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# On projectively PR-flat Douglas sprays

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**Abstract.** Deformation of every spray into a projective spray can be done using a volume form on a manifold. The Riemann curvature of a projective spray is called the projective Riemmann curvature. In this paper, we are going to present a global rigidity result for the projectively PR-flat sprays that have vanishing Douglas curvature. Then we characterize projectively PR-flat Randers metrics of Douglas curvature.

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#### 1. Introduction

The S-curvature, an important non-Riemannian quantity, is derived as a free index form by the geodesic fields [3][6]. Let **G** be a spray on an *n*-dimensional manifold M. Z. Shen has introduced a projectively equivalent spray  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$  with respect to a fixed volume form dV on a manifold  $M^n$ , [9]:

$$\hat{\mathbf{G}} := \mathbf{G} + \frac{2\mathbf{S}}{n+1}\mathbf{Y},$$

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where  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}_{(\mathbf{G},dV)}$  is the S-curvature of  $(\mathbf{G},dV)$  and  $Y = y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}$  is the vertical vector field on  $TM^n$ . Thus, the curvatures of  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$  are the projective invariants of the spray  $\mathbf{G}$  with respect to a fixed volume form dV.

The Riemann curvature of  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$  is called projective Riemann curvature of  $(\mathbf{G}, dV)$ :

$$PR^{i}_{k_{(\mathbf{G},dV)}} := R^{i}_{k_{\hat{G}}},$$

that can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{split} PR^{i}{}_{k_{(\mathbf{G},dV)}} &= R^{i}{}_{k} + \frac{1}{n+1} \Big[ -2\frac{\partial S}{\partial x^{k}}y^{i} + \frac{\partial^{2}S}{\partial x^{j}\partial y^{k}}y^{i}y^{j} + \frac{\partial S}{\partial x^{j}}y^{j}\delta^{i}{}_{k} \\ &- 2G^{j}\frac{\partial^{2}S}{\partial y^{j}\partial y^{k}}y^{i} - 2G^{j}\frac{\partial S}{\partial y^{j}}\delta^{i}{}_{k} + \frac{\partial S}{\partial y^{j}}\frac{\partial G^{j}}{\partial y^{k}}y^{i} \Big] \\ &+ \frac{1}{(n+1)^{2}} \Big[ S^{2}\delta^{i}{}_{k} - S\frac{\partial S}{\partial y^{k}}y^{i} \Big]. \end{split}$$

Hence, the projective Riemann curvature of (G, dV) is given by [8]

$$PR^{i}_{k_{(\mathbf{G},dV)}} = R^{i}_{\ k} + \Xi\delta^{i}_{\ k} - \frac{1}{2}\Xi_{.k}y^{i} + \frac{3\chi_{k}}{n+1}y^{i}, \qquad (1.1)$$

where  ${R^i}_k = {R^i}_{k\mathbf{G}}$  is the Riemann curvature of the spray  $\mathbf{G}$  and

$$\Xi = \frac{S_{|0|}}{n+1} + \left[\frac{S}{n+1}\right]^2,$$

where  $S_{|0}$  is the covariant derivative of S along the geodesic **G**. **G** is of *projectively* PR-flat if there is a volume form dV on M such that

$$PR^{i}_{k_{(\mathbf{G},dV)}} = 0.$$

Similarly, the Ricci curvature of  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$  is called the projective Ricci-curvature of  $(\mathbf{G}, dV)$ :

$$PRic_{(\mathbf{G},dV)} := Ric_{\hat{\mathbf{G}}},$$

that can be expressed by (1.1) as follows:

$$PRic_{(\mathbf{G},dV)} = Ric + (n-1) \left\{ \frac{S_{|0|}}{n+1} + \left[ \frac{S_{|1|}}{n+1} \right]^2 \right\}.$$
 (1.2)

It can be easily checked that if **G** has the condition Ricci-flat and S = dh for some scalar function h = h(x), then **G** is projectively Ricci-flat.

Recently, the experienced researcher pay their attention to projective Riccicurvature, [1], [2], [5], [10], [11].

