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## Abstract

An areal space  $A_n^{(m)}$  is defined as an  $n$ -dimensional space in which an  $m$ -dimensional areal metric is endowed *a priori* in the form

$$S = \int \cdots \int_{(m)} F(x, p) du^1 \cdots du^m \quad \text{with} \quad p \equiv (p_\alpha^i) \equiv \left( \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial u^\alpha} \right)^{**}$$

over a region of the subspace  $V_m$  given parametrically by  $x^i = x^i(u^\alpha)$ .

If a metric tensor  $g_{ij}$  can be constructed algebraically from the fundamental function  $F(x, p)$  and its first and second derivatives with respect to  $p$ 's, then the space is called to be of the submetric class. In the present paper, we adopt the normalized metric tensor as the metric tensor in a space of submetric class.

The aim of the present paper is to characterize the covariant derivative with respect to  $x$  in a special case. In §1, we find that the ecmetric tensor  $L_{ij}^{*\alpha\beta}$  is covariant constant when the space  $A_n^{(m)}$  is affinely connected. In §2, we require the necessary and sufficient condition in order that the metric bitensor  $g_{ij,kl} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial p^{ij} \partial p^{kl}}$  in  $A_n^{(2)}$  is covariant constant.

§1. The connection theory of the areal space has been discussed by many scholars.<sup>1-10)</sup> We use the connection which has been defined by A. Kawaguchi and K. Tandai<sup>4)</sup> by means of the normalized metric tensor  $g_{ij}$ .

$g_{ij}$  is defined as follows:

$$(1.1) \quad g_{ij} = \left( -\frac{1}{m} L_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} + p_i^\alpha p_j^\beta \right) g_{\alpha\beta}, \quad g_{\alpha\beta} = g_{ij} p_\alpha^i p_\beta^j \quad \text{and} \quad |g_{\alpha\beta}| = F^2$$

where  $p_i^\alpha \equiv F^{-1} \frac{\partial F}{\partial p_i^\alpha}$  satisfies the relation

$$(1.2) \quad p_i^\alpha = g_{ij} g^{\alpha\beta} p_\beta^j, \quad g^{\alpha\beta} g_{\beta\gamma} = \delta_\gamma^\alpha$$

and  $L_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} \equiv p_{i;j}^\alpha p_j^\beta + p_i^\alpha p_{j;\beta}^\beta$  is the Legendre's form of  $F$ .

The covariant differential of the contravariant vector  $X^i(x, p)$  which is homogeneous of degree 0 in  $p$ 's is in the form

$$(1.3) \quad DX^i = X^i_{;k} dx^k + X^i|_l^\alpha Dp_\alpha^l,$$

putting

$$(1.4) \quad X^i_{;k} = X^i_{;k} - X^i_{;l} \Gamma_{\alpha k}^{*l} + X^j \Gamma_{jk}^{*i}, \quad X^i|_l^\alpha = X^i_{;l} + C_{jl}^{\alpha i} X^j,$$

where the notations  $;k$  and  $|_l^\alpha$  mean e. g.  $X^i_{;k} = \partial X^i / \partial x^k$ ,  $X^i|_l^\alpha = \partial X^i / \partial p_\alpha^l$ .

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\*\* Latin indices run over 1, 2, ...,  $n$ ; Greek indices over 1, 2, ...,  $m$  (in §2, especially over 1, 2).

We need two postulates: (1)  $Dg_{ij}=0$ , (2)  $\Gamma_{ijk}^* = \Gamma_{jki}^*$ , then the connection parameters  $\Gamma_{jk}^{*\alpha}$  and  $C_{j,i}^{\alpha}$  satisfy the following conditions

$$(1.5) \quad g_{ij;k} - g_{ij;i} \Gamma_{\alpha k}^{*il} = g_{hj} \Gamma_{ik}^{*jh} + g_{ih} \Gamma_{jk}^{*ih}, \quad g_{ij;i}^{\alpha} = g_{hj} C_{i,l}^{h\alpha} + g_{ih} C_{j,l}^{\alpha}.$$

