

Conformal *h*-Vector-Change in Finsler Spaces

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Abstract

We investigate what we call a conformal h-vector-change in Finsler spaces, namely

$$F(x,y) \rightarrow \overline{F}(x,y) = e^{\sigma(x)}F(x,y) + \beta,$$

where, σ is a function of x only, and $\beta(x, y) := b_i(x, y)y^i$, where $b_i := b_i(x, y)$ is an *h*-vector. This change generalizes various types of changes: conformal changes, generalized Randers changes, Randers change. Under this change, we obtain the relationships between some tensors associated with (M, F) and the corresponding tensors associated with (M, \overline{F}) . Next, we express the conditions for more generalized *m*-th root metrics $\tilde{F}_1 = \sqrt{A_1 \frac{2}{m_1} + B_1} + C_1$ and $\tilde{F}_2 = \sqrt{A_2 \frac{2}{m_2} + B_2} + C_2$, when is established conformal *h*-vector-change and m_1 , m_2 are even numbers and other case m_1 , m_2 even and odd numbers, respectively. Finally, we prove that under these conditions conformal *h*-vector-change in Finsler spaces reduces to conformal β -change in Finsler spaces.

Keywords: *m*-th root metric; more generalized *m*-th root metric; generalized Randers change.

1. Introduction

Let (M, F) be a Finsler space, where M is an n-dimensional differentiable manifold equipped with a fundamental function F. Given a function σ , the change

$$\overline{F}(x,y) \to e^{\sigma(x)}F(x,y) \tag{1.1}$$

is called a conformal change. The conformal theory of Finsler spaces has been initiated by M. S. Knebelman [1] in 1929 and has been deeply investigated by many authors: [2], [3], etc. For a differential one-form $\beta(x, y) = b_i(x)y^i$ on *M*, G. Randers [4], in 1941, introduced a special Finsler space defined by the β -change

$$\overline{F}(x,y) = F(x,y) + \beta(x,y), \tag{1.2}$$

where *F* is Riemannian. The resulting space is a Finsler space. Randers metrics are among the simplest non-Riemannian Finsler metrics. M. Matsumoto [5], in 1974, studied Randers space in which *F* is Finslerian. In 1980, H. Izumi [6] introduced the concept of an *h*-vector b_i , while studying the conformal transformation of Finsler spaces. Then, instead of the function b_i of coordinates x^i only, we will use the *h*-vector $b_i(x, y)$ and define the generalized Randers change

$$\overline{F}(x,y) = F(x,y) + b_i(x,y)y^i.$$
 (1.3)

We can find some results regarding the generalized Randers change in B. N. Prasad [7] and M. Gupta and P. Pandey [8]. In 2008, S. Abed ([9], [10]) introduced the transformation

$$\overline{F}(x,y) = e^{\sigma(x)}F(x,y) + \beta(x,y)$$
(1.4)

Moreover, he established the relationships between some important tensors associated with (M, F) and the corresponding tensors associated with (M, \overline{F}) . He also studied some invariant and σ -invariant properties and obtained a relationship between the Cartan connection associated with (M, F) and the transformed Cartan connection associated with (M, \overline{F}) .

In 1979, Shimada [11] introduced the *m*-th root metric on the differentiable manifold *M* defined as:

$$F = \sqrt[m]{a_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_m}(x) y^{i_1} y^{i_2} \dots y^{i_m}}, \qquad (1.5)$$

where the coefficients $a_{i_1i_2...i_m}$ are the components of symmetric covariant tensor field of order (0, m) being the functions of positional co-ordinates only. Since then various geometers such as [12], [13] etc. have explored the theory of *m*-th root metric and studied its transformations. There exist the following important two classes of Finsler metrics,

$$\overline{F} = \sqrt{A^{\frac{2}{m}} + B} ,$$

$$\widetilde{F} = \sqrt{A^{\frac{2}{m}} + B} + C ,$$
(1.6)

