

## On Some Special Finsler Spaces

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Finsler spaces have been studied by many mathematicians and physicists, especially in Japan. In the present paper, we shall consider some special Finsler spaces such as  $R^3$ -like ones, of scalar curvature, of perpendicular scalar curvature, of  $Rp$ -scalar curvature, of  $Hp$ -scalar curvature, with  $F_{h^i j k} = 0$ ,  $*P$ -Finsler spaces, Landsberg spaces etc. and investigate relationships among them.

## § 1. Preliminaries

Let  $F_n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Finsler space with a fundamental function  $F(x^i, y^i)^{1)}$ . Here, we assume that  $F(x, y)$  satisfies the following conditions: 1)  $F(x, y)$  is a positively homogeneous function with respect to  $y^i$ , that is,  $F(x, \lambda y) = \lambda F(x, y)$  for  $\lambda > 0$ ; 2)  $F(x, y)$  is positive for  $y^i \neq 0$ ; 3) the *fundamental tensor*  $g_{ij} := (1/2)\partial^2 F^2 / \partial y^i \partial y^j$  is positive definite, that is,  $g_{ij} X^i X^j > 0$  for any variables  $X^i \neq 0$  (in detail, see the paper [7]<sup>8)</sup> appeared in this journal, or [9], [14] etc.).

A hypersurface of  $F_n$  defined by the equation

$$F(x, y) = 1,$$

where the point  $x = (x^i)$  is fixed and  $y^i$  are variables, is called the *indicatrix*. We denote by  $p \cdot$  the projection on the indicatrix, for example, for a tensor  $T_{jk}^i$  of type (1, 2), we can see

$$p \cdot T_{jk}^i = h_a^i T_{bc}^a h_j^b h_k^c = T_{jk}^i - F^{-1}(l^i T_{jk}^0 + l_j T_{0k}^i + l_k T_{j0}^i) + F^{-2}(l^i l_j T_{0k}^0 + l^i l_k T_{j0}^0 + l_j l_k T_{00}^i) - F^{-2}(l^i l_j l_k T_{00}^0),$$

where  $h_a^i := \delta_a^i - l^i l_a$ ,  $l_j := \partial F / \partial y^j$ ,  $l^i := g^{ij} l_j = F^{-1} y^i$ ,  $\delta_j^i$  is the Kronecker delta,  $g^{ij}$  are the reciprocal components of  $g_{ij}$  in the matrix  $(g_{ij})$  and the index 0 means the contraction by  $y$ , e.g.,  $T_{j0}^i = T_{jk}^i y^k$ ,  $T_{jk}^0 = T_{jk}^i y_i$ ,  $y_i := y^j g_{ij}$ . The tensor  $h_{ij} := g_{im} h_j^m$  is called the *angular metric tensor*. A tensor  $T$  satisfying  $p \cdot T = T$  is called an *indicatric tensor*.  $h_j^i$  or  $h_{ij}$  is indicatric.

We use two kinds of covariant derivatives due to Cartan, that is, for a tensor  $T_j^i$  of type (1, 1)

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{a) } T_{j/k}^i &:= d_k T_j^i + * \Gamma_{hk}^i T_j^h - * \Gamma_{jk}^h T_h^i, \\ \text{b) } T_{j/(k)}^i &:= T_{j(k)}^i + C_{hk}^i T_j^h - C_{jk}^h T_h^i, \end{aligned}$$

where

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- 1) Latin indices run over  $1, 2, \dots, n$ . We may use  $F(x, y)$  or merely  $F$  instead of  $F(x^i, y^i)$ .
- 2)  $A := B$  or  $B := A$  means that  $A$  is defined by  $B$ . Also, we apply the Einstein's summation convention.
- 3) Numbers in square brackets refer to the references at the end of this paper.

