

Relations between the main scalars of a four-dimensional Finsler space and its hypersurface

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Abstract. T.N. Pandey and D.K. Diwedi [6] and the present authors [1, 2, 7] studied a four-dimensional Finsler space in terms of scalars with the help of ‘Miron frame’ which was discussed by M. Matsumoto and R. Miron [3]. On the other hand, the theory of hypersurface was discussed in detail by M. Matsumoto [4]. The purpose of the present paper is to obtain relations between the main scalars of a four-dimensional Finsler space and its hypersurface. For terms and notations we refer to Matsumoto’s paper [4].

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1 Preliminaries

Let us consider a four-dimensional Finsler space $F^4 = (M^4, L(x, y))$, whose fundamental metric function is $L(x, y)$. The normalized supporting element, metric tensor and Cartan tensor are defined by

$$l_i = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y^i}, \quad g_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 L^2}{\partial y^i \partial y^j} \quad \text{and} \quad C_{ijk} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial y^k} \quad \text{respectively.}$$

A hypersurface M^3 of M^4 may be represented parametrically by the equations $x^i = x^i(u^\alpha)$, where u^α are the Gaussian coordinates on M^3 (Latin indices run from 1 to 4, while Greek indices, except λ, μ, ν , take values 1 to 3). We assume that the matrix consisting of projection factors $B_\alpha^i = \partial x^i / \partial u^\alpha$ is of rank 3. Then $B_\alpha(u) = (B_\alpha^i(u))$ may be regarded as three independent vectors tangent to M^3 at the point $u = (u^\alpha)$ and a vector X^i tangent to M^3 at the point may be expressed uniquely in the form $X^i = B_\alpha^i X^\alpha$, where X^α are the components of the vector with respect to the coordinate system (u^α) .

To introduce a Finsler structure on M^3 , the supporting element y^i is assumed to be tangent to M^3 at a point u of M^3 , so that we may write

$$(1.1) \quad y^i = B_\alpha^i(u) v^\alpha.$$

Thus, $v = (v^\alpha)$ may be supposed as the supporting element of M^3 at the point u . Denoting y^i of (1.1) by $y^i(u, v)$, the function

$$(1.2) \quad \underline{L}(u, v) = L(x(u), y(u, v))$$

gives rise to a Finsler metric on M^3 . Consequently, we get a three-dimensional Finsler space $F^3 = (M^3, \underline{L}(u, v))$, where \underline{L} is the induced metric function on F^3 .

The induced metric function $\underline{L}(u, v)$ yields $l_\alpha = \partial \underline{L} / \partial v^\alpha$, the metric tensor $g_{\alpha\beta} = (1/2) \partial^2 \underline{L} / \partial v^\alpha \partial v^\beta$ and the Cartan tensor $C_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = (1/2) \partial g_{\alpha\beta} / \partial v^\gamma$ of F^3 . Paying attention to $\partial B_\alpha^i / \partial v^\beta = 0$, from (1.2), we get

$$(1.3) \quad l_\alpha = l_i B_\alpha^i, \quad g_{\alpha\beta} = g_{ij} B_\alpha^i B_\beta^j, \quad C_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = C_{ijk} B_\alpha^i B_\beta^j B_\gamma^k.$$

At each point u of F^3 , a unit normal vector $B^i(u, v)$ is defined by

$$(1.4) \quad g_{ij} B_\alpha^i B_\beta^j = 0, \quad g_{ij} B^i B^j = 1.$$

The inverse projection factor $B_i^\alpha(u, v)$ of B_α^i is defined as

$$(1.5) \quad B_i^\alpha = g^{\alpha\beta} g_{ij} B_\beta^j,$$

where $g^{\alpha\beta}$ is the inverse tensor of the metric tensor $g_{\alpha\beta}$ of F^3 .

