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CONFORMAL VECTOR FIELDS ON TANGENT  
BUNDLE OF A RIEMANNIAN MANIFOLD\*

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**Abstract** – Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold and  $TM$  its tangent bundle. The conformal and fiber preserving vector fields on  $TM$  have well-known physical interpretations and have been studied by physicists and geometers. Here we define a Riemannian or pseudo-Riemannian lift metric  $\tilde{g}$  on  $TM$ , which is in some senses more general than other lift metrics previously defined on  $TM$ , and seems to complete these works. Next we study the lift conformal vector fields on  $(TM, \tilde{g})$  and prove among the others that, every complete lift conformal vector field on  $TM$  is homothetic, and moreover, every horizontal or vertical lift conformal vector field on  $TM$  is a Killing vector.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional differential manifold with a Riemannian metric  $g$  and  $\phi$  be a transformation on  $M$ . Then  $\phi$  is called a *conformal* (resp. *projective*) transformation if it preserves the angles (resp. geodesics). Let  $V$  be a vector field on  $M$  and  $\{\varphi_t\}$  be the local one-parameter group of local transformations on  $M$  generated by  $V$ . Then  $V$  is called an *infinitesimal conformal* (resp. *projective*) transformation on  $M$  if each  $\varphi_t$  is a local conformal (resp. projective) transformation of  $M$ . It is well known that  $V$  is an infinitesimal conformal transformation or *conformal vector field* on  $M$  if and only if there is a scalar function  $\rho$  on  $M$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_V g = 2\rho g$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_V$  denotes Lie derivation with respect to the vector field  $V$ .  $V$  is called *homothetic* if  $\rho$  is constant and is called an *isometry* or *Killing vector field* when  $\rho$  vanishes.

Let  $TM$  be the tangent bundle over  $M$ , and  $\Phi$  be a transformation on  $TM$ . Then  $\Phi$  is called a *fiber preserving* transformation if it preserves the fibers. Fiber preserving transformations have well known applications in Physics. Let  $X$  be a vector field on  $TM$  and  $\{\Phi_t\}$  the local one parameter group of local transformation on  $TM$  generated by  $X$ . Then  $X$  is called an *infinitesimal fiber preserving transformation* or *fiber preserving vector field* on  $TM$  if each  $\Phi_t$  is a local fiber preserving transformation of  $TM$ .

Let  $\tilde{g}$  be a Riemannian or pseudo-Riemannian metric on  $TM$ . The conformal vector field  $X$  on  $TM$  is said to be *essential* if the scalar function  $\Omega$  on  $TM$  in  $\mathcal{L}_X \tilde{g} = 2\Omega \tilde{g}$  depends only on  $(y^h)$  (with

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respect to the induced coordinates  $(x^i, y^i)$  on  $TM$ ), and is said to be *inessential* if  $\Omega$  depends only on  $(x^h)$ . In other words,  $\Omega$  is a function on  $M$ .

There are some lift metrics on  $TM$  as follows:

*complete* lift metric or  $g_2$ , *diagonal* lift metric or  $g_1 + g_3$ , lift metric  $g_2 + g_3$  and lift metric  $g_1 + g_2$ .

In this area the following results are well known:

Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold. If we consider  $TM$  with metrics  $g_1 + g_3$  or  $g_2 + g_3$ , then every infinitesimal fiber preserving conformal transformation on  $TM$  is homothetic, and induces a homothetic vector field on  $M$  [1].

Let  $(M, g)$  be a complete, simply connected Riemannian manifold. If we consider  $TM$  with metric  $g_1 + g_2$ , and  $TM$  admits an essential infinitesimal conformal transformation, then  $M$  is isometric to the standard sphere [2].

Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold and  $V$  a vector field on  $M$  and let  $X^C$ ,  $X^V$ ,  $X^H$  be complete, vertical and horizontal lifts of  $V$  to  $TM$  respectively. If we consider  $TM$  with metric  $g_2$ , then  $X^C$  is a conformal vector field on  $TM$  if and only if  $V$  is homothetic on  $M$ . Moreover, if  $V$  is a Killing vector on  $M$ , then  $X^C$  and  $X^V$  are Killing vectors on  $TM$  [3].

Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold. If we consider  $TM$  with metric  $g_1 + g_3$ , then

- I)  $X^C$  is a conformal vector field if and only if  $X$  is homothetic.
- II)  $X^V$  is a conformal vector field if and only if  $X$  is Killing vector field with vanishing second covariant derivative in  $M$ .
- III)  $X^H$  is a conformal vector field if and only if  $X$  is parallel [3], [4].

In this paper we are going to replace the cited lift Riemannian or pseudo-Riemannian metrics on  $TM$  by  $\tilde{g} = ag_1 + bg_2 + cg_3$ , that is a combination of diagonal lift and complete lift metrics, where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are certain positive real numbers. More precisely, we prove the following Theorems.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $M$  be a connected  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold and let  $TM$  be its tangent bundle with metric  $\tilde{g}$ . Then every complete lift conformal vector field on  $TM$  is homothetic, and moreover, every horizontal or vertical lift conformal vector field on  $TM$  is a Killing vector.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $M$  be a connected  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold and  $TM$  be its tangent bundle with metric  $\tilde{g}$ . Then every inessential fiber preserving conformal vector field on  $TM$  is homothetic.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $(M, g)$  be a real  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold and  $(U, x)$  a local chart on  $M$ , where the induced coordinates of the point  $p \in U$  are denoted by its image on  $IR^n$ ,  $x(p)$  or briefly  $(x^i)$ . Using the induced coordinates  $(x^i)$  on  $M$ , we have the local field of frames  $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}\}$  on  $T_pM$ . Let  $\nabla$  be a Riemannian connection on  $M$  with coefficients  $\Gamma_{ij}^k$ , where the indices  $a, b, c, h, i, j, k, m, \dots$  run over the range  $1, 2, \dots, n$ . The Riemannian curvature tensor is defined by

$$K(X, Y)Z = \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z + \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z, \forall X, Y, Z \in X(M).$$

Locally we have

$$K_{ijk}^m = \partial_i \Gamma_{jk}^m - \partial_j \Gamma_{ik}^m + \Gamma_{ia}^m \Gamma_{jk}^a - \Gamma_{ja}^m \Gamma_{ik}^a,$$

where  $\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$  and  $K(\partial_i, \partial_j, \partial_k) = K_{ijk}^m \partial_m$ .

### 3. NON-LINEAR CONNECTION

Let  $TM$  be the tangent bundle of  $M$  and  $\pi$  the natural projection from  $TM$  to  $M$ . Consider  $\pi_* : TTM \mapsto TM$  and let us put

$$\ker \pi_*^v = \{z \in TTM \mid \pi_*^v(z) = 0\}, \forall v \in TM.$$

Then the vertical vector bundle on  $M$  is defined by  $VTM = \bigcup_{v \in TM} \ker \pi_*^v$ . A *non-linear connection* or a *horizontal distribution* on  $TM$  is a complementary distribution  $HTM$  for  $VTM$  on  $TTM$ . The non-linear nomination arise from the fact that  $HTM$  is spanned by a basis which is completely determined by non-linear functions. These functions are called coefficients of non-linear connection and will be noted in the sequel by  $N_i^j$ . It is clear that  $HTM$  is a horizontal vector bundle. By definition, we have decomposition  $TTM = VTM \oplus HTM$  [5].

Using the induced coordinates  $(x^i, y^i)$  on  $TM$ , where  $x^i$  and  $y^i$  are called respectively *position* and *direction* of a point on  $TM$ , we have the local field of frames  $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}\}$  on  $TTM$ . Let  $\{dx^i, dy^i\}$  be the dual basis of  $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}\}$ . It is well known that we can choose a local field of frames  $\{X_i, \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}\}$  adapted to the above decomposition, i.e.  $X_i \in X(HTM)$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y^i} \in X(VTM)$  are sections of horizontal and vertical sub-bundle on  $HTM$  and  $VTM$ , defined by  $X_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - N_i^j \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j}$ , where  $N_i^j(x, y)$  are functions on  $TM$  and have the following coordinate transformation rule in local coordinates  $(x^i, y^i)$  and  $(x^{i'}, y^{i'})$  on  $TM$ .

