

**RHEONOMIC LAGRANGE SPACES  
WITH  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -METRIC**

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**Abstract:** The present paper deals with the differential geometry of rheonomic Lagrange spaces with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric. We obtain the coefficients of a semispray, integral curves of the semispray, canonical nonlinear connection, differential equations of autoparallel curves and canonical metrical  $N$ -linear connection of rheonomic Lagrange spaces with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric.

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## 1. Introduction

The geometry of Lagrange spaces is metric generalization of that of Finsler spaces and was introduced by the great Romanian geometer R. Miron (see [12] and [13]). A Lagrange space is a pair  $L^n = (M, L(x, y))$ , where  $M$  is a smooth manifold and  $L(x, y)$ , a regular Lagrangian (see [9]). In the last 10-12 years, this

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field has attracted worldwide geometers and physicists (see [3]-[4], [14]-[15]) to work on its development and applications in various disciplines of science. The present authors (see [7] and [8]) studied and investigated several properties of almost  $\varphi$ -Lagrange spaces and their subspaces. B. Nicolaescu (see [1] and [2]) introduced Lagrange spaces with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric and obtained fundamental entities related to them. Miron [10] discussed Finsler-Lagrange spaces with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric. In several problems arising from mechanics and physics, time dependent Lagrangians play important role. A rheonomic Lagrange space is a pair  $RL^n = (M, L(x, y, t))$ , where  $L(x, y, t)$  is a time dependent regular Lagrangian. In recent years several mathematicians (see [5] and [11]) contributed significantly towards the development and applications of rheonomic Lagrange spaces.

In Section 2, we discuss basic notion of a rheonomic Lagrange space and introduce rheonomic Lagrange spaces with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric. In Section 3, we obtain the coefficients of a semispray of a rheonomic Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric. We also obtain the integral curves of this semispray in the same section. Section 4 deals with the nonlinear connection produced by the semispray and autoparallel curves with respect to the semispray. In Section 5, we discuss the canonical metrical  $N$ -linear connection of a rheonomic Lagrange spaces with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric and obtain its coefficients.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $(TM, \pi, M)$  be the tangent bundle of an  $n$ -dimensional smooth manifold  $M$ . Let  $(x^i)$  and  $(x^i, y^i)$  be the local coordinates on  $M$  and  $TM$  respectively. Let us consider the product manifold  $E := TM \times \mathbb{R}$  and  $(x^i, y^i, t)$  as local coordinates on  $E$ . A time dependent Lagrangian is a function  $L : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which is smooth on  $\tilde{E} = E \setminus \{(x, 0, 0), x \in M\}$  and continuous on its complement. This Lagrangian is said to be regular if  $rank(g_{ij}(x, y, t)) = n$ , where  $g_{ij}(x, y, t) := \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 L(x, y, t)}{\partial y^i \partial y^j}$  are components of a covariant symmetric tensor called the metric tensor of the Lagrangian  $L(x, y, t)$ . A rheonomic Lagrange space (see [5], [6] and [11]) is a pair  $RL^n = (M, L(x, y, t))$ ,  $L(x, y, t)$  being a regular Lagrangian whose metric tensor  $g_{ij}$  has constant signature on  $\tilde{E}$ . The coordinates  $(x^i, y^i, t)$  on  $E$  change by the following rule:

$$\tilde{x}^i = \tilde{x}^i(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^n), \quad \tilde{y}^i = \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^i}{\partial x^j} y^j, \quad \tilde{t} = \varphi(t) \quad (1)$$

with

$$\text{rank} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{x}^i}{\partial x^j} \right) = n, \quad \varphi'(t) \neq 0. \tag{2}$$

In general,  $\varphi(t) = at + b, a \neq 0$ . A semispray S on E has the form (see [5] and [11])

$$S = y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - (2G^i + G_0^i) \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}, \tag{3}$$

where

$$2G^i = \frac{1}{2} g^{ik} \left( \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial y^k \partial x^j} y^j - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^k} \right), \quad y^i = \frac{dx^i}{d\sigma}, \tag{4}$$

$$G_0^i = \frac{1}{2} g^{ik} \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial y^k \partial t}. \tag{5}$$

The pair of functions  $(G^i(x, y, t), G_0^i(x, y, t))$  is the system of coefficients of the semispray S. The semispray S is canonical as its coefficients depend on L only. Thus for a rheonomic Lagrange space  $RL^n$  there is a canonical semispray S with coefficients  $(G^i(x, y, t), G_0^i(x, y, t))$  of the form given by (4) and (5).