From (1.5), it follows that

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{array}{ll} \text{a) } B_\alpha^i B_i^\beta = \delta_\alpha^\beta, & \text{b) } B_\alpha^i B_i = 0, \quad B^i B_i^\alpha = 0, \\ \text{c) } B^i B_i = 1, & \text{d) } B_\alpha^i B_j^\alpha + B^i B_j = \delta_j^i. \end{array}$$

Let us deduce the following tensors from the Cartan tensor C_{ijk} :

$$(1.7) \quad M_{\alpha\beta} = L C_{ijk} B_\alpha^i B_\beta^j B^k, \quad M_\alpha = L C_{ijk} B_\alpha^i B^j B^k, \quad M = L C_{ijk} B^i B^j B^k.$$

From (1.3), (1.6) and (1.7), we may write

$$(1.8) \quad \begin{aligned} L C_{ijk} B_\alpha^j B_\beta^k &= \underline{L} C_{\alpha\beta\gamma} B_i^\gamma + M_{\alpha\beta} B_i, \\ L C_{ijk} B_\alpha^j B^k &= M_{\alpha\beta} B_i^\beta + M_\alpha B_i, \\ L C_{ijk} B^j B^k &= M_\alpha B_i^\alpha + M B_i, \end{aligned}$$

which lead to

$$(1.9) \quad L C_i = (\underline{L} C_\alpha + M_\alpha) B_i^\alpha + (M + g^{\alpha\beta} M_{\alpha\beta}) B_i,$$

where $C_i (= g^{jk} C_{ijk})$ and $C_\alpha (= g^{\beta\gamma} C_{\alpha\beta\gamma})$ are called torsion vectors of F^4 and F^3 respectively.

2 Main scalars of a four-dimensional Finsler space and its hypersurface

The Miron frame for a four-dimensional Finsler space is constructed by the unit vectors (l^i, m^i, n^i, p^i) , where $l^i = y^i/L$ is the normalized supporting element; $m^i =$

C^i/\tilde{c} is the normalized torsion vector (\tilde{c} is the length of the torsion vector C^i); n^i is constructed by $g_{ij} l^i n^j = g_{ij} m^i n^j = 0$, $g_{ij} n^i n^j = 1$; and the unit vector p^i is constructed by $g_{ij} l^i p^j = g_{ij} m^i p^j = g_{ij} n^i p^j = 0$, $g_{ij} p^i p^j = 1$.

In the Miron frame, an arbitrary tensor $T = (T_j^i)$ is expressed in terms of scalar components as follows:

$$T_j^i = T_{\lambda\mu} e_{\lambda}^i e_{\mu}^j,$$

where $e_{1}^i = l^i$, $e_{2}^i = m^i$, $e_{3}^i = n^i$, $e_{4}^i = p^i$ and the summation convention is applied to the indices λ and μ .

Let $C_{\lambda\mu\nu}$ be the scalar components of LC_{ijk} with respect to the Miron frame, i.e.

$$(2.1) \quad LC_{ijk} = C_{\lambda\mu\nu} e_{\lambda}^i e_{\mu}^j e_{\nu}^k.$$

M. Matsumoto [5] showed that

- (i) $C_{\lambda\mu\nu}$ are completely symmetric,
- (ii) $C_{1\mu\nu} = 0$,
- (iii) $C_{2\mu\mu} = L\tilde{c}$, $C_{3\mu\mu} = C_{4\mu\mu} = \dots = C_{n\mu\mu} = 0$ for $n \geq 3$.

Therefore in a four-dimensional Finsler space, we have

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{cases} C_{222} + C_{233} + C_{244} = L\tilde{c}, \\ C_{322} + C_{333} + C_{344} = 0, \\ C_{422} + C_{433} + C_{444} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Thus putting

$$\begin{aligned} C_{222} = A, \quad C_{233} = B, \quad C_{244} = C, \quad C_{322} = D, \\ C_{333} = E, \quad C_{422} = F, \quad C_{433} = G, \quad C_{234} = H, \end{aligned}$$

we get

$$C_{344} = -(D + E), \quad C_{444} = -(F + G).$$

Eight scalars A, B, \dots, G, H are called the main scalars of a four-dimensional Finsler space.

The equation (2.1) may be written in expanded form as:

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} LC_{ijk} = & A(m_i m_j m_k) + B(m_i n_j n_k + n_i m_j n_k + n_i n_j m_k) + C(m_i p_j p_k \\ & + p_i m_j p_k + p_i p_j m_k) + D(m_i m_j n_k + m_i n_j m_k + n_i m_j m_k) \\ & + E(n_i n_j n_k) + F(m_i m_j p_k + m_i p_j m_k + p_i m_j m_k) \\ & + G(n_i n_j p_k + n_i p_j n_k + p_i n_j n_k) + H(m_i n_j p_k + m_i p_j n_k \\ & + n_i m_j p_k + n_i p_j m_k + p_i m_j n_k + p_i n_j m_k) \\ & - (D + E)(n_i p_j p_k + p_i n_j p_k + p_i p_j n_k) - (F + G)(p_i p_j p_k). \end{aligned}$$

