

Conformal and Killing Vector Fields on Complete Non-compact Riemannian Manifolds

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0. In this note, we introduce the notion of vector fields with finite global norms, in order to discuss the vector fields on non-compact Riemannian manifolds. It should seem to be natural notion because we have some generalizations of well-known results for compact Riemannian manifolds (cf. [3], [9]). These generalizations are our main results. Our discussions are restricted to conformal and Killing vector fields. We show some examples in which the relations between the volumes of complete non-compact Riemannian manifolds and the global norms of Killing vector fields are discussed. For Killing vector fields with finite global norms, the case of complete non-compact Riemannian manifolds without boundary has stated in [11], and the case of non-compact Riemannian manifolds with boundary has stated in [12]. Our idea is based on in [1], [4], [6] and [10]. The case of affine and projective vector fields with finite global norms may be discussed similarly, but this case is not stated in this note (cf. [13]).

The discussions of different point of views appeared in [5] and [7].

We shall be in C^∞ -category. The manifolds considered are connected and orientable.

1. Let M be a complete non-compact Riemannian manifold (without boundary) of dimension m . We denote the Riemannian metric (resp. the Levi-Civita connection) on M by g (resp. ∇). Let g_{ij} denote the components of g with respect to a local coordinate system (x^1, \dots, x^m) , and (g^{ij}) denotes the inverse matrix of the matrix (g_{ij}) . We set $\nabla_i = \nabla_{\partial/\partial x^i}$ and $\nabla^i = g^{ij}\nabla_j$.

For two $(0, s)$ -tensor fields T and S on M , we denote the local scalar product (resp. the global scalar product) of T and S by $\langle T, S \rangle$ (resp. $\langle\langle T, S \rangle\rangle$), that is,

$$\langle T, S \rangle = \frac{1}{s!} T_{i_1 \dots i_s} S^{i_1 \dots i_s}$$

$$\langle\langle T, S \rangle\rangle = \int_M \langle T, S \rangle \, dvol$$

where $T_{i_1 \dots i_s}$ and $S_{j_1 \dots j_s}$ denote the components of T and S respectively, and

$$S^{i_1 \dots i_s} = g^{i_1 j_1} \dots g^{i_s j_s} S_{j_1 \dots j_s}.$$

We set $\|T\|^2 = \langle\langle T, T \rangle\rangle$ and we remark that $\|T\|^2 \leq +\infty$.

Let $T \otimes S$ denote the tensor product of two tensor fields T and S , for example,

$$(T \otimes S)_{ij} = T_i S_j$$

for two $(0, 1)$ -tensor fields T and S .

We denote the space of all s -forms on M by $\mathcal{A}^s(M)$, and let $\mathcal{A}_0^s(M)$ denote the subspace of $\mathcal{A}^s(M)$ composed of forms with compact supports. Let $L_2^s(M)$ be the completion of $\mathcal{A}_0^s(M)$ with respect to the scalar product $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle$. The operator $d: \mathcal{A}^s(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{s+1}(M)$ denotes the exterior derivative and $\delta: \mathcal{A}^s(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{s-1}(M)$ is defined by

$$\delta = (-1)^{s m + m + 1} * d *,$$

where $*$ denotes the star operator. Then we have

$$\langle\langle d\xi, \eta \rangle\rangle = \langle\langle \xi, \delta\eta \rangle\rangle$$

for any $\xi \in \mathcal{A}^s(M)$ and $\eta \in \mathcal{A}^{s+1}(M)$, one of which has compact support. The Laplacian operator Δ is defined by

$$\Delta = d\delta + \delta d.$$

For a 1-form ξ , we have

- (1) $(d\xi)_{ij} = \nabla_i \xi_j - \nabla_j \xi_i$
- (2) $(\delta\xi) = -\nabla^i \xi_i$
- (3) $(\Delta\xi)_i = -\nabla^j \nabla_j \xi_i + R_i^j \xi_j$

where $R(\partial/\partial x^i, \partial/\partial x^j) \partial/\partial x^k = R_{kij}^h \partial/\partial x^h$, $R_{ki} = R_{khi}^h$, $R_i^j = g^{jk} R_{ki}$ and R_{ki} denote the components of the Ricci tensor of ∇ . Here and hereafter, we use the Einstein summation convention.