$$\begin{aligned}
d_k &:= \partial/\partial x^k - G_k^i \partial/\partial y^i, \quad G_k^i := \partial G^i/\partial y^k, \quad G^i := \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{jk}^i y^j y^k, \quad \langle k \rangle := \partial/\partial y^k, \\
\gamma_{jk}^i &:= \frac{1}{2} g^{ih} (\partial g_{hj}/\partial x^k + g_{hk}/\partial x^j - \partial g_{jk}/\partial x^h), \quad * \Gamma_{jk}^i := \frac{1}{2} g^{ih} (d_k g_{hj} + d_j g_{hk} - d_h g_{jk}), \\
C_{hk}^i &:= g^{ij} C_{hjk}, \quad C_{hjk} := \frac{1}{2} \partial g_{hj}/\partial y^k.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, the curvature and torsion tensors are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.2) \quad a) \quad R_{h^i jk} &:= (d_k * \Gamma_{hj}^i + * \Gamma_{ij}^m * \Gamma_{mk}^i - j|k) + C_{hm}^i H_{jk}^m, \quad R_{h^m jk} g_{mi} := R_{hijk}, \\
b) \quad P_{hijk} &:= C_{ijk/h} + C_{hj}^m P_{mik} - h|i, \\
c) \quad S_{hijk} &:= -C_{hj}^m C_{mik} - j|k, \quad S_{h^m jk} g^{mi} := S_{h^i jk}, \\
d) \quad H_{h^i jk} &:= d_k G_{hj}^i + G_{hj}^m G_{mk}^i - j|k = H_{jk(h)}^i, \quad H_{h^m jk} g_{mi} := H_{hijk}, \\
e) \quad H_{jk}^i &:= d_k G_j^i - j|k = R_0^i{}_{jk} = H_0^i{}_{jk}, \quad H_{\delta k}^i := H_k^i, \\
f) \quad P_{jk}^i &:= C_{jk/0}^i, \quad P_{jk}^m g_{mi} := P_{jik},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $G_{jk}^i := \partial G_j^i/\partial y^k$  and  $-j|k$  means the interchange of indices  $j, k$  in the foregoing terms and subtraction.  $S_{hijk}, P_{hijk}$  and  $R_{hijk}$  are called the *first, second* and *third curvature tensors of Cartan*, respectively. On the other hand,  $H_{hijk}$  is called the *Berwald curvature tensor*.

It is known (e.g., [17], (1.5)) that the third curvature tensor of Cartan and the Berwald curvature tensor are related by the following relation:

$$(1.3) \quad R_{hijk} = \frac{1}{2} (H_{hijk} - h|i) - Q_{hijk},$$

where  $Q_{hijk} := P_{hj}^m P_{mik} - j|k$ .

Also, we know that the Berwald curvature tensor satisfies the following identities:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.4) \quad a) \quad H_{hijk} - H_{jkh i} &= (H_{hj}^m C_{mik} + H_{ik}^m C_{mhj} + P_{hij/k} - j|k) - H_{jk}^m C_{mhi} + H_{ht}^m C_{mjkt} \\
&\quad - P_{jkh/i} + P_{jki/h}, \\
b) \quad H_{hio k} &= H_{khi} - H_h^m C_{mki} + H_i^m C_{mkh} - H_k^m C_{mhi} - P_{hik/o}, \\
c) \quad H_{oijk} &= H_{ijk} = -H_{iojk}, \\
d) \quad H_{hoo k} &= -H_{hok}.
\end{aligned}$$

## § 2. An $R_3$ -like Finsler space

M. Matsumoto [8] showed that in a three-dimensional Finsler space the third curvature tensor of Cartan is always expressed by

$$(2.1) \quad R_{hijk} = g_{hj} L_{ik} + g_{ik} L_{hj} - j|k,$$

where  $L_{ik} = (R_{ik} - (1/2) r g_{ik}) / (n-2)$ ,  $R_{ik} := R_i^m{}_{km}$ ,  $r := g^{rs} R_{rs} / (n-1)$ . So, we shall give the following

**Definition 2.1.** If the curvature tensor  $R_{hijk}$  in a Finsler space  $F_n (n > 3)$  has the form (2.1), then the space is called an  *$R_3$ -like Finsler space*.

