

# Metrizability of Affine Connections

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## Abstract

An affine connection  $\Gamma$  on a vector bundle  $\eta = (E, \pi, M, V)$  of a rank  $r$  is called Riemann metrizable if there exists on  $M$  a Riemann metric which preserves the scalar product of vector fields parallel displaced according to  $\Gamma$ .  $\Gamma$  determines a connection  $G$  in a bundle, where  $M$  is fibered by the manifold of the ellipsoids of  $R^r = \pi^{-1}$ ,  $x \in M$ . We prove that  $\Gamma$  is Riemann metrizable iff  $G$  is integrable.

An analogous result is deduced in the case, where  $\eta$  is replaced by a Finsler vector bundle,  $\Gamma$  means a Finsler connection, and the metric is a Finsler metric.

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## 1 Introduction

We consider a vector bundle  $\eta = (E, \pi, M, V)$  over the  $n$ -dimensional base manifold  $M$  with an  $r$ -dimensional real vector space  $V$  as typical fiber, where  $E$  is the total space and  $\pi : E \rightarrow M$  is the projection operator. An affine connection  $H_\eta$  in  $\eta$  is given by a special splitting  $T_z E = V_z E \oplus H_z E$ ,  $z \in E$  and it is determined locally by the connection coefficients  $\Gamma_{\beta}^{\alpha i}(x)$ ;  $\alpha, \beta, \dots = 1, \dots, r$ ;  $i, j, \dots = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $x \in M$  has the local coordinates  $x^i$ .  $H_\eta$  or  $\Gamma$  is called *Riemann metrizable* if there exists a Euclidean scalar product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  in each fiber  $\pi^{-1}(x)$ , i.e. a symmetrical bilinear form  $g(x)$ , in local coordinates  $\langle \xi, \zeta \rangle = g_{\alpha\beta}(x)\xi^\alpha(x)\zeta^\beta(x)$ , such that the length of the parallel translated  $\|_{\Gamma P_C} \xi_0\|_g$  of a vector  $\xi_0 \in \pi^{-1}(x_0)$  along any curve  $C(t) \subset M$ ,  $C(t_0) = x_0$  is constant, i.e. if the connection  $\Gamma$  is compatible with the Riemannian metric  $g$ .  $g(x_0)$  is equivalent with an ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}(\xi_0) : \sum_{\alpha\beta}(\xi_0) \xi^\alpha \xi^\beta = \infty$  in  $\pi^{-1}(x_0)$  called *indicatrix*.  $\Gamma P_C$  establishes a linear mapping  $\pi^{-1}(x(t_0)) \rightarrow \pi^{-1}(x(t))$ .  $\Gamma$  is *metrizable* if there exists a field  $\mathcal{E}(\xi)$  such that from  $\xi_0 \in \mathcal{E}_i$  follows  $\Gamma P_{C(t)} \xi_0 \in \mathcal{E}(\xi(\sqcup))$ ,  $\forall C(\sqcup) \subset \mathcal{M}$ . Indicatrices play the role of the unit sphere.

The most simple case is  $r = n$ . If  $\Gamma_j^{i h}(x)$  is symmetrical and metrizable by a  $g(x)$ , then  $\Gamma$  is the Levi-Civita connection  $\overset{g}{\Gamma}$  of the Riemannian manifold  $V_n = (M, g)$ .

Denoting the set of the Levi-Civita connections for the different  $g$  by  $\{\overset{g}{\Gamma}\}$  and supposing the symmetry  $\Gamma_j^i{}_h(x) = \Gamma_h^i{}_j(x)$  the question is whether  $\Gamma \in \{\overset{g}{\Gamma}\}$ . — Riemann metrizable of affine connections has been investigated by many authors from different points of view. I mention here only [1], [4], [5], [6], [9], [12].

