

# The inverse problem of calculus of variations for autoparallels

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# Motivation

**Typically, in metric-affine gravity, autoparallels are not variational (!)**

Finsler metrization  $\iff$  parametrization-invariant Lagrangian for autoparallels.

General Relativity	Metric-affine gravity	Finsler gravity
$ds^2 = a(dx, dx),$ $\nabla$ – Levi-Civita	$ds^2 = a(dx, dx)$ $\nabla$ – arbitrary, linear	$ds^2 = L(x, dx)$ - more general $\nabla$ – canonical (usually nonlinear)

## The inverse problem of calculus of variations

### Statement of the problem

Given a system of second order ordinary differential equations

$$\ddot{x}^i(t) = f^i(x^j(t), \dot{x}^j(t)), \quad \text{with } 1 \leq i, j \leq n$$

that holds at times  $0 \leq t \leq T$ , does there exist a Lagrangian  $L : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that the system (3) coincides with the Euler-Lagrange equations of  $L$ ?

### Variational functions

A system of functions

$$\varepsilon = \{\varepsilon_i\}_{i=1}^n, \quad \varepsilon_i : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

is called **variational** if there exists a sufficiently smooth function

$$L : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

such that

$$\varepsilon_i(x, \dot{x}, \ddot{x}) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^i}(x, \dot{x}) - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}^i}(x, \dot{x}) \right), \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

# Characterization of variational systems

## Helmholtz conditions

For a system of functions

$$\varepsilon = \{\varepsilon_i\}_{i=1}^n, \quad \varepsilon_i : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) The system  $\varepsilon = \{\varepsilon_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is variational.
- (ii) The functions  $\{\varepsilon_i\}_{i=1}^n$  satisfy

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon_i}{\partial \ddot{x}^l} - \frac{\partial \varepsilon_l}{\partial \ddot{x}^i} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon_i}{\partial \dot{x}^l} + \frac{\partial \varepsilon_l}{\partial \dot{x}^i} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \varepsilon_i}{\partial \ddot{x}^l} + \frac{\partial \varepsilon_l}{\partial \ddot{x}^i} \right) = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial \varepsilon_i}{\partial x^l} - \frac{\partial \varepsilon_l}{\partial x^i} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \varepsilon_i}{\partial \dot{x}^l} - \frac{\partial \varepsilon_l}{\partial \dot{x}^i} \right) = 0.$$

# Variational multipliers and the inverse problem

## Variational multipliers

Let us assume that there exists a collection of functions  $g_{ik} = g_{ik}(x^j(t), \dot{x}^j(t))$ , such that  $\det g_{ik} \neq 0$ , so that we can write

$$g_{ik}(x^j(t), \dot{x}^j(t)) \left( \ddot{x}^i(t) - f^i(x^j(t), \dot{x}^j(t)) \right) = 0.$$

Introducing the **variational multipliers**

$$\varepsilon_i(x^j(t), \dot{x}^j(t), \ddot{x}^j(t)) := g_{ik}(x^j(t), \dot{x}^j(t)) \left( \ddot{x}^i(t) - f^i(x^j(t), \dot{x}^j(t)) \right),$$

the inverse problem of calculus of variations is equivalent to the following question

*Is the system  $\varepsilon_i$  variational?*

## The case of geodesics

If  $f^i$  is given by  $f^i := \overset{\circ}{\Gamma}_{jk}^i \dot{x}^j \dot{x}^k$ , then the equation in question is the geodesic equation

$$\ddot{\gamma}^i - \overset{\circ}{\Gamma}_{jk}^i \dot{\gamma}^j \dot{\gamma}^k = 0,$$

which is variational, and can be obtained from the metric Lagrangian  $L = \int_0^1 \sqrt{a(\dot{\gamma}(t), \dot{\gamma}(t))} dt$ .