Let us construct a tensor  $C_{hijk}$  formally from the curvature tensor  $R_{hijk}$  by the same

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expression as that of the conformal curvature tensor in a Riemannian space, that is,

$$C_{hijk} := R_{hijk} - (g_{hj}R_{ik} + g_{ik}R_{hj} - rg_{hj}g_{ik} - j|k)/(n-2).$$

In this case, H. Izumi and T.N. Srivastava ([3], Theorem 3.3) showed

**Theorem 2.1.** *An R3-like Finsler space is characterized by  $C_{hijk}=0$ .*

Now, we shall decompose the tensor  $L_{ik}$  in an R3-like Finsler space by the idea of indicatization (for this idea, see [6], [3]) as follows:

$$(2.2) \quad L_{ik} = m_{ik} + a_i l_k + l_i b_k + c l_i l_k,$$

where  $m_{ik} := p \cdot L_{ik} = m_{ki}$  (cf. [3], (3.9)b)),  $a_i := F^{-1}p \cdot L_{io}$ ,  $b_k := F^{-1}p \cdot L_{ok}$ ,  $c := F^{-2}L_{oo}$ . Accordingly, taking account of (1.2)e), we get

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{a) } H_{jk}^i &= F[l_j(m_k^i + ch_k^i) + b_j h_k^i] - j|k, \\ \text{b) } H_k^i &= F^2(m_k^i + ch_k^i), \end{aligned}$$

where  $m_k^i := g^{ij}m_{jk}$ . Then, the following identities are known [3]:

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{a) } p \cdot R_{hij/k} + P_{hj}^m P_{mik} + F b_k C_{hij} + h_{ij}(-m_{hk} + b_{hk} + ch_{hk}) - j|k &= 0, \\ \text{b) } 2P_{hj}^m P_{mik} - 2ch_{hj}h_{ik} + h_{hj}(m_{ik} - b_{ik}) + h_{ik}(m_{hj} - b_{hj}) - j|k &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $b_{ik} := Fp \cdot b_{k(i)} = b_{ki}$  (cf. [3], Lemma 5.4). These identities will be used later.

### § 3. A Finsler space of scalar curvature

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $X=(X^i)$  be a vector of a Finsler space  $F_n(n>2)$  at a point  $x=(x^i)$ . The quantity  $K(x, y, X)$  at  $(x, y)$  given by

$$K(x, y, X) = \frac{R_{hijk}y^h X^i y^j X^k}{(g_{hj}g_{ik} - g_{hk}g_{ij})y^h X^i y^j X^k}$$

is called the (*sectional*) *curvature* at  $(x, y)$  with respect to  $X$ . Then, if  $K(x, y, X)$  is independent of  $X$  at any  $(x, y)$ , then the space is said to be of *scalar curvature*  $K$ . Especially, if  $K$  is constant, then the space is said to be of *constant curvature*.

In the above  $R_{hijk}$  can be replaced by  $H_{hijk}$ , because  $R_{oio k} = H_{oio k}$  holds good.

The following important facts are known:

**Theorem 3.1** ([14], [11], [16]). *A Finsler space of scalar curvature  $K$  is characterized by any one of the following equations:*

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{a) } H_k^i &= F^2 K h_k^i, \\ \text{b) } H_{jk}^i &= F \left( K l_j + \frac{1}{3} K_j \right) h_k^i - j|k, \\ \text{c) } H_{h^i jk} &= \left[ l_h \left( K l_j + \frac{1}{3} K_j \right) + \left( K h_{hj} + \frac{2}{3} K_h l_j \right) + \frac{1}{3} K_{hj} \right] h_k^i + l^i \left( K l_k + \frac{1}{3} K_k \right) h_{hj} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3} h_h^i l_j K_k - j|k, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_j := FK_{(j)}$ ,  $K_{hj} := Fp \cdot K_{j(h)} = K_{jh}$ .