This paper is designed to classify the Douglas type sprays of projectively PR-flat (PRic-flat), and examples are obtained.

We give the following theorem within the notion of spray framework, and then we obtain a new formula for Douglas type projectively PR-flat (PRic flat) sprays:

**Theorem 1.1.** Let **G** be a Douglas spray on  $M^n$  i.e., the spray coefficients  $G^i$  are in the following form

$$G^{i} = \hat{G}^{i} + P(x, y)y^{i}, \quad \hat{G}^{i} = \frac{1}{2}\Gamma^{i}_{jk}(x)y^{j}y^{k},$$
 (1.3)

where  $\Gamma^i_{jk}(x)$  are local functions on  $M^n$  and P(x, y) is a positively homogeneous function of degree one. Then **G** is projectively PR-flat if and only if there is a scalar function  $\lambda$  on  $M^n$  such that

$$PR^{i}_{\ k} = \left[\eta_{0\hat{|}0} - (\eta_{0})^{2}\right]\delta^{i}_{\ k} - \left[\eta_{0\hat{|}k} - \eta_{0}\eta_{k}\right]y^{i},\tag{1.4}$$

where  $PR_k^i$  is the Riemann curvature of  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$ , " $\hat{\mid}$ " denotes the horizontal covariant derivative with respect to  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$ ,  $\eta_0 := \eta_i y^i$ ,

$$\eta_i := \lambda_i + \frac{1}{n+1} (\pi_i - \Gamma_{m_i}^m),$$

 $\eta_i := \partial_i \eta, \ \lambda_i := \partial_i \lambda \ and \ \pi_i := \partial_i (\ln \sigma).$ 

It is known that a Finsler metric on an *n*-dimensional manifold M is a function  $F: TM \to [0, \infty)$  with the following two properties:

- (a) F(u, v) is  $C^{\infty}$  on  $TM \setminus \{0\}$ ;
- (b) the restriction  $F_u := F_{|T_u M}$  is a Minkowski function on  $T_u M$  for all  $u \in M$ .

 $(\alpha,\beta)\text{-metrics}$  forms a large class of Finsler metrics. The following form is used to define them

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

where  $\alpha := \alpha(x, y) = \sqrt{a_{ij}(x)y^i y^j}$  is a Riemannian metric,  $\beta := \beta(y) = b_i(x)y^i$ is a 1-form with  $||\beta||_{\alpha} < b_0$  and  $\phi(s) \in C^{\infty}$  is a positive function on  $(-b_0, b_0)$ . It is proved that  $F = \alpha \phi(s)$  is a positive definite Finsler metric if and only if [3]

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

When  $\phi(s) = 1 + s$ , the Finsler metrics  $F = \alpha + \beta$  is called Randers metrics. Now, we consider that the Randers metrics  $F = \alpha + \beta$  is of Douglas type. In that case, we give the following theorem:

**Theorem 1.2.** Let  $F = \alpha + \beta$  be a Douglas type Randers metric on  $M^n$ . Then F is a projectively PR-flat if and only if there is a scalar function g on M such that

$$PR^{i}_{\ k} = \left[g_{0\hat{|}0} - (g_{0})^{2}\right]\delta^{i}_{\ k} - \left[g_{0\hat{|}k} - g_{0}\eta_{k}\right]y^{i},\tag{1.5}$$

where  $g_0 := g_{x^i} y^i$ .

By the above discussion, we have the following result

**Theorem 1.3.** Let **G** be a Douglas spray on  $M^n$  i.e., the spray coefficients  $G^i$  are in the following form

$$G^{i} = \hat{G}^{i} + P(x, y)y^{i}, \quad \hat{G}^{i} = \frac{1}{2}\Gamma^{i}_{jk}(x)y^{j}y^{k},$$
 (1.6)

where  $\Gamma^i_{jk}(x)$  are local functions on  $M^n$  and P(x, y) is a positively homogeneous function of degree one. Then **G** is projectively Ricci-flat if and only if there is a scalar function  $\lambda$  on  $M^n$  such that

