

# On Z-Projective Change of Kropina Spaces

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we consider the projective change  $\sigma : F \rightarrow \tilde{F}$  of metrics of the Kropina space  $F_n$  and the Finsler space  $\tilde{F}_n$ , respectively. It is known that The Douglas and the Weyl Curvature tensors remain invariant under the projective change of the Finsler metrics. Moreover,  $h$ -curvature tensor in the Berwald connection is invariant under the a special projective change named as  $Z$ -projective change. M. Fukui and T. Yamada studied in the projective change between two Finsler spaces. Then, B.D. Kim and H.Y. Park proved that if a symmetric space remains to be symmetric one under the  $Z$ -projective change then the space is of zero curvature.

In present paper, we first investigated in the quantities which are invariant under the  $Z$ -projective change between two Finsler spaces. Then, we obtained the necessary and sufficient conditions for a projective change  $\sigma : F \rightarrow \tilde{F}$  between a Kropina space  $F_n (n > 2)$  and a Finsler space  $\tilde{F}_n (n > 2)$  to be a  $Z$ -projective change.

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## 1. Introduction

A Minkowski norm on a vector space  $V$  is a nonnegative function  $F : V \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with following properties:

1.  $F(y) \geq 0$  for any  $y \in V$  and  $F(y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = 0$ ,
2.  $F(\lambda y) = \lambda F(y)$ , for any  $\lambda > 0$  and any  $y \in V$ , i.e.  $F$  is positively  $y$ -homogeneous of degree one,
3.  $F(y)$  is on  $V \setminus \{0\}$  such that the matrix

$$g_{ij}(y) = \frac{1}{2} [F^2]_{y^i y^j}(y)$$

is positive definite. On an  $n$ -dimensional manifold  $M$ , a Finsler metric  $F$  is a  $C^\infty$  function on  $TM_0 = TM \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $F_x = F_{T_x M}$  is a Minkowski norm on  $T_x M$  for any  $x \in M$ .

Let  $F$  be a Finsler metric on  $M$ . The pair  $(M, F)$  is called a Finsler space. In a Finsler space, the metric tensor is given by

$$g_{ij}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F^2}{\partial y^i \partial y^j}(x, y),$$

where  $x = x^i$  denotes the coordinates of  $p \in M$  and  $(x, y) = (x^i, y^i)$  denotes the local coordinates of  $y \in T_p M$  [8, 7].

In local coordinates, the geodesics of  $F = F(x, y)$  Finsler metrics are characterized by a system of equations:

$$\frac{d^2 x^i}{dt^2} + 2G^i \left( x, \frac{dx}{dt} \right) = 0,$$

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where  $G^i$  is called the geodesics spray coefficients denoted by

$$G^i := \frac{1}{4}g^{il} \{ [F^2]_{x^k y^l} y^k - [F^2]_{x^l} \}$$

and these coefficients are positive functions with  $y$ -homogeneous of the second degree. The functions  $G^i$  gives a global vector field called spray on  $TM_0$ [6].

In Finsler geometry, Finsler metrics are separated into several classes according to their geometric properties. In this work, we concerned with a Finsler space with Kropina metric.

Let  $\phi = \phi(s)$  be a  $C^\infty$  positive function on an open interval  $(-b_0, b_0)$  satisfying

$$\phi(s) - s\phi'(s) + (b^2 - s^2)\phi''(s) > 0, \quad |s| \leq b < b_0,$$

where  $b^2 = a^{ij}(x)b_i b_j = b_i b^i, b_i = b_i(x), b = \|\beta_x\|_\alpha = \sqrt{a^{ij}(x)b_i b_j} < b_0$  and  $\alpha = \sqrt{a_{ij}(x)y^i y^j}, \beta = b_i(x)y^i$  respectively, a Riemannian metric and differential 1-form[4, 7].

