

# Projective curvature inheritance in an $NP - F_n$

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**Abstract.** The concept of projective curvature inheritance in Finsler space have been studied by S.P. Singh [6]. In the present investigation, our aim is to study the Projective curvature inheritance in an  $NP - F_n$ . Corresponding results for contra and concurrent vector fields are rendered intuitive.

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## § 1. Preliminaries

K.Yano [4] defined a set of parameters

$$(1.1) \quad \Pi_{kh}^i = G_{kh}^i - \frac{\dot{x}^i}{n+1} G_{khr}^r,$$

which form a connection called the normal projective connection. The functions  $\Pi_{kh}^i$ ,  $G_{kh}^i$  and  $G_{jkh}^i$  are symmetric in their lower indices and are positively homogeneous of degree 0, 0 and  $-1$  respectively in their  $\dot{x}^i$ 's. The functions  $G_{jk}^i$  are the Berwald's connection parameters. The derivatives  $\dot{\partial}_j \Pi_{kh}^i$ , denoted by  $\Pi_{jkh}^i$  is given by

$$(1.2) \quad \Pi_{jkh}^i = G_{jkh}^i - \frac{1}{n+1} (\delta_j^i G_{khr}^r + \dot{x}^i G_{jkh}^r),$$

are symmetric in  $k$  and  $h$  only and are positively homogeneous of degree  $-1$  in directional arguments. Therefore, the following relation which will be used in our discussion follow from (1.1) and (1.2)

$$(1.3) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a) \quad \Pi_{kh}^i \dot{x}^k = \Pi_{hk}^i \dot{x}^k = G_h^i, \\ b) \quad \Pi_{ki}^i = G_{ki}^i, \\ c) \quad \dot{x}^j \Pi_{jkh}^i = 0, \\ d) \quad \Pi_{ikh}^i = \frac{2}{n+1} G_{ikh}^i, \\ e) \quad \Pi_{jki}^i = G_{jki}^i = \Pi_{jik}^i. \end{array} \right.$$

The normal projective covariant derivative of a vector field  $X^i(x, \dot{x})$  is defined by

$$(1.4) \quad \nabla_k X^i = \dot{\partial}_k X^i - (\dot{\partial}_j X^i) \Pi_{kh}^j \dot{x}^h + X^j \Pi_{jk}^i,$$

where  $\partial_k = \partial/\partial x^k$ ,  $\dot{\partial}_k = \partial/\partial \dot{x}^k$ , and preserve the vector character of  $X^i$ .

In particular, this derivative vanishes for  $\dot{x}^i$ . The corresponding curvature tensor  $N_{jkh}^i(x, \dot{x})$  as called by K.Yano, the normal projective curvature tensor, is given by

$$(1.5) \quad N_{jkh}^i = 2\{\partial_{[j} \Pi_{k]h}^i + \Pi_{lh[j}^i \Pi_{k]m}^l \dot{x}^m + \Pi_{l[j}^i \Pi_{k]h}^l\}.$$

**Definition 1.1.** The manifold  $F_n$  with normal projective connection parameters  $\Pi_{kh}^i$  and the normal projective curvature tensor  $N_{jkh}^i$  is termed as normal projective Finsler manifold and is usually denoted by  $NP - F_n$ .

It is worth mentioning that the normal projective curvature tensor is skew-symmetric in  $j, k$  indices and is a homogeneous function of degree 0 in  $\dot{x}^i$ 's, so in the light of (1.5) it is fairly easy to observe that

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{cases} a) & N_{jkh}^i = -N_{kjh}^i, \\ b) & \dot{\partial}_l N_{jkh}^i \dot{x}^l = 0. \end{cases}$$

The contraction of  $N_{jkh}^i$  with respect to  $i, j$ ;  $i, k$  and  $i, h$  give

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{cases} a) & N_{ikh}^i = N_{kh}, \\ b) & N_{jih}^i = -N_{ijh}^i = -N_{jh}, \\ b) & N_{jkh}^i = 2N_{[kj]}, \end{cases}$$

respectively, where  $[kj]$  represent the skew-symmetric part.