The integral of action of the Lagrangian  $L(x, y, t)$  along a smooth curve  $c : [0, 1] \rightarrow M \times \mathbb{R}, I(c) = \int_0^1 L(x, \frac{dx}{d\sigma}, \sigma) d\sigma$  leads, by virtue of variational calculus, to the Euler-Lagrange equations (see [5], [6] and [11]):

$$E_i(L) \equiv \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^i} - \frac{d}{d\sigma} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial y^i} \right) = 0, \quad y^i = \frac{dx^i}{d\sigma}. \tag{6}$$

For a point  $u = (x, y, t) \in E$ , consider the subspaces  $V_u E = \text{span} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i} |_u \right)$  and  $V_{u,0} E = \text{span} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |_u \right)$  of  $T_u E$ . Obviously,  $\dim V_u E = n$  and  $\dim V_{u,0} E = 1$ . Now, the distribution

$$V \oplus V_0 : u \in E \mapsto V_u E \oplus V_{u,0} E$$

is vertical. The horizontal distribution  $N : u \mapsto N_u \subset T_u E$ , complementary to the above mentioned vertical distribution, is a nonlinear connection on E. Thus, we have the following decomposition of the tangent space  $T_u E$ :

$$T_u E = N_u \oplus V_u \oplus V_{u,0}. \tag{7}$$

The adapted basis of the decomposition is  $\left( \frac{\delta}{\delta x^i} \equiv \delta_i, \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i} \equiv \dot{\partial}_i, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \equiv \dot{\partial}_0 \right)$ , where

$$\delta_i = \partial_i - N_i^j \dot{\partial}_j - N_i \dot{\partial}_0, \quad \partial_i \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}. \tag{8}$$

The pair  $(N_i^j, N_j)$  is the system of coefficients of nonlinear connection  $N$ . For a semispray  $S$  of the rheonomic Lagrange space  $RL^n$  with coefficients  $(G^i(x, y, t), G_0^i(x, y, t))$  given respectively by (4) and (5), there is a nonlinear connection  $N$  determined only by  $RL^n$ . The coefficients of  $N$  are expressed by

$$N_j^i = \frac{\partial G^i}{\partial y^j} \tag{9}$$

and

$$N_j = g_{ij}G_0^i, \tag{10}$$

which, in view of (4) and (5), take the form

$$N_j^i = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^j} \left[ g^{ih} \left( \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial y^h \partial x^k} y^k - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^h} \right) \right] \tag{11}$$

and

$$N_j = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial y^j \partial t}. \tag{12}$$

The tangent vector field  $\frac{dc}{d\sigma}$  of the curve

$$c : \sigma \in I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mapsto (x(\sigma), y(\sigma), t(\sigma)) \in \tilde{E}$$

on  $\tilde{E}$  is given by (cf. [6]):

$$\frac{dc}{d\sigma} = \frac{dx^i}{d\sigma} \delta_i + \frac{\delta y^\alpha}{d\sigma} \dot{\partial}_\alpha, \quad \alpha \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}, \tag{13}$$

where

$$\frac{\delta y^\alpha}{d\sigma} = \frac{dy^\alpha}{d\sigma} + N_i^\alpha \frac{dx^i}{d\sigma}, \quad N_i^0 = N_i.$$

The curve  $c$  is said to be horizontal if  $\frac{\delta y^\alpha}{d\sigma} = 0$ .

A horizontal curve  $c$  on  $\tilde{E}$  for which  $y^i = \frac{dx^i}{dt}$ , is said to be parallel with respect to the nonlinear connection  $N$ .

An  $N$ -linear connection  $D\Gamma(N) = (L_{jk}^i, C_{j\alpha}^i)$ ,  $(\alpha = 0, i)$  for a rheonomic Lagrange space is said to be a metrical  $N$ -linear connection if

$$g_{ij|k} = 0, \quad g_{ij|k} = 0, \quad g_{ij}|_0 = 0, \tag{14}$$

where  $'|'$  and  $'|'$  denote respectively the  $h$ - and  $v$ - covariant derivatives with respect to  $D\Gamma(N)$ .