Let us name  $X^i|_h$  the covariant derivative of  $X^i$  with respect to  $x$  according to M. Gama<sup>8)</sup>. By means of (1.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (X^i|_h)|_j^{\beta} &= X^i|_{h;j} - X^i|_{i;j} \Gamma_{\alpha h}^{*il} - X^i|_{i;l} \Gamma_{kh;j}^{*il} p_{\alpha}^k - X^i|_{i;l} \Gamma_{jh}^{*il} + X^k|_{j;l} \Gamma_{kh}^{*il} + X^k \Gamma_{kh;j}^{*il}, \\ (X^i|_j)|_h &= X^i|_{j;h} - X^i|_{j;i} \Gamma_{\alpha h}^{*il} + X^k|_{j;i} \Gamma_{kh}^{*il} - X^i|_{i;k} \Gamma_{jh}^{*ik}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the commutation of operators  $|_h$  and  $|_j^{\beta}$  for  $X^i$  is that

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} (X^i|_h)|_j^{\beta} - (X^i|_j)|_h &= -X^i|_{i;l} \Gamma_{kh;j}^{*il} p_{\alpha}^k + X^k \Gamma_{kh;j}^{*il} \\ &= (\delta_i^j X^k - X^i|_{i;l} p_{\alpha}^k) \Gamma_{kh;j}^{*il}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying (1.6) to the metric tensor  $g_{ij}$ , we have

$$(g_{ik}|_h)|_j^{\beta} - (g_{ik}|_j)|_h = (-\delta_i^s g_{lk} - \delta_k^s g_{il} - g_{ik}|_{i;l} p_{\alpha}^s) \Gamma_{sh;j}^{*il}.$$

This relation give us

$$(1.7) \quad (g_{ik}|_j)|_h = (\delta_i^s g_{lk} + \delta_k^s g_{il} + g_{ik}|_{i;l} p_{\alpha}^s) \Gamma_{sh;j}^{*il},$$

because of  $g_{ik}|_h = 0$  from (1.4) and the postulate (1).

The space in which the connection parameter  $\Gamma_{jk}^{*\alpha}$  is independent of  $p$ 's is called an *affinely connected* one. In such a space,  $\Gamma_{jk;i}^{*\alpha} = 0$  holds good. Thus, from (1.7), we have

**Theorem 1.1.** When the areal space is affinely connected, then the partial derivatives of the metric tensor  $g_{ij}$  with respect to  $p$ 's are covariant constant.

In his paper<sup>11)</sup>, A. Kawaguchi has represented the *ecmetric tensor*  $L_{ij}^{*\alpha\beta} \equiv L_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} - g^{\alpha\beta} g_{i\gamma} L_{j\gamma}^{\beta}$  in the form

$$(1.8) \quad L_{ij}^{*\alpha\beta} = g^{\alpha\gamma} g_{sk;j} \hat{\Gamma}_{i\gamma}^{\beta s} p_r^k.$$

In view of  $g^{\alpha\gamma}|_h = 0$ ,  $p_r^k|_h = 0$ ,  $\hat{\Gamma}_{i\gamma}^{\beta s}|_h = 0$ , it follows from (1.9) that

$$(1.9) \quad \begin{aligned} L_{ij}^{*\alpha\beta}|_h &= g^{\alpha\gamma} (\delta_s^t g_{ik} + \delta_k^t g_{il} + g_{sk}|_{i;l} p_{\alpha}^t) \Gamma_{ih;j}^{*il} \hat{\Gamma}_{i\gamma}^{\beta s} p_r^k \\ &= (g^{\alpha\gamma} g_{ik} \hat{\Gamma}_{i\gamma}^{\beta s} p_r^k + \hat{L}_{i\gamma}^{\alpha\beta} p_r^t + L_{i\gamma}^{*\alpha\beta} p_r^t) \Gamma_{ih;j}^{*il}, \end{aligned}$$

where we use the notation  $\hat{L}_{i\gamma}^{\alpha\beta} \equiv g^{\alpha\beta} g_{ik} \hat{\Gamma}_{i\gamma}^{\beta k}$  according to E. T. Davies<sup>12)</sup>.

