



On infinitesimal conformal transformations with respect to the Cheeger-Gromoll metric

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Abstract

The present paper deals with the classification of infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformations on the tangent bundle, equipped with the Cheeger-Gromoll metric.

1 Introduction

Let M be an n -dimensional manifold and TM its tangent bundle. We denote by $\mathfrak{S}_s^r(M)$ the set of all tensor fields of type (r, s) on M . Similarly, we denote by $\mathfrak{S}_s^r(TM)$ the corresponding set on TM . We also note that in the present paper everything will be always discussed in the C^∞ -category, and manifolds will be assumed to be connected and of dimension $n > 1$.

Let M be a Riemannian manifold with a Riemannian metric g and X be a vector field on M . Let us consider the local one-parameter group $\{\phi_t\}$ of local transformations of M generated by X . The vector field X is called an *infinitesimal conformal transformation* if each ϕ_t is a local conformal transformation of M . As is well known, the vector field X is an *infinitesimal conformal transformation* or *conformal vector field* on M if and only if there exist a scalar function ρ on M satisfying $L_X g = 2\rho g$, where L_X denotes the Lie derivation with respect to X . Especially, the vector field X is called an *infinitesimal homothetic one* when ρ is constant.

Let TM be the tangent bundle over M and Φ be a transformation of TM . If the transformation Φ preserves the fibres, it is called a *fibre-preserving*

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transformation. Consider a vector field \tilde{X} on TM and the local one-parameter group $\{\Phi_t\}$ of local transformations of TM generated by \tilde{X} . The vector field \tilde{X} is called an *infinitesimal fibre-preserving transformation* if each Φ_t is a local fibre-preserving transformation of TM . An infinitesimal fibre-preserving transformation \tilde{X} on TM is called an *infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation* if each Φ_t is a local fibre-preserving conformal transformation of TM . Let \tilde{g} be a Riemannian or pseudo-Riemannian metric on TM . \tilde{X} is an infinitesimal conformal transformation of TM if and only if there exist a scalar function Ω on TM such that $L_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{g} = 2\Omega\tilde{g}$, where $L_{\tilde{X}}$ denotes the Lie derivation with respect to \tilde{X} . An infinitesimal conformal transformation \tilde{X} is called *essential* if Ω depends only on (y^i) with respect to the induced coordinates (x^i, y^i) on TM , and is called *inessential* if Ω depends only (x^i) , that is, Ω is a constant on each fibre of TM . In this case, Ω induces a function on M .

The geometry of tangent bundles goes back to the fundamental paper [27] of Sasaki published in 1958. He uses a given Riemannian metric g on a differentiable manifold M to construct a metric \tilde{g} on the tangent bundle TM of M . Today this metric is a standard notion in the differential geometry called the *Sasaki metric* (or *the metric I+III*). For a given Riemannian metric g on a differentiable manifold M , there are well known Riemannian or pseudo-Riemannian metrics on TM , constructed from the metric g , as follows:

1. The complete lift metric or the metric *II*
2. The metric *I + II*
3. The Sasaki metric or the metric *I + III*
4. The metric *II + III*

where $I = g_{ij}dx^i dx^j$, $II = 2g_{ij}dx^i \delta y^j$, $III = g_{ij}\delta y^i \delta y^j$ are all quadratic differential forms defined globally on the tangent bundle TM over M (for details, see [[33], p.137-177]). Yamauchi [30] proved that every infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation on TM with the metric *I + III* is homothetic and it induces an infinitesimal homothetic transformation on M . Also, in the case when M is a complete, simply connected Riemannian manifold with a Riemannian metric, Hasegawa and Yamauchi [11] showed that the Riemannian manifold M is isometric to the standard sphere when the tangent bundle TM equipped with the metric *I + II* admits an essential infinitesimal conformal transformation. In [9], the first author has studied the similar problem in [30, 31] with respect to the symplectic lift metric on the tangent bundle.

