

ALMOST CONFORMAL TRANSFORMATION IN A CLASS OF RIEMANNIAN MANIFOLDS¹

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Abstract. We consider a 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold V with a metric g and an affinor structure q . The local coordinates of these tensors are circulant matrices. In V we define an almost conformal transformation. Using that definition we construct an infinite series of circulant metrics which are successively almost conformally related. In this case we get some properties.

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1. Preliminaries

We consider a 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold M with a metric tensor g and two affine tensors q and S such that: their local coordinates form circulant matrices. So these matrices are as follows:

$$(1) \quad g_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B & B \\ B & A & B \\ B & B & A \end{pmatrix}, \quad A > B > 0,$$

where A and B are smooth functions of a point $p(x^1, x^2, x^3)$ in some $F \subset \mathbb{R}^3$,

$$(2) \quad q_i^j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_i^j = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We note by V the class of manifolds like M .

Let M be in V and ∇ be the connection of g . Let us give some results for M in V , obtained in [1].

$$(3) \quad q^3 = E; \quad g(qu, qv) = g(u, v), \quad u, v \in \chi M.$$

$$(4) \quad \nabla q = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{grad}A = \text{grad}B.S.$$

$$(5) \quad 0 < B < A \quad \Rightarrow \quad g \text{ is positively defined.}$$

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2. Almost conformal transformation

Let M be in V . We note $f_{ij} = g_{ik}q_j^k + g_{jk}q_i^k$, i.e.

$$(6) \quad f_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 2B & A+B & A+B \\ A+B & 2B & A+B \\ A+B & A+B & 2B \end{pmatrix}.$$

We calculate $\det f_{ij} = 2(A-B)^2(A+2B) \neq 0$, so we accept f_{ij} for local coordinates of another metric f . Further, we suppose α and β are two smooth functions in $F \subset R^3$ and we construct the metric g_1 , as follows:

$$(7) \quad g_1 = \alpha.g + \beta.f.$$

We say that equation (7) define an almost conformal transformation, noting that if $\beta = 0$ then (7) implies the case of the classical conformal transformation in M [2].

From (1), (6) and (7) we get the local coordinates of g_1 :

$$(8) \quad g_{1,ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha A + 2\beta B & \beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B & \beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B \\ \beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B & \alpha A + 2\beta B & \beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B \\ \beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B & \beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B & \alpha A + 2\beta B \end{pmatrix}.$$

We see that f_{ij} and $g_{1,ij}$ are both circulant matrices.

Theorem 2.1. Let M be a manifold in V , also g and g_1 be two metrics of M , related by (7). Let ∇ and $\dot{\nabla}$ be the corresponding connections of g and g_1 , and $\nabla q = 0$. Then $\dot{\nabla} q = 0$ if and only if, when

$$(9) \quad \text{grad } \alpha = \text{grad } \beta.S.$$

Proof. At first we suppose (9) is valid. Using (9) and (4) we can verify that the following identity is true:

$$(10) \quad \text{grad}(\alpha A + 2\beta B) = \text{grad}(\beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B).S$$

The identity (10) is analogue to (4), and consequently we conclude $\dot{\nabla} q = 0$.

Inversely, if $\dot{\nabla} q = 0$ then analogously to (4) we have (10). Now (4) and (10) imply (9). So the theorem is proved. \square

Note. We see that (10) is a system of partial differential equations. In this case we know that this system has a solution [3].

Let $w = w(x(p), y(p), z(p))$ be an arbitrary vector in $T_p M$, $p \in M$, $M \subset V$, such that $qw \neq w$. For the metric g of M we suppose $0 < B < A$, i.e. g is positively defined (see (5)).

Let φ be the angle between w and qw with respect to g . Then thank's to (1), (2) and (3) we get $\cos \varphi = \frac{g(w, qw)}{g(w, w)}$, and we note that $\varphi \in (0, \frac{2\pi}{3})$ [1].

Lemma 2.2. Let g_1 be the metric given by (7). If $0 < \beta < \alpha$ and g is positively defined, then g_1 is also positively defined.

