


## On the flag curvature of left invariant generalized $m$ -Kropina metrics on some Lie groups

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**Abstract.** In this paper we study invariant Finsler spaces with generalized  $m$ -Kropina metrics. We give an explicit formula for the flag curvature of invariant Finsler spaces with generalized  $m$ -Kropina metrics on some Lie groups.

**Keywords:** Flag curvature,  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric, Kropina metric, generalized Kropina metric.

### 1. Introduction

The geometry of invariant Finsler metrics on Lie groups is one of the interesting subjects in Finsler geometry which has been studied by some Finsler geometers in recent years (see [2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17]). In 1972 M. Matsumoto introduced the concept of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metrics in Finsler geometry [18]. A Finsler metric of the form

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

where  $\alpha = \sqrt{\tilde{a}_{ij}y^i y^j}$  induced by a Riemannian metric  $\tilde{a} = \tilde{a}_{ij}dx^i \otimes dx^j$  on a connected smooth  $n$ -manifold  $M$  and  $\beta = b_i(x)y^i$  is a 1-form on  $M$ , is called

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an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric [1]. In particular if  $\phi(s) = 1/s^m$ , ( $m \neq 0, -1$ ), then the Finsler metric

$$F = \frac{\alpha^{m+1}}{\beta^m}$$

is called generalized  $m$ -Kropina metric [11].

Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{t}$  be abelian Lie algebra of dimension  $n$  and 1, respectively. Let  $P = (p_{ij}) \in \mathfrak{gl}(n, \mathcal{R})$  be any real  $(n \times n)$ -matrix. The well-known homomorphism  $\varphi : \mathfrak{t} \rightarrow \text{End}(\mathfrak{a})$  can be defined by

$$\varphi(\gamma)(x) = \gamma Px.$$

for  $\gamma \in \mathfrak{t}$  and  $x \in \mathfrak{a}$ . The semi-direct product of  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{t}$  can be defined as follows. The underlying Linear space is the directsum  $\mathfrak{a} \oplus \mathfrak{t}$  and the bracket is given by

$$[(a, \gamma), (b, \beta)] = (\varphi(\gamma)b - \varphi(\beta)a, 0)$$

we denote this Lie algebra by  $\mathfrak{a} \oplus_p \mathfrak{t}$  [22, 10].

Flag curvature is the most important quantity in Finsler geometry [6, 7, 23, 19, 20, 21, 24]. In this paper we give an explicit formula for the flag curvature of invariant generalized  $m$ -Kropina metrics on  $\mathfrak{a} \oplus_p \mathfrak{t}$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we give some definitions and results of Finsler spaces (see [4, 5]).

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $M$  be a  $C^\infty$  manifold of dimension  $n$ . A Finsler metric on  $M$  is a non-negative function  $F : TM \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  with the following properties:

- 1)  $F$  is smooth on the slit tangent bundle  $TM \setminus \{0\}$ .
- 2)  $F(x, \lambda Y) = \lambda F(x, Y)$  for any  $x \in M$ , and  $Y \in T_x M$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ .
- 3) for a fixed  $Y \in T_x M - \{0\}$ , the bilinear function  $g_Y : T_x M \times T_x M \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  defined by

$$g_Y(U, V) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} F^2(x, Y + sU + tV) \Big|_{s=t=0}.$$

is positive definite.

**Definition 2.2.** 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  $M$ . Suppose

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

and let the function  $F$  is defined as follows

$$F := \alpha \phi(s), \quad s = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \tag{2.1}$$

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

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

Then  $F$  is a Finsler metric if  $\|\beta(x)\|_\alpha < b_0$  for any  $x \in M$ . A Finsler metric in form (2.1) is called an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric. In particular, if  $\phi(s) = \frac{1}{s^m}$  ( $m \neq 0, -1$ ) then the Finsler metric

$$F = \frac{\alpha^{m+1}}{\beta^m},$$

is called generalized  $m$ -Kropina metric. The Riemannian metric  $\tilde{a}$  induces an inner product on any cotangent space  $T_x^*M$  such that

$$\langle dx^i(x), dx^j(x) \rangle = \tilde{a}^{ij}(x).$$

The induced inner product on  $T_x^*M$  induced a linear isomorphism between  $T_x^*M$  and  $T_xM$ . Then the 1-form  $\beta$  corresponds to a vector fixed  $X$  on  $M$  such that

$$\tilde{a}(y, X(x)) = \beta(x, y).$$

Therefore we can write generalized  $m$ -Kropina metrics as following

$$F(x, Y) = \frac{(\sqrt{\tilde{a}(Y, Y)})^{m+1}}{\tilde{a}(X, Y)^m}$$

**Definition 2.3.** A Finsler space  $(M, F)$  is called a Berwald space if the Chern connection of  $(M, F)$  is a linear connection on  $TM$ . Equivalently, if each of the Chern connection coefficient  $\Gamma_{jk}^i$  in natural coordinate system, have no  $y$  dependence, then Finsler space  $(M, F)$  becomes a Berwald space.