A *Finsler space*  $F_n = (M, \mathcal{L})$  on the manifold  $M$  is given by the smooth fundamental function  $\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{TM} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^+$ ;  $(x, y) \mapsto \mathcal{L}(\xi, \dagger)$ ,  $y \in T_x M$  which is supposed to be first order positively homogeneous:  $\mathcal{L}(\xi, \lambda \dagger) = |\lambda| \mathcal{L}(\xi, \dagger)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathcal{R}$ . Its indicatrix is given by  $I(x_0) = \{y \mid \mathcal{L}(\xi, \dagger) = \infty\} \subset \mathcal{T}_{\xi} \mathcal{M}$  (the convexity of  $I$  is mostly also supposed). Giving of  $F_n$  is equivalent to giving of  $\{I(x)\}$ . Then an affine metrical connection should satisfy that from  $y_0 \in I(x_0)$  follows  ${}_{\Gamma} P_C y_0 \in I(x_1)$ ,  $x_1 \in C(t_1)$  (this could be denoted by  ${}_{\Gamma} P_C I(x_0) = I(x_1)$ ), while  ${}_{\Gamma} P_C$  is an affine mapping. However, this is impossible in general, e.g. if  $I(x_0)$  is an ellipsoid and  $I(x_1)$  is not so. This necessitates the introduction of the so called Finsler vector fields which are sections of a vector bundle  $\zeta = (E, \pi, TM, V^n)$ , in components  $\xi^i(x, y)$  with the property  $\xi^i(x, \lambda y) = \lambda \xi^i(x, y)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $\lambda y \neq 0$ . The set  $\{(x_0, \lambda y_0) \mid \lambda \in \mathcal{R}, \lambda y_0 \neq 0\}$  is geometrically a point  $x_0$  and the direction of  $y_0$  in  $T_{x_0} M$ ; this is called a *line-element*. So Finsler vectors are defined in line-elements. The length (the norm) of such a vector is defined by  $g_{ij}(x, y) \xi^i(x, y) \xi^j(x, y) := \|\xi(x, y)\|^2$ , where  $g_{ij} := \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}^\epsilon}{\partial y^i \partial y^j}$  and hence  $g_{ij}(x, \lambda y) = g_{ij}(x, y)$ . In an  $F_n = (M, \mathcal{L})$ ,  $g_{ij}$  is derived from  $\mathcal{L}$ . A more general structure is  $F_n = (M, g)$ , called *generalized Finsler space*, where we start directly with the metric tensor  $g_{ij}(x, y)$ .

An affine connection  $\Gamma$  in the Finsler vector bundle  $\zeta$  can be given locally by the connection coefficients  $F_j^i{}_k(x, y)$ ,  $V_j^i{}_h(x, y)$  in the form  $\Gamma \xi = \xi - d_{\Gamma} \xi$ , where

$$(1) \quad d_{\Gamma} \xi^i(x, y) = F_j^i{}_k(x, y) \xi^j(x, y) dx^k + V_j^i{}_k(x, y) \xi^j(x, y) dy^k.$$

$\Gamma$  is metrizable if there exists a scalar product  $g_{ij}(x, y)$  in each  $\pi^{-1}(x, y)$  such that  $\|{}_{\Gamma} P_C \xi_0\| = \text{constant}$  for any curve  $C(t) \subset M$ .

## 2 Connection in $\mu$

We want to find a new, geometric condition for the Riemann metrizable of a vector bundle  $\eta = (E, \pi, M, V^r)$  endowed with the affine connection  $H_{\eta}$  given by  $\Gamma_{\beta}^{\alpha}{}_i(x)$ . First we derive from  $H_{\eta}$  an affine connection  $H_{\mu}$  in  $\mu = (E_{\mu}, \pi_{\mu}, M, V^{r^2})$ , and then from  $H_{\mu}$  a connection  $H_{\nu}$  in the bundle  $\nu = (E_{\nu}, \pi_{\nu}, M, \mathbf{E})$ , where  $\mathbf{E}$  is the manifold of the ellipsoids in  $\pi^{-1}(x) \cong V^r$  centered at the origin  $O$  of  $V^r$ .

