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## Einstein generalized Kropina conformal change of $m$ -th root metrics

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we consider generalized Kropina conformal change of  $m$ -th root metric and prove that if it is an Einstein metric, then it is Ricci-flat. Moreover, if generalized Kropina conformal change of  $m$ -th root metric is weak Einstein metric, then it is also Ricci-flat. If generalized Kropina conformal change of  $m$ -th root metric is of scalar flag curvature  $K(x, y)$  and isotropic  $S$ -curvature, then  $K = 0$ .

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## 1 Introduction

The conformal theory based on the theory of Finsler spaces by Matsumoto [9] has been developed by M. Hashiguchi [7]. Let  $F$  and  $\bar{F}$  be two Finsler metrics on a manifold  $M$  such that  $\bar{F} = e^{\sigma(x)}F$ , where  $\sigma$  is a scalar function on  $M$ , then we call such two metrics  $F$  and  $\bar{F}$  are conformally related. The conformal change is said to be a homothety if  $\sigma$  is a constant.

Recent studies show that  $m$ -th root Finsler metrics plays a very important role in physics, space-time and general relativity as well as in unified gauge field theory ([2], [4]). In 1979, H. Shimada [12] developed the theory of  $m$ -th root Finsler metrics, applied to ecology by Antonelli [1] and studied by several authors ([3], [12], [14], [17]). It is regarded as a generalization of Riemannian metric in the sense that for  $m = 2, 3$  and  $4$ , it is called Riemannian metric, cubic metric and quartic metric, respectively. Z. Shen and B. Li have studied the geometric properties of locally projectively flat fourth root metrics in the

form  $F = \sqrt[m]{a_{ijkl}(x)y^i y^j y^k y^l}$  and generalized fourth root metrics in the form

$F = \sqrt{\sqrt{a_{ijkl}(x)y^i y^j y^k y^l} + b_{ij}(x)y^i y^j}$  [8]. A. Tayebi, T. Tabatabaeifar and E. Peyghan [13] introduced Kropina change of  $m$ -th root metric and established conditions on Kropina change of  $m$ -th root metric, to be locally dually flat and locally projectively flat.

Recently, B. Tiwari and M. Kumar [16] have studied Randers change of a Finsler space with  $m$ -th root metric. B. Tiwari and G. K. Prajapati [15] have also studied on Einstein Generalized Kropina change of  $m$ -th root Finsler metrics.

Let  $(M, F) = F^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Finsler manifold. For a non-zero 1-form  $\beta(x, y) = b_i(x)y^i$  on  $M$ , define a Finsler change as follows

$$F(x, y) \rightarrow \bar{F}(x, y) = f(F, \beta),$$

where  $f(F, \beta)$  is a positively homogeneous function of  $F$  and  $\beta$ .

A Finsler change is called Kropina change if  $f(F, \beta) = \frac{F^2}{\beta}$  and generalized Kropina change if  $f(F, \beta) = \frac{F^{k+1}}{\beta^k}$ , where  $k$  is any positive integer.

The purpose of this paper is to study generalized Kropina conformal change of  $m$ -th root metrics, defined by

$$\bar{F} = e^{\sigma(x)} \frac{F^{k+1}}{\beta^k}, \tag{1.1}$$

where  $F = \sqrt[m]{A}$  is an  $m$ -th root metric, for which we shall restrict our consideration on  $\beta$ , where  $\beta > 0$ .

In General Relativity, the Einstein metrics are solutions to Einstein field equation, which closely connect Riemannian geometry with gravitation. C. Robles studied a special class of Einstein Finsler metrics, that is, Einstein Randers metrics, and proved that for a Randers metric on a 3-dimensional manifold, it is Einstein if and only if it has constant flag curvature. E. Guo, X. Mo and X. Zhang have explicitly constructed an Einstein Finsler metrics of non-constant flag curvature in terms of navigation representation [6]. Recently, Z. Shen and C. Yu, using certain transformation, construct a large class of Einstein metrics [10]. In this paper, we establish following theorems

**Theorem 1.1** *Let  $\bar{F} = e^{\sigma(x)} \frac{F^{k+1}}{\beta^k}$  be a non-Riemannian generalized Kropina conformal change of  $m$ -th root metric  $F$  on a manifold of dimension  $n \geq 2$ , with  $m \geq 3$  and  $m \nmid (k + 1)$ . If  $\bar{F}$  is Einstein metric, Then it is Ricci-flat.*

