



# On Two-Dimensional Landsberg Space with A Special $(\alpha, \beta)$ -Metric

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**Abstract.** The purpose of the present paper is to study a Finsler space with a special  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric  $L(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha + \epsilon\beta + \kappa\frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}$  ( $\epsilon$  and  $\kappa \neq 0$  are real constants) satisfying some conditions. First we find a condition for a Finsler space with a special  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric to be a Berwald space. Then we show that if a two-dimensional Finsler space with a special  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric  $L(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha + \epsilon\beta + \kappa\frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}$  ( $\epsilon$  and  $\kappa \neq 0$  are real constants) is a Landsberg space, then it is a Berwald space.

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## 1. Introduction

The real Landsberg spaces, in particular the real Berwald spaces, have been a major subject of study for many geometers over the years. In 1926, L. Berwald [4] introduced a special class of Finsler spaces which took his name in 1964 [8]. It is known that a real Finsler space is called a Berwald space if the local coefficients of the Berwald connection depend only on position coordinates. In the Cartan connection  $CT$ , a Finsler space is called Landsberg space, if the covariant derivative  $C_{hij|k}$  of the C-torsion tensor  $C_{hij} = \partial_h \partial_i \partial_j (L^2/4)$  satisfies  $C_{hij|k}(x, y)y^k = 0$ . A Berwald space is characterized by  $C_{hij|k} = 0$ . Berwald spaces are specially interesting and

important, because the connection is linear, and many examples of a Berwald space have been known. But any concrete example of a Landsberg space which is not a Berwald space is not known yet. If a Finsler space is a Landsberg space and satisfies some additional conditions, then it is merely a Berwald space [3]. On the other hand, in the two-dimensional case, a general Finsler space is a Landsberg space, if and only if its main scalar  $I(x, y)$  satisfies  $I_{|i}y^i = 0$  [7].

The purpose of the present paper is to find a two-dimensional Landsberg space with a special  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric  $L(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha + \epsilon\beta + \kappa\frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}$  satisfying some conditions, where  $\epsilon, \kappa \neq 0$  are real constants. First we find the condition for a Finsler space with a special  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric to be a Berwald space (see Theorem 3.1). Next, we determine the difference vector and the main scalar of  $F^2$  with the aforesaid metric.

Finally, we derive the condition for a two-dimensional Finsler space  $F^2$  with a special  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric  $L(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha + \epsilon\beta + \kappa\frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}$  ( $\epsilon$  and  $k \neq 0$  are real constants) to be a Landsberg space, and we show that if  $F^2$  with the mentioned metric is a Landsberg space, then it is a Berwald space (see Theorem 4.1).

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $F^n = (M^n, L(\alpha, \beta))$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Finsler space with an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric and  $R^n = (M^n, \alpha)$  the associated Riemannian space, where  $\alpha^2 = a_{ij}(x)y^i y^j$ ,  $\hat{A}^{-1}\beta = b_i(x)y^i$ . Since the metric tensor  $a_{ij}$  is invertible, we put  $a^{ij} = (a_{ij})^{-1}$ .

The Riemannian metric  $\alpha$  is not supposed to be positive-definite and we shall restrict our discussions to a domain of  $(x, y)$  where  $\beta$  does not vanish. The covariant differentiation in the Levi-Civita connection  $(\gamma_{jk}^i(x))$  of  $R^n$  is denoted by the semi-colon. Let us list the symbols here for the late use:

- (i)  $b^i = a^{ir}b_r, b^2 = a^{rs}b_r b_s,$
- (ii)  $2r_{ij} = b_{i;j} + b_{j;i}, 2s_{ij} = b_{i;j} - b_{j;i},$
- (iii)  $r_j^i = a^{ir}r_{rj}, s_j^i = a^{ir}s_{rj}, r_i = b_r r_i^r, s_i = b_r s_i^r.$
- (iv)  $L_\alpha = \partial L / \partial \alpha, L_\beta = \partial L / \partial \beta, L_{\alpha\alpha} = \partial^2 L / \partial \alpha^2, L_{\beta\beta} = \partial^2 L / \partial \beta^2.$