$$N_{i'}^{h'} = \frac{\partial x^{h'}}{\partial x^h} \left( \frac{\partial x^i}{\partial x^{i'}} N_i^h + \frac{\partial^2 x^h}{\partial x^{i'} \partial x^{a'}} y^{a'} \right).$$

To see a relation between linear and non-linear connections let  $\Gamma_j^k$  be the coefficients of the Riemannian connection of  $(M, g)$ . Then it is easy to check that  $y^a \Gamma_a^k$  satisfies the above relation and thus can be regarded as coefficients of the non-linear connection on  $TM$  in the sequel.

Let us put  $X_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^h} - y^a \Gamma_a^m \frac{\partial}{\partial y^m}$  and  $X_{\bar{h}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{\bar{h}}}$ . Then  $\{X_h, X_{\bar{h}}\}$  is the adapted local field of frames of  $TM$  and let  $\{dx^h, \delta y^{\bar{h}}\}$  be the dual basis of  $\{X_h, X_{\bar{h}}\}$ , where  $\delta y^{\bar{h}} = dy^{\bar{h}} + y^a \Gamma_a^{\bar{h}} dx^i$  and the indices  $i, j, h, \dots$  and  $\bar{i}, \bar{j}, \bar{h} \dots$  run over the range  $1, 2, \dots, n$ .

### 4. THE RIEMANNIAN OR PSEUDO-RIEMANNIAN METRIC $\tilde{g}$ ON TANGENT BUNDLE

Let  $(M, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold. The Riemannian metric  $g$  has components  $g_{ij}$ , which are functions of variables  $x^i$  on  $M$ , and by means of the above dual basis it is well known that [3];

$g_1 := g_{ij} dx^i dx^j$ ,  $g_2 := 2g_{ij} dx^i \delta y^{\bar{j}}$  and  $g_3 := g_{ij} \delta y^{\bar{i}} \delta y^{\bar{j}}$  are all bilinear differential forms defined globally on  $TM$ .

The tensor field:

$$\tilde{g} = ag_1 + bg_2 + cg_3,$$

on  $TM$  where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are certain positive real numbers, has components

$$\begin{pmatrix} ag_{ij} & bg_{ij} \\ bg_{ij} & cg_{ij} \end{pmatrix},$$

with respect to the dual basis of the adapted frame of  $TM$ . From linear algebra we have  $\det \tilde{g} = (ac - b^2)^n \det g^2$ . Therefore  $\tilde{g}$  is nonsingular if  $ac - b^2 \neq 0$  and positive definite if  $ac - b^2 > 0$  and define, respectively, pseudo-Riemannian or Riemannian lift metrics on  $T(M)$ .

## 5. LIE DERIVATIVE

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold,  $V$  a vector field on  $M$ , and  $\{\phi_t\}$  any local group of local transformations of  $M$  generated by  $V$ . Take any tensor field  $S$  on  $M$ , and denote by  $\phi_t^*(S)$  the pull-back of  $S$  by  $\phi_t$ . Then Lie derivation of  $S$  with respect to  $V$  is a tensor field  $\mathcal{L}_V S$  on  $M$  defined by

$$\mathcal{L}_V S = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi_t^*(S) \Big|_{t=0} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi_t^*(S) - (S)}{t},$$

on the domain of  $\phi_t$ . The mapping  $\mathcal{L}_V$  which maps  $S$  to  $\mathcal{L}_V(S)$  is called the Lie derivative with respect to  $V$ .

Suppose that  $S$  is a tensor field of type  $(n, m)$ . Then the components  $(\mathcal{L}_V S)_{i_1, \dots, i_m}^{j_1, \dots, j_n}$  of  $\mathcal{L}_V S$  may be expressed as [6]

$$(\mathcal{L}_V S)_{i_1, \dots, i_m}^{j_1, \dots, j_n} = V^a \partial_a S_{i_1, \dots, i_m}^{j_1, \dots, j_n} + \sum_{k=1}^m \partial_{i_k} V^a S_{i_1, \dots, a, \dots, i_m}^{j_1, \dots, j_n} - \sum_{k=1}^n \partial_a V^{j_k} S_{i_1, \dots, i_m}^{j_1, \dots, a, \dots, j_n},$$

where  $S_{i_1, \dots, i_m}^{j_1, \dots, j_n}$  and  $V^a$  denote the components of  $S$  and  $V$ .

