



# On Conformal Transformation of Lagrange Space with $(\gamma, \beta)$ -Metric

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## Abstract

The present paper is a study of the conformal transformation of the Lagrange space with  $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric. The conformal transformation of the spray coefficient and Riemann curvature are expressed in Lagrange space with  $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric. Further, find out the condition that a conformal transformation of Lagrange space with  $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric is locally dually flat if and only if the transformation is a homothety. Moreover, the conditions for the transform metrics to be Einstein and isotropic mean Berwald curvature are also found.

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## 1 Introduction

M. Matsumoto has been studied the non-Riemannian Finsler space with a cubic metric in 1979 [4]. A cubic metric is defined as, [7]

$$(1.1) \quad L(x, y) = \left\{ a_{ijk}(x) y^i y^j y^k \right\}^{\frac{1}{3}}.$$

where  $a_{ijk}(x)$  are components of a symmetric tensor field of  $(0, 3)$ -type depending on the position  $x$  alone.

The  $\beta$  metric defined as,

$$(1.2) \quad \beta(x, y) = b_i(x)y^i,$$

where  $b_i(x)$  are components of a covariant vector in space.

Pandey and Chaubey introduced the concept of  $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric In 2011, where  $\gamma = \left\{ a_{ijk}(x)y^i y^j y^k \right\}^{\frac{1}{3}}$  is cubic metric and  $\beta = b_i(x)y^i$  is a one-form. P.N. Pandey and S.K. Shukla studied Lagrange space with  $(\gamma, \beta)$  metric and obtained metric tensor in  $L^n$  Lagrange space. In 2006 L. Tamassy studied the relation between Lagrange and Finsler space and established that the Hessians  $H_{ij}(x, y)$  are positive definite if and only if the hyper-surface  $z^{I(x)}$  are convex.

Matsomoto has been developed the theory of Finsler spaces [9] and the theory of conformal transformation of Finsler spaces has been developed by M. Hashiguchi[10] based on the theory of Finsler space. Let  $F$  and  $\bar{F}$  be two Finsler metrics on manifold  $M^n$  then we say that Finsler metric  $\bar{F}$  conformally transformed Finsler metric[11] if  $\bar{F} = e^{\alpha(x)}F$  where  $\alpha$  is a scalar function on  $M^n$ . The conformal change is said to be a homothety if  $\alpha$  is a constant.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional smooth manifold and let  $TM$  be its tangent bundle. Let  $(x^i)$  and  $(x^i, y^i)$  be local coordinates on  $M$  and  $TM$ , respectively. A Lagrangian is a function  $L : TM \rightarrow R$  which is a smooth function on  $\tilde{TM} = TM \setminus \{0\}$  and continuous on the null section.

The fundamental metric tensor of Lagrangian  $L(x, y)$  is given by  $g_{ij}(x, y)$  and define as,

$$(2.1) \quad g_{ij}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\partial}_i \dot{\partial}_j L^2,$$

where  $\dot{\partial}_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A Lagrange space is a pair  $L^n = (M, L(x, y))$ . The metric tensor  $g_{ij}$  of Lagrangian  $L(x, y)$  being a constant signature on  $\tilde{TM}$  is called a regular Lagrangian.

In the present paper, we study a Lagrange space whose Lagrangian  $L$  is a function of  $\gamma(x, y)$  and  $\beta(x, y)$  only, where

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{cases} a) \gamma^3(x, y) = a_{ijk}(x, y)y^i y^j y^k \\ b) \beta(x, y) = b_i(x)y^i. \end{cases}$$

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Let us denote the conformal transform Lagrangian by  $\bar{L}$ . Thus the conformal transform Lagrange metric given by

$$(2.3) \quad \bar{L}(\gamma, \beta) = e^{\alpha(x)} L(x, y).$$

The space  $L^n = (M, L(x, y))$  is called space with  $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric [2]. The fundamental metric [1] of  $L^n = (M, L(x, y))$  defined as,

$$(2.4) \quad g_{ij}(x, y) = 2\rho a_{ij} + \rho_{-2} a_i a_j + \rho_{-1} (a_i b_j + b_i a_j) + \rho_0 b_i b_j.$$

where  $\rho, \rho_0$  and  $\rho_{-1}, \rho_{-2}$  given as

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{cases} a) \rho = \frac{1}{2} \gamma^{-2} L_{\gamma\gamma}, \\ b) \rho_0 = \frac{1}{2} L_{\beta\beta}, \\ c) \rho_{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma^{-2} L_{\gamma\beta}, \\ d) \rho_{-2} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma^{-4} (L_{\gamma\gamma} - 2\gamma^{-1} L_{\gamma}). \end{cases}$$

The normalize supporting element  $l_i$  and angular metric tensor  $h_{ij}$  of  $L$  are defined respectively as:  $l_i = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y^i}, h_{ij} = L \frac{\partial^2 L^2}{\partial y^i \partial y^j}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A Finsler metric  $L(x, y)$  is called a  $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric. If  $L$  is a positive homogeneous function of first degree in two variable  $\gamma$  and  $\beta$ . Where  $\gamma^3 = a_{ijk} y^i y^j y^k$  is a cubic metric and  $\beta = b_i(x) y^i$  is a one form.