Let us consider a canonical coordinate system  $(x^i, v^{\alpha})$  in  $\pi^{-1}(U) \subset E$ , where  $U \subset M$  is a coordinate neighbourhood of  $x \in M$  and  $v^{\alpha}$  are components of  $v \in \pi^{-1} \cong V^r$ . Similarly we have local coordinates  $(x^i, y^a)$  in  $\pi_{\mu}^{-1}(U) \subset E_{\mu}$ , where  $y^a$ ,  $a = 1, \dots, r^2$  are components of  $y \in \pi_{\mu}^{-1}(x) \cong V^{r^2}$ . Let  $\overset{\alpha}{v} \in \pi^{-1}(x) \cong V^r$ ,  $\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, r$  be  $r$  vectors with components  $(\overset{\alpha}{v})^{\beta}$ . Since any integer  $a$  ( $1 \leq a \leq r^2$ ) can uniquely be represented in the form  $a = (\alpha - 1)r + \beta$ , and conversely, any pair  $\alpha, \beta$  uniquely determines such an  $a$  and thus

$$(2) \quad y^a = (\overset{\alpha}{v})^{\beta}, \quad a = (\alpha - 1)r + \beta$$

determines a 1:1 mapping between  $\pi_\mu^{-1}(x)$  and the vector  $r$ -tuples  $(\overset{1}{v}, \dots, \overset{r}{v})$  which can be considered as elements of  $\overset{r}{\oplus} \pi^{-1}(x) \cong \overset{r}{\oplus} V^r$ .

Having an affine connection  $H_\eta$  in  $\eta$  with local connection coefficients  $\Gamma_\beta^{\alpha i}(x)$ , we obtain for the parallel translated of  $v$  from  $x$  to  $x + dx$

$$\Gamma P_{x, x+dx} v(x) = v(x) - d_\Gamma v(x), \quad d_\Gamma v^\beta(x) = \Gamma_\sigma^{\beta i}(x) v^\sigma dx^i.$$

Then we define an affine connection  $H_\mu$  in  $\mu$  with local coefficients  $G_b^a i(x)$  by

$$(3) \quad d_G y := (d_\Gamma \overset{1}{v}, \dots, d_\Gamma \overset{r}{v}), \quad y = (\overset{1}{v}, \dots, \overset{r}{v}) \\ d_\Gamma (\overset{\alpha}{v})^\beta = \Gamma_\sigma^{\beta i}(x) (\overset{\alpha}{v})^\sigma dx^i.$$

$G_b^a i$  can be expressed explicitly by  $\Gamma_\beta^{\alpha i}$  as follows:

$$(4) \quad d_G y^a = G_b^a i(x) y^b dx^i \\ = d_G y^{(\alpha-1)r+\beta} = G_{(\kappa-1)r+\lambda}^{(\alpha-1)r+\beta i}(x) y^{(\kappa-1)r+\lambda} dx^i,$$

since  $a = (\alpha - 1)r + \beta$ ,  $b = (\kappa - 1)r + \lambda$ . By (3) and (2) we get

$$(5) \quad d_G y^{(\alpha-1)r+\beta} = d_\Gamma (\overset{\alpha}{v})^\beta = \Gamma_\sigma^{\beta i}(x) (\overset{\alpha}{v})^\sigma dx^i = \\ = \Gamma_\sigma^{\beta i}(x) y^{(\alpha-1)r+\sigma} dx^i.$$

From (4) and (5) we obtain

$$G_{(\kappa-1)r+\lambda}^{(\alpha-1)r+\beta i}(x) y^{(\kappa-1)r+\lambda} = \Gamma_\sigma^{\beta i}(x) \delta_\kappa^\alpha \delta_\lambda^\sigma y^{(\kappa-1)r+\lambda} = \\ = \Gamma_\lambda^{\beta i}(x) \delta_\kappa^\alpha y^{(\kappa-1)r+\lambda}$$

and hence

$$G_{(\kappa-1)r+\lambda}^{(\alpha-1)r+\beta i}(x) = \delta_\kappa^\alpha \Gamma_\lambda^{\beta i}(x).$$