In the present paper Berwald connection  $B\Gamma = (G_{jk}^i, G_j^i, 0)$  of  $F^n$  plays one of the leading roles. Denote by  $B_{jk}^i$  the difference tensor of Matsumoto [7] of  $G_{jk}^i$  from  $(\gamma_{jk}^i)$ :

$$G_{jk}^i(x, y) = \gamma_{jk}^i(x, y) + B_{jk}^i(x, y). \quad (2.1)$$

With the subscript 0, the transvection by  $y^i$ , we have

$$G_j^i = \gamma_{0j}^i + B_j^i, 2G^i = \gamma_{00}^i + 2B^i \quad (2.2)$$

and then  $B_j^i = \partial_j B^i$  and  $B_{jk}^i = \partial_k B_j^i$ . On account of Matsumoto [7], the Berwald connection  $B\Gamma$  of a Finsler space with  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric  $L(\alpha, \beta)$  is given by (2.1) and (2.2), where  $B_{jk}^i$  are the components of a Finsler tensor of (1, 2)-type which is determined by

$$L_\alpha B_{ji}^k y^i y_k = \alpha L_\beta (b_{j;i} - B_{ji}^k b_k) y^j. \quad (2.3)$$

According to Matsumoto [7],  $B^i(x; y)$  is called the *difference vector*. If

$$\beta^2 L_\alpha + \alpha \gamma^2 L_{\alpha\alpha} \neq 0,$$

where  $\gamma^2 = b^2 \alpha^2 - \beta^2$ , then  $B^i$  is written as follows:

$$B^i = \frac{E^*}{\alpha} y^i + \frac{\alpha L_\beta}{L_\alpha} s_0^i - \frac{\alpha L_{\alpha\alpha}}{L_\alpha} C^* \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} y^i - \frac{\alpha}{\beta} b^i \right), \tag{2.4}$$

where

$$E^* = \left( \frac{\beta L_\beta}{L} \right) C^*, \quad C^* = \frac{\alpha \beta (r_{00} L_\alpha - 2 \alpha s_0 L_\beta)}{2(\beta^2 L_\alpha + \alpha \gamma^2 L_{\alpha\alpha})},$$

Furthermore, by means of Hashiguchi, Hojo and Matsumoto [4], we have

$$\alpha_{|i} = -\frac{L_\beta}{L_\alpha} \beta_{|i}, \tag{2.5}$$

$$\beta_{|i} y^i = r_{00} - 2b_r B^r, \tag{2.6}$$

$$b_{|i}^2 y^i = 2(r_0 + s_0), \tag{2.7}$$

$$\gamma_{|i}^2 y^i = 2(r_0 + s_0) \alpha^2 - 2 \left( \frac{L_\beta}{L_\alpha} b^2 \alpha + \beta \right) (r_{00} - 2b_r B^r). \tag{2.8}$$

The following lemmas have been shown:

**Lemma 2.1** ([2, 6]). *If  $\alpha^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{\beta}$ , that is,  $\alpha_{ij} y^i y^j$  contains  $b_i(x) y^i$  as a factor, then the dimension  $n$  is equal to 2 and  $b^2$  vanishes. In this case we have 1-form  $\delta = d_i(x) y^i$  satisfying  $\alpha^2 = \beta \delta$  and  $d_i b^i = 2$ .*

**Lemma 2.2** ([5, 6]). *We consider the two-dimensional case.*

- (i) *If  $b^2 \neq 0$ , then there exist a sign  $\epsilon = \pm 1$  and  $\delta = d_i(x) y^i$  such that  $\alpha^2 = \frac{\beta^2}{b^2} + \epsilon \delta^2$  and  $d_i b^i = 0$ .*
- (ii) *If  $b^2 = 0$ , then there exists  $\delta = d_i(x) y^i$  such that  $\alpha^2 = \beta \delta$  and  $d_i b^i = 2$ .*

If there are two functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  satisfying  $f \alpha^2 + g \beta^2 = 0$ , then  $f = g = 0$  is obvious, because  $f \neq 0$  implies a contradiction  $\alpha^2 = \frac{-g}{f} \beta^2$ .

