

## ON CONCIRCULAR TRANSFORMATIONS IN RIEMANNIAN SPACES

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### Abstract

This paper introduces a tensor that contains the Riemannian curvature tensor and the conformal curvature tensor as special examples in the Riemannian space  $(M^n, g)$ , and by using this tensor we define  $C'$ -semi-symmetric space. In this paper, we have the following main result: if there is a non-trivial concircular transformation between two  $C'$ -semi-symmetric spaces, then both spaces are of quasi-constant curvature.

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### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

It is well known that if a curvature tensor in Riemannian space  $(M^n, g)$  satisfies  $R^h_{ijk,lm} = R^h_{ijk,ml}$ , then  $(M^n, g)$  is said to be  $S$ -manifold or semi-symmetric space (here the comma “,” followed by a Latin index denotes covariant derivative with respect to  $g$ ). If the conformal curvature tensor

$$C^h_{ijk} = R^h_{ijk} + \frac{1}{n-2} (\delta^h_j R_{ik} - \delta^h_k R_{ij} + g_{ik} R^h_j - g_{ij} R^h_k) \\ + \frac{R}{(n-1)(n-2)} (\delta^h_k g_{ij} - \delta^h_j g_{ik})$$

of  $(M^n, g)$  satisfies  $C^h_{ijk,lm} = C^h_{ijk,ml}$ , then  $(M^n, g)$  is said to be a *conformally semi-symmetric space*. In order to treat a semi-symmetric space and conformally semi-symmetric space simultaneously, we introduce the following tensor in the

Riemannian space  $(M^n, g)$ :

$$(1.1) \quad C^{h'}_{ijk} = R^h_{ijk} + a(\delta^h_j R_{ik} - \delta^h_k R_{ij} + g_{ik} R^h_j - g_{ij} R^h_k) + bR(\delta^h_k g_{ij} - \delta^h_j g_{ik})$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants ( $a \neq -1$ ). It is obvious that if  $a = b = 0$ , then  $C^{h'}_{ijk} = R^h_{ijk}$ ; if  $a = 0, b = -1/n(n - 1)$ , then  $C^{h'}_{ijk} = Z^h_{ijk}$  is the concircular curvature tensor; if  $a = 1/(n - 2), b = 0$ , then  $C^{h'}_{ijk} = Z^{h'}_{ijk} = R^h_{ijk} + 1/(n - 2)(\delta^h_j R_{ik} - \delta^h_k R_{ij} + g_{ik} R^h_j - g_{ij} R^h_k)$  is the conharmonic curvature tensor; if  $a = 1/(n - 2), b = 1/(n - 1)(n - 2)$ , then  $C^{h'}_{ijk} = C^h_{ijk}$  is the conformal curvature tensor.

It is easy to verify that the tensors  $C^{h'}_{ijk}$  and  $C'_{hijk} \equiv g_{hi} C'_{ijk}$  satisfy the following identities

$$(1.2) \quad C^{h'}_{ijk} = -C^{h'}_{ikj},$$

$$(1.3) \quad C^{a'}_{ajk} = 0,$$

$$(1.4) \quad C^{h'}_{ijk} + C^{h'}_{jki} + C^{h'}_{kij} = 0,$$

$$(1.5) \quad C'_{hijk} = C'_{jkhi} = -C'_{ihjk} = -C'_{hikj},$$

$$(1.6) \quad C'_{ij} \equiv C^{a'}_{ija} = (1 - (n - 2)a)R_{ij} + (b(n - 1) - a)Rg_{ij}.$$

If tensor (1.1) satisfies

$$(1.7) \quad C^{h'}_{ijk,lm} = C^{h'}_{ijk,ml}$$

then we say that  $(M^n, g)$  is a  $C'$ -semi-symmetric space. If the Ricci tensor  $R_{ij}$  satisfies

$$(1.8) \quad R_{ij,lm} = R_{ij,ml}$$

then  $(M^n, g)$  is called a *Ricci semi-symmetric space*.