All the preceding metrics belong to the wide class of the so-called *g-natural metrics* on the tangent bundle, initially classified by Kowalski and Sekizawa

[13] and fully characterized by Abbassi and Sarih [1, 2, 3, 4] (see also [12, 6] for other presentation of the basic result from [13] and for more details about the concept of naturality). Another well-known g -natural Riemannian metric g_{CG} had been defined, some years before, by Muso and Tricerri [15] who, inspired by the paper [7] of Cheeger and Gromoll, called it the *Cheeger-Gromoll metric*. The metric was defined by Cheeger and Gromoll; yet, there were Musso and Tricerri who wrote down its expression, constructed it in a more "comprehensible" way, and gave it the name. The Levi-Civita connection of g_{CG} and its Riemannian curvature tensor are calculated by Sekizawa in [28] (for more details see [10]). In [4], Abbassi and Sarih classified Killing vector fields on (TM, g_{CG}) ; that is, they found general forms of all Killing vector fields on (TM, g_{CG}) . Also, they showed that if (TM, g_{CG}) is the tangent bundle with the Cheeger-Gromoll metric g_{CG} of a Riemannian, compact and orientable manifold (M, g) with vanishing first and second Betti numbers, then the Lie algebras of Killing vector fields on (M, g) and on (TM, g_{CG}) are isomorphic. Finally, they showed that the sectional curvature of the tangent bundle (TM, g_{CG}) with the Cheeger-Gromoll metric g_{CG} of a Riemannian manifold (M, g) is never constant. In [26], Salimov and Kazimova investigated geodesics on the tangent bundle with respect to the Cheeger-Gromoll metric g_{CG} . Different types of metrics on the tangent bundle of a Riemannian manifold were also studied in [5, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25]

The purpose of the present paper is to characterize infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformations with respect to the Cheeger-Gromoll metric g_{CG} on the tangent bundle TM of a Riemannian manifold M . In Theorem 3.2, we give a necessary and sufficient condition for the vector field \tilde{X} on the tangent bundle with the Cheeger-Gromoll metric g_{CG} to be an infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation. This condition is represented by a set of relations involving certain tensor fields on M of type $(1, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$. We obtain these relations by giving the formula $L_{\tilde{X}}g_{CG} = 2\Omega g_{CG}$ in an adapted frame. The paper ends two Corollaries which follow immediately from Theorem 3.2 and its Proof.

2 Preliminaries

2.1 Cheeger-Gromoll metric on the tangent bundle

Let TM be the tangent bundle over an n -dimensional manifold M , and π the natural projection $\pi : TM \rightarrow M$. Let the manifold M be covered by a system of coordinate neighborhoods (U, x^i) , where (x^i) , $i = 1, \dots, n$ is a local coordinate system defined in the neighborhood U . Let (y^i) be the Cartesian coordinates in each tangent space $T_P M$ at $P \in M$ with respect to the natural

base $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} |_P\}$, P being an arbitrary point in U whose coordinates are (x^i) . Then we can introduce local coordinates (x^i, y^i) on open set $\pi^{-1}(U) \subset TM$. We call them *induced coordinates* on $\pi^{-1}(U)$ from (U, x^i) . The projection π is represented by $(x^i, y^i) \rightarrow (x^i)$. We use the notions $x^I = (x^i, \bar{x}^i)$ and $x^{\bar{i}} = y^i$. The indices i, j, \dots run from 1 to n , the indices \bar{i}, \bar{j}, \dots run from $n+1$ to $2n$. Summation over repeated indices is always implied.

Let $X = X^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ be the local expression in U of a vector field X on M . Then the vertical lift ${}^V X$, the horizontal lift ${}^H X$ and the complete lift ${}^C X$ of X are given, with respect to the induced coordinates, by

$${}^V X = X^i \partial_{\bar{i}}, \quad (2.1)$$

$${}^H X = X^i \partial_i - y^s \Gamma_{sk}^i X^k \partial_{\bar{i}}, \quad (2.2)$$

and

$${}^C X = X^i \partial_i + y^s \partial_s X^i \partial_{\bar{i}}, \quad (2.3)$$

where $\partial_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$, $\partial_{\bar{i}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}$ and Γ_{sk}^i are the coefficients of the Levi-Civita connection ∇ of g .