P.N. Pandey [5] has shown the following relationship between the normal projective curvature tensor  $N_{jkh}^i$  and the Berwald's curvature tensor  $H_{jkh}^i$ .

$$(1.8) \quad N_{jkh}^i = H_{jkh}^i - \frac{\dot{x}^i}{n+1} \dot{\partial}_l H_{khr}^l.$$

The covariant derivative gives rise to the commutation formula

$$(1.9) \quad 2\nabla_{[j} \nabla_{k]} X^i = N_{jkh}^i X^h - (\dot{\partial}_l X^i) N_{jkh}^l \dot{x}^h$$

together with the normal projective curvature tensor  $N_{jkh}^i$ . In term of contracted tensor  $N_{kh} = N_{ikh}^i$  there is defined a tensor

$$(1.10) \quad M_{kh} = -\frac{1}{n^2 - 1} (nN_{kh} + N_{hk})$$

and the Weyl's projective curvature tensor  $W_{jkh}^i$  is given by K.Yano [4]

$$(1.11) \quad W_{jkh}^i = N_{jkh}^i + 2\{\delta_{[j}^i M_{k]h} - M_{[jk]} \delta_h^i\}.$$

The projective curvature tensor also satisfies

$$(1.12) \quad \begin{cases} a) & \dot{\partial}_j \partial_l W_{jkh}^i = 0, \\ b) & W_{ikh}^i = -W_{kih}^i = 0, \\ c) & W_{khi}^i = 0. \end{cases}$$

The commutation formulae for any general tensor, involving the curvature tensor, are given as follows

$$(1.13) \quad 2\nabla_{[k} \nabla_{h]} T_j^i = N_{khl}^i T_j^l - N_{khj}^l T_l^i - (\dot{\partial}_l T_j^i) N_{khl}^l \dot{x}^m,$$

$$(1.14) \quad (\dot{\partial}_j \nabla_k - \nabla_k \dot{\partial}_j) T_h^i = \Pi_{jkl}^i T_h^l - \Pi_{jkh}^l T_l^i - \Pi_{jkm}^l \dot{x}^m (\dot{\partial}_l T_h^i).$$

The Lie-derivative of a tensor  $T_j^i$  and the connection coefficients  $\Pi_{jk}^i$  defined by an infinitesimal transformation

$$(1.15) \quad \bar{x}^i = x^i + \varepsilon v^i(x)$$

are characterized by K.Yano [4]

$$(1.16) \quad \mathcal{L} T_j^i = v^h (\nabla_h T_j^i) - T_j^h (\nabla_h v^i) + T_h^i (\nabla_j v^h) + (\dot{\partial}_h T_j^i) (\nabla_s v^h) \dot{x}^s$$

and

$$(1.17) \quad \mathcal{L} \Pi_{jk}^i = \nabla_j \nabla_k v^i - N_{hjk}^i v^h + \Pi_{hjk}^i (\nabla_l v^h) \dot{x}^l$$

respectively.

The commutation formulae with respect to Lie-derivative and other for any tensor  $T_{jk}^i$  are givenby

$$(1.18) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\nabla_l T_{jk}^i) - \nabla_l(\mathcal{L} T_{jk}^i) &= (\mathcal{L} \Pi_{lh}^i) T_{jk}^h - (\mathcal{L} \Pi_{jl}^i) T_{rk}^i - (\mathcal{L} \Pi_{kl}^r) T_{jr}^i \\ &\quad - (\mathcal{L} \Pi_{lm}^r) \dot{x}^m (\dot{\partial}_l T_{jk}^i) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(1.19) \quad \dot{\partial}_l(\mathcal{L} T_{jk}^i) - \mathcal{L}(\dot{\partial}_l T_{jk}^i) = 0.$$