In 1940 to 1942 K. Yano [1] introduced the concept of a concircular transformation between two Riemannian spaces  $(M^n, g)$  and  $(M^n, \bar{g})$ . A concircular transformation between two Riemannian spaces  $(M^n, g)$  and  $(M^n, \bar{g})$  is by definition a conformal transformation of  $(M^n, g)$  to  $(M^n, \bar{g})$  which carries geodesic circles in  $(M^n, g)$  to geodesic circles in  $(M^n, \bar{g})$ . K. Yano showed that a conformal transformation  $\bar{g}_{ij} = e^{2\rho}g_{ij}$  is a concircular transformation if and only if the equation  $\rho_{,ij} - \rho_{,i}\rho_{,j} = \varphi g_{ij}$  holds. Using the change  $1/\sigma = e^\rho$ , it is easy to verify that a conformal transformation  $\bar{g}_{ij} = \sigma^{-2}g_{ij}$  is concircular if and only if the equation  $\sigma_{,ij} = \psi g_{ij}$  holds for a certain function  $\psi$ . We shall use this simple form. It is obvious that if  $\sigma = \text{constant}$ , then the concircular transformation

$$(1.9) \quad \bar{g}_{ij} = \sigma^{-2}g_{ij}, \quad \sigma_{,ij} = \psi g_{ij}$$

are the homothety or trivial transformation. In this paper, we only study non-trivial transformations.

It is easy to verify that, under the concircular transformation (1.9), the Christoffel symbols, the Riemannian curvature tensors, the Ricci tensors, the scalar curvature and tensor (1.1) of  $(M^n, \bar{g})$  and  $(M^n, g)$  are related as follows:

$$(1.10) \quad \left\{ \begin{matrix} \bar{h} \\ ij \end{matrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ ij \end{matrix} \right\} - \frac{1}{\sigma} (\delta^h_j \sigma_{,j} + \delta^h_i \sigma_{,j} - g_{ij} \sigma^h),$$

$$(1.11) \quad \bar{R}^h_{ijk} = R^h_{ijk} + \alpha (\delta^h_j g_{ik} - \delta^h_k g_{ij}),$$

$$(1.12) \quad \bar{R}_{ij} = R_{ij} - (n - 1) \alpha g_{ij},$$

$$(1.13) \quad \bar{R}^i_j = \sigma^2 (R^i_j - (n - 1) \alpha \delta^i_j),$$

$$(1.14) \quad \bar{R} = \sigma^2 (R - n(n - 1) \alpha),$$

$$(1.15) \quad \bar{C}^{h'}_{ijk} = C^{h'}_{ijk} + \alpha \beta (\delta^h_j g_{ik} - \delta^h_k g_{ij})$$

where  $\sigma^h = g^{kh} \sigma_{,k}$

$$(1.16) \quad \alpha = \frac{2\psi}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \Delta_1 \sigma,$$

$$\Delta_1 \sigma = g^{ab} \alpha_{,a} \sigma_{,b},$$

$$(1.17) \quad \beta = 1 - 2a(n - 1) + b(n - 1)n.$$

We know that when  $n > 3$  a space of quasi-constant curvature is a Riemannian space whose curvature tensor satisfies

$$(1.18) \quad R^h_{ijk} = p (\delta^h_k g_{ij} - \delta^h_j g_{ik}) + q ((\delta^h_k v_j - \delta^h_j v_k) v_i + (v_k g_{ij} - v_j g_{ik}) v^h)$$

where  $p$  and  $q$  are scalar functions and  $v_i$  is a unit covariant vector field. The vector field  $v^i$  is called the generator of the space ([4] and [5]).

