

ON SEMI-DECOMPOSABLE PSEUDO-SYMMETRIC WEYL SPACES

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Abstract. In this paper, we first prove that, if a semi-decomposable Weyl space W_n can be written as the product of two Weyl spaces \bar{W}_q and W_{n-q}^* , then W_n has homothetic metrics. Next, after having given the definitions of symmetric and pseudo-symmetric Weyl spaces, we have shown that the symmetric Weyl space W_n can be written as the product of the symmetric subspaces \bar{W}_q and W_{n-q}^* , if and only if the complementary vector field of \bar{W}_q is the gradient of $\ln \sqrt{\sigma}$. Finally, we prove two theorems concerning semi-decomposable pseudo-symmetric Weyl spaces.

1. Introduction

An n -dimensional manifold W_n is said to be a Weyl space if it has a conformal metric tensor g_{ij} and a symmetric connection ∇_k satisfying the compatibility condition given by the equation

$$\nabla_k g_{ij} - 2T_k g_{ij} = 0, \quad (1.1)$$

where T_k denotes a covariant vector field [1].

Under a renormalization of the fundamental tensor of the form

$$\tilde{g}_{ij} = \lambda^2 g_{ij} \quad (1.2)$$

the complementary vector field T_k is transformed by the law

$$\tilde{T}_i = T_i + \partial_i \ln \lambda, \quad (1.3)$$

where λ is a scalar function defined on W_n .

The coefficients Γ_{kl}^i of the Weyl connection ∇_k are given by

$$\Gamma_{kl}^i = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} i \\ kl \end{array} \right\} - g^{im} (g_{mk}T_l + g_{ml}T_k - g_{kl}T_m) . \quad (1.4)$$

A quantity A is called a satellite with weight $\{p\}$ of the tensor g_{ij} , if it admits a transformation of the form

$$\tilde{A} = \lambda^p A$$

under the renormalization (1.2) of the metric tensor g_{ij} [2].

The prolonged covariant derivative of a satellite A of the tensor g_{ij} with weight $\{p\}$ is defined by [2]

$$\dot{\nabla}_k A = \nabla_k A - p T_k A . \quad (1.5)$$

2. SEmi-decomposable Weyl spaces

As in the Riemannian case [3], we will say that an n -dimensional Weyl space W_n ($n > 2$) is a semi-decomposable space if its metric can be given in some coordinate system by

$$ds^2 = g_{ij} dx^i dx^j = \bar{g}_{ab} dx^a dx^b + \sigma g_{\alpha\beta}^* dx^\alpha dx^\beta \quad (2.1)$$

$$(i, j, k, \dots = 1, 2, \dots, n ; a, b, c, \dots = 1, 2, \dots, q ; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots = q + 1, q + 2, \dots, n)$$

where

$$g_{ab} = \bar{g}_{ab}(x^c), \quad g_{\alpha\beta} = \sigma g_{\alpha\beta}^*(x^\gamma) \quad (2.1)'$$

and σ is a function of x^1, x^2, \dots, x^q with weight $\{0\}$. The two parts of (2.1) are the metrics of the two Weyl spaces \bar{W}_q and W_{n-q}^* which are called the complementary spaces of W_n .

Throughout this paper, objects denoted by a bar or a star will respectively assumed to be formed by \bar{g}_{ab} and $g_{\alpha\beta}^*$ while $\dot{\nabla}$, $\bar{\nabla}$, ∇^* indicate prolonged covariant differentiation in W_n , \bar{W}_q and W_{n-q}^* respectively. If, in particular $\sigma = 1$, then W_n reduces to a decomposable space.

Suppose that $\bar{\Gamma}_{bc}^a, \bar{R}_{abcd}, \bar{T}_a$ denote, respectively the connection coefficients, the curvature tensor and the complementary vector field of \bar{W}_q and let $\Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^\alpha, R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^*, T_\alpha^*$

refer to the subspace W_{n-q}^* of a semi-decomposable Weyl space with non-constant function σ . We then have

$$g_{ab} = \bar{g}_{ab} , g_{\alpha\beta} = \sigma g_{\alpha\beta}^* , g^{ab} = \bar{g}^{ab} , g^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{\sigma} g^{*\alpha\beta} , g_{a\alpha} = 0 , g^{a\alpha} = 0 . \quad (2.2)$$