**Definition 2.3.** The Lagrangian metric  $L(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric will be Finsler metric if following conditions hold [8]

$$(2.6) \quad p_{-1} + q_{-2} \beta + q_{-1} \gamma^3 = 0,$$

$$(2.7) \quad q_0 \beta + q_{-2} \gamma^3 = 0,$$

where  $p_{-1} = \frac{LL_{\gamma\gamma}}{2}, q_0 = LL_{\beta\beta}, q_{-2} = \frac{LL_{\gamma\beta}}{\gamma^2}, q_{-1} = \frac{L}{\gamma^4} (L_{\gamma\gamma} - \frac{2L_{\gamma}}{\gamma})$ .

The subscripts of coefficient  $p_{-1}, q_0, q_{-2}, q_{-1}$  indicate respectively degree of homogeneity.

### 3 Conformal transformation Lagrange space with $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric

The fundamental metric tensor  $g_{ij}$  of Lagrange space  $L^n$  is given by

$$(3.1) \quad g_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 L^2}{\partial y^i \partial y^j} = LL_{y^i y^j} - L_{y^i} L_{y^j}.$$

From equation (2.4) the metric tensor  $g_{ij}$  simplifies as  $g_{ij} = 2\rho a_{ij} + c_i c_j$ . The conformal transform metric  $\bar{g}_{ij}$  is derived as:

$$(3.2) \quad \bar{g}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\partial}_i \dot{\partial}_j \bar{L}^2 = e^{2\alpha} g_{ij}.$$

It is also derived that

$$(3.3) \quad \bar{g}^{ij} = e^{-2\alpha} g^{ij}.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *The covariant metric tensor  $\bar{g}_{ij}$  and contravariant metric tensor  $\bar{g}^{ij}$  of transformed Lagrange space  $L^n$  with  $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric are given as*

$$(3.4) \quad \bar{g}_{ij} = e^{2\alpha} g_{ij} = e^{2\alpha} (2\rho a_{ij} + c_i c_j),$$

$$(3.5) \quad \bar{g}^{ij} = e^{-2\alpha} g^{mh} = e^{-2\alpha} \frac{1}{2\rho} \left( a^{mh} - \frac{1}{2\rho + c^2} c^m c^h \right).$$

The transformed Christoffel symbols of the first kind written for  $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric as,

$$(3.6) \quad [jk, h] = 2e^{2\alpha} \left\{ \alpha_j g_{kh} + \alpha_k g_{jh} - \alpha_h g_{jk} \right\} + e^{2\alpha} [jk, h],$$

Hence the conformal transformed Christoffel's symbols connected with metric tensor as,

$$(3.7) \quad \overline{\left\{ \begin{matrix} m \\ jk \end{matrix} \right\}} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} m \\ jk \end{matrix} \right\} + \left\{ \alpha_j \delta_k^m + \alpha_k \delta_j^m - \alpha_h g^{mh} g_{jk} \right\},$$

The index  $m \rightarrow i$  and  $h$  is dummy index so take  $h = k$ . Then the spray coefficient  $G^i$  conformal transformed following equation,

$$(3.8) \quad \bar{G}^i = \alpha_j + G^i.$$

If  $\alpha_j = 0$ , then  $\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x^j} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = \text{constant}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $L$  and  $\bar{L}$  conformally related metrics in Lagrange space with  $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric. Then the geodesic curves are identical if and only if a conformal change is a homothety.*

*Proof.* The geodesic equation in Lagrange space is given by

$$(3.9) \quad \frac{d^2 x^i}{ds^2} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} i \\ jk \end{matrix} \right\} \frac{dx^j}{ds} \frac{dx^k}{ds} = 0.$$

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Let conformal change is homothety, then  $\alpha = constant$ , hence  $\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x^j} = 0$ . The equation (3.8) gives that the spray coefficient  $\bar{G}^i = G^i$ , so Geodesic equation (3.9) is identical after transformation. So the geodesic curve also will be identical.  $\square$

The conformal transform spray  $G$  expression is given by

$$(3.10) \quad \bar{G} = G - 2\alpha_j e^\alpha (L_\gamma \gamma y^j + L_\beta b_i).$$

## 4 Locally dually flat conformally transformed in Lagrange space with $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric

In the study of information geometry on Riemannian manifolds, Amari-Nagaoka developed the notion of dually flat Riemannian metrics [12]. Locally dually flatness for Finsler metrics notion developed by Shen [13].