The purpose of this paper is to study the non-trivial concircular transformations of  $C'$ -semi-symmetric Riemannian spaces. In Section 2 we study concircular transformations of a  $C'$ -semi-symmetric space to a Riemannian space; in Section 3 we study concircular transformations between two  $C'$ -semi-symmetric spaces. In this paper we always assume that  $n > 3$ , the metrics are positive definite and the indices  $h, i, j, k, l, m, \dots$  run over the range  $1, 2, \dots, n$ .

## 2. Concircular transformations of a $C'$ -semi-symmetric space to a Riemannian space

It is obvious that a semi-symmetric space is  $C'$ -semi-symmetric. Conversely, a  $C'$ -semi-symmetric space is semi-symmetric if it is Ricci semi-symmetric.

**LEMMA 1.** *If there is a concircular transformation of a space  $(M^n, g)$  of quasi-constant curvature to a Riemannian space  $(M^n, \bar{g})$ , then  $(M^n, \bar{g})$  is also of quasi-constant curvature.*

PROOF. Substituting (1.18) into (1.11) and from  $\bar{g}_{ij} = \sigma^{-2}g_{ij}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}^h_{ijk} &= (p - \alpha)\sigma^2(\delta^h_k \bar{g}_{ij} - \delta^h_j \bar{g}_{ik}) \\ &\quad + q\sigma^2((\delta^h_k \bar{v}_j - \delta^h_j \bar{v}_k)\bar{v}_i + (\bar{v}_k \bar{g}_{ij} - \bar{v}_j \bar{g}_{ik})\bar{v}^h) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{v}_j = \sigma^{-1}v_j$  is a unit covariant vector field under the metric  $\bar{g}$ . Consequently  $(M^n, \bar{g})$  is also of quasi-constant curvature.

LEMMA 2. *If a Riemannian space  $(M^n, g)$  admits a concircular transformation (1.9), then there is a scalar function  $K$  such that the following equations hold:*

$$(2.1) \quad K(\sigma_{,k}g_{ik} - \sigma_{,j}g_{ik}) = \sigma_{,a}R^a_{ijk},$$

$$(2.2) \quad (n - 1)K\sigma_{,k} = \sigma_{,a}R^a_k.$$

PROOF. If a Riemannian space  $(M^n, g)$  admits a concircular transformation (1.9), then we have

$$(2.3) \quad \sigma_{,ij} = \psi g_{ij}.$$

Covariant differentiation of (2.3) with respect to  $g_{ij}$  and Ricci's identity give us

$$(2.4) \quad \psi_{,k}g_{ij} - \psi_{,j}g_{ik} = \sigma_{,a}R^a_{ijk}.$$

Transvecting (2.4) with  $\sigma^i$ , we obtain

$$\psi_{,k}\sigma_{,j} - \psi_{,j}\sigma_{,k} = 0.$$

Consequently there exists a function  $K$  such that

$$(2.5) \quad \psi_{,k} = K\sigma_{,k}.$$

Substituting (2.5) into (2.4), we get (2.1). Again contracting (2.1) with  $g^{ij}$  we get (2.2).

Now we study non-trivial concircular transformations of a  $C'$ -semi-symmetric space  $(M^n, g)$  to a Riemannian space  $(M^n, \bar{g})$ . Twice covariant differentiation of (2.1) with respect to  $g_{ij}$ , and (2.3) and (2.5) give us that

$$\begin{aligned} (2.6) \quad K_{,lm}(\sigma_{,k}g_{ij} - \sigma_{,j}g_{ik}) + K_{,l}\psi(g_{km}g_{ij} - g_{jm}g_{ik}) \\ + \sigma_{,m}K^2(g_{kl}g_{ij} - g_{jl}g_{ik}) + \psi K_{,m}(g_{kl}g_{ij} - g_{jl}g_{ik}) \\ = \psi_{,m}R_{lij}k + \psi R_{lijk,m} + \psi R_{mijk,l} + \sigma_{,a}R^a_{ijk,lm}. \end{aligned}$$