### 3 Connection in $\nu$

An ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$  in  $\pi^{-1}(x) \cong V^r$  centered at the origin  $O$  of  $V^r$  has the equation  $a_{\alpha\beta} v^\alpha v^\beta = 1$ ,  $a_{\alpha\beta} = a_{\beta\alpha}$ ,  $\text{Det}|a_{\alpha\beta}| > 0$ . The set  $\{\mathcal{E}\} = \mathbf{E}$  can be given a natural manifold structure, namely each  $\mathcal{E}$  can be identified with the coefficients  $a_{\alpha\beta}$  which correspond to a point of  $R^{r^2}$ . Hence  $\mathbf{E}$  can be identified with a variety of the Euclidean space  $R^{r^2}$ . Thus  $\nu = (E_\nu, \pi_\nu, B, \mathbf{E})$  is a fiber bundle.

Now we want to derive from the  $H_\mu$  determined by the affine connection  $H_\eta$  a connection  $H_\nu$  in  $\nu : H_\eta \Rightarrow H_\mu \Rightarrow H_\nu$ . — Let  $y = (\overset{1}{v}, \dots, \overset{r}{v}) \in \pi_\mu^{-1}(x) \subset E_\mu$  be such that  $\overset{1}{v}, \dots, \overset{r}{v}$  are linearly independent vectors in  $\pi^{-1}(x)$ . From now on, in this section  $y$  denotes elements of  $E_\mu$  with this independence property. The set of these  $(x, y)$ -s will be denoted by  $E_\mu^*$  and the corresponding bundle by  $\mu^* = (E_\mu^*, \pi_\mu^*, M, V_\mu^{r^2})$ . We remark that  $V_\mu^{r^2}$  is no vector space, and  $\pi_\mu^*$  is a restriction of  $\pi_\mu$  to  $E_\mu^* \subset E_\mu$ .  $H_\mu$  is equivalent with the splitting  $T_u E_\mu = V_u E_\mu \oplus H_u E_\mu$ ,  $u \in E_\mu$ . The restriction

of an affine connection  $H_\mu$  to  $E_\mu^* \subset E_\mu$  is also a connection in  $E_\mu^*$ , i.e.  $H_\mu \subset E_\mu^*$  if  $u \in E_\mu^* \subset E_\mu$ . This is so, because  $H_\eta$  takes by parallel translation linearly independent vectors of  $\pi^{-1}(x)$  into linearly independent vectors again. Also,  $H_\mu^*$  can be extended by continuity to a  $H_\mu$ , and if  $H_\mu^*$  is a restriction of an affine connection  $H_\mu$ , then its extension yields this  $H_\mu$ .

The vectors  $\hat{v}$  of a  $y$  can be considered as a system of conjugate axes of an ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E} \in \pi_\nu^{-\infty}(\S)$  centered at the origin  $O$ , and we order this  $\mathcal{E}$  to  $y$ . Doing this with every  $(x, y)$  we obtain a strong bundle mapping

$$\rho: E_\mu^* \rightarrow E_\nu, \quad \pi_\mu^{-1}(x) \rightarrow \pi_\nu^{-1}(x), \quad y \mapsto \mathcal{E}.$$

