

GRAVITATIONAL FIELD OF LAGRANGIAN NONHOLONOMIC MECHANICAL SYSTEM

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Abstract. One associates to a Lagrangian nonholonomic mechanical system Σ a canonical semispray S^* on the phase space TM , which has the integral curves given by the evolution equations of Σ . The Lagrange geometry of the system Σ is the geometry of semispray S^* . We study h- and v-electromagnetic tensors and then we apply the Ricci identities for the gravitational potentials.

1. INTRODUCTION

The geometrization of holonomic mechanical systems was done by Levi-Civita, while, in 1926, Gh. Vrănceanu, by introducing the notion of Riemannian nonholonomic space realized a first geometric model for the nonholonomic mechanical system.

In this paper, we study the gravitational field of Lagrangian nonholonomic mechanical systems:

$$(1.1) \quad \Sigma = (M, L(x, y), F_i(x, y), Q_\sigma(x, y)),$$

where $L^n = (M, L(x, y))$ is a Lagrange space, $F_i(x, \dot{x})$ are external forces and the Pfaff equations $Q_\sigma(x, dx) = a_{\sigma i}(x) dx^i = 0$, $(\sigma = m+1, \dots, n)$ are the kinematic constraints of the system.

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The equations of evolution of the system Σ are Lagrange equations:

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial y^i} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^i} = \sum_{\sigma=m+1}^n \lambda^\sigma(x) a_{\sigma_i}(x) + F_i(x, y), & y^i = \frac{dx^i}{dt}, \\ Q_\sigma(x, dx) = a_{\sigma_i}(x) dx^i = 0, \end{cases}$$

where $\lambda^\sigma(x)$ are Lagrange multipliers.

We study only scleronomous systems associating to them a canonical semispray S^* , whose integral curves are given by the evolution equations (1.2).

The vector field S^* is a dynamical system on TM .

We denote with $g_{ij}(x, y)$ the fundamental tensor of the Lagrange space $L^n = (M, L(x, y))$ and with $g^{ij}(x, y)$ its contravariant part. As it is known, $g_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial y^i \partial y^j}$, $\text{rank} \|g_{ij}\| = n$ on $TM \setminus \{0\}$ and g_{ij} has constant signature.

External forces $F_i(x, y)$ determine a d-covariant vector field and

$$(1.3.) \quad F_{ij} = \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial y^i} - \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial y^j}$$

is an antisymmetric d-tensor field, named *elicoidal tensor of system Σ* .

The functions that determine the constraints of the system

$$Q_\sigma(x, y) = a_{\sigma_i}(x) y^i, \quad (\sigma = m+1, \dots, n)$$

are scalars with respect to the changes of the coordinates on TM.

So, $a_{\sigma_i}(x)$ are n-covariant fields on M and

$$(1.4.) \quad \sum_{\sigma=m+1}^n \lambda^\sigma(x) Q_\sigma(x, y)$$

is also a scalar function on TM. The functions $\lambda^\sigma(x)$ are the Lagrange multipliers.

In [7] and [8] we studied the canonical semispray and nonlinear connection of system Σ .

The canonic semispray S^* of the system will be determined by a vector field S^* on the phase space

$$(1.5.) \quad S^* = y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - 2G^{*i}(x, y) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}.$$

The integral curves of the canonic semispray S^* are given by the evolution equations of the system Σ .

We defined Lagrange geometry of system Σ as being Lagrange geometry on the phases space TM of the canonic semispray S^* .

The nonlinear connection N^* of S^* is called *canonical nonlinear connection* of system Σ .

Theorem 1.1. *The canonical nonlinear connection N^* of system Σ , has the coefficients:*

$$(1.6.) \quad N_j^{*i} = \frac{\partial G^{*i}}{\partial y^j} = N_j^i - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\partial F^i}{\partial y^j} + \lambda^\sigma \frac{\partial a_\sigma^i}{\partial y^j} \right).$$

Let “ $|$ ” and “ $|$ ”_h and v covariant derivatives defined by N^* - linear connection.