A transform Finsler metric  $\bar{F}$  on a manifold  $M^n$  is said to be locally dually flat if  $[\bar{F}^2]_{x^k y^l} y^k = 2 [\bar{F}]_{x^l}$  at any point with the coordinate system  $(x^i, y^i)$  in  $TM$ .

Let the conformal transformation  $\bar{L} = e^\alpha L$ , where  $L$  is Lagrange metric with  $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric. Since  $\bar{L}_{x^k}^2 = e^{2\alpha} [L_{x^k}^2 + 2L^2 \alpha_k]$ , where  $\alpha_k = \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x^k}$ , we have  $\bar{L}_{x^k y^l}^2 y^k = e^{2\alpha} [L_{x^k y^l}^2 y^k + 2L l \alpha_k y^k]$ . Hence

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} L_{x^k y^l}^2 y^k &= 2L_\gamma^2 \frac{a_{ij}(y^i y^j y^k)^2}{3\gamma^2} A_k + 2L_\gamma L_\beta b_l A_k y^i y^j (y^k)^2 + 2LL_{\gamma\gamma} \\ &\times \frac{a_{ij}(y^i y^j y^k)^2}{3\gamma^2} A_k + 2LL_{\gamma\beta} b_l A_k y^i y^j (y^k)^2 - \frac{4}{3\gamma^3} A_k (y^i y^j y^k)^2 y^k \\ &+ 2L_\gamma L_\beta \frac{a_{ij}(y^i y^j y^k)^2}{3\gamma^2} + 2L_\beta^2 b_l B_k (y^k)^2 + 2LL_\beta \frac{a_{ij} y^i y^j (y^k)^2}{3\gamma^2} B_k \\ &+ 2LL_{\beta\beta} b_l B_k (y^k)^2 + 2LL_\beta B_l y^k, \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.2) \quad 2L_{x^l}^2 = 4LL_\gamma y^i y^j y^k A_l + 4LL_\beta B_l y^l,$$

$$(4.3) \quad 2LL_{y^l} \alpha_k y^k = \left( \frac{2}{3\gamma^2} LL_\gamma a_{ij} y^i y^j y^k + 2LL_\beta b_l y^k \right) \alpha_k.$$

We have

$$(4.4) \quad 2\bar{L}_{x^l}^2 - \bar{L}_{x^k y^l}^2 y^k = e^{2\alpha} [2L_{x^l}^2 + 4L^2\alpha_l - L_{x^k y^l}^2 y^k - 2Ll_l\alpha_k y^k].$$

If Lagrange space is locally dually flat then  $2L_{x^l}^2 - L_{x^k y^l}^2 y^k = 0$ . Using equation (4.1), (4.2) and (4.3) in equation (4.4) we find out that,

$$(4.5) \quad 2\bar{L}_{x^l}^2 - \bar{L}_{x^k y^l}^2 y^k = 4L^2\alpha_l - \left( \frac{2}{3\gamma^2} LL_\gamma a_{ij} y^i y^j + 2LL_\beta b_l \right) \alpha_k y^k.$$

Where terms used in equation (4.1) to (4.4) are defined in the following way,

1.  $\frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial x^k} = A_k y^i y^j y^k,$
2.  $\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial x^k} = B_k y^k,$
3.  $\frac{\partial^2 \beta}{\partial y^l \partial x^l} = B_l,$
4.  $\frac{\partial \gamma}{\partial y^l} = \frac{1}{3\gamma^2} a_{ij} y^i y^j.$

**Theorem 4.1.** *If  $\bar{L}$  be a conformal transformed metric with  $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric on a manifolds  $M^n$  in Lagrange space. Then,  $\bar{L}$  is locally dually flat metric if and only if  $2L\alpha_l - \left( \frac{1}{3\gamma^2} L_\gamma a_{ij} y^i y^j + L_\beta b_l \right) \alpha_k y^k = 0$ .*

**Corollary 4.1.** *If  $L$  is locally dually flat metric then the conformally transformed Lagrangian metric  $\bar{L}$  is also locally dually flat if and only if conformal transformation homothetic.*

