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ON THE INDICATRIX BUNDLE ENDOWED WITH THE K-CONNECTION OVER A FINSLER SPACE.

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Introduction. Let us consider an n -dimensional Finsler space M with a fundamental function $F(x, y)$ and Cartan connection $F^*_{j k}{}^i(x, y)$. Then we can construct the indicatrix bundle $L = \bigcup_{x \in M} I_x$ over M , I_x being the indicatrix at a point x of M , and introduce in a natural way a metric on L , which, in fact, corresponds to the O -lift in [4]¹⁾. On the other hand, though the choice of metrical connections on L is highly arbitrary, it seems to the present author that, for the present, it is enough for a practical use to consider two connections. One is the D -connection due to A. Deicke [1] and another is the K -connection due to M. Kurita [3].

In the papers [8], [9], [10], we treated with the indicatrix bundle endowed with the D -connection. In the present paper, we shall study the indicatrix bundle endowed with the K -connection. The terminologies and notations are referred to the papers [9], [10] unless otherwise stated.

§1. Metric and connection on L . Let (ω^A) ($A = 1, 2, \dots, 2n-1$) be an adapted orthogonal coframe and (e_A) the adapted orthogonal frame dual to (ω^A) . Then they are given by

$$(1.1) \quad \omega^a = \zeta_i^a dx^i \quad (a = 1, 2, \dots, n), \quad \omega^{n+\alpha} = \omega^{(\alpha)} = \zeta_i^\alpha D l^i \quad (\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, n-1),$$

$$(1.2) \quad e_a = \zeta_\alpha^i (\partial / \partial x^i - N_i^\alpha \partial / \partial l^\alpha), \quad e_{n+\alpha} = e_{(\alpha)} = \zeta_\alpha^i \partial / \partial l^i,$$

together with

$$(1.3) \quad g_{ij} = \sum_a \zeta_i^a \zeta_j^a, \quad \zeta_i^n = l_i = \partial F / \partial y^i, \quad g^{ij} = \sum_a \zeta_a^i \zeta_a^j,$$

1) Numbers in brackets refer to the references at the end of the paper.

$$\zeta_n^i = l^i = g^{ij} l_j, \quad D l^i = d l^i + N_j^i dx^j, \quad N_j^i = \Gamma^*_{o^i j}.$$

From now on, we use indices as follows : Small Latin indices a, b, c, \dots ; i, j, k, \dots run from 1 to n and capital indices A, B, C, \dots from 1 to $2n-1$, while Greek indices $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots$ run from 1 to $n-1$.

A metric on L is given by the tensor G whose components are δ_{AB} with respect to (e_A) . If we denote the inner product by $\langle \ , \ \rangle$, we have

$$(1.4) \quad \langle e_A, e_B \rangle = \delta_{AB}, \quad \langle \omega^A, \omega^B \rangle = \delta^{AB}, \quad ds^2 = \sum_A \omega^A \omega^A \quad (s; \text{arc length}).$$

Let L be endowed with the K -connection due to M. Kurita [3], [7]. This connection is defined by

$$\Gamma = (\omega_B^A) = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_b^a & \omega_{(\beta)}^a \\ \omega_b^{(\alpha)} & \omega_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \omega_B^A = -\omega_A^B, \quad \omega_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)} = \omega_\beta^\alpha, \\ (1.5) \quad \omega_B^A = \Gamma_{B^A c} \omega^c + \Gamma_{B(\gamma)^A} \omega^{(\gamma)}, \quad \Gamma_{b^a c}^{(\alpha)} = \Gamma_{b(\gamma)^a}^{(\alpha)} = \Gamma_{(\beta)^a c}^{(\alpha)} = \Gamma_{(\beta)(\gamma)^a}^{(\alpha)} = 0, \\ \Gamma_{b^a c} = -\zeta_{i^a | j} \zeta_b^i \zeta_c^j, \quad \Gamma_{b(\gamma)^a} = -\zeta_{i^a | j} \zeta_b^i \zeta_\gamma^j,$$

where $|j$ and $|j$ indicate the first and second covariant differentiations of Cartan. The K -connection is metrical but not symmetric in general.

