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## An Orthogonal Tangential Group of Transformations of a 4-Dimensional Riemannian Manifold <sup>1</sup>

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In this paper we find the orthogonal group of transformations in the tangent space of a 4-dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  which keep its system of curvature conditions  $(\Gamma)$  invariant.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $(M, g)$  be a 4-dimensional Riemannian manifold with curvature tensor  $R$  and  $E^2$  be a 2-dimensional subspace of the tangent space  $M_p$  at a point  $p \in M$ . We call the orthonormal base  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4$  of  $M_p$  a *special base*, if  $e_1$  is an arbitrary vector and  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4$  are eigen vectors of the Jacobi operator  $R_{e_1}$ .

In our papers [1] and [2] we have investigated some problems about the following skew-symmetric curvature operator

$$\kappa_{E^2}(u) = R(X, Y)u, \quad u \in M_p,$$

where  $X, Y$  is an orthonormal base of  $E^2$ . The characteristic equation of  $\kappa_{E^2}$  is

$$\lambda^4 + J_2\lambda^2 + J_4 = 0,$$

where  $J_2(p; E^2)$  and  $J_4(p; E^2)$  are the nonzero characteristic coefficients. We have proved that the non-flat Einstein non-real space forms with the property

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$J_4(p; E^2) = 0$ , for any  $E^2$  at a point  $p \in M$ , can be characterized by the following curvature conditions:

$$(1) \quad (\Gamma) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_{1213} = R_{1214} = R_{1314} = 0 \\ R_{1223} = R_{1224} = 0 \\ R_{1234} = R_{1423} = R_{1324} = 0 \\ K_{13} + K_{23} = 0, \quad K_{13} \neq 0 \\ K_{12}^2 = K_{13}^2 + R_{1323}^2, \quad R_{1323} \neq 0 \\ K_{12} \text{ is a global constant.} \end{array} \right.$$

Our purpose is to find out all of the orthogonal transformations which keep the conditions  $(\Gamma)$  invariant. Moreover, we shall investigate the changing of the functions  $K_{13}(p; E^2)$  and  $R_{1323}(p; E^2)$  under the acting of these transformations from a special base  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4$  to another special base  $\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \bar{e}_3, \bar{e}_4$ .

## 2. Preliminary considerations

It can be proved immediately that the following transformations (we shall call them  $\varphi$ - and  $\psi$ -transformations, respectively):

$$(2) \quad (\varphi) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{e}_1 = \cos \varphi e_1 - \sin \varphi e_2 \\ \bar{e}_2 = \sin \varphi e_1 + \cos \varphi e_2 \\ \bar{e}_3 = e_3 \\ \bar{e}_4 = e_4 \end{array} \right. \quad \varphi \in [0, 2\pi]$$

$$(3) \quad (\psi) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{e}_1 = \cos \psi e_1 - \sin \psi e_2 \\ \bar{e}_2 = \sin \psi e_1 + \cos \psi e_2 \\ \bar{e}_3 = e_4 \\ \bar{e}_4 = e_3 \end{array} \right. \quad \psi \in [0, 2\pi]$$

keep the conditions  $(\Gamma)$  invariant. Besides, the transformations  $(\varphi)$  and  $(\psi)$  change the functions  $K_{13}(p; E^2)$  and  $R_{1323}(p; E^2)$  in the following way:

a) by  $\varphi$ -transformations:

$$(4) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{K}_{13} = \cos 2\varphi K_{13} - \sin 2\varphi R_{1323} \\ \bar{R}_{1323} = \sin 2\varphi K_{13} + \cos 2\varphi R_{1323} \end{array} \right.$$

b) by  $\psi$ -transformations:

$$(5) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{K}_{13} = -\cos 2\psi K_{13} + \sin 2\psi R_{1323} \\ \bar{R}_{1323} = -\sin 2\psi K_{13} - \cos 2\psi R_{1323} \end{array} \right.$$

We shall use the following lemmas:

