular s -manifolds [9].

The definition of symmetric Finsler space is a natural generalization of E. Cartan's definition of Riemannian symmetric spaces. We call a Finsler space (M, F) as a symmetric Finsler space if for any point $p \in M$ there exists an involutive isometry s_p of (M, F) such that p is an isolated fixed point of s_p .

If we drop the involution property in the definition of symmetric Finsler space keeping the property $s_x \circ s_y = s_z \circ s_x$, $z = s_x(y)$ we get a bigger class of Finsler manifolds as symmetric Finsler spaces [6, 8, 10, 22]. Finsler Σ -spaces were first proposed and studied by the second authors in [11].

2. Preliminaries

A Finsler metric on a C^∞ manifold of dimension n , is a function $F : TM \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ which has the following properties:

- (i) F is C^∞ on $TM_0 = TM \setminus \{0\}$,
- (ii) F is positively 1-homogeneous on the fibers of tangent bundle TM ,
- (iii) For any non-zero $y \in T_x M$, the fundamental tensor $g_y : T_x M \times T_x M \rightarrow R$ on $T_x M$ is positive definite,

$$g_y(u, v) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} [F^2(y + su + tv)]|_{s=t=0}, \quad u, v \in T_x M.$$

Then (M, F) is called an n -dimensional Finsler manifold.

One of the main quantities in Finsler geometry is the flag curvature which is defined as follows:

$$K(P, y) = \frac{g_y(R(u, y)y, u)}{g_y(y, y)g_y(u, u) - g_y^2(y, u)},$$

where $P = \text{Span}\{u, y\}$ is a 2-plane in $T_x M$,

$$R(u, y)y = \nabla_u \nabla_y y - \nabla_y \nabla_u y - \nabla_{[u, y]} y$$

and ∇ is the Chern connection induced by F [5, 21].

For a Finsler metric F on n -dimensional manifold M , the Busemann-Hausdorff volume form $dV_F = \sigma_F(x) dx^1 \dots dx^n$ is defined by

$$\sigma_F(x) = \frac{\text{Vol}(B^n(1))}{\text{Vol}\{(y^i) \in R^n | F(y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} | x) < 1\}}.$$

Let

$$G^i := \frac{1}{4} g^{il} \left[\frac{\partial^2(F^2)}{\partial x^k \partial y^l} y^k - \frac{\partial(F^2)}{\partial x^l} \right],$$

denote the geodesic coefficients of F in the same local coordinate system. The S –curvature can be defined by

$$\mathbf{S}(y) = \frac{\partial G^i}{\partial y^i}(x, y) - y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} [\ln \sigma_F(x)],$$

where $y = y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} |_x \in T_x M$ (see [5]). The Finsler metric F is said to be of isotropic \mathbf{S} –curvature if

$$\mathbf{S} = (n + 1)cF,$$

where $c = c(x)$ is a scalar function on M .

Let (M, F) be an n –dimensional Finsler manifold. The non-Riemannian quantity Ξ –curvature $\Xi = \Xi_i dx^i$ on the tangent bundle TM , is defined by

$$\Xi_i = \mathbf{S}_{.i|m} y^m - \mathbf{S}_{|i},$$

where S denotes the S –curvature, “.” and “|” denote the vertical and horizontal covariant derivatives, respectively. We say that a Finsler metric have almost vanishing Ξ –curvature if

$$\Xi_i = -(n + 1)F^2 \left(\frac{\theta}{F} \right)_{y^i},$$

where $\theta = \theta_i(x)y^i$ is a 1-form on M [21, 7].

3. (α, β) – Σ – spaces

We first recall the definition and some basic results concerning Σ –spaces [17].

Definition 3.1. Let M be a smooth connected manifold, Σ a Lie group, and $\mu : M \times \Sigma \times M \rightarrow M$ a smooth map. Then the triple (M, Σ, μ) is a Σ –space if it satisfies

$$(\Sigma_1): \mu(x, \sigma, x) = x,$$

$$(\Sigma_2): \mu(x, e, y) = y,$$

$$(\Sigma_3): \mu(x, \sigma, \mu(x, \tau, y)) = \mu(x, \sigma\tau, y)$$

$$(\Sigma_5): \mu(x, \sigma, \mu(y, \tau, z)) = \mu(\mu(x, \sigma, y), \sigma\tau\sigma^{-1}, \mu(x, \sigma, z))$$

where $x, y, z \in M$, $\sigma, \tau \in \Sigma$ and e is the identity element of Σ . The triple (M, Σ, μ) is usually denoted by M .