§2. **Torsion and curvature.** The equations of structure are given by

$$(2.1) \quad d\omega^a = \omega^b \wedge \omega_b^a + \omega^{(\beta)} \wedge \mu_{(\beta)}^a, \\ d\omega^{(\alpha)} = \omega^a \wedge \nu_a^{(\alpha)} + \omega^{(\beta)} \wedge \omega_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)} + \frac{1}{2} Z^{(\alpha)}_{bc} \omega^b \wedge \omega^c,$$

where

$$(2.2) \quad \mu_{(\beta)}^a = A_{j^k}^i \zeta_b^j \zeta_i^a \zeta_c^k \omega^b, \quad \nu_a^{(\alpha)} = A_{j^k l^o}^i \zeta_a^j \zeta_i^a \zeta_\gamma^k \omega^{(\gamma)}, \\ Z^{(\alpha)}_{bc} = R_{o^i j^k} \zeta_i^a \zeta_b^j \zeta_c^k, \quad A_{ijk} = \frac{1}{2} F \partial g_{ij} / \partial y^k, \quad A_{j^k}^i = g^{is} A_{jsk}.$$

The torsion form τ^A and tensor $T_{B^A C}$ are given by

$$(2.3) \quad \tau^A = d\omega^A - \omega^B \wedge \omega_B^A = \frac{1}{2} T_{B^A C} \omega^B \wedge \omega^C \quad (T_{B^A C} + T_{C^A B} = 0).$$

Then in virtue of (1.5), (2.1), (2.2), and (2.3) we have

$$\tau^a = \omega^{(\beta)} \wedge \mu_{(\beta)}^a, \quad \tau^{(\alpha)} = \omega^a \wedge \nu_a^{(\alpha)} + \frac{1}{2} Z^{(\alpha)}_{bc} \omega^b \wedge \omega^c,$$

$$(2.4) \quad T_b^a = T_{(\beta)(\gamma)}^a = T_b^{(\alpha)} = T_{(\beta)(\gamma)}^{(\alpha)} = O, \quad T_{(\gamma)b}^a = -A_{b(\gamma)}^a = A_j^i \zeta_i^a \zeta_b^j \zeta_\gamma^k, \\ -T_c^{(\alpha)} = T_b^{(\alpha)} = R_{\sigma jk}^i \zeta_i^a \zeta_b^j \zeta_c^k, \quad T_{b(\gamma)}^{(\alpha)} = A_j^i \zeta_{k10}^a \zeta_i^a \zeta_b^j \zeta_\gamma^k.$$

Then we can state

Proposition 1. *The K-connection is symmetric if and only if M is a locally Euclidean space. A path in L with respect to the K-connection does not coincide with an extremal in L.*

Proof. If $T_b^A = O$, it follows from (2.4) that $A_j^i = O$ and $R_j^i{}_{kh} = O$ and vice versa. A path coincides with an extremal if and only if T_b^A are skew-symmetric in all indices A, B and C, while (2.4) denies the latter.

Let Ω_B^A and $K_B^A{}_{CD}$ be the curvature form and tensor. Then they are defined by

$$(2.5) \quad \Omega_B^A = \omega_B^c \wedge \omega_c^A - d\omega_B^A = \frac{1}{2} K_B^A{}_{CD} \omega^c \wedge \omega^D \quad (K_B^A{}_{CD} = -K_B^A{}_{DC}),$$

which is reducible to

$$(2.6) \quad \Omega_B^A = \frac{1}{2} R_B^A{}_{cd} \omega^c \wedge \omega^d + P_{Bc(\sigma)}^A \omega^c \wedge \omega^{(\sigma)} + \frac{1}{2} S_{B(\gamma)(\sigma)}^A \omega^{(\gamma)} \wedge \omega^{(\sigma)}.$$