The hypersurface F^3 of F^4 is a three-dimensional Finsler space. The Moór frame for F^3 is given by $(l^\alpha, m^\alpha, n^\alpha)$, where $l^\alpha = v^\alpha/\underline{L}$; $m^\alpha = C^\alpha/\tilde{c}$ (\tilde{c} being the length of the torsion vector C^α of F^3) and n^α is constructed by $g_{\alpha\beta} l^\alpha n^\beta = g_{\alpha\beta} m^\alpha n^\beta = 0$, $g_{\alpha\beta} n^\alpha n^\beta = 1$.

For this frame, the Cartan tensor $C_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ of F^3 is represented by [5]:

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \underline{L}C_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = & \underline{H}m_\alpha m_\beta m_\gamma - \underline{J}(m_\alpha m_\beta n_\gamma + m_\alpha n_\beta m_\gamma + n_\alpha m_\beta m_\gamma) \\ & + \underline{I}(m_\alpha n_\beta n_\gamma + n_\alpha m_\beta n_\gamma + n_\alpha n_\beta m_\gamma) + \underline{J}n_\alpha n_\beta n_\gamma, \end{aligned}$$

where \underline{H} , \underline{I} and \underline{J} are the main scalars of F^3 .

Transvecting (1.7) by v^α and using (1.1), we get $M_{\alpha\beta} v^\alpha = 0$, $M_\alpha v^\alpha = 0$. Therefore $M_{\alpha\beta}$ and M_α have no component in the direction of v^α (i.e. in the direction of l^α). Also $M_{\alpha\beta}$ is symmetric. Therefore M_α and $M_{\alpha\beta}$ may be written in the form $M_\alpha = \underline{U} m_\alpha + \underline{V} n_\alpha$ and $M_{\alpha\beta} = \underline{X} m_\alpha m_\beta + \underline{Y}(m_\alpha n_\beta + n_\alpha m_\beta) + \underline{Z} n_\alpha n_\beta$. Thus, we have the following:

Proposition 2.1. *Let F^3 be the hypersurface of a four-dimensional Finsler space F^4 , then the tensor M_α and $M_{\alpha\beta}$ defined by (1.7), are written as $M_\alpha = \underline{U} m_\alpha + \underline{V} n_\alpha$ and $M_{\alpha\beta} = \underline{X} m_\alpha m_\beta + \underline{Y}(m_\alpha n_\beta + n_\alpha m_\beta) + \underline{Z} n_\alpha n_\beta$ respectively.*

From (2.3) and (2.4), the torsion vector C_i and C_α are represented by $LC_i = (A + B + C) m_i$ and $\underline{L}C_\alpha = (\underline{H} + \underline{I}) m_\alpha$ respectively. The equation (1.9) and Proposition 2.1 lead to

$$(2.5) \quad m_i = (A + B + C)^{-1} \{ (\underline{H} + \underline{I} + \underline{U}) m_\alpha B_i^\alpha + \underline{V} n_\alpha B_i^\alpha + (M + \underline{X} + \underline{Z}) B_i \},$$

which yields

$$(2.6) \quad (A + B + C)^2 = (\underline{H} + \underline{I} + \underline{U})^2 + \underline{V}^2 + (M + \underline{X} + \underline{Z})^2.$$

Let us put

$$\begin{aligned} (A + B + C)^{-1}(\underline{H} + \underline{I} + \underline{U}) &= a, \\ (A + B + C)^{-1}\underline{V} &= b, \\ (A + B + C)^{-1}(M + \underline{X} + \underline{Z}) &= t, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$(2.7) \quad m_i = a m_\alpha B_i^\alpha + b n_\alpha B_i^\alpha + t B_i.$$

Let us write the unit vectors n_i and p_i as:

$$(2.8) \quad n_i = d m_\alpha B_i^\alpha + e n_\alpha B_i^\alpha + f B_i,$$

and

$$(2.9) \quad p_i = g m_\alpha B_i^\alpha + h n_\alpha B_i^\alpha + l B_i,$$

where d, e, f, g, h, l are given by

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{cases} ad + be + tf = 0 \\ ag + bh + tl = 0 \\ dg + eh + fl = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} a^2 + b^2 + t^2 = 1 \\ d^2 + e^2 + f^2 = 1 \\ g^2 + h^2 + l^2 = 1. \end{cases}$$