**Theorem 3.2** (e.g., [14], p. 123). *If the curvature  $K$  in a Finsler space of scalar curvature is independent of  $y$ , then  $K$  is constant.*

#### § 4. A Finsler space of perpendicular scalar curvature

Analogously to a Finsler space of scalar curvature, we shall give the following

**Definition 4.1** ([4], [5]). Let  $X=(X^i)$  and  $Y=(Y^i)$  be two independent vectors of a Finsler space  $F_n(n>3)$  at a point  $x=(x^i)$ . The quantity  $R(x, y, p \cdot X, p \cdot Y)$  at  $(x, y)$  given by

$$(4.1) \quad R(x, y, p \cdot X, p \cdot Y) = \frac{R_{hijk}(p \cdot X^h)(p \cdot Y^i)(p \cdot X^j)(p \cdot Y^k)}{(g_{hj}g_{ik} - g_{hk}g_{ij})(p \cdot X^h)(p \cdot Y^i)(p \cdot X^j)(p \cdot Y^k)},$$

is called a *perpendicular sectional curvature* at  $(x, y)$  with respect to  $X$  and  $Y$ . In addition, if  $R(x, y, p \cdot X, p \cdot Y)$  is independent of  $X$  and  $Y$  at any  $(x, y)$ , then the space is said to be of *perpendicular scalar curvature* (abbreviated of *p-scalar curvature*).

A characterization of a Finsler space of *p-scalar curvature* and the curvature tensor  $R_{hijk}$  of this space are given respectively by the following theorems [5]:

**Theorem 4.1.** *A Finsler space of p-scalar curvature is characterized by*

$$(4.2) \quad p \cdot R_{hijk} = Rh_{hj}h_{ik} + \frac{1}{2}(Z_{hj}^m C_{mik} + Z_{ik}^m C_{mhj}) - j|k,$$

where  $Z_{hj}^m := p \cdot H_{hj}^m$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *The curvature tensor  $R_{hijk}$  of a Finsler space of p-scalar curvature has the form*

$$(4.3) \quad R_{hijk} = F^{-1}(l_h g_{im} H_{jk}^m - l_i g_{hm} H_{jk}^m + l_j g_{km} H_{hi}^m - l_k g_{jm} H_{hi}^m \\ - F^{-2}(l_h l_j g_{im} H_k^m + l_i l_k g_{hm} H_j^m - j|k) - F^{-1}(C_{mhj} H_i^m l_k + C_{mik} H_h^m l_j - j|k) \\ + \left[ Rh_{hj}h_{ik} + \frac{1}{2}(Z_{hj}^m C_{mik} + Z_{ik}^m C_{mhj}) - j|k \right].$$

A Finsler space of *p-scalar curvature* and a Finsler space of scalar curvature are independent of each other. So, we shall give the following

**Definition 4.2.** If a Finsler space of scalar curvature is at the same time of *p-scalar curvature*, then the space is called a Finsler space of *s-ps curvature*.

It is proved that the curvature tensor  $R_{hijk}$  of a Finsler space of *s-ps curvature* has the form similar to (2.1) of that in an *R3-like Finsler space*, namely we have

**Theorem 4.3.** *The curvature tensor  $R_{hijk}$  of a Finsler space of s-ps curvature has the form*

$$(4.4) \quad R_{hijk} = h_{hj}M_{ik} + h_{ik}M_{hj} - j|k,$$

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where  $M_{ik} := \frac{1}{2}Rh_{ik} + \frac{1}{3}(K_i l_k + l_i K_k) + Kl_i l_k$ .