For given nonlinear connection  $N$  with coefficients given by (11) and (12), there exists a unique metrical  $N$ -linear connection with coefficients given by (see [6])

$$L_{jk}^i = \frac{1}{2}g^{ih} (\delta_j g_{hk} + \delta_k g_{jh} - \delta_h g_{jk}), \tag{15}$$

$$C_{jk}^i = \frac{1}{2}g^{ih} (\dot{\delta}_j g_{hk} + \dot{\delta}_k g_{jh} - \dot{\delta}_h g_{jk}), \tag{16}$$

$$C_{j0}^i = \frac{1}{2}g^{ih} \dot{\delta}_0 g_{jh}. \tag{17}$$

In the present paper, we deal with a Lagrange space whose Lagrangian  $L$  is a function of  $\alpha(x, y, t)$  and  $\beta(x, y, t)$ , where  $\alpha(x, y, t) = \sqrt{a_{ij}(x, t)y^i y^j}$  and  $\beta(x, y, t) = A_i(x, t)y^i$ . Let us denote this Lagrangian by  $\check{L}$ . Thus

$$L(x, y, t) = \check{L}(\alpha(x, y, t), \beta(x, y, t)). \tag{18}$$

The space  $(M, L(x, y, t))$  is called a rheonomic Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric. We shall frequently use the following relations (see [1]) for the product manifold  $TM \times \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\partial}_i \alpha &= \alpha^{-1} y_i, & \dot{\partial}_i \dot{\partial}_j \alpha &= \alpha^{-1} a_{ij}(x, t) - \alpha^{-3} y_i y_j, & \dot{\partial}_i \beta &= A_i(x, t), \\ \dot{\partial}_i \dot{\partial}_j \beta &= 0, \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

where  $y_i = a_{ij}(x, t)y^j$ .

For basic notations and terminology, we refer to the book [6].

### 3. Semispray, Integral Curves

For any rheonomic Lagrange space, there is a family of semisprays with coefficients  $G^i$  given by (4) and with arbitrary coefficients  $G_0^i$  (see [5] and [6]). We may consider the coefficients  $G_0^i$  of the form given by (5). In this section, we obtain the coefficients of canonical semispray of a rheonomic Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric, using equations (4) and (5).

B. Nicolaescu (see [2]) obtained the coefficients  $G^i$  of a Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric as

$$2G^i(x, y) = \gamma_{jk}^i(x)y^j y^k - \lambda(x, y)F_j^i(x)y^j, \tag{20}$$

with

$$\lambda(x, y) = \frac{\check{L}_\beta}{\check{L}_\alpha}, \quad F_j^i(x) = a^{ih}(x)F_{hj}(x), \quad F_{hj} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x^h} - \frac{\partial A_h}{\partial x^j} \right), \quad (21)$$

$$\check{L}_\beta = \frac{\partial \check{L}}{\partial \beta}, \quad \check{L}_\alpha = \frac{\partial \check{L}}{\partial \alpha}.$$

Equation (20) can be extended to get the coefficients  $G^i(x, y, t)$  for a rheonomic Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric:

$$2G^i(x, y, t) = \gamma_{jk}^i(x, t)y^j y^k - \lambda(x, y, t)F_j^i(x, t)y^j, \quad (22)$$

with

$$\lambda(x, y, t) = \frac{\check{L}_\beta}{\check{L}_\alpha}, \quad F_j^i(x, t) = a^{ih}(x, t)F_{hj}(x, t), \quad (23)$$

$$F_{hj} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x^h} - \frac{\partial A_h}{\partial x^j} \right), \quad \check{L}_\beta = \frac{\partial \check{L}}{\partial \beta}, \quad \check{L}_\alpha = \frac{\partial \check{L}}{\partial \alpha}.$$

Here,  $F_{hj}(x, t)$  is the electromagnetic tensor of the space  $L^n(M, \check{L}(\alpha, \beta))$  and  $\gamma_{jk}^i(x, t)$  are the second kind Christoffel symbols of  $a_{ij}(x, t)$ .

Now, differentiating (18) partially with respect to  $t$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial \check{L}}{\partial t} = \check{L}_\alpha \alpha_{.0} + \check{L}_\beta \beta_{.0}, \quad (24)$$

where  $\alpha_{.0} = \dot{\partial}_0 \alpha$ ,  $\beta_{.0} = \dot{\partial}_0 \beta$ .