Interchanging the place of the indices  $l$  and  $m$  in (2.6), and subtracting equation (2.6) from the obtained relation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (2.7) \quad K\sigma_{,l}(R_{mijk} - K(g_{km}g_{ij} - g_{jm}g_{ik})) - K\sigma_{,m}(R_{lij}k - K(g_{kl}g_{ij} - g_{jl}g_{ik})) \\ = \sigma_{,a}(R^a_{ijk,lm} - R^a_{ijk,ml}). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, from (1.1) we obtain easily that

$$\begin{aligned}
 C^{h'}_{ijk,lm} - C^{h'}_{ijk,ml} &= R^h_{ijk,lm} - R^h_{ijk,ml} + a(\delta^h_j(R_{ik,lm} - R_{ik,ml}) - \delta^h_k(R_{ij,lm} - R_{ij,ml}) \\
 &\quad + g_{ij}(R^h_{j,lm} - R^h_{j,ml}) - g_{ij}(R^h_{k,lm} - R^h_{k,ml})).
 \end{aligned}$$

Assume that  $(M^n, g)$  is a  $C'$ -semi-symmetric space. Consequently the above mentioned equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 R^h_{ijk,lm} - R^h_{ijk,ml} &= a(\delta^h_k(R_{ij,lm} - R_{ij,ml}) - \delta^h_j(R_{ik,lm} - R_{ik,ml}) \\
 &\quad + g_{ij}(R^h_{k,lm} - R^h_{k,ml}) - g_{ik}(R^h_{j,lm} - R^h_{j,ml})).
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting (2.8) into (2.7) and using the Ricci identity, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 K\sigma_{,i}(R_{mijk} - K(g_{km}g_{ij} - g_{jm}g_{ik})) - K\sigma_{,m}(R_{lijk} - K(g_{kl}g_{ij} - g_{jm}g_{ik})) \\
 = a(\sigma_{,k}(R_{aj}R^a_{ilm} + R_{ia}R^a_{jlm}) - \sigma_{,j}(R_{ak}R^a_{ilm} + R_{ia}R^a_{klm}) \\
 + g_{ij}\sigma_{,a}(R^a_bR^b_{klm} - R^b_kR^a_{blm}) - g_{ik}\sigma_{,a}(R^a_bR^b_{jlm} - R^b_jR^a_{blm})).
 \end{aligned}$$

From (2.1) and (2.2), equation (2.9) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.10) \quad K\sigma_{,i}(R_{mijk} + dK(g_{mk}g_{ij} - g_{ik}g_{jm}) - a(g_{ij}R_{mk} - g_{ik}R_{mj})) \\
 - K\sigma_{,m}(R_{lijk} + dK(g_{kl}g_{ij} - g_{ik}g_{jl}) - a(g_{ij}R_{lk} - g_{ik}R_{lj})) \\
 = a\sigma_{,k}(R^a_jR_{lmai} + R^a_iR_{lmaj}) - a\sigma_{,j}(R^a_kR_{lmai} + R^a_iR_{lmak})
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(2.11) \quad d = a(n - 1) - 1.$$

Transvecting (2.10) with  $\sigma^i$ , we obtain  $K = 0$  or

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.12) \quad \Delta_1\sigma(R_{mijk} + dK(g_{mk}g_{ij} - g_{ik}g_{jm}) - a(g_{ij}R_{mk} - g_{ik}R_{mj})) \\
 = a\{\sigma_{,k}\sigma_{,i}(R_{mj} - (n - 1)Kg_{mj}) - \sigma_{,j}\sigma_{,i}(R_{mk} - (n - 1)Kg_{mk})\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $K = 0$ , then from (2.5) we have  $\psi = \text{constant}$ . If (2.12) holds, contracting (2.12) with  $g^{mk}$ , we get

$$(2.13) \quad \Delta_1\sigma(1 + a)R_{ij} = \Delta_1\sigma(aR - (n - 1)dK)g_{ij} + a(n(n - 1)K - R)\sigma_{,i}\sigma_{,j}.$$