**Theorem 1.2** *Let  $\bar{F} = e^{\sigma(x)} \frac{F^{k+1}}{\beta^k}$  be a non-Riemannian generalized Kropina conformal change of  $m$ -th root metric  $F$  on a manifold of dimension  $n \geq 2$ , with  $m \geq 3$  and  $m \nmid (k + 1)$ . If  $\bar{F}$  is a weak Einstein metric, Then it is Ricci-flat.*

**Theorem 1.3** *Let  $\bar{F} = e^{\sigma(x)} \frac{F^{k+1}}{\beta^k}$  be a non-Riemannian generalized Kropina conformal change of  $m$ -th root metric  $F$  on a manifold of dimension  $n \geq 2$ , with  $m \geq 3$  and  $m \nmid (k + 1)$ . If  $\bar{F}$*

*is of scalar flag curvature  $K(x, y)$  with isotropic  $S$ -curvature, then  $K = 0$ .*

Throughout the paper we call the Finsler metric  $\bar{F}$  as generalized Kropina conformal change of  $m$ -th root metric and  $\bar{F}^n = (M, \bar{F})$  as generalized Kropina conformal transformed Finsler space. We restrict ourselves for  $m \geq 3$ , throughout the paper and also the quantities corresponding to the generalized Kropina conformal transformed Finsler space  $\bar{F}^n$  will be denoted by putting bar on the top of that quantity.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional  $C^\infty$ -manifold. Denote  $T_x M$ , the tangent space of  $M$  at  $x$ . The tangent bundle  $TM$  is the union of tangent spaces,  $TM := \bigcup_{x \in M} T_x M$ . We denote the elements of  $TM$  by  $(x, y)$ , where  $x = (x^i)$  be a point of  $M$  and  $y \in T_x M$  called supporting element. We denote  $TM_0 = TM \setminus \{0\}$ .

**Definition:** A Finsler metric on  $M$  is a function  $F : TM \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with the following properties:

- (i)  $F$  is  $C^\infty$  on  $TM_0$ ,
- (ii)  $F$  is positively 1-homogeneous on the fibers of tangent bundle  $TM$  and
- (iii) the Hessian of  $\frac{F^2}{2}$  with element  $g_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F^2}{\partial y^i \partial y^j}$  is positive definite on  $TM_0$ .

The pair  $F^n = (M, F)$  is called a Finsler space of dimension  $n$ .  $F$  is called fundamental function and  $g_{ij}$  is called the fundamental tensor of the Finsler space  $F^n$ .

The normalized supporting element  $l_i$  and angular metric tensor  $h_{ij}$  of  $F$  are defined, respectively as:

$$l_i = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y^i}, \quad h_{ij} = F \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^i \partial y^j}. \tag{2.1}$$

Let  $F$  be a Finsler metric defined by  $F = \sqrt[m]{A}$ , where  $A$  is given

by  $A = a_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_m}(x)y^{i_1}y^{i_2} \dots y^{i_m}$  with  $a_{i_1 \dots i_m}$  symmetric in all its indices [12]. Then  $F$  is called an  $m$ -th root Finsler metric. Clearly,  $A$  is homogeneous of degree  $m$  in  $y$ .  
Let

$$A_i = \frac{\partial A}{\partial y^i}, \quad A_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial y^i \partial y^j}, \quad A_{x^i} = \frac{\partial A}{\partial x^i},$$

$$A_0 = A_{x^i}y^i, \quad \sigma_{x^i} = \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x^i}. \quad (2.2)$$

Then the followings hold

$$g_{ij} = \frac{A^{\frac{2}{m}-2}}{m^2} [mA A_{ij} + (2-m)A_i A_j],$$

$$y^i A_i = mA, \quad y^i A_{ij} = (m-1)A_j,$$

$$y_i = \frac{1}{m} A^{\frac{2}{m}-1} A_i, \quad A^{ij} A_{jk} = \delta_k^i,$$

$$A^{ij} A_i = \frac{y^j}{m-1}, \quad A_i A_j A^{ij} = \frac{mA}{m-1}.$$

### 3 Fundamental metric tensors and Spray coefficients of generalized Kropina conformal change of $m$ -th root metrics

The differentiation of equation (1.1) with respect to  $y^i$ , yields the normalized supporting element  $\bar{l}_i$  which is given by

$$\bar{l}_i = \bar{F}^2 \left[ \frac{(k+1)}{mA} A_i - \frac{k}{\beta} b_i \right] \quad (3.1)$$

and the angular metric tensor  $\bar{h}_{ij}$  is given by

$$\bar{h}_{ij} = \bar{F}^2 \left[ \frac{(k+1)}{mA} A_{ij} + \right. \quad (3.2)$$

$$\left. \frac{(k+1)(k+1-m)}{m^2 A^2} A_i A_j - \frac{k(k+1)}{m\beta A} (A_i b_j + A_j b_i) + \frac{k(k+1)}{\beta^2} b_i b_j \right].$$