Calculating the second term of (2.5) on use of (1.1), (1.3), (1.5), (2.1), (2.2) and the Ricci identities [6], and comparing with the right hand side of (2.6), we have (cf. [7])

$$(C 1) \quad R_b^a{}_{cd} = R_j^i{}_{kh} \zeta_i^a \zeta_b^j \zeta_c^k \zeta_d^h, \quad P_{b c(\sigma)}^a = P_j^i{}_{kh} \zeta_i^a \zeta_b^j \zeta_c^k \zeta_\sigma^h,$$

$$S_{b(\gamma)(\sigma)}^a = S_j^i{}_{kh} \zeta_i^a \zeta_b^j \zeta_\gamma^k \zeta_\sigma^h,$$

$$(C 2) \quad R_{(\beta)c d}^a = P_{(\beta)c(\sigma)}^a = S_{(\beta)(\gamma)(\sigma)}^a = O,$$

$$(C 3) \quad R_b^{(\alpha)}{}_{cd} = P_b^{(\alpha)}{}_{c(\sigma)} = S_b^{(\alpha)}{}_{(\gamma)(\sigma)} = O,$$

$$(C 4) \quad R_{(\beta)c d}^{(\alpha)} = R_j^i{}_{kh} \zeta_i^a \zeta_b^j \zeta_c^k \zeta_d^h, \quad P_{(\beta)c(\sigma)}^{(\alpha)} = P_j^i{}_{kh} \zeta_i^a \zeta_b^j \zeta_c^k \zeta_\sigma^h,$$

$$S_{(\beta)(\gamma)(\sigma)}^{(\alpha)} = (S_j^i{}_{kh} + h_{jk} h_h^i - h_{jh} h_k^i) \zeta_i^a \zeta_b^j \zeta_\gamma^k \zeta_\sigma^h,$$

where $R_j^i{}_{kh}$, $P_j^i{}_{kh}$ and $S_j^i{}_{kh}$ are the first, second and third curvature tensors of Cartan.

If we denote by $\bar{R}_j^i{}_{kh}$, $\bar{P}_j^i{}_{kh}$ and $\bar{S}_j^i{}_{kh}$ the tensors on M determined by (C m) (m = 1, 2, 3, 4) respectively, we obtain the following :

$$(2.7) \quad \overset{1}{R}{}^i{}_{\kappa h} = R_j{}^i{}_{\kappa h}, \quad \overset{1}{P}{}^i{}_{\kappa h} = P_j{}^i{}_{\kappa h}, \quad \overset{1}{S}{}^i{}_{\kappa h} = S_j{}^i{}_{\kappa h},$$

$$(2.8) \quad \overset{2}{R}{}^i{}_{\kappa h} = l_j R_o{}^i{}_{\kappa h}, \quad \overset{2}{P}{}^i{}_{\kappa h} = l_j P_o{}^i{}_{\kappa h}, \quad \overset{2}{S}{}^i{}_{\kappa h} = l_j T^i{}_{\kappa h},$$

$$(2.9) \quad \overset{3}{R}{}^i{}_{\kappa h} = l^i R_j{}^o{}_{\kappa h}, \quad \overset{3}{P}{}^i{}_{\kappa h} = l^i P_j{}^o{}_{\kappa h}, \quad \overset{3}{S}{}^i{}_{\kappa h} = l^i T_{j\kappa h},$$

$$\overset{4}{R}{}^i{}_{\kappa h} = R_j{}^i{}_{\kappa h} - R_j{}^o{}_{\kappa h} l^i - R_o{}^i{}_{\kappa h} l_j,$$

$$(2.10) \quad \overset{4}{P}{}^i{}_{\kappa h} = P_j{}^i{}_{\kappa h} - P_j{}^o{}_{\kappa h} l^i - P_o{}^i{}_{\kappa h} l_j,$$

$$\overset{4}{S}{}^i{}_{\kappa h} = S_j{}^i{}_{\kappa h} + h_{j\kappa} h_h{}^i - h_{j\kappa} h_k{}^i,$$

where $T^i{}_{\kappa h}$ is any homogeneous indicatory tensor of degree 0 in l^i , provided $T^i{}_{\kappa h} = -T^i{}_{h\kappa}$.