The Lie-derivative of the normal projective curvature tensor  $N_{kjh}^i$  is expressed in the form

$$(1.20) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_k(\mathcal{L} \Pi_{jh}^i) - \nabla_j(\mathcal{L} \Pi_{kh}^i) &= \mathcal{L} N_{kjh}^i + (\mathcal{L} \Pi_{km}^r) \dot{x}^m \Pi_{rjh}^i \\ &\quad - (\mathcal{L} \Pi_{jm}^r) \dot{x}^m \Pi_{rkh}^i. \end{aligned}$$

In view of the infinitesimal transformation( 1.15 ) K.Yano [4] defined a projective motion, if there exists a homogeneous scalar function  $p$  of degree one in  $\dot{x}^i$  's satisfying

$$(1.21) \quad \mathcal{L} \Pi_{jk}^i = 2\delta_{(j}^i p_{h)}, p_h = \dot{\partial}_h p$$

where  $(jh)$  represents the symmetric part. For the homogeneity of  $p_k$  and  $p_{jk}$ , they satisfy the conditions

$$(1.22) \quad a)p_k \dot{x}^k = p, b)p_{jk} \dot{x}^k = 0.$$

## § 2. Projective $N$ -curvature inheritance

S.P. Singh [6] defined the projective H-curvature inheritance as an infinitesimal transformation with respect to which the Lie-derivative of Berwald's curvature tensor  $H^i_{jkh}$  satisfies a relation of the form

$$(2.23) \quad \mathcal{L}H^i_{jkh} = \alpha H^i_{jkh},$$

where  $\alpha(x)$  is non-zero scalar function.

In the present paper, we consider the infinitesimal transformation (1.15) which admits the projective motion in an  $NP - F_n$ . Now we define and study the cases under which the infinitesimal transformation (1.15) defines a projective  $N$ -curvature inheritance in  $NP - F_n$ .

**Definition 2.2.** In an  $NP - F_n$ , if the normal projective curvature tensor field  $N^i_{jkh}$  satisfies the relation

$$(2.24) \quad \mathcal{L}N^i_{jkh} = \alpha N^i_{jkh},$$

where  $\alpha(x)$  is non zero scalar function and  $\mathcal{L}$  denotes Lie-derivative defined by the infinitesimal transformation (1.15), which admits the projective motion. The transformation (1.15) is called projective  $N$ -curvature inheritance in the light of (2.24).

Contracting with respect to the indices  $i$  and  $j$  ( 2.24) yields

$$(2.25) \quad \mathcal{L}N_{kh} = \alpha N_{kh}.$$

In view of 2.25, the projective inheritance is called the projective Ricci-like  $N$ -curvature inheritance. Employing (1.21) in the equation (1.20), we arrive at

$$(2.26) \quad 2\{\delta^i_{[j}(\nabla_{k]}p_h) + \delta^i_h(\nabla_{[k}p_{j]})\} = \mathcal{L}N^i_{jkh} + 2\delta^r_{(k}p_m)\dot{x}^m\Pi^i_{rjh} \\ - 2\delta^r_{(j}p_m)\dot{x}^m\Pi^i_{rkh}.$$

In view of (1.22), (1.3c) and (2.24) the above equation reduces to

$$(2.27) \quad \alpha N^i_{jkh} = 2\{\delta^i_{[j}(\nabla_{k]}p_h) + \delta^i_h(\nabla_{[k}p_{j]}) + p\Pi^i_{[jk]h}\}.$$

Above discussion leads us to the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** An  $NP - F_n$ , admitting projective  $N$ -curvature inheritance, the normal projective curvature tensor field can not be expressed in terms of homogeneous scalar function  $p(x, \dot{x})$  given in the form (2.27).