The local expression of the Lie derivative  $\mathcal{L}_V(S)$  in terms of covariant derivatives on a Riemannian manifold for a tensor field of type  $(1, 2)$  is given by:

$$\mathcal{L}_V S_j^h{}_i = v^a \nabla_a S_j^h{}_i - S_j^a{}_i \nabla_a v^h + S_a^h{}_i \nabla_j v^a + S_j^h{}_a \nabla_i v^a, \quad (1)$$

where,  $S_j^h{}_i$  and  $v^h$  are components of  $S$  and  $V$ , and  $\nabla_a S_j^h{}_i$ ,  $\nabla_a v^h$  are components of covariant derivatives of  $S$  and  $V$ , respectively [1, 3, 6].

**Lemma 1.** [1], [7] The Lie bracket of adapted frame of  $TM$  satisfies the following relations

$$[X_i, X_j] = y^r K_{jir}{}^m X_{\bar{m}},$$

$$[X_i, X_{\bar{j}}] = \Gamma_j{}^m{}_i X_{\bar{m}},$$

$$[X_{\bar{i}}, X_{\bar{j}}] = 0,$$

where  $K_{jir}{}^m$  denotes the components of a Riemannian curvature tensor of  $M$ .

**Lemma 2.** [1] Let  $X$  be a vector field on  $TM$  with components  $(X^h, X^{\bar{h}})$  with respect to the adapted frame  $\{X_h, X_{\bar{h}}\}$ . Then  $X$  is fiber-preserving vector field on  $TM$  if and only if  $X^h$  are functions on  $M$ .

Therefore, every fiber-preserving vector field  $X$  on  $TM$  induces a vector field  $V = X^h \frac{\partial}{\partial x^h}$  on  $M$ .

**Definition 1.** [1], [3] Let  $V$  be a vector field on  $M$  with components  $V^h$ . We have the following vector fields on  $TM$  which are called respectively, **complete**, **horizontal** and **vertical** lifts of  $V$ :

$$\begin{aligned} X^C &:= V^h X_h + y^m (\Gamma_m^h{}_a V^a + \partial_m V^h) X_{\bar{h}}, \\ X^H &:= V^h X_h, \\ X^V &:= V^h X_{\bar{h}}. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 2 we know that  $X^C, X^H$  and  $X^V$  are fiber-preserving vector fields on  $TM$ .

**Lemma 3.** [1] Let  $X$  be a fiber-preserving vector field on  $TM$ . Then the Lie derivative of the adapted frame and its dual basis are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{I) } \mathcal{L}_X X_h &= (-\partial_h X^a) X_a + \{y^b X^c K_{hcb}{}^a - X^{\bar{b}} \Gamma_b{}^a{}_h - X_h(X^{\bar{a}})\} X_{\bar{a}}, \quad \text{II) } \mathcal{L}_X X_{\bar{h}} = \{X^b \Gamma_b{}^a{}_h - X_{\bar{h}}(X^{\bar{a}})\} X_a, \\ \text{III) } \mathcal{L}_X dx^h &= (\partial_m X^h) dx^m, \\ \text{IV) } \mathcal{L}_X \delta y^h &= -\{y^b X^c K_{mcb}{}^h - X^{\bar{b}} \Gamma_b{}^h{}_m - X_m(X^{\bar{h}})\} dx^m - \{X^b \Gamma_b{}^h{}_m - X_{\bar{m}}(X^{\bar{h}})\} \delta y^m. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 4.** [8] Let  $X$  be a fiber-preserving vector field on  $TM$ , which induces a vector field  $V$  on  $M$ . Then Lie derivatives  $\mathcal{L}_X g_1$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_X g_2$  and  $\mathcal{L}_X g_3$  are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{I) } \mathcal{L}_X g_1 &= (\mathcal{L}_V g_{ij}) dx^i dx^j, \\ \text{II) } \mathcal{L}_X g_2 &= 2[-g_{jm} \{y^b X^c K_{icb}{}^m - X^{\bar{b}} \Gamma_b{}^m{}_i - X_i(X^{\bar{m}})\} dx^i dx^j + \\ &\quad \{\mathcal{L}_V g_{ij} - g_{jm} \nabla_i X^m + g_{jm} X_{\bar{i}}(X^{\bar{m}})\} dx^i \delta y^j], \\ \text{III) } \mathcal{L}_X g_3 &= -2g_{mi} \{y^b X^c K_{jcb}{}^m - X^{\bar{b}} \Gamma_b{}^m{}_j - X_j(X^{\bar{m}})\} dx^j \delta y^i + \\ &\quad \{\mathcal{L}_V g_{ij} - 2g_{mj} \nabla_i X^m + 2g_{mj} X_{\bar{i}}(X^{\bar{m}})\} \delta y^i \delta y^j, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_V g_{ij}$  and  $\nabla_i X^m$  denote the components of  $\mathcal{L}_V g$  and the covariant derivative of  $V$  respectively.