Through this note, we identify the vector fields on M and its dual 1-forms with respect to g and they are represented by the same letters. For a vector field $\xi = \xi^i \partial/\partial x^i$ on M , we have its dual 1-form $\xi = \xi_j dx^j = g_{ji} \xi^i dx^j$.

Definition 1. A vector field ξ on M is called a vector field with *finite global norm* if its dual 1-form with respect to g belongs in $L^2_2(M) \cap A^1(M)$, i.e. $\xi \in L^2_2(M) \cap A^1(M)$.

Definition 2. A vector field ξ on M is called a *conformal vector field* with characteristic function λ if

$$(4) \quad \mathcal{L}_\xi g = 2\lambda g$$

where \mathcal{L} denotes the Lie derivative operator and λ is a function on M . If λ vanishes identically, ξ is called a *Killing vector field*, that is,

$$(5) \quad \mathcal{L}_\xi g = 0.$$

We have that (4) and (5) are expressed locally by

$$(4)' \quad \nabla_i \xi_j + \nabla_j \xi_i = 2\lambda g_{ij}$$

and

$$(5)' \quad \nabla_i \xi_j + \nabla_j \xi_i = 0$$

respectively.

2. Let o be a point of M and fix it. For each point $p \in M$, we denote by $\rho(p)$ the geodesic distance from o to p . We set

$$B(r) = \{p \in M \mid \rho(p) < r\}$$

for any $r > 0$. We may choose a C^∞ -function μ on \mathbf{R} satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \mu(t) \leq 1 & \quad \text{for any } t \in \mathbf{R} \\ \mu(t) = 1 & \quad \text{for } t \leq 1 \\ \mu(t) = 0 & \quad \text{for } t \geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

For every $r > 0$, we set

$$w_r(p) = \mu(\rho(p)/r)$$

for any $p \in M$, and then w_r is a Lipschitz continuous function on M . The function w_r has the following properties:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq w_r(p) \leq 1 & \quad \text{for any } p \in M \\ \text{supp } w_r \subset B(2r) & \\ w_r(p) = 1 & \quad \text{for any } p \in B(r) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} w_r = 1$$

$$|dw_r| \leq \frac{C}{r} \quad \text{almost everywhere on } M$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant independent of r (cf. [1], [4], [10]). Then we have

Lemma 1 (cf. [1], [4]). *For any $\xi \in L^s(M)$, there exists a positive constant A independent of r such that*

$$\|dw_r \otimes \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 \leq \frac{A}{r^2} \|\xi\|_{B(2r)}^2$$

$$\|dw_r \wedge \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 \leq \frac{A}{r^2} \|\xi\|_{B(2r)}^2$$

$$\|dw_r \wedge * \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 \leq \frac{A}{r^2} \|\xi\|_{B(2r)}^2$$

where $\|\xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 = \langle \xi, \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} = \int_{B(2r)} \langle \xi, \xi \rangle \, dvol$.

Now we remark that, for any $\xi \in L^s_0(M) \cap L^s(M)$, $w_r \xi$ is an s -form with compact support and $w_r \xi \rightarrow \xi$ ($r \rightarrow +\infty$) in the strong sense. We have

(6) $d(w_r^2 \xi) = w_r^2 d\xi + 2w_r dw_r \wedge \xi$ almost everywhere on M

(7) $\delta(w_r^2 \xi) = w_r^2 \delta \xi - *(2w_r dw_r \wedge * \xi)$ almost everywhere on M

for any $\xi \in L^1(M)$.

Lemma 2. *For any $\xi \in L^1(M)$,*

$$4\langle w_r dw_r \otimes \xi, \nabla \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} + \langle w_r \nabla^2 \xi, w_r \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} + 2\langle w_r \nabla \xi, w_r \nabla \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} = 0,$$

where $(\nabla^2 \xi)_i = \nabla^j \nabla_j \xi_i$ and $(\nabla \xi)_{ij} = \nabla_i \xi_j$.