**Proof.** Substituting (3.1)a), b) into (4.3), we can calculate as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{h_{ijk}} &= \left[ \left( Kl_j l_h + \frac{1}{3} l_h K_j \right) h_{ik} - \left( Kl_i l_j + \frac{1}{3} l_i K_j \right) h_{hk} - j|k \right] \\
 &\quad + \left[ \left( Kl_j l_h + \frac{1}{3} l_j K_h \right) h_{ki} - \left( Kl_k l_h + \frac{1}{3} l_k K_h \right) h_{ji} - h|i \right] \\
 &\quad - K(l_h l_j h_{ik} + l_i l_k h_{hj} - j|k) - FK(C_{h_j}^m h_{mi} l_k + C_{ik}^m h_{mh} l_j - j|k) \\
 &\quad + \left[ Rh_{hj} h_{ik} + \frac{1}{6} F\{(K_h h_j^m - h|j)C_{mik} + (K_i h_k^m - i|k)C_{mhj}\} - j|k \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}(l_h K_j h_{ik} + l_i K_k h_{hj}) + \left( Kl_j l_h + \frac{1}{3} l_j K_h \right) h_{ki} + \left( Kl_k l_i + \frac{1}{3} l_k K_i \right) h_{nj} + Rh_{hj} h_{ik} \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{6}(K_h C_{jik} - K_j C_{hik} + K_i C_{khj} - K_k C_{ihnj}) - j|k \\
 &= h_{ik} \left[ \frac{1}{3}(l_h K_j + l_j K_h) + Kl_h l_j + \frac{1}{2} Rh_{hj} \right] + h_{hj} \left[ \frac{1}{3}(l_i K_k + l_k K_i) + Kl_i l_k + \frac{1}{2} Rh_{ik} \right] - j|k \\
 &= h_{hj} M_{ik} + h_{ik} M_{hj} - j|k . \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{Q.E.D.}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.4** (cf. [3]). *A Finsler space of s-ps curvature is an R3-like Finsler space.*

**Proof.** Making use of  $h_{hj} = g_{hj} - l_h l_j$ , we shall rewrite (4.4). Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{h_{ijk}} &= (g_{hj} - l_h l_j) M_{ik} + (g_{ik} - l_i l_k) M_{hj} - j|k \\
 &= g_{hj} M_{ik} + g_{ik} M_{hj} - l_h l_j M_{ik} - l_i l_k M_{hj} - j|k \\
 &= g_{hj} M_{ik} + g_{ik} M_{hj} - \frac{1}{2} R(l_h l_j h_{ik} + l_i l_k h_{hj}) - \frac{1}{3}(l_h l_j l_i K_k + l_i l_k l_h K_j) - j|k \\
 &= g_{hj} M_{ik} + g_{ik} M_{hj} - \frac{1}{2} R(l_h l_j g_{ik} + l_i l_k g_{hj}) - j|k \\
 &= g_{hj} L_{ik} + g_{ik} L_{hj} - j|k ,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$L_{ik} = M_{ik} - \frac{1}{2} R l_i l_k = \frac{1}{3}(K_i l_k + l_i K_k) + \left( K - \frac{1}{2} R \right) l_i l_k . \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

**Theorem 4.5** (cf. [3], Theorem 3.6). *An R3-like Finsler space of scalar curvature is a Finsler space of p-scalar curvature, and consequently of s-ps curvature.*

**Proof.** Since the space is an R3-like Finsler space of scalar curvature, comparing (3.1)a) with (2.3)b), we have

$$m_{ik} = m h_{ik} ,$$

where  $m := m^i_i / (n-1) = K - c$ . Thus, from (2.1) we obtain

$$(4.5) \quad p \cdot R_{hijk} = 2m h_{hj} h_{ik} - j|k .$$

This means that the space is a Finsler space of  $p$ -scalar curvature with  $R=2m$  and satisfying  $Z_{hj}^m C_{mik} + Z_{ik}^m C_{mhj} - j|k = 0$ . Q.E.D.

### § 5. A Finsler space of $Rp$ -scalar curvature

It may be significant to consider a Finsler space satisfying the form (4.5).

