

# ALMOST CONFORMAL TRANSFORMATION IN A CLASS OF RIEMANNIAN MANIFOLDS<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract.** We consider a 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold  $V$  with a metric  $g$  and an affiner structure  $q$ . The local coordinates of these tensors are circulant matrices. In  $V$  we define an almost conformal transformation. Using that definition we construct an infinite series of circulant metrics which are successively almost conformally related. In this case we get some properties.

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## 1. Preliminaries

We consider a 3-dimensional Riemannian manifold  $M$  with a metric tensor  $g$  and two affine tensors  $q$  and  $S$  such that: their local coordinates form circulant matrices. So these matrices are as follows:

$$(1) \quad g_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B & B \\ B & A & B \\ B & B & A \end{pmatrix}, \quad A > B > 0,$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are smooth functions of a point  $p(x^1, x^2, x^3)$  in some  $F \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ ,

$$(2) \quad q_i^j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_i^j = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We note by  $V$  the class of manifolds like  $M$ .

Let  $M$  be in  $V$  and  $\nabla$  be the connection of  $g$ . Let us give some results for  $M$  in  $V$ , obtained in [1].

$$(3) \quad q^3 = E; \quad g(qu, qv) = g(u, v), \quad u, v \in \chi M.$$

$$(4) \quad \nabla q = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{grad}A = \text{grad}B.S.$$

$$(5) \quad 0 < B < A \quad \Rightarrow \quad g \text{ is positively defined.}$$

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## 2. Almost conformal transformation

Let  $M$  be in  $V$ . We note  $f_{ij} = g_{ik}q_j^k + g_{jk}q_i^k$ , i.e.

$$(6) \quad f_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 2B & A+B & A+B \\ A+B & 2B & A+B \\ A+B & A+B & 2B \end{pmatrix}.$$

We calculate  $\det f_{ij} = 2(A-B)^2(A+2B) \neq 0$ , so we accept  $f_{ij}$  for local coordinates of another metric  $f$ . Further, we suppose  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are two smooth functions in  $F \subset R^3$  and we construct the metric  $g_1$ , as follows:

$$(7) \quad g_1 = \alpha.g + \beta.f.$$

We say that equation (7) define an almost conformal transformation, noting that if  $\beta = 0$  then (7) implies the case of the classical conformal transformation in  $M$  [2].

From (1), (6) and (7) we get the local coordinates of  $g_1$ :

$$(8) \quad g_{1,ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha A + 2\beta B & \beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B & \beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B \\ \beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B & \alpha A + 2\beta B & \beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B \\ \beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B & \beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B & \alpha A + 2\beta B \end{pmatrix}.$$

We see that  $f_{ij}$  and  $g_{1,ij}$  are both circulant matrices.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $M$  be a manifold in  $V$ , also  $g$  and  $g_1$  be two metrics of  $M$ , related by (7). Let  $\nabla$  and  $\dot{\nabla}$  be the corresponding connections of  $g$  and  $g_1$ , and  $\nabla q = 0$ . Then  $\dot{\nabla} q = 0$  if and only if, when

$$(9) \quad \text{grad } \alpha = \text{grad } \beta.S.$$

*Proof.* At first we suppose (9) is valid. Using (9) and (4) we can verify that the following identity is true:

$$(10) \quad \text{grad}(\alpha A + 2\beta B) = \text{grad}(\beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B).S$$

The identity (10) is analogue to (4), and consequently we conclude  $\dot{\nabla} q = 0$ .

Inversely, if  $\dot{\nabla} q = 0$  then analogously to (4) we have (10). Now (4) and (10) imply (9). So the theorem is proved.  $\square$

Note. We see that (10) is a system of partial differential equations. In this case we know that this system has a solution [3].

Let  $w = w(x(p), y(p), z(p))$  be an arbitrary vector in  $T_p M$ ,  $p \in M$ ,  $M \subset V$ , such that  $qw \neq w$ . For the metric  $g$  of  $M$  we suppose  $0 < B < A$ , i.e.  $g$  is positively defined (see (5)).

Let  $\varphi$  be the angle between  $w$  and  $qw$  with respect to  $g$ . Then thank's to (1), (2) and (3) we get  $\cos \varphi = \frac{g(w, qw)}{g(w, w)}$ , and we note that  $\varphi \in (0, \frac{2\pi}{3})$  [1].