Kropina metric is a special class of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metrics having the form

$$F = \frac{\alpha^2}{\beta}.$$

### 1.1. Definition of Projective Change

Two Finsler metrics  $F$  and  $\tilde{F}$  on a manifold  $M$  are said to be (pointwise) projectively related if they have the same geodesics as point sets.  $\sigma : F \rightarrow \tilde{F}$  metric change between two Finsler metrics  $F$  and  $\tilde{F}$  on a manifold  $M$  is called projective change. Projective change has been characterized using spray coefficients.

Let  $\tilde{F}_n$  and  $F_n$  be two Finsler spaces. The Finsler metrics  $\tilde{F}$  and  $F$  are projectively related to each other if and only if there exists a scalar function  $P$  on  $TM_0$ . In this case, we can write

$$G_{\tilde{F}}^i = G_F^i + P(x, y)y^i,$$

where  $P$  is homogeneous of degree one in  $y$  and  $G_F^i$  and  $G_{\tilde{F}}^i$  are the spray coefficients of  $F$  and  $\tilde{F}$ , respectively[5].

### 1.2. Relation of Spray Coefficients

The relation between the spray coefficients of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric,  $G_F^i$  and the Riemannian metric  $\alpha, G_\alpha^i = \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{jk}^i y^j y^k$  are given by

$$G_F^i = G_\alpha^i + \frac{\alpha\phi'}{\phi - s\phi'}s_0^i + \frac{\phi\phi' - s(\phi\phi'' + \phi'\phi')}{2\phi[(\phi - s\phi') + (b^2 - s^2)\phi'']} \left( \frac{-2\alpha\phi'}{\phi - s\phi'}s_0 + r_{00} \right) \times \left( \frac{y^i}{\alpha} + \frac{\phi\phi''}{\phi\phi' - s(\phi\phi'' + \phi'\phi')}b^i \right) \tag{1.1}$$

where  $\Gamma_{jk}^i = \Gamma_{jk}^i(x)$  are the second kind of Christoffel symbols, and

$$r_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(b_{i;j} + b_{j;i}), \quad s_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}(b_{i;j} - b_{j;i}), \quad s_j^i = a^{ir}s_{rj}, \quad s_0^i = s_j^i y^j, \quad s_j = s_{ij}b^i, \\ s_0 = s_i y^i, \quad r_{00} = r_{ij}y^i y^j, \quad b^2 = a^{ij}b_i b_j$$

and ";" denotes the covariant derivative with respect to Levi-Civita connection of the Riemannian  $\alpha$ -metric[1].

By using this relation we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.1.** *The spray coefficients  $G_F^i$  of the Kropina metric  $F$  and the spray coefficients  $G_\alpha^i$  of the Riemannian metric  $\alpha$  are related by*

$$G_F^i = G_\alpha^i - \frac{\alpha^2}{2\beta}s_0^i + \frac{\alpha^2 s_0 + \beta r_{00}}{2\beta b^2}b^i - \frac{\alpha^2 s_0 + \beta r_{00}}{\alpha^2 b^2}y^i. \tag{1.2}$$

*Proof.* Since  $\phi(s) = \frac{1}{s}$ , for a Kropina metric, substituting  $\phi(s)$  in (1.1), the relation between the spray coefficients of Kropina and Riemannian metric is obtained as (1.2). □

By substituting

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\mathbb{F}}^i &= G_{\alpha}^i - \frac{\alpha^2}{2\beta} s_0^i + \frac{\alpha^2 s_0 + \beta r_{00}}{2b^2\beta} b^i \\ &= G_{\alpha}^i + \Omega^i, \quad \left( \Omega^i = -\frac{\alpha^2}{2\beta} s_0^i + \frac{\alpha^2 s_0 + \beta r_{00}}{2b^2\beta} b^i \right). \end{aligned}$$

In (1.2), we obtain,

$$G_{\mathbb{F}}^i = G_{\mathbb{F}}^i + P y^i \tag{1.3}$$

which characterizes the spray  $G_{\mathbb{F}}^i$  is projectively equivalent to  $G_{\mathbb{F}}^i$ , where projective factor  $P$  is

$$P(x, y) = \frac{1}{b^2} \left( s_0 + \frac{\beta}{\alpha^2} r_{00} \right). \tag{1.4}$$