**Lemma 1.** *The functions  $K_{13}(p; E^2)$  and  $R_{1323}(p; E^2)$  are linearly independent.*

**Proof.** Let us presume there exists a function  $f(p)$  of the point  $p \in M$  so that

$$(6) \quad K_{13} = f(p) R_{1323}$$

is true. If we change the sign of (2) we get

$$K_{13} = -f(p) R_{1323}.$$

Then it follows  $K_{13} = 0$  which is impossible. ■

**Lemma 2.** *The functions  $K_{12}(p; E^2)$ ,  $K_{13}(p; E^2)$  and  $R_{1323}(p; E^2)$  are linearly independent.*

**Proof.** Let us presume there exist the functions  $\lambda_1(p)$ ,  $\lambda_2(p)$  and  $\lambda_3(p)$  so that

$$\lambda_1 K_{12} + \lambda_2 K_{13} + \lambda_3 R_{1323} = 0.$$

Then we have consequently

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} \lambda_1 K_{12} &= -(\lambda_2 K_{13} + \lambda_3 R_{1323}); \\ \lambda_1^2(K_{13}^2 + R_{1323}^2) &= \lambda_2^2 K_{13}^2 + \lambda_3^2 R_{1323}^2 + 2\lambda_2 \lambda_3 K_{13} R_{1323}; \\ (\lambda_2^2 - \lambda_1^2)K_{13} + (\lambda_3^2 - \lambda_1^2)R_{1323} + 2\lambda_2 \lambda_3 K_{13} R_{1323} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

From (7) we obtain  $\lambda_2^2 - \lambda_1^2 = 0$ ;  $\lambda_3^2 - \lambda_1^2 = 0$ ;  $\lambda_2 \lambda_3 = 0$  as the other case leads to a contradiction with Lemma 1.

Hence we get  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$  and Lemma 2 is proved. ■

Let us consider an arbitrary orthogonal transformation of  $M_p$ :

$$(8) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \bar{e}_1 = \alpha_1 e_1 + \alpha_2 e_2 + \alpha_3 e_3 + \alpha_4 e_4 \\ \bar{e}_2 = \beta_1 e_1 + \beta_2 e_2 + \beta_3 e_3 + \beta_4 e_4 \\ \bar{e}_3 = \gamma_1 e_1 + \gamma_2 e_2 + \gamma_3 e_3 + \gamma_4 e_4 \\ \bar{e}_4 = \delta_1 e_1 + \delta_2 e_2 + \delta_3 e_3 + \delta_4 e_4 \end{array} \right.$$

with  $\det = \varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ .

**Remark 1.** The character of our further geometrical investigations allows us to confine the consideration to the case  $\varepsilon = 1$  only.

The matrix

$$(9) \quad \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_4 \\ \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 & \beta_4 \\ \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 & \gamma_3 & \gamma_4 \\ \delta_1 & \delta_2 & \delta_3 & \delta_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

of the transformation (8) is an orthogonal matrix and then the following equations hold:

$$(10) \quad \sum_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^4 \beta_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^4 \gamma_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^4 \delta_i^2 = 1,$$

$$(11) \quad \sum_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i \beta_i = \sum_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i \gamma_i = \sum_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i \delta_i = \sum_{i=1}^4 \beta_i \gamma_i = \sum_{i=1}^4 \beta_i \delta_i = \sum_{i=1}^4 \gamma_i \delta_i = 0.$$

Moreover, all of the symbols  $(\alpha\beta)_{ij}$ ,  $(\alpha\gamma)_{ij}$ ,  $(\alpha\delta)_{ij}$ ,  $(\beta\gamma)_{ij}$ ,  $(\beta\delta)_{ij}$ ,  $(\gamma\delta)_{ij}$ ,  $i < j$ , satisfy the well known Plücker's equation, which for  $(\alpha\beta)_{ij}$  has the form

$$(12) \quad (\alpha\beta)_{12}(\alpha\beta)_{34} + (\alpha\beta)_{23}(\alpha\beta)_{14} + (\alpha\beta)_{31}(\alpha\beta)_{24} = 0,$$