If we contract (2.27) with respect to indices  $i$  and  $j$  and make use of (1.3d), (1.3e) and (1.7a), it is fairly easy to arrive at

$$(2.28) \quad \alpha N_{kh} = n \nabla_k p_h - \nabla_h p_k - \left( \frac{n-1}{n+1} \right) p G_{ikh}^i.$$

Thus, we can state:

**Corollary 2.1.** *An  $NP - F_n$ , admitting projective Ricci-like  $N$ -curvature inheritance, Ricci-like normal projective curvature tensor  $N_{kh}$  can not be expressed in terms of only homogeneous scalar function  $P(x, \dot{x})$  given in the form (2.28).*

Using (1.19) for  $N_{jkh}^i$ , we get

$$(2.29) \quad \dot{\partial}_l (\mathcal{L} N_{jkh}^i) = \mathcal{L} (\dot{\partial}_l N_{jkh}^i),$$

which in view of (2.24) and (2.29) reduces to

$$(2.30) \quad \alpha (\dot{\partial}_l N_{jkh}^i) = \mathcal{L} (\dot{\partial}_l N_{jkh}^i),$$

where  $\alpha$  is scalar function.

Hence we can state:

**Lemma 2.1.** *An  $NP - F_n$ , admitting projective  $N$ -curvature inheritance, the partial derivative of the normal projective curvature tensor satisfies the inheritance property (2.30).*

Contracting (2.30) with respect to indices  $i, j$  and then using (1.7a), we get

$$(2.31) \quad \alpha (\dot{\partial}_l N_{kh}) = \mathcal{L} (\dot{\partial}_l N_{kh}).$$

Accordingly, we can state:

**Lemma 2.2.** *An  $NP - F_n$ , admitting projective Ricci-like  $N$ -curvature inheritance, the partial derivative of the Ricci-like normal projective curvature tensor satisfies the inheritance property (2.31).*

Now using the commutation formula (1.13) for the normal projective curvature tensor  $N_{jkh}^i$ , we have

$$(2.32) \quad 2 \nabla_{[l} \nabla_{m]} N_{jkh}^i = N_{lmr}^i N_{jkh}^r - N_{lmj}^r N_{rkh}^i - N_{lmk}^r N_{jrh}^i \\ - N_{lmh}^r N_{jkr}^i - (\dot{\partial}_r N_{jkh}^i) N_{lmn}^r \dot{x}^n.$$

Applying Lie-derivative operator to both sides of the above equation, we get

$$(2.33) \quad 2 \mathcal{L} \nabla_{[l} \nabla_{m]} N_{jkh}^i = 2 \alpha \{ N_{lmr}^i N_{jkh}^r - N_{lmj}^r N_{rkh}^i - N_{lmk}^r N_{jrh}^i \\ - N_{lmh}^r N_{jkr}^i - (\dot{\partial}_r N_{jkh}^i) N_{lmn}^r \dot{x}^n \}$$

In view of (2.24) and Lemma 2.1 along with the fact  $\mathcal{L} \dot{x}^i = 0$ . The above equation together with (2.32) simplifies to yield

$$(2.34) \quad \mathcal{L} \nabla_{[l} \nabla_{m]} N_{jkh}^i = 2 \alpha \nabla_{[l} \nabla_{m]} N_{jkh}^i.$$

Hence we can state:

**Theorem 2.2.** *An NP –  $F_n$ , admitting projective N-curvature inheritance, the relation (2.34) holds good.*

Contracting the equation (2.34) with respect to indices  $i, j$  and then using (1.7a), we obtain

$$(2.35) \quad \mathcal{L}\nabla_{[l}\nabla_{m]}N_{kh} = 2\alpha\nabla_{[l}\nabla_{m]}N_{kh}.$$

Hence we can state:

**Corollary 2.2.** *An NP –  $F_n$ , admitting projective Ricci-like N-curvature inheritance, the relation (2.35) holds good.*

