

# Symmetric Curvature in Lifting Metrics

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## ABSTRACT

The symmetric curvature and associated curvatures of a vector bundle  $E$  with connection  $\nabla$  on a manifold  $M$  with connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  were introduced. It is well-known that a total space of semi-Riemannian vector bundle over a semi-Riemannian manifold can be made into a semi-Riemannian manifold. In this case, the relation between curvatures of the Levi-Civita connections of  $E$  and  $M$  was studied. Here, the relation between symmetric curvatures of the Levi-Civita connections and their associated curvatures of  $E$  and  $M$  is studied.

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Associated symmetric curvature, Affinewise vector field, Symmetric Lie bracket, Symmetric curvature.

## 1. PRELIMINARIES

By manifolds we mean  $C^\infty$  real manifolds. The vector bundle  $(E, \pi, M, F)$  will be denoted by

$$\pi : E \longrightarrow M,$$

with fiber  $E_p$  over  $p \in M$ .  $VE$  will denote the vertical bundle of  $E$ . It is well known that  $VE$  is a subbundle of  $TE$  [5]. For  $\xi, \eta \in E$  with  $\pi(\xi) = \pi(\eta)$  we set  $I_\xi \eta = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (\xi + t\eta)$ . Clearly  $I_\xi \eta \in (VE)_\xi$ , and it is called the vertical lift of  $\eta$  at  $\xi$ .

To each connection  $\nabla$  on  $E$  there corresponds a horizontal subbundle  $H$  (of  $TE$ ), a connection map  $k : TE \longrightarrow VE$ , and a parallel system  $P$  [6]. Let  $p \in M$ ,  $u \in T_p M$  and  $\xi \in E_p$ . There exists a unique vector on  $H_\xi$  such that its image under  $\pi_*$  is  $u$ . This vector is called the horizontal lift of  $u$  at  $\xi$ , and is denoted by  $\bar{u}_\xi$ . The set of all sections of a vector bundle  $E \longrightarrow M$  will be denoted by  $\Gamma E$ .

Let  $E$  be a Riemannian vector bundle over  $M$ . The

vector bundles  $E^*$  (dual of  $E$ ),  $L(E) (= Hom(E, E))$ ,  $\otimes^r E$ ,  $\wedge^r E$  ( $1 \leq r$ ) can be made into Riemannian vector bundles in a natural way.

Let  $M$  be a Riemannian manifold, a submanifold  $N$  of  $M$  is also Riemannian manifold. Let  $\nabla^M$  and  $\nabla^N$  denote the Levi-Civita connections of  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively, and  $E$  be the restriction of  $TM$  on  $N$  (or equivalently,  $E$  be the pull-back of  $TM$  over the inclusion map  $i : N \longrightarrow M$ ). The pull-back of  $\nabla^M$ , which is a connection on  $E$  will be denoted by the same symbol  $\nabla^M$ . Let  $p_1 : E \longrightarrow TN$  be the orthogonal projection. Then for each  $U, V \in X(N) \subseteq \Gamma E$

$$\nabla_U^N V = p_1(\nabla_U^M V).$$

Let  $TN^\perp$  be the orthogonal complement of the vector bundle  $TN$  in  $E$ , and  $p_2 : E \longrightarrow TN^\perp$  be the orthogonal projection. The map  $\pi : TN \otimes TN \longrightarrow TN^\perp$  which is defined by

$$\pi(U, V) = p_2(\nabla_U^M V) = \nabla_U^M V - \nabla_U^N V,$$

is a symmetric tensor, called *second fundamental form*

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of  $N$  [4].

*A. The symmetric curvature tensor [3]*

Let  $\bar{\nabla}$  be a torsion free connection on  $M$ . Since  $2\bar{\nabla}_U V$  is a bilinear map with respect to vector fields  $U$  and  $V$ , it can be written as the sum of its symmetric and antisymmetric parts as follows

$$\begin{aligned} 2\bar{\nabla}_U V &= (\bar{\nabla}_U V + \bar{\nabla}_V U) + (\bar{\nabla}_U V - \bar{\nabla}_V U) \\ &= \bar{\nabla}_U V + \bar{\nabla}_V U + [U, V]. \end{aligned}$$

The symmetric bracket of two vector fields  $U$  and  $V$  on  $M$  is defined and denoted by

$$[U, V]^s = \bar{\nabla}_U V + \bar{\nabla}_V U.$$

For  $U, V \in X(M)$  and  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ , we have

$$[fU, V]^s = f[U, V]^s + V(f)U.$$

**Definition 1.** Let  $\bar{\nabla}$  be a linear connection on  $M$ . A vector field  $U$  is called a *geodesic vector field* if its integral curves are geodesics.

