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65. Theory of Connections in the Generalized Finsler Manifold.

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Recently the theory of connections in the Finsler manifold F_n has been developed somewhat by several authors,¹⁾ in which the parameters of the connections are in general functions not only of positions x^ν but also of directions dx^ν . We shall consider some connections in the generalized Finsler manifold K_n similarly as in the Finsler manifold, the parameters of the connections depending on $x^\nu, dx^\nu, d^2x^\nu, \dots, d^r x^\nu$.

1. *The base-connections.* Let X_n be a manifold of n dimensions, in which a system of coordinates x^ν is taken, and we express for brevity n differentials dx^ν of the coordinates by $p^\nu: dx^\nu = p^\nu$. Introduce an arbitrary linear connection $\overset{(1)}{U}$, whose parameters $\overset{(1)}{F}_{\lambda\mu}^\nu$ depend upon positions and directions, i.e. x^ν and dx^ν , then we get covariant differentials of a line element $\overset{(1)}{p}^\nu$, which can be considered as a contravariant vector and expressed by the parameters $\overset{(1)}{F}_{\lambda\mu}^\nu$ of the connection $\overset{(1)}{U}$ as follows:

$$(1.1) \quad \delta \overset{(1)}{p}^\nu = d\overset{(1)}{p}^\nu + \overset{(1)}{F}_{\lambda\mu}^\nu p^\lambda dx^\mu.$$

We shall write $\overset{(2)}{p}^\nu$ for $\delta \overset{(1)}{p}^\nu$, which is function of x^ν as well as $\overset{(1)}{p}^\nu$. Let us call this contravariant vector $\overset{(2)}{p}^\nu$ *the line element of the second kind*.

We introduce moreover a new linear connection $\overset{(2)}{U}$ for X_n , whose parameters $\overset{(2)}{F}_{\lambda\mu}^\nu$ are functions of x^ν as well as $\overset{(1)}{p}^\nu$ and $\overset{(2)}{p}^\nu$. This connection $\overset{(2)}{U}$ is applied to the affinors, which depend on x^ν and the foregoing line elements $\overset{(1)}{p}^\nu$ and $\overset{(2)}{p}^\nu$, and by which we get *the line element of the third kind*

$$(1.2) \quad \overset{(3)}{p}^\nu = \delta \overset{(2)}{p}^\nu = d\overset{(2)}{p}^\nu + \overset{(2)}{F}_{\lambda\mu}^\nu \overset{(1)}{p}^\lambda \overset{(2)}{p}^\mu,$$

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2) $\overset{(2)}{U}$ is in general different from $\overset{(1)}{U}$, but we may also take same one with $\overset{(1)}{U}$ as $\overset{(2)}{U}$. It is completely analogous for following connections $\overset{(k)}{U}$.

$\overset{(3)}{p}^\nu$'s are functions of x^ν , $\overset{(1)}{p}^\nu$ and $\overset{(2)}{p}^\nu$, as we can see easily. Introducing another linear connections $\overset{(3)}{U}$, $\overset{(4)}{U}$, ..., $\overset{(r)}{U}$ and repeating this method we can get in general a line element of the $(k+1)$ -th kind

$$(1.3) \quad \overset{(k+1)}{p}^\nu = \delta \overset{(k)(k)}{p}^\nu = d\overset{(k)}{p}^\nu + \overset{(k)}{\Gamma}_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} \overset{(k)}{p}^\lambda dx^\mu,$$

where $\overset{(k)}{\Gamma}_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu}$'s are parameters of the connection $\overset{(k)}{U}$ and functions of x^ν , $\overset{(1)}{p}^\nu$, $\overset{(2)}{p}^\nu$, ..., $\overset{(k)}{p}^\nu$. These connections $\overset{(1)}{U}$, $\overset{(2)}{U}$, ..., $\overset{(r)}{U}$ are called the base connections. The manifold X_n , to whose every point are associated every system of the line elements $\overset{(1)}{p}^\nu$, $\overset{(2)}{p}^\nu$, ..., $\overset{(r)}{p}^\nu$, is defined as the generalized Finsler manifold.