From the compatibility condition (1.1) we get

$$T_a = \bar{T}_a , T_\alpha = T_\alpha^* \quad (2.3)$$

and consequently the connection coefficients are related by

$$\Gamma_{bc}^a = \bar{\Gamma}_{bc}^a , \Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^\alpha = \Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^{*\alpha} \quad (2.4)$$

$$\Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^a = -\sigma \bar{g}^{ab} \bar{u}_b g_{\beta\gamma}^* , \Gamma_{a\beta}^\alpha = \bar{u}_a \delta_\beta^\alpha , \Gamma_{b\alpha}^a = -\delta_b^a T_\alpha^* , \Gamma_{ab}^\alpha = \frac{1}{\sigma} \bar{g}_{ab} g^{*\alpha\beta} T_\beta^* \quad (2.5)$$

where

$$\sigma_{,a} = \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x^a} , \bar{u}_a = \frac{1}{2\sigma} \sigma_{,a} - \bar{T}_a .$$

On the other hand, using the expression [4]

$$R_{ijkl} = g_{ih} R_{jkl}^h , R_{jkl}^h = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k} \Gamma_{jl}^h - \frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} \Gamma_{jk}^h + \Gamma_{ki}^h \Gamma_{jl}^i - \Gamma_{li}^h \Gamma_{jk}^i$$

for the covariant curvature tensor R_{ijkl} , we show that the curvature tensors of W_n , \bar{W}_q and W_{n-q}^* are related by

$$\begin{aligned} R_{abcd} &= \bar{R}_{abcd} + \frac{1}{\sigma} T_\alpha^* T_\beta^* g^{*\alpha\beta} \bar{A}_{abcd} \\ R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} &= \sigma R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^* + \sigma^2 \bar{u}_a \bar{u}_b \bar{g}^{ab} A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^* \\ R_{a\alpha b\beta} &= -R_{a\alpha\beta b} = -R_{\alpha ab\beta} = -\sigma g_{\alpha\beta}^* \bar{A}_{ab} - \bar{g}_{ab} B_{\alpha\beta}^* , \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

where we have put

$$\bar{A}_{abcd} = \bar{g}_{ad} \bar{g}_{bc} - \bar{g}_{ac} \bar{g}_{bd} , \bar{A}_{ab} = \bar{\nabla}_b \bar{u}_a + \bar{u}_a \bar{u}_b , B_{\alpha\beta}^* = -\bar{\nabla}_\beta^* T_\alpha^* + T_\alpha^* T_\beta^* . \quad (2.7)$$

These relations are the Weyl versions of the relations obtained in [5] for a Riemannian semi-decomposable space. After some calculations and simplifications we

find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{a\beta\gamma\delta} &= \sigma \bar{u}_a (g_{\beta\gamma}^* T_\delta^* - g_{\beta\delta}^* T_\gamma^*) , \quad R_{\alpha a\gamma\delta} = \sigma \bar{u}_a (g_{\alpha\delta}^* T_\gamma^* - g_{\alpha\gamma}^* T_\delta^*) \\
 R_{\alpha\beta a\delta} &= \sigma \bar{u}_a (g_{\alpha\delta}^* T_\beta^* - g_{\beta\delta}^* T_\alpha^*) , \quad R_{\alpha\beta\gamma a} = \sigma \bar{u}_a (g_{\beta\gamma}^* T_\alpha^* - g_{\alpha\gamma}^* T_\beta^*) \\
 R_{abcd} &= T_\alpha^* (\bar{g}_{bc} \bar{u}_d - \bar{g}_{bd} \bar{u}_c) , \quad R_{aacd} = T_\alpha^* (\bar{g}_{ad} \bar{u}_c - \bar{g}_{ac} \bar{u}_d) \\
 R_{ab\alpha d} &= T_\alpha^* (\bar{g}_{ad} \bar{u}_b - \bar{g}_{bd} \bar{u}_a) , \quad R_{abc\alpha} = T_\alpha^* (\bar{g}_{bc} \bar{u}_a - \bar{g}_{ac} \bar{u}_b) \\
 R_{ab\alpha\beta} &= \bar{g}_{ab} \left(\frac{\partial T_\alpha^*}{\partial x^\beta} - \frac{\partial T_\beta^*}{\partial x^\alpha} \right) , \quad R_{\alpha\beta ab} = \sigma g_{\alpha\beta}^* \left(\frac{\partial \bar{T}_a}{\partial x^b} - \frac{\partial \bar{T}_b}{\partial x^a} \right) . \quad (2.8)
 \end{aligned}$$

If the Weyl space W_n is Riemannian, then all the quantities in (2.8) become zero which explain a well-known result for a semi-decomposable Riemannian space [5].