In view of the relation (1.18) for  $N_{jkh}^i$ , and making use of the equation (2.24), we define

$$(2.36) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\nabla_l N_{jkh}^i) - \nabla_l(\mathcal{L}N_{jkh}^i) &= (\mathcal{L}\Pi_{lr}^i)N_{jkh}^r - (\mathcal{L}\Pi_{jl}^r)N_{rkh}^i \\ &\quad - (\mathcal{L}\Pi_{kl}^r)N_{jrh}^i - (\mathcal{L}\Pi_{hl}^r)N_{jkr}^i \\ &\quad - (\mathcal{L}\Pi_{lm}^r)\dot{x}^m(\dot{\partial}_r N_{jrh}^i), \end{aligned}$$

provided the gradient vector  $\nabla_l\alpha = \alpha_l$  is zero.

Since the infinitesimal transformation (1.15) is a projective motion, in view of (1.22a) and (1.6b) it becomes

$$(2.37) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\nabla_l N_{jkh}^i) - \alpha\nabla_l N_{jkh}^i &= \delta_l^i p_r N_{jkh}^r - p_j N_{lkh}^i \\ &\quad - p_k N_{jlh}^i - p_h N_{jkl}^i \\ &\quad - 2p_l N_{jkh}^i - p(\dot{\partial}_l N_{jkh}^i). \end{aligned}$$

Transvecting (2.37) by  $\dot{x}^l$ , we find

$$(2.38) \quad \mathcal{L}(\nabla_l N_{jkh}^i)\dot{x}^l - \alpha\nabla_l N_{jkh}^i\dot{x}^l = \dot{x}^l p_l N_{jkh}^i - p_j N_{lkh}^i\dot{x}^l - p_k N_{jlh}^i\dot{x}^l - 2p N_{jkh}^i$$

in the light of (1.22a) and (1.6b).

Contracting the equation (2.38) with respect to the indices  $i, j$  and there after using (1.7a), we get

$$(2.39) \quad \mathcal{L}(\nabla_l N_{kh})\dot{x}^l - \alpha\nabla_l N_{kh}\dot{x}^l = -p_k N_{lh}\dot{x}^l - 2p N_{kh}.$$

But the contraction of (2.38) with respect to the indices  $i$  and  $h$  and in view of (1.7c) yields

$$(2.40) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\nabla_l N_{[kj]})\dot{x}^l - \alpha\nabla_l N_{[kj]}\dot{x}^l &= \frac{1}{2}\dot{x}^i p_r N_{jki}^r - p_j N_{[kl]}\dot{x}^l \\ &\quad - p_k N_{[lj]}\dot{x}^l - 2p N_{[kj]}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we can state:

**Theorem 2.3.** *An NP –  $F_n$ , admitting projective N-curvature inheritance, the relation (2.39) and (2.40) necessarily hold provided the gradient vector  $\alpha_l$  is zero.*

R.B. Misra and F.M. Meher [1] have defined a Recurrent  $NP - F_n$  as under:

In a non flat  $NP - F_n$ , if there exists a non zero vector field whose components  $\lambda_l$  are positively homogeneous of degree zero in directional arguments, such that the normal projective curvature tensor  $N_{jkh}^i$  satisfies

$$(2.41) \quad \nabla_l N_{jkh}^i = \lambda_l N_{jkh}^i,$$

then such a  $NP - F_n$  is called a Recurrent  $NP - F_n$  or briefly  $RNP - F_n$ . Contracting (2.41) with respect to the indices  $i$  and  $j$ , we have

$$(2.42) \quad \nabla_l N_{kh} = \lambda_l N_{kh},$$

which shows that an  $NP - F_n$  of recurrent curvature is also of Ricci recurrent curvature.