2. *The connection U.* Consider a contravariant or covariant vector, which depends on x^ν , dx^ν , ..., $d^r x^\nu$, then components of the vector will be considered as functions of x^ν , $\overset{(1)}{p}^\nu$, ..., $\overset{(r)}{p}^\nu$, for we can substitute $\overset{(1)}{p}^\nu$, ..., $\overset{(r)}{p}^\nu$ for dx^ν , ..., $d^r x^\nu$ by (1.1), (1.2) and (1.3). Now we define a connection U for such contravariant or covariant vectors v^ν or w_λ :

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \delta v^\nu &= \nabla_\mu v^\nu dx^\mu = dv^\nu + \overset{\nu}{\Gamma}_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} v^\lambda dx^\mu, \\ \delta w_\lambda &= \nabla_\mu w_\lambda dx^\mu = dw_\lambda - \overset{\nu}{\Gamma}_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} w_\nu dx^\mu, \end{aligned}$$

where $\overset{\nu}{\Gamma}_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu}$'s as well as $\overset{\nu}{\Gamma}'_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu}$'s depend upon x^ν , $\overset{(1)}{p}^\nu$, $\overset{(2)}{p}^\nu$, ..., $\overset{(r)}{p}^\nu$. Accordingly the covariant differential of any affiner can be defined from (2.1) and we can calculate the covariant derivatives

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_\mu v^\nu &= \frac{\partial v^\nu}{\partial x^\mu} + \overset{\nu}{\Gamma}_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} v^\lambda + \sum_i^{1,r} \frac{\partial v^\nu}{\partial p^w} \overset{(i)}{\nabla}_\mu p^w - \overset{(i)}{\Gamma}_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} \overset{(i)}{p}^\lambda, \\ \nabla_\mu w_\lambda &= \frac{\partial w_\lambda}{\partial x^\mu} - \overset{\nu}{\Gamma}'_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} w_\nu + \sum_i^{1,r} \frac{\partial w_\lambda}{\partial p^w} \overset{(i)}{\nabla}_\mu p^w - \overset{(i)}{\Gamma}'_{\nu\mu}^{\lambda} \overset{(i)}{p}^\nu, \end{aligned}$$

where $\overset{(i)}{\nabla}_\mu \overset{(i)}{p}^w$ means covariant derivative of $\overset{(i)}{p}^w$ referred to $\overset{(i)}{U}$.

3. *Construction of the parameters $\overset{\nu}{\Gamma}_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu}$ and $\overset{\nu}{\Gamma}'_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu}$.* The parameters $\overset{\nu}{\Gamma}_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu}$ and $\overset{\nu}{\Gamma}'_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu}$ are transformed in the same manner as that of the affine connection by any change of system of coordinates. Therefore

$$(3.1) \quad C_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} = \overset{\nu}{\Gamma}_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} - \overset{\nu}{\Gamma}'_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu}$$

$$(3.2) \quad S_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} = \frac{1}{2}(\overset{\nu}{\Gamma}_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} - \overset{\nu}{\Gamma}_{\mu\lambda}^{\nu}), \quad S'_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} = \frac{1}{2}(\overset{\nu}{\Gamma}'_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu} - \overset{\nu}{\Gamma}'_{\mu\lambda}^{\nu})$$

are affiners. Let us consider a contravariant tensor $g^{\lambda\mu}$ and a corresponding covariant tensor $g_{\lambda\mu}$, which depend upon x^ν , $\overset{(1)}{p}^\nu$, ..., $\overset{(r)}{p}^\nu$ also, and put their covariant derivatives

$$(3.3) \quad \nabla_\nu g^{\lambda\mu} = Q^{\lambda\mu}{}_{\nu}, \quad \nabla_\nu g_{\lambda\mu} = Q'_{\lambda\mu\nu}.$$

Then it follows from (2. 2)

$$(3. 4) \quad Q^{\lambda\mu}_{\cdot\nu} = \frac{\partial g^{\lambda\mu}}{\partial x^\nu} + \Gamma_{\omega\nu}^\lambda g^{\omega\mu} + \Gamma_{\omega\nu}^\mu g^{\lambda\omega} + \sum_{\dot{\iota}}^{1,r} \frac{\partial g^{\lambda\mu}}{\partial p^w} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} (\nabla_\nu p^w - I_{\tau\nu}^w p^\tau),$$

$$(3. 5) \quad I_{\lambda\nu}^\omega g_{\omega\mu} + I_{\mu\nu}^\omega g_{\omega\lambda} = \frac{\partial g_{\lambda\mu}}{\partial x^\nu} + Q_{\lambda\mu\nu} + \sum_{\dot{\iota}}^{1,r} \frac{\partial g_{\lambda\mu}}{\partial p^w} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} (\nabla_\nu p^w - I_{\tau\nu}^w p^\tau),$$

where $Q_{\lambda\mu\nu} = g_{\lambda\omega} g_{\mu\tau} Q^{\omega\tau}_{\cdot\nu}$. We get in consequence of (3. 5)