We put

$$(2.14) \quad v_i = \sigma_{,i}/\sqrt{\Delta_1\sigma}.$$

Then it is obvious that  $v_i$  is a unit vector field under the metric  $g$ . Substituting (2.14) into (2.13), we get

$$(2.15) \quad R_{ij} = \frac{1}{1 + a}(aR - (n - 1)dK)g_{ij} + \frac{a}{1 + a}(n(n - 1)K - R)v_i v_j.$$

Substituting (2.14) and (2.15) into (2.12), we finally obtain

$$R_{mijk} = p(g_{mk}g_{ij} - g_{mj}g_{ik}) + q(v_i(g_{mk}v_j - g_{mj}v_k) + (v_kg_{ij} - v_jg_{ik})v_m)$$

where

$$p = \frac{1}{1+a}(a^2R - (an+1)(an-a-1)K), \quad q = \frac{a^2}{1+a}(n(n-1)K - R).$$

Therefore  $(M^n, g)$  is of quasi-constant curvature, and from Lemma 1  $(M^n, \bar{g})$  is also of quasi-constant curvature. Thus we have

**THEOREM 1.** *If there is a non-trivial concircular transformation (1.9) of a  $C'$ -semi-symmetric space to a Riemannian space, then both spaces are of quasi-constant curvature or  $\psi = \text{constant}$ .*

In particular, different values of  $a$  and  $b$  must be considered, and then from Theorem 1 we have

**THEOREM 2.** *If there is a non-trivial concircular transformation (1.9) of a semi-symmetric space to a Riemannian space, then both spaces are of constant curvature or  $\psi = \text{constant}$ .*

**THEOREM 3.** *If there is a non-trivial concircular transformation (1.9) of a conformally semi-symmetric space to a Riemannian space, then both spaces are of quasi-constant curvature or  $\psi = \text{constant}$ .*

### 3. Concircular transformations between two $C'$ -semi-symmetric spaces

Now we further investigate the case  $\psi = \text{constant}$ . In this case (2.1), (2.2) become respectively

$$(3.1) \quad \sigma_{,a}R^a_{ijk} = 0,$$

$$(3.2) \quad \sigma_{,a}R^a_k = 0.$$

Again assume that  $(M^n, \bar{g})$  is also  $C'$ -semi-symmetric, namely that

$$(3.3) \quad \bar{C}^{h'}_{ijk|lm} = C^{h'}_{ijk|ml}$$

where “|” denotes covariant differentiation with respect to  $\bar{g}_{ik}$ . Applying the Ricci identity to (3.3), we have

$$(3.4) \quad \bar{C}^{h'}_{ajk}\bar{R}^a_{ilm} + \bar{C}^{h'}_{iak}\bar{R}^a_{jlm} + \bar{C}^{h'}_{ija}\bar{R}^a_{klm} - \bar{C}^{a'}_{ijk}\bar{R}^h_{alm} = 0.$$

Substituting (1.11) and (1.16) into (3.4), we have

$$(3.5) \quad C^{h'}_{ajk}R^a_{ilm} + C^{h'}_{iak}R^a_{jlm} + C^{h'}_{ija}R^a_{klm} - C^{a'}_{ijk}R^h_{alm} \\ + \alpha \left( g_{im}C^{h'}_{ljk} - g_{il}C^{h'}_{mjk} + g_{jm}C^{h'}_{ilk} - g_{jl}C^{h'}_{imk} \right. \\ \left. + g_{km}C^{h'}_{ijl} - g_{kl}C^{h'}_{ijm} - \delta^h_l C'_{mijk} + \delta^h_m C'_{lijk} \right) = 0.$$