Proof. We consider a 1-form η defined by

$$\eta = (\nabla_i \xi_j) \xi^j dx^i.$$

Then the form $*(w_r^2 \eta)$ is an $(m-1)$ -form with compact support in $B(2r)$. By the Stokes' theorem which is applicable to Lipschitz continuous forms (cf. [4], [10]), we have

$$\int_M d(*(w_r^2 \eta)) = 0.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$d(* (w_r^2 \eta)) = - * \delta (w_r^2 \eta).$$

Thus we have

$$\int_M * \delta (w_r^2 \eta) = \int_{B(2r)} * \delta (w_r^2 \eta) = 0.$$

By (2) and (7), we have

$$\delta (w_r^2 \eta) = -w_r^2 (\nabla^i \nabla_i \xi_j) \xi^j - w_r^2 (\nabla_i \xi_j) (\nabla^i \xi^j) - * (2w_r dw_r \wedge * \eta)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} * (dw_r \wedge * \eta) &= (dw_r)_i \eta^i \\ &= (dw_r)_i (\nabla^i \xi_j) \xi^j \\ &= (dw_r)_i \xi_j (\nabla^i \xi^j) \\ &= (dw_r \otimes \xi)_{ij} (\nabla^i \xi^j) \\ &= 2 \langle dw_r \otimes \xi, \nabla \xi \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$4 \langle w_r dw_r \otimes \xi, \nabla \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} + \langle w_r \nabla^2 \xi, w_r \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} + 2 \langle w_r \nabla \xi, w_r \nabla \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} = 0. \quad \square$$

From (3), (6) and (7), we have

Lemma 3. For any $\xi \in \Lambda^1(M)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle w_r \mathcal{R} \xi, w_r \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} &= \langle w_r \nabla^2 \xi, w_r \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} + \langle w_r d\xi, w_r d\xi \rangle_{B(2r)} + 2 \langle w_r d\xi, dw_r \wedge \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} \\ &\quad + \langle w_r \delta \xi, w_r \delta \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} - 2 \langle w_r \delta \xi, *(dw_r \wedge * \xi) \rangle_{B(2r)} \end{aligned}$$

where \mathcal{R} denotes the Ricci transformation on $\Lambda^1(M)$ defined by $(\mathcal{R} \xi)_i = R^j_i \xi_j$.

Lemma 4. For a conformal vector field ξ with characteristic function λ on M ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|w_r d\xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 &= 4 \|w_r \nabla \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 - 2m \|w_r \lambda\|_{B(2r)}^2 \\ \|w_r \delta \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 &= m^2 \|w_r \lambda\|_{B(2r)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We have

$$\langle d\xi, d\xi \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \{ (\nabla_i \xi_j - \nabla_j \xi_i) (\nabla^i \xi^j - \nabla^j \xi^i) \}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2} \{4(\nabla^i \xi_j)(\nabla^i \xi^j) - 4\lambda \nabla^i \xi_j\} \\
 &= 4\langle \nabla \xi, \nabla \xi \rangle - 2m\lambda^2 \\
 \langle \delta \xi, \delta \xi \rangle &= (\nabla^i \xi_i)(\nabla^j \xi_j) \\
 &= \lambda^2 m^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have the assertions. □

Let ξ be a conformal vector field on M with characteristic function λ . Then we have, by the Schwarz inequality, Lemma 1 and Lemma 4,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|2\langle w_r d\xi, dw_r \wedge \xi \rangle_{B(2r)}| \\
 &\leq 2\|w_r d\xi\|_{B(2r)} \|dw_r \wedge \xi\|_{B(2r)} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4}\|w_r d\xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 + 4\|dw_r \wedge \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 \\
 &\leq \|w_r \nabla \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 - \frac{1}{2}m\|w_r \lambda\|_{B(2r)}^2 + \frac{4A}{r^2}\|\xi\|_{B(2r)}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 |2\langle w_r \delta \xi, *(dw_r \wedge * \xi) \rangle_{B(2r)}| &\leq 2\|w_r \delta \xi\|_{B(2r)} \|dw_r \wedge * \xi\|_{B(2r)} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{5}\|w_r \delta \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 + 5\|dw_r \wedge * \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{5}m^2\|w_r \lambda\|_{B(2r)}^2 + \frac{5A}{r^2}\|\xi\|_{B(2r)}^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have, from Lemma 2 and Lemma 3,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\langle w_r \mathcal{R}\xi, w_r \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} \\
 &= -4\langle w_r dw_r \otimes \xi, \nabla \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} - 2\langle w_r \nabla \xi, w_r \nabla \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} \\
 &\quad + \langle w_r d\xi, w_r d\xi \rangle_{B(2r)} + 2\langle w_r d\xi, dw_r \wedge \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} \\
 &\quad + \langle w_r \delta \xi, w_r \delta \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} - 2\langle w_r \delta \xi, *(dw_r \wedge * \xi) \rangle_{B(2r)} \\
 &\geq -\frac{1}{2}\|w_r \nabla \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 - \frac{8A}{r^2}\|\xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 - 2\|w_r \nabla \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 \\
 &\quad + 4\|w_r \nabla \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 - 2m\|w_r \lambda\|_{B(2r)}^2 \\
 &\quad - \|w_r \nabla \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m\|w_r \lambda\|_{B(2r)}^2 - \frac{4A}{r^2}\|\xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 \\
 &\quad + m^2\|w_r \lambda\|_{B(2r)}^2 - \frac{1}{5}m^2\|w_r \lambda\|_{B(2r)}^2 - \frac{5A}{r^2}\|\xi\|_{B(2r)}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \|w_r \nabla \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 + \frac{4}{5} m \left(m - \frac{15}{8} \right) \|w_r \lambda\|_{B(2r)}^2 - \frac{17A}{r^2} \|\xi\|_{B(2r)}^2.$$