$$(3. 6) \quad \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\nu = \{\lambda\mu\}_{\cdot\nu} + T_{\lambda\mu}^{\cdot\nu} + W_{\lambda\mu}^{\cdot\nu}, \quad \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu\omega} = \{\lambda\mu\}_{\cdot\nu} + T'_{\lambda\mu}^{\cdot\nu} + W_{\lambda\mu}^{\cdot\nu},$$

where we put

$$(3. 7) \quad \{\lambda\mu\}_{\cdot\nu} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\nu\omega} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\lambda\omega}}{\partial x^\mu} + \frac{\partial g_{\omega\mu}}{\partial x^\lambda} - \frac{\partial g_{\lambda\mu}}{\partial x^\omega} \right),$$

$$(3. 8) \quad T_{\lambda\mu}^{\cdot\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (g_{\lambda\omega} Q_{\mu}^{\omega\nu} + g_{\mu\omega} Q_{\lambda}^{\omega\nu} - g^{\nu\sigma} g_{\mu\omega} g_{\lambda\tau} Q_{\sigma}^{\omega\tau}), \\ + S_{\lambda\mu}^{\cdot\nu} - g^{\nu\omega} (g_{\lambda\tau} S_{\omega\mu}^{\cdot\tau} + g_{\mu\tau} S_{\omega\lambda}^{\cdot\tau}),$$

$$(3. 9) \quad T'_{\lambda\mu}^{\cdot\nu} = T_{\lambda\mu}^{\cdot\nu} - C_{\mu\lambda}^{\cdot\nu},$$

$$(3. 10) \quad W_{\lambda\mu}^{\cdot\nu} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\nu\omega} \sum_{\dot{\iota}}^{1,r} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\lambda\omega}}{\partial p^\tau} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} \nabla_\mu p^\tau + \frac{\partial g_{\omega\mu}}{\partial p^\tau} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} \nabla_\lambda p^\tau - \frac{\partial g_{\lambda\mu}}{\partial p^\tau} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} \nabla_\omega p^\tau \right) \\ - \frac{1}{2} g^{\nu\omega} \sum_{\dot{\iota}}^{1,r} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\lambda\omega}}{\partial p^\tau} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} I_{\sigma\mu}^\tau + \frac{\partial g_{\omega\mu}}{\partial p^\tau} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} I_{\sigma\lambda}^\tau - \frac{\partial g_{\lambda\mu}}{\partial p^\tau} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} I_{\sigma\omega}^\tau \right) p^\sigma.$$

4. *The curvature tensor.* We shall now find the curvature tensor. From (2. 2) it follows

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu v^\lambda &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \nabla_\nu v^\lambda + \Gamma_{\omega\mu}^\lambda \nabla_\nu v^\omega - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\omega \nabla_\omega v^\lambda + \sum_{\dot{\iota}} \frac{\partial \nabla_\nu v^\lambda}{\partial p^w} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} (\nabla_\nu p^w - I_{\tau\nu}^w p^\tau) \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 v^\lambda}{\partial x^\mu \partial x^\nu} + \frac{\partial \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda}{\partial x^\mu} v^\rho + \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda \frac{\partial v^\rho}{\partial x^\mu} + \sum_{\dot{\iota}} \frac{\partial^2 v^\lambda}{\partial x^\mu \partial p^w} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} (\nabla_\nu p^w - I_{\rho\nu}^w p^\rho) \\ &\quad + \sum_{\dot{\iota}} \frac{\partial v^\lambda}{\partial p^w} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} \left(\frac{\partial \nabla_\nu p^w}{\partial x^\mu} - \frac{\partial I_{\rho\nu}^w}{\partial x^\mu} p^\rho \right) + \Gamma_{\omega\mu}^\lambda \left\{ \frac{\partial v^\omega}{\partial x^\nu} + \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\omega v^\rho \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{\dot{\iota}} \frac{\partial v^\omega}{\partial p^\sigma} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} (\nabla_\nu p^\sigma - I_{\rho\nu}^\sigma p^\rho) \right\} - \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^{\nu\omega} \nabla_\omega v^\lambda \\ &\quad + \sum_{\dot{j}} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 v^\lambda}{\partial p^w \partial x^\nu} + \frac{\partial \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda}{\partial p^w} v^\rho + \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda \frac{\partial v^\rho}{\partial p^w} + \sum_{\dot{\iota}} \frac{\partial^2 v^\lambda}{\partial p^w \partial p^\tau} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} (\nabla_\nu p^\tau - I_{\rho\lambda}^\tau p^\rho) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{\dot{\iota}} \frac{\partial v^\lambda}{\partial p^\tau} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} \left(\frac{\partial \nabla_\nu p^\tau}{\partial p^w} - \frac{\partial I_{\rho\nu}^\tau}{\partial p^w} p^\rho \right) - \frac{\partial v^\lambda}{\partial p^\tau} \binom{(\dot{\iota})}{(\dot{\iota})} I_{\omega\nu}^\tau \right\} (\nabla_\nu p^\tau - I_{\rho\nu}^\tau p^\rho), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$(4.1) \quad 2\nabla_{[\mu} \nabla_{\nu]} v^\lambda = R_{\lambda\mu\rho}^{\dots\lambda} v^\rho - \sum_{\dot{i}} \frac{R_{\lambda\mu\rho}^{\dots w}}{\partial p^w} \frac{\partial v^\lambda}{\partial p^w} \\ + \sum_{\dot{i}} \frac{\partial v^\lambda}{\partial p^w} V_{\lambda\mu}^{\dots w} + 2S'_{\mu\nu}{}^{\dots w} \nabla_w v^\lambda,$$