# Riemannian and non-Riemannian geometry

## Levi-Civita connection

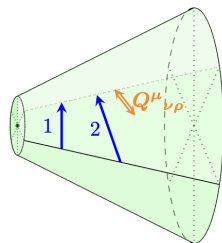
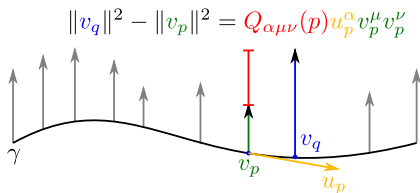
On a Lorentzian manifold  $(M, a)$  there exists a unique connection  $\overset{\circ}{\nabla}$ , which satisfies

$$\overset{\circ}{\nabla} a = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \overset{\circ}{\nabla}_X Y - \overset{\circ}{\nabla}_Y X - [X, Y] = 0 \quad \text{for all } X, Y \in \Gamma(TM).$$

## Nonmetricity

There do, however, exist affine linear connections  $\nabla$ , for which

$$(\nabla_X a)(Y, Z) := -Q(X, Y, Z) \neq 0, \quad \forall X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM).$$



## Vectorial nonmetricity: local description

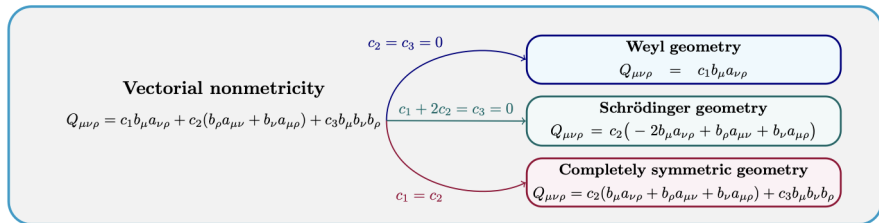
### Nonmetricity tensor

For a connection with vectorial nonmetricity,  $Q_{\mu\nu\rho}$  takes the form

$$Q_{\mu\nu\rho} = c_1 b_\mu a_{\nu\rho} + c_2 (b_\rho a_{\mu\nu} + b_\nu a_{\rho\mu}) + c_3 b_\mu b_\nu b_\rho.$$

### Why this form of nonmetricity?

- In cosmology, the most general nonmetricity (Iosifidis 2003.07384) is obtained if we allow  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  to depend on time.
- 'Natural' extension (all allowed terms without contractions  $b_\mu b^\mu$ ).
- Phenomenological reasons: the new  $c_3$  term plays a key role in describing dark energy in cosmology.



## Autoparallel equation

### Levi-Civita autoparallels

$$\overset{\circ}{\nabla}_X X = 0 \iff \ddot{\gamma}^\mu(t) + \overset{\circ}{\Gamma}^\mu_{\nu\rho} \dot{\gamma}^\nu(t) \dot{\gamma}^\rho(t) = 0 \iff \text{extremals of } L = \int_0^1 \sqrt{|a(\dot{\gamma}(t), \dot{\gamma}(t))|} dt.$$

- 1 Levi-Civita autoparallels are the extremals of the *Riemannian* length functional.

### Nonmetric autoparallels

$$\ddot{\gamma}^\mu(t) + \left( \overset{\circ}{\Gamma}^\mu_{\nu\rho} + b^\mu a_{\nu\rho} \left( \frac{2c_2 - c_1}{2} \right) + \frac{c_1}{2} \delta_\nu^\mu b_\rho + \frac{c_1}{2} \delta_\rho^\mu b_\nu + \frac{c_3}{2} b^\mu b_\nu b_\rho \right) \dot{\gamma}^\nu(t) \dot{\gamma}^\rho(t) = 0. \quad (1)$$

### Main question

Does there exist a reparametrization-invariant Lagrangian, whose extremals coincide with (1)?

## Finsler metrics

### Conic subbundle

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold, and denote with  $(TM, \pi, M)$  its tangent bundle. We have naturally induced coordinates  $(x, \dot{x}) \equiv (x^a, \dot{x}^a)$ . A **conic subbundle** of  $TM$  is an open subset  $\mathcal{A} \subset TM \setminus \{0\}$ , such that:

- 1  $(x, \dot{x}) \in \mathcal{A} \implies (x, \alpha \dot{x}) \in \mathcal{A}, \forall \alpha > 0$  (conic property);
- 2 All fibers  $\mathcal{A}_x := \mathcal{A} \cap T_x M$  are non-empty.