where for convenience we have used the notations

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha\beta)_{ij} &= \alpha_i \beta_j - \alpha_j \beta_i & (\beta\gamma)_{ij} &= \beta_i \gamma_j - \beta_j \gamma_i \\ (\alpha\gamma)_{ij} &= \alpha_i \gamma_j - \alpha_j \gamma_i & (\beta\delta)_{ij} &= \beta_i \delta_j - \beta_j \delta_i \\ (\alpha\delta)_{ij} &= \alpha_i \delta_j - \alpha_j \delta_i & (\gamma\delta)_{ij} &= \gamma_i \delta_j - \gamma_j \delta_i. \end{aligned}$$

Using (10) and (11) it can be proved directly

$$(13) \quad \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (\alpha\beta)_{ij}^2 = 1.$$

Analogously,

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (\alpha\gamma)_{ij}^2 &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (\alpha\delta)_{ij}^2 = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (\beta\gamma)_{ij}^2 \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (\beta\delta)_{ij}^2 = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} (\gamma\delta)_{ij}^2 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Orthogonal transformations keeping $(\Gamma)$ invariant

Let  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4$  and  $\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \bar{e}_3, \bar{e}_4$  be both special bases in  $M_p$ . Let the arbitrary orthogonal transformation (8) leave the conditions  $(\Gamma)$  invariant, i.e. the relations

$$(15) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \overline{R_{1213}} = \overline{R_{1214}} = \overline{R_{1314}} = 0 \\ \overline{R_{1223}} = \overline{R_{1224}} = 0 \\ \overline{R_{1234}} = \overline{R_{1423}} = \overline{R_{1324}} = 0 \\ \overline{K_{13}} + \overline{K_{23}} = 0 \\ \overline{K_{12}}^2 = \overline{K_{13}}^2 + \overline{R_{1323}}^2 \\ \overline{K_{12}} = \overline{K_{12}} \end{array} \right.$$

be satisfied. Having in mind the well-known properties of the curvature tensor  $R$  and the systems (8) and (15), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} O &= \overline{R_{1213}} = R(\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \bar{e}_3, \bar{e}_4) = R\left(\sum_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i e_i, \sum_{j=1}^4 \beta_j e_j, \sum_{k=1}^4 \gamma_k e_k, \sum_{l=1}^4 \delta_l e_l\right) \\ &= \lambda_1 K_{12} + \lambda_2 K_{13} + \lambda_3 R_{1323}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \lambda_1 = (\alpha\beta)_{12}(\alpha\gamma)_{12} + (\alpha\beta)_{34}(\alpha\gamma)_{34} \\ \lambda_2 = (\alpha\beta)_{13}(\alpha\gamma)_{13} + (\alpha\beta)_{24}(\alpha\gamma)_{24} - (\alpha\beta)_{23}(\alpha\gamma)_{23} - (\alpha\beta)_{14}(\alpha\gamma)_{14} \\ \lambda_3 = (\alpha\beta)_{13}(\alpha\gamma)_{23} + (\alpha\beta)_{23}(\alpha\gamma)_{13} - (\alpha\beta)_{14}(\alpha\gamma)_{24} - (\alpha\beta)_{24}(\alpha\gamma)_{14}. \end{array} \right.$$

According to Lemma 2,  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$ , i.e. the system

$$(16) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} (\alpha\beta)_{12}(\alpha\gamma)_{12} + (\alpha\beta)_{34}(\alpha\gamma)_{34} = 0 \\ (\alpha\beta)_{13}(\alpha\gamma)_{13} + (\alpha\beta)_{24}(\alpha\gamma)_{24} - (\alpha\beta)_{23}(\alpha\gamma)_{23} - (\alpha\beta)_{14}(\alpha\gamma)_{14} = 0 \\ (\alpha\beta)_{13}(\alpha\gamma)_{23} + (\alpha\beta)_{23}(\alpha\gamma)_{13} - (\alpha\beta)_{14}(\alpha\gamma)_{24} - (\alpha\beta)_{24}(\alpha\gamma)_{14} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