Differentiating (24) partially with respect to  $y^j$ , we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 \check{L}}{\partial y^j \partial t} = \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \alpha}{\partial y^j \partial t} \check{L}_\alpha + \frac{\partial^2 \beta}{\partial y^j \partial t} \check{L}_\beta + \left( \check{L}_{\alpha\alpha} \dot{\partial}_j \alpha + \check{L}_{\alpha\beta} \dot{\partial}_j \beta \right) \alpha_{.0} \right. \\ \left. + \left( \check{L}_{\beta\alpha} \dot{\partial}_j \alpha + \check{L}_{\beta\beta} \dot{\partial}_j \beta \right) \beta_{.0} \right],$$

which in view of (19), yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial y^j \partial t} &= \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\alpha^{-1} y_j) \check{L}_\alpha + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (A_j(x, t)) \check{L}_\beta + \left( \check{L}_{\alpha\alpha} \alpha^{-1} y_j + \check{L}_{\alpha\beta} A_j(x, t) \right) \alpha_{.0} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( \check{L}_{\beta\alpha} \alpha^{-1} y_j + \check{L}_{\beta\beta} A_j(x, t) \right) \beta_{.0} \right] \\ &= [(-\alpha^{-2} \alpha_{.0} y_j + \alpha^{-1} y_{j.0}) \check{L}_\alpha + A_{j.0} \check{L}_\beta + \alpha^{-1} y_j (\check{L}_{\alpha\alpha} \alpha_{.0} + \check{L}_{\alpha\beta} \beta_{.0}) \\ &\quad + A_j (\check{L}_{\alpha\beta} \alpha_{.0} + \check{L}_{\beta\beta} \beta_{.0})], \end{aligned}$$

where  $y_{j.0} = \dot{\partial}_0 y_j$ ,  $A_{j.0} = \dot{\partial}_0 A_j$ .

This gives

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial y^j \partial t} = \rho y_{j.0} + \rho_1 A_{j.0} + \rho_{-2} \alpha \alpha_{.0} y_j + \rho_{-1} (y_j \beta_{.0} + \alpha \alpha_{.0} A_j) + \rho_0 \beta_{.0} A_j, \quad (25)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha^{-1} \check{L}_\alpha, \quad \rho_1 = \frac{1}{2} \check{L}_\beta, \quad \rho_{-2} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha^{-2} (\check{L}_{\alpha\alpha} - \alpha^{-1} \check{L}_\alpha), \\ \rho_{-1} &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha^{-1} \check{L}_{\alpha\beta}, \quad \rho_0 = \frac{1}{2} \check{L}_{\beta\beta}. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

The metric tensor  $g_{ij}$  of a Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric is given by (cf. [1])

$$g_{ij}(x, y) = \rho a_{ij}(x) + c_i c_j, \quad (27)$$

where

$$c_i = q_{-1} y_j + q_0 A_j \quad (28)$$

and  $q_{-1}$ ,  $q_0$  satisfy

$$\rho_0 = (q_0)^2, \quad \rho_{-1} = q_0 q_{-1}, \quad \rho_{-2} = (q_{-1})^2. \quad (29)$$

The detailed expression for  $g_{ij}$  is as follows (cf. [2]):

$$g_{ij}(x, y) = \rho a_{ij}(x) + \rho_0 A_i(x) A_j(x) + \rho_{-1} (y_i A_j + y_j A_i) + \rho_{-2} y_i y_j. \quad (30)$$

The inverse tensor  $g^{ij}$  of  $g_{ij}$  is given by (cf. [1])

$$g^{ij} = \frac{1}{\rho} a^{ij} - \frac{1}{1 + c^2} c^i c^j, \quad (31)$$

$$c^i = \rho^{-1} a^{ij} c_j \quad \text{and} \quad c^i c_i = c^2. \tag{32}$$

Equations (30) and (31) can be extended to obtain the expression for the tensor  $g_{ij}$  and its inverse  $g^{ij}$  for the rheonomic Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric:

$$g_{ij}(x, y, t) = \rho a_{ij}(x, t) + \rho_0 A_i(x, t) A_j(x, t) + \rho_{-1} (y_i A_j + y_j A_i) + \rho_{-2} y_i y_j, \tag{33}$$

$$g^{ij} = \frac{1}{\rho} a^{ij}(x, t) - \frac{1}{1 + c^2} c^i c^j, \tag{34}$$

where  $c^i$  satisfies conditions similar to (32) on  $E = TM \times \mathbb{R}$ .

In view of (25) and (5), we have

$$G_0^i = g^{ij} [\rho y_{j.0} + \rho_1 A_{j.0} + \rho_{-2} \alpha \alpha_{.0} y_j + \rho_{-1} (y_j \beta_{.0} + \alpha \alpha_{.0} A_j) + \rho_0 \beta_{.0} A_j], \tag{35}$$

where  $g^{ij}$  is given by (34).