The inverse  $\rho^{-1}(\mathcal{E}) = \{\dagger, \dagger_\infty, \dots, \dagger, \dots\}$  is an infinite set consisting of  $y_0 = (\overset{1}{v}_0, \dots, \overset{r}{v}_0)$ ,  $y_1 = (\overset{1}{v}_1, \dots, \overset{r}{v}_1), \dots, y = (\overset{1}{v}, \dots, \overset{r}{v}), \dots$  such that every system  $\overset{1}{v}_0, \dots, \overset{r}{v}_0; \overset{1}{v}_1, \dots, \overset{r}{v}_1; \dots; \overset{1}{v}, \dots, \overset{r}{v}; \dots$  forms conjugate axes of an ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$ . Elements of  $\rho^{-1}(\mathcal{E})$  can be generated from a single element, e.g. from  $y_0$  as follows: Let  $V_0^r$  be a Euclidean vector space with an orthonormal base  $\hat{e}$  and  $a: \pi^{-1}(x) \rightarrow V_0^r$  an affine mapping taking  $\hat{v}_0$  into  $\hat{e}$ . Then the set  $\{\hat{v} = a^{-1} \circ f \circ a \hat{v}_0, \alpha = 1, \dots, r \mid f \in O(r)\}$  produces all vector systems  $y = (\overset{1}{v}, \dots, \overset{r}{v})$  of  $\rho^{-1}(\mathcal{E})$ , where  $O(r)$  denotes the group of rotations of  $V_0^r$ . This induces a classification of  $\pi_\mu^{-1}(x)$  into equivalence classes, and  $\rho$  is a  $1:1$  mapping between the equivalence classes and the ellipsoids.

$H_\mu$  takes  $\pi_\mu^{-1}(x)$  into  $\pi_\mu^{-1}(x+dx)$  and so it takes  $y \in \pi_\mu^{-1}(x)$  into  $\hat{y} \in \pi_\mu^{-1}(x+dx)$ . However, according to (3),  $H_\mu$  is defined via  $H_\eta$ , and in such a way that the images  $\hat{y}_0, \hat{y}_1, \dots, \hat{y}, \dots$  by  $H_\mu$  of the elements of an equivalence class  $\{y_0, y_1, \dots, y, \dots\}$  (i.e. of conjugate axes systems of an ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$ ) form again an equivalence class in  $\pi_\mu^{-1}(x+dx)$  (i.e.  $\hat{y}_0, \hat{y}_1, \dots, \hat{y}, \dots$  are conjugate axes systems of an ellipsoid again). This is shown on the diagram

$$(6) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \rho(x)\{y_0, y_1, \dots, y, \dots\} = \mathcal{E}(\S) \in \pi_\nu^{-\infty}(\S) & & \\ \downarrow H_\mu & & \downarrow H_\nu \\ \rho(x+dx)\{\hat{y}_0, \hat{y}_1, \dots, \hat{y}, \dots\} = \hat{\mathcal{E}}(x+dx) \in \pi_\nu^{-1}(x+dx). & & \end{array}$$

It means that  $H_\mu: \pi_\mu^{-1}(x) \rightarrow \pi_\mu^{-1}(x+dx)$  preserves equivalence classes. Thus

$$\rho \circ H_\mu \circ \rho^{-1}: \pi_\nu^{-1}(x) \rightarrow \pi_\nu^{-1}(x+dx)$$

yields a connection  $H_\nu$  in  $\nu$  (This fact is discussed in more detail in [10], [11]).

If  $H_\nu$  is integrable at least for one  $\mathcal{E}_i \in \pi_\nu^{-\infty}(\S_i)$  and  $\mathcal{E}(\S), \mathcal{E}(\S_i) = \mathcal{E}_i$  is the integral manifold, then  $\mathcal{E}(\S)$  can be considered as indicatrix  $I(x)$  and  $g_{\alpha\beta}(x)$  in the equation  $g_{\alpha\beta}(x)v^\alpha v^\beta = 1$  of  $\mathcal{E}(\S)$  as metric tensor. Any  $v_0$  leading to a point of  $\mathcal{E}_i: \square_i \in \mathcal{E}_i$  can be an axe of a conjugate axes system of  $\mathcal{E}_i$ . Then, according to our construction, the parallel translated  $v$  of  $v_0$  according to  $H_\eta$  along a curve  $C \subset M$  from  $x_0$  to  $x$  is an element of  $\mathcal{E}(\S)$ :

$$H_\eta P_{C;x_0,x} v_0 = v \in H_\nu P_{C;x_0,x} \mathcal{E}_i = \mathcal{E}(\S),$$

and hence

$$\|v_0\|_{g(x_0)} = \|v\|_{g(x)}.$$

We remark that  $v$  depends on the path  $C$  joining  $x_0$  and  $x$ , but  $\mathcal{E}(\xi)$  does not. — This means: if  $H_\nu$  is integrable, then  $H_\eta$  is metrizable.

