



Geodesic Mappings and Differentiability of Metrics, Affine and Projective Connections

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Abstract. In this paper we study fundamental equations of geodesic mappings of manifolds with affine and projective connection onto (pseudo-) Riemannian manifolds with respect to the smoothness class of these geometric objects. We prove that the natural smoothness class of these problems is preserved.

1. Introduction and Basis Definitions

To theory of geodesic mappings and transformations were devoted many papers, these results are formulated in large number of researchs and monographs [1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12], [13], [14], [16], [18], [19], [20], [21], [22], [23], [24], [25], [26], [27], [28], [30], [31], [32], [33], [34], [35], [36], [37], etc.

First we studied the general dependence of geodesic mappings of manifolds with affine and projective connection onto (pseudo-) Riemannian manifolds in dependence on the smoothness class of these geometric objects. We presented well known facts, which were proved by H. Weyl [37], T. Thomas [35], J. Mikeš and V. Berezovski [21], see [5], [20], [25], [26], [30], [32], [36].

In these results no details about the smoothness class of the metric, resp. connection, were stressed. They were formulated as “for sufficiently smooth” geometric objects.

In the paper [14, 15] we proved that these mappings preserve the smoothness class of metrics of geodesically equivalent (pseudo-) Riemannian manifolds. We prove that this property generalizes in a natural way for a more general case.

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2. Geodesic Mapping Theory for Manifolds with Affine and Projective Connections

Let $A_n = (M, \nabla)$ and $\bar{A}_n = (\bar{M}, \bar{\nabla})$ be manifolds with affine connections ∇ and $\bar{\nabla}$, respectively, without torsion.

Definition 2.1. A diffeomorphism $f: A_n \rightarrow \bar{A}_n$ is called a geodesic mapping of A_n onto \bar{A}_n if f maps any geodesic in A_n onto a geodesic in \bar{A}_n .

A manifold A_n admits a geodesic mapping onto \bar{A}_n if and only if the Levi-Civita equations (H. Weyl [37], see [5, p. 56], [25, p. 130], [26, p. 166], [32, p. 72]):

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + \psi(X)Y + \psi(Y)X \quad (1)$$

hold for any tangent fields X, Y and where ψ is a differential form on $M (= \bar{M})$. If $\psi \equiv 0$ then f is affine or trivially geodesic.

Eliminating ψ from the formula (1) T. Thomas [35], see [5, p. 98], [25, p. 132], obtained that equation (1) is equivalent to

$$\bar{\Pi}(X, Y) = \Pi(X, Y) \text{ for all tangent vectors } X, Y, \quad (2)$$

where

$$\Pi(X, Y) = \nabla(X, Y) - \frac{1}{n+1} (\text{trace}(V \rightarrow \nabla_V X) \cdot Y + \text{trace}(V \rightarrow \nabla_V Y) \cdot X)$$

is the Thomas' projective parameter or Thomas' object of projective connection.

A geometric object Π that transforms according to a similar transformation law as Thomas' projective parameters is called a projective connection, and manifolds on which an object of projective connection is defined is called a manifold with projective connection, denoted by P_n . Such manifolds represent an obvious generalization of affine connection manifolds.

A projective connection on P_n will be denoted by \blacktriangledown . Obviously, \blacktriangledown is a mapping $TP_n \times TP_n \rightarrow TP_n$, i.e. $(X, Y) \mapsto \blacktriangledown_X Y$. Thus, we denote a manifold M with projective connection \blacktriangledown by $P_n = (M, \blacktriangledown)$. See [5, p. 99], [6].

We restricted ourselves to the study of a coordinate neighborhood (U, x) of the points $p \in A_n (P_n)$ and $f(p) \in \bar{A}_n (\bar{P}_n)$. The points p and $f(p)$ have the same coordinates $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$.

We assume that $A_n, \bar{A}_n, P_n, \bar{P}_n \in C^r$ ($\nabla, \bar{\nabla}, \blacktriangledown, \bar{\blacktriangledown} \in C^r$) if their components $\Gamma_{ij}^h(x), \bar{\Gamma}_{ij}^h(x), \Pi_{ij}^h(x), \bar{\Pi}_{ij}^h(x) \in C^r$ on (U, x) , respectively. Here C^r is the smoothness class. On the other hand, the manifold M which these structures exist, must have a class smoothness C^{r+2} . This means that the atlas on M is of class C^{r+2} , i.e. for the non disjoint charts (U, x) and (U', x') on $(U \cap U')$ it is true that the transformation $x' = x'(x) \in C^{r+2}$.