Thus we have

Lemma 5. *Let ξ be a conformal vector field on M with characteristic function λ and with finite global norm. If $\limsup_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \langle w_r \mathcal{R}\xi, w_r \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} < +\infty$, then*

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \langle w_r \mathcal{R}\xi, w_r \xi \rangle_{B(2r)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla \xi\|^2 + \frac{4}{5} m \left(m - \frac{15}{8} \right) \|\lambda\|^2.$$

From this lemma, we have

Theorem 1. *Suppose that a complete non-compact Riemannian manifold M has non-positive Ricci curvature. Then every conformal (or Killing) vector field on M with finite global norm is a parallel vector field. Moreover, if M has negative Ricci curvature, then there is no non-zero conformal (or Killing) vector field on M with finite global norm.*

Remark. The Killing vector field case of the above theorem was given in [11]. The above theorem is a generalization of well-known compact case (cf. [3], [9]).

Since the length of a parallel vector field is constant, we have

Corollary 1. *Let M be a complete non-compact Riemannian manifold with non-positive Ricci curvature. If there exists a non-zero conformal (or Killing) vector field on M with finite global norm, then the volume of M is finite.*

Remark. Recently, H. Wu has proved the following theorem:

Theorem ([8]). *Let M be a complete non-compact Riemannian manifold which satisfies*

$$\text{Ricci curvature} \geq \frac{-\tilde{A}}{\rho^{2+\epsilon}}$$

where ρ denotes the distance from a fixed point of M and \tilde{A} and ϵ are positive constants. Then M has infinite volume.

This Wu's theorem is a generalization of the result of S.T. Yau [10]. From Corollary 1, we have

Corollary 2. *Let M be a complete non-compact Riemannian manifold*

with non-positive Ricci curvature. If there exists a non-zero Killing vector field on M with finite global norm, then the group of isometries of M is compact.

Proof. The group of isometries of a complete Riemannian manifold having finite volume is compact (cf. [2]). Thus, by this fact and Corollary 1, we have the assertion. \square

We have an example:

Example 1. Let r_0 be a fixed positive number and f a function on \mathbf{R} satisfying

$$f(r) = |r|^{-3/8} \quad \text{for } r_0 < |r|.$$

Then $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f^2(r) dr = +\infty$ and $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f^4(r) dr < +\infty$. Let M be a warped product Riemannian manifold $\mathbf{R} \times_r S^2$, that is, $ds^2 = dr^2 + f^2(r)\{d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2\}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{the volume of } M &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} f^2(r) \sin \theta \, dr \, d\theta \, d\varphi \\ &= +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

A vector field $\xi = f(r) \partial/\partial r$ on M is a conformal vector field. And, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\xi\|^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} f^4(r) \sin \theta \, dr \, d\theta \, d\varphi \\ &< +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

By the method given in [6], we have

Theorem 2. Let M be a complete non-compact Riemannian manifold having finite volume. If ξ is a conformal vector field on M with non-negative (or non-positive) characteristic function λ and with finite global norm, then ξ is a Killing vector field.