## 2. Z-Projective Finsler Spaces

The projective change, whose projective factor  $P(x, y)$ , satisfying the following conditions

$$P_{|i} - P P_i = 0, \quad \left( P_i = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y^i}, P_{|i} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x^i} - G_{\mathbb{F}i}^r \frac{\partial P}{\partial y^r} \right). \tag{2.1}$$

is called  $Z$ -projective change, where the symbol " $|$ " denotes the horizontal covariant derivative with respect to the Berwald connection  $B\Gamma(G_{\mathbb{F}jk}^i, G_{\mathbb{F}j}^i, 0)$  of  $F$  Finsler metric[2]. The connection coefficients of  $G_{\mathbb{F}j}^i$  and  $G_{\mathbb{F}jk}^i$  of  $B\Gamma$  can be derived from the functions  $G^i$ , namely  $G_{\mathbb{F}j}^i = \frac{\partial G_{\mathbb{F}}^i}{\partial y^j}$  and  $G_{\mathbb{F}jk}^i = \frac{\partial G_{\mathbb{F}j}^i}{\partial y^k}$ .

### 2.1. The Quantities Which Are Invariant Under The Z-Projective Change

The Douglas and the Weyl curvature tensors of  $F_n$  Finsler space are defined by

$$D_{ijk}^h = G_{\mathbb{F}ijk}^h - \frac{1}{n+1} \left( y^h \frac{\partial G_{\mathbb{F}ij}^h}{\partial y^k} + \delta_i^h G_{\mathbb{F}jk}^h + \delta_k^h G_{\mathbb{F}ij}^h + \delta_j^h G_{\mathbb{F}ki}^h \right)$$

and

$$W_k^i = R_k^i - R \delta_k^i - \frac{1}{n+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^m} (R_k^m - R \delta_k^m) y^i$$

respectively, where

$$G_{\mathbb{F}ijk}^h = \frac{\partial G_{\mathbb{F}ij}^h}{\partial y^k}, \quad G_{\mathbb{F}ij} = G_{\mathbb{F}ijr}^r$$

and

$$R = \frac{1}{n-1} R_m^m$$

$R_m^m$  is the Ricci curvature(or Ricci scalar)[1].

It is known that The Douglas and the Weyl curvature tensors remain invariant under the projective change of two Finsler metrics.

In this work, we investigate the other quantities, which are invariant under the  $Z$ -projective change between two Finsler spaces except the Douglas and the Weyl curvature tensors.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Riemannian curvature tensor of a Finsler metric is invariant under the projective change if and only if  $P$ , projective factor of change is satisfied the following equations:*

$$P_{|k} - P_{k|0} = 0, \quad \left( P_{k|0} = P_{k|l} y^l \right) \tag{2.2}$$

*Proof.* In  $F_n$  Finsler space with  $B\Gamma(G_{Fjk}^i, G_{Fj}^i, 0)$  Berwald connection,  $R_{Fk}^i$  coefficients of Riemann tensor are defined by

$$R_{Fk}^i = 2 \frac{\partial G_F^i}{\partial x^k} - y^j \frac{\partial^2 G_F^i}{\partial x^j \partial y^k} + 2G_F^j \frac{\partial^2 G_F^i}{\partial y^j \partial y^k} - \frac{\partial G_F^i}{\partial y^j} \frac{\partial G_F^j}{\partial y^k} \tag{2.3}$$

[1].

Under the condition (2.1), the equations (2.3) and (1.3) lead to

$$R_{\bar{F}k}^i = R_{Fk}^i + (2P_{|k} - P_{k|0} - PP_k)y^i - (P_{|0} - P^2)\delta_k^i, \tag{2.4}$$

where  $P_{|k} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x^k} - G_{Fk}^r \frac{\partial P}{\partial y^r}$ ,  $P_{|0} = P_{|k} y^k$ .