Formulae (1) and (2) in the common system (U, x) have the local form:

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{ij}^h(x) = \Gamma_{ij}^h(x) + \psi_i(x)\delta_j^h + \psi_j(x)\delta_i^h \text{ and } \bar{\Pi}_{ij}^h(x) = \Pi_{ij}^h(x),$$

respectively, where ψ_i are components of ψ and δ_i^h is the Kronecker delta.

It is seen that in a manifold $A_n = (M, \nabla)$ with affine connections ∇ there exists a projective connection \blacktriangledown (i.e. Thomas projective parameter) with the same smoothness. The opposite statement is not valid, for example if $\nabla \in C^r (\Rightarrow \blacktriangledown \in C^r$ and also $\bar{\blacktriangledown} \in C^r)$ and $\psi(x) \in C^0$, then $\bar{\nabla} \in C^0$.

In the paper [12] we presented a construction that the existing ∇ on M guarantees on $P_n = (M, \blacktriangledown)$. Moreover, the following theorem holds:

Theorem 2.2. An arbitrary manifold $P_n = (M, \blacktriangledown) \in C^r$ admits a global geodesic mapping onto a manifold $\bar{A}_n = (M, \bar{\nabla}) \in C^r$ and, moreover, for which a formula $\text{trace}(V \rightarrow \bar{\nabla}_V X) = \nabla_X G$ holds for arbitrary X and a function G on M , i.e. \bar{A}_n is an equiaffine manifold and $\bar{\nabla}$ is an equiaffine connection. Moreover, if $r \geq 1$ the Ricci tensor on \bar{A}_n is symmetric.

Proof. It is known that on the whole manifold $M \in C^{r+2}$ exists globally a sufficiently smooth metric $\hat{g} \in C^{r+1}$. For our purpose it is sufficient if $\hat{g} \in C^{r+1}$, i.e. the components \hat{g}_{ij} of \hat{g} in a coordinate domain of M are functions of type C^{r+1} . We denote by $\hat{\nabla}$ the Levi-Civita connection of \hat{g}_{ij} , and, evidently, $\hat{\nabla} \in C^r$.

We define $\tau(X) = \frac{1}{n+1} \text{trace}(V \mapsto \hat{\nabla}_V X)$ and we construct $\bar{\nabla}$ in the following way

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + \tau(X) \cdot Y + \tau(Y) \cdot X. \tag{3}$$

It is easily seen that $\bar{\nabla}$ constructed in this way is an affine connection on M . The components of the object $\bar{\nabla}$ in the coordinate system (U, x) can be written in the form: $\bar{\Gamma}_{ij}^h(x) = \Pi_{ij}^h(x) + \tau_i(x) \cdot \delta_j^h + \tau_j(x) \cdot \delta_i^h$ where Π_{ij}^h and $\bar{\Gamma}_{ij}^h$ are components of the projective connection ∇ and the affine connection $\bar{\nabla}$, respectively, and $\tau_i = \frac{1}{n+1} \partial G / \partial x^i$, $G = \ln \sqrt{|\det \|\hat{g}_{ij}\||}$. It is obvious that P_n is geodesically mapped onto $\bar{A}_n = (M, \bar{\nabla})$, and, evidently because $\bar{\Gamma}_{ij}^h \in C^r$, $\bar{A}_n \in C^r$.

Insofar as $\Pi_{ai}^\alpha(x) = 0$, then $\bar{\Gamma}_{ai}^\alpha(x) = \partial G / \partial x^i$, i.e. $\text{trace}(V \rightarrow \bar{\nabla}_V X) = \nabla_X G$. Hence follows that \bar{A}_n has an equiaffine connection [26, p. 151]. Moreover, if $\nabla \in C^1$ then the Ricci tensor Ric is symmetric ([25, p. 35], [26, p. 151]). \square