For a fixed point $x \in M$ we define a map $\sigma_x : M \rightarrow M$ by $\sigma_x(y) = \mu(x, \sigma, y)$ and a map $\sigma^x : M \rightarrow M$ by $\sigma^x(y) = \mu(y, \sigma, x)$. with respect to these maps the above conditions become

$$(\Sigma'_1): \sigma_x(x) = x,$$

$$(\Sigma'_2): e_x = id_M,$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\Sigma'_3): \sigma_x \tau_x &= (\sigma \tau)_x \\ (\Sigma'_4): \sigma_x \tau_y \sigma_x^{-1} &= (\sigma \tau \sigma^{-1}) \sigma_x(y). \end{aligned}$$

For each $x \in M$ by Σ_x we denote the image of Σ under the map $\Sigma \longrightarrow \Sigma_x$, $\sigma \longrightarrow \sigma_x$. For each $\sigma \in \Sigma$ we define (1,1) tensor field S^σ on the Σ -space M by

$$S^\sigma X_x = (\sigma_x)_* X_x \quad \forall x \in M, X_x \in T_x M.$$

Clearly S^σ is smooth.

Definition 3.2. A Σ -space M is a reduced Σ -space if for each $x \in M$,

- (1) $T_x M$ is generated by the set of all $\sigma^x(X_x)$, that is

$$T_x M = \text{gen}\{(I - S^\sigma)X_x | X_x \in T_x M, \sigma \in \Sigma\},$$

- (2) If $X_x \in T_x M$ and $\sigma^x X_x = 0$ for all $\sigma \in \Sigma$ then $X_x = 0$, and thus no non-zero vector in $T_x M$ is fixed by all S^σ .

Definition 3.3. A Finsler Σ -space, denoted by (M, Σ, F) is a reduced Σ -space together with a Finsler metric F which is invariant under Σ_p for $p \in M$.

Definition 3.4. let $\alpha = \sqrt{\tilde{a}_{ij}(x)y^i y^j}$ be a norm induced by a Riemannian metric \tilde{a} and $\beta(x, y) = b_i(x)y^i$ be a 1-form on an n-dimensional manifold M , and let

$$\|\beta(x)\|_\alpha := \sqrt{\tilde{a}^{ij} b_i(x) b_j(x)}. \quad (3.1)$$

Now, the function F is defined by,

$$F := \alpha \phi(s) \quad s = \frac{\beta}{\alpha}, \quad (3.2)$$

where $\phi = \phi(s)$ is a positive C^∞ function on $(-b_0, b_0)$ satisfying

$$\phi(s) - s\phi'(s) + (b^2 - s^2)\phi''(s) > 0, \quad |s| \leq b < b_0. \quad (3.3)$$

Then by lemma 1.1.2 of [3], F is a Finsler metric if $\|\beta(x)\|_\alpha < b_0$ for any $x \in M$. A Finsler metric in the form (3.2) is called an (α, β) - metric [1,3]. A Finsler space having the Finsler function,

$$F(x, y) = \frac{\beta^2(x, y)}{\beta(x, y) - \alpha(x, y)}, \quad (3.4)$$

is called a Finsler space with an infinite series (α, β) - metric.

now we present the main results

Lemma 3.5. Let (M, Σ, F) be an infinite series Σ - space with $F = \frac{\beta^2}{\beta - \alpha}$ defined by the Riemannian metric \tilde{a} and the vector field X . Then (M, Σ, \tilde{a}) is a Riemannian Σ -space.

Proof. Let σ_x be a diffeomorphism $\sigma_x : M \longrightarrow M$ defined by $\sigma_x(y) = \mu(x, \sigma, y)$. Then for $p \in M$ and for any $y \in T_p M$ we have

$$F(p, Y) = F(\sigma_x(p), d\sigma_x(Y)),$$

Applying equation (3.4) we get

$$\frac{\tilde{a}(X_p, y)^2}{\tilde{a}(X_p, y) - \sqrt{\tilde{a}(y, y)}} = \frac{\tilde{a}(X_{\sigma_x(p)}, d\sigma_x(y))^2}{\tilde{a}(X_{\sigma_x(p)}, d\sigma_x(y)) - \sqrt{\tilde{a}(d\sigma_x(y), d\sigma_x(y))}},$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{a}(X_p, y)^2 \tilde{a}(X_{\sigma_x(p)}, d\sigma_x(y)) - \tilde{a}(X_p, y)^2 \sqrt{\tilde{a}(d\sigma_x(y), d\sigma_x(y))} \\ &= \tilde{a}(X_{\sigma_x(p)}, d\sigma_x(y))^2 \tilde{a}(X_p, y) - \tilde{a}(X_{\sigma_x(p)}, d\sigma_x(y))^2 \sqrt{\tilde{a}(y, y)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Applying the above equation to $-Y$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{a}(X_p, y)^2 \tilde{a}(X_{\sigma_x(p)}, d\sigma_x(y)) + \tilde{a}(X_p, y)^2 \sqrt{\tilde{a}(d\sigma_x(y), d\sigma_x(y))} \\ &= \tilde{a}(X_{\sigma_x(p)}, d\sigma_x(y))^2 \tilde{a}(X_p, y) + \tilde{a}(X_{\sigma_x(p)}, d\sigma_x(y))^2 \sqrt{\tilde{a}(y, y)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Applying equations (3.5) and (3.6), we get