From (2.10), we also have the relations:

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{cases} ab + de + gh = 0 \\ at + df + gl = 0 \\ bt + ef + hl = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} a^2 + d^2 + g^2 = 1 \\ b^2 + e^2 + h^2 = 1 \\ t^2 + f^2 + l^2 = 1. \end{cases}$$

Substituting (2.7), (2.8), (2.9) into (2.3) and using (1.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\underline{L}C_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = & m_{\alpha}m_{\beta}m_{\gamma}\{a^3A + 3ad^2B + 3ag^2C + 3a^2dD + d^3E + 3a^2gF \\
& + 3d^2gG + 6adgH - 3dg^2(D + E) - g^3(F + G)\} \\
& + (m_{\alpha}n_{\beta}n_{\gamma} + n_{\alpha}m_{\beta}n_{\gamma} + n_{\alpha}n_{\beta}m_{\gamma})\{ab^2A + (ae^2 + 2bde)B + (ah^2 + 2bgh)C \\
& + (2abe + b^2d)D + de^2E + (2abh + b^2g)F + (2deh + e^2g)G \\
& + (2aeh + 2bdh + 2beg)H - (dh^2 + 2egh)(D + E) - gh^2(F + G)\} \\
& + (m_{\alpha}m_{\beta}n_{\gamma} + m_{\alpha}n_{\beta}m_{\gamma} + n_{\alpha}m_{\beta}m_{\gamma})\{a^2bA + (bd^2 + 2ade)B + (bg^2 + 2agh)C \\
& + (2abd + a^2e)D + d^2eE + (2abg + a^2h)F + (2deg + d^2h)G \\
& + (2aeg + 2bdg + 2adh)H - (eg^2 + 2dgh)(D + E) - g^2h(F + G)\} \\
& + n_{\alpha}n_{\beta}n_{\gamma}\{b^3A + 3be^2B + 3bh^2C + 3b^2eD + e^3E + 3b^2hF \\
& + 3e^2hG + 6behH - 3eh^2(D + E) - h^3(F + G)\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Comparing with (2.4), we get

$$(2.12) \quad \underline{H} = a^3A + 3ad^2B + 3ag^2C + 3a^2dD + d^3E + 3a^2gF + 3d^2gG + 6adgH - 3dg^2(D + E) - g^3(F + G),$$

$$(2.13) \quad \underline{I} = ab^2A + (ae^2 + 2bde)B + (ah^2 + 2bgh)C + (2abe + b^2d)D + de^2E + (2abh + b^2g)F + (2deh + e^2g)G + (2aeh + 2bdh + 2beg)H - (dh^2 + 2egh)(D + E) - gh^2(F + G),$$

$$(2.14) \quad \underline{J} = b^3A + 3be^2B + 3bh^2C + 3b^2eD + e^3E + 3b^2hF + 3e^2hG + 6behH - 3eh^2(D + E) - h^3(F + G),$$

and also

$$(2.15) \quad \begin{aligned} -\underline{J} = & a^2bA + (bd^2 + 2ade)B + (bg^2 + 2agh)C + (2abd + a^2e)D + d^2eE \\ & + (2abg + a^2h)F + (2deg + d^2h)G + (2aeg + 2bdg + 2adh)H \\ & - (eg^2 + 2dgh)(D + E) - g^2h(F + G). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, substituting (2.7), (2.8), (2.9) into (2.3) and using (1.7) and Proposition 2.1, we get

