

On Riemannian Manifolds Admitting a Certain Transformation

Dedicated to Professor Yoshie Katsurada on her 60th birthday

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§ 0. Introduction.

Let (M^n, g) ($n \geq 2$) be an n -dimensional Riemannian manifold¹⁾ with a positive definite metric tensor g . The following is well known.

THEOREM A (T. Nagano [7]²⁾). *Let (M^n, g) ($n \geq 4$) be a Riemannian manifold. If C does not vanish on (M^n, g) , there exists a metric tensor g' conformal to g such that*

$$C(M^n, g) = I(M^n, g')$$

where C is the Weyl's conformal curvature tensor of (M^n, g) , and $C(M^n, g)$ and $I(M^n, g)$ are the groups of conformal transformations and isometric transformations of (M^n, g) , respectively.

From Theorem A, we can conjecture that (M^n, g) is conformally flat if $C(M^n, g) \neq I(M^n, g)$ ([10]). In this respect, we can consider that if (M^n, g) admits a transformation with a certain property, it shall restrict some geometrical properties of (M^n, g) . Taking the above into consideration, we shall study groups of homothetic transformations, conformal transformations and projective transformations.

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§ 1. Homothetic transformations.

Let $C(M^n, g)$, $A(M^n, g)$, $H(M^n, g)$ and $I(M^n, g)$ be groups of conformal transformations, affine transformations, homothetic transformations and isometric transformations of (M^n, g) , respectively. M. S. Knebelman and K. Yano ([4], [5], [13]) proved the followings.

THEOREM B (K. Yano). *In a compact Riemannian manifold (M^n, g)*

1) Throughout the paper, we assume that (M^n, g) is connected.

2) The numbers in brackets refer to references at the end of this paper.