### Pseudo-Finsler space

A **pseudo-Finsler space** is a pair  $(M, L)$ , where  $M$  is a smooth manifold, and  $L$  is a smooth map

$$L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (x, \dot{x}) \mapsto L(x, \dot{x}),$$

which satisfies:

- 1  $L(x, \alpha \dot{x}) = \alpha^2 L(x, \dot{x}), \forall \alpha > 0$  (positive 2-homogeneity);
- 2  $g_{\mu\nu}(x, \dot{x}) := \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu \partial \dot{x}^\nu}(x, \dot{x})$  is nondegenerate  $\forall (x, \dot{x}) \in \mathcal{A}$ .

## Finslerian arc length

### Finslerian arc length

Let  $(M, L)$  be a pseudo-Finsler space. An **admissible curve** is a smooth mapping  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow M$ , such that (the image of) its natural extension to  $TM$

$$\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow TM, \quad \tau \mapsto (\gamma(\tau), \dot{\gamma}(\tau))$$

lies in  $\mathcal{A}$ . For an admissible curve, its **Finslerian arc length** is defined as

$$l[\gamma] = \int_0^1 \sqrt{|L(\gamma(\tau), \dot{\gamma}(\tau))|} d\tau.$$

**Finsler geometry — most general notion of parametrization-independent arc length.**

## Finsler geodesics and nonlinear connections

### Finsler geodesics

The **geodesics** of a pseudo-Finsler space  $(M, L)$  are defined as critical curves of the Finslerian arc length  $l[\gamma]$ . In arc length parametrization they are given by

$$\ddot{x}^\mu(t) + 2G^\mu(x(t), \dot{x}(t)) = 0, \quad \text{where } G^\mu(x, \dot{x}) = \frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} \left( \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial \dot{x}^\nu \partial x^\kappa} \dot{x}^\kappa - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x^\nu} \right)$$

are called the **spray coefficients**, which give rise to a canonical nonlinear connection.

### Nonlinear connection

A **nonlinear connection**  $N$  on  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq TM \setminus \{0\}$  is a smooth assignment

$$N : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow T\mathcal{A}, \quad (x, \dot{x}) \mapsto H_{(x, \dot{x})}\mathcal{A} \subseteq T_{(x, \dot{x})}\mathcal{A},$$

where  $H_{(x, \dot{x})}\mathcal{A}$  is an  $n$ -dimensional horizontal subspace complementary to the vertical subspace

$$V_{(x, \dot{x})}\mathcal{A} := \ker d\pi_{(x, \dot{x})} = \text{Span} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \right\}.$$

## Nonlinear connections

A nonlinear connection gives a *local adapted basis* of  $T\mathcal{A}$

$$\left\{ \delta_\mu := \partial_\mu - G^\nu{}_\mu(x, \dot{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}^\nu} ; \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \right\}, \quad H\mathcal{A} = \text{Span} \{ \delta_\mu \}, \quad V\mathcal{A} = \text{Span} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu} \right\}.$$

The spray coefficients  $G^\nu$  induce *canonically* a nonlinear connection via

$$G^\nu{}_\mu(x, \dot{x}) = \frac{\partial G^\nu(x, \dot{x})}{\partial \dot{x}^\mu}.$$

If  $(M, L)$  is pseudo-Riemannian, that is,  $L = a_{\mu\nu}(x)\dot{x}^\mu\dot{x}^\nu$  is quadratic in  $\dot{x}$ , then

$$G^\nu{}_\mu(x, \dot{x}) = \overset{\circ}{\Gamma}{}^\nu{}_{\mu\rho}(x)\dot{x}^\rho$$

is linear in  $\dot{x}$ . Though, typically,  $G^\nu{}_\mu(x, \dot{x})$  are *not linear*, but just *1-homogeneous* in  $\dot{x}$ .

*Key property of the nonlinear connection:*

$$\delta_\mu L = 0.$$

## Berwald spaces and metrizability

### Berwald space

A pseudo-Finsler space  $(M, L)$  is called **Berwald** iff its spray coefficients are quadratic in  $\dot{x}$

$$2G^\mu(x, \dot{x}) = \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\rho}(x)\dot{x}^\nu\dot{x}^\rho.$$

### Metrizability

A symmetric affine connection  $\nabla \in \text{Conn}(M)$  on  $M$  is

- 1 **Finsler metrizable** if there exists a Finsler function  $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that the autoparallel curves of  $\nabla$  coincide with the Finsler geodesics of  $L$ , that is, locally,

$$\ddot{x}^\mu + \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\rho}(x)\dot{x}^\nu\dot{x}^\rho = 0 \quad \iff \quad \text{Finsler geodesics of } L.$$