The converse is obvious. If  $H_\eta$  is metrical with respect to  $g(x)$ , then  $\mathcal{E}(\xi) := \mathcal{I}(\xi)$  is an integral manifold of  $H_\nu$ .

Thus we obtain the

**Theorem.** *The affine connection  $H_\eta$  of a vector bundle  $\eta$  is Riemann metrizable iff the constructed connection  $H_\nu$  in a bundle  $\nu$  fibered with ellipsoids is integrable.*

## 4 Coefficients of $H_\nu$

We want to determine the connection coefficients of  $H_\nu$ .  $H_\nu$  orders to the ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}(\xi)$

$$(7) \quad a_{\alpha\beta}(x)v^\alpha v^\beta = 1 \in \pi_\nu^{-1}(x)$$

the ellipsoid  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}(x+dx)$

$$(8) \quad a_{\alpha\beta}(x+dx)v^\alpha(x+dx)v^\beta(x+dx) = 1 \in \pi_\nu^{-1}(x+dx).$$

According to the definition (construction) of  $H_\nu$  this last equation is satisfied by the parallel translated with respect to  $H_\eta$  of  $v^\alpha(x)$ , i.e. by  $v^\alpha(x+dx) = v^\alpha(x) - \Gamma_{\sigma^\alpha}^\alpha(x)v^\sigma(x)dx^\alpha + o(dx^\alpha)$ . (Since we work with linear connections,  $o(dx^\alpha)$ , i.e. higher order terms in  $dx^\alpha$ , can be omitted.) Then the parallel translated of  $a_{\alpha\beta}(x)$  according to  $H_\nu$  are the  $a_{\alpha\beta}(x+dx)$  appearing in (8). Denoting the connection coefficients of  $H_\nu$  by  $M_{\alpha\beta i}(x, a_{\kappa\lambda})$  we obtain from (8)

$$(a_{\alpha\beta} + M_{\alpha\beta i}(x, a_{\kappa\lambda})dx^i)(v^\alpha - \Gamma_{\sigma^\alpha}^\alpha v^\sigma dx^\alpha)(v^\beta - \Gamma_{\sigma^\beta}^\beta v^\sigma dx^\beta) = 1$$

or

$$a_{\alpha\beta}v^\alpha v^\beta + [M_{\alpha\beta i} - a_{\kappa\lambda}(\Gamma_{\beta^\lambda}^\alpha \delta_\alpha^\kappa + \Gamma_{\alpha^\kappa}^\beta \delta_\beta^\lambda)]v^\alpha v^\beta dx^i + o(dx^i) = 1.$$

By (7) the right hand side drops out with  $a_{\alpha\beta}v^\alpha v^\beta$ . The remaining expression must vanish for every  $v \in \mathcal{E}(\xi)$  and for every  $dx^i$ . Thus, omitting  $o(dx^i)$ , we get

$$M_{\alpha\beta i}(x, a_{\kappa\lambda}) = (\Gamma_{\beta^\lambda}^\alpha \delta_\alpha^\kappa + \Gamma_{\alpha^\kappa}^\beta \delta_\beta^\lambda)a_{\kappa\lambda}.$$

This means that  $M_{\alpha\beta i}(x, a_{\kappa\lambda})$  is linear in  $a_{\kappa\lambda}$ , i.e.  $H_\nu$  is an affine connection and its connection coefficients are

$$(9) \quad M_{\alpha\beta}^{\kappa\lambda}{}_i(x) = \Gamma_{\alpha^\kappa}^\beta(x)\delta_\beta^\lambda + \Gamma_{\beta^\lambda}^\alpha(x)\delta_\alpha^\kappa.$$

We remark that these coefficients are symmetric in the sense that  $M_{\alpha\beta}^{\kappa\lambda}{}_i = M_{\beta\alpha}^{\lambda\kappa}{}_i$ . Thus the symmetry of  $a_{\alpha\beta}(x)$  implies the symmetry of  $a_{\alpha\beta}(x+dx) = a_{\alpha\beta}(x) + M_{\alpha\beta}^{\kappa\lambda}{}_i(x)a_{\kappa\lambda}dx^i$  too, which are the coefficients of  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}(x+dx)$ .