Locally, geodesic vector fields exist on any manifold. In fact, for every point  $p \in M$  and  $v \in T_p M$  there exists a local geodesic vector field  $U$  that is defined on a neighborhood of  $p$  in which  $U_p = v$ . A vector field  $U$  is a geodesic field if and only if  $[U, U]^s = 2\bar{\nabla}_U U = 0$ .

Let  $E$  be a vector bundle with the connection  $\nabla$  over  $M$  and let  $\bar{\nabla}$  be a torsion-free linear connection on  $M$ . For every section  $Z \in \Gamma(E)$  the bilinear map

$$\nabla \nabla Z : X(M) \times X(M) \longrightarrow \Gamma(E),$$

defined by

$$\nabla \nabla Z(U, V) = \nabla_U \nabla_V Z - \nabla_{\bar{\nabla}_U V} Z,$$

can be written as the sum of its symmetric and antisymmetric parts as follows:

$$\nabla \nabla Z(U, V) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2}(\nabla_U \nabla_V Z + \nabla_V \nabla_U Z - \nabla_{\bar{\nabla}_U V} Z - \nabla_{\bar{\nabla}_V U} Z) [U, V]^s_M, [U, V]^s_N \text{ be symmetric brackets on } M \text{ and } \\ &\frac{1}{2}(\nabla_U \nabla_V Z - \nabla_V \nabla_U Z - \nabla_{\bar{\nabla}_U V} Z + \nabla_{\bar{\nabla}_V U} Z) [U, V]^s_N = p_1([U, V]^s_M) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\nabla_U \nabla_V Z + \nabla_V \nabla_U Z - \nabla_{[U, V]} Z) + \\ &\frac{1}{2}(\nabla_U \nabla_V Z - \nabla_V \nabla_U Z - \nabla_{[U, V]} Z). \end{aligned}$$

The last expression in the parentheses is the antisymmetric part of  $\nabla \nabla Z$  and is the curvature of  $\nabla$  which is denoted by  $R(U, V)Z$ . The first expression is the symmetric part of  $\nabla \nabla Z$  and we call it the symmetric curvature of  $\nabla$  and denote it by  $R_Z^s(U, V)$ , so

$$R_Z^s(U, V) = \nabla_U \nabla_V Z + \nabla_V \nabla_U Z - \nabla_{[U, V]} Z.$$

Note that  $R_Z^s(U, V)$  is not tensorial in argument  $Z$ . But it is tensorial and symmetric in two arguments  $U, V$ . The curvature tensor  $R$  does not depend on the choice of  $\bar{\nabla}$ , but  $R^s$  does depend on  $\bar{\nabla}$ .

For geodesic vector fields we have a simple relation for computing the symmetric curvature. If  $U$  is a geodesic vector field on  $M$ , then for any section  $Z$  of  $E$ , we have

$$R_Z^s(U, U) = 2\nabla_U \nabla_U Z.$$

**Definition 2.** Let  $\nabla$  be a connection on a vector bundle  $E \longrightarrow M$  and  $\bar{\nabla}$  be a torsion free connection on  $M$ . A section  $Z \in \Gamma E$  is called *affinewise* if its symmetric curvature tensor vanishes, i.e.,  $R_Z^s = 0$ . In particular, an affinewise section of  $E = TM$  is called *affinewise vector field*.

The set of affinewise sections is a linear subspace of  $\Gamma E$ . In particular, the zero section is affinewise.

**Example 1.** Let  $Z$  be a parallel section of vector bundle  $E$ . Since for every vector field  $V$ ,  $\nabla_V Z = 0$ , we find  $R_Z^s = 0$ . Thus, all parallel sections are affinewise.

**Example 2.** Consider a trivial vector bundle  $E = R^n \times V$  with the trivial connection on it. A section of  $E$  is a smooth map  $Z : R^n \longrightarrow V$ . By a routine calculation we find  $R_Z^s = 0$  if and only if  $Z$  is an affine map. So affinewise sections of  $E$  are the same as affine maps.