Assume that the Riemannian curvature tensor is an invariant than we have

$$R_{\bar{F}k}^i = R_{Fk}^i.$$

Thus (2.4) reduces to

$$(PP_k - P_{k|0})y^i - (P_{|0} - P^2)\delta_k^i = 0, \tag{2.5}$$

where the second term in (2.5) is

$$P_{|0} - P^2 = (P_{|k} - PP_k)y^k = 0$$

and substituting (2.1) into (2.5) we obtain

$$P_{|k} - P_{k|0} = 0.$$

Conversely (2.1) and (2.2) in (2.4) we find

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\bar{F}k}^i &= R_{Fk}^i + (2P_{|k} - P_{k|0} - PP_k)y^i - (P_{|0} - P^2)\delta_k^i \\ &= R_{Fk}^i + (P_{|k} - P_{k|0})y^i \\ &= R_{Fk}^i. \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. □

**Theorem 2.2.**  $R_{F^ljk}^i$   $R$ -curvature tensor of a  $F_n$  Finsler space is invariant under the  $Z$ -projective change.

*Proof.* Let  $F_n$  be a Finsler space with  $B\Gamma(G_{Fjk}^i, G_{Fj}^i, 0)$  connection. Differentiating  $R_{Fjk}^i$  defined by

$$R_{Fjk}^i = \partial_k G_{Fj}^i - \partial_j G_{Fk}^i + G_{Fkr}^i G_{Fj}^r - G_{Fjr}^i G_{Fk}^r,$$

with respect to  $y^l$  give the  $R$ -curvature tensor[3].

$$\begin{aligned} R_{F^ljk}^i &= \dot{\partial}_l R_{Fjk}^i \\ &= \partial_k G_{Fjl}^i - \partial_j G_{Fkl}^i - G_{Fk}^r \dot{\partial}_l G_{Fjr}^i + G_{Fj}^r \dot{\partial}_l G_{Fkr}^i + G_{Fkr}^i G_{Fjl}^r - G_{Fjr}^i G_{Fkl}^r, \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

where  $\partial_k = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}$ ,  $\dot{\partial}_k = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^k}$ .

It is known that, for a Berwald space the following conditions

$$\dot{\partial}_l G_{Fkr}^i = \dot{\partial}_l G_{Fjr}^i = 0$$

holds. Then (2.6) reduces to

$$R_{F^ljk}^i = \dot{\partial}_l R_{Fjk}^i = \partial_k G_{Fjl}^i - \partial_j G_{Fkl}^i + G_{Fkr}^i G_{Fjl}^r - G_{Fjr}^i G_{Fkl}^r. \tag{2.7}$$

Under any projective change between two spaces with  $F$  and  $\tilde{F}$  Finsler metrics, using the relation  $G_{\tilde{F}}^i = G_F^i + P y^i$  of the spray coefficients is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\tilde{F}j}^i &= G_{Fj}^i + y^i P_j + P \delta_j^i \\ G_{\tilde{F}jk}^i &= G_{Fjk}^i + y^i P_{jk} + P_j \delta_k^i + P_k \delta_j^i \\ \dot{\partial}_l G_{\tilde{F}kr}^i &= G_{\tilde{F}krl}^i = G_{Fkrl}^i + y^i P_{krl} + \delta_k^i P_{rl} + \delta_r^i P_{kl} + \delta_k^l P_{kr}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

where  $P_i = \dot{\partial}_i P$  ve  $P_{ij} = \dot{\partial}_j P_i$ . Using (2.6) and (2.8), R–curvature tensor of  $\tilde{F}_n$  is written as