Thus, we have:

**Theorem 1.** *There is a semispray  $S$  of a rheonomic Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric which depends upon the Lagrange space only and whose coefficients  $(G^i(x, y, t), G_0^i(x, y, t))$  are given by (22) and (35).*

The integral curves of the semispray  $S$  are given by the Euler-Lagrange equations  $E_i(L) = 0$ , which are equivalent to (see [5] and [11])

$$\frac{d^2 x^i}{d\sigma^2} + G^i \left( x, \frac{dx}{d\sigma}, \sigma \right) + G_0^i \left( x, \frac{dx}{d\sigma}, \sigma \right) = 0. \tag{36}$$

In view of (22) and (35), equations (36) take the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d^2 x^i}{d\sigma^2} + \gamma_{jk}^i(x, \sigma) y^j y^k - \lambda(x, y, \sigma) F_j^i(x, \sigma) y^j \\ & + g^{ij} [\rho y_{j.0} + \rho_1 A_{j.0} + \rho_{-2} \alpha \alpha_{.0} y_j + \rho_{-1} (y_j \beta_{.0} + \alpha \alpha_{.0} A_j) \\ & + \rho_0 \beta_{.0} A_j] = 0, \quad y^j = \frac{dx^j}{d\sigma}, \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d^2 x^i}{d\sigma^2} + \gamma_{jk}^i(x, \sigma) y^j y^k \\ & = \lambda(x, y, \sigma) F_j^i(x, \sigma) y^j - g^{ij} [\rho y_{j.0} + \rho_1 A_{j.0} + \rho_{-2} \alpha \alpha_{.0} y_j \\ & + \rho_{-1} (y_j \beta_{.0} + \alpha \alpha_{.0} A_j) + \rho_0 \beta_{.0} A_j], \quad y^j = \frac{dx^j}{d\sigma}. \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

Thus, we have



**Theorem 2.** *The integral curves of the semispray  $S$  of a rheonomic Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric are given by the second order differential equations (SODE) (38).*

#### 4. Canonical Nonlinear Connection, Autoparallel Curves

In this section, we obtain the coefficients of a canonical nonlinear connection  $N(N_j^i, N_j)$  for the semispray  $S$  (discussed in the preceding section) of a rheonomic Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric  $L^n(M, \check{L}(\alpha, \beta))$ . We also obtain differential equations of the autoparallel curves with respect to this nonlinear connection.

The coefficients of canonical nonlinear connection  $N$  for the semispray  $S$  are given by (11) and (12). Nicolaescu (see [2]) obtained the following form of the coefficients  $N_j^i$  of the canonical nonlinear connection for a Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric:

$$N_j^i(x, y) = \gamma_{jk}^i(x)y^k - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_j^k F_k^i(x), \tag{39}$$

where  $\lambda_j^k = \lambda\delta_j^k + \frac{\partial\lambda}{\partial y^j}y^k$  with  $\lambda$  given by (21).

The coefficients  $N_j^i(x, y, t)$  for a rheonomic Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric can be written as

$$N_j^i(x, y, t) = \gamma_{jk}^i(x, t)y^k - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_j^k(x, y, t)F_k^i(x, t), \tag{40}$$

where  $\lambda_j^k(x, y, t) = \lambda(x, y, t)\delta_j^k + \frac{\partial\lambda}{\partial y^j}y^k$  with  $\lambda$  given by (23).

In view of (12) and (25), we get

$$N_j = \rho y_{j.0} + \rho_1 A_{j.0} + \rho_{-2}\alpha\alpha_{.0}y_j + \rho_{-1}(y_j\beta_{.0} + \alpha\alpha_{.0}A_j) + \rho_0\beta_{.0}A_j, \tag{41}$$

where  $\rho, \rho_1, \rho_{-2}, \rho_{-1}$  and  $\rho_0$  are given by (26).