**Definition 5.1** [5]. A Finsler space  $F_n(n>2)$  satisfying the condition

$$(5.1) \quad p \cdot R_{hijk} = q(h_{hj} h_{ik} - h_{hk} h_{ij})$$

is called a Finsler space of  $Rp$ -scalar curvature and  $q$  is called the  $Rp$ -scalar curvature. Evidently, we have

**Theorem 5.1.** A Finsler space  $F_n(n>3)$  of  $Rp$ -scalar curvature is of  $p$ -scalar curvature.

The following theorem is very essential and important:

**Theorem 5.2.** A Finsler space of  $s$ -ps curvature is of  $Rp$ -scalar curvature.

**Proof.** Since the space in consideration is a Finsler space of scalar curvature, from (3.1b), we have

$$Z_{jk}^i = \frac{1}{3} FK_j h_k^i - j|k ,$$

which leads us to  $Z_{hj}^m C_{mik} + Z_{ik}^m C_{mhj} - j|k = 0$ . Hence, in virtue of Theorem 4.1, we get the theorem. Q.E.D.

Moreover, we know the following two theorems.

**Theorem 5.3** ([3], Proposition 3.1). An  $R3$ -like Finsler space is of  $Rp$ -scalar curvature, if  $m_{ik}$  is proportional to  $h_{ik}$ .

**Theorem 5.4** ([3], Theorem 3.2). An  $R3$ -like Finsler space of  $Rp$ -scalar curvature is of scalar curvature, and consequently of  $s$ -ps curvature.

Combining the above two theorems, we can state

**Theorem 5.5.** An  $R3$ -like Finsler space is  $s$ -ps curvature, if  $m_{ik}$  is proportional to  $h_{ik}$ .

### § 6. A Finsler space of $Hp$ -scalar curvature

In the previous section we considered a Finsler space with the third curvature tensor of Cartan of a special form. In this section we consider a Finsler space with the Berwald curvature tensor of a special form.

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**Definition 6.1.** A Finsler space  $F_n(n>2)$  satisfying the condition

$$(6.1) \quad p \cdot H_{hijk} = k(h_{hj}h_{ik} - h_{hk}h_{ij})$$

is called a Finsler space of *Hp-scalar curvature* and  $k$  is called the *Hp-scalar curvature*.

Making use of (1.4), we can obtain the Berwald curvature tensor of a Finsler space of *Hp-scalar curvature* as follows:

$$(6.2) \quad H_{hijk} = F^{-1}(l_h H_{ijk} - h|i) - F^{-2}(l_h l_j H_{iok} + l_i l_k H_{hoj} - j|k) \\ + F^{-1}[l_j(H_{khi} - H_h^m C_{mki} + H_i^m C_{mkh} - H_k^m C_{mhi} - P_{hik/o}) - j|k] + k(h_{hj}h_{ik} - j|k).$$

Now, we assume that a Finsler space of *Hp-scalar curvature* is at the same time of scalar curvature. Then, from (3.1)c), we get

$$(6.3) \quad p \cdot H_{hijk} = \left( Kh_{hj} + \frac{1}{3}K_{hj} \right) h_{ik} - j|k.$$

In addition, it is known ([17], (3.6)) that in a Finsler space of scalar curvature the following identity holds good:

$$FKC_{hij} + F^{-1}P_{hij/o} + \frac{1}{3}(K_h h_{ij} + h|i|j) = 0,$$

where  $+h|i|j$  means the cyclic permutations of indices  $h, i, j$  in the foregoing term and summation. Thus, using the above identity, (3.1)a), b) and (6.2), we have

**Theorem 6.1.** *The Berwald curvature tensor of a Finsler space of Hp-scalar curvature and at the same time of scalar curvature has the form*

$$(6.4) \quad H_{hijk} = h_{hj}N_{ik} + h_{ik}N_{hj} - \frac{1}{3}(K_h h_{ij} + h|i|j)l_k - j|k,$$

where  $N_{ik} = (1/2)kh_{ik} + (1/3)(l_i K_k + l_k K_i) + Kl_i l_k$ .