3. Geodesic Mappings from Equiaffine Manifolds onto (pseudo-) Riemannian Manifolds

Let manifold $A_n = (M, \nabla) \in C^0$ admit a geodesic mapping onto a (pseudo-) Riemannian manifold $\bar{V}_n = (M, \bar{g}) \in C^1$, i.e. components $\bar{g}_{ij}(x) \in C^1(U)$. It is known [21], see [25, p. 145], that equations (1) are equivalent to the following Levi-Civita equations

$$\nabla_k \bar{g}_{ij} = 2\psi_k \bar{g}_{ij} + \psi_i \bar{g}_{jk} + \psi_j \bar{g}_{ik}. \tag{4}$$

If A_n is an equiaffine manifold then ψ have the following form

$$\psi_i = \partial_i \Psi, \quad \Psi = \frac{1}{n+1} \ln \sqrt{|\det \bar{g}|} - \rho, \quad \partial_i \rho = \frac{1}{n+1} \Gamma_{ai}^\alpha, \quad \partial_i = \partial / \partial x^i,$$

and Mikeš and Berezovski [32], see [25, p. 150], proved that the Levi-Civita equations (1) and (4) are equivalent to

$$\nabla_k a^{ij} = \lambda^i \delta_k^j + \lambda^j \delta_k^i, \tag{5}$$

where

$$(a) \ a^{ij} = e^{2\Psi} \bar{g}^{ij}; \quad (b) \ \lambda^i = -e^{2\Psi} \bar{g}^{i\alpha} \psi_\alpha. \tag{6}$$

Here $\|\bar{g}^{ij}\| = \|\bar{g}_{ij}\|^{-1}$. On the other hand:

$$\bar{g}_{ij} = e^{2\Psi} \hat{g}_{ij}, \quad \Psi = \ln \sqrt{|\det \hat{g}|} - \rho, \quad \|\hat{g}_{ij}\| = \|a^{ij}\|^{-1}. \tag{7}$$

Using the equation $\Pi_{ij}^h(x) = \Gamma_{ij}^h(x)$ (see (37.4) in [5, p. 105]), where Π is a projective connection and Γ is normal affine connection (it is also equi-affine), we after substitution $\Gamma_{ij}^h(x) \mapsto \Pi_{ij}^h(x)$ into (5) have equation (2.3) in [4], immediately.

Furthermore, we assume that $A_n = (M, \nabla) \in C^1$ and $\bar{V}_n = (M, \bar{g}) \in C^2$. In this case, the integrability conditions of the equations (5) from the Ricci identity $\nabla_l \nabla_k a^{ij} - \nabla_k \nabla_l a^{ij} = -a^{i\alpha} R_{\alpha kl}^j - a^{j\alpha} R_{\alpha kl}^i$ have the following form

$$-a^{i\alpha} R_{\alpha kl}^j - a^{j\alpha} R_{\alpha kl}^i = \delta_k^i \nabla_l \lambda^j + \delta_k^j \nabla_l \lambda^i - \delta_l^j \nabla_k \lambda^i - \delta_l^i \nabla_k \lambda^j, \tag{8}$$

where R_{ijk}^h are components of the curvature (Riemannian) tensor R on A_n , and after contraction of the indices i and k we get [21]

$$n \nabla_l \lambda^j = \mu \delta_l^j - a^{j\alpha} R_{\alpha l} - a^{\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta l}^j, \tag{9}$$

where $\mu = \nabla_\alpha \lambda^\alpha$ and $R_{ij} = R_{i\alpha j}^\alpha$ are components of the Ricci tensor Ric on A_n .

4. Main Theorems

Let $V_n = (M, g) \in C^r$ be the (pseudo-) Riemannian manifold. If $r \geq 1$ then its natural affine connection $\nabla \in C^{r-1}$ (i.e. the Levi-Civita connection) and projective connection $\blacktriangledown \in C^{r-1}$; hence $A_n = (M, \nabla)$ and $P_n = (M, \blacktriangledown)$ be manifolds with affine and projective connection, respectively. The following theorems are true.

Theorem 4.1. *If $P_n \in C^{r-1}$ ($r > 2$) admits geodesic mappings onto a (pseudo-) Riemannian manifold $\bar{V}_n \in C^2$, then $\bar{V}_n \in C^r$.*

Theorem 4.2. *If $A_n \in C^{r-1}$ ($r > 2$) admits geodesic mappings onto a (pseudo-) Riemannian manifold $\bar{V}_n \in C^2$, then $\bar{V}_n \in C^r$.*

Based on the previous comments (at the end of the second section), it will be sufficient to prove the validity of the second Theorem. Moreover, the manifold A_n can be an equiaffine manifold.