The fundamental metric tensor  $\bar{g}_{ij}$  of Finsler space  $\bar{F}^n$  can be given by

$$\bar{g}_{ij} = \bar{h}_{ij} + \bar{l}_i \bar{l}_j.$$

By using equations (3.1) and (3.2), we obtain metric tensor  $\bar{g}_{ij}$  as

$$\bar{g}_{ij} = \bar{F}^2 \left[ \frac{(k+1)}{mA} A_{ij} \quad (3.3) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{(k+1)(2k+2-m)}{m^2 A^2} A_i A_j \right. \\ \left. - \frac{2k(k+1)}{m\beta A} (A_i b_j + A_j b_i) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{k(2k+1)}{\beta^2} b_i b_j \right].$$

Above equation can be rewritten as

$$\bar{g}_{ij} = \bar{F}^2 \left[ \frac{(k+1)}{mA} A_{ij} + \quad (3.4) \right. \\ \left. \frac{(k+1)\{2k+2-(2k+1)m\}}{(2k+1)m^2 A^2} A_i A_j + \right. \\ \left. \left( \frac{2(k+1)\sqrt{k}}{\sqrt{2k+1}mA} A_i - \frac{\sqrt{k(2k+1)}}{\beta} b_i \right) \times \right. \\ \left. \left( \frac{2(k+1)\sqrt{k}}{\sqrt{2k+1}mA} A_j - \frac{\sqrt{k(2k+1)}}{\beta} b_j \right) \right].$$

Let

$$H_{ij} = \frac{(k+1)}{mA} A_{ij} + \quad (3.5) \\ \frac{(k+1)\{2k+2-(2k+1)m\}}{(2k+1)m^2 A^2} A_i A_j.$$

From [11],

$$A_{ij} = B_{ij} + \epsilon C_i C_j,$$

then

$$A^{ij} = B^{ij} - \frac{\epsilon C^i C^j}{1 + \epsilon C^2},$$

where  $C^2 = B^{ij} C_i C_j$  and  $C^i = B^{ij} C_j$ .

By using above results, we obtain

$$H^{ij} = \frac{mA}{k+1} A^{ij} - \quad (3.6) \\ \frac{\{2k+2-(2k+1)m\}}{(k+1)(m-1)} y^i y^j.$$

Thus in view of equations (3.4) and (3.5),  $\bar{g}_{ij}$  can be written as

$$\bar{g}_{ij} = \bar{F}^2 [H_{ij} + K_i K_j],$$

where

$$K_i = \frac{2(k+1)\sqrt{k}}{\sqrt{2k+1}mA}A_i - \frac{\sqrt{k(2k+1)}}{\beta}b_i,$$

$$K_j = \frac{2(k+1)\sqrt{k}}{\sqrt{2k+1}mA}A_j - \frac{\sqrt{k(2k+1)}}{\beta}b_j.$$

By direct computation, we have

$$\bar{g}^{ij} = \frac{1}{\bar{F}^2} [w_0A^{ij} + w_1y^iy^j + w_2B^iB^j + (y^iB^j + y^jB^i)],$$

where,

$$w_0 = \frac{mA}{(k+1)}, \quad (3.7)$$

$$w_1 = -\frac{(2k+2) - (2k+1)m}{(k+1)(m-1)} - \frac{k(2k+1)m^2\beta^2}{X},$$

$$w_2 = -\left[ \frac{k(2k+1)m^2(m-1)^2A^2}{X} \right],$$

$$w_3 = -\left[ \frac{k(2k+1)m^2(m-1)^2A\beta}{X} \right],$$

$$X = (k+1)(m-1) [\beta^2 \{k(2m-3) + (m-1-2k^2)\} + km(m-1)(2k+1)AB^2],$$

$$B^i = A^{ij}b_j, \quad B^2 = B^ib_i.$$

Thus, we have

**Proposition 3.1 :** The covariant metric tensor  $\bar{g}_{ij}$  and the contravariant metric tensor  $\bar{g}^{ij}$  of generalized Kropina conformal transformed Finsler space  $\bar{F}^n$  are given as:

$$\bar{g}_{ij} = \bar{F}^2 \left[ \frac{(k+1)}{mA}A_{ij} + \frac{(k+1)(2k+2-m)}{m^2A^2}A_iA_j - \frac{2k(k+1)}{m\beta A}(A_ib_j + A_jb_i) + \frac{k(2k+1)}{\beta^2}b_ib_j \right].$$

and

$$\bar{g}^{ij} = \frac{1}{\bar{F}^2} [w_0A^{ij} + w_1y^iy^j + w_2B^iB^j + w_3(y^iB^j + y^jB^i)],$$

where  $w_0, w_1, w_2, w_3, X, B^i$  and  $B^2$  are given by equation (3.7).

In local coordinates, the geodesics of a Finsler metric  $F = F(x, y)$  are characterized by

$$\frac{d^2x^i}{dt^2} + 2G^i(x, \frac{dx^i}{dt}) = 0, \quad (3.8)$$

where

$$G^i = \frac{1}{4}g^{il} \{ [F^2]_{x^qy^l}y^q - [F^2]_{x^l} \} \quad (3.9)$$

are called spray coefficients.

For calculate the spray coefficients  $\bar{G}^i$ , we find

$$[\bar{F}^2]_{x^q} = \bar{F}^2 \left[ 2\sigma_{x^q} + \frac{2(k+1)A_{x^q}}{mA} - \frac{2k\beta_{x^q}}{\beta} \right] \quad (3.10)$$

and

$$[\bar{F}^2]_{x^qy^l}y^q = \bar{F}^2 \left[ 2\sigma_{0l} + \frac{2(k+1)A_{0l}}{mA} + \frac{(k+1)\{4(k+1) - 2m\}}{m^2A^2}A_lA_0 - \frac{2k}{\beta}\beta_{0l} + \frac{2k(2k+1)}{\beta^2}b_lb_0 + \frac{4\sigma_0(k+1)A_l}{mA} - \frac{4k\sigma_0b_l}{\beta} - \frac{4k(k+1)}{m\beta A}(A_l\beta_0 + A_0b_l) \right]. \quad (3.11)$$

In view of equations (3.9), (3.10), (3.11) and proposition 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{G}^i &= \frac{1}{4} [w_0 A^{il} + w_1 y^i y^l + w_2 B^i B^l \\ &+ (y^i B^l + y^l B^i)] \times \quad (3.12) \\ &\left[ 2\sigma_{0l} + \frac{2(k+1)A_{0l}}{mA} \right. \\ &+ \frac{(k+1)\{4(k+1) - 2m\}}{m^2 A^2} A_l A_0 \\ &- \frac{2k}{\beta} \beta_{0l} + \frac{2k(2k+1)}{\beta^2} b_l \beta_0 \\ &+ \frac{4\sigma_0(k+1)A_l}{mA} - \frac{4k\sigma_0 b_l}{\beta} \\ &- \frac{4k(k+1)}{m\beta A} (A_l \beta_0 + A_0 b_l) \\ &\left. - 2\sigma_{x^l} - \frac{2(k+1)A_{x^l}}{mA} + \frac{2k\beta_{x^l}}{\beta} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 3.2 :** Let  $\bar{F} = e^{\sigma(x)} \frac{F^{k+1}}{\beta^k}$  be a non-Riemannian generalized Kropina conformal change of  $m$ -th root metric  $F$  on a manifold of dimension  $n \geq 2$ , with  $m \geq 3$ . Then the spray coefficients  $\bar{G}^i$  of  $\bar{F}^n$  are given by equation (3.12).

**Remark 3.1** We see that the metric tensors  $\bar{g}_{ij}$  and  $\bar{g}^{ij}$  of  $\bar{F}^n$  are not necessarily rational functions of  $y$ , but spray coefficients  $\bar{G}^i$  of  $\bar{F}^n$  are rational functions of  $y$ .

## 4 Einstein metrics

In Finsler geometry, the flag curvature is an analogue of sectional curvature in Riemannian geometry. A natural problem is to study and characterize Finsler metrics of constant flag curvature. There are only three local Riemannian metrics of constant sectional curvature, up to a scaling. However there are lots of non-Riemannian Finsler metrics of constant flag curvature. For example, the Funk metric is positively complete and non-reversible with  $K = \frac{1}{4}$  and the Hilbert-Klein metric is complete and reversible with

$K = 1$ . Clearly, if a Finsler metric is of constant flag curvature, then it is an Einstein metric.