Proof. We have, for any r ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{r} \int_{B(2r)} |\xi| \, d\text{vol} &\leq \left(\int_{B(2r)} \langle \xi, \xi \rangle \, d\text{vol} \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_{B(2r)} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right)^2 \, d\text{vol} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \|\xi\|_{B(2r)} \frac{1}{r} (\text{Vol}(M))^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

where $|\xi| = \sqrt{\langle \xi, \xi \rangle}$ and $\text{Vol}(M)$ denotes the volume of M . Thus we have

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{r} \int_{B(2r)} |\xi| \, d\text{vol} = 0$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\left| \int_{B(2r)} w_r^2 \operatorname{div} \xi \, d\text{vol} \right| \leq \frac{C}{r} \int_{B(2r)} |\xi|^2 \, d\text{vol}$$

and

$$\operatorname{div} \xi = -m\lambda.$$

Therefore, we have

$$m \int_M \lambda \, d\text{vol} = 0,$$

that is, $\lambda \equiv 0$. □

Remark. Theorem 2 holds without the finiteness of global norm of ξ . This is pointed out by Professor T. Sunada. His method differs from our method.

3. For a vector field ξ on M , we set

$$B_{ij} = \nabla_i \xi_j + \nabla_j \xi_i - \frac{2}{m} (\nabla^k \xi_k) g_{ij}$$

and

$$\hat{\eta} = B_{ij} \xi^j dx^i.$$

Then we have

Lemma 6. *It holds that*

$$B_{ij} = B_{ji}, \quad g^{ij} B_{ij} = 0,$$

$$B_{ij} \nabla^i \xi^j = \langle B, B \rangle,$$

$$\nabla^k B_{kj} = \nabla^k \nabla_k \xi_j + R_j^k \xi_k + \left(1 - \frac{2}{m}\right) \nabla_j \nabla^k \xi_k.$$

By (2) and (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(w_r^2 \hat{\eta}) &= w_r^2 \delta \hat{\eta} - * (2w_r dw_r \wedge * \hat{\eta}) \\ &= -w_r^2 (\nabla^k B_{kj}) \xi^j - w_r^2 B_{kj} (\nabla^k \xi^j) - * (2w_r dw_r \wedge * \hat{\eta}). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\int_M * \delta(w_r^2 \dot{\eta}) = 0$, we have

Lemma 7. For a vector field ξ on M ,

$$\langle\langle w_r \hat{B}, w_r \xi \rangle\rangle_{B(2r)} + \langle\langle w_r B, w_r B \rangle\rangle_{B(2r)} + 4 \langle\langle w_r dw_r \otimes \xi, B \rangle\rangle_{B(2r)} = 0$$

where $(\hat{B})_j = \nabla^k B_{kj}$.

Thus we have

Theorem 3. Let M be a complete non-compact Riemannian manifold of dimension $m (\geq 3)$ and ξ a vector field on M with finite global norm. ξ is a conformal vector field if and only if ξ satisfies

$$(8) \quad \nabla^k \nabla_k \xi^i + R_k^i \xi^k + \left(1 - \frac{2}{m}\right) \nabla^i \nabla_k \xi^k = 0.$$

Proof. If ξ satisfies (8), then, by Lemma 1 and Lemma 7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|w_r B\|_{B(2r)}^2 &= -4 \langle\langle w_r dw_r \otimes \xi, B \rangle\rangle_{B(2r)} \\ &\leq 4 \|dw_r \otimes \xi\|_{B(2r)} \|w_r B\|_{B(2r)} \\ &\leq 2 \left\{ 4 \|dw_r \otimes \xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 + \frac{1}{4} \|w_r B\|_{B(2r)}^2 \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{8A}{r^2} \|\xi\|_{B(2r)}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|w_r B\|_{B(2r)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \|w_r B\|_{B(2r)}^2 \leq \frac{8A}{r^2} \|\xi\|_{B(2r)}^2.$$

Letting $r \rightarrow +\infty$, we have $\|B\|^2 = 0$. Therefore, we have $B = 0$, that is, ξ is a conformal vector field on M . The converse is trivial. \square

The following theorem is a corollary of the above theorem.