- 2 **Pseudo-Riemann-metrizable** if there exists a pseudo-Riemannian metric  $a$  such that  $\nabla$  coincides with the Levi-Civita connection of  $a$ , that is, locally,

$$\Gamma^\mu_{\nu\rho} = \overset{\circ}{\Gamma}{}^\mu_{\nu\rho}[a].$$

## Finsler metrization

### Bucataru-Dahl theorem

The Helmholtz conditions for an affine connection  $\iff$  for each local chart domain,  $\exists g_{ab} = g_{ab}(x, \dot{x})$  symmetric and non-degenerate such that

$$\nabla g_{ab} = 0, \quad g_{ac} R_d^c = g_{dc} R_a^c.$$

### Local Finsler metrization

A symmetric affine connection  $\nabla$  on a manifold  $M$  is locally Finsler metrizable if and only if, corresponding to each local chart, there exists a symmetric matrix  $g_{ab} = g_{ab}(x, \dot{x})$  with positively 0-homogeneous in  $\dot{x}$  components such that

$$\nabla g_{ab} = 0, \quad g_{ac} R_d^c = g_{dc} R_a^c.$$

### Main conclusion

Let  $\nabla$  be a torsion-free affine connection on  $M$ . Then, the following are equivalent:

- 1 The autoparallel equations are variational, with positively 0-homogeneous in  $\dot{x}$  variational multipliers.
- 2  $\nabla$  is Finsler metrizable.

## Finsler metrization of vectorial nonmetricity

### Input data

A connection with vectorial nonmetricity, specified by

- 1 A pseudo-Riemannian metric  $a$ , locally given by its components  $a_{\mu\nu}$ .
- 2 A one-form  $b$ , locally given by its components  $b_\mu$ .
- 3 Three real coefficients  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ .

The input data induces a connection on  $TM$  with horizontal basis vectors

$$\delta_\mu = \overset{\circ}{\delta}_\mu - \frac{2c_2 - c_1}{2} \dot{x}_\mu b^\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}^\nu} - \frac{c_1}{2} (b_\mu \dot{x}^\mu \delta_\mu^\nu + b_\mu \dot{x}^\nu) \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}^\nu} - \frac{c_3}{2} b_\mu b_\rho \dot{x}^\rho b^\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{x}^\nu}.$$

### Main question

Find a Finsler Lagrangian  $L$ , and conditions on the input data  $(b, c_1, c_2, c_3)$ , such that

$$\delta_\mu L = 0$$

can be solved.

## Finsler metrization of vectorial nonmetricity

### $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric

Let  $b = b_\mu(x)dx^\mu$  be a nonvanishing one-form with contraction

$$B := b_\mu \dot{x}^\mu.$$

An  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -**metric** is a Finsler structure on  $M$  whose fundamental function is given by

$$L(x, \dot{x}) = A\Phi(s), \quad s := \frac{B^2}{A}, \quad \text{with } A = a_{\mu\nu}(x)dx^\mu dx^\nu,$$

where  $\Phi$  is a nontrivial smooth function.

### Generalized $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric

For the most general *algebraic* dependence of the Finsler Lagrangian  $L$  on the metric  $a_{\mu\nu}$  and the one-form  $b_\mu$ , we consider  $L = A\Phi(|b|, p)$ , where

$$|b| = \sqrt{|\langle b, b \rangle|}, \quad b_\mu = |b|u_\mu, \quad U = u_\mu \dot{x}^\mu, \quad p = \frac{U^2}{A}, \quad \epsilon = u_\mu u^\mu.$$

## Finsler metrization of vectorial nonmetricity

### Disformation tensor

For a symmetric affine connection  $\nabla \in \text{Conn}(M)$ , the disformation tensor is locally given by

$$D^\mu{}_{\nu\rho} = \frac{1}{2} (Q_{\nu\rho}{}^\mu + Q_\rho{}^\mu{}_\nu - Q^\mu{}_{\nu\rho}).$$