Immediately we have

Proposition 2. *The curvature tensor $K_B{}^A{}_{CD}$ on L never vanishes.*

Proof. If $K_B{}^A{}_{CD} = 0$, it follows from (2.7) and (2.10) that

$$h_{j\kappa} h_k{}^i - h_{j\kappa} h_k{}^i = 0,$$

which implies $h_{j\kappa} = 0$ and hence the rank of (g_{ij}) is less than n , contrary to hypothesis.

§3. Covariant differentiations and distributions on L . For the sake of brevity, we consider only a proper tensor of type (1.1) on L whose components are $T_B^A(x, l)$ with respect to (e_A) . The covariant differentials of T_B^A are given by

$$DT_B^A = dT_B^A + \omega_D^A T_B^D - \omega_B^D T_D^A = \nabla_D T_B^A \omega^D,$$

where $\nabla_D T_B^A$ are covariant derivatives and the components of a tensor of type (1.2) on L . For $\nabla_D T_B^A$, we have

$$\nabla_a T_B^A = \partial_a T_B^A - T_B^A{}_{||i} N_j^i \zeta_a^j + \Gamma_{D^A} T_B^D - \Gamma_{B^D} T_D^A,$$

$$(3.1) \quad \nabla_{(\alpha)} T_B^A = \partial_{(\alpha)} T_B^A + \Gamma_{D(\alpha)} T_B^D - \Gamma_{B(\alpha)} T_D^A,$$

$$\partial_a T_B^A = \zeta_a^i \partial T_B^A / \partial x^i, \quad \nabla_{(\alpha)} = \nabla_{n+\alpha}, \quad \partial_{(\alpha)} T_B^A = T_B^A{}_{||i} \zeta_\alpha^i.$$

Let T be a tensor on L whose components are given by

$$(3.2) \quad T_B^A = \begin{bmatrix} T_b^a & T_{(\beta)}^{\alpha} \\ T_{(\alpha)}^b & T_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)} \end{bmatrix}, \quad T_b^a = \overset{1}{T}_j^i \zeta_i^a \zeta_b^j, \quad T_{(\beta)}^{\alpha} = \overset{2}{T}_j^i \zeta_i^{\alpha} \zeta_{\beta}^j, \\ T_{(\alpha)}^b = \overset{3}{T}_j^i \zeta_i^{\alpha} \zeta_b^j, \quad T_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)} = \overset{4}{T}_j^i \zeta_i^{\alpha} \zeta_{\beta}^j,$$