$$\hat{Ric} = -(n-1) \big[ (\eta_0)^2 - \eta_{\hat{0}|\hat{0}} \big], \tag{1.7}$$

where  $\hat{Ric}$  is the Ricci curvature of  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$ , " $\hat{\mid}$ " denotes the horizontal covariant derivative with respect to  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$ ,  $\eta_0 := \eta_i y^i$ ,

$$\eta_i := \lambda_i + \frac{1}{n+1} (\pi_i - \Gamma_{mi}^m),$$

 $\eta_i := \partial_i \eta, \ \lambda_i := \partial_i \lambda \ and \ \pi_i := \partial_i (\ln \sigma).$ 

**Example 1.4.** Consider the metric  $F = \alpha + \beta$ , where

$$\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{|y|^2 - (|x|^2|y|^2 - \langle x, y\rangle^2)}}{1 - |x|^2}, \quad \beta = \frac{\langle x, y\rangle}{1 - |x|^2}.$$

Such a metric is the famous Funk metric which is projectively flat on the unit ball  $\mathbb{B}^n(1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the flag curvature  $\mathbf{K} = -1/4$ . Also, it is easy to see  $s_{ij} = 0$ . Then F is a projectively Ricci-flat Douglas metric.

### 2. Preliminaries

Let M be a differential manifold. In a standard local coordinate system, a spray is a vector field on TM which are expressed as follows

$$\mathbf{G} = y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - G^i \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i},\tag{2.1}$$

where  $G^i = G^i(x, y)$  are local  $C^{\infty}$  functions on  $TM \setminus \{0\}$  with  $G^i(x, \lambda y) = \lambda^2 G^i(x, y), \forall \lambda > 0.$ 

For a spray **G**, the Riemann curvature tensor  $R^i{}_k$  are defined as follows.

$$R^{i}{}_{j} = 2\frac{\partial G^{i}}{\partial x^{j}} - \frac{\partial^{2}G^{i}}{\partial x^{k}\partial y^{j}}y^{k} + 2G^{k}\frac{\partial^{2}G^{i}}{\partial y^{k}\partial y^{j}} - \frac{\partial G^{i}}{\partial y^{k}}\frac{\partial G^{k}}{\partial y^{j}}$$

and the trace of  $R^{i}_{j}$  is called the Ricci curvature,  $Ric = R^{m}_{m}$ .

One of the most widely used non-Riemannian curvatures in spray geometry is S-curvature, which is obtained by

$$S = \frac{\partial G^m}{\partial y^m} - y^m \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} \left[ \ln \sigma_{BH} \right], \tag{2.2}$$

where  $dV_F = \sigma_F(x) dx^1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx^n$  is the Busemann-Hausdorff volume form.

The  $\chi\text{-curvature can be expressed in several forms. For an arbitrary volume form <math display="inline">dV,$ 

$$\chi_k = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ S_{.k|0} - S_{|k} \right\}.$$
(2.3)

The Douglas curvature tensors [2] are defined as follows

$$D_{j\ kl}^{\ i} = \frac{\partial^3}{\partial y^j \partial y^k \partial y^l} \Big( G^i - \frac{1}{n+1} \frac{\partial G^m}{\partial y^m} y^i \Big).$$
(2.4)

For a Finsler metric F on an n-dimensional manifold M, the induced spray coefficients of F are obtained from the following equation

$$G^{i} := \frac{1}{4} g^{il} \Big\{ [F^{2}]_{x^{k} y^{l}} y^{k} - [F^{2}]_{x^{l}} \Big\}$$

where  $g^{ij}$  is the inverse of the fundamental tensor  $g_{ij} := [\frac{1}{2}F^2]_{y^i y^j}$ .