holds. Analogously, for any  $\overline{R_{ijkl}} = 0$  in (15), according to Lemma 2, we obtain the systems:

$$(17) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} (\alpha\beta)_{12}(\alpha\delta)_{12} + (\alpha\beta)_{34}(\alpha\delta)_{34} = 0 \\ (\alpha\beta)_{13}(\alpha\delta)_{13} + (\alpha\beta)_{24}(\alpha\delta)_{24} - (\alpha\beta)_{23}(\alpha\delta)_{23} - (\alpha\beta)_{14}(\alpha\delta)_{14} = 0 \\ (\alpha\beta)_{13}(\alpha\delta)_{23} + (\alpha\beta)_{23}(\alpha\delta)_{13} - (\alpha\beta)_{14}(\alpha\delta)_{24} - (\alpha\beta)_{24}(\alpha\delta)_{14} = 0, \end{array} \right.$$

$$(18) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} (\alpha\gamma)_{12}(\alpha\delta)_{12} + (\alpha\gamma)_{34}(\alpha\delta)_{34} = 0 \\ (\alpha\gamma)_{13}(\alpha\delta)_{13} + (\alpha\gamma)_{24}(\alpha\delta)_{24} - (\alpha\gamma)_{23}(\alpha\delta)_{23} - (\alpha\gamma)_{14}(\alpha\delta)_{14} = 0 \\ (\alpha\gamma)_{13}(\alpha\delta)_{23} + (\alpha\gamma)_{23}(\alpha\delta)_{13} - (\alpha\gamma)_{14}(\alpha\delta)_{24} - (\alpha\gamma)_{24}(\alpha\delta)_{14} = 0, \end{array} \right.$$

$$(19) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} (\alpha\beta)_{12}(\beta\gamma)_{12} + (\alpha\beta)_{34}(\beta\gamma)_{34} = 0 \\ (\alpha\beta)_{13}(\beta\gamma)_{13} + (\alpha\beta)_{24}(\beta\gamma)_{24} - (\alpha\beta)_{23}(\beta\gamma)_{23} - (\alpha\beta)_{14}(\beta\gamma)_{14} = 0 \\ (\alpha\beta)_{13}(\beta\gamma)_{23} + (\alpha\beta)_{23}(\beta\gamma)_{13} - (\alpha\beta)_{14}(\beta\gamma)_{24} - (\alpha\beta)_{24}(\beta\gamma)_{14} = 0, \end{array} \right.$$

$$(20) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} (\alpha\beta)_{12}(\beta\delta)_{12} + (\alpha\beta)_{34}(\beta\delta)_{34} = 0 \\ (\alpha\beta)_{13}(\beta\delta)_{13} + (\alpha\beta)_{24}(\beta\delta)_{24} - (\alpha\beta)_{23}(\beta\delta)_{23} - (\alpha\beta)_{14}(\beta\delta)_{14} = 0 \\ (\alpha\beta)_{13}(\beta\delta)_{23} + (\alpha\beta)_{23}(\beta\delta)_{13} - (\alpha\beta)_{14}(\beta\delta)_{24} - (\alpha\beta)_{24}(\beta\delta)_{14} = 0, \end{array} \right.$$

$$(21) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} (\alpha\beta)_{12}(\gamma\delta)_{12} + (\alpha\beta)_{34}(\gamma\delta)_{34} = 0 \\ (\alpha\beta)_{13}(\gamma\delta)_{13} + (\alpha\beta)_{24}(\gamma\delta)_{24} - (\alpha\beta)_{23}(\gamma\delta)_{23} - (\alpha\beta)_{14}(\gamma\delta)_{14} = 0 \\ (\alpha\beta)_{13}(\gamma\delta)_{23} + (\alpha\beta)_{23}(\gamma\delta)_{13} - (\alpha\beta)_{14}(\gamma\delta)_{24} - (\alpha\beta)_{24}(\gamma\delta)_{14} = 0, \end{array} \right.$$