Since  $(M^n, g)$  is a  $C'$ -semi-symmetric space, from (3.5) we have  $\alpha = 0$  or

$$(3.6) \quad g_{im}C^{h'}_{ljk} - g_{il}C^{h'}_{mjk} + g_{jm}C^{h'}_{ilk} - g_{jl}C^{h'}_{imk} \\ + g_{km}C^{h'}_{ijl} - g_{kl}C^{h'}_{ijm} - \delta^h_l C'_{mijk} + \delta^h_m C'_{lijk} = 0.$$

If  $\alpha = 0$ , then in consequence of (1.14), we have

$$(3.7) \quad 2\psi\sigma + \Delta_1\sigma = 0 \quad (\psi = \text{constant}).$$

Differentiation (3.7), we get

$$(3.8) \quad 2\psi\sigma_{,k} = 0.$$

Since the transformation is non-trivial, equation (3.8) does not hold, and therefore  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Next we investigate the case where (3.6) holds. It will be contracted for  $h$  and  $l$ , and from (1.3), (1.4) and (1.5), we obtain

$$(3.9) \quad g_{km}C'_{ij} - g_{jm}C'_{ik} - (n-1)C'_{mijk} = 0.$$

Substituting (1.6) in (3.9), we get

$$(3.10) \quad (n-1)C'_{mijk} + (1 - (n-2)a)(g_{jm}R_{ik} - g_{km}R_{ij}) \\ + (b(n-1) - a)R(g_{mj}g_{ik} - g_{km}g_{ij}) = 0.$$

Transvecting (3.10) with  $\sigma^k$ , and considering (1.1), (3.1) and (3.2), we obtain

$$(3.11) \quad (1+a)\sigma_{,m}R_{ij} = (n-1)a\sigma_{,i}R_{jm} + aR(\sigma_{,m}g_{ji} - \sigma_{,i}g_{jm}).$$

Again transvecting (3.11) with  $\sigma^i$ , and considering (2.14), we get

$$(3.12) \quad aR_{jm} = \frac{a}{n-1}R(g_{jm} - v_jv_m).$$

On the other hand, transvecting (3.11) with  $\sigma^m$ , and considering (2.14), we have

$$R_{ij} = \frac{a}{1+a}R(g_{ij} - v_iv_j).$$

Again transvecting the above equation with  $g^{ij}$ , we find

$$(3.13) \quad \frac{a}{1+a}R = \frac{R}{n-1}.$$

Substituting (3.12) and (1.1) into (3.10), and considering (3.13), we finally obtain

$$R_{mijk} = \frac{a}{n-1}R(g_{mk}g_{ij} - g_{mj}g_{ik}) \\ - \frac{a}{n-1}R((g_{km}v_iv_j - g_{jm}v_iv_j) + (g_{ij}v_mv_k - g_{ik}v_mv_j)).$$

Therefore  $(M^n, g)$  is of quasi-constant curvature, and from Lemma 1  $(M^n, \bar{g})$  is also of quasi-constant curvature. Thus we have

**THEOREM 4.** *If there is a non-trivial concircular transformation (1.9), where  $\psi = \text{constant}$ , between two  $C'$ -semi-symmetric spaces, then both spaces are of quasi-constant curvature.*

In particular, we have

**THEOREM 5.** *If there is a non-trivial concircular transformation (1.9), where  $\psi = \text{constant}$ , between two semi-symmetric spaces, then  $(M^n, g)$  is locally Euclidean and  $(M^n, \bar{g})$  is of constant curvature.*

**THEOREM 6.** *If there is a non-trivial concircular transformation (1.9), where  $\psi = \text{constant}$ , between two conformally semi-symmetric spaces, then both spaces are of quasi-constant curvature.*

From Theorems 1 and 4, we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM 7.** *If there is a non-trivial concircular transformation between  $C'$ -semi-symmetric spaces, then both spaces are of quasi-constant curvature.*

**REMARK.** Applying the method of this paper to the study of concircular transformations of Ricci semi-symmetric spaces we may get the following conclusion: if there is a non-trivial concircular transformation between Ricci semi-symmetric spaces, then both spaces are Einstein spaces.

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