Knowing the second fundamental form  $\pi$  of  $N$ , we compute symmetric curvatures of  $N$  in terms of the corresponding curvatures of  $M$ . For  $U, V \in X(N)$  let

$[U, V]^s_M, [U, V]^s_N$  be symmetric brackets on  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively. Then

$$[U, V]^s_N = p_1([U, V]^s_M)$$

$$2\pi(U, V) = [U, V]^s_M - [U, V]^s_N$$

**Lemma 1.** Let  $R^s$  and  $\hat{R}^s$  denote the symmetric curvature tensors of  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively. Let  $W' \in X(M)$  and  $W \in X(N)$  be vector fields such that  $W'$  is equal to  $W$  on  $N$ . Then for each  $U, V, P \in X(N)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{R}_W^s(U, V), P \rangle &= \langle \hat{R}_W^s(U, V), P \rangle + \\ & 2 \langle \nabla_{\pi(U, V)}^M W', P \rangle + \\ & \langle \pi(U, P), \pi(V, W) \rangle + \\ & \langle \pi(V, P), \pi(U, W) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Let  $U$  be a geodesic vector field on  $N$ , then  $[U, U]_N^s = 0$ . So,  $[U, U]_M^s = 2\pi(U, U)$ , and we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{R}_W^s(U, U), P \rangle &= \langle 2\nabla_U^N \nabla_U^N W, P \rangle \\ &= \langle 2p_1(\nabla_U^M \nabla_U^N W), P \rangle \\ &= \langle 2\nabla_U^M (\nabla_U^M W - \pi(U, W)), P \rangle \\ &= \langle 2\nabla_U^M \nabla_U^M W, P \rangle - \langle 2\nabla_U^M \pi(U, W), P \rangle \\ &= \langle 2\nabla_U^M \nabla_U^M W - \nabla_{[U, U]_M^s}^M W', P \rangle + \\ & \langle \nabla_{[U, U]_M^s}^M W', P \rangle - \langle 2\nabla_U^M \pi(U, W), P \rangle \\ &= \langle R_{W'}^s(U, U), P \rangle + \langle \nabla_{[U, U]_M^s}^M W', P \rangle - \\ & 2U \langle \pi(U, W), P \rangle + 2 \langle \pi(U, W), \nabla_U^M P \rangle \\ &= \langle R_{W'}^s(U, U), P \rangle + \langle \nabla_{[U, U]_M^s}^M W', P \rangle + \\ & 2 \langle \pi(U, W), p_2(\nabla_U^M P) \rangle \\ &= \langle R_{W'}^s(U, U), P \rangle + 2 \langle \nabla_{\pi(U, U)}^M W', P \rangle + \\ & 2 \langle \pi(U, P), \pi(U, W) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Since  $R^s$  is symmetric with respect to the first and second components, proof is complete.

#### B. Fundamental vector fields of a vector bundle

Assume that  $\pi: E \rightarrow M$  is vector bundle. A map  $F: E \rightarrow E$  is called a strong bundle map if every fiber  $E_p$  ( $p \in M$ ) is invariant under  $F$ . If restriction of  $F$  to each  $E_p$  is linear, it is called a linear strong bundle map.

To each strong bundle map  $F: E \rightarrow E$  (not necessarily linear) there corresponds a vertical vector field of  $E$  (a section of  $VE$ ) which will be denoted by  $\tilde{F}$  and is defined by

$$\tilde{F}_\xi = I_\xi F(\xi), \quad \xi \in E.$$

$\tilde{F}$  is smooth. [1]

For example, if  $F = 1_E$ , then  $\tilde{I}_E$  is the radial vector field on  $E$ . The set of all vertical vector fields on  $E$  as well as the set of all strong bundle maps on  $E$ , are modules over  $C^\infty(E)$ . From the definition of  $\tilde{F}$  and the local representations of  $F$  and  $\tilde{F}$ , we see that the map  $F \mapsto \tilde{F}$  is a linear isomorphism between the above modules.

Let  $\nabla$  be a connection on  $E$  throughout the paper. To each strong bundle map  $A: E \rightarrow TM$  (not necessarily linear) there corresponds a horizontal vector field on  $E$  (a section of  $H$ ) which will be denoted by  $\bar{A}$  and is defined by

$$\bar{A}_\xi = \overline{A(\xi)}_\xi.$$

$\bar{A}_\xi$  is smooth. [1]

For example if  $E = TM$  and  $A = 1_{TM}$ , then  $\bar{1}_{TM}$  is the geodesic spray of  $\nabla$ . The set of all horizontal vector fields on  $E$  as well as the set of all strong bundle maps from  $E$  to  $TM$  are modules over  $C^\infty(E)$ .

From the definition of  $\bar{A}$  and the local representations of  $A$  and  $\bar{A}$  it is clear that the map  $A \mapsto \bar{A}$  is a linear isomorphism between these modules.