Thus, we have:

**Theorem 3.** *The coefficients of canonical nonlinear connection  $N$  produced by the semispray  $S$  of a rheonomic Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric are given by (40) and (41).*

The autoparallel curves with respect to the nonlinear connection  $N$  produced by a semispray of a rheonomic Lagrange space are solution curves of the

following differential equations (cf. [6]):

$$\frac{d^2 x^i}{dt^2} + N_j^i \left( x, \frac{dx}{dt}, t \right) \frac{dx^j}{dt} = 0, \quad N_j \left( x, \frac{dx}{dt}, t \right) \frac{dx^i}{d\sigma} + 1 = 0. \tag{42}$$

In view of (40) and (41), equations (42) take the form

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 x^i}{dt^2} + \gamma_{jk}^i(x, t) y^j y^k &= \frac{1}{2} \lambda_j^k(x, y, t) F_k^i(x, t) y^j, \\ [\rho y_{j.0} + \rho_1 A_{j.0} + \rho_{-2} \alpha \alpha_{.0} y_j + \rho_{-1} (y_j \beta_{.0} + \alpha \alpha_{.0} A_j) + \rho_0 \beta_{.0} A_j] \frac{dx^i}{d\sigma} \\ + 1 &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

Thus, we have:

**Theorem 4.** *The autoparallel curves with respect to the nonlinear connection  $N$  produced by the semispray  $S$  of a rheonomic Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric are solution curves of the system of differential equations (43).*

### 5. Canonical Metrical $N$ -linear Connection

In this section we deal with the canonical metrical  $N$ -linear connection  $CT(N) = (L_{jk}^i, C_{jk}^i, C_{j0}^i)$  of a rheonomic Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric and obtain its coefficients which are given by (15)-(17).

If we partially differentiate the quantities appearing in (26) with respect to  $x^j, y^j$  and  $t$ , we respectively find the following sets of quantities:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_j \rho &= \frac{1}{2} \rho_{-2} \xi_j + \rho_{-1} \zeta_j, \quad \partial_j \rho_0 = \frac{1}{2} \mu_{-1} \xi_j + \mu_0 \zeta_j, \\ \partial_j \rho_{-1} &= \frac{1}{2} \mu_{-2} \xi_j + \mu_{-1} \zeta_j, \quad \partial_j \rho_{-2} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_{-3} \xi_j + \mu_{-2} \zeta_j, \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\partial}_j \rho &= \rho_{-2} y_j + \rho_{-1} A_j, \quad \dot{\partial}_j \rho_0 = \mu_{-1} y_j + \mu_0 A_j, \\ \dot{\partial}_j \rho_{-1} &= \mu_{-2} y_j + \mu_{-1} A_j, \quad \dot{\partial}_j \rho_{-2} = \mu_{-3} y_j + \mu_{-2} A_j \end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\partial}_0 \rho &= \rho_{-2} \alpha \alpha_{.0} + \rho_{-1} \beta_{.0}, \quad \dot{\partial}_0 \rho_0 = \mu_{-1} \alpha \alpha_{.0} + \mu_0 \beta_{.0}, \\ \dot{\partial}_0 \rho_{-1} &= \mu_{-2} \alpha \alpha_{.0} + \mu_{-1} \beta_{.0}, \quad \dot{\partial}_0 \rho_{-2} = \mu_{-3} \alpha \alpha_{.0} + \mu_{-2} \beta_{.0}, \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

where

$$\xi_j = \partial_j a_{rs} y^r y^s, \quad \zeta_j = \partial_j A_r y^r,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_0 &= \frac{1}{2} \check{L}_{\beta\beta\beta}, \quad \mu_{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha^{-1} \check{L}_{\alpha\beta\beta}, \quad \mu_{-2} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha^{-2} \left( \check{L}_{\alpha\alpha\beta} - \alpha^{-1} \check{L}_{\alpha\beta} \right), \\ \mu_{-3} &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha^{-3} \left( \check{L}_{\alpha\alpha\alpha} - 3\alpha^{-1} \check{L}_{\alpha\alpha} + 3\alpha^{-2} \check{L}_{\alpha} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

In view of (33), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2C_{j h k} := \dot{\partial}_j g_{h k} &= a_{h k} \dot{\partial}_j \rho + A_h A_k \dot{\partial}_j \rho_0 + (\dot{\partial}_j \rho_{-1}) \mathfrak{S}_{(h k)} \{y_h A_k\} \\ &\quad + \rho_{-1} \mathfrak{S}_{(h k)} \{a_{h j} A_k\} + (\dot{\partial}_j \rho_{-2}) y_h y_k \\ &\quad + \rho_{-2} \mathfrak{S}_{(h k)} \{a_{h j} y_k\}, \end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

where  $\mathfrak{S}_{(h k)}$  denotes the interchange of indices  $h$  and  $k$  and addition. Using (45) in (48), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2C_{j h k} &= a_{h k} (\rho_{-2} y_j + \rho_{-1} A_j) + A_h A_k (\mu_{-1} y_j + \mu_0 A_j) \\ &\quad + (\mu_{-2} y_j + \mu_{-1} A_j) \mathfrak{S}_{(h k)} \{y_h A_k\} + \rho_{-1} \mathfrak{S}_{(h k)} \{a_{h j} A_k\} \\ &\quad + (\mu_{-3} y_j + \mu_{-2} A_j) y_h y_k + \rho_{-2} \mathfrak{S}_{(h k)} \{a_{h j} y_k\}. \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