Taking account of (6.4) and (1.3), we have

**Corollary.** *The third curvature tensor of Cartan of a Finsler space of Hp-scalar curvature and at the same time of scalar curvature has the form*

$$(6.5) \quad R_{hijk} = (h_{hj}N_{ik} + h_{ik}N_{hj} - j|k) - Q_{hijk}.$$

Next, we consider an  $R3$ -like Finsler space of *Hp-scalar curvature*. Operating the projection  $p \cdot$  to (2.1), we get, with (2.2) in mind,

$$(6.6) \quad p \cdot R_{hijk} = h_{hj}m_{ik} + h_{ik}m_{hj} - j|k.$$

On the other hand, from (6.1) and (1.3), we have

$$(6.7) \quad p \cdot R_{hijk} = k(h_{hj}h_{ik} - j|k) - Q_{hijk}.$$

Therefore, from the above two equations, we get

$$h_{hj}m_{ik} + h_{ik}m_{hj} - j|k = k(h_{hj}h_{ik} - j|k) - Q_{hijk}.$$

Transvecting this equation with  $h^{hj}$ , we can see

$$m_{ik} = [(n-2)k - (n-1)m]h_{ik}/(n-3) - Q_{ik}/(n-3),$$

where  $Q_{ik} := Q_{i^m km}$ . Hence, by means of Theorem 5.3, we can state

**Theorem 6.2.** *An R3-like Finsler space of Hp-scalar curvature is of Rp-scalar curvature, if  $Q_{ik}$  is proportional to  $h_{ik}$ .*

### § 7. A Finsler space with $F_{h^i jk} = 0$

H. Izumi [2] introduced an interesting tensor  $F_{h^i jk}$  and T. Sakaguchi [15] investigated a Finsler space  $F_n (n > 2)$  with  $F_{h^i jk} = 0$ . This space is characterized by

$$(7.1) \quad H_{h^i jk} = L_{hj} \delta_k^i + g_{hj} L_{ik}^i - h_h^i L_{jk} - j|k,$$

where

$$L_{hj} = \left[ (n-1)H_{hj} - \frac{1}{2} g^{rs} H_{rs} g_{hj} + (H_{mh} - H_{hm}) l^m l_j \right] / (n-1)(n-2),$$

$$L_{ik}^i := g^{im} L_{mk}, \quad H_{hj} := H_{h^m jm}.$$

In this space, T. Sakaguchi [15] proved the following

**Theorem 7.1.** *If a Finsler space with  $F_{h^i jk} = 0$  is at the same time of scalar curvature, then the space is a Finsler space of constant curvature.*

When a Finsler space of scalar curvature is replaced by a Finsler space of p-scalar curvature in the above theorem, we have

**Theorem 7.2.** *If a Finsler space with  $F_{h^i jk} = 0$  is at the same time of p-scalar curvature, then the space is of Rp-scalar curvature.*

**Proof.** From (7.1), it is easy to see that

$$H_{jk}^i = H_{o^i jk} = L_{oj} \delta_k^i + y_j L_{ik}^i - j|k,$$

which implies  $Z_{jk}^i = (p \cdot L_{oj}) h_k^i - j|k$ , hence  $Z_{hj}^m C_{mik} + Z_{ik}^m C_{mhj} - j|k = 0$ . Consequently, using Theorem 4.1, we have the theorem. Q.E.D.

Now, let us consider the decomposition of the tensor  $L_{ik}$  in (7.1), that is,

$$L_{ik} = m_{ik} + a_i l_k + b_k l_i + c l_i l_k.$$

Substituting this decomposition into (7.1), we obtain

$$(7.2) \quad H_{h^i jk} = [l_h \{ l_j (m_{ik} + c h_{ik}) + b_j h_{ik} \} + h_{hj} m_{ik} + h_{ik} a_h l_j - h|i] + h_{hi} l_j (a_k - b_k) - j|k,$$

from which, we can see

$$(7.3) \quad p \cdot H_{h^i jk} = (h_{hj} m_{ik} - h|i) - j|k.$$

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By the way, we know

**Theorem 7.3** ([15], Theorem 4.4). *A Finsler space with  $F_{h^i jk} = 0$  is a Finsler space of constant curvature, if  $m_{ik}$  is proportional to  $h_{ik}$ .*

Here, suppose that a Finsler space with  $F_{h^i jk} = 0$  is of  $Hp$ -scalar curvature. From (6.1) and (7.3), we have

$$(7.4) \quad m_{ik} = [(n-2)k - (n-1)m]h_{ik}/(n-3).$$

Therefore, by means of Theorem 7.3, we have

**Theorem 7.4.** *If a Finsler space with  $F_{h^i jk} = 0$  is of  $Hp$ -scalar curvature, then the space is a Finsler space of constant curvature.*

### § 8. Other special Finsler spaces

**Definition 8.1** [1]. A Finsler space satisfying the condition

$$(8.1) \quad *P_{jk}^i := P_{jk}^i - \lambda C_{jk}^i = 0$$

is called a *\*P-Finsler space*.