For each  $X \in \Gamma E$  (resp.  $U \in X(M)$ )  $X \circ \pi$  (resp.  $\overline{U \circ \pi}$ ) is called *vertical lift* of  $X$  (resp. the horizontal lift of  $U$ ) and it is denoted by  $IX$  (resp.  $\bar{U}$ ).

**Proposition 1.** [1] Let  $F: E \rightarrow E$  and  $A: E \rightarrow TM$  be linear strong bundle maps, and  $R$  be the curvature tensor of  $\nabla$  then for  $X, Y \in \Gamma E$  and  $U, V \in X(M)$  we have

$$[IX, IY] = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$[\bar{U}, IX] = I\nabla_U X \quad (2)$$

$$[\bar{U}, \bar{V}] = [\overline{U, V}] - \overline{R(U, V)} \quad (3)$$

$$[IX, \tilde{F}] = IF \circ X \quad (4)$$

$$[\bar{U}, \tilde{F}] = \overline{\nabla_U F} \quad (5)$$

$$[IX, \bar{A}] = \overline{A \circ X} - \nabla_{A(\cdot)} X \quad (6)$$

$$[\bar{U}, \bar{A}] = \overline{L_U A} - \overline{R(U, A(\cdot))(\cdot)} \quad (7)$$

#### C. Lift of Riemannian metrics

Let  $E$  be a Riemannian vector bundle, and  $M$  be a Riemannian manifold and  $\nabla$  be a connection on  $E$ . We can lift the metric of  $M$  to  $E$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}, \hat{v} \in T_\xi E, \quad \langle \hat{u}, \hat{v} \rangle &= \langle k(\hat{u}), k(\hat{v}) \rangle_E + \\ & \langle d\pi(\hat{u}), d\pi(\hat{v}) \rangle_M \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $E$  becomes a Riemannian manifold. At each point  $\xi \in E$ , the horizontal space  $H_\xi$  and the vertical space  $(VE)_\xi$  are orthogonal to each other, and inner product on  $H_\xi$  and  $(VE)_\xi$  are the same as the inner products on  $T_{\pi(\xi)}M$  and  $E_{\pi(\xi)}$  under the isomorphisms



$\pi_* : H_\xi \longrightarrow T_{\pi(\xi)}M$  and  $k : (VE)_\xi \longrightarrow E_{\pi(\xi)}$ , respectively. So scalar products of horizontal and vertical vector fields of  $E$  are zero.

From now on, we assume that the metric of the vector bundle is parallel with respect to  $\nabla$ , namely for every  $X, Y \in \Gamma E$  and  $U \in X(M)$  we have

$$U \langle X, Y \rangle = \langle \nabla_U X, Y \rangle + \langle X, \nabla_U Y \rangle.$$

#### D. The Levi-Civita connection of $E$

Let  $\diamond(E)$  be the vector bundle over  $M$ , whose fiber at each point  $p \in M$  is  $\diamond(E_p)$  and let  $L(\wedge^2 TM, \diamond(E))$  be the vector bundle over  $M$ , whose fiber at each point  $p \in M$  is  $L(\wedge^2 T_p M, \diamond(E_p))$  (space of linear maps between these vector spaces). Then  $R$  (the curvature tensor of  $\nabla$ ) is a section of  $L(\wedge^2 TM, \diamond(E))$ . As mentioned above,  $\diamond(E)$  and  $\diamond(TM)$  are naturally isomorphic to  $\wedge^2 E$  and  $\wedge^2 TM$ . So we use them interchangeably, and assume that

$$R \in \Gamma L(\wedge^2 TM, \wedge^2 E).$$

Then

$$R^* \in \Gamma L(\wedge^2 E, \wedge^2 TM).$$

or

$$R^* \in \Gamma L(\wedge^2 E, \diamond(TM)).$$

which is defined explicitly and uniquely by the following formula

$$\langle R(U, V)(X), Y \rangle_E = \langle R^*(X, Y)(U), V \rangle_M$$

where  $X, Y \in \Gamma E, U, V \in X(M)$ .

For example if  $E = TM$ , and  $\nabla = \nabla^M$  (the Levi-Civita connection of  $M$ ), then  $R^* = R$ . In other words,  $R$  is symmetric with respect to the inner product of  $\wedge^2 TM$ .