Suppose that we are given a tensor field $S \in \mathfrak{S}_q^p(M)$, $q > 1$, on M . We define a tensor field $\gamma S \in \mathfrak{S}_{q-1}^p(TM)$ on $\pi^{-1}(U)$ by

$$\gamma S = (y^e S_{e i_2 \dots i_q}^{j_1 \dots j_p}) \partial_{\bar{j}_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \partial_{\bar{j}_p} \otimes dx^{i_2} \otimes \dots \otimes dx^{i_q}$$

with respect to the induced coordinates (x^i, y^i) ([33], p.12). The tensor field γS defined on each $\pi^{-1}(U)$ determines a global tensor field on TM . We easily see that γA has components, with respect to the induced coordinates (x^i, y^i) ,

$$(\gamma A) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y^i A_i^j \end{pmatrix}$$

for any $A \in \mathfrak{S}_1^1(M)$ and $(\gamma A)({}^V f) = 0$, $f \in \mathfrak{S}_0^0(M)$, i.e. γA is a vertical vector field on TM .

Explicit expression for the Lie bracket $[,]$ of the tangent bundle TM is given by Dombrowski [8]. The bracket products of vertical and horizontal vector fields are given by the formulas:

$$[{}^H X, {}^H Y] = {}^H [X, Y] - \gamma(R(X, Y))$$

$$[{}^H X, {}^V Y] = {}^V (\nabla_X Y)$$

$$[{}^V X, {}^V Y] = 0$$

for all vector fields X and Y on M , where R is the Riemannian curvature of g defined by $R(X, Y) = [\nabla_X, \nabla_Y] - \nabla_{[X, Y]}$ and $\gamma(R(X, Y))$ is a tensor field of

type (1,0) on TM , which is locally expressed as $\gamma(R(X, Y)) = y^s R_{jks}{}^i X^j Y^k \partial_i$ with respect to the induced coordinates.

Let us consider a vector field $X = X^i \partial_i$ and the corresponding covector field $g_X = g_{ij} X^i dx^j$ on U . Then $\gamma g_X \in \mathfrak{S}_0^0(M)$ is a function on $\pi^{-1}(U)$ defined by $\gamma g_X = y^i g_{ij} X^j$ with respect to the induced coordinates (x^i, y^i) . Now, denote by r the norm a vector $y = (y^i)$, i.e. $r^2 = g_{ji} y^j y^i$. The Cheeger-Gromoll metric g_{CG} on the tangent bundle TM is given by

$$\begin{aligned} g_{CG}({}^H X, {}^H Y) &= V(g(X, Y)), \\ g_{CG}({}^H X, {}^V Y) &= 0, \\ g_{CG}({}^V X, {}^V Y) &= \frac{1}{1+r^2} [V(g(X, Y)) + (\gamma g_X)(\gamma g_Y)], \end{aligned}$$

for all $X, Y \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M)$, where $V(g(X, Y)) = (g(X, Y)) \circ \pi$.

2.2 Basic formulas in adapted frames

With a torsion-free affine connection ∇ given on M , we can introduce on each induced coordinate neighborhood $\pi^{-1}(U)$ of TM a frame field which is very useful in our computation. In each local chart $U \subset M$, we put $X_{(j)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}$, $j = 1, \dots, n$. Then from (2.1) and (2.2), we see that these vector fields have, respectively, local expressions

$$\begin{aligned} {}^H X_{(j)} &= \delta_j^h \partial_h + (-y^s \Gamma_{sj}^h) \partial_{\bar{h}} \\ {}^V X_{(j)} &= \delta_j^h \partial_{\bar{h}} \end{aligned}$$

with respect to the natural frame $\{\partial_h, \partial_{\bar{h}}\}$, where δ_j^h -Kronecker delta. These $2n$ vector fields are linear independent and generate, respectively, the horizontal distribution of ∇ and the vertical distribution of TM . We have call the set $\{{}^H X_{(j)}, {}^V X_{(j)}\}$ the frame adapted to the affine connection ∇ in $\pi^{-1}(U) \subset TM$. On putting

$$\begin{aligned} E_j &= {}^H X_{(j)}, \\ E_{\bar{j}} &= {}^V X_{(j)}, \end{aligned}$$

we write the adapted frame as $\{E_\lambda\} = \{E_j, E_{\bar{j}}\}$. $\{dx^h, \delta y^h\}$ is the dual frame of $\{E_i, E_{\bar{i}}\}$, where $\delta y^h = dy^h + y^b \Gamma_{ba}^h dx^a$. By the straightforward calculation, we have the following:

2.3 Lemma. *The Lie brackets of the adapted frame of TM satisfy the following identities:*

$$\begin{cases} [E_j, E_i] = y^b R_{ijb}{}^a E_{\bar{a}} \\ [E_j, E_{\bar{i}}] = \Gamma_{ji}^a E_{\bar{a}} \\ [E_{\bar{j}}, E_{\bar{i}}] = 0 \end{cases}$$

where R_{ijb}^a denote the components of the curvature tensor of M [31].

Using (2.1), (2.2) and (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}^H X &= \begin{pmatrix} X^j \delta_j^h \\ -X^j \Gamma_{sj}^h y^s \end{pmatrix} = X^j \begin{pmatrix} \delta_j^h \\ -\Gamma_{sj}^h y^s \end{pmatrix} = X^j E_j \\ {}^V X &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ X^h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ X^j \delta_j^h \end{pmatrix} = X^j \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \delta_j^h \end{pmatrix} = X^j E_{\bar{j}}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} {}^C X &= \begin{pmatrix} X^j \delta_j^h \\ y^s \partial_s X^j \end{pmatrix} \\ &= X^j \begin{pmatrix} \delta_j^h \\ -\Gamma_{sj}^h y^s \end{pmatrix} + y^m \nabla_m X^j \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \delta_j^h \end{pmatrix} = X^j E_j + y^m \nabla_m X^j E_{\bar{j}} \end{aligned}$$

with respect to the adapted frame $\{E_\lambda\}$.

We shall need a new lift of vector fields on M . For any vector field $Y \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(M)$ with the components (Y^h) , ${}^V Y$ is a vector field on TM defined by

$${}^V Y = \{(1 - r^2)Y^a + g_{kr} Y^k y^r y^a\} E_{\bar{a}},$$

with respect to the adapted frame $\{E_\lambda\}$. Clearly the lift ${}^V Y$ is a smooth vector field on TM . Remark that ${}^V Y$ is a vertical vector field on TM . In fact, $f \in \mathfrak{S}_0^0(M)$; ${}^V Y \cdot V(f) = 0$.

Let \tilde{X} be a vector field on TM with components $(v^h, v^{\bar{h}})$ with respect to the adapted frame $\{E_h, E_{\bar{h}}\}$. Then \tilde{X} is a fibre-preserving vector field on TM if and only if v^h depend only on the variables (x^h) . Therefore, every fibre-preserving vector field \tilde{X} on TM induces a vector field $X = v^h \frac{\partial}{\partial x^h}$ on M . Also, it is well-known that ${}^C X$, ${}^V X$, ${}^V X$ and ${}^H X$ are fibre-preserving vector fields on TM .

Let $L_{\tilde{X}}$ be the Lie derivation with respect to the fibre-preserving vector field \tilde{X} , then we have the following Lemma:

2.4 Lemma. (see [30, 31]) *The Lie derivations of the adapted frame and its dual basis with respect to $\tilde{X} = v^h E_h + v^{\bar{h}} E_{\bar{h}}$ are given as follows:*

- (1) $L_{\tilde{X}} E_h = -\partial_h v^a E_a + \left\{ y^b v^c R_{hcb}^a - v^{\bar{b}} \Gamma_{bh}^a - E_h(v^{\bar{a}}) \right\} E_{\bar{a}}$
- (2) $L_{\tilde{X}} E_{\bar{h}} = \left\{ v^{\bar{b}} \Gamma_{bh}^a - E_{\bar{h}}(v^{\bar{a}}) \right\} E_{\bar{a}}$
- (3) $L_{\tilde{X}} dx^h = \partial_m v^h dx^m$
- (4) $L_{\tilde{X}} \delta y^h = -\left\{ y^b v^c R_{mcb}^h - v^{\bar{b}} \Gamma_{bm}^h - E_m(v^{\bar{h}}) \right\} dx^m - \left\{ v^{\bar{b}} \Gamma_{bm}^h - E_{\bar{m}}(v^{\bar{h}}) \right\} \delta y^m.$