Theorem 4. Let M be a complete non-compact Riemannian manifold and ξ a vector field on M with finite global norm. ξ is a Killing vector field if and only if ξ satisfies

$$\nabla^k \nabla_k \xi^i + R_k^i \xi^k = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_i \xi^i = 0.$$

Example 2. In the Euclidean 3-space E^3 , (8) is changed into

$$(8)' \quad \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{\partial^2 \xi^j}{(\partial x^k)^2} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} \left(\sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{\partial \xi^k}{\partial x^k} \right) = 0 \quad (j = 1, 2, 3).$$

Thus, we may consider a vector field ξ on E^3 defined by

$$\xi = \xi^1 \partial/\partial x^1 + \xi^2 \partial/\partial x^2 + \xi^3 \partial/\partial x^3$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \xi^1 &= (x^1)^2 - \frac{2}{3}(x^2)^2 - \frac{2}{3}(x^3)^2 + 1 \\ \xi^2 &= -\frac{2}{3}(x^1)^2 + (x^2)^2 - \frac{2}{3}(x^3)^2 + 1 \\ \xi^3 &= -\frac{2}{3}(x^1)^2 - \frac{2}{3}(x^2)^2 + (x^3)^2 + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have $\|\xi\|^2 = +\infty$, and ξ satisfies (8)', but ξ is not a conformal vector field on E^3 .

Remark. Theorem 3 and Theorem 4 are generalizations of well-known results in the compact cases (cf. [9]).

4. We show some examples in which the relations between the volume of manifolds and the norms of Killing vector fields are discussed.

Let M be a warped product Riemannian manifold $\mathbf{R} \times_f N$ of a 1 dimensional complete non-compact Riemannian manifold \mathbf{R} and an $m-1$ dimensional compact Riemannian manifold N , where f is a positive function on \mathbf{R} . Let (x^1, x^2, \dots, x^m) denote a local coordinate system on M such that (x^2, \dots, x^m) denotes a local coordinate system on N . The components g_{ij} of the metric tensor field g on M are expressed by

$$(g_{ij}) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & f^2(x^1)h_{\alpha\beta} \end{array} \right) \quad (2 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq m),$$

where $h_{\alpha\beta}$ denote the components of the metric tensor field h on N . Then we have

$$\text{the volume of } M = \int_M f^{m-1}(x^1)(\det(h_{\alpha\beta}))^{1/2} dx^1 dx^2 \dots dx^m.$$

We consider a vector field ξ on M , that is,

$$\xi = \xi^1(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^m) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} + \xi^\alpha(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^m) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha},$$

and we have

$$(9) \quad \xi_1 = \xi^1, \quad \xi_\alpha = f^2(x^1)h_{\alpha\beta}(x^2, \dots, x^m)\xi^\beta.$$

Lemma 8. *A vector field $\xi = \xi^1 \partial/\partial x^1 + \xi^\alpha \partial/\partial x^\alpha$ on M is a Killing vector field if and only if it holds that*

$$\begin{aligned} \partial \xi^1 / \partial x^1 &= 0 \\ f^2 h_{\alpha\beta} \partial \xi^\beta / \partial x^1 + \partial \xi^1 / \partial x^\alpha &= 0 \\ f h_{\alpha\gamma} (\partial \xi^\gamma / \partial x^\beta + \Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^r \xi^r) + f h_{\beta\gamma} (\partial \xi^\gamma / \partial x^\alpha + \Gamma_{\alpha\gamma}^r \xi^r) + 2f' h_{\alpha\beta} \xi^1 &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^r$ denote the components of the Levi-Civita connection on N with respect to a local coordinate system (x^2, \dots, x^m) and f' denotes $df(x^1)/dx^1$.

Proof. A vector field ξ on M is a Killing vector field if and only if it holds (5)', that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_1 \xi_1 &= 0 \\ \nabla_1 \xi_\alpha + \nabla_\alpha \xi_1 &= 0 \\ \nabla_\alpha \xi_\beta + \nabla_\beta \xi_\alpha &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

From the above facts and (9), we have the assertion. □

Example 3. Let f be the function on \mathbf{R} defined by $f(x^1) = e^{x^1}$, and $M = \mathbf{R} \times_f N$. Let $\tilde{\xi} = \xi^\alpha \partial/\partial x^\alpha$ be a non-zero vector field on N satisfying $\tilde{\nabla}_\alpha \tilde{\xi}_\beta + \tilde{\nabla}_\beta \tilde{\xi}_\alpha = -a h_{\alpha\beta}$ where $\tilde{\nabla}$ denotes the Levi-Civita connection on N and a is a constant number. Then a vector field $\xi = a \partial/\partial x^1 + \tilde{\xi}$ on M is a Killing vector field. We have that $\text{Vol}(M) = +\infty$ and $\|\xi\|^2 = +\infty$.