The covariant derivative of (2.41) with respect to  $x^m$  gives

$$(2.43) \quad \nabla_m \nabla_l N_{jkh}^i = \nabla_m \lambda_l N_{jkh}^i + \lambda_l \nabla_m N_{jkh}^i,$$

commutating (2.43) with respect to the indices  $m$  and  $l$ , we get

$$(2.44) \quad \nabla_{[m} \nabla_{l]} N_{jkh}^i = \nabla_{[m} \lambda_{l]} N_{jkh}^i.$$

Applying Lie-derivative operator to both sides of (2.44), we find

$$(2.45) \quad \mathcal{L} \nabla_{[m} \nabla_{l]} N_{jkh}^i = (\mathcal{L} \nabla_{[m} \lambda_{l]} + \alpha \nabla_{[m} \lambda_{l]}) N_{jkh}^i.$$

In view of (2.24) and 2.2, the above equation reduces to

$$(2.46) \quad 2\alpha \nabla_{[m} \nabla_{l]} N_{jkh}^i = (\mathcal{L} \nabla_{[m} \lambda_{l]} + \alpha \nabla_{[m} \lambda_{l]}) N_{jkh}^i.$$

If we assume that  $\mathcal{L} \nabla_{[m} \lambda_{l]} = -\alpha \nabla_{[m} \lambda_{l]}$ , the equation (2.46) takes the form

$$(2.47) \quad \nabla_{[m} \nabla_{l]} N_{jkh}^i = 0.$$

Contracting (2.47) with respect to the indices  $i$  and  $j$ , we arrive at

$$(2.48) \quad \nabla_{[m} \nabla_{l]} N_{kh} = 0.$$

Conversely, if (2.47) is true, the equation (2.46) yields

$$(2.49) \quad (\mathcal{L} \nabla_{[m} \nabla_{l]} + \alpha \nabla_{[m} \lambda_{l]}) N_{jkh}^i = 0.$$

Since the recurrent  $NP - F_n$  is non-flat, (2.49) provides us

$$(2.50) \quad \mathcal{L} \nabla_{[m} \nabla_{l]} = -\alpha \nabla_{[m} \lambda_{l]}.$$

Accordingly we can state:

**Theorem 2.4.** *An  $RNP - F_n$ , admitting projective  $N$ -curvature and projective Ricci-like  $N$ -curvature inheritance, the necessary and sufficient condition for  $\nabla_{[m} \nabla_{l]} N_{jkh}^i = 0$  and  $\nabla_{[m} \nabla_{l]} N_{kh} = 0$  to be true is that the recurrence vector  $\lambda_l$  satisfies the inheritance property (2.50).*

### § 3. Special cases

In this section, we wish to study three special cases of projective N-curvature inheritance in  $NP - F_n$ ,  $RNP - F_n$  and  $SNP - F_n$  spaces.

(a). **Contra field:** In an  $NP - F_n$ , if the vector field  $v^i(x)$  satisfies the relation

$$(3.51) \quad \nabla_j v^i = 0,$$

then the vector field  $v^i(x)$  spans a contra field.

Here we consider a special infinitesimal transformation

$$(3.52) \quad \bar{x}^i = x^i + \varepsilon v^i(x), \nabla_j v^i = 0,$$

which admits a projective motion in  $NP - F_n$ . It is assumed that the relation (2.24) is also satisfied in  $NP - F_n$ , then the transformation (3.52) defines a projective N-curvature inheritance. Employing (1.21) in (1.17), we obtain

$$(3.53) \quad 2\delta_{(j}^i p_k) = \nabla_j \nabla_k v^i + N_{hjk}^i v^h + \Pi_{hjk}^i (\nabla_l v^h) \dot{x}^l.$$

If  $v^i(x)$  spans a contra field, then (3.53) assumes the following

$$(3.54) \quad N_{hjk}^i v^h = 2\delta_{(j}^i p_k)$$

The covariant differentiation of (3.54) with respect to  $x^l$  together with (3.51) yields

$$(3.55) \quad -(\nabla_l N_{jhk}^i) v^h = \delta_j^i \nabla_l p_k + \delta_k^i \nabla_l p_j,$$

where we have taken into account (1.6a). Commutating (3.55) with respect to the indices  $l$  and  $k$ ,

we get

$$(3.56) \quad 2\nabla_{[k} N_{ijhl]}^i v^h = 2\{\delta_{[k}^i \nabla_l p_j + \delta_j^i \nabla_{[l} p_k]\},$$

where the index in two parallel bars is unaffected when we consider skew-symmetric parts.