3 Results

If $g = g_{ij}dx^i dx^j$ is the expression of the Riemannian metric g , the Cheeger-Gromoll metric g_{CG} is expressed in the adapted local frame by

$$g_{CG} = g_{ij}dx^i dx^j + h_{ij}\delta y^i \delta y^j$$

where h_{ij} is the function on $\pi^{-1}(U)$ defined by $h_{ij} = \frac{1}{1+r^2}(g_{ij} + y^s y^t g_{is} g_{tj})$. For shortness we set $G_1 = g_{ij}dx^i dx^j$ and $G_2 = h_{ij}\delta y^i \delta y^j$. Therefore the Cheeger-Gromoll metric g_{CG} can be expressed as follows:

$$g_{CG} = G_1 + G_2.$$

We shall first state the following Lemma which is needed later on.

3.1 Lemma. *The Lie derivatives $L_{\tilde{X}}G_1$ and $L_{\tilde{X}}G_2$ with respect to the fibre-preserving vector field \tilde{X} are given as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad L_{\tilde{X}}G_1 &= (L_X g_{ij})dx^i dx^j \\ (2) \quad L_{\tilde{X}}G_2 &= -2h_{mj} \left\{ y^b v^c R_{icb}^m - v^b \Gamma_{bi}^m - E_i(v^{\bar{m}}) \right\} dx^i \delta y^j \\ &\quad + \left\{ L_X h_{ij} - 2h_{mj} \nabla_i v^m + 2h_{mj} E_i(v^{\bar{m}}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{1+r^2} v^{\bar{m}} y^s (-2g_{ms} h_{ij} + g_{mj} g_{is} + g_{sj} g_{im}) \right\} \delta y^i \delta y^j \end{aligned}$$

where $L_X g_{ij}$ denote the components of the Lie derivative $L_X g$, and also $\nabla_i v^m$ denote the components of the covariant derivative of X .

Proof. Proof of this Lemma is similar to proof of the Proposition 2.3 of Yamauchi [31]. \square

3.2 Theorem. *Let (TM, g_{CG}) be the tangent bundle with the Cheeger-Gromoll metric of a Riemannian manifold (M, g) . Let*

- (i) X be an infinitesimal homothetic transformation on (M, g) , with $L_X g = \Omega g$, for some constant Ω ;
- (ii) Y be a parallel vector field on (M, g) ;
- (iii) A be a $(1, 1)$ -tensor field on M which satisfies the followings

$$\begin{aligned} (A_1) \quad g_{ik} A_j^k + g_{kj} A_i^k &= 2\Omega g_{ij}, \\ (A_2) \quad \nabla_i A_j^k + X^l R_{lij}^k &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then the vector field \tilde{X} on TM defined by

$$(\sharp) \quad \tilde{X} = {}^C X + \gamma A + {}^{V'} Y$$

is an infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation on (TM, g_{CG}) .

Conversely, every infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation on (TM, g_{CG}) is of the form (\sharp) .

Let TM be the tangent bundle over M with the Cheeger-Gromoll metric g_{CG} , and let \tilde{X} be an infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation on (TM, g_{CG}) such that

$$L_{\tilde{X}}g_{CG} = 2\Omega g_{CG}. \quad (3.1)$$

By means of Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (L_X g_{ij}) dx^i dx^j - 2h_{mj} \left\{ y^b v^c R_{icb}^m - v^{\bar{b}} \Gamma_{\bar{b}i}^m - E_i(v^{\bar{m}}) \right\} dx^i \delta y^j \\ & + [L_X h_{ij} - 2h_{mj} \nabla_i v^m + 2h_{mj} E_i(v^{\bar{m}})] \\ & + \frac{1}{1+r^2} v^{\bar{m}} y^s (-2g_{ms} h_{ij} + g_{mj} g_{is} + g_{sj} g_{im}) \delta y^i \delta y^j \\ & = 2\Omega g_{ij} dx^i dx^j + 2\Omega h_{ij} \delta y^i \delta y^j. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing both sides of the above equation, we obtain the following three relations:

$$L_X g_{ij} = 2\Omega g_{ij} \quad (3.2)$$

$$y^b v^c R_{icb}^m - v^{\bar{b}} \Gamma_{\bar{b}i}^m - E_i(v^{\bar{m}}) = 0 \quad (3.3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & L_X h_{ij} - 2h_{mj} \nabla_i v^m + 2h_{mj} E_i(v^{\bar{m}}) \\ & + \frac{1}{1+r^2} v^{\bar{m}} y^s (-2g_{ms} h_{ij} + g_{mj} g_{is} + g_{sj} g_{im}) = 2\Omega h_{ij}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

First all, we shall study the particular cases ${}^C X$, γA , ${}^V Y$. Using (3.2)-(3.4) and the local expressions of ${}^C X$, γA , ${}^V Y$ with respect to the adapted frame, one easily proves, by direct computation, the following Lemmas.

3.3 Lemma. *In order that a complete lift ${}^C X$ to TM of a vector field X on M be an infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation of (TM, g_{CG}) , it is necessary and sufficient that X is an infinitesimal homothetic transformation of (M, g) .*

3.4 Lemma. *Let A be a $(1, 1)$ -tensor field on (M, g) satisfying the conditions (A_1) and (A_2) in Theorem 3.2. Then γA is an infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation on (TM, g_{CG}) .*

3.5 Lemma. *Let Y be a vector field on (M, g) which is parallel with respect to the Levi-Civita connection of g . Then ${}^V Y$ is an infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation on (TM, g_{CG}) .*

Proof. Since sufficiency is shown by Lemma 3.3, Lemma 3.4 and Lemma 3.5, we now show necessity. We consider the 0-section ($y^i = 0$) in the coordinate neighborhood $\pi^{-1}(U)$ in TM and its neighborhood W . For a vector field $\tilde{X} = v^i E_i + v^{\bar{i}} E_{\bar{i}}$ on TM , and $(x, y) = (x^i, y^i)$ in W , we can write, by Taylor's theorem,

$$v^i(x, y) = v^i(x, 0) + (\partial_{\bar{r}} v^i)(x, 0) y^r + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\bar{r}} \partial_{\bar{s}} v^i)(x, 0) y^r y^s + \dots + [*]_{\lambda}^i, \quad (3.5)$$

$$v^{\bar{i}}(x, y) = v^{\bar{i}}(x, 0) + (\partial_r v^{\bar{i}})(x, 0) y^r + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_r \partial_s v^{\bar{i}})(x, 0) y^r y^s + \dots + [*]_{\lambda}^{\bar{i}}, \quad (3.6)$$

where $[*]_{\lambda}^I$ ($I = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$) is of the form:

$$[*]_{\lambda}^I = \frac{1}{\lambda!} (\partial^{\lambda} v^I / \partial y^{i_1} \partial y^{i_2} \dots \partial y^{i_{\lambda}}) (x^a, \theta(x, y) y^b) y^{i_1} y^{i_2} \dots y^{i_{\lambda}}; \quad 1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_{\lambda} \leq n.$$

The following lemma is valid.

3.6 Lemma. *In the above situation, the following*

$$\begin{aligned} X &= (X^i(x)) = (v^i(x, 0)), \\ Y &= (Y^i(x)) = (v^{\bar{i}}(x, 0)), \\ K &= (K_r^i(x)) = ((\partial_{\bar{r}} v^i)(x, 0)), \\ E &= (E_{rs}^i(x)) = ((\partial_{\bar{r}} \partial_{\bar{s}} v^i)(x, 0)), \\ P &= (P_r^i(x)) = ((\partial_{\bar{r}} v^i)(x, 0) - (\partial_r v^i)(x, 0)) \end{aligned}$$

are tensor fields on M [29].