where $\overset{1}{T}_j^i$, $\overset{2}{T}_j^i$, $\overset{3}{T}_j^i$ and $\overset{4}{T}_j^i$ are tensors on M . Then, from (1.5) and (3.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla_c T_b^a &= \overset{1}{T}_{j|k}^i \zeta_i^a \zeta_b^j \zeta_c^k, & \nabla_c T_{(\beta)}^a &= \overset{2}{T}_{j|k}^i \zeta_i^a \zeta_\beta^j \zeta_c^k, \\
 \nabla_c T_b^{(\alpha)} &= \overset{3}{T}_{j|k}^i \zeta_i^\alpha \zeta_b^j \zeta_c^k, & \nabla_c T_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)} &= \overset{4}{T}_{j|k}^i \zeta_i^\alpha \zeta_\beta^j \zeta_c^k \\
 (3.3) \quad \nabla_{(\gamma)} T_b^a &= \overset{1}{T}_j^i |_{k} \zeta_i^a \zeta_b^j \zeta_\gamma^k, & \nabla_{(\gamma)} T_{(\beta)}^a &= \overset{2}{T}_j^i |_{k} \zeta_i^a \zeta_\beta^j \zeta_\gamma^k - \delta_{\beta\gamma} \overset{2}{T}_o^i \zeta_i^a, \\
 \nabla_{(\gamma)} T_b^{(\alpha)} &= \overset{3}{T}_j^i |_{k} \zeta_i^\alpha \zeta_b^j \zeta_\gamma^k - \delta_\gamma^\alpha \overset{3}{T}_i^o \zeta_b^i, \\
 \nabla_{(\gamma)} T_{(\beta)}^{(\alpha)} &= \overset{4}{T}_j^i |_{k} \zeta_i^\alpha \zeta_\beta^j \zeta_\gamma^k - \delta_\gamma^\alpha \overset{4}{T}_j^o \zeta_\beta^j - \delta_{\beta\gamma} \overset{4}{T}_o^i \zeta_i^\alpha.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $X = u^A e_A$ and $Y = v^A e_A$ be any two vector fields on L . Then if we denote by ∇_X the covariant differentiation in the direction of X , it follows from (1.2) and (1.5) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.4) \quad \nabla_X Y &= (\delta_B v^B + v^A \Gamma_{AB}^D) u^B e_D, \\
 \delta_a v^D &= \partial_a v^D - v^B \parallel_i N_j^i \zeta_a^j, & \delta_{(\alpha)} v^D &= \partial_{(\alpha)} v^D.
 \end{aligned}$$

A distribution E on L is said to be *parallel* if, for any vector field X on L and any vector field Y belonging to E , $\nabla_X Y$ belongs always to E .

Let V be an n -dimensional distribution on L defined by $\omega^{(\alpha)} = 0$. Then it is known that M is realizable as V such that the metric and connection on V induced from those on L identify with the metric and connection on M , and that a local base for V is given by (e_a) , being also a local base for M . From (1.5) and (3.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.5) \quad \nabla_{e_A} e_a &= \Gamma_{aA}^b e_b + \Gamma_{aA}^{(\beta)} e_{(\beta)} = \Gamma_{aA}^b e_b, \\
 \nabla_X Y &= (\delta_B v^B + v^a \Gamma_{aB}^D) u^B e_D,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $Y = v^a e_a$ and $v^{(\alpha)} = 0$.

Let I be an $(n-1)$ -dimensional distribution on L defined by $\omega^\alpha = 0$. Then I is involutive and the orthogonal complement of V , too. And the indicatrix I_x at any fixed point x of M is regarded as an integral manifold of I , the local equation of I_x being $x^i = \text{const.}$, and a local base for I_x is given by $(e_{(\alpha)})$. In the same way as before we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla_{e_A} e_{(\alpha)} &= \Gamma_{(\alpha) A}^b e_b + \Gamma_{(\alpha) A}^{(\beta)} e_{(\beta)} = \Gamma_{(\alpha) A}^{(\beta)} e_{(\beta)}, \\
 \nabla_X Y &= (\delta_A v^{(\alpha)} + v^{(\beta)} \Gamma_{(\beta) A}^{(\alpha)}) u^A e_{(\alpha)},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.6}$$

where $Y = v^{(\alpha)} e_{(\alpha)}$, and $v^a = 0$. In virtue of (3.5) and (3.6) we can state

Theorem 1. *The distributions V and I are both parallel in L .*

Any indicatrix I_x becomes a Riemannian submanifold of L by means of the metric and connection on I_x induced from those on L and the differential geometry to be developed on I_x is the same as that in §2 of [9].

I_x is called an *auto-parallel* submanifold of L if, for any vector fields X and Y on I_x , $\nabla_X Y$ is tangential to I_x at every point of I_x [2].

I_x is called to be *h-parallel* in L along a curve C in M if the h -mapping along C is the parallel displacement with respect to the K -connection [9].

From Theorem 1 we have

Corollary 1.1. *Any indicatrix I_x is an auto-parallel submanifold of L . Any indicatrix I_x is h-parallel in L along any curve in M .*

V is called to be *auto-parallel* in L if, for any vector fields X and Y belonging to V , $\nabla_X Y$ belongs to V .