$$\tilde{a}(X_p, y) = \tilde{a}(X_{\sigma_x(p)}, d\sigma_x(y)) \quad (3.7)$$

Subtracting equation (3.5) from equation (3.6) and using equation (3.7), we get

$$\tilde{a}(y, y) = \tilde{a}(d\sigma_x(y), d\sigma_x(y))$$

Thus σ_x is an isometry with respect to the Riemannian metric \tilde{a} . \square

Lemma 3.6. *Let (M, Σ, \tilde{a}) be a Riemannian Σ –space. Let F be an infinite series defined by the Riemannian metric \tilde{a} and the vector field X . Then (M, Σ, F) is an infinite series Σ –space if and only if X is σ_x –invariant for all $x \in M$.*

Proof. Let X be σ_x –invariant. Then for any $p \in M$, we have $X_{\sigma_x(p)} = d\sigma_x X_p$. Then for any $y \in T_p M$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(\sigma_x(p), d\sigma_x y_p) &= \frac{\tilde{a}(X_{\sigma_x(p)}, d\sigma_x y_p)^2}{\tilde{a}(X_{\sigma_x(p)}, d\sigma_x y_p) - \sqrt{\tilde{a}(d\sigma_x y_p, d\sigma_x y_p)}} \\ &= \frac{\tilde{a}(d\sigma_x X_p, d\sigma_x y_p)^2}{\tilde{a}(d\sigma_x X_p, d\sigma_x y_p) - \sqrt{\tilde{a}(d\sigma_x y_p, d\sigma_x y_p)}} \\ &= \frac{\tilde{a}(X_p, y_p)^2}{\tilde{a}(X_p, y_p) - \sqrt{\tilde{a}(y_p, y_p)}} \\ &= F(p, y_p). \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, let F be a Σ_M – invariant. Then for any $p \in M$ and $y \in T_p M$, we have

$$F(p, Y) = F(\sigma_x(p), d\sigma_x(Y))$$

Applying the lemma (3.5) we have

$$\tilde{a}(X_p, y) = \tilde{a}(X_{\sigma_x(p)}, d\sigma_x(y))$$

which implies

$$\tilde{a}(y, y) = \tilde{a}(d\sigma_x(y), d\sigma_x(y)) \quad (3.8)$$

Combining the equation (3.7) and (3.8) , we get

$$\tilde{a}(X_x, y) = \tilde{a}(X_{\sigma_x(p)}, d\sigma_x(y)) \quad (3.9)$$

Therefore $d\sigma_x X_p = X_{\sigma_x(p)}$. \square

Theorem 3.7. *An infinite series Σ -space must be Riemannian*

Proof. Let (M, Σ, F) be an infinite series Σ -space with $F = \frac{\beta^2}{\beta - \alpha}$ defined by the Riemannian metric \tilde{a} and the vector field X . Let σ_x be a diffeomorphism defined by $\sigma_x(y) = \mu(x, \sigma, y)$. by lemma (3.5) (M, Σ, \tilde{a}) is a Riemannian Σ -space. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, d\sigma_x y) &= \frac{\tilde{a}(X_x, d\sigma_x(y))^2}{\tilde{a}(X_x, d\sigma_x(y)) - \sqrt{\tilde{a}(d\sigma_x(y), d\sigma_x(y))}} \\ &= \frac{\tilde{a}(X_x, d\sigma_x(y))^2}{\tilde{a}(X_x, d\sigma_x(y)) - \sqrt{\tilde{a}(y, y)}} \\ &= F(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\tilde{a}(X_x, d\sigma_x y) = \tilde{a}(X_x, y)$, $\forall y \in T_x M$. The tangent map $S^\sigma = (d\sigma_x)_x$ is an orthogonal transformation of $T_x M$ without any nonzero fixed vectors. So we have $\tilde{a}(X_x, (S^\sigma - id)_x(y)) = 0$, $\forall y \in T_x M$. Since $(S - id)_x$ is an invertible linear transformation, we have $X_x = 0$, $\forall x \in M$. Hence F is Riemannian. \square

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