The condition of the absolute parallelism of  $a_{\alpha\beta}(x)$  with respect to  $H_\nu$  is

$$\frac{\partial a_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial x^i} = -M_{\alpha\beta}^{\kappa\lambda}{}_i(x)a_{\kappa\lambda}(x).$$

This is integrable iff

$$T_{\alpha\beta}{}^{\kappa\lambda}{}_{ij}(x)a_{\kappa\lambda}(x) = 0$$

$$T_{\alpha\beta}{}^{\kappa\lambda}{}_{ij} \equiv \left( \frac{\partial M_{\alpha\beta}{}^{\kappa\lambda}{}_i}{\partial x^j} - M_{\alpha\beta}{}^{\mu\nu}{}_i M_{\mu\nu}{}^{\kappa\lambda}{}_j \right)_{[i,j]}$$

has a solution for  $a_{\kappa\lambda}$  with positive determinant. We find that

$$T_{\alpha\beta}{}^{\kappa\lambda}{}_{ij} = R_{\alpha}{}^{\kappa}{}_{ij}\delta_{\beta}^{\lambda} + R_{\beta}{}^{\lambda}{}_{ij}\delta_{\alpha}^{\kappa},$$

where  $R$  is the curvature tensor of  $\Gamma_{\beta}{}^{\alpha}{}_i(x)$ .

## 5 Finsler vector bundles

Considering a Finsler vector bundle  $\zeta = (E, \pi, TM, V^n)$  and a connection  $\Gamma$  with connection coefficients  $F_j{}^i{}_h(x, y)$ ,  $V_j{}^i{}_h(x, y)$  we have (1). In this case the base manifold  $TM$  has dimension  $2n$ . Its coordinates can be denoted by  $u^A$ ,  $A = 1, \dots, 2n$ ;  $u^i = x^i$ ,  $u^{n+i} = y^i$ .  $\mathcal{E}(\S, \dagger)$  has the equation  $a_{ij}(x, y)\xi^i\xi^j = 1$ , and the equation of  $\hat{\mathcal{E}}(x + dx)$  is

$$a_{ij}(x + dx, y + dy)\xi^i(x + dx, y + dy)\xi^j(x + dx, y + dy) = 1.$$

Here

$$a_{ij}(x + dx, y + dy) = a_{ij}(x) + M_{ij}{}^{rs}{}_h(x, y)a_{rs}(x, y)dx^h + M_{ij}{}^{rs}{}_{n+k}(x, y)a_{rs}dy^h.$$

Contrasting with (9), here the last index of  $M$  runs from 1 to  $2n$  the other indices from 1 to  $n$ . Considerations and calculations similar to those done above yield

$$M_{ij}{}^{rs}{}_h = F_j{}^s{}_h\delta_i^r + F_i{}^r{}_h\delta_j^s$$

$$M_{ij}{}^{rs}{}_{n+k} = V_j{}^s{}_k\delta_i^r + V_i{}^r{}_k\delta_j^s,$$

and furthermore

$$T_{ij}{}^{rs}{}_{kh} = {}^F R_i{}^r{}_{kh}\delta_j^s + {}^F R_j{}^s{}_{kh}\delta_i^r$$

$$T_{ij}{}^{rs}{}_{n+k}{}_{n+h} = {}^V R_i{}^r{}_{kh}\delta_j^s + {}^V R_j{}^s{}_{kh}\delta_i^r,$$

where  ${}^F R$  and  ${}^V R$  are formed from  $F_j{}^s{}_i$  and  $V_j{}^s{}_i$  resp. like common curvature tensors. Finally