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $(M, F)$  be a Finsler space. The flag curvature  $K(P, Y)$  is a function of tangent planes  $P = \text{span}\{Y, U\} \subset T_xM$  and direction  $Y \in T_xM - \{0\}$ . The pair  $(P, Y)$  is called a flag and  $Y$  is called the flag Pole. The flag curvature is defined by

$$K(P, Y) = \frac{g_Y(R(U, Y)Y, U)}{g_Y(Y, Y)g_Y(U, U) - g_Y^2(Y, U)}$$

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra and  $G$  is the simply connected Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . A Finsler metric  $F : TG \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  will be called left invariant if

$$F(L_{a_*}X) = F(X), \quad \forall a \in G, \forall X \in \mathfrak{g}$$

when  $L_a$  is the left translation and  $e$  is the unit element of the Lie group.

### 3. Flag curvature of left invariant generalized $m$ -Kropina metric

Let  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{r}$  be Abelian Lie algebra of dimension  $n$  and 1, respectively. Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{a} \oplus_p \mathfrak{r}$ . Put  $E_i = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)$ , and let  $\{E_1, \dots, E_{n+1}\}$  be orthonormal basis for  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{a} \oplus_p \mathfrak{r}$  with respect to a inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and equip the left invariant metric on the associated Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ . for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , we have

- 1)  $[E_1, E_j] = 0$
- 2)  $[E_{n+1}, E_i] = \sum_{j=1}^n P_{ji} E_j$
- 3)  $[E_{n+1}, E_{n+1}] = 0$

and

$$\nabla_{E_i} E_j = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_{ijk} - \alpha_{jki} + \alpha_{kij}) E_k$$

where

$$[E_i, E_j] = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \alpha_{ijk} E_k.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be a Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{a} \oplus_p \mathfrak{r}$  and let  $\{E_1, \dots, E_{n+1}\}$  be orthonormal basis for  $\mathfrak{g}$  with respected to the left invariant Riemannian metric  $\tilde{a}$ . Let  $F$  be a generalized  $m$ -Kropina metric arising by  $\tilde{a}$  and the invariant vector field  $X = \sum_{r=1}^{n+1} x_r E_r$  whith is of Berwald type. Then the flag curvature of  $F$  is given by*

$$K(P, E_j) = \frac{(m+1) \left( \frac{1}{4} (p_{ij} + p_{ji})^2 - p_{ii} p_{jj} \right) + m(2m+1) x_i x_j^{2m} \tilde{a}(X, A)}{(m+1)(x_j^2 + m x_i^2)},$$

$$K(P, E_{n+1}) = \frac{1}{(m+1)(x_{n+1}^2 + m x_i^2)} \left\{ (m+1) x_{n+1}^{2m+2} \sum \left( \frac{1}{4} (p_{ji} + p_{ij})(p_{ij} - p_{ji}) \right) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2} p_{ji} (p_{ij} + p_{ji}) - 2m(m+1) x_i x_{n+1}^{2m+1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{4} (p_{ji} + p_{ij})(p_{(n+1)j} - p_{j(n+1)}) \right) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2} p_{ji} (p_{(n+1)j} + p_{j(n+1)}) + m(2m+1) x_i x_{n+1}^{2m} \tilde{a}(X, B) \right\}$$

where

$$A = \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{-1}{2} p_{jj} (p_{ki} + p_{ik}) + \frac{1}{4} (p_{ij} + p_{ji})(p_{kj} + p_{jk}) \right) E_k$$

and

$$B = \sum_{r=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{4} (p_{ji} + p_{ij})(p_{rj} - p_{jr}) - \frac{1}{2} p_{ji} (p_{rj} + p_{jr}) \right) E_r.$$

*Proof.* Since  $F$  is of Berwald type, the Chern connection of  $F$  coincide with the Levi-Civita connection of  $\tilde{a}$ . Thus  $F$  and  $\tilde{a}$  have the same curvature tensor  $R$ . So we have

$$R(E_i, E_j)E_j = \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{-1}{2} p_{ij}(p_{ki} + p_{ik}) + \frac{1}{4}(p_{ij} + p_{ji})(p_{kj} + p_{jk}) \right) E_k,$$

$$R(E_i, E_{n+1})E_{n+1} = \sum_{r=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{4}(p_{ji} + p_{ij})(p_{rj} - p_{jr}) - \frac{1}{2} p_{ji}(p_{rj} + p_{jr}) \right) E_r.$$