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\tilde{F}}^i ljk &= \partial_k G_{\tilde{F}}^i j l - \partial_j G_{\tilde{F}}^i k l - G_{\tilde{F}}^r k \dot{\partial}_l G_{\tilde{F}}^i j r + G_{\tilde{F}}^r j \dot{\partial}_l G_{\tilde{F}}^i k r + G_{\tilde{F}}^i k r G_{\tilde{F}}^r j l - G_{\tilde{F}}^i j r G_{\tilde{F}}^r k l \\ &= R_{F}^i ljk + y^i \dot{\partial}_l \Sigma_{jk} + \delta_l^i \Sigma_{jk} + \delta_j^i \dot{\partial}_l \Sigma_k - \delta_k^i \dot{\partial}_l \Sigma_j, \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

where  $\Sigma_i = P_{|i} - PP_i$  and  $\Sigma_{jk} = P_{j|k} - P_{k|j} = \dot{\partial}_j \Sigma_k - \dot{\partial}_k \Sigma_j$ . Under Z–projective condition, setting  $\Sigma_i = 0$  and  $\Sigma_{jk} = 0$  in (2.9) yields to

$$R_{\tilde{F}}^i ljk = R_{F}^i ljk,$$

which completes the proof. □

## 2.2. Z-Projective Kropina Spaces

A projective change of a Finsler space of zero curvature is also a Finsler space of zero curvature if and only if the projective factor  $P$  satisfies the equation (2.1). In other words, projective change

**Theorem 2.3.** *The necessary and sufficient conditions for which the projective change between a Kropina space  $F_n (n > 2)$  and a Finsler space  $\tilde{F}_n (n > 2)$  is a Z–projective change are*

$$\begin{aligned} r_{00} &= c(x)\alpha^2, \\ b^2 s_0^i s_i + \beta s^i s_i &= 0, \\ b^2 s_{j|i} - c b_i s_j - s_i s_j + b^2 c s_{ji} - s^r s_r a_{ij} &= 0, \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

where  $c = c(x)$  is a differentiable function satisfying the conditions

$$b^2 c_{|i} - c^2 b_i - c s_i = 0.$$

*Proof.* According to Lemma 1.1, the relation between spray coefficients of Kropina and Riemann space from is

$$G_{\tilde{F}}^i = G_{\alpha}^i - P y^i + \Omega^i. \tag{2.11}$$

or putting

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\tilde{F}}^i &= G_{\alpha}^i + \Omega^i \\ &= G_{\alpha}^i - \frac{\alpha^2}{2\beta} s_0^i + \frac{\alpha^2 s_0 + \beta r_{00}}{2\beta b^2} b^i \end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

we get

$$G_{\tilde{F}}^i = G_{\tilde{F}}^i + P y^i,$$

which defines a projective change between  $F$  Kropina metric and  $\tilde{F}$  Finsler metric. Let  $\sigma : F \rightarrow \tilde{F}$  be a projective change. If  $\sigma$  is a Z–projective change than the projective factor  $P(x, y)$  satisfies the conditions

$$P_{|i} - PP_i = 0, \tag{2.13}$$

where

$$P = \frac{1}{b^2} \left( s_0 + \beta \frac{r_{00}}{\alpha^2} \right).$$

By taking the horizontal covariant derivative of and the partial derivative of  $P$  given by

$$P_{|i} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x^i} - G_{F}^r \frac{\partial P}{\partial y^r}$$

and

$$P_i = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y^i},$$

respectively in (2.13) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &4r_{00}\beta^4 \left\{ 2\alpha^2 r_{i0} - y_i r_{00} \right\} + 2\beta^3 \alpha^2 \left\{ \left[ -2r_{00}r_i + b^2 r_{00|i} + 2r_{i0}(s_0 - r_0) \right] \alpha^2 + b_i r_{00}^2 \right\} \\ &+ 2\beta^2 \alpha^4 \left\{ \left[ b^2 s_{0|i} - s_i(r_0 + s_0) + b^2 s_i^r r_{r0} - 2s_0 r_i \right] \alpha^2 + 2y_i (b^2 s_0^r r_{r0} - s_0 r_0) \right\} \\ &+ \beta \alpha^6 \left\{ \alpha^2 b^2 s_i^r s_r - 2b^2 b_i s_0^r r_{r0} + 2b^2 y_i s_0^r s_r + 2b_i s_0 r_0 \right\} - \alpha^8 b^2 b_i s_0^r s_r = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

which denote polynomial equations with 9th-degree. These equations are implicitly in the following form:

$$A_5\beta^4 + A_4\beta^3\alpha^2 + A_3\beta^2\alpha^4 + A_2\beta\alpha^6 + A_1\alpha^8 = 0, \tag{2.15}$$

where the coefficients of  $A_i, i = 1, \dots, 5$  are polynomials in  $y$  and the subscripts denote the degree of homogeneity with respect to  $y$ . It is clear that coefficients are in the form

$$\begin{aligned} A_5 &= 4r_{00}(2\alpha^2r_{i0} - y_i r_{00}), \\ A_4 &= 2[(-2r_{00}r_i + b^2r_{00|i} + 2r_{i0}(s_0 - r_0))\alpha^2 + b_i r_{00}^2], \\ A_3 &= 2[(b^2s_{0|i} - s_i(r_0 + s_0) + b^2s_i^r r_{r0} - 2s_0r_i)\alpha^2 + 2y_i(b^2s_0^r r_{r0} - s_0r_0)], \\ A_2 &= \alpha^2 b^2 s_i^r s_r - 2b^2 b_i s_0^r r_{r0} + 2b^2 y_i s_0^r s_r + 2b_i s_0 r_0, \\ A_1 &= -b^2 b_i s_0^r s_r. \end{aligned}$$

Since the term  $A_1 = -b^2 b_i s_0^r s_r$  does not contain  $\beta$ , there must be a scalar function  $f_i(x)$  such that

$$b^2 b_i s_0^r s_r = \beta f_i(x). \tag{2.16}$$

Differentiating both sides of (2.16) with respect to  $y^j$  and considering

$$f_i(x) = -b_i s^r s_r$$

the equation (2.16) can be written as

$$b_i(b^2 s_0^r s_r + \beta s^r s_r) = 0$$

or

$$b^2 s_0^r s_r + \beta s^r s_r = 0. \tag{2.17}$$

On the other hand substituting (2.17) in (2.15) and paying attention to the terms of  $A_2 + A_1 = -2b^2 b_i s_0^r r_{r0} + 2b_i s_0 r_0$ , which seemingly does not contain  $\beta$ , it is seen that needed to stasfying,

$$b_i(s_0 r_0 - b^2 s_0^r r_{r0}) = \beta u_{i1}, \tag{2.18}$$

where  $u_{i1} = u_{ij}(x)y^j$ . Differentiating both sides of (2.18) with respect to  $y^j$  and  $y^k$  and transvecting the equations obtained by differentiation by  $b^j$  and  $b^k$  give

$$b_i s_j r_k b^k - b_i b^2 (-r_{jr} s^r + r_r s_j^r) = b_j u_{ik} b^k + b^2 u_{ij} \tag{2.19}$$

and

$$b_i s^r r_r = u_{ir} b^r, \tag{2.20}$$

respectively.

Substituting (2.20) into (2.19), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} u_{ij}(x) &= \frac{b_i}{b^2} [s_j r_r b^r - b_j s^r r_r + b^2 (r_{jr} s^r - s_j^r r_r)], \\ u_{i1} = u_{ij}(x)y^j &= \frac{b_i}{b^2} [s_0 r_r b^r - \beta s^r r_r + b^2 (r_{0r} s^r - s_0^r r_r)]. \end{aligned} \tag{2.21}$$

if (2.21) is multiplied by  $b^i$ , we have

$$u_{i1} b^i = s_0 r_r b^r - \beta s^r r_r + b^2 (r_{0r} s^r - s_0^r r_r).$$

Then, substituting  $u_{i1}$  into (2.15), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha^6 \left\{ b^2 s_{0|i} - s_i(r_0 + s_0) + b^2 s_i^r r_{r0} - 2s_0 r_i - s^r s_r y_i + \frac{b_i}{b^2} [s_0 r_r b^r - \beta s^r r_r \right. \\ &+ b^2 (r_{0r} s^r - s_0^r r_r)] \left. \right\} + \alpha^4 \beta \left\{ -2r_{00} r_i + b^2 r_{00|i} + 2r_{i0}(s_0 - r_0) \right. \\ &- \frac{2}{b^2} y_i [s_0 r_r b^r - \beta s^r r_r + b^2 (r_{0r} s^r - s_0^r r_r)] \left. \right\} + \alpha^2 \beta r_{00} (4\beta r_{i0} + r_{00} b_i) \\ &- 2\beta^2 r_{00}^2 y_i = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{2.22}$$