V is called to be *v-parallel* along an indicatrix I_x if, for any vector field Y belonging to V and any vector field X on I_x , $\nabla_X Y$ belongs to V . From Theorem 1 we have

Corollary 1.2. *The distribution V is auto-parallel in L and v-parallel along any indicatrix I_x .*

§4. Curves in L . Let C be a curve in L defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.1) \quad C : x^i &= x^i(s), l^i = l^i(s) \quad (s; \text{ arc length}), \\
 &\text{provided } F(x, l) = 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Putting $X = (\omega^A/ds) e_A$, from (1.5) and (3.6) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.2) \quad \nabla_X X &= \{ d(\omega^a/ds)/ds + (\omega^b/ds)(\omega^b/ds)\Gamma_{bB}^a \} e_a \\
 &\quad + \{ d[\omega^{(\alpha)}/ds]/ds + [\omega^{(\beta)}/ds](\omega^B/ds)\Gamma_{(\beta)B}^{(\alpha)} \} e_{(\alpha)},
 \end{aligned}$$

which is, in virtue of (1.1), (1.3) and (1.5), reducible to

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla_X X &= \xi^i \zeta_i^a e_a + \eta^i \zeta_i^\alpha e_{(\alpha)}, \\
 (4.3) \quad \xi^i &= d^2 x^i / ds^2 + \Gamma^{*j}_k{}^i (dx^j/ds)(dx^k/ds) + A_{jk}^i (dx^j/ds)(Dl^k/ds)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\eta^i = h_s^i \{ d (Dl^s/ds)/ds + \Gamma^*_{j^s k} (dx^j/ds) (Dl^k/ds) \} + A_{j^i k} (Dl^j/ds) (Dl^k/ds)$$

Hence, from (4.3) we have

Theorem 2. *An equation of a path C in L is given by*

$$(4.4) \quad \xi^i = 0, \quad \eta^i = 0 \quad \text{in (4.3)}.$$

Let $\bar{C}: x^i = x^i(s)$ (s ; arc length) be a curve in M . Then if C is a horizontal lift of \bar{C} to L , the following holds good along \bar{C} :

$$(4.5) \quad \omega^{(\alpha)}/ds = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad Dl^i/ds = 0.$$

Applying (4.5) to (4.3), we get

$$(4.6) \quad \nabla_x X = \xi^i \zeta_i^\alpha e_\alpha, \quad \xi^i = d^2 x^i/ds^2 + \Gamma^*_{j^i k} (dx^j/ds) (dx^k/ds).$$

Hence, because of (4.6) we can state

Corollary 2.1. *If a horizontal lift C of a curve \bar{C} in M to L is a path in L , then the curve \bar{C} is a geodesic in M . Conversely, any horizontal lift of a geodesic in M is a path in L .*

Let $C^*: l^i = l^i(s)$ (s ; arc length) be a curve in an indicatrix I_x . Then if C is tangential to I_x along C^* , the following holds good:

$$(4.7) \quad \omega^\alpha/ds = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad dx^i/ds = 0.$$

Applying (4.7) to (4.3), we obtain

$$(4.8) \quad \nabla_x X = \eta^i \zeta_i^\alpha e_{(\alpha)}, \quad \eta^i = h_s^i (d^2 l^s/ds^2) + A_{j^i k} (dl^j/ds) (dl^k/ds).$$

In this case, since $h_s^i (d^2 l^s/ds^2) = d^2 l^i/ds^2 + l^i$, it follows from (4.8) that $\nabla_x X = 0$ if and only if

$$(4.9) \quad d^2 l^i/ds^2 + l^i + A_{j^i k} (dl^j/ds) (dl^k/ds) = 0,$$

which is the equation of a geodesic C^* in I_x [5], [10].

Thus we have

Corollary 2.2. *A path C in L satisfying (4.7) is a geodesic in some indicatrix I_x . Every geodesic in any indicatrix I_x is a path in L .*

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