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $g_1$  be the metric given by (7). If  $0 < \beta < \alpha$  and  $g$  is positively defined, then  $g_1$  is also positively defined.

*Proof.* For  $g_1$  we have that  $\alpha A + 2\beta B - (\beta A + (\alpha + \beta)B) = (\alpha - \beta)(A - B) > 0$ . Analogously to (6) we state that  $g_1$  is positively defined.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $w = w(x(p), y(p), z(p))$  be in  $T_p M$ ,  $p \in M$ ,  $M \subset V$ ,  $qw \neq w$ . Let  $g$  and  $g_1$  be the metrics of  $M$ , related by (7). Then we have

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} g_1(w, w) &= \alpha g(w, w) + 2\beta g(w, qw) \\ g_1(w, qw) &= \beta g(w, w) + (\alpha + \beta)g(w, qw). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Using (1) and (2) we find

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} g(w, w) &= A(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 2B(xy + yz + zx) \\ g(w, qw) &= B(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + (A + B)(xy + yz + zx). \end{aligned}$$

Now, we use (8) and (12) after some computations we get (11).  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $w = w(x(p), y(p), z(p))$  be a vector in  $T_p M$ ,  $p \in M$ ,  $M \subset V$ ,  $qw \neq w$ . Let  $g$  and  $g_1$  be two positively defined metrics of  $M$ , related by (7). If  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi_1$  are the angles between  $w$  and  $qw$ , with respect to  $g$  and  $g_1$  respectively, then the following equation is true

$$(13) \quad \cos \varphi_1 = \frac{\beta + (\alpha + \beta)\cos \varphi}{\alpha + 2\beta\cos \varphi}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $g$  and  $g_1$  are both positively defined metrics we can calculate  $\cos \varphi$  and  $\cos \varphi_1$ , respectively [2]. Then by using (11) from Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3 we get (13).  $\square$

We note  $\varphi \in (0, \frac{2\pi}{3})$ . Theorem 2.4 implies immediately the assertions:

**Corollary 2.5.** If  $\varphi_1$  is the angle between  $w$  and  $qw$  with respect to  $g_1$  then  $\varphi_1 \in (0, \frac{2\pi}{3})$ .

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi_1$  be the angles between  $w$  and  $qw$  with respect to  $g$  and  $g_1$ . Then

- 1)  $\varphi = \frac{\pi}{2}$  if and only if when  $\varphi_1 = \arccos \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$  ;
- 2)  $\varphi_1 = \frac{\pi}{2}$  if and only if when  $\varphi = \arccos \left( -\frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} \right)$ .

Further, we consider an infinite series of the metrics of  $M$  in  $V$  as follows:

$$g_0, g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n, \dots$$

where

$$(14) \quad g_0 = g, \quad g_n = \alpha g_{n-1} + \beta f_{n-1}, \quad f_{n-1, is} = g_{n-1, ia} q_s^\alpha + g_{n-1, sa} q_i^\alpha, \quad 0 < \beta < \alpha.$$

By the method of the mathematical induction we can see that the matrix of every  $g_n$  is circulant one and every  $g_n$  is positively defined.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $w = w(x(p), y(p), z(p))$  be in  $T_pM$ ,  $p \in M$ ,  $M \subset V$ ,  $qw \neq w$ . Let  $\varphi_n$  be the angle between  $w$  and  $qw$  with respect to metric  $g_n$  from (14). Then the infinite series:

$$\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n, \dots$$

is converge and  $\lim \varphi_n = 0$ .

*Proof.* Using the method of the mathematical induction and Theorem 2.4 we obtain

$$(15) \quad \cos \varphi_n = \frac{\beta + (\alpha + \beta) \cos \varphi_{n-1}}{\alpha + 2\beta \cos \varphi_{n-1}}$$

as well as  $\varphi_n \in (0, \frac{2\pi}{3})$ . From (15) we get

$$(16) \quad \cos \varphi_n - \cos \varphi_{n-1} = \frac{\beta(1 - \cos \varphi_{n-1})(1 + 2 \cos \varphi_{n-1})}{\alpha + 2\beta \cos \varphi_{n-1}}.$$

The equation (16) implies  $\cos \varphi_n > \cos \varphi_{n-1}$ , so the series  $\{\cos \varphi_n\}$  is increasing one and since  $\cos \varphi_n < 1$  then it is converge. From (15) we have  $\lim \cos \varphi_n = 1$ , so  $\lim \varphi_n = 0$ . □

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