### Characterization of Finsler metrization by $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metrics

The Finsler  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric  $L = A\Phi$  metrizes the symmetric affine connection  $\Gamma = \overset{\circ}{\Gamma} + D \in \text{Conn}(M)$  if and only if  $\Phi$  and  $B$  solve the system

$$\Phi' B \left( A \overset{\circ}{\delta}_\mu B - A D^\nu{}_\mu b_\nu + B D^\nu{}_\mu \dot{x}_\nu \right) = \Phi A D^\nu{}_\mu \dot{x}_\nu, \quad \forall \mu = 0, \dots, 3.$$

# Finsler metrization of vectorial nonmetricity

## Main theorem for $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metrics

### A connection with vectorial nonmetricity

$$\Gamma^\mu{}_{\nu\rho} = \overset{\circ}{\Gamma}^\mu{}_{\nu\rho} + b^\mu a_{\nu\rho} \left( \frac{2c_2 - c_1}{2} \right) + \frac{c_1}{2} \delta_\nu^\mu b_\rho + \frac{c_1}{2} \delta_\rho^\mu b_\nu + \frac{c_3}{2} b^\mu b_\nu b_\rho$$

with  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  not all zero is Finsler metrizable by a Berwald-type  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric  $L = A\Phi(s)$  if and only if one of the following happens:

- ①  $c_2 = c_3 = 0$  and there exists a constant  $\lambda \neq 0$ , such that

$$\overset{\circ}{\nabla}_\mu b_\nu = \frac{c_1}{2} \left( -\langle b, b \rangle a_{\mu\nu} + \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} + 1 \right) b_\mu b_\nu \right).$$

- ②  $c_2 = 0, c_3 \neq 0$  and there exists  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\overset{\circ}{\nabla}_\mu b_\nu = \frac{c_3}{2} \left( -\frac{c_1}{c_3} \langle b, b \rangle a_{\mu\nu} + \left( \frac{c_1}{c_3} + \tau + \langle b, b \rangle \right) b_\mu b_\nu \right).$$

# Finsler metrization of vectorial nonmetricity

## The $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metrics

Under these conditions, the function  $L$  belongs to one of the following four families:

- ① Power law for  $c_2 = c_3 = 0$

$$L = \kappa A s^\lambda, \quad \kappa \in \mathbb{R}^* .$$

- ② Generalized  $m$ -kropina for  $c_1 \neq 0, \tau \neq 0$

$$L = \kappa A s^{\frac{c_1}{\tau c_3}} (s + \tau)^{1 - \frac{c_1}{\tau c_3}}, \quad \kappa \in \mathbb{R}^* .$$

- ③ Riemannian for  $c_1 = 0, \tau \neq 0$

$$L = \kappa \left( \tau A + B^2 \right), \quad \kappa \in \mathbb{R}^* .$$

- ④ Exponential type for  $c_1 \neq 0, \tau = 0$

$$L = \kappa B^2 e^{-\frac{c_1}{c_3 s}} .$$

## Finsler metrization of vectorial nonmetricity

### Excluding the $(\alpha, \beta)$ -cases

If either  $\langle b, b \rangle$  is constant or  $\Phi'_{|b|}$  vanishes identically, the generalized  $(\alpha, \beta)$  metric reduces to the standard  $(\alpha, \beta)$  case. To avoid this degeneracy, we shall assume throughout that

$$\langle b, b \rangle \neq \text{const},$$

and, apart from possible isolated points,

$$\Phi'_{|b|} \neq 0.$$

### Characterization of generalized $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metrization

A symmetric connection  $\nabla$  on  $M$  is metrizable by a generalized  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric if and only if its distortion  $D$  satisfies, in any local chart, the condition

$$\frac{1}{2} A^2 \Phi'_{|b|} \partial_\mu |b| + \Phi'_p U \left( A \overset{\circ}{\delta}_\mu U - A (D^\nu{}_\mu u_\nu) + U (D^\nu{}_\mu \dot{x}_\nu) \right) = A (D^\nu{}_\mu \dot{x}_\nu) \Phi \quad \forall \mu = 0, \dots, 3.$$

## Finsler metrization of vectorial nonmetricity

### Lemma

The contraction of the Levi-Civita covariant derivative of  $U$  along  $u^\mu$  vanishes

$$u^\mu \overset{\circ}{\delta}_\mu U = 0.$$

Moreover,  $u^\mu \partial_\mu |b|$  only depends on  $|b|$  and not on the individual components of  $b_\mu$ .