For this space, H. Izumi [1] studied in detail.

**Definition 8.2.** A Finsler space satisfying the condition

$$(8.2) \quad P_{jk}^i = 0$$

is called a *Landsberg space*.

For this space, S. Numata ([13], Theorem 1) proved the beautiful theorem, that is,

**Theorem 8.1.** *A Landsberg space  $F_n(n > 2)$  of scalar curvature  $K \neq 0$  is a Riemannian space of constant curvature.*

On the other hand, M. Matsumoto [10] showed that the first curvature tensor of Cartan in a four-dimensional Finsler space is written in the form

$$(8.3) \quad S_{hijk} = h_{hj}U_{ik} + h_{ik}U_{hj} - j|k,$$

where  $U_{ik} = S_{ik} - (1/4)Sh_{ik}$ ,  $S_{ik} := S_i^m{}_{km} = S_{ki}$ ,  $S := S_{rs}g^{rs}$ . So, we shall give the following

**Definition 8.3** (cf. [12]). A Finsler space  $F_n(n > 4)$  satisfying the form (8.3) is called an *S4-like Finsler space*.

When a *\*P-Finsler space* is at the same time an *R3-like one*, substituting (8.1) into (2.4)b), we have

$$(8.4) \quad 2\lambda^2 S_{hijk} = h_{hj}A_{ik} + h_{ik}A_{hj} - j|k,$$

where  $A_{ik} = m_{ik} - b_{ik} - ch_{ik}$ .

In the case  $\lambda \neq 0$ , which means that the space in consideration is not a Landsberg space, it follows from (8.4) that we obtain the following

**Theorem 8.2.** *An R3-like (non-Landsberg) \*P-Finsler space is S4-like.*

Next, we assume that  $\lambda = 0$ , which means that the space in consideration is an R3-like Landsberg space. In this case, from (8.4), we get  $A_{ik} = 0$ , that is,

$$(8.5) \quad m_{ik} - b_{ik} = ch_{ik}.$$

Substituting (8.5) and (8.2) into (2.4)a), we obtain

$$(8.6) \quad b_k C_{hij} - j|k = 0.$$

Transvection of (8.6) with  $h^{hi}$  yields

$$b_j C_k = b_k C_j,$$

where  $C_k := C_{km}^m$ . Consequently, there exists a scalar function  $\rho$  such that  $b_j = \rho C_j$ . Substituting this relation into (8.6), we have

$$\rho C_k C_{hij} - j|k = 0.$$

Therefore, we must consider two cases. The one is

$$(8.7) \quad C_k C_{hij} - j|k = 0.$$

In this case, transvecting (8.7) with  $h^{hk}$ , we get

$$(8.8) \quad C^m C_{mij} = C_i C_j,$$

where  $C^m := g^{mi} C_i$ . Also, transvection of (8.7) with  $C^k$  gives, with (8.8) in mind,

$$C^2 C_{hij} = C_h C_i C_j,$$

where  $C^2 := C^m C_m$ . The above equation implies  $S_{hijk} = 0$ .

The other case is  $\rho = 0$ . In this case, we have  $b_j = 0$ , hence  $b_{hj} = 0$ . Thus, from (8.5), we have  $m_{ik} = mh_{ik}$ . Consequently, taking account of Theorems 5.5 and 8.1, we can state

**Theorem 8.3.** *An R3-like Landsberg space is a Finsler space satisfying  $S_{hijk} = 0$ , or a Riemannian space of constant curvature.*

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