where $A = a_{i_1i_2...i_m}(x)y^{i_1}y^{i_2}...y^{i_m}$, $B = b_{ij}(x)y^iy^j$ and $C = c_k(x)y^k$, that is one 1-form. This forms are called a generalized *m*-th root metric and more general generalized *m*-th root metric, respectively. Obviously, \tilde{F} is not reversible Finsler metric and is Randers change of generalized *m*-th root metric \bar{F} . In [14], the authors have studied the geometric properties of locally projectively flat *m*-th root in the form $F = \sqrt[m]{A}$ and generalized *m*-th root in the form $\bar{F} = \sqrt{A^{\frac{2}{m}} + B}$. In [15], Tayebi-Najafi characterize locally dually flat and Antonelli *m*-th root metrics. They prove that every *m*-th root metric (resp., Landsberg metric). They show that *m*-th root metric with almost vanishing H-curvature has vanishing H-curvature [16]. In [17], the authors expresses a necessary and sufficient condition for the metric $\bar{F} = \sqrt{A^{\frac{2}{m}} + B}$ that be locally dually flat. In [18], the authors have studied Berwald *m*-th root metrics. Y. Yu and Y. You show that an *m*-th root Einstein Finsler metric is Ricci-flat [19].

In this paper, we construct a theory which generalizes all the above mentioned changes. In fact, we consider a change of the form

$$\overline{F}(x,y) \to e^{\sigma(x)}F(x,y) + \beta(x,y) \tag{1.7}$$

where, σ is a function of x only, and $\beta(x,y) := b_i(x,y)y^i$, where $b_i := b_i(x,y)$ is an *h*-vector on (M,F), which we call *conformal h-vector-change*. This change generalizes various types of changes. When $\beta = 0$, it is reduces to a conformal change defined in (1.1). When $\sigma = 0$, it reduces to a generalized Randers change defined in (1.3). when β reduces to a one-form $b_i(x)$, then it reduces to a conformal β -change defined in (1.4). when $\sigma = 0$ and β reduces to a one-form $b_i(x)$, then it reduces to a Randers β -change defined in (1.2). Thus the study of this new class of Finsler spaces will enhance our understanding of the geometric meaning of conformal changes. Under this change, we obtain the relationships between components of the more generalized *m*-th root metrics $\tilde{F}_1 = \sqrt{A_1^{\frac{2}{m_1}} + B_1} + C_1$ and $\tilde{F}_2 = \sqrt{A_2^{\frac{2}{m_2}} + B_2} + C_2$, when is established *conformal h-vector-change* and m_1 , m_2 are even numbers and other case m_1 , m_2 even and odd numbers, respectively. As well As, we prove that under these conditions conformal *h*-vector-change in Finsler space with more generalized *m*-th root metric reduces to conformal β -change in Finsler space with more generalized *m*-th root metric reduces to conformal β -change in Finsler space with more generalized *m*-th root metric reduces to conformal β -change in Finsler space with more generalized *m*-th root metric reduces to conformal β -change in Finsler space with more generalized *m*-th root metric reduces to conformal β -change in Finsler space with more generalized *m*-th root metric reduces to conformal β -change in Finsler space with more generalized *m*-th root metric reduces to conformal β -change in Finsler space with more generalized *m*-th root metric reduces to conformal β -change in Finsler space with more generalized *m*-th root metric reduces to conformal β -change in Finsler space with more generalized *m*-th root metric.

Theorem 1. Let $\tilde{F}_1 = \sqrt{A_1^{\frac{2}{m_1}} + B_1} + C_1$ and $\tilde{F}_2 = \sqrt{A_2^{\frac{2}{m_2}} + B_2} + C_2$ are two more generalized *m*-th root metrics on an open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Suppose that m_1, m_2 are even numbers and $m_1, m_2 > 2$. If \tilde{F}_1 is conformal *h*-vector-change of \tilde{F}_2 , then \tilde{F}_1 reduces to a conformal β -change of \tilde{F}_2 .