Since (3.52) defines a projective N-curvature inheritance therefore in view of (2.27), the equation (3.56) assumes the form

$$(3.57) \quad 2\nabla_{[k} N_{ijhl]}^i v^h = \alpha N_{kij}^i - 2p \Pi_{[kl]j}^i.$$

Contracting (3.57) with respect to indices  $i, j$  and making use of (1.3e), (1.7a) and (1.7c), we have

$$(3.58) \quad \nabla_{[k} N_{ihl]} v^h = \alpha N_{[lk]}$$

Hence we can state:

**Theorem 3.5.** *An  $NP - F_n$ , admitting projective N-curvature and projective Ricci-like N-curvature inheritance, if the vector field  $v^i(x)$  spans contra field, the relations (3.57) and (3.58) hold good.*

Now if the space under consideration is a recurrent  $NP - F_n$ , then in view of (1.17), the equation (3.55) becomes

$$(3.59) \quad -\lambda_l N_{jhk}^i v^h = \delta_j^i \nabla_l p_k + \delta_k^i \nabla_l p_j.$$

Commutating (3.59) with respect to indices  $l$  and  $k$ , we get

$$(3.60) \quad 2\lambda_{[k} N_{j]hl}^i v^h = 2\{\delta_{[k}^i \nabla_l p_j + \delta_j^i \nabla_{[l} p_k]\}.$$

We now assume that the transformation (3.52) defines a projective N-curvature inheritance in  $RNP - F_n$  also. Then in view of (2.27), the equation (3.60) is defined in the form

$$(3.61) \quad 2\lambda_{[k} N_{j]hl}^i v^h = \alpha N_{klj}^i - 2p\Pi_{[kl]j}^i.$$

Contracting (3.61) with respect to indices  $i$  and  $j$ , we get

$$(3.62) \quad \lambda_{[k} N_{]hl}^i v^h = \alpha N_{[lk]}^i,$$

where we have taken into account (1.3e), (1.7a) and (1.7c).

Thus, we can state:

**Theorem 3.6.** *An  $RNP - F_n$ , admitting projective N-curvature and projective Ricci-like N-curvature inheritance, if the vector field  $v^i(x)$  spans a contra field then the relations (3.61) and (3.62) necessarily holds.*

Next, we assume that the transformation (3.52) define a projective N-curvature inheritance in  $SNP - F_n$  R.B. Misra , N. Kishore and P.N. Pandey [2]. Then the equation (3.57) is define in the form

$$(3.63) \quad \alpha N_{klj}^i = 2p\Pi_{[kl]j}^i,$$

Hence we can state:

**Theorem 3.7.** *An  $SNP - F_n$ , admitting projective N-curvature inheritance, if the vector field  $v^i(x)$  spans a contra field then the relation (3.63) necessarily holds.*

Contracting (3.63) with respect to indices  $i$  and  $j$  and using the equations (1.3e) and (1.7c), we have

$$(3.64) \quad \alpha N_{lk} = \alpha N_{kl}$$

Thus, we can state:

**Corollary 3.3.** *In an  $SNP - F_n$ , admitting projective Ricci-like N-curvature inheritance, if the vector field  $v^i(x)$  spans a contra field, the relations (3.64) necessarily symmetric.*

**(b). Concurrent field:** In an  $NP - F_n$ , if the vector field  $v^i(x)$  satisfies the relation

$$(3.65) \quad \nabla_j v^i = c\delta_j^i,$$

where  $c$  is non zero constant then the vector field  $v^i(x)$  determines a concurrent field.