Applying (49) in (16), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} C_{j k}^i &= \frac{1}{2} g^{i h} [a_{h k} (\rho_{-2} y_j + \rho_{-1} A_j) + A_h A_k (\mu_{-1} y_j + \mu_0 A_j) \\ &\quad + (\mu_{-2} y_j + \mu_{-1} A_j) \mathfrak{S}_{(h k)} \{y_h A_k\} + \rho_{-1} \mathfrak{S}_{(h k)} \{a_{h j} A_k\} \\ &\quad + (\mu_{-3} y_j + \mu_{-2} A_j) y_h y_k + \rho_{-2} \mathfrak{S}_{(h k)} \{a_{h j} y_k\}]. \end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

Differentiating (33) partially with respect to  $t$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2C_{j h 0} := \dot{\partial}_0 g_{j h} &= a_{j h} \dot{\partial}_0 \rho + \rho a_{j h.0} + A_j A_h \dot{\partial}_0 \rho_0 + \rho_0 \mathfrak{S}_{(j h)} \{A_{j.0} A_h\} \\ &\quad + (\dot{\partial}_0 \rho_{-1}) \mathfrak{S}_{(j h)} \{y_j A_h\} + \rho_{-1} \mathfrak{S}_{(j h)} \{y_{j.0} A_h + y_j A_{h.0}\} \\ &\quad + (\dot{\partial}_0 \rho_{-2}) y_j y_h + \rho_{-2} \mathfrak{S}_{(j h)} \{y_{j.0} y_h\}, \end{aligned}$$

which, in view of (46) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} 2C_{j h 0} &= a_{j h} (\rho_{-2} \alpha_{.0} + \rho_{-1} \beta_{.0}) + \rho a_{j h.0} + A_j A_h (\mu_{-1} \alpha_{.0} + \mu_0 \beta_{.0}) \\ &\quad + \rho_0 \mathfrak{S}_{(j h)} \{A_{j.0} A_h\} + (\mu_{-2} \alpha_{.0} + \mu_{-1} \beta_{.0}) \mathfrak{S}_{(j h)} \{y_j A_h\} \\ &\quad + \rho_{-1} \mathfrak{S}_{(j h)} \{y_{j.0} A_h + y_j A_{h.0}\} + (\mu_{-3} \alpha_{.0} + \mu_{-2} \beta_{.0}) y_j y_h \\ &\quad + \rho_{-2} \mathfrak{S}_{(j h)} \{y_{j.0} y_h\}. \end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

Using (51) in (17), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{j0}^i &= \frac{1}{2} g^{ih} [a_{jh}(\rho_{-2}\alpha\alpha_{.0} + \rho_{-1}\beta_{.0}) + \rho a_{jh.0} + A_j A_h(\mu_{-1}\alpha\alpha_{.0} + \mu_0\beta_{.0}) \\
 &\quad + \rho_0 \mathfrak{S}_{(jh)} \{A_{j.0} A_h\} + (\mu_{-2}\alpha\alpha_{.0} + \mu_{-1}\beta_{.0}) \mathfrak{S}_{(jh)} \{y_j A_h\} \\
 &\quad + \rho_{-1} \mathfrak{S}_{(jh)} \{y_{j.0} A_h + y_j A_{h.0}\} + (\mu_{-3}\alpha\alpha_{.0} + \mu_{-2}\beta_{.0}) y_j y_h \\
 &\quad + \rho_{-2} \mathfrak{S}_{(jh)} \{y_{j.0} y_h\}].
 \end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