## 6. MAIN RESULTS

**Proposition 1.** Let  $X$  be a complete (resp. horizontal or vertical) lift conformal vector field on  $TM$ . Then the scalar function  $\Omega(x, y)$  in  $\mathcal{L}_X \tilde{g} = 2\Omega \tilde{g}$  is a function of position alone (resp.  $\Omega = 0$ ).

**Proof:** Let  $TM$  be the tangent bundle over  $M$  with Riemannian metric  $\tilde{g}$  and  $X$  be a complete (resp. horizontal or vertical) lift conformal vector field on  $TM$ . By definition, there is a scalar function  $\Omega$  on  $TM$  such that

$$\mathcal{L}_X \tilde{g} = 2\Omega \tilde{g}.$$

Since the complete horizontal and vertical lift vector fields are fiber preserving, by applying  $\mathcal{L}_X$  to the definition of  $\tilde{g}$ , using Lemma 4 and the fact that  $dx^i dx^j$ ,  $dx^i \delta y^j$  and  $\delta y^i \delta y^j$  are linearly independent, we have following three relations

$$\begin{aligned} a(\mathcal{L}_V g_{ij} - 2\Omega g_{ij}) &= bg_{im} (y^b X^c K_{jcb}{}^m - X^{\bar{b}} \Gamma_b{}^m{}_j - X_j(X^{\bar{m}})) \\ &\quad + g_{jm} (y^b X^c K_{icb}{}^m - X^{\bar{b}} \Gamma_b{}^m{}_i - X_i(X^{\bar{m}})), \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b(\mathcal{L}_V g_{ij} - 2\Omega g_{ij}) &= bg_{im} (\nabla_j X^m - X_{\bar{j}}(X^{\bar{m}})) \\ &\quad + cg_{jm} (y^b X^c K_{icb}{}^m - X^{\bar{b}} \Gamma_b{}^m{}_i - X_i(X^{\bar{m}})). \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Using relation 1, we have  $\mathcal{L}_V g_{ij} = \nabla_i V_j + \nabla_j V_i$ , from which we obtain

$$2\Omega g_{ij} = g_{mj} X_{\bar{i}}(X^{\bar{m}}) + g_{mi} X_{\bar{j}}(X^{\bar{m}}). \quad (4)$$

Applying  $X_{\bar{k}}$  to the relation 4 and using the fact that  $g_{ij}$  is a function of position alone, we have

$$2g_{ij} X_{\bar{k}}(\Omega) = g_{mj} X_{\bar{k}} X_{\bar{i}}(X^{\bar{m}}) + g_{mi} X_{\bar{k}} X_{\bar{j}}(X^{\bar{m}}). \quad (5)$$

By means of definition 1 for complete lift vector fields, and by replacing the value of  $X^{\bar{m}}$  in relation 5, we have

$$2g_{ij} X_{\bar{k}}(\Omega) = g_{mj} X_{\bar{k}} X_{\bar{i}}(y^l (\Gamma_l^m V^a + \partial_l V^m)) + g_{mi} X_{\bar{k}} X_{\bar{j}}(y^l (\Gamma_l^m V^a + \partial_l V^m)).$$

Since the coefficients of the Riemannian connection on  $M$ , and components of vector field  $V$  are functions of position alone, the right hand side of the above relation becomes zero, from which we have  $X_{\bar{k}}(\Omega) = 0$ . This means that the scalar function  $\Omega(x, y)$  on  $TM$  depends only on the variables  $(x^h)$ .