$$(22) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} (\alpha\delta)_{12}(\beta\gamma)_{12} + (\alpha\delta)_{34}(\beta\gamma)_{34} = 0 \\ (\alpha\delta)_{13}(\beta\gamma)_{13} + (\alpha\delta)_{24}(\beta\gamma)_{24} - (\alpha\delta)_{23}(\beta\gamma)_{23} - (\alpha\delta)_{14}(\beta\gamma)_{14} = 0 \\ (\alpha\delta)_{13}(\beta\gamma)_{23} + (\alpha\delta)_{23}(\beta\gamma)_{13} - (\alpha\delta)_{14}(\beta\gamma)_{24} - (\alpha\delta)_{24}(\beta\gamma)_{14} = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

From the last equation in (15) we get

$$\begin{aligned} K_{12} = \overline{K}_{12} &= R(\overline{e}_1, \overline{e}_2, \overline{e}_3, \overline{e}_4) = R\left(\sum_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i e_i; \sum_{j=1}^4 \beta_j e_j, \sum_{k=1}^4 \gamma_k e_k, \sum_{l=1}^4 \delta_l e_l\right) \\ &= \mu_1 K_{12} + \mu_2 K_{13} + \mu_3 R_{1323}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \mu_1 = (\alpha\beta)_{12}^2 + (\alpha\beta)_{34}^2 \\ \mu_2 = (\alpha\beta)_{13}^2 + (\alpha\beta)_{24}^2 - (\alpha\beta)_{23}^2 - (\alpha\beta)_{14}^2 \\ \mu_3 = 2[(\alpha\beta)_{13}(\alpha\beta)_{23} - (\alpha\beta)_{14}(\alpha\beta)_{24}]. \end{array} \right.$$

Thus we have  $\mu_1 = 1$ ,  $\mu_2 = 0$ ,  $\mu_3 = 0$  which are equivalent to the system

$$(23) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} (\alpha\beta)_{12}^2 + (\alpha\beta)_{34}^2 = 1 \\ (\alpha\beta)_{13}^2 + (\alpha\beta)_{24}^2 - (\alpha\beta)_{23}^2 - (\alpha\beta)_{14}^2 = 0 \\ (\alpha\beta)_{13}(\alpha\beta)_{23} - (\alpha\beta)_{14}(\alpha\beta)_{24} = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

Using (23) and the first equation in (16), we get

$$(\alpha\beta)_{13}^2 + (\alpha\beta)_{14}^2 + (\alpha\beta)_{23}^2 + (\alpha\beta)_{24}^2 = 0$$

and

$$(24) \quad (\alpha\beta)_{13} = (\alpha\beta)_{14} = (\alpha\beta)_{23} = (\alpha\beta)_{24} = 0.$$

These equations are equivalent to the system:

$$(25) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \alpha_1 \beta_3 = \alpha_3 \beta_1 \\ \alpha_1 \beta_4 = \alpha_4 \beta_1 \end{array} \right| \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \alpha_2 \beta_3 = \alpha_3 \beta_2 \\ \alpha_2 \beta_4 = \alpha_4 \beta_2. \end{array} \right|$$

From the last two equations in (25), it follows

$$\begin{array}{l} \alpha_3 = \rho \alpha_2 \quad \beta_3 = \rho \beta_2 \\ \beta_4 = \rho' \alpha_2 \quad \beta_4 = \rho' \beta_2. \end{array}$$

Then we obtain

$$(26) \quad (\alpha\beta)_{34} = \alpha_3\beta_4 - \alpha_4\beta_3 = \rho\rho'(\alpha_2\beta_2 - \alpha_2\beta_2) = 0$$

and using the first equation in (23) we get  $(\alpha\beta)_{12}^2 = 1$ , i.e.  $(\alpha\beta)_{12} = \varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ .

According to Remark 1 we consider only the case  $\varepsilon = 1$ , i.e.

$$(27) \quad (\alpha\beta)_{12} = 1.$$

That means at least one of  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  is not zero.