The proof of the Theorem 4.2 follows from the following lemmas.

Lemma 4.3 ([13]). *Let $\lambda^h \in C^1$ be a vector field and ϱ a function. If $\partial_i \lambda^h - \varrho \delta_i^h \in C^1$ then $\lambda^h \in C^2$ and $\varrho \in C^1$.*

Proof. The condition $\partial_i \lambda^h - \varrho \delta_i^h \in C^1$ can be written in the following form

$$\partial_i \lambda^h - \varrho \delta_i^h = f_i^h(x), \tag{10}$$

where $f_i^h(x)$ are functions of class C^1 . Evidently, $\varrho \in C^0$. For fixed but arbitrary indices $h \neq i$ we integrate (10) with respect to dx^i :

$$\lambda^h = \Lambda^h + \int_{x_0^i}^{x^i} f_i^h(x^1, \dots, x^{i-1}, t, x^{i+1}, \dots, x^n) dt,$$

where Λ^h is a function, which does not depend on x^i .

Because of the existence of the partial derivatives of the functions λ^h and the above integrals (see [17, p. 300]), also the derivatives $\partial_h \Lambda^h$ exist; in this proof we don't use Einstein's summation convention. Then we can write (10) for $h = i$:

$$\varrho = -f_h^h + \partial_h \Lambda^h + \int_{x_0^i}^{x^i} \partial_h f_i^h(x^1, \dots, x^{i-1}, t, x^{i+1}, \dots, x^n) dt. \tag{11}$$

Because the derivative with respect to x^i of the right-hand side of (11) exists, the derivative of the function ϱ exists, too. Obviously $\partial_i \varrho = \partial_h f_i^h - \partial_i f_h^h$, therefore $\varrho \in C^1$ and from (10) follows $\lambda^h \in C^2$. \square

In a similar way we can prove the following: if $\lambda^h \in C^r$ ($r \geq 1$) and $\partial_i \lambda^h - \varrho \delta_i^h \in C^r$ then $\lambda^h \in C^{r+1}$ and $\varrho \in C^r$.

Lemma 4.4. *If $A_n \in C^2$ admits a geodesic mapping onto $\bar{V}_n \in C^2$, then $\bar{V}_n \in C^3$.*

Proof. In this case Mikeš's and Berezovsky's equations (5) and (9) hold. According to the assumptions, $\Gamma_{ij}^h \in C^2$ and $\bar{g}_{ij} \in C^2$. By a simple check-up we find $\Psi \in C^2$, $\psi_i \in C^1$, $a_{ij} \in C^2$, $\lambda^i \in C^1$ and $R_{ijk}^h, R_{ij} \in C^1$.

From the above-mentioned conditions we easily convince ourselves that we can write equation (9) in the form (10), where

$$\varrho = \mu/n \quad \text{and} \quad f_i^h = (-\lambda^\alpha \Gamma_{\alpha i}^h + a^{j\alpha} R_{\alpha i} - a^{\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta i}^j)/n \in C^1.$$

From Lemma 4.3 follows that $\lambda^h \in C^2$, $\varrho \in C^1$, and evidently $\lambda^i \in C^2$. Differentiating (5) twice we convince ourselves that $a^{ij} \in C^3$. From this and formula (7) follows that also $\Psi \in C^3$ and $\bar{g}_{ij} \in C^3$. \square

Further we notice that for geodesic mappings from $A_n \in C^2$ onto $\bar{V}_n \in C^3$ holds the third set of Mikeš's and Berezovsky's equations [21]:

$$(n-1)\nabla_k \mu = -2(n+1)\lambda^\alpha R_{\alpha k} + a^{\alpha\beta}(R_{\alpha\beta k} - 2R_{\alpha k, \beta}). \tag{12}$$

If $A_n \in C^{r-1}$ and $\bar{V}_n \in C^2$, then by Lemma 4.4, $\bar{V}_n \in C^3$ and (12) hold. Because Mikeš's and Berezovsky's system (5), (9) and (12) is closed, we can differentiate equations (5) r times. So we convince ourselves that $a^{ij} \in C^r$, and also $\bar{g}_{ij} \in C^r$ ($\equiv \bar{V}_n \in C^r$). \square

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