Similarly, for vertical lift vector fields, by using the fact that the components of  $V$  are functions of position alone and from relation 4, we have  $\Omega = 0$ . Finally, for horizontal lift vector field by means of relation 4, we have  $\Omega = 0$ .

**Proposition 2.** Let  $M$  be a connected manifold and  $X$  be a complete lift conformal vector field on  $TM$ . Then the scalar function  $\Omega(x, y)$  in  $\mathcal{L}_X \tilde{g} = 2\Omega \tilde{g}$  is constant.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be a complete lift conformal vector field on  $TM$  with components  $(X^h, X^{\bar{h}})$ , with respect to the adapted frame  $\{X_h, X_{\bar{h}}\}$ .

Let us put

$$A_a^m = \Gamma_a^m X^h + \partial_a X^m.$$

The coordinate transformation rule implies that  $A_a^m$  are the components of (1, 1) tensor field  $A$ . Then its covariant derivative is

$$\nabla_i A_a^m = \partial_i A_a^m + \Gamma_i^m A_a^k - \Gamma_i^k A_a^m,$$

where  $\nabla_i A_a^m$  is the component of the covariant derivative of tensor field  $A$ .

From definition 1,  $X^{\bar{m}} = A_a^m y^a$ . By means of relation 3, we have

$$b[\mathcal{L}_V g_{ij} - 2\Omega g_{ij} - g_{im}(\nabla_j X^m - A_j^m)] = cg_{jm}[y^a X^c K_{ica}^m - \Gamma_k^m A_a^k y^a - X_i(A_h^m y^h)].$$

Note that the components of  $A$  are functions of position alone, from which the right hand side of this relation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & cg_{jm}[y^a X^c K_{ica}^m - \Gamma_k^m A_a^k y^a - (\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - y^a \Gamma_a^k \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k})(A_h^m y^h)] \\ &= cg_{jm}[y^a X^c K_{ica}^m - \Gamma_k^m A_a^k y^a - y^a \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} A_a^m + \Gamma_a^k A_k^m y^a] \\ &= cy^a (X^c K_{icaj} - g_{mj} \nabla_i A_a^m). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$b[\mathcal{L}_V g_{ij} - 2\Omega g_{ij} - g_{mi}(\nabla_j X^m - A^m_j)] = cy^a(X^c K_{icaj} - g_{mj} \nabla_i A^m_a).$$

By means of Proposition 1 the left hand side of the above relation is a function of position alone. Applying  $X_{\bar{k}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k}$  to this relation gives

$$X^c K_{icaj} - g_{mj} \nabla_i A^m_a = 0,$$

Or

$$X^c K_{icaj} = \nabla_i A_{ja}.$$

From which

$$\nabla_i A_{ja} + \nabla_i A_{aj} = 0. \tag{6}$$

Now by replacing  $X^{\bar{m}}$  in relation 4

$$\begin{aligned} 2\Omega g_{ij} &= g_{mj} X_{\bar{i}} \{y^h (\Gamma^m_{h a} X^a + \partial_h X^m)\} + g_{mi} X_{\bar{j}} \{y^h (\Gamma^m_{h a} X^a + \partial_h X^m)\} \\ &= g_{mj} (\Gamma^m_{i a} X^a + \partial_i X^m) + g_{mi} (\Gamma^m_{j a} X^a + \partial_j X^m) \\ &= g_{mj} A^m_i + g_{mi} A^m_j. \end{aligned}$$

Applying covariant derivation  $\nabla_k$  to this relation gives

$$2g_{ij} \nabla_k \Omega = \nabla_k A_{ji} + \nabla_k A_{ij}.$$

From relation 6, we get  $\nabla_k \Omega = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \Omega = 0$ .