Theorem 2. Let $\tilde{F}_1 = \sqrt{A_1^{\frac{2}{m_1}} + B_1} + C_1$ and $\tilde{F}_2 = \sqrt{A_2^{\frac{2}{m_2}} + B_2} + C_2$ are two more generalized *m*-th root metrics on an open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Suppose that m_1 , m_2 are even and odd numbers, respectively. If \tilde{F}_1 is conformal *h*-vector-change of \tilde{F}_2 , then \tilde{F}_1 reduces to a conformal β -change of \tilde{F}_2 .

Throughout the present paper, (x^i) denotes the coordinates of a point of the base manifold *M* and (y^i) the supporting element (\dot{x}^i) . As well as, in overall this paper,

$$A_{1} = a_{i_{1}i_{2}...i_{m_{1}}}(x)y^{i_{1}}y^{i_{2}}...y^{i_{m_{1}}},$$

$$A_{2} = \bar{a}_{i_{1}i_{2}...i_{m_{2}}}(x)y^{i_{1}}y^{i_{2}}...y^{i_{m_{2}}},$$

$$B_{1} = b_{ij}(x)y^{i}y^{j}, B_{2} = \bar{b}_{ij}(x)y^{i}y^{j},$$

$$C_{1} = c_{k}(x)y^{k}, C_{2} = \bar{c}_{k}(x)y^{k},$$
(1.8)

and m_1 , m_2 are belongs to natural numbers, and $b_i(x, -y) = b_i(x, y)$.

2. Preliminaries

Let *M* be an *n*-dimensional C^{∞} manifold. Denote by $T_x M$ the tangent space at $x \in M$, and by $TM = \bigcup_{x \in M} T_x M$, the tangent bundle of *M*. A Finsler metric on *M* is a function $F:TM \to [0,\infty)$ which has the following

properties: (i) *F* is C^{∞} on the slit tangent bundle $TM_0 = TM - \{0\}$; (ii) *F* is positively 1-homogeneous on the fibers of the tangent bundle *TM*; (iii) for each $y \in T_x M$, the following quadratic form g_y on $T_x M$ is positive definite,

$$\boldsymbol{g}_{y}(\boldsymbol{u},\boldsymbol{v}) \coloneqq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial s \partial t} [F^{2}(\boldsymbol{y} + s\boldsymbol{u} + t\boldsymbol{v})]|_{s,t=0}, \ \boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{v} \in T_{x}\boldsymbol{M}.$$

$$(2.1)$$

Let $x \in M$ and $F_x \coloneqq F|_{T_xM}$. For $y \in T_xM_0$, define $C_y \colon T_xM \otimes T_xM \otimes T_xM \to R$ by

$$\boldsymbol{C}_{y}(u,v,w) \coloneqq \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left[g_{y+tw}(u,v) \right] |_{t=0}, \ u,v,w \in T_{x}M.$$
(2.2)

The family $C := \{C_y\}_{y \in T_x M_0}$ is called the Cartan torsion. It is well known that C = 0 if and only if *F* is Riemannian [20]. The *h*-vector b_i is *v*-covariant constant with respect to the Cartan connection and satisfies

$$FC_{i,j}^{h}b_{h} = \rho h_{ij}, \ \rho \neq 0, \tag{2.3}$$

where, $C_{ij}^h \coloneqq g^{rh} C_{hjk}$ (where, g^{rh} and C_{hjk} are components inverse of g_{rh} and Cartan torsion, respectively.) is the Cartan's C –tensor, h_{ij} is the angular metric tensor and ρ is given by

$$\rho = \frac{FC^i b_i}{(n-1)},\tag{2.4}$$

where, C^i is the torsion vector $C^i_{ik}g^{jk}$. Then, we have

$$\dot{\partial}_j b_i = \frac{\rho h_{ij}}{F} = \rho F_{y^i y^j} \neq 0, \tag{2.5}$$

Where, $\dot{\partial}_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j}$ and ρ is independent of directional arguments. For an *h*-vector we have the following [6]:

Lemma 1. If b_i is an *h*-vector then function $\rho \overline{F}_{y^i} = b_i - \rho F_{y^i}$ are independent of *y*.

Lemma 2. The magnitude b of an h-vector b_i is independent of y.