where

$$(4.2) \quad R_{\lambda\mu\rho}^{\dots\lambda} = \frac{\partial \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda}{\partial x^\mu} - \frac{\partial \Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\lambda}{\partial x^\nu} + \Gamma_{\omega\mu}^\lambda \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\omega - \Gamma_{\omega\nu}^\lambda \Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\omega \\ + \sum_j \frac{\partial \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda}{\partial p^w} (\nabla_\mu p^w - \Gamma_{\tau\mu}^{(j)} p^\tau) - \sum_j \frac{\partial \Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\lambda}{\partial p^w} (\nabla_\nu p^w - \Gamma_{\tau\nu}^{(j)} p^\tau),$$

$$(4.3) \quad R_{\nu\mu\rho}^{\dots\lambda} = \frac{\partial \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda}{\partial x^\mu} - \frac{\partial \Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\lambda}{\partial x^\nu} + \Gamma_{\omega\mu}^\lambda \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\omega - \Gamma_{\omega\nu}^\lambda \Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\omega \\ - \sum_j \frac{\partial \Gamma_{\rho\nu}^\lambda}{\partial p^w} (\nabla_\mu p^w - \Gamma_{\tau\mu}^{(j)} p^\tau) - \sum_j \frac{\partial \Gamma_{\rho\mu}^\lambda}{\partial p^w} (\nabla_\nu p^w - \Gamma_{\tau\nu}^{(j)} p^\tau)$$

$$(4.4) \quad \nabla_{\lambda\mu}^{\dots w} = 2\nabla_{[\mu} \nabla_{\nu]} p^w + 2S'_{\nu\mu}{}^{\dots p} \nabla_p p^w, \quad S'_{\nu\mu}{}^{\dots p} = \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^p - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^p.$$

We shall call $R_{\mu\nu\rho}^{\dots\lambda}$ the curvature tensor of our connection U and $R_{\mu\nu\rho}^{\dots\lambda}$ can be considered as the curvature tensors belonging to U, U, \dots, U .

5. *Special cases.* When we put $r=1$, we get a connection in the general Finsler manifold. Let p^ν of x^ν be connected with that of $x^\nu + dx^\nu$, so that $\delta p^\nu = 0$, i.e. $dp^\nu = -\Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\nu p^\lambda dx^\mu$, then we get the case, which T. Hosokawa²⁾ has studied. The connection of Berwald in the Finsler manifold³⁾ is a more special one of this case, i.e. $\Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^\nu = \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^{(1)\nu}$.

As the correspondence between line elements belonging to two consecutive points can be defined arbitrarily, we may put $\nabla_\mu p^\nu = 0$, then $V_{\lambda\mu}^{\dots\nu} = 0$ and we get a direct generalisation of the connection of Berwald. Our connection contains that of Craig⁴⁾ as a special case too, in which case r is 2.

1) This expression consists only formally, because p^ν is not a vector field but a line element and $\nabla_\mu p^\nu$ define a correspondence between two line elements belonging to a point x^ν and its consecutive point $x^\nu + dx^\nu$ respectively. Accordingly this expression does not give us the curvature tensor.

2) T. Hosokawa: Science Reports, Tohoku Imp. University, series I, **19** (1930), p. 37-51.

3) L. Berwald: Math. Zeitschrift, **25** (1926), S. 40-73.

4) H. V. Craig: Trans. of Amer. Math. Soc., **33** (1931), p. 125-142.