

108. Structure of a Riemann Space

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Let V_n be an n -dimensional Riemann space with positive definite line element

$$ds^2 = g_{ij}(x) dx^i dx^j \quad (i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

in each of its coordinate neighborhoods. Let Γ_{jk}^i be the Christoffel symbols of the second kind made by g_{ij} .

$$R_{jnk}^i = \frac{\partial \Gamma_{jk}^i}{\partial x^h} - \frac{\partial \Gamma_{jh}^i}{\partial x^k} - \Gamma_{jh}^m \Gamma_{mk}^i + \Gamma_{jk}^m \Gamma_{mh}^i,$$

$$R_{jh} = R_{jnk}^k, \quad R = g^{ij} R_{ij}$$

are the components of the Riemann-Christoffel tensor, the Ricci tensor and the scalar curvature of the space.

In a previous paper¹⁾, the author has investigated the spaces whose Ricci tensors satisfy the conditions

$$(a) \quad R_i^k R_k^j = \frac{1}{n-1} R R_i^j,$$

$$(b) \quad R_{i,k}^j = 0$$

where a comma “,” denotes the covariant differentiation of the spaces. The first of these conditions is analogous to the condition for Einstein spaces, i.e.

$$R_i^j = \frac{1}{n} R \delta_i^j \quad (\delta_i^j = 1 \text{ or } 0, \text{ as } i = j \text{ or } i \neq j)$$

which is equivalent to the condition

$$R_i^k R_k^j = \frac{1}{n} R R_i^j.$$

In connection with Theorem 4 in the paper above, we shall prove a more precise theorem as follows:

Theorem. *If a Riemann space satisfies the conditions (a), (b), then it is an Einstein space with zero scalar curvature or a product space with an Einstein space (a surface of constant curvature) and a straight line.*

Proof. Let us put

$$(1) \quad W_{ij} = R_{ij} - \frac{1}{n-1} R g_{ij}.$$

Then we have

$$W = g^{ij} W_{ij} = R - \frac{n}{n-1} R = -\frac{1}{n-1} R,$$

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