By using the definition  $g_Y(U, V)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} g_Y(U, V) &= \frac{\langle Y, Y \rangle^{m-1}}{\langle X, Y \rangle^{2m+2}} \left[ 2m(m+1)\langle X, Y \rangle^2 \langle U, Y \rangle \langle Y, V \rangle \right. \\ &\quad - 2m(m+1)\langle X, Y \rangle \langle Y, Y \rangle \langle Y, U \rangle \langle X, V \rangle \\ &\quad - 2m(m+1)\langle X, Y \rangle \langle Y, Y \rangle \langle X, U \rangle \langle Y, V \rangle + (m+1)\langle X, Y \rangle^2 \langle Y, Y \rangle \langle U, V \rangle \\ &\quad \left. + m(2m+1)\langle Y, Y \rangle^2 \langle X, U \rangle \langle X, V \rangle \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

From equation (3,1) we get the following equations

$$g_{E_j}(E_i, E_i) = \frac{1}{x_j^{2m+2}} \left[ (m+1)x_j^2 + m(2m+1)x_i^2 \right],$$

$$g_{E_j}(E_j, E_j) = \frac{1}{x_j^{2m}},$$

$$g_{E_j}(E_i, E_j) = \frac{-mx_i}{x_j^{2m+1}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_{E_j} \left( R(E_i, E_j), E_j, E_i \right) &= \left( \frac{1}{4}(p_{ij} + p_{ji})^2 - p_{ij}p_{jj} \right) \frac{(m+1)}{x_j^{2m}} \\ &\quad + \frac{x_i(2m^2 + m)}{x_j^{2m+2}} \tilde{a}(X, A) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= R(E_i, E_j)E_j \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{-1}{2} p_{jj}(p_{ki} + p_{ik}) + \frac{1}{4}(p_{ij} + p_{ji})(p_{kj} + p_{jk}) \right) E_k. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for  $j = n + 1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} g_{E_{n+1}}(E_i, E_i) &= \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^{2m+2}} \left[ (m+1)x_{n+1}^2 + m(2m+1)x_i^2 \right], \\ g_{E_{n+1}}(E_{n+1}, E_{n+1}) &= \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^{2m}}, \\ g_{E_{n+1}}(E_i, E_{n+1}) &= \frac{-mx_i}{x_{n+1}^{2m+1}} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & g_{E_{n+1}} \left( R(E_i, E_{n+1})E_{n+1}, E_i \right) \\ &= (m+1)x_{n+1}^{2m+2} \sum \left( \frac{1}{4}(p_{ji} + p_{ij})(p_{ij} - p_{ji}) - \frac{1}{2}p_{ji}(p_{ij} + p_{ji}) \right) \\ & \quad - 2m(m+1)x_i x_{n+1}^{2m+1} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{4}(p_{ji} + p_{ij})(p_{(n+1)j} - p_{j(n+1)}) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{1}{2}p_{ji}(p_{(n+1)j} + p_{j(n+1)}) \right) + m(2m+1)x_i x_{n+1}^{2m} \tilde{a}(X, B). \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} B &= R(E_i, E_{n+1})E_{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{4}(p_{ji} + p_{ij})(p_{rj} - p_{jr}) - \frac{1}{2}p_{ji}(p_{rj} + p_{jr}) \right) E_r. \end{aligned}$$

Using the above equations in the flag curvature equation we get the required proof.  $\square$

Finally, we obtain the following.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $G$  be a Lie group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{a} \oplus_p \mathfrak{v}$  and let  $\{E_1, \dots, E_{n+1}\}$  be orthonormal basis for  $\mathfrak{g}$  with respect to the left invariant Riemannian metric  $\tilde{a}$ . Let  $F$  be a Kropina metric arising by  $\tilde{a}$  and the invariant vector field  $X = \sum_{r=1}^{n+1} x_r E_r$  with is of Berwald type. Then the flag curvature of  $F$  is given by*

$$K(p, E_j) = \frac{(p_{ij} + p_{ji})^2 - 4p_{ii}p_{jj} + 6x_i x_j^2 \tilde{a}(X, A)}{4(x_j^2 + x_i^2)}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} K(P, E_{n+1}) &= \frac{1}{2(x_{n+1}^2 + x_i^2)} \left\{ 2x_{n+1}^4 \left( \sum \frac{1}{4}(p_{ji} + p_{ij})(p_{ij} - p_{ji}) \right) \right. \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{2}p_{ji}(p_{ij} + p_{ji}) - 4x_i x_{n+1}^3 \left( \sum \frac{1}{4}(p_{ji} + p_{ij})(p_{(n+1)j} - p_{j(n+1)}) \right) \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{1}{2}p_{ji}(p_{(n+1)j} + p_{j(n+1)}) + 3x_i x_{n+1}^2 \tilde{a}(X, B) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A = \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{-1}{2} p_{jj}(p_{ki} + p_{ik}) + \frac{1}{4} (p_{ij} + p_{ji})(p_{kj} + p_{jk}) \right) E_k$$

$$B = \sum_{r=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{4} (p_{ji} + p_{ij})(p_{rj} - p_{jr}) - \frac{1}{2} p_{ji}(p_{rj} + p_{jr}) \right) E_r.$$

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