Theorem 1.2. [2]. *There exists only one N^* - linear connection $CT(N^*) = (L_{jk}^{*i}, C_{jk}^{*i})$ without h and v-torsions, having the properties:*

$$(1.7.) \quad \begin{aligned} g_{ij|k}^* &= 0, g_{ij|k}^* = 0 \\ T_{jk}^{*i} &= L_{jk}^{*i} - L_{kj}^{*i} = 0, S_{jk}^{*i} = C_{jk}^{*i} - C_{kj}^{*i} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } g_{ij|k}^* = \frac{\delta^* g_{ij}}{\delta x^k} - g_{sj} L_{ik}^{*s} - g_{is} L_{jk}^{*s}, g_{ij|k}^* = \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial y^k} - g_{sj} C_{ik}^{*s} - g_{is} C_{jk}^{*s}.$$

Theorem 1.3. *The connection $CT(N^*)$ has the coefficients given by generalized Christoffel symbols:*

$$(1.8.) \quad \begin{aligned} L_{jk}^{*i} &= \frac{1}{2} g^{ih} \left(\frac{\delta^* g_{hj}}{\delta x^k} + \frac{\delta^* g_{hk}}{\delta x^j} - \frac{\delta^* g_{jk}}{\delta x^h} \right) \\ C_{jk}^{*i} &= \frac{1}{2} g^{ih} \left(\frac{\partial g_{hj}}{\partial y^k} + \frac{\partial g_{hk}}{\partial y^j} - \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial y^h} \right) \end{aligned}$$

This N^* - linear connection $CT(N^*)$ will be called the N^* - canonical metrical connection of Lagrangian nonholonomic mechanical system Σ .

Now, we can use the h- and v-covariant derivatives with respect to connection $CT(N^*)$. Also, we observe that in the particular case of nonholonomic mechanical systems, which have the properties:

$$g_{ij}(x, y) = g_{ij}(x), F_i(x, y) = F_i(x).$$

2. GRAVITATIONAL FIELD AND H- AND V-ELECTROMAGNETICS TENSORS

The canonical metrical connection $C\Gamma(N^*)$ of the nonholonomic mechanical system Σ allows to determine the h- and v-deflection tensor fields:

$$(2.1.) \quad \begin{aligned} D_j^i &= y_{|y}^i = y^h L_{hj}^{*i} - N_j^{*i} \\ d_j^i &= y^i |_{|j} = \delta_j^i + y^h C_{hj}^i. \end{aligned}$$

Using the formulas of the coefficients L_{hj}^{*i} and C_{hj}^i we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} D_j^i &= y^s L_{sj}^i + \frac{1}{2} y^s g^{ih} \left[K_j^l \frac{\partial g_{hs}}{\partial y^l} + K_s^l \frac{\partial g_{hj}}{\partial y^l} - K_h^l \frac{\partial g_{sj}}{\partial y^l} \right] = \\ &= y^s L_{sj}^i + y^s g^{ih} \left[K_j^l C_{hsl} + K_s^l C_{hjl} - K_h^l C_{sjl} \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$d_j^i = \delta_j^i + y^s C_{sj}^i = \delta_j^i + y^s g^{ih} C_{shj}.$$

Then, the covariant deflection tensors are given by:

$$(2.2.) \quad \begin{cases} D_{ij} = g_{ir} D_j^r = g_{ir} y^s L_{sj}^i + y^s (K_j^l C_{isl} + K_s^l C_{ijl} - K_i^l C_{sjl}) \\ d_{ij} = g_{ir} d_j^r = g_{ij} + y^s C_{sij}. \end{cases}$$

But, these tensors satisfy fundamental identities for Liouville vector field y^i .