*Proof.* Form equation (4.5) the  $L$  is locally dually flat if and only  $2L\alpha_l - \left( \frac{1}{3\gamma^2} L_\gamma a_{ij} y^i y^j + L_\beta b_l \right) \alpha_k y^k = 0$ . Hence  $\bar{L}$  is locally dually flat if and only if

$$(4.6) \quad \alpha_l L - \left( \frac{1}{3\gamma^2} L_\gamma a_{ij} y^i y^j + L_\beta b_l \right) \alpha_0 = 0$$

Contracting equation (4.6) with  $y^l$ , We have

$$\alpha_0 L - \left( \frac{1}{3} \gamma L_\gamma + L_\beta \beta \right) \alpha_0 = 0$$

This gives  $\alpha_0 = 0$ . Hence from equation (4.6),  $\alpha_l = 0$ , i.e.  $\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x^l} = 0$ . So  $\alpha$  is constant. Therefore the transformation is homothetic. The converse is also true. □

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## 5 Conformally transformed Lagrangian $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metric with isotropic $E$ -curvature

The Berwald curvature of  $\bar{L}$  is defined as

$$(5.1) \quad \bar{B}_{jkl}^i = \frac{\partial^3 \bar{G}^i}{\partial y^j \partial y^k \partial y^l}.$$

Where  $\bar{G}^i$  are spray coefficients of a Lagrange space  $\bar{L}$ . The trace of the Berwald curvature is called the  $E$ -curvature. So  $\bar{E}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{B}_{mij}^m$ . Let  $\bar{L}$  is the Lagrangian metric on an  $n$ -dimensional manifold  $M^n$ . Then The isotropic mean Berwald curvature or of isotropic  $E$ -curvature defined as

$$(5.2) \quad \bar{E}_{ij} = \frac{c(n+1)}{2\bar{L}} \bar{h}_{ij}.$$

where  $\bar{h}_{ij} = \bar{g}_{ij} - \bar{l}_i \bar{l}_j$  is the angular metric and  $c = c(x)$  is a scalar function on  $M^n$ . Now  $\bar{L}$  will be weakly Berwald metric if scalar function  $c = 0$ . In view of equation (3.4) the angular metric is given by

$$(5.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{h}_{ij} = e^{2\alpha} \left\{ \rho a_{ij} + \rho_{-2} a_i a_j + \rho_{-1} (a_i b_j + a_j b_i) + \rho_0 b_i b_j - \frac{L_\gamma^2}{9\gamma^4} a_i a_j \right. \\ \left. - \frac{L_\gamma L_\beta}{3\gamma^2} (a_i b_j + a_j b_i) - L_\beta^2 b_i b_j \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

From equation (5.2) and (5.3), we have

$$(5.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{E}_{ij} = \frac{(n+1)c}{2\bar{L}} e^{2\alpha} \left\{ \rho a_{ij} + \rho_{-2} a_i a_j + \rho_{-1} (a_i b_j + a_j b_i) + \rho_0 b_i b_j \right. \\ \left. - \frac{L_\gamma^2}{9\gamma^4} a_i a_j - \frac{L_\gamma L_\beta}{3\gamma^2} (a_i b_j + a_j b_i) - L_\beta^2 b_i b_j \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

After simplification the equation (5.4) we have

$$(5.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{E}_{ij} = \frac{(n+1)c}{2\bar{L}} e^\alpha \left\{ \rho a_{ij} + \left( \rho_{-2} - \frac{L_\gamma^2}{9\gamma^4} \right) a_i a_j + \left( \rho_{-1} - \frac{L_\gamma L_\beta}{3\gamma^2} \right) \right. \\ \left. (a_i b_j + a_j b_i) + (\rho_0 - L_\beta^2) b_i b_j \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

The equation (5.5) shows that  $c = 0$ , because neither  $e^\alpha = 0$  nor  $\rho a_{ij} + \left( \rho_{-2} - \frac{L_\gamma^2}{9\gamma^4} \right) a_i a_j + \left( \rho_{-1} - \frac{L_\gamma L_\beta}{3\gamma^2} \right) (a_i b_j + a_j b_i) + (\rho_0 - L_\beta^2) b_i b_j = 0$ , i.e.  $h_{ij} \neq 0$ . Hence the isotropic  $E$ -curvature  $\bar{E}_{ij} = 0$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** *If  $\bar{L} = e^c L$  be the conformal change of Lagrangian metric  $L$ . Suppose  $\bar{L}$  has isotropic mean Berwald curvature. Then it reduced to a weakly Berwald metric.*

## 6 Conclusion

The article starts with a basic definition of cubic and  $\beta$  metrics with the formulation of Lagrange space with  $(\gamma, \beta)$ -metrics. The next part of the article gives a conformal change of Lagrangian metrics and locally dually flat change in Lagrange space. There are some results on isotropic  $E$ -curvature.

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