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{aligned} \underline{X} = & a^2tA + (d^2t + 2adf)B + (g^2t + 2agl)C + (2adt + a^2f)D + d^2fE \\ & + (2agt + a^2l)F + (2dgt + d^2l)G + (2adl + 2agf + 2dgt)H \\ & - (g^2f + 2dgl)(D + E) - g^2l(F + G), \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} \underline{Y} = & abtA + (aef + bdf + det)B + (ahl + bgl + ght)C + (abf + aet + bdt)D \\ & + defE + (abl + aht + bgt)F + (del + dht + get)G + (bdl + bgf + ael \\ & + egt + ahf + hdt)H - (dhl + gel + ghf)(D + E) - hgl(F + G), \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} \underline{Z} = & b^2tA + (e^2t + 2bef)B + (h^2t + 2bhl)C + (2bet + b^2f)D + e^2fE \\ & + (2bht + b^2l)F + (2ehf + e^2l)G + (2bel + 2bhf + 2eht)H \\ & - (h^2f + 2ehl)(D + E) - h^2l(F + G), \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.19) \quad \begin{aligned} \underline{U} = & at^2 A + (af^2 + 2tdf)B + (al^2 + 2tgl)C + (2atf + dt^2)D + df^2 E \\ & + (2atl + gt^2)F + (2dfl + gf^2)G + (2afl + 2dtl + 2gtf)H \\ & - (dl^2 + 2fgl)(D + E) - gl^2(F + G), \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.20) \quad \begin{aligned} \underline{V} = & bt^2 A + (bf^2 + 2tef)B + (bl^2 + 2thl)C + (2btf + et^2)D + ef^2 E \\ & + (2btl + ht^2)F + (2efl + hf^2)G + (2bfl + 2etl + 2htf)H \\ & - (el^2 + 2hfl)(D + E) - hl^2(F + G), \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.21) \quad \begin{aligned} M = & t^3 A + 3tf^2 B + 3tl^2 C + 3ft^2 D + f^3 E + 3lt^2 F \\ & + 3lf^2 G + 6tfl H - 3fl^2(D + E) - l^3(F + G). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have:

Theorem 2.1. *Let F^3 be the hypersurface of a four-dimensional Finsler space F^4 , then the main scalars of F^3 and F^4 are related by (2.12), (2.13), (2.14) and (2.15).*

3 C-reducible Finsler space

Pandey and Diwedi [6] proved that a four-dimensional Finsler space is c-reducible if and only if

$$(3.1) \quad A = 3B = 3C, \quad D = E = F = G = H = 0.$$

In view of (2.10), (2.11) and (3.1), equations (2.12) to (2.21) reduce to

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{cases} \underline{H} = aA, & \underline{I} = aA/3, & \underline{J} = 0, \\ \underline{X} = tA/3, & \underline{Y} = 0, & \underline{Z} = tA/3, \\ \underline{U} = aA/3, & \underline{V} = 0, & M = tA, \end{cases}$$

which gives $\underline{H} = 3\underline{I}$, $\underline{J} = 0$. This shows that the hypersurface F^3 of a four-dimensional c-reducible Finsler space F^4 is also c-reducible; which is in agreement to the Matsumoto's results [4].

In view of (3.1) and (3.2), equation (2.6) becomes

$$\left(\frac{5A}{3}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{5H}{3}\right)^2 + 0 + \left(\frac{5M}{3}\right)^2,$$

which gives

$$\underline{H} = \pm\sqrt{A^2 - M^2}.$$

Consequently, we have:

Theorem 3.1. *Let F^3 be the hypersurface of a four-dimensional c-reducible Finsler space F^4 , then for the function M defined by (1.7), the main scalars \underline{H} , \underline{I} and \underline{J} are given by*

$$\underline{H} = \pm\{A^2 - M^2\}^{1/2}, \quad \underline{I} = \pm\frac{1}{3}\{A^2 - M^2\}^{1/2}, \quad \underline{J} = 0.$$

Corollary 3.1. *In a four-dimensional c-reducible Finsler space, the main scalar A satisfies the condition: $A > M$ or $A < -M$.*

Now suppose the torsion vector C_i of F^4 is tangent to its hypersurface F^3 , then from (2.7), $t = 0$. Therefore from (3.2), we get $\underline{X} = 0$, $\underline{Y} = 0$, $\underline{Z} = 0$, $M = 0$. Thus, we get:

Theorem 3.2. *If the torsion vector C_i of a four-dimensional c -reducible Finsler space is tangent to its hypersurface, then $M_{\alpha\beta}$ and M defined by (1.7), vanish.*

Matsumoto [4] showed an important result for connections of the hypersurface that if $M_{\alpha\beta} = 0$, then the induced and intrinsic connections of the hypersurface coincide. This leads to:

Corollary 3.2. *If the torsion vector C_i of a four-dimensional c -reducible Finsler space is tangent to its hypersurface, then the induced connection of the hypersurface coincides with its intrinsic connection.*

Now, if the torsion vector C_i of F^4 is normal to its hypersurface F^3 , then from (2.7), $a = b = 0$. Therefore from (3.2), we get that all the main scalars \underline{H} , \underline{I} , \underline{J} of F^3 vanish, which is not possible.

Thus, we have:

Theorem 3.3. *The torsion vector C_i of a four-dimensional c -reducible Finsler space is not normal to its hypersurface.*

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