**Theorem 1.** [1] Let  $\bar{\nabla}$  denote the Levi-Civita connection of  $E$ . If  $F : E \longrightarrow E$  and  $A : E \longrightarrow TM$  are linear strong bundle maps and  $X, Y \in \Gamma E, U, V \in X(M)$ , then

$$\bar{\nabla}_{IX} IY = 0, \quad (8)$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{U}} \bar{V} = \bar{\nabla}_U^M V - \frac{1}{2} \overline{R(U, V)}, \quad (9)$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_{IX} \bar{U} = \frac{1}{2} \overline{R^*(\cdot, X)(U)}, \quad (10)$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_{IX} \bar{F} = IF \circ X, \quad (11)$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_{IX} \bar{A} = \overline{A \circ X} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{R^*(\cdot, X)(A(\cdot))}, \quad (12)$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{U}} \bar{F} = \overline{\nabla_U F} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{R^*(\cdot, F(\cdot))(U)}, \quad (13)$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{U}} \bar{A} = \overline{\nabla_U A} - \frac{1}{2} \overline{R(U, A(\cdot))(\cdot)}. \quad (14)$$

**Theorem 2.** [1] Let  $F : E \longrightarrow E$  and  $A : E \longrightarrow TM$  be linear strong bundle maps, and  $R$  be the curvature tensor of  $\nabla$  then for  $X, Y \in \Gamma E$  and  $U, V \in X(M)$  we have

$$[IX, IY]^s = 0 \quad (15)$$

$$[IX, \bar{U}]^s = \overline{R^*(\cdot, X)(U)} + I \nabla_U X \quad (16)$$

$$[\bar{U}, \bar{V}]^s = \overline{[U, V]^s} \quad (17)$$

$$[IX, \bar{F}]^s = IF \circ X \quad (18)$$

$$[\bar{U}, \bar{F}]^s = \overline{\nabla_U F} + \overline{R^*(\cdot, F(\cdot))(U)} \quad (19)$$

$$[IX, \bar{A}]^s = \overline{A \circ X} + \overline{R^*(\cdot, X)(A(\cdot))} + \nabla_{A(\cdot)} X \quad (20)$$

$$[\bar{U}, \bar{A}]^s = \overline{L_U^s A}, \quad (21)$$

where  $L_U^s$  is defined by  $L_U^s = 2\nabla_U - L_U$ . [3]

**Proof.** The proof is by direct computation and using Proposition 1 and Theorem 1. We compute relations (17) and (20).

From definition of symmetric Lie bracket, we have

$$[\bar{U}, \bar{V}]^s = 2\bar{\nabla}_{\bar{U}} \bar{V} - [\bar{U}, \bar{V}].$$

By putting relations (3) and (9) in above equation conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{U}, \bar{V}]^s &= 2(\overline{\nabla_U^M V} - \frac{1}{2} \overline{R(U, V)}) - [\bar{U}, \bar{V}] + \overline{R(U, V)} \\ &= 2\overline{\nabla_U^M V} - [\bar{U}, \bar{V}] = \overline{[U, V]^s}. \end{aligned}$$

Similar to above computation and by using relations (6) and (12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} [IX, \bar{A}]^s &= 2\bar{\nabla}_{IX} \bar{A} - [IX, \bar{A}] \\ &= 2(\overline{A \circ X} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{R^*(\cdot, X)(A(\cdot))}) - \\ &\quad (\overline{A \circ X} - \overline{\nabla_{A(\cdot)} X}) \\ &= \overline{A \circ X} + \overline{R^*(\cdot, X)(A(\cdot))} + \overline{\nabla_{A(\cdot)} X}. \end{aligned}$$

## 2. SYMMETRIC CURVATURE TENSOR OF $E$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\bar{R}^s$ ,  $R^s$  and  $R^{s, M}$  denote the symmetric curvature tensors of  $\bar{\nabla}$ ,  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^M$ , respectively. Assume that  $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma E$  and