Since  $M$  is connected, the scalar function  $\Omega$  is constant.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $M$  be a connected  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold and  $TM$  be its tangent bundle with metric  $\tilde{g}$ . Then every complete lift conformal vector field on  $TM$  is homothetic, moreover, every horizontal or vertical lift conformal vector field on  $TM$  is a Killing vector.

**Proof:** Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold,  $TM$  its tangent bundle with the metric  $\tilde{g}$  and  $X$  a complete (resp. horizontal or vertical) lift conformal vector field on  $TM$ . Then by means of Proposition 1 the scalar function  $\Omega(x, y)$  in  $\mathcal{L}_X \tilde{g} = 2\Omega \tilde{g}$  is a function of position alone (resp.  $\Omega = 0$ ), and by means of Proposition 2 it is constant. Thus, every complete lift conformal vector field on  $TM$  is homothetic and every horizontal or vertical lift conformal vector field on  $TM$  is a Killing vector.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $M$  be a connected  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold and  $TM$  be its tangent bundle with metric  $\tilde{g}$ . Then every inessential fiber preserving conformal vector field on  $TM$  is homothetic.

**Proof:** Let  $X$  be an inessential fiber preserving conformal vector field on  $TM$  with components  $(X^h, X^{\bar{h}})$ , with respect to the adapted frame  $\{X_h, X_{\bar{h}}\}$ . Using the same argument in proof of Proposition 1, it is obvious that we have relations 2, 3 and 4. From relation 4, we have

$$\Omega g_{ii} = g_{mi} X_{\bar{i}} (X^{\bar{m}}).$$

Since  $\Omega(x, y)$  in  $\mathcal{L}_x \tilde{g} = 2\Omega \tilde{g}$  is supposed to be a function of position alone, by applying  $X_{\bar{i}}$  to the above relation we have

$$X_{\bar{i}}(X_{\bar{i}}(X^{\bar{m}})) = 0.$$

Applying  $X_{\bar{i}}$  to relation 4 again and using above relation gives

$$X_{\bar{i}}(X_{\bar{j}}(X^{\bar{m}})) = 0.$$

Thus we can write

$$X^{\bar{m}} = \alpha_a^m y^a + \beta^m, \quad (7)$$

where  $\alpha_a^m$  and  $\beta^m$  are certain functions of position alone. Replacing relation 7 in relation 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} b(\mathcal{L}_V g_{ij} - 2\Omega g_{ij}) &= bg_{im}(\nabla_j X^m - \alpha_j^m) + cg_{jm}(y^b X^c K_{icb}{}^m - y^a \alpha_a^b \Gamma_b{}^m{}_i - \beta^b \Gamma_b{}^m{}_i - \\ & y^a \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \alpha_a^m - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \beta^m + y^a \Gamma_a{}^k{}_i \alpha_k^m) \\ &= bg_{im}(\nabla_j X^m - \alpha_j^m) + cg_{jm}(y^b X^c K_{icb}{}^m - y^a \nabla_i \alpha_a^m) - cg_{jm} \nabla_i \beta^m. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$b(\mathcal{L}_V g_{ij} - 2\Omega g_{ij} - g_{im}(\nabla_j X^m - \alpha_j^m)) + cg_{jm} \nabla_i \beta^m = cg_{jm} y^a (X^c K_{ica}{}^m - \nabla_i \alpha_a^m).$$

The left hand side of this relation is a function of position alone. From which by applying  $X_{\bar{k}}$  we have

$$X^c K_{ica}{}^m = \nabla_i \alpha_a^m. \quad (8)$$

Replacing relation 7 in relation 4 we find

$$2\Omega g_{ij} = \alpha_{ji} + \alpha_{ij}.$$

The covariant derivative of this relation and using relation 8 gives

$$\nabla_k \Omega = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \Omega = 0.$$

Since  $M$  is connected, then the scalar function  $\Omega$  on  $M$  is constant. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

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