### Lemma

If a connection with vectorial nonmetricity is metrizable by a generalized  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric, then there exists a function  $\lambda = \lambda(|b|)$ , such that

$$\partial_\mu |b| = \lambda u_\mu.$$

### Lemma

If a connection with vectorial nonmetricity is metrizable by a generalized  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric, then the one-form  $u$  must satisfy

$$\overset{\circ}{\nabla}_\mu u_\nu = \tau (a_{\mu\nu} - \epsilon u_\mu u_\nu).$$

## Finsler metrization of vectorial nonmetricity

### Main theorem for generalized $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metrics

A connection  $\nabla = \overset{\circ}{\nabla} + D$  with nonzero vectorial nonmetricity is pseudo-Finsler-metrizable by a generalized  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric  $L = A\Phi(|b|, p)$  if and only if the following conditions are simultaneously satisfied:

- 1  $c_3 = 0$ , or  $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ .
- 2 There hold the equalities

$$d|b| = \lambda u, \quad \overset{\circ}{\nabla} u = \tau a - \epsilon u \otimes u,$$

where  $\lambda = \lambda(|b|)$  is an arbitrary, nowhere zero smooth function and  $\tau = \tau(|b|)$  is defined in terms of  $\lambda$  as

$$\tau = \frac{c_1 |b|}{c_1 C_1 e^{(c_1 + 2c_2)\rho(|b|)} - 2\epsilon}, \quad \text{with} \quad \rho(|b|) = \int \frac{|b|}{\lambda(|b|)} d|b|$$

and  $C_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  is an arbitrary constant satisfying  $c_2(c_1 - 2c_2)C_1 = 0$ .

## Finsler metrizable of vectorial nonmetricity

The generalized  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metrics

- 1 If  $c_3 \neq 0, c_1 = c_2 = 0$ , then

$$\Phi(|b|, p) = \frac{p}{\epsilon} \exp \left( c_3 \epsilon \int \frac{|b|^3}{\lambda(|b|)} d|b| \right) F \left( \frac{e^{-c_3 \epsilon \int \frac{|b|^3}{\lambda(|b|)} d|b|} (\epsilon - p)}{p \epsilon} \right).$$

- 2 If  $c_2 = c_3 = 0, c_1 \neq 0$ , then

$$\Phi(|b|, p) = \exp \left( \left( \frac{\epsilon}{c_1} - \frac{C_1}{2} e^{c_1 \rho} \right) \left( c_1 \epsilon p + \frac{C_2 - 2c_1 \rho}{C_1 e^{c_1 \rho} - 2 \frac{\epsilon}{c_1}} \right) \right).$$

- 3 If  $c_3 = 0, c_2 \neq 0, c_1 - 2c_2 \neq 0$ , then

$$\Phi(|b|, p) = e^{\frac{\epsilon}{c_1} (\epsilon c_1^2 \rho + p^2 c_2 + p \epsilon (c_1 - 2c_2) + C_3)}.$$

- 4 If  $c_3 = 0, c_2 \neq 0, c_1 - 2c_2 = 0$ , then

$$\Phi(|b|, p) = e^{\left( \frac{\epsilon}{2} - \frac{1}{2} C_1 c_2 e^{4\rho c_2} \right) p^2 + \left( 2c_2 \rho - \frac{1}{2} C_4 \right)}.$$

In cases 2 – 4,  $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4$  are real constants, and  $\rho$  is defined as

$$\rho = \int \frac{|b|}{\lambda(|b|)} d|b|.$$

## Summary, main achievements

### Main results

- 1 *Physical*: Weyl, Schrödinger and completely symmetric autoparallels are Finsler geodesics "in disguise".
- 2 *Mathematical*: Classification of Berwald  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and generalized  $(\alpha, \beta)$  metrics.

Connection	$(\alpha, \beta)$ -metrizable	Generalized $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metrizable
Weyl	✓	✓
Schrödinger	✗	✓
Completely symmetric	✓	✓

### Future directions

- 1 Classify all Berwald Finsler metrics, which are not pseudo-Riemann metrizable.
- 2 Check whether the found metrics solve the field equations of Finsler gravity in vacuum.