In this section, we consider the infinitesimal transformation.

$$(3.66) \quad \bar{x}^i = x^i + \varepsilon v^i(x), \nabla_j v^i = c \delta_j^i,$$

which admits a projective motion and defines a projective N-curvature inheritance in  $NP - F_n$ . The covariant derivative of (3.54) with respect to  $x^l$  and using (3.65), we get

$$(3.67) \quad \nabla_l N_{hjk}^i v^h + c N_{ljk}^i = \delta_j^i \nabla_l p_k + \delta_k^i \nabla_l p_j,$$

where we have taken into account (1.6a).

Commutating (3.67) with respect to indices  $l$  and  $j$ , we get

$$(3.68) \quad 2\nabla_{[l} N_{i]hjk}^i v^h + 2c N_{[lj]k}^i = \alpha N_{jlk}^i - 2p \Pi_{[j]l]k}^i,$$

where we have made use of equations (1.6a) and (2.27).

Contracting (3.68) with respect to indices  $i$  and  $j$  and using the equations (1.3d), (1.3e), (1.7a) and (1.7b), we get

$$(3.69) \quad \alpha N_{lk} = -\{v^h (\nabla_l N_{hk} + \nabla_l N_{hlk}^i) + 2c N_{lk} + \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1}\right) p G_{ilk}^i\}.$$

Hence we can state:

**Theorem 3.8.** *In an  $NP - F_n$ , admitting projective N-curvature and projective Ricci-like N-curvature inheritance, if the vector field  $v^i(x)$  determines a concurrent field then the relations (3.68) and (3.69) necessarily hold.*

Let us assume that the space under consideration is a  $RNP - F_n$  and the transformation (3.66) defines a projective N-curvature inheritance in it. In this case the relation (3.67) assumes the form

$$(3.70) \quad \lambda_l N_{hjk}^i v^h + c N_{ljk}^i = \delta_j^i \nabla_l p_k + \delta_k^i \nabla_l p_j.$$

Commutating (3.20) with respect to indices  $l$  and  $j$ , we get

$$(3.71) \quad \lambda_{[l} N_{i]hjk}^i v^h + c N_{[lj]k}^i = \delta_{[j}^i \nabla_{l]} p_k + \delta_k^i \nabla_{[l} p_{j]}.$$

In view of (2.27), (3.71) reduces to

$$(3.72) \quad 2\lambda_{[l} N_{i]hjk}^i v^h + 2c N_{[lj]k}^i = \alpha N_{ljk}^i - 2p \Pi_{[j]l]k}^i.$$

Contracting (3.72) with respect to indices  $i$  and  $j$  and thereafter using the equations (1.3d), (1.7a) and (1.7b), we obtain

$$(3.73) \quad \alpha N_{lk} = -\{v^h (\lambda_l N_{hk} + \lambda_i N_{hlk}^i) + 2c N_{lk}\}.$$

Accordingly we can state:

**Theorem 3.9.** *In an  $RNP - F_n$ , admitting Projective N-curvature and projective Ricci-like N-curvature inheritance, if the vector field  $v^i(x)$ , determines a concurrent field then the relations (3.72) and (3.73) hold good.*

Next, we assume that the transformation (3.66) defines a projective N-curvature inheritance in  $SNP - F_n$ . Then the equation (3.68) and (3.69) can be written in the form

$$(3.74) \quad \alpha N_{jlk}^i = 2cN_{[lj]k}^i + 2p\Pi_{[jl]k}^i.$$

Contracting (3.74) with respect to indices  $i$  and  $j$  and thereafter using the equations (1.3d), (1.3e), (1.7a) and (1.7b) gives

$$(3.75) \quad \alpha N_{lk} = -\left\{2cN_{lk} + \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1}\right)pG_{lk}^i\right\}.$$

Thus, we can state:

**Theorem 3.10.** *In an  $SNP - F_n$ , admitting projective N-curvature and projective Ricci-like N-curvature inheritance, if the vector field  $v^i(x)$  determines a concurrent field then the relations (3.74) and (3.75) hold good.*

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