We first prove the following theorem concerning semi-decomposable Weyl spaces.

Theorem 2.1. *A semi-decomposable Weyl space which can be written as the product of two Weyl spaces has homothetic metrics.*

Proof. For the conformal change of the metric tensors g_{ab} , \bar{g}_{ab} and $g_{\alpha\beta}^*$ we have

$$\tilde{g}_{ij} = \lambda^2 g_{ij} , \quad \tilde{\bar{g}}_{ab} = \bar{\lambda}^2 \bar{g}_{ab} , \quad \tilde{g}_{\alpha\beta}^* = \lambda^{*2} g_{\alpha\beta}^*$$

where

$$\lambda = \lambda(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n) , \quad \bar{\lambda} = \bar{\lambda}(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^q) , \quad \lambda^* = \lambda^*(x^{q+1}, x^{q+2}, \dots, x^n). \quad (2.9)$$

Then, using (2.2) and (2.9) we obtain

$$\lambda = \bar{\lambda} = \lambda^*$$

which states that λ , $\bar{\lambda}$, λ^* are equal to the same constant c . But this means that W_n has a homothetic metric.

For a Weyl space with a homothetic metric tensor, the complementary vector field T_k is invariant under the transformation (1.2). So, such a Weyl space will be Riemannian if and only if the complementary vector field T_k is identically zero. \square

Remark 1. It can be easily seen that a Weyl space W_n can not be written as the product of a Weyl space and a Riemannian space, unless W_n is Riemannian.

3. Pseudo-symmetric Weyl spaces

The Weyl space W_n whose curvature tensor R_{hijk} satisfies the condition

$$\dot{\nabla}_l R_{hijk} = 2\lambda_l R_{hijk} + \lambda_h R_{lij k} + \lambda_i R_{hljk} + \lambda_j R_{hil k} + \lambda_k R_{hij l} \quad (3.1)$$

will be called a pseudo-symmetric space and will be denote by PSW_n , λ_i being a covariant vector field with weight $\{0\}$.

Since the weight of R_{hijk} is $\{2\}$, by (1.5) we get

$$\dot{\nabla}_l R_{hijk} = \nabla_l R_{hijk} - 2T_l R_{hijk} \quad (3.2)$$

so that (3.1) becomes

$$\nabla_l R_{hijk} = 2(T_l + \lambda_l) R_{hijk} + \lambda_h R_{lij k} + \lambda_i R_{hljk} + \lambda_j R_{hil k} + \lambda_k R_{hij l} . \quad (3.3)$$

If $T_l = 0$, W_n becomes a Riemannian space and (3.3) reduces to

$$\nabla_l R_{hijk} = 2\lambda_l R_{hijk} + \lambda_h R_{lij k} + \lambda_i R_{hljk} + \lambda_j R_{hil k} + \lambda_k R_{hij l} \quad (3.4)$$

which is the definition of a pseudo-symmetric Riemannian space [6].

We will say that a Weyl space is symmetric if the condition

$$\dot{\nabla}_l R_{hijk} = 0 \quad (3.5)$$

is satisfied. This definition reduces to the definition of a symmetric Riemannian space if we take $T_k = 0$ in (3.5).

It can be shown that a symmetric Weyl space with $\lambda \neq const.$ is Riemannian since, in this case, the complementary vector field becomes locally a gradient [7].

Theorem 3.1. *A semi-decomposable, symmetric elliptic Weyl space W_n ($n > 2$) with $\sigma \neq const.$ can be written as the product of two symmetric Weyl spaces \bar{W}_q and W_{n-q}^* , if and only if $\bar{T}_a = \left(\frac{\partial \ln \sqrt{\sigma}}{\partial x^a} \right)$.*