Let  $\alpha_1 \neq 0$  (the case  $\alpha_2 \neq 0$  is analogous). From the first and the third equations in (25) we get

$$(28) \quad \beta_3 = \frac{\alpha_3\beta_1}{\alpha_1},$$

$$(29) \quad \alpha_3(\alpha_2\beta_1 - \alpha_1\beta_2) = 0.$$

Now from (27), (28), (29) it follows

$$(30) \quad \alpha_3 = \beta_3 = 0.$$

Analogously from the second and fourth equations in (25) we obtain

$$(31) \quad \alpha_4 = \beta_4 = 0.$$

Putting (26) and (27) in the first equations of the systems (16), (17), (19), (20) and (21) we get the system

$$(32) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \alpha_1\gamma_2 = \alpha_2\gamma_1 \\ \alpha_1\delta_2 = \alpha_2\delta_1 \\ \beta_1\gamma_2 = \beta_2\gamma_1 \\ \beta_1\delta_2 = \beta_2\delta_1 \\ \gamma_1\delta_2 = \gamma_2\delta_1. \end{array} \right|$$



Again from the first and third equations in (32) we can express

$$(33) \quad \gamma_2 = \frac{\alpha_2 \gamma_1}{\alpha_1}$$

$$(34) \quad \gamma_1(\alpha_1 \beta_2 - \alpha_2 \beta_1) = 0.$$

Then (27), (33) and (34) give us

$$(35) \quad \gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.$$

Analogously from the second and the fourth equations in (32) we get

$$(36) \quad \delta_1 = \delta_2 = 0.$$

According to (30), (31), (35) and (36) the matrix of the transformation (8) is

$$(37) \quad \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & 0 & 0 \\ \beta_1 & \beta_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma_3 & \gamma_4 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta_3 & \delta_4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus we have the relations:

$$(38) \quad \begin{aligned} (\alpha\gamma)_{13} &= \alpha_1 \gamma_3 & (\alpha\delta)_{13} &= \alpha_1 \delta_3 \\ (\alpha\gamma)_{14} &= \alpha_1 \gamma_4 & (\alpha\delta)_{14} &= \alpha_1 \delta_4 \\ (\alpha\gamma)_{23} &= \alpha_2 \gamma_3 & (\alpha\delta)_{23} &= \alpha_2 \delta_3 \\ (\alpha\gamma)_{24} &= \alpha_2 \gamma_4 & (\alpha\delta)_{24} &= \alpha_2 \delta_4. \end{aligned}$$

Putting (38) in the second and third equations of (18) we get respectively:

$$(39) \quad (\alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2^2)(\gamma_3 \delta_3 - \gamma_4 \delta_4) = 0$$

$$(40) \quad 2\alpha_1 \alpha_2 (\gamma_3 \delta_3 - \gamma_4 \delta_4) = 0.$$

Let us presume

$$(41) \quad \gamma_3 \delta_3 - \gamma_4 \delta_4 \neq 0.$$

Then from (39) and (40) it follows

$$\alpha_1^2 - \alpha_2^2 = 0, \quad \alpha_1 \alpha_2 = 0$$

and hence we obtain  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$ , which because of (2) is not possible. It means that (41) is not true, i.e.

$$(42) \quad \gamma_3 \delta_3 - \gamma_4 \delta_4 = 0.$$

The matrix (37) is orthogonal one and from the last equation of (11) it follows

$$(43) \quad \gamma_3 \delta_3 + \gamma_4 \delta_4 = 0.$$

Then (42) and (43) give us

$$(44) \quad \gamma_3 \delta_3 = 0$$

$$(45) \quad \gamma_4 \delta_4 = 0.$$

From (10), (35) and (36) we get

$$(46) \quad \gamma_3^2 + \gamma_4^2 = 1$$

$$(47) \quad \delta_3^2 + \delta_4^2 = 1.$$

For  $\gamma_3$  and  $\delta_3$ , from (44) the three possibilities follow:

- a)  $\gamma_3 = 0, \delta_3 \neq 0$ ;
- b)  $\gamma_3 \neq 0, \delta_3 = 0$ ;
- c)  $\gamma_3 = \delta_3 = 0$ ,

and for  $\gamma_4$  and  $\delta_4$ , from (45) it follows:

- d)  $\gamma_4 = 0, \delta_4 \neq 0$
- e)  $\gamma_4 \neq 0, \delta_4 = 0$
- f)  $\gamma_4 = \delta_4 = 0$ .