$U, V, W \in X(M)$ . Then

$$\overline{R^s}_{IZ}(IX, IY) = 0, \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{R^s}_{IY}(\overline{U}, IX) &= \frac{1}{2} \overline{R^*(X, Y)(U)} + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{4} \overline{R^*(\cdot, X)(R^*(\cdot, Y)(U))} \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \overline{R^*(\cdot, Y)(R^*(\cdot, X)(U))} - \overline{\nabla_{R^*(\cdot, X)(U)} Y}, \quad (23) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{R^s}_{\overline{U}}(IX, IY) &= \frac{1}{4} \overline{R^*(\cdot, X)(R^*(\cdot, Y)(U))} + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{4} \overline{R^*(\cdot, Y)(R^*(\cdot, X)(U))}, \quad (24) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{R^s}_{\overline{V}}(\overline{U}, IX) &= \frac{1}{2} \overline{\nabla_U R^*(\cdot, X)(V)} - \overline{\nabla_V R^*(\cdot, X)(U)} \\ &- \frac{1}{4} \overline{R(U, R^*(\cdot, X)(V))(\cdot)} - \frac{1}{2} \overline{R(V, R^*(\cdot, X)(U))(\cdot)} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \overline{R^*(\cdot, X)(\nabla_U^M V)} - \frac{1}{2} I(R(U, V)(X)) + \\ &\quad \overline{L_V R^*(\cdot, X)(U)} - \frac{1}{2} \overline{R^*(\cdot, \nabla_U X)(V)}, \quad (25) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{R^s}_{IX}(\overline{U}, \overline{V}) &= \overline{IR^s_X(U, V)} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{\nabla_U R^*(\cdot, X)(V)} + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} \overline{\nabla_V R^*(\cdot, X)(U)} - \frac{1}{4} \overline{R(U, R^*(\cdot, X)(V))(\cdot)} - \\ &\quad \frac{1}{4} \overline{R(V, R^*(\cdot, X)(U))(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{R^*(\cdot, \nabla_V X)(U)} + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} \overline{R^*(\cdot, \nabla_U X)(V)} - \frac{1}{2} \overline{R^*(\cdot, X)([U, V]^s)} \quad (26) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{R^s}_{\overline{W}}(\overline{U}, \overline{V}) &= \overline{R^{s, M}_W(U, V)} - \frac{1}{2} \overline{(\nabla_U R)(V, W)} - \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} \overline{(\nabla_V R)(U, W)} - \frac{1}{4} \overline{R^*(\cdot, R(V, W)(\cdot))(U)} - \\ &\quad \frac{1}{4} \overline{R^*(\cdot, R(U, W)(\cdot))(V)} - \overline{R(V, \nabla_U W)} - \\ &\quad \overline{R(U, \nabla_V W)}. \quad (27) \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** The proof is by direct computation. We compute the relation (27).

From definition of symmetric curvature tensor we have

$$\overline{R^s}_{\overline{W}}(\overline{U}, \overline{V}) = \overline{\nabla_{\overline{U}} \overline{\nabla_{\overline{V}}} \overline{W}} + \overline{\nabla_{\overline{V}} \overline{\nabla_{\overline{U}}} \overline{W}} - \overline{\nabla_{[\overline{U}, \overline{V}]^s} \overline{W}}. (*)$$

From equations (9), (13) and direct computation we get

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\nabla_{\overline{U}} \overline{\nabla_{\overline{V}}} \overline{W}} &= \overline{\nabla_U^M \nabla_V^M W} - \frac{1}{2} \overline{R(U, \nabla_V^M W)} - \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} \overline{\nabla_U R(V, W)} - \frac{1}{4} \overline{R^*(\cdot, R(V, W)(\cdot))(U)}. \end{aligned}$$

By interchanging of  $U$  and  $V$  in above equation we obtain  $\overline{\nabla_{\overline{V}} \overline{\nabla_{\overline{U}}} \overline{W}}$ . Also we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\nabla_{[\overline{U}, \overline{V}]^s} \overline{W}} &= \overline{\nabla_{[U, V]^s} W} = \overline{\nabla_{[U, V]^s}^M W} - \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2} \overline{R([U, V]^s, W)}. \end{aligned}$$

By putting the above relations in (\*), the proof of theorem is complete.

**Corollary 1.** If the curvature of  $\nabla$  vanishes, i.e.,  $R = 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{R^s}_{IZ}(IX, IY) &= \overline{R^s}_{IZ}(\overline{U}, IX) = 0, \\ \overline{R^s}_{IZ}(\overline{U}, \overline{V}) &= \overline{IR^s_Z(U, V)}, \\ \overline{R^s}_{\overline{W}}(\overline{U}, \overline{V}) &= \overline{R^{s, M}_W(U, V)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 2.** Let  $Z$  be a parallel section of  $E$ . Then  $IZ$  is an affinely vector field on  $E$ .

**Proof.** Since  $Z$  is parallel, then  $R(U, V)Z = 0$  for all  $U, V \in X(M)$ . Therefore we have

$$\langle R^*(X, Z)(U), V \rangle = \langle R(U, V)X, Z \rangle = 0$$

where  $X \in \Gamma EU, V \in X(M)$ .

From above equation, we conclude  $R^*(\cdot, Z) = 0$ .