$$T_{ij}{}^{rs}{}_{n+h}{}_{nk} = \frac{\partial M_{ij}{}^{rs}{}_{n+h}}{\partial x^k} - \frac{\partial M_{ij}{}^{rs}{}_k}{\partial y^h} + (V_j{}^s{}_k F_s{}^c{}_h - F_j{}^s{}_k V_s{}^c{}_h)\delta_i^b +$$

$$+ V_j{}^c{}_k F_i{}^b{}_h - F_j{}^c{}_k V_i{}^b{}_h + V_i{}^b{}_k F_j{}^c{}_h - F_i{}^b{}_k V_j{}^c{}_h + (V_i{}^r{}_k F_r{}^b{}_h - F_i{}^r{}_k V_r{}^b{}_h)\delta_j^c.$$

One can use other connections, e.g. a pre-Finsler connection  $F\Gamma(F_j{}^i{}_k, N^i{}_j, V_j{}^i{}_h)$  and  $h$ - and  $v$ -covariant derivatives

$$\xi^i|_k = \frac{\partial \xi^i}{\partial x^k} - \frac{\partial \xi^i}{\partial y^r} N^r{}_k + F_j{}^i{}_k \xi^j$$

$$\xi^i|_k = \frac{\partial \xi^i}{\partial y^k} + V_j{}^i{}_k \xi^j.$$

In this case (1) becomes

$$d_{\Gamma}\xi^i = (F_j^i{}_k - V_j^i{}_r N^r{}_k)\xi^j dx^k + V_j^i{}_k \xi^j dy^k,$$

or

$$d_{\Gamma}\xi^i = [(F_j^i{}_k - V_j^i{}_r F_s^r{}_k y^s)dx^k + V_j^i{}_k dy^k] \xi^j$$

if  $F\Gamma$  is without deflection. These lead to other formulae for  $M_{ij}{}^{rs}{}_A$  and  $T_{ij}{}^{rs}{}_{AB}$ . If  $F_j^i{}_k$  and  $V_j^i{}_k$  are symmetric,  $F\Gamma$  is without deflection and metrizable, then  $F\Gamma$  is the Cartan connection.

Finally we mention still another affine connection introduced by M. Matsumoto [7], [8] (see also [2], [3]) which is an ordinary affine connection derived from a Finsler connection  $F\Gamma(F_j^i{}_k, N^i{}_j, V_j^i{}_k)$ . Starting with an  $F\Gamma$  and a nonvanishing vector field  $Y(x)$  which depends on the point  $x$  only

$$(10) \quad \underline{\Gamma}_j^i{}_k(x) := F_j^i{}_k(x, Y(x)) + V_j^i{}_r(x, Y(x)) \left( \frac{\partial Y^r}{\partial x^k} + Y^s(x) F_s^r{}_k(x, Y(x)) \right)$$

turn out to be connection coefficients of an ordinary affine connection. Using the vector field  $Y(x)$  one can associate to any Finsler vector field  $\xi^i(x, y)$  an ordinary vector field  $\underline{\xi}^i(x) := \xi^i(x, Y(x))$ . Then there exists a nice relation among the covariant derivative  $\underline{\xi}^i{}_{;k}$  constructed with  $\underline{\Gamma}$ , and the  $h$ - and  $v$ -covariant derivatives with respect to  $F\Gamma$ , namely

$$\underline{\xi}^i{}_{;k} = \left[ \xi^i{}_{|k} + \xi^i{}_{|k} \left( \frac{\partial Y^r}{\partial x^k} + Y^s F_s^r{}_k \right) \right] \Big|_{y=Y(x)}.$$

Given a  $\underline{\Gamma}$  and a  $Y(x)$ , there are many  $F\Gamma$  which satisfy (10). Then we can use our method to search for metrizable ones among these  $F\Gamma$ , e.g. for such, where  $F\Gamma$  satisfies (10) with the given  $\underline{\Gamma}$  and  $Y(x)$  and  $g_{ij|k} = g_{ij}{}_{|k} = 0$  with respect to this  $F\Gamma$ .

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