3. Cartan's connection of the conformal *h*-vector-change

Let b_i is a vector field in the Finsler space (M, F). If we denote $b_i y^i$ as β then indicatory property of h_{ij} yield $\dot{\partial}_i \beta_i = b_i$. Throughout the paper we shall use the notations

$$l_{i} \coloneqq \dot{\partial}_{i}F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y^{i}},$$

$$l_{ij} \coloneqq \dot{\partial}_{i}\dot{\partial}_{j}F, l_{ijk} \coloneqq \dot{\partial}_{i}\dot{\partial}_{j}\dot{\partial}_{k}F \text{ and etc.}$$
(3.1)

Now, the quantities and operations referring to c are indicated by putting –. Thus, from (1.7) we get

$$\bar{l}_i(x,y) = e^{\sigma(x)} l_i(x,y) + b_i(x,y),$$
(3.2)

Then from (2.5) and (3.1), we get

$$\bar{l}_{ij}(x,y) = e^{\sigma(x)} l_{ij}(x,y) + \rho F_{y^i y^j} = (e^{\sigma(x)} + \rho) l_{ij}(x,y),$$
(3.3)

and so on. The angular metric tensor \bar{h}_{ij} is given in terms of h_{ij} by

$$\bar{h}_{ij} = \bar{F}\bar{l}_{ij} = \bar{F}(e^{\sigma} + \rho)l_{ij} = \tau h_{ij}, \tau = (e^{\sigma} + \rho)\frac{F}{F}$$
(3.4)

Lemma 3. Under a conformal *h*-vector-change, the angular metric \bar{h}_{ij} of the metric h_{ij} is given by (3.4).

As $h_{ij} = g_{ij} - l_i l_j$, equation (3.4) give us a relation between the fundamental tensors g_{ij}, \bar{g}_{ij} :

$$\bar{g}_{ij} = \tau g_{ij} + (e^{2\sigma} - \rho)l_i l_j + e^{\sigma} l_i b_j + e^{\sigma} l_j b_i + b_i b_j,$$
(3.5)

Lemma 4. Under a conformal *h*-vector-change, the metric tensor \bar{g}_{ij} of the metric g_{ij} is given by (3.5).

From the equation

$$\dot{\partial}_k h_{ij} = 2c_{ijk} - F^{-1}(l_i h_{jk} + l_j h_{ik}), \tag{3.6}$$

we obtain

$$l_{ijk} = 2F^{-1}c_{ijk} - F^{-2}(l_ih_{jk} + l_jh_{ki} + l_kh_{ij}),$$
(3.7)

where, we put $c_{ijk} = \frac{\dot{\partial}_k g_{ij}}{2}$. Therefore, (3.3) is rewritten as the relation between c_{ijk} and \bar{c}_{ijk} :

$$\bar{c}_{ijk} = \tau [c_{ijk} + \frac{1}{2\bar{F}} h_{ijk}], \qquad (3.8)$$

where,

$$h_{ijk} = h_{ij}m_k + h_{jk}m_i + h_{ki}m_j,$$
$$m_i = b_i - (\frac{\beta}{r})l_i.$$

Theorem 3. Under a conformal *h*-vector-change, the h(hv)-torsion tensor \bar{c}_{ijk} of the metric c_{ijk} is given by (3.8).

4.1. Proof of theorem 1

In this section, we prove Theorem 1. To prove it, we need the following.

Theorem 4. Let $\tilde{F}_1 = \sqrt{A_1^{\frac{2}{m_1}} + B_1} + C_1$ and $\tilde{F}_2 = \sqrt{A_2^{\frac{2}{m_2}} + B_2} + C_2$ are two more generalized *m*-th root metrics on an open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Suppose that m_1 , m_2 are even numbers with $m_1 \neq m_2$ and $m_1 > m_2 > 2$. If \tilde{F}_1 is conformal *h*-vector-change of \tilde{F}_2 , then $A_1 = \pm (e^{m_2\sigma(x)}A_2)^{\frac{m_1}{m_2}}, B_1 = e^{2\sigma(x)}B_2$ and $C_1 = e^{\sigma(x)}C_2 + b_i(x, y)y^i$.