Thus, from relations (22), (23) and (24) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{R^s}_{IZ}(IX, IY) &= 0, \quad \overline{R^s}_{IZ}(IX, \overline{U}) = 0 \quad \text{and} \\ \overline{R^s}_{IZ}(\overline{U}, \overline{V}) &= 0. \quad \text{So, } IZ \text{ is an affinely vector field.} \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.** If  $IZ$  is an affinely vector field on  $E$ , then  $Z$  is an affinely section of  $E$ . The converse is true if  $R = 0$ .

**Proof.** Let  $IZ$  is affinely, From relations  $\overline{R^s}_{IZ}(IX, IY) = \overline{R^s}_{IZ}(IX, \overline{U}) = \overline{R^s}_{IZ}(\overline{U}, \overline{V}) = 0$ , following equations is holds

$$\begin{aligned} R^*(X, Z)(U) + \frac{1}{2} R^*(\cdot, X)(R^*(\cdot, Z)(U)) - \\ R^*(\cdot, Z)(R^*(\cdot, X)(U)) &= 0, \quad (28) \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_{R^*(\cdot, X)(U)} Z = 0, \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\nabla_U R^*(\cdot, Z)(V) + \nabla_V R^*(\cdot, Z)(U) + \\ &R^*(\cdot, \nabla_V Z)(U) + R^*(\cdot, \nabla_U Z)(V) - \\ &R^*(\cdot, Z)([U, V]) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

$$\begin{aligned} IR_Z^s(U, V) - \frac{1}{4} \overline{\{R(U, R^*(\cdot, Z)(V))(\cdot) + \\ R(V, R^*(\cdot, Z)(U))(\cdot)\}} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Setting  $X = Z$ , we can conclude that

$$R^*(\cdot, Z)(R^*(\cdot, Z)(U)) = 0.$$

For all  $Y \in \Gamma E$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle R^*(Y, Z)(U), R^*(Y, Z)(U) \rangle = \\ &\langle R^*(Y, Z)(R^*(Y, Z)(U)), U \rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$R^*(\cdot, Z)(U) = 0.$$

From the above equation and (31) we find  $IR_Z^s(U, V) = 0$ , so  $Z$  is affinely.

Conversely, if  $Z$  is affinely and  $R = 0$ , then  $R^* = 0$ . Therefore, from relations (22), (23) and (26) we can conclude that  $\overline{R^s_{IZ}(\cdot, \cdot)} = 0$ , i.e.,  $IZ$  is affinely.

**Corollary 4.** If  $\overline{U}$  is an affinely vector field, then  $U$  is affinely vector field. Conversely, if  $U$  is an affinely vector field and  $R = 0$ , then  $\overline{U}$  is affinely.

**Proof.** Let  $\overline{U}$  be affinely, so the following relations hold:

$$R^*(\cdot, X)(R^*(\cdot, Y)(U)) + R^*(\cdot, Y)(R^*(\cdot, X)(U)) = 0, \quad (32)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &R^*(\cdot, X)(\nabla_V^M U) + \nabla_V R^*(\cdot, X)(U) - \\ &2\nabla_U R^*(\cdot, X)(V) - R^*(\cdot, \nabla_V X)(U) + \\ &2L_U R^*(\cdot, X)(V) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &2I(R(V, U)(X)) + 2R(U, (R^*(\cdot, X)(V))(\cdot) + \\ &R(V, (R^*(\cdot, X)(U))(\cdot)) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &4R_U^{s, M}(V, W) - R^*(\cdot, R(W, U)(\cdot))(V) - \\ &R^*(\cdot, R(V, U)(\cdot))(W) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(\nabla_V R)(W, U) + (\nabla_W R)(V, U) + \\ &2R(W, \nabla_V U) + 2R(V, \nabla_W U) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

We can set  $Y = X$  in the relation (32), and obtain

$$R^*(\cdot, X)(R^*(\cdot, X)(U)) = 0,$$

so

$$\langle R^*(\cdot, X)(R^*(\cdot, X)(U)), U \rangle = 0,$$

and then

$$\langle R^*(\cdot, X)(U), R^*(\cdot, X)(U) \rangle = 0.$$

It means that  $R^*(\cdot, X)(U) = 0$ . By definition of  $R^*$  it holds if and only if  $R(\cdot, U)(X) = 0$ . From (35) we find

$$\forall V, W \in X(M) \quad R_U^s(V, W) = 0.$$

So,  $U$  is an affinely vector field.

Conversely if  $R = 0$  and  $\overline{U}$  is an affinely then by Corollary 1 we conclude that  $\overline{U}$  is affinely.

### 3. ASSOCIATED CURVATURES

By contracting symmetric curvature we can find new curvatures. This contraction can be done in two ways.

