

28. On Curvatures of Homogeneous Convex Cones

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1. It is known that homogeneous convex cones play an important role in the theory of homogeneous bounded domains (see e.g., [3], [5], [8], [10], [12]). From the differential geometric point of view, it is interesting to investigate the Riemannian geometric properties of homogeneous convex cones. Several results about homogeneous self-dual cones are known. For instance, a homogeneous self-dual cone is a Riemannian symmetric space of non-positive curvature [9]. However it is little known about homogeneous non-self-dual cones. In this note, we will announce some results about the Riemannian geometry of homogeneous convex cones. The detailed results with their complete proofs will appear elsewhere.

2. Let V be an open convex cone in the n -dimensional real number space \mathbf{R}^n which does not contain any full straight line. We denote by $G(V)$ the group of all linear automorphisms of V , that is, $G(V) = \{a \in GL(n); aV = V\}$. If $G(V)$ acts transitively on V , then the cone V is called *homogeneous*. Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ be an inner product in \mathbf{R}^n . Then the *dual cone* V^* of V is defined by $V^* = \{y \in \mathbf{R}^n; \langle x, y \rangle > 0 \text{ for any } x \text{ in } \bar{V} - (0)\}$, where \bar{V} is the topological closure of V in \mathbf{R}^n . A cone V is called *self-dual* if the dual cone V^* with respect to a suitable inner product coincides with V . Following Koecher and Vinberg, we define the *characteristic function* φ_V of V by

$$\varphi_V(x) = \int_{V^*} \exp - \langle x, y \rangle dy \quad (x \in V),$$

where dy is a canonical Euclidean measure on \mathbf{R}^n . From the characteristic function of V , we define a symmetric 2-form g on V by

$$g = \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial^2 \log \varphi_V}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dx_i dx_j,$$

where (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) denotes a linear coordinates of \mathbf{R}^n . Then g is a $G(V)$ -invariant Riemannian metric on V , which is called a *canonical Riemannian metric* of V . Therefore with this metric, the cone V is a homogeneous Riemannian manifold (cf. [9], [10], [12]).

3. In this section, we state results about the canonical Riemannian metric. It was proved in [11] that for every positive constant c , the surface in \mathbf{R}^n defined by $\{x \in V; \varphi_V(x) = c\}$ is a homogeneous affine hypersphere of hyperbolic type. By using this, we can prove the fol-