Proof. Under the assumption, we have

$$\sqrt{A_1^{\frac{2}{m_1}} + B_1} + C_1 = e^{\sigma(x)} (\sqrt{A_2^{\frac{2}{m_2}} + B_2} + C_2) + b_i(x, y) y^i.$$
(4.1)

By putting (-y) instead of (y) in (4.1), we have

$$\sqrt{A_1^{\frac{2}{m_1}} + B_1} - C_1 = e^{\sigma(x)} (\sqrt{A_2^{\frac{2}{m_2}} + B_2} - C_2) - b_i(x, -y)y^i.$$
(4.2)

Summing sides the two equations (4.1) and (4.2), we have

$$A_1^{\frac{2}{m_1}} + B_1 = e^{2\sigma(x)} A_2^{\frac{2}{m_2}} + e^{2\sigma(x)} B_2.$$
(4.3)

Consequently, because of $m_1 > m_2 > 2$, we get the proof.

Corollary 5. Let $\tilde{F}_1 = \sqrt{A_1 \frac{2}{m_1} + B_1} + C_1$ and $\tilde{F}_2 = \sqrt{A_2 \frac{2}{m_2} + B_2} + C_2$ are two more generalized *m*-th root metrics on an open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Suppose that m_1 , m_2 are even numbers with $m_1 = m_2$ and $m_1(or m_2) > 2$. If \tilde{F}_1 is conformal *h*-vector-change of \tilde{F}_2 , then $A_1 = \pm e^{m_1 \sigma(x)} A_2$ (or $A_1 = \pm e^{m_2 \sigma(x)} A_2$), $B_1 = e^{2\sigma(x)} B_2$ and $C_1 = e^{\sigma(x)} C_2 + b_i(x, y) y^i$.

Proof. From (4.3) for $m_1 = m_2$, one easily we get the proof.

Theorem 6. Let $\tilde{F}_1 = \sqrt{A_1^{\frac{2}{m_1}} + B_1} + C_1$ and $\tilde{F}_2 = \sqrt{A_2^{\frac{2}{m_2}} + B_2} + C_2$ are two more generalized *m*-th root metrics on an open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Suppose that m_1 , m_2 are even numbers with $m_1 \neq m_2$ and $m_1 > m_2 > 2$. If \tilde{F}_1 is conformal *h*-vector-change of \tilde{F}_2 , then \tilde{F}_1 reduces to a conformal β -change of \tilde{F}_2 .

Proof. Suppose that \tilde{F}_1 is conformal *h*-vector-change of \tilde{F}_2 . Then

$$C_1 = e^{\sigma(x)} C_2 + b_i(x, y) y^i.$$
(4.4)

Differentiating (4.4) with respect to y^k , we have

$$c_k(x) = e^{\sigma(x)} \bar{c}_k(x) + b_k(x, y).$$
(4.5)

Then

$$\dot{\partial}_i b_k(x, y) = 0. \tag{4.6}$$

Therefore, b_i are functions of coordinates x^i alone and from (2.5), b_i is not a *h*-vector. Then we get the proof.

Similar to theorem 7, we have the following result:

Corollary 7. Let $\tilde{F}_1 = \sqrt{A_1^{\frac{2}{m_1}} + B_1} + C_1$ and $\tilde{F}_2 = \sqrt{A_2^{\frac{2}{m_2}} + B_2} + C_2$ are two more generalized *m*-th root metrics on an open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Suppose that m_1 , m_2 are even numbers with $m_1 \neq m_2$ and $m_1 > m_2 > 2$. If \tilde{F}_1 is conformal *h*-vector-change of \tilde{F}_2 , then \tilde{F}_1 reduces to a conformal β -change of \tilde{F}_2 .

Proof of theorem 1. Using theorem 7 and corollary 8, we get the proof.

4.2. Proof of theorem 2

In this section, we prove theorem 2. To prove it, we need the following.