For a fibre-preserving vector field $\tilde{X} = v^i E_i + v^{\bar{i}} E_{\bar{i}}$ on TM , with the notations of Lemma 3.6, we can write:

$$v^i(x, y) = X^i \quad (3.7)$$

$$v^{\bar{i}}(x, y) = Y^{\bar{i}} + \tilde{P}_r^{\bar{i}} y^r + \frac{1}{2} Q_{rs}^{\bar{i}} y^r y^s + \dots + [*]_{\lambda}^{\bar{i}}, \quad (3.8)$$

where $\tilde{P}_r^{\bar{i}}$ and $Q_{rs}^{\bar{i}}$ are given by $\tilde{P}_r^{\bar{i}} = (\partial_{\bar{r}} v^{\bar{i}})(x, 0)$ and $Q_{rs}^{\bar{i}} = (\partial_{\bar{r}} \partial_{\bar{s}} v^{\bar{i}})(x, 0)$.

Substituting (3.7) into (3.2), we have

$$X^m \partial_m g_{ij} + (\partial_i X^m) g_{mj} + (\partial_j X^m) g_{im} = 2\Omega g_{ij}. \quad (3.9)$$

The equation (3.9) reduces to

$$\nabla_i X_j + \nabla_j X_i = 2\Omega g_{ij}. \quad (3.10)$$

Raising j and contracting with i in (3.10), it is easily seen that

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{n}(\nabla_i X^i),$$

i.e. the scalar function Ω on TM depends only on the variables (x^i) with respect to the induced coordinates (x^i, y^i) . Further, the vector field X with the components (X^i) is an infinitesimal conformal transformation on M . Since, by Lemma 3.3, ${}^C X = X^a E_a + (y^m \nabla_m X^a) E_{\bar{a}}$ is an infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation on (TM, g_{CG}) , $\tilde{X} - {}^C X$ is also an infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation. Therefore, in the following, denoting $\tilde{X} - {}^C X$ by the same letter \tilde{X} , one may assume that $X^i = 0$ in (3.7). Then $(\tilde{P}_i^r) = (P_i^r)$ is a tensor field on M by lemma 3.6.

Putting (3.7) and (3.8) into (3.3) [from now on, we omit this statement] and taking the part which does not contain y^r , we get

$$\nabla_i Y^m = 0. \quad (3.11)$$

Taking the part which does not contain y^r in (3.4), we get

$$g_{mj} \tilde{P}_i^m + g_{im} \tilde{P}_j^m = 2\Omega g_{ij}. \quad (3.12)$$

On differentiating $\partial_{\bar{k}}$ to the both sides of the equation (3.12), we obtain

$$g_{im} \partial_{\bar{k}} \tilde{P}_j^m + g_{mj} \partial_{\bar{k}} \tilde{P}_i^m = 0. \quad (3.13)$$

Using (3.13) and the last equation in Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} g_{im} \partial_{\bar{k}} \partial_{\bar{j}} (v^{\bar{m}}) &= -g_{mj} \partial_{\bar{k}} \partial_{\bar{i}} (v^{\bar{m}}) g_{mj} = -g_{mj} \partial_{\bar{i}} \partial_{\bar{k}} (v^{\bar{m}}) \\ &= g_{mk} \partial_{\bar{i}} \partial_{\bar{j}} (v^{\bar{m}}) = g_{mk} \partial_{\bar{j}} \partial_{\bar{i}} (v^{\bar{m}}) \\ &= -g_{mi} \partial_{\bar{j}} \partial_{\bar{k}} (v^{\bar{m}}) = -g_{mi} \partial_{\bar{k}} \partial_{\bar{j}} (v^{\bar{m}}), \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\partial_{\bar{k}} \tilde{P}_j^m = 0.$$

This shows that \tilde{P}_j^m depends only on the variables (x^h) . Hence \tilde{P}_j^m can be written as

$$\tilde{P}_j^m = A_j^m, \quad (3.14)$$

where A_j^m is a certain function which depends only on the variables (x^h) .