For a Finsler metric  $F$ , the Riemann curvature  $R_y : T_x M \rightarrow T_x M$  is defined by  $R_y(u) = R_k^i(x, y)u^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ ,  $u = u^k \frac{\partial}{\partial x^k}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} R_k^i &= 2 \frac{\partial G^i}{\partial x^k} - y^j \frac{\partial^2 G^i}{\partial x^j \partial y^k} \\ &+ 2G^j \frac{\partial^2 G^i}{\partial y^j \partial y^k} - \frac{\partial G^i}{\partial y^j} \frac{\partial G^j}{\partial y^k}. \quad (4.1) \end{aligned}$$

The Finsler metric  $F = F(x, y)$  is said to be of scalar curvature if there is a scalar function  $K = K(x, y)$  such that

$$R_k^i = K(x, y)F^2 \left\{ \delta_k^i - \frac{F_{y^k} y^i}{F} \right\}. \quad (4.2)$$

The Ricci curvature of Finsler metric  $F$  is a scalar function  $Ric : TM \rightarrow R$ , defined to be the trace of  $R_y$ , i.e.,

$$Ric(y) := R_k^k(x, y).$$

A Finsler metric  $F$  on an  $n$ -dimensional manifold  $M$  is called an Einstein metric if there is a scalar function  $K = K(x)$  on  $M$  such that

$$Ric = K(n-1)F^2.$$

A Finsler metric is said to be Ricci-flat if  $Ric = 0$ .

In view of definition of Riemann curvature, Ricci curvature and remark 3.1, we have

**Lemma 4.1** Let  $\bar{F} = e^{\sigma(x)} \frac{F^{k+1}}{\beta^k}$  be a non-Riemannian generalized Kropina conformal change of  $m$ -th root metric  $F$  on a manifold of dimension  $n \geq 2$ , with  $m \geq 3$ . Then  $\bar{R}_k^i$  and  $\bar{Ric} = R_k^k$  are rational function of  $y$ .

By definition, every 2-dimensional Riemann metric is an Einstein metric, but generally not of Ricci constant. In dimension  $n \geq 3$ , the second Schur's Lemma ensures that every Riemannian Einstein metric must be Ricci constant. In particular, in dimension  $n = 3$ , a Riemann metric is Einstein if

and only if it is of constant sectional curvature.

**Proof of Theorem 1.1** By Lemma 4.1,  $\bar{Ric}$  is a rational function of  $y$ . Suppose  $\bar{F}$  is an Einstein metric, that is,  $\bar{Ric} = K(n-1)\bar{F}^2$  and  $\bar{F}^2$  is not a rational function because  $m \nmid (k+1)$ . Therefore  $K = 0$ .  $\square$

We obtain

**Corollary 4.1** Let  $\bar{F} = \frac{e^{\sigma(x)} F^{k+1}}{\beta^k}$  be a non-Riemannian generalized Kropina conformal change of  $m$ -th root metric on a manifold of dimension  $n \geq 2$ , where  $m \geq 3$  and  $m \nmid (k+1)$ . If  $\bar{F}$  is of constant flag curvature  $K$ , then  $K = 0$ .

## 5 Weak Einstein metrics

A weak Einstein metric is generalization of Einstein metric. A Finsler metric  $F$  is called a weak Einstein metric if its Ricci curvature Ric is in the form  $Ric = (n-1)(\frac{3\theta}{F} + \lambda)F^2$ , where  $\theta$  is a 1-form and  $\lambda = \lambda(x)$  is a scalar function. In general, a weak Einstein metric is not necessarily an Einstein metric and vice versa.

**Proof of Theorem 1.2.** Suppose  $\bar{F}$  is a weak Einstein metric, then

$$Ric = (n-1)(3\theta\bar{F} + \lambda\bar{F}^2).$$

By Lemma 4.1,  $\bar{Ric}$  is rational function of  $y$ . Therefore, we have:

If  $\lambda \neq 0$ , we get

$$\bar{F} = \frac{-3(n-1)\theta \pm \sqrt{9(n-1)^2\theta^2 + 4(n-1)\lambda\bar{Ric}}}{2(n-1)\lambda}.$$

On the other hand,

$$\bar{F} = \frac{(a_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_m}(x) y^{i_1} y^{i_2} \dots y^{i_m})^{\frac{k+1}{m}}}{\beta^k}, \text{ so we get}$$

$$\left( \frac{(a_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_m}(x) y^{i_1} y^{i_2} \dots y^{i_m})^{\frac{k+1}{m}}}{\beta^k} \right) = \frac{-3(n-1)\theta \pm \sqrt{9(n-1)^2\theta^2 + 4(n-1)\lambda\bar{Ric}}}{2(n-1)\lambda} \beta^k.$$