Having in mind (46) and (47), from all of the cases ad), ae), af), bd), be), bf), cd), ce), cf), the only possible are:

- 1) the case ae):  $\gamma_3 = 0, \gamma_4 \neq 0, \delta_3 \neq 0, \delta_4 = 0$ .

From (46) and (47) it follows

$$\gamma_4^2 = 1, \quad \delta_3^2 = 1$$

and the matrix of the transformation has the form:

$$(48) \quad \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & 0 & 0 \\ \beta_1 & \beta_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \varepsilon' \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon'' & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1\beta_2 - \alpha_2\beta_1 &= \varepsilon, \\ \varepsilon' &= \pm 1, \quad \varepsilon'' = \pm 1.\end{aligned}$$

2) the case bd):  $\gamma_3 \neq 0, \gamma_4 = 0, \delta_3 = 0, \delta_4 \neq 0$ .  
Again from (46) and (47) it follows

$$\gamma_3^2 = 1, \quad \delta_3^2 = 1$$

and the matrix of the transformation has the form

$$(49) \quad \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & 0 & 0 \\ \beta_1 & \beta_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon' & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \varepsilon'' \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1\beta_2 - \alpha_2\beta_1 &= \varepsilon, \\ \varepsilon' &= \pm 1, \quad \varepsilon'' = \pm 1.\end{aligned}$$

**Remark 2.** For our geometrical investigations it is enough only to consider the case  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon' = \varepsilon'' = 1$ .

For  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$  using (10), (11), (30), (31) we obtain the system

$$(50) \quad \begin{cases} \alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2 = 1 \\ \beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2 = 1 \\ \alpha_1\beta_1 + \alpha_2\beta_2 = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then from (27) and (50) we get

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1 &= \rho \cos \varphi & \alpha_2 &= \rho \sin \varphi \\ \beta_1 &= \rho \varepsilon \sin \varphi & \beta_2 &= \rho \varepsilon \cos \varphi, \quad \rho = \pm 1, \quad \varepsilon = \pm 1.\end{aligned}$$

**Remark 3.** Because of the character of our geometrical investigations, we are not interested in the case  $\rho = \varepsilon = -1$ .

Finally from (48), (49) and (51), we can conclude that the matrix of the orthogonal transformation (8) has either the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and hence (8) coincides with the  $\varphi$ -transformations (2), or the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi & -\sin \psi & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and transformations (8) coincides with the  $\psi$ -transformations (3).

In such a way we have proved the following

**Theorem.** *The transformations  $(\varphi)$  and  $(\psi)$  are the only orthogonal transformations which keep the curvature system  $(\Gamma)$  invariant and the functions  $K_{13}(p; E^2)$  and  $R_{1323}(p; E^2)$  are changed in the following way:*

i) by  $\varphi$ -transformations

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \overline{K_{13}} = \cos 2\varphi K_{13} - \sin 2\varphi R_{1323} \\ \overline{R_{1323}} = \sin 2\varphi K_{13} + \cos 2\varphi R_{1323}, \quad \varphi \in [0, 2\pi]; \end{array} \right.$$

ii) by  $\psi$ -transformations

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \overline{K_{13}} = -\cos 2\psi K_{13} + \sin 2\psi R_{1323} \\ \overline{R_{1323}} = -\sin 2\psi K_{13} - \cos 2\psi R_{1323}, \quad \psi \in [0, 2\pi]. \end{array} \right.$$

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