The so-called  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metrics form an important class of Finsler metrics that can be defined as  $F = \alpha \phi(s)$ ,  $s = \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha := \alpha(x, y) = \sqrt{a_{ij}(x)y^i y^j}$  is a Riemannian metric,  $\beta := \beta(y) = b_i(x)y^i$  is a 1-form and  $\phi(s) \in C^{\infty}$  is a positive function on some open interval. When  $\phi(s) = 1 + s$ , the Finsler metrics  $F = \alpha + \beta$ is called Randers metrics. If  $\phi(s) = 1/s$ , the Finsler metric  $F = \alpha^2/\beta$  is called a Kropina metric. The spray coefficients of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metrics are given in [3]

$$G^{i} = {}^{\alpha}G^{i} + \alpha Qs_{0}^{i} + \Theta(r_{00} - 2\alpha Qs_{0})\frac{y^{i}}{\alpha} + \Psi(r_{00} - 2\alpha Qs_{0})b^{i},$$

where

$$\begin{split} Q &= \frac{\phi^{'}}{\phi - s\phi^{'}}, \\ \Theta &= \frac{(\phi - s\phi^{'})\phi^{'} - s\phi\phi^{''}}{2\phi[\phi - s\phi^{'} + (b^2 - s^2)\phi^{''}]}, \\ \Psi &= \frac{\phi^{''}}{2\Big[\phi - s\phi^{'} + (b^2 - s^2)\phi^{''}\Big]}. \end{split}$$

H. Zhu and R. Li has proved the following useful lemma, [8]:

**Lemma 2.1.** Let **G** be a spray on  $M^n$ . The followings are equivalent:

- (a) **G** is projectively *PR*-flat,
- (b) For any volume form dV on  $M^n$  there is a scalar function  $\lambda$  on  $M^n$  such that

$$PR^{i}_{\ k} = \tau \delta^{i}_{\ k} - \frac{1}{2}\tau_{.k}y^{i}, \qquad (2.5)$$

where "." denotes the vertical derivatives with respect to y and

$$\tau = \lambda_{0|0} - \lambda_0^2 + \frac{2}{n+1}\lambda_0 S.$$

(c) For any volume form dV on  $M^n$  there is a scalar function  $\lambda$  on  $M^n$  such that

$$Ric^{i}{}_{k} = \left[\Psi_{|0} - \Psi^{2}\right]\delta^{i}{}_{k} - \frac{1}{2}\left[\Psi_{|0} - \Psi^{2}\right]_{.k}y^{i} - \frac{3\chi_{k}}{n+1}y^{i}, \qquad (2.6)$$

where " | " is the horizontal covariant derivative with respect to **G**,  $\lambda_0 := \lambda_{x^m} y^m$ ,

$$\Psi := \lambda_0 - \frac{S}{n+1},$$

and  $S = S_{(G,dV)}$ .

It's important to remind that, Z. Shen and L. Sun has proved the following lemma, [7]:

**Lemma 2.2.** Let **G** be a spray on  $M^n$ . The followings are equivalent:

- (a) **G** is projectively Ricci-flat,
- (b) For any volume form dV on  $M^n$  there is a scalar function  $\lambda$  on  $M^n$  such that

$$PRic_{(G,dV)} = (n-1) \left\{ \lambda_{0|0} - \lambda_0^2 + \frac{2}{n+1} \lambda_0 S \right\},$$
(2.7)

(c) For any volume form dV on  $M^n$  there is a scalar function  $\lambda$  on  $M^n$  such that

$$Ric_G = (n-1)\{\Xi_{|0} - \Xi^2\},\tag{2.8}$$

where " | " is the horizontal covariant derivative with respect to  $\mathbf{G}, \lambda_0 := \lambda_{x^m} y^m$ ,

$$\Xi := \lambda_0 - \frac{S}{n+1}$$

and  $S = S_{(G,dV)}$ .

Moreover, the lemma mentioned below is also crucial for us in the proof section.