Then, we have:

Theorem 2.1. *h- and v-covariant deflection tensors D_{ij} and d_{ij} satisfy*

$$(2.3.) \quad \begin{cases} D_{ij} |_{|k}^* - D_{ik} |_{|j}^* = y^s R_{s|jk}^* - d_{ir} R_{jk}^{*r} \\ D_{ij} |_{|k}^* - d_{ik} |_{|j}^* = y^s P_{sijk}^* - D_{is} C_{jk}^s - d_{is} P_{jk}^{*s} \\ d_{ij} |_{|k}^* - d_{ik} |_{|j}^* = y^s S_{sijk}. \end{cases}$$

These identities give the Lorentz equations for electromagnetic tensorial fields for Lagrangian nonholonomic mechanical system Σ .

Definition 2.1. The following d-tensors

$$(2.4.) \quad \begin{aligned} F_{ij} &= \frac{1}{2} (D_{ij} - D_{ji}) \\ f_{ij} &= \frac{1}{2} (d_{ij} - d_{ji}) \end{aligned}$$

are h- and v-electromagnetic tensors of Σ .

From (2.2) we see that v-deflection tensor d_{ij} is symmetric. Therefore we have:

Proposition 2.1. *The v-electromagnetic tensor f of nonholonomic mechanical system Σ vanishes.*

We study only h-electromagnetic tensor F_{ij} for determining the Lorentz equations that are satisfied.

We observe that the d-tensor F_{ij} do not coincide with the elicoidal tensor F_{ij} from (3.1).

So, from (2.2), F_{ij} is given by

$$(2.5.) \quad F_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left(g_{ir} L_{sj}^r - g_{ir} L_{si}^r \right) y^s + 2 \left(K_j^l C_{isl} - K_j^l C_{jsl} \right) y^s \right\}.$$

We deduce:

$$K_i^j = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\partial F^j}{\partial y^i} + \lambda^\sigma \frac{\partial a_\sigma^j}{\partial y^i} \right)$$

and we obtain

$$F_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} y^s \left(g_{ir} L_{sj}^r - g_{jr} L_{si}^r \right) + \frac{1}{4} y^s \left[\left(\frac{\partial F^l}{\partial y^j} + \lambda^\sigma \frac{\partial a_\sigma^l}{\partial y^j} \right) C_{isl} - \left(\frac{\partial F^l}{\partial y^i} + \lambda^\sigma \frac{\partial a_\sigma^l}{\partial y^i} \right) C_{jsl} \right]$$

where $F^l = g^{il} F_i$ and $C_{isl} = g_{il} C_{sl}^h$ and we obtain

$$(2.6.) \quad F_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} y^s \left(g_{ir} L_{sj}^r - g_{jr} L_{si}^r \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left[\left(\frac{\partial F^l}{\partial y^j} + \lambda^\sigma \frac{\partial a_\sigma^l}{\partial y^j} \right) g_{ir} - \left(\frac{\partial F^l}{\partial y^i} + \lambda^\sigma \frac{\partial a_\sigma^l}{\partial y^i} \right) g_{jr} \right].$$

From Theorem 2.1, (2.4) and Bianchi identities for $CT(N^*)$ we have

Theorem 2.2. *The h-electromagnetic tensor F_{ij} of nonholonomic mechanical system Σ with respect to $CT(N^*)$ satisfies the following generalized Maxwell equations:*

$$(2.7.) \quad F_{ij|k}^* + F_{jk|i}^* + F_{ki|j}^* = - \sum_{isr}^C y^s R_{jk}^{*r}$$

$$F_{ij|k} + F_{jk|i} + F_{ki|j} = 0.$$

We remark that, if the electromagnetic tensor F_{ij} does not depend of F_i and a_σ , it is given by

$$(2.8.) \quad F_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} y^s \left(g_{ir} L_{sj}^r - g_{jr} L_{si}^r \right).$$

Then, we have $N_j^{*i} = N_j^i$ and the Maxwell equations are those that appear, in general, in Lagrange spaces theory.