Proof. Remembering that

$$\nabla_l R_{hijk} = \partial_l R_{hijk} - \Gamma_{hl}^m R_{mijk} - \Gamma_{il}^m R_{hmjk} - \Gamma_{jl}^m R_{himk} - \Gamma_{kl}^m R_{hijm}$$

and using (1.5) , (2.4) , (2.5) , (2.6) , (2.7) and (2.8), after some calculations and simplifications we obtain

$$\dot{\nabla}_e R_{abcd} = \dot{\nabla}_e \bar{R}_{abcd} - \frac{1}{\sigma} g^{*\alpha\beta} T_\alpha^* T_\beta^* [\bar{A}_{ebcd} \bar{u}_a + \bar{A}_{aecd} \bar{u}_b + \bar{A}_{abed} \bar{u}_c + \bar{A}_{abce} \bar{u}_d + 2\bar{A}_{abcd} \bar{u}_e] \quad (3.6)$$

$$\dot{\nabla}_\eta R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \sigma \dot{\nabla}_\eta \dot{R}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} + \sigma^2 \bar{g}^{ab} \bar{u}_a \bar{u}_b [A_{\eta\beta\gamma\delta}^* T_\alpha^* + A_{\alpha\eta\gamma\delta}^* T_\beta^* + A_{\alpha\beta\eta\delta}^* T_\gamma^* + A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\eta}^* T_\delta^* + 2A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^* T_\eta^*] \quad (3.7)$$

First, suppose that \bar{W}_q and W_{n-q}^* are symmetric. By the definition we get

$$\dot{\nabla}_e \bar{R}_{abcd} = 0, \quad \dot{\nabla}_\eta \dot{R}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = 0.$$

On the other hand, since W_n is symmetric we have

$$\dot{\nabla}_e R_{abcd} = 0, \quad \dot{\nabla}_\eta R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = 0.$$

Under these symmetry conditions, (3.6) and (3.7) reduce, respectively to

$$g^{*\alpha\beta} T_\alpha^* T_\beta^* [\bar{A}_{ebcd} \bar{u}_a + \bar{A}_{aecd} \bar{u}_b + \bar{A}_{abed} \bar{u}_c + \bar{A}_{abce} \bar{u}_d + 2\bar{A}_{abcd} \bar{u}_e] = 0 \quad (3.8)$$

$$\bar{g}^{ab} \bar{u}_a \bar{u}_b [A_{\eta\beta\gamma\delta}^* T_\alpha^* + A_{\alpha\eta\gamma\delta}^* T_\beta^* + A_{\alpha\beta\eta\delta}^* T_\gamma^* + A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\eta}^* T_\delta^* + 2A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^* T_\eta^*] = 0. \quad (3.9)$$

Since the space W_n is assumed to be elliptic, i.e. the metric is positive definite and W_{n-q}^* is not Riemannian the factor $g^{*\alpha\beta} T_\alpha^* T_\beta^*$ in (3.8) can not be zero. On the other hand, if in (3.9) $\bar{g}^{ab} \bar{u}_a \bar{u}_b = 0$, it follows that $\bar{u}_a = 0$, i.e. $\bar{T}_a = \left(\frac{\partial \ln \sqrt{\sigma}}{\partial x^a} \right)$ and consequently (3.8) and (3.9) are automatically satisfied.

Suppose now that

$$g^{*\alpha\beta} T_\alpha^* T_\beta^* \neq 0, \quad \bar{g}^{ab} \bar{u}_a \bar{u}_b \neq 0.$$

In this case (3.8) and (3.9) are reduced to

$$[\bar{A}_{ebcd} \bar{u}_a + \bar{A}_{aecd} \bar{u}_b + \bar{A}_{abed} \bar{u}_c + \bar{A}_{abce} \bar{u}_d + 2\bar{A}_{abcd} \bar{u}_e] = 0 \quad (3.8)'$$

$$[A_{\eta\beta\gamma\delta}^* T_\alpha^* + A_{\alpha\eta\gamma\delta}^* T_\beta^* + A_{\alpha\beta\eta\delta}^* T_\gamma^* + A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\eta}^* T_\delta^* + 2A_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^* T_\eta^*] = 0. \quad (3.9)'$$

Now, transvecting (3.8)' by \bar{g}^{ad} and \bar{g}^{bc} and (3.9)' by $g^{*\beta\gamma}$ and $g^{*\alpha\delta}$, we get respectively

$$(q-1)\bar{u}_e(q+2) = 0. \quad (3.10)$$

$$(n-q+2)(n-q-1)T_\eta^* = 0 \quad (3.11)$$

from which it follows that, since $n > 2$ and $T_\eta^* \neq 0$, the latter case can not happen. This proves the necessity of the condition.

