ON THE STRUCTURE OF SPACES WITH NORMAL PROJECTIVE CONNEXIONS WHOSE GROUPS OF HOLONOMY FIX A HYPERQUADRIC OR A QUADRIC OF (N-2)-DIMENSION.*)

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Several years ago, we have studied the spaces with normal conformal connexions whose groups of holonomy fix a point or a hypersphere.⁽¹⁾ The most fundamental theorem that we have found is the following: If the group of holonomy of a space C_n with a normal conformal connexion is a subgroup of the Möbius' group which fixes a point (or a hypersphere), the C_n is a space with a normal conformal connexion corresponding to the class of Riemann spaces conformal to each other including an Einstein space with a vanishing (or non vanishing) scalar curvature. The converse is also true. Making use of the fact that a subgroup of the Möbius' group which fixes a hypersphere is in a close relation with the Poincaré's representation of non-Euclidean geometry, we could further generalize the Poincaré's representation of non-Euclidean geometry to Einstein spaces.

In the present paper, we shall apply that idea to spaces with normal projective connexions. In Klein's representation of non-Euclidean geometry the fundamental group of the space is the subgroup of all projective transformations which fix a hyperquadric. Hence we are led to consider those spaces with normal projective connexions whose groups of holonomy fix a hyperquadric. In connection with this, we also consider those spaces with normal projective connexions whose groups of holonomy fix an (n-2) dimensional quadric in a hyperplane.

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