**Lemma 2.3.** [7, 2] Let  $F = \alpha + \beta$  be a Randers metric on  $M^n$ . F is projectively Ricci-flat if and only if there is a scalar function  $\mu$  on  $M^n$  such that

$${}^{\alpha}Ric = 2s_{0m}s_{0}^{m} + \alpha^{2}s_{j}^{i}s_{i}^{j} - (n-1)[(\mu_{0})^{2} - \mu_{0;0}], \qquad (2.9)$$

$$s^{m}_{0:m} = -(n-1)\mu_{x^{m}}s^{m}_{0}, \qquad (2.10)$$

where  $^{\alpha}Ric$  denotes the Ricci curvature of  $\alpha$ .

## 3. Proof of Main Theorems

**Proof of Theorem 1.1.** Let **G** be a Douglas spray on an  $M^n$ . Then, the spray coefficients  $G^i$  satisfies (1.3). Obviously,

$$\mathbf{G} = y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - 2G^i \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}$$

and

$$\hat{\mathbf{G}} = y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - 2\hat{G}^i \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}$$

are projectively equivalent. Consequently, the projective Riemann curvature of  $(\mathbf{G}, dV)$  is given by [8]:

$$PR^{i}_{\ k} = P\hat{R}^{i}_{\ k} = \hat{R}^{i}_{\ k} + \hat{\Xi}\delta^{i}_{\ k} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{\Xi}_{.k}y^{i} + \frac{3\hat{\chi}_{k}}{n+1}y^{i}, \qquad (3.1)$$

where

$$\hat{\Xi} := \frac{\hat{S}_{\hat{0}0}}{n+1} + \left[\frac{\hat{S}}{n+1}\right]^2, \tag{3.2}$$

where  $\hat{S} = \hat{S}_{(\hat{\mathbf{G}}, dV)}$  is the S-curvature of  $(\hat{\mathbf{G}}, dV)$ , " $\hat{|}$ " denotes the horizontal covariant derivative with respect to  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$ , and  $\hat{\chi} = \hat{\chi}_{(\hat{\mathbf{G}}, dV)}$  is the  $\chi$ -curvature of  $(\hat{\mathbf{G}}, dV)$ . It is possible to acquire that

$$\hat{S} = \frac{\partial \hat{G}^m}{\partial y^m} - y^m \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} (\ln \sigma)$$
  
=  $\Gamma^m_{m0} - \pi_0,$  (3.3)

where

$$\pi_0 = \pi_m y^m, \quad \pi_m = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} (\ln \sigma).$$

It is simple to see that

$$\hat{S}_{\hat{1}0} = (\Gamma_{m0}^m - \pi_0)_{\hat{1}0}.$$
(3.4)

Substituting (3.3) and (3.4) into (3.2), we get

$$\hat{\Xi} := \frac{(\Gamma_{m0}^m - \pi_0)_{\hat{1}0}}{n+1} + \left[\frac{\Gamma_{m0}^m - \pi_0}{n+1}\right]^2,\tag{3.5}$$

From (3.5), we have

$$\hat{\Xi}_{.k} := \frac{2(\Gamma_{m0}^m - \pi_0)_{\hat{\restriction}k}}{n+1} + 2\Big[\frac{(\Gamma_{m0}^m - \pi_0)(\Gamma_{mk}^m - \pi_k)}{(n+1)^2}\Big].$$
(3.6)

By (2.3) and [8, Lemma 3.1.], we obtain

$$\hat{\chi} = 0. \tag{3.7}$$

Plugging (3.5), (3.6), and (3.7) into (3.1), we get

$$PR^{i}_{\ k} = \hat{R}^{i}_{\ k} + \left\{ \frac{(\Gamma^{m}_{m0} - \pi_{0})_{\hat{l}0}}{n+1} + \left[\frac{\Gamma^{m}_{m0} - \pi_{0}}{n+1}\right]^{2} \right\} \delta^{i}_{\ k} - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{2(\Gamma^{m}_{m0} - \pi_{0})_{\hat{l}k}}{n+1} + 2\left[\frac{(\Gamma^{m}_{m0} - \pi_{0})(\Gamma^{m}_{mk} - \pi_{k})}{(n+1)^{2}}\right] \right\} y^{i}.$$

$$(3.8)$$

By (1.6), we have

$$S = \frac{\partial G^m}{\partial y^m} - y^m \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} (\ln \sigma)$$
  