Conversely, suppose that $\bar{T}_e = \frac{\partial(\ln \sqrt{\sigma})}{\partial x^e}$, i.e. $\bar{u}_e = 0$. From (3.6) and (3.7) we conclude that

$$\dot{\nabla}_e \bar{R}_{abcd} = 0, \quad \dot{\nabla}_\eta^* R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = 0.$$

showing that the two subspaces \bar{W}_q and W_{n-q}^* are symmetric. \square

Theorem 3.2. *For a semi-decomposable PSW_n ($n > 2$), we have*

$$\lambda_a = -\bar{u}_a, \quad \lambda_\alpha = T_\alpha^*$$

unless \bar{T}_a and T_α^ are gradients.*

Proof. For a PSW_n we have from (3.1) that

$$\dot{\nabla}_a R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} + \dot{\nabla}_\alpha R_{\beta\alpha\gamma\delta} = 2\lambda_a (R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} + R_{\beta\alpha\gamma\delta}) \quad (3.12)$$

$$\dot{\nabla}_\alpha R_{abcd} + \dot{\nabla}_\alpha R_{bacd} = 2\lambda_\alpha (R_{abcd} + R_{bacd}). \quad (3.13)$$

By using the relations (1.5), (2.5), (2.6), (2.8), the left hand sides of (3.12) and (3.13) may be put into the form

$$\dot{\nabla}_a R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} + \dot{\nabla}_a R_{\beta\alpha\gamma\delta} = -2\sigma \bar{u}_a (R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^\bullet + R_{\beta\alpha\gamma\delta}^\bullet) \quad (3.14)$$

$$\dot{\nabla}_\alpha R_{abcd} + \dot{\nabla}_\alpha R_{bacd} = 2T_\alpha^* (\bar{R}_{abcd} + \bar{R}_{bacd}) . \quad (3.15)$$

If the relation [7]

$$R_{ijkl} + R_{jikl} = 2g_{ij} (T_{k,l} - T_{l,k}) \quad (3.16)$$

is taken into account, from (3.12),(3.13),(3.14),(3.15), we finally get

$$g_{\alpha\beta}^* (T_{\gamma,\delta}^* - T_{\delta,\gamma}^*) (\bar{u}_a + \lambda_a) = 0 \quad (3.17)$$

$$\bar{g}_{ab} (\bar{T}_{c,d} - \bar{T}_{d,c}) (T_\alpha^* - \lambda_\alpha) = 0. \quad (3.18)$$

Since the complementary vector fields \bar{T}_a and T_α^* are not gradients, from (3.17) and (3.18) it follows that

$$\bar{u}_a + \lambda_a = 0 , T_\alpha^* - \lambda_\alpha = 0 \quad (3.19)$$

which completes the proof. \square

Theorem 3.3. *For a semi-decomposable PSW_n the subspaces \bar{W}_q and W_{n-q}^* are also pseudo-symmetric unless \bar{T}_a and T_α^* are gradients.*

Proof. Using (2.6) , (3.1) , (3.6) , (3.7) and (3.19), after some calculations we obtain

$$\dot{\nabla}_e \bar{R}_{abcd} = -2\bar{u}_e \bar{R}_{abcd} - \bar{u}_a \bar{R}_{ebcd} - \bar{u}_b \bar{R}_{aecd} - \bar{u}_c \bar{R}_{abed} - \bar{u}_d \bar{R}_{abce} \quad (3.20)$$

$$\dot{\nabla}_\eta R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^\bullet = 2T_\eta^* R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^\bullet + T_\alpha^* R_{\eta\beta\gamma\delta}^\bullet + T_\beta^* R_{\alpha\eta\gamma\delta}^\bullet + T_\gamma^* R_{\alpha\beta\eta\delta}^\bullet + T_\delta^* R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\eta}^\bullet \quad (3.21)$$

stating that \bar{W}_q and W_{n-q}^* are pseudo-symmetric. \square

Corollary 3.4. *For a semi-decomposable PSW_n with $\sigma \neq \text{const.}$, the condition $\bar{T}_a = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} (\ln \sqrt{\sigma})$ implies that \bar{W}_q is symmetric and that W_{n-q}^* is pseudo-symmetric provided that T_α^* is not a gradient.*

Proof. The truth of this assertion is clear from (2.6) , (3.7) , (3.17) and (3.20) if we take $\bar{u}_a = 0$. \square

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