Proof. For g_1 we have that $\alpha A + 2\beta B - (\beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B) = (\alpha - \beta)(A - B) > 0$. Analogously to (6) we state that g_1 is positively defined. \square

Lemma 2.3. Let $w = w(x(p), y(p), z(p))$ be in T_pM , $p \in M$, $M \subset V$, $qw \neq w$. Let g and g_1 be the metrics of M , related by (7). Then we have

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} g_1(w, w) &= \alpha g(w, w) + 2\beta g(w, qw) \\ g_1(w, qw) &= \beta g(w, w) + (\alpha + \beta)g(w, qw). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Using (1) and (2) we find

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} g(w, w) &= A(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 2B(xy + yz + zx) \\ g(w, qw) &= B(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + (A + B)(xy + yz + zx). \end{aligned}$$

Now, we use (8) and (12) after some computations we get (11). \square

Theorem 2.4. Let $w = w(x(p), y(p), z(p))$ be a vector in T_pM , $p \in M$, $M \subset V$, $qw \neq w$. Let g and g_1 be two positively defined metrics of M , related by (7). If φ and φ_1 are the angles between w and qw , with respect to g and g_1 respectively, then the following equation is true

$$(13) \quad \cos \varphi_1 = \frac{\beta + (\alpha + \beta)\cos \varphi}{\alpha + 2\beta\cos \varphi}.$$

Proof. Since g and g_1 are both positively defined metrics we can calculate $\cos \varphi$ and $\cos \varphi_1$, respectively [2]. Then by using (11) from Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3 we get (13). \square

We note $\varphi \in (0, \frac{2\pi}{3})$. Theorem 2.4 implies immediately the assertions:

Corollary 2.5. If φ_1 is the angle between w and qw with respect to g_1 then $\varphi_1 \in (0, \frac{2\pi}{3})$.

Corollary 2.6. Let φ and φ_1 be the angles between w and qw with respect to g and g_1 . Then

- 1) $\varphi = \frac{\pi}{2}$ if and only if when $\varphi_1 = \arccos \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$;
- 2) $\varphi_1 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ if and only if when $\varphi = \arccos \left(-\frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} \right)$.

Further, we consider an infinite series of the metrics of M in V as follows:

$$g_0, g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n, \dots$$

where

$$(14) \quad g_0 = g, \quad g_n = \alpha g_{n-1} + \beta f_{n-1}, \quad f_{n-1, is} = g_{n-1, ia} q_s^\alpha + g_{n-1, sa} q_i^\alpha, \quad 0 < \beta < \alpha.$$

By the method of the mathematical induction we can see that the matrix of every g_n is circulant one and every g_n is positively defined.

Theorem 2.7. Let $w = w(x(p), y(p), z(p))$ be in T_pM , $p \in M$, $M \subset V$, $qw \neq w$. Let φ_n be the angle between w and qw with respect to metric g_n from (14). Then the infinite series:

$$\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n, \dots$$

is converge and $\lim \varphi_n = 0$.

Proof. Using the method of the mathematical induction and Theorem 2.4 we obtain

$$(15) \quad \cos \varphi_n = \frac{\beta + (\alpha + \beta) \cos \varphi_{n-1}}{\alpha + 2\beta \cos \varphi_{n-1}}$$

as well as $\varphi_n \in (0, \frac{2\pi}{3})$. From (15) we get

$$(16) \quad \cos \varphi_n - \cos \varphi_{n-1} = \frac{\beta(1 - \cos \varphi_{n-1})(1 + 2 \cos \varphi_{n-1})}{\alpha + 2\beta \cos \varphi_{n-1}}.$$

The equation (16) implies $\cos \varphi_n > \cos \varphi_{n-1}$, so the series $\{\cos \varphi_n\}$ is increasing one and since $\cos \varphi_n < 1$ then it is converge. From (15) we have $\lim \cos \varphi_n = 1$, so $\lim \varphi_n = 0$. □

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