=  $\hat{S} + (n+1)P.$  (3.9)

Besides by (1.6), we have

$$\lambda_{0|0} = \lambda_{0\hat{0}0} - 2[Py^{i}]\lambda_{i}$$
  
=  $\lambda_{0\hat{0}0} - 2P\lambda_{0},$  (3.10)

where " | " denotes the horizontal covariant derivative with respect to **G** and  $\lambda_0 := \lambda_i y^i$ . By (3.9) and (3.10), we have

$$\tau = \lambda_{0\hat{|}0} - 2P\lambda_0 - \lambda_0^2 + \frac{2}{n+1}\lambda_0 \Big[ \hat{\mathbf{S}} + (n+1)P \Big]$$
  
=  $\lambda_{0\hat{|}0} - \lambda_0^2 + \frac{2}{n+1}\lambda_0 \Big[ \Gamma_{m0}^m - \pi_0 \Big].$  (3.11)

Differentiating (3.11) with respect to  $y^k$  yields

$$\tau_k = 2 \Big\{ \lambda_{0|k} - \lambda_0 \lambda_k + \frac{1}{n+1} [\lambda_k (\Gamma_{m0}^m - \pi_0) + \lambda_0 (\Gamma_{mk}^m - \pi_k)] \Big\}.$$
(3.12)

Substituting (3.8)-(3.12) into (2.5), we have

$$\hat{R}^{i}_{\ k} + \left\{ \frac{(\Gamma^{m}_{m0} - \pi_{0})_{\hat{l}0}}{n+1} + \left[ \frac{\Gamma^{m}_{m0} - \pi_{0}}{n+1} \right]^{2} \right\} \delta^{i}_{\ k} - \left\{ \frac{(\Gamma^{m}_{m0} - \pi_{0})_{\hat{l}k}}{n+1} + \left[ \frac{(\Gamma^{m}_{m0} - \pi_{0})(\Gamma^{m}_{mk} - \pi_{k})}{(n+1)^{2}} \right] \right\} y^{i} = \left\{ \lambda_{0\hat{l}0} - \lambda_{0}^{2} + \frac{2}{n+1} \lambda_{0} [\Gamma^{m}_{m0} - \pi_{0}] \right\} \delta^{i}_{\ k} - \left\{ \lambda_{0\hat{l}k} - \lambda_{0}\lambda_{k} + \frac{1}{n+1} \left[ \lambda_{k} (\Gamma^{m}_{m0} - \pi_{0}) + \lambda_{0} (\Gamma^{m}_{mk} - \pi_{k}) \right] \right\} y^{i}. \quad (3.13)$$

Thus,

$$\hat{R}^{i}{}_{k} = [\eta_{0\hat{1}0} - (\eta_{0})^{2}]\delta^{i}{}_{k} - [\eta_{0\hat{1}k} - \eta_{0}\eta_{k}]y^{i}, \qquad (3.14)$$

where  $\eta_0 := \eta_i y^i$  and  $\eta_i := \lambda_i + \frac{1}{n+1} (\pi_i - \Gamma_{mi}^m)$ . The converse is obvious.  $\Box$ 

**Proof of Theorem 1.2.** Note that a Randers metric  $F = \alpha + \beta$  is a Douglas metric if and only if  $\beta$  is closed, i.e.

$$s_{ij} = 0.$$
 (3.15)

Together with [8, Lemma 5.1.], we get

$${}^{\alpha}PR^{i}{}_{k} = \left[g_{0\hat{1}0} - (g_{0})^{2}\right]\delta^{i}{}_{k} - \left[g_{0\hat{1}k} - g_{0}\eta_{k}\right]y^{i}, \tag{3.16}$$

where  $g_0 := g_{x^i} y^i$ . The sufficiency is obvious.