Substituting the relation  $L_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = \hat{L}_{i\gamma}^{\alpha\beta} + L_{ij}^{*\alpha\beta}$  into (1.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} L_{ij}^{*\alpha\beta}|_h &= (p_i^{\alpha} \hat{\Gamma}_{i\gamma}^{\beta t} + L_{i\gamma}^{\alpha\beta} p_r^t) \Gamma_{ih;j}^{*il} = (p_i^{\alpha} \delta_i^t + p_{i;\gamma}^{\alpha} p_r^t) \Gamma_{ih;j}^{*il} \\ &= (p_i^{\alpha} p_r^t) \Gamma_{ih;j}^{*il}, \end{aligned}$$

finally

$$(1.10) \quad L_{ij}^{*\alpha\beta}|_h = \beta_{i;\gamma}^{\alpha} \Gamma_{ih;j}^{*il}.$$

From this fact, we can conclude

**Theorem 1.2.** When the areal space is affinely connected, then the *ecmetric*

tensor  $L^{*\alpha\beta}_{ij}$  is covariant constant.

§ 2. Let us consider an areal space  $A_n^{(2)}$  based on the area of 2-dimensional surface  $x^i = x^i(u^1, u^2)$ .

The metric bitensor<sup>3)</sup>  $g_{ij,kl}$  is expressed in the form

$$(2.1) \quad g_{ij,kl} = 4F^2(L^{[1]1}_{[i]k}L^{[2]2]_{j]l}} + 4L^{[1]1}_{[i]k}p^{[2]2]_{j]l}} + p^{[1]1}_{[i]k}p^{[1]1}_{[j]l}p^{[2]2]_{j]l}}).$$

In view of (1.2), on differentiating  $g_{\delta r}p_i^\delta = g_{ik}p_r^k$  with respect to  $p_\beta^j$ , and contracting  $g^{r\alpha}$ , we have

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} L_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} &= (g_{ij} - g_{\delta r}p_i^\delta p_j^r)g^{\alpha\beta} + \gamma_i^h g_{hki;j} p_i^k g^{r\alpha} \\ &= (g_{ij} - g_{\delta r}p_i^\delta p_j^r)g^{\alpha\beta} + L^{*\alpha\beta}_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

making use of (1.8). Substituting (2.2) into (2.1), it follows that

$$(2.3) \quad g_{ij,kl} = g_{ik}g_{jl} - g_{il}g_{jk} + 4F^2 L^{*[\frac{1}{i}][\frac{1}{k}]}(L^{*2]2]_{j]l}} + 4p_{j]l}^{[2]2]_{j]l}}).$$

The covariant derivative of  $g_{ij,kl}$  with respect to  $x$  is given from (2.3) by

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} g_{ij,kl|h} &= 4F^2 L^{*[\frac{1}{i}][\frac{1}{k}]}(L^{*2]2]_{j]l}} + 4p_{j]l}^{[2]2]_{j]l}}) + 4F^2 L^{*[\frac{1}{i}][\frac{1}{k}]}(L^{*2]2]_{j]l}})_{|h} \\ &= 8F^2 L^{*[\frac{1}{i}][\frac{1}{k}]}(L^{*2]2]_{j]l}} + 2p_{j]l}^{[2]2]_{j]l}}), \end{aligned}$$

making use of  $g_{ij|h} = 0$  and  $p_i^a|_h = 0$ .

Thus, we have

**Theorem 2.1.** *In the areal space  $A_n^{(2)}$ , it is necessary and sufficient that the metric tensor satisfies  $L^{*\alpha\beta}_{ij|h} = 0$  in order that the covariant derivatives of the metric bitensor  $g_{ij,kl}$  with respect to  $x$ 's vanish.*

**Corollary.** *In  $A_n^{(2)}$ , the covariant derivatives of  $g_{ij,kl}$  with respect to  $x$ 's vanish when and only when  $\beta_{i;\delta}^t \Gamma^{*l}_{t\delta;j} = 0$  holds good.*

Because we can get from (2.4) that

$$(2.5) \quad g_{ij,kl|h} = 8F^2 \beta_{i;\delta}^t \Gamma^{*l}_{t\delta;j} (L^{*2]2]_{j]l}} + 2p_{j]l}^{[2]2]_{j]l}})$$

by means of (1.10).

From (2.5), we can conclude

**Theorem 2.2.** *When the areal space  $A_n^{(2)}$  is affinely connected, then the metric bitensor  $g_{ij,kl}$  is covariant constant.*

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