which do not contain  $\beta$ . Then we can write

$$b^2 s_{0|i} - s_i(r_0 + s_0) + b^2 s_i^r r_{r0} - 2s_0 r_i - s^r s_r y_i + \frac{b_i}{b^2} [s_0 r_r b^r + b^2 (r_{0r} s^r - s_0^r r_r)] = \beta g_i(x). \quad (2.23)$$

Differentiating (2.23) by  $y^j$  and resulting equation transvecting  $b^j$ , we find  $g_i(x)$  function as

$$g_i(x) = -s^r (s_{ri} + r_{ri}) + s_i^r r_r - \frac{1}{b^2} s_i r_r b^r + \frac{1}{b^2} (2s^r r_r - s^r s_r) b_i. \quad (2.24)$$

Consequently, multiplying (2.22) by  $b^i$  and paying attention to be  $u_{i1} b^i = \frac{b^2}{\beta} (s_0 r_0 - b^2 s_0^r r_{r0})$ ,  $g_i(x) b^i = 0$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha^2 \{ \alpha^4 (-s^i r_i) + \alpha^2 (b^2 b^i r_{00|i} - 2r_{00} r_i b^i - 2r_0^2 + 2b^2 s_0^i r_{i0}) + b^2 r_{00}^2 \} \\ & = 2\beta r_{00} (\beta r_{00} - 2\alpha^2 r_0). \end{aligned} \quad (2.25)$$

For  $n > 2$ ,  $\alpha^2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{\beta}$  and  $b^2 \neq 0$ , term on the right side of (2.25) must be a multiple of  $\alpha^2$ . According to this, for the realizing of (2.25) we get

$$r_{00} = c\alpha^2 \quad (2.26)$$

or

$$r_{00}\beta - 2r_0\alpha^2 = \alpha^2 v_1, \quad (2.27)$$

where  $v_1 = v_i(x)y^i$  and  $c = c(x)$  are scalar functions of  $x$ . It is easily seen that (2.26) and (2.27) are equivalent to each other. On the other hand, substituting the conditions  $r_{00} = c\alpha^2$  and  $b^2 s_0^r s_r + \beta s^r s_r = 0$  into (2.14) after necessarily calculations, we find

$$b^2 s_{j|i} - c b_i s_j - s_i s_j + b^2 c s_{ji} - s^r s_r a_{ij} = 0$$

and the scalar function  $c(x)$  satisfying

$$b^2 c_{|i} - c^2 b_i - c s_i = 0.$$

Taking account of this conditions, we find the necessary conditions for a projective change to be a  $Z$ -projective change as

$$b^2 s_0^r s_r + \beta s^r s_r = 0, \quad r_{00} = c\alpha^2$$

and

$$b^2 s_{j|i} - c b_i s_j - s_i s_j + b^2 c s_{ji} - s^r s_r a_{ij} = 0.$$

Conversely, substituting (2.10) conditions into  $P_{|i} - PP_i$ , we find

$$P_{|i} - PP_i = 0,$$

which completes the proof. □

**Corollary 2.1.** *In theorem 2.3, the necessary and sufficient conditions for which the projective change between  $F$  Kropina metric with weak Berwald space and a  $\tilde{F}_n$  Finsler metric is a  $Z$ -projective change are*

$$b^2 s_0^r s_r + \beta s^r s_r = 0$$

and

$$b^2 s_{j|i} - c b_i s_j - s_i s_j + b^2 c s_{ji} - s^r s_r a_{ij} = 0,$$

where  $c = c(x)$  is a scalar function satisfying the conditions

$$b^2 c_{|i} - c^2 b_i - c s_i = 0.$$

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