The proof of Theorem 1.3 is similar to Theorem 1.1, as stated below:

**Proof of Theorem 1.3.** Let **G** be a Douglas spray on an  $M^n$ . Then, the spray coefficients  $G^i$  satisfies (1.6). Obviously,

$$\mathbf{G} = y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - 2G^i \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}$$

and

$$\hat{\mathbf{G}} = y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - 2\hat{G}^i \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}$$

are projectively equivalent. Consequently, the projective Ricci curvature of  $(\mathbf{G}, dV)$  is given by [7]:

$$PRic_{(\mathbf{G},dV)} = PRic_{(\hat{\mathbf{G}},dV)} = \hat{Ric} + (n-1) \left\{ \frac{\hat{S}_{\hat{\mathbf{0}}}}{n+1} + [\frac{\hat{S}}{n+1}]^2 \right\}, \quad (3.17)$$

where  $\hat{S} = \hat{S}_{(\hat{\mathbf{G}}, dV)}$  is the *S*-curvature of  $(\hat{\mathbf{G}}, dV)$  and " $\hat{|}$ " denotes the horizontal covariant derivative with respect to  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$ . One can obtain that

$$\hat{S} = \frac{\partial \hat{G}^m}{\partial y^m} - y^m \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} (\ln \sigma)$$
  
=  $\Gamma^m_{m0} - \pi_0,$  (3.18)

where

$$\pi_0 = \pi_m y^m, \quad \pi_m = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} (\ln \sigma).$$

It is easy to see that

$$\hat{S}_{|0} = (\Gamma_{m0}^m - \pi_0)_{|0}.$$
(3.19)

Substituting (3.18) and (3.19) into (3.17), we get

$$PRic_{(\mathbf{G},dV)} = \hat{Ric} + (n-1) \Big[ \frac{1}{n+1} (\Gamma_{m0}^m - \pi_0)_{\hat{1}0} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} (\Gamma_{m0}^m - \pi_0)^2 \Big] (3.20)$$

By (1.6), we have

$$S = \frac{\partial G^m}{\partial y^m} - y^m \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} (\ln \sigma)$$
  
=  $\hat{S} + (n+1)P.$  (3.21)

Besides by (1.6), we have

$$\lambda_{0|0} = \lambda_{0|0} - 2[Py^{i}]\lambda_{i}$$
  
=  $\lambda_{0|0} - 2P\lambda_{0},$  (3.22)

where " | " denotes the horizontal covariant derivative with respect to **G** and  $\lambda_0 := \lambda_i y^i$ . Substituting (3.20), (3.21) and (3.22) into (2.7), we have

$$\hat{Ric} = -(n-1)\{(\eta_0)^2 - \eta_{0|0}\}, \qquad (3.23)$$

where  $\eta_0 := \eta_i y^i$  and

$$\eta_i := \lambda_i + \frac{1}{n+1} (\pi_i - \Gamma_{mi}^m).$$

The converse is obvious.

For Randers metrics, we use the theorem 1.3. Consider the geodesic coefficients of  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{G}_F$  of Randers metric, [4]:

$$G^{i} = \hat{G}^{i} + Py^{i}, \quad \hat{G}^{i} = {}^{\alpha}G^{i} + \alpha s^{i}{}_{0},$$
 (3.24)

where

$$P = \frac{r_{00} - 2\alpha s_0}{2F}.$$

Since  $s_{ij} = 0$ , (3.24) becomes

$$G^i = {}^{\alpha}G^i + Py^i, \tag{3.25}$$

where  $P = \frac{r_{00}}{2F}$ . Hence, following the proof of Theorem 1.3, we obtain

$${}^{\alpha}\mathbf{Ric} = -(n-1)\left[(\eta_0)^2 - \eta_{\hat{0}|\hat{0}}\right],\tag{3.26}$$

where  $\eta_0 := \eta_i y^i$  and

$$\eta_i = \lambda_i + \frac{1}{n+1} (\pi_i - \Gamma_{mi}^m)$$
  
=  $\lambda_i - \vartheta_i,$  (3.27)

Here,

$$\vartheta_i = \frac{1}{n+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \Big( \ln \frac{\sigma_\alpha}{\sigma} \Big).$$

This completes the proof.

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