

Conformally flat Riemannian manifolds of constant scalar curvature

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Introduction

N. Ejiri [3] showed the existence of compact Riemannian manifolds of constant scalar curvature which admit non-homothetic conformal transformations. This is related to solutions of a non-linear differential equation (*) and he did not give any concrete solutions.

Here we give explicit solutions of (*) for the case of $n=3$ (Lemma 4). This problem is also related to examples of compact or complete conformally flat Riemannian manifolds of constant scalar curvature S . In §2 we show concrete examples of such Riemannian manifolds (Theorems 6 and 7). These show that $S = \text{constant}$ (as one condition of weaker type of local homogeneity) on a conformally flat Riemannian manifold does not imply local homogeneity.

A Kählerian analogue of conformal flatness is the vanishing of the Bochner curvature tensor. In §3 we study some conditions weaker than local homogeneity. Contrary to the conformally flat case, Theorems 8 and 11 show that $S = \text{constant}$ or constancy of length of the Ricci curvature tensor on a Kählerian manifold with vanishing Bochner curvature tensor implies local homogeneity.

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§ 1. Warped products.

Let (F, h) be an n -dimensional Riemannian manifold and f be a positive function on an open interval I of a real line \mathbf{R} . Consider the product $I \times F$ with the projections $\pi: I \times F \rightarrow I$, and $\eta: I \times F \rightarrow F$. The space $I \times F$ with the Riemannian metric

$$\langle X, Y \rangle_{(t,x)} = (\pi X, \pi Y)_t + f^2(\pi x) h_x(\eta X, \eta Y)$$

is called the warped product and is denoted by $I \times_f F$, where X, Y are tangent vectors at $(t, x) \in I \times F$, and π, η denote also their differentials (cf. R. L.