The coefficient of y^r in (3.3), by (3.14), gives

$$X^c R_{icr}^m - \nabla_i A_r^m = 0$$

or equivalently

$$X^c R_{icrl} - \nabla_i A_{rl} = 0. \quad (3.15)$$

By (3.14), (3.12) is written as

$$g_{mj} A_i^m + g_{im} A_j^m = 2\Omega g_{ij} \quad (3.16)$$

Applying the covariant derivative ∇_k to the both sides of the last equation, we obtain

$$\nabla_k(A_{ij}) + \nabla_k(A_{ji}) = 2(\nabla_k \Omega) g_{ij}.$$

Combining the last identity with (3.15), we get $\nabla_k \Omega = \partial_k \Omega = 0$. This together with connectedness of M shows that the scalar function Ω is constant.

Taking the coefficient of y^r in (3.4), we get

$$Y^m (-2g_{mr} g_{ij} + g_{mj} g_{ir} + g_{rj} g_{im}) + g_{mj} Q_{ri}^m + g_{mi} Q_{rj}^m = 0. \quad (3.17)$$

We put $Q_{rs}^i = -2Y^i g_{rs} + (Y^k g_{kr} \delta_s^i + Y^k g_{ks} \delta_r^i) + T_{rs}^i$. By a simple calculation, using (3.17), we can verify that $g_{mj} T_{ir}^m + g_{mi} T_{jr}^m = 0$. If we put $T_{irj} = g_{mj} T_{ir}^m$, then T_{irj} is symmetric in i and r , and skew-symmetric i and j . Hence $T_{irj} = 0$. That is

$$Q_{rs}^i = -2Y^i g_{rs} + (Y^k g_{kr} \delta_s^i + Y^k g_{ks} \delta_r^i). \quad (3.18)$$

Finally, we consider the coefficient of $y^r y^s$ in (3.3), we get by virtue of (3.18)

$$-2(\nabla_i Y^m) g_{rs} + (\nabla_i Y^k) g_{kr} \delta_s^m + (\nabla_i Y^k) g_{ks} \delta_r^m = 0.$$

In view of (3.11), the last equation holds.

Now, by (3.15) and (3.16), we see that γA is an infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation on (TM, g_{CG}) by Lemma 3.4. By (3.11) and Lemma 3.5, $V'Y$ is an infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation on (TM, g_{CG}) .

Summing up we find that $\tilde{X} \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(TM)$ is an infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation with respect to the Chegeer-Gromoll metric iff

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{X} &= X^i E_i + (Y^i + \tilde{P}_s^i y^s + \frac{1}{2} Q_{sr}^i y^s y^r) E_{\bar{i}} \\ &= X^i E_i + (Y^i + y^s (\nabla_s X^i + A_s^i) + (1 - r^2) Y^i + g_{ks} Y^k y^s y^i) E_{\bar{i}} \\ &= {}^C X + \gamma A + V' Y \end{aligned}$$

for each local coordinate systems (x^i) , $i = 1, \dots, n$ on M . This proves the assertion and the conditions (i), (ii) and (iii) are direct consequences of (3.9), (3.11), (3.15), (3.16). \square

The result follows immediately from Theorem 3.2 and from its Proof.

3.7 Corollary. *Every infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation on (TM, g_{CG}) is homothetic and it induces an infinitesimal homothetic transformation. Consequently, it is of the form (#).*

It is known that an infinitesimal homothetic transformation in a compact Riemannian manifold is a Killing vector field [32]. Theorem 3.2 and Corollary 3.7 deliver a simple and surprising result on compact manifolds:

3.8 Corollary. *Let (M, g) be a compact Riemannian manifold and TM be the tangent bundle of M . $\tilde{X} \in \mathfrak{S}_0^1(TM)$ is an infinitesimal fibre-preserving conformal transformation with respect to the Chegeer-Gromoll metric on TM iff \tilde{X} is a Killing vector field with respect to the the Chegeer-Gromoll metric on TM .*

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