Theorem 8. Let $\tilde{F}_1 = \sqrt{A_1^{\frac{2}{m_1}} + B_1} + C_1$ and $\tilde{F}_2 = \sqrt{A_2^{\frac{2}{m_2}} + B_2} + C_2$ are two more generalized *m*-th root metrics on an open subset $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Suppose that m_1 , m_2 are even and odd numbers, respectively. If \tilde{F}_1 is conformal *h*-vector-change of \tilde{F}_2 , then

(i) If
$$B_1 = e^{2\sigma(x)}B_2$$
, then $A_1 = \pm \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{m_1}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(-B_1 \pm \sqrt{(B_1)^2 - (e^{m_2\sigma(x)}A_2)^{\frac{4}{m_2}})}}$ and $C_1 = e^{\sigma(x)}C_2 + b_i(x,y)y^i$.
(ii) If $B_1 \neq e^{2\sigma(x)}B_2$, then $A_1 =$

$$\begin{array}{l} \prod_{i=1}^{n} B_{1} \neq e^{-\alpha + B_{2}}, \text{ ucli } A_{1} = \\ \\ \pm \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{m_{1}}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} (e^{2\sigma(x)}B_{2} - 2B_{1} \pm \sqrt{(2B_{1} - e^{2\sigma(x)}B_{2})^{2} - 4((B_{1})^{2} - e^{2\sigma(x)}B_{1}B_{2} + \frac{1}{4}(e^{m_{2}\sigma(x)}A_{2})^{\frac{4}{m_{2}}})} \text{ and } \\ C_{1} = e^{\sigma(x)}C_{2} + b_{i}(x, y)y^{i}. \end{array}$$

Proof. Under the assumption, we have

$$\sqrt{A_1^{\frac{2}{m_1}} + B_1} + C_1 = e^{\sigma(x)} (\sqrt{A_2^{\frac{2}{m_2}} + B_2} + C_2) + b_i(x, y) y^i.$$
(4.7)

By putting (-y) instead of (y) in (4.7), we have

$$\sqrt{A_1^{\frac{2}{m_1}} + B_1} - C_1 = e^{\sigma(x)} (\sqrt{-A_2^{\frac{2}{m_2}} + B_2} - C_2) - b_i(x, -y)y^i.$$
(4.8)

Summing sides the two equations (4.7) and (4.8), we have

$$2\sqrt{A_1^{\frac{2}{m_1}} + B_1} = e^{\sigma(x)}(\sqrt{A_2^{\frac{2}{m_2}} + B_2} + \sqrt{-A_2^{\frac{2}{m_2}} + B_2}).$$
(4.9)

Thus

$$4A_{1}^{\frac{4}{m_{1}}} + 4(B_{1})^{2} + e^{4\sigma(x)}(B_{2})^{2} - 4e^{2\sigma(x)}B_{1}B_{2} + 4A_{1}^{\frac{2}{m_{1}}}(2B_{1} - e^{2\sigma(x)}B_{2}) = (e^{2\sigma(x)}B_{2})^{2} - (e^{m_{2}\sigma(x)}A_{2})^{\frac{4}{m_{2}}}.$$

$$(4.10)$$

Now, if $B_1 = e^{2\sigma(x)}B_2$, then from (4.10) we have

$$4A_1^{\frac{4}{m_1}} + 4B_1A_1^{\frac{2}{m_1}} + (e^{m_2\sigma(x)}A_2)^{\frac{4}{m_2}} = 0.$$
(4.11)

Consequently, we get the proof (i). If $B_1 \neq e^{2\sigma(x)}B_2$ then from (4.10), we get the proof of (ii).

Proof of theorem 2. Suppose that \tilde{F}_1 is conformal *h*-vector-change of \tilde{F}_2 . Then from theorem 8, we have

$$C_1 = e^{\sigma(x)}C_2 + b_i(x, y)y^i.$$
(4.12)

Differentiating (4.12) with respect to y^k , we have

$$c_k(x) = e^{\sigma(x)}\bar{c}_k(x) + b_k(x, y).$$
(4.13)

Then

$$\dot{\partial}_j b_k(x, y) = 0. \tag{4.14}$$

Therefore, b_i are functions of coordinates x^i alone and from (2.5), b_i is not a *h*-vector. Then we get the proof.

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