Example 4. Let f be the function on \mathbf{R} defined by $f(x^1) = \exp(-(x^1)^2)$, and $M = \mathbf{R} \times_f N$. We take a non-zero Killing vector field $\tilde{\xi} = \xi^\alpha \partial/\partial x^\alpha$ on N . Then the vector field $\xi = \xi^\alpha \partial/\partial x^\alpha$ on M is a Killing vector field. We have that $\text{Vol}(M) < +\infty$ and $\|\xi\|^2 < +\infty$.

Example 5. Let r_0 be a fixed positive number, and let m_0 be a fixed positive number such that

$$\frac{1}{m+1} < m_0 < \frac{1}{m-1}.$$

Let f be a function on \mathbf{R} satisfying

$$f(x^1) = |x^1|^{-m_0} \quad \text{for } r_0 < |x^1|.$$

We remark that

$$\int_{r_0}^{+\infty} f^{m-1}(x^1) dx^1 = +\infty, \quad \int_{r_0}^{+\infty} f^{m+1}(x^1) dx^1 < +\infty.$$

Let $\xi = \xi^\alpha \partial/\partial x^\alpha$ be a non-zero Killing vector field on N . Then $\xi = \xi^\alpha \partial/\partial x^\alpha$ is a Killing vector field on $M = \mathbf{R} \times_f N$, and we have that $\text{Vol}(M) = +\infty$ and $\|\xi^2\| < +\infty$.

Example 6. Let n_0 be a fixed positive integer and ϵ a number such that $0 < \epsilon < 2/(m-1)$. We remark that

$$\sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} n^{-(2+\epsilon)}(n^{1/(m-1)})^{m-1} = \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} n^{-(1+\epsilon)} < +\infty$$

$$\sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} n^{-(2+\epsilon)}(n^{1/(m-1)})^{m+1} = \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} n^{-(1+\epsilon-2/(m-1))} = +\infty.$$

We consider a function \hat{f} on \mathbf{R} such that, for each integer $n (> n_0)$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \hat{f}(x^1) \leq n^{1/(m-1)} & \quad |x^1| \in (n, n+1] \\ \hat{f}(x^1) = n^{1/(m-1)} & \quad |x^1| \in [n+n^{-(2+\epsilon)}/10, n+9n^{-(2+\epsilon)}/10] \\ \hat{f}(x^1) = 0 & \quad |x^1| \in (n+n^{-(2+\epsilon)}, n+1]. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\frac{8}{10} \times n^{-(1+\epsilon)} \leq \int_n^{n+1} \hat{f}^{m-1}(x^1) dx^1 \leq n^{-(1+\epsilon)}$$

$$\frac{8}{10} \times n^{-(1+\epsilon-2/(m-1))} \leq \int_n^{n+1} \hat{f}^{m+1}(x^1) dx^1 \leq n^{-(1+\epsilon-2/(m-1))}.$$

We also consider the function \tilde{f} on \mathbf{R} defined by $\tilde{f}(x^1) = \exp(-(x^1)^2)$. Then we consider a function f on \mathbf{R} such that, for each integer $n (> n_0)$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < f(x^1) \leq n^{1/(m-1)} & \quad |x^1| \in (n, n+1] \\ f(x^1) = n^{1/(m-1)} & \quad |x^1| \in [n+n^{-(2+\epsilon)}/10, n+9n^{-(2+\epsilon)}/10] \\ f(x^1) = \tilde{f}(x^1) & \quad |x^1| \in (n+n^{-(2+\epsilon)}, n+1]. \end{aligned}$$

Let $M = \mathbf{R} \times_f N$, and a Killing vector field $\xi = \xi^\alpha \partial/\partial x^\alpha$ on N induces a Killing vector field $\xi = \xi^\alpha \partial/\partial x^\alpha$ on M . We have that $\text{Vol}(M) < +\infty$ and $\|\xi\|^2 = +\infty$.

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