Differentiating (33) partially with respect to  $x^j$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_j g_{hk} &= X_{hk} \xi_j + Y_{hk} \zeta_j + \rho \partial_j a_{hk} + \rho_0 \mathfrak{S}_{(hk)} \{A_k \partial_j A_h\} \\
 &\quad + \rho_{-1} \mathfrak{S}_{(hk)} \{y_h \partial_j A_k + A_k \partial_j y_h\} + \rho_{-2} \mathfrak{S}_{(hk)} \{y_h \partial_j y_k\},
 \end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

where

$$X_{hk} = \frac{1}{2} (\rho_{-2} a_{hk} + \mu_{-1} A_h A_k + \mu_{-2} \mathfrak{S}_{(hk)} \{y_h A_k\} + \mu_{-3} y_h y_k),$$

$$Y_{hk} = \rho_{-1} a_{hk} + \mu_0 A_h A_k + \mu_{-1} \mathfrak{S}_{(hk)} \{y_h A_k\} + \mu_{-2} y_h y_k.$$

Now from (8), we have  $\delta_j g_{hk} = (\partial_j - N_j^r \dot{\partial}_r - N_j \dot{\partial}_0) g_{hk}$ , which, in view of (49), (51) and (53) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_j g_{hk} &= X_{hk} \xi_j + Y_{hk} \zeta_j + \rho \partial_j a_{hk} + \rho_0 \mathfrak{S}_{(hk)} \{A_k \partial_j A_h\} \\
 &\quad + \rho_{-1} \mathfrak{S}_{(hk)} \{y_h \partial_j A_k + A_k \partial_j y_h\} + \rho_{-2} \mathfrak{S}_{(hk)} \{y_h \partial_j y_k\} \\
 &\quad - 2N_j^r C_{rhhk} - 2N_j C_{hk0}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_k g_{jh} &= X_{jh} \xi_k + Y_{jh} \zeta_k + \rho \partial_k a_{jh} + \rho_0 \mathfrak{S}_{(jh)} \{A_j \partial_k A_h\} \\
 &\quad + \rho_{-1} \mathfrak{S}_{(jh)} \{y_j \partial_k A_h + A_h \partial_k y_j\} + \rho_{-2} \mathfrak{S}_{(jh)} \{y_j \partial_k y_h\} \\
 &\quad - 2N_k^r C_{rjhh} - 2N_k C_{jh0}
 \end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta_h g_{jk} &= X_{jk} \xi_h + Y_{jk} \zeta_h + \rho \partial_h a_{jk} + \rho_0 \mathfrak{S}_{(jk)} \{A_j \partial_h A_k\} \\
 &\quad + \rho_{-1} \mathfrak{S}_{(jk)} \{y_j \partial_h A_k + A_k \partial_h y_j\} + \rho_{-2} \mathfrak{S}_{(jk)} \{y_j \partial_h y_k\} \\
 &\quad - 2N_h^r C_{rjkk} - 2N_h C_{jk0}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

Using (54)-(56) in (15), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_{jk}^i &= \rho \gamma_{jk}^i - \mathfrak{S}_{(jk)} \{ N_j^m C_{mk}^i + N_j C_{k0}^i \} + N^{im} C_{mjk} - N^i C_{jk0} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} g^{ih} [ X_{hk} \xi_j + X_{jh} \xi_k - X_{jk} \xi_h + Y_{hk} \zeta_j + Y_{jh} \zeta_k - Y_{jk} \zeta_h \\
 &+ \rho_0 (A_h \mathfrak{S}_{(jk)} \{ \partial_j A_k \} + 2 \mathfrak{S}_{(jk)} \{ A_k F_{jh} \}) + \rho_{-1} (y_h \mathfrak{S}_{(jk)} \{ \partial_j A_k \} \\
 &+ A_h \mathfrak{S}_{(jk)} \{ \partial_j y_k \} + 2 \mathfrak{S}_{(jk)} \{ y_k F_{jh} + A_k K_{jh} \}) \\
 &+ \rho_{-2} (y_h \mathfrak{S}_{(jk)} \{ \partial_j y_k \} + 2 \mathfrak{S}_{(jk)} \{ y_j K_{kh} \})], \quad (57)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$N^{im} = g^{ih} N_h^m, \quad N^i = g^{ih} N_h, \quad K_{kh} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_k y_h - \partial_h y_k).$$

Thus, we have

**Theorem 5.** For a rheonomic Lagrange space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric, endowed with a nonlinear connection whose coefficients are given by (40) and (41), there is a unique canonical metrical  $N$ -linear connection  $CT(N) = (L_{jk}^i, C_{jk}^i, C_{j0}^i)$  with the coefficients given by (50), (52) and (57).

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