Here the left hand side is purely irrational for  $m \geq 3$  and  $m \nmid (k+1)$ . Then right hand side will be irrational if and only if  $\theta = 0$ . Thus we have,  $\bar{F}$  is an Einstein metric. Using theorem 1.1, we obtain  $\bar{Ric} = 0$ .  $\square$

## 6 Scalar flag curvature

For a tangent plane  $P = \text{span}(y, u)$ , where  $y$  and  $u$  are linearly independent vectors of tangent space  $T_x M$  at point  $x \in M$ , the flag curvature  $\mathbf{K}(x, y, P)$  with pole vector  $y$  is defined by

$$\mathbf{K}(x, y, P) := \frac{g_y(R_y(u), u)}{g_y(y, y)g_y(u, u) - g_y(y, u)g_y(y, u)},$$

where  $u \in P$ .

If  $\mathbf{K}(x, y, P) = \mathbf{K}(x, y)$ , then the Finsler metric is said to be of scalar flag curvature.

If  $\mathbf{K}(x, y, P) = \mathbf{K}(x)$ , then the Finsler metric is said to be of isotropic flag curvature.

If  $\mathbf{K}(x, y, P) = \frac{3\theta}{F} + c(x)$ , where  $c = c(x)$  is a scalar functions on  $M$  and  $\theta$  is an exact form on  $M$ , then the Finsler metric  $F$  is said to of almost isotropic flag curvature.

That is,  $F$  is called of almost isotropic flag curvature if

$$K = \frac{3c_x y^m}{F} + \lambda, \quad (6.1)$$

where  $c = c(x)$  and  $\lambda = \lambda(x)$  are some scalar functions on  $M$ .

If  $\mathbf{K}(x, y, P) = \text{constant}$ , then the Finsler metric is said to be of constant flag curvature.

$F$  is of weakly isotropic flag curvature if

$$K = \frac{3\theta}{F} + \lambda, \quad (6.2)$$

where  $\theta$  is an 1-form and  $\lambda = \lambda(x)$  is a scalar function.

Clearly, if a Finsler metric is of weakly isotropic flag curvature, then it is a weak Einstein metric.

**Lemma 6.1** Let  $\bar{F} = e^{\sigma(x) \frac{F^{k+1}}{\beta^k}}$  be a non-Riemannian generalized Kropina conformal change of  $m$ -th root metric on a manifold of dimension  $n \geq 2$ , where  $m \geq 3$  and  $m \nmid (k+1)$ . If  $\bar{F}$  is of almost isotropic flag curvature  $K$ , then  $K = 0$ .

The  $S$ -curvature  $S = S(x, y)$  in Finsler geometry has been introduced by Z. Shen [11] as a non-Riemannian quantity, defined as

$$S(x, y) = \frac{d}{dt} [\tau(\sigma(t), \dot{\sigma}(t))]_{t=0}, \quad (6.3)$$

where  $\tau = \tau(x, y)$  is a scalar function on  $T_x M \setminus \{0\}$ , called distortion of  $F$  and  $\sigma = \sigma(t)$  be the geodesic with  $\sigma(0) = x$  and  $\dot{\sigma}(0) = y$ .

A Finsler metric  $F$  is called of isotropic  $S$ -curvature if

$$S = (n+1)cF, \quad (6.4)$$

for some scalar function  $c = c(x)$ , on  $M$ .

**Theorem 6.1** ([5]) Let  $(M, F)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Finsler manifold of scalar flag curvature  $K(x, y)$ . Suppose that the  $S$ -curvature is isotropic, then there is a scalar function  $\lambda(x)$  on  $M$  such that  $K = \frac{3c_x m y^m}{F} + \lambda$ . In Particular,  $c(x) = c$  is a constant if and only if  $K = K(x)$  is a scalar function on  $M$ .

In dimension  $n \geq 3$ , a Finsler metric  $F$  is of isotropic flag curvature if and only if  $F$  is of constant flag curvature by Schur's Lemma. In general, a Finsler metric of weakly isotropic flag curvature and that of isotropic flag curvature are not equivalent.

**Proof of Theorem 1.3** By lemma 6.1 and theorem 6.1, complete the proof of the theorem 1.3.  $\square$

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