**Definition 3.** [4] Let  $\{U_i\}$  be a basis of local vector fields on  $M$  with the dual basis  $\{\omega^i\}$ . For every vector field  $Z$ , we assign a 1-form  $\omega_Z$  as follows and we call it the *form curvature along Z*:

$$\omega_Z(U) = \sum_i \omega^i(R_Z^s(U_i, U)).$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\{U_i\}$  be an orthonormal basis of local vector fields on Riemannian manifold  $M$  and suppose  $\{X_j\}$  are orthogonal local sections for Riemannian bundle  $\pi: E \rightarrow M$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_Z(\overline{V}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \{ \langle \overline{U}_i, \nabla_{U_i} R^*(\cdot, Z)(V) \rangle + \\ &\langle \overline{U}_i, \nabla_V R^*(\cdot, Z)(U_i) \rangle + \langle \overline{U}_i, R^*(\cdot, \nabla_{U_i} Z)(V) \rangle - \\ &\langle \overline{U}_i, R^*(\cdot, Z)([U_i, V]) \rangle \} - \sum_j \langle IX_j, \overline{\nabla_{R^*(\cdot, X_j)(V)} Z} \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

$$\omega_{IZ}(IY) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_i \langle R^*(\cdot, Z)(U_i), R^*(\cdot, Y)(U_i) \rangle$$

$$\omega_{\overline{W}}(\overline{V}) = \overline{\omega_W(V)} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_i \langle R(V, U_i)(\cdot), R(W, U_i)(\cdot) \rangle$$

$$-\frac{3}{4} \sum_j \langle R^*(\cdot, X_j)(V), R^*(\cdot, X_j)(W) \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{\bar{W}}(IY) = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \{ \langle \bar{U}_i, \nabla_{U_i} R^*(\cdot, Y)(\bar{W}) \rangle - \\ & 2 \langle \bar{U}_i, \nabla_{\bar{W}} R^*(\cdot, Y)(U_i) \rangle + \\ & \langle \bar{U}_i, R^*(\cdot, Y)(\nabla_{U_i} \bar{W}) \rangle + 2 \langle \bar{U}_i, L_{\bar{W}} R^*(\cdot, Y)(U_i) \rangle - \\ & \langle \bar{U}_i, R^*(\cdot, \nabla_{U_i} Y)(\bar{W}) \rangle \}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** From definition of  $\omega_{IZ}$  we have

$$\omega_{IZ}(\cdot) = \sum_i \langle \bar{U}_i, \bar{R}^s_{IZ}(\bar{U}_i, \cdot) \rangle + \sum_j \langle IX_j, \bar{R}^s_{IZ}(IX_j, \cdot) \rangle.$$

So, by using formulas (22)–(27) the proof can be done.

**Definition 4.** [4] Let  $\{U_i\}$  be an orthonormal basis of local vector fields on the Riemannian manifold  $M$ . For every vector field  $Z$ , we assign a vector field  $X_Z$  as follows and we call it *the vector curvature along  $Z$* :

$$X_Z = \sum_i R^s_Z(U_i, U_i).$$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $\{U_i\}$  be a orthonormal basis of local vector fields on a Riemannian manifold  $M$  and suppose  $\{X_j\}$  orthogonal local sections for Riemannian bundle  $\pi: E \rightarrow M$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} X_{IZ} = & \sum_i \{ IR^s_Z(U_i, U_i) + \nabla_{U_i} R^*(\cdot, Z)(U_i) - \\ & \frac{1}{2} R(U_i, R^*(\cdot, Z)(U_i))(\cdot) + R^*(\cdot, \nabla_{U_i} Z)(U_i) - \\ & \frac{1}{2} R^*(\cdot, Z)([U_i, U_i]^*) \}, \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

$$X_{\bar{W}} = \sum_i \{ X_{\bar{W}} - (\nabla_{U_i} R)(U_i, \bar{W}) -$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2R(U_i, \nabla_{U_i} \bar{W}) - \frac{1}{2} R^*(\cdot, R(U_i, \bar{W})(\cdot))(U_i) \} + \\ & \frac{1}{2} \sum_j R^*(\cdot, X_j)(R^*(\cdot, X_j)(\bar{W})) \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

**Proof.** From definition of  $X_{IZ}$  we have

$$X_{IZ} = \sum \bar{R}^s_{IZ}(\bar{U}_i, \bar{U}_i) + \sum \bar{R}^s_{IZ}(IX_j, IX_j).$$

By (22), the second statement of above relation is zero. Then (37) is hold from (26). Similarly, other equation can be proved.

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