The nonholonomic mechanical system $\Sigma = (M, L(x, y), F(x, y), Q(x, y))$ has the *gravitational potentials* given by the system of functions

$$(2.9.) \quad g_{ij}^* = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial y^i \partial y^j}.$$

We remark that this field do not depend on the external forces $F_i(x, y)$ and on the nonholonomic constrains $Q(x, y) = a_{\sigma_i}(y) y^i$. So that, the gravitational potentials $g_{ij}^*(x, y)$ do not depend on the Lagrange multipliers λ_i^σ ($\sigma = p+1, \dots, n$).

These fact results from

$$(2.10.) \quad g_{ij}^* = g_{ij}(x, y)$$

where $g_{ij}(x, y)$ is the fundamental tensor of the Lagrange space associates to system Σ , $L^n = (M, L(x, y))$.

The Theorem 1.2. shows that the canonical metrical connection $CT(N^*) = (L_{jk}^{*i}, C_{jk}^i)$ has the properties

$$(2.11.) \quad g_{ij|k}^* = 0, g_{ij|k} = 0$$

and it is unique in the following conditions:

$$T_{jk}^{*i} = 0, S_{jk}^i = 0.$$

We rewrite the coefficients of the connection $CT(N^*)$:

$$(2.12.) \quad \begin{cases} L_{jk}^{*i} = \frac{1}{2} g^{ih} \left(\frac{\delta^* g_{jh}}{\delta x^k} + \frac{\delta^* g_{kh}}{\delta x^j} - \frac{\delta^* g_{jk}}{\delta x^h} \right) \\ C_{jk}^i = \frac{1}{2} g^{ih} \left(\frac{\partial g_{jh}}{\partial y^k} + \frac{\partial g_{kh}}{\partial y^j} - \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial y^h} \right) \end{cases}$$

where L_{jk}^{*i} is given by

$$(2.13.) \quad \begin{aligned} L_{jk}^{*i} &= L_{jk}^i + U_{jk}^i \\ U_{jk}^i &= g^{ih} \left(K_k^l C_{hjk} + K_j^l C_{hjl} - K_h^l C_{jkl} \right) \end{aligned}$$

We apply the Ricci identities to the fundamental tensor g_{ij} and we use (2.11.):

$$(2.14.) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &= R_{ijkh}^* + R_{jikh}^* = 0 \\ P_{ijkh}^* + P_{jikh}^* &= 0; S_{ijkh} + S_{jikh} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(2.15.) \quad \begin{aligned} R_{ijkh}^* &= g_{jl} R_{ikhl}^*; P_{ijkh}^* = g_{jl} P_{ikhl}^*; \\ S_{ijkh} &= g_{jl} S_{ikh}^* \end{aligned}$$

We must calculate the curvature tensors $R_{jkh}^{*i}, P_{jkh}^{*i}$ with the tensors of the connection $CT(N)$.

So, we suppose that $CT(N)$ is the metrical connection of the associate Lagrange space L^n . Therefore we have:

$$(2.16.) \quad \begin{aligned} L_{jk}^i &= \frac{1}{2} g^{ih} \left(\frac{\delta g_{hk}}{\delta x^j} + \frac{\delta g_{jh}}{\delta x^k} - \frac{\delta g_{jk}}{\delta x^h} \right) \\ C_{jk}^i &= \frac{1}{2} g^{ih} \left(\frac{\partial g_{hk}}{\partial y^j} + \frac{\partial g_{jh}}{\partial y^k} - \frac{\partial g_{jk}}{\partial y^h} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.17.) \quad g_{ij|k} = 0, g_{ij} |_k = 0$$

$$(2.18.) \quad T_{ij}^h = 0, S_{ij}^h = 0$$

$$(2.19.) \quad \begin{aligned} R_{ijkh} + R_{jikh} &= 0, P_{ijkh} + P_{jikh} = 0 \\ S_{ijkh} + S_{jikh} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The Ricci tensors of $CT(N)$ are:

$$(2.20.) \quad R_{ij} = R_{ijh}^h; {}^i P_{ij} = P_{ijh}^h, {}^h P_{ij} = P_{ihj}^h$$

and the curvature scalars are:

$$(2.21.) \quad R = g^{ij} R_{ij}, S = g^{ij} S_{ij}.$$

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