Throughout the paper, we shall say “homogeneous polynomial (s) in  $(y^i)$  of degree  $r$ ” as  $hp(r)$  for brevity. Thus  $\gamma_{00}^i$  are  $hp(2)$ .

### 3. Berwald Space

In this section, we find the condition for a Finsler space  $F^n$  with a special  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric to be a Berwald space.

Let  $F^n = (M^n, L(\alpha, \beta))$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Finsler space with a special  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric given by

$$L(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha + \epsilon \beta + \kappa \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}, \tag{3.1}$$

where  $\epsilon, \kappa \neq 0$  are real constants.

Then from the above we have

$$L_\alpha = 1 - \frac{k\beta^2}{\alpha^2}, \quad L_\beta = \epsilon + \frac{2k\beta}{\alpha}, \quad L_{\alpha\alpha} = \frac{2k\beta^2}{\alpha^3}, \quad L_{\beta\beta} = \frac{2k}{\alpha}. \quad (3.2)$$

Substituting (3.2) into (2.3), we obtain

$$(\alpha^2 - k\beta^2)B_{ji}^k y^i y_k + \alpha(-2k\alpha\beta - \epsilon\alpha^2)(b_{j;i} - B_{ji}^k b_k) y^j = 0. \quad (3.3)$$

Assume that the Finsler space with metric (3.1) be a Berwald space, that is,  $G_{jk}^i = G_{jk}^i(x)$ . Then we have  $B_{ji}^k = B_{ji}^k(x)$ , so the left-hand side of (3.3) has a form

$$P(x, y) + \alpha Q(x, y) = 0, \quad (3.4)$$

where  $P, Q$  are polynomials in  $(y^i)$  while  $\alpha$  is irrational in  $(y^i)$ . Hence the equation (3.3) shows  $P = Q = 0$ .

Thus we have

$$B_{ji}^k a_{kh} y^j y^h = 0, \quad (b_{j;i} - B_{ji}^k b_k) y^j = 0. \quad (3.5)$$

The former yields  $B_{ji}^k a_{kh} + B_{hi}^k a_{kj} = 0$ , so we have  $B_{ji}^k = 0$ . Then the latter leads to  $b_{j;i=0}$  directly.

Conversely, if  $b_{i;j} = 0$ , then  $(\gamma_{jk}^i, \gamma_{0j}^i, 0)$  becomes the Berwald connection of  $F^n$  due to the well-known Okada's axioms. Thus  $F^n$  is a Berwald space. Therefore, we have

**Theorem 3.1.** *The Finsler space  $F^n$  with special metric (3.1) satisfying  $b^2 \neq 0$  is a Berwald space if and only if  $b_{j;i} = 0$ , and then the Berwald connection is essentially Riemannian  $(\gamma_{jk}^i, \gamma_{0j}^i, 0)$ .*

## 4. Two-dimensional Landsberg Space

Let the Finsler space  $F^n = (M^n, L(\alpha, \beta))$  with an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric given by (3.1) be a Landsberg space.

The difference vector  $B^i$  of the Finsler space has been first given in [7]. Here, by means of (2.4) and (3.2), we have

$$2B^i = \frac{A}{(\alpha^2 - k\beta^2)\Omega} \left( 2k\alpha^2 b^i + \frac{By^i}{\alpha L} \right) + \frac{2\alpha^2(\epsilon\alpha + 2k\beta)}{(\alpha^2 - k\beta)} s_0^i, \quad (4.1)$$

where

$$A = r_{00}(\alpha^2 - k\beta^2) - 2\alpha^2 s_0(\epsilon\alpha + 2k\beta),$$

$$B = (\epsilon\alpha^3 - 3\epsilon k\alpha\beta^2 - 4k^2\beta^3),$$

$$\Omega = (\alpha^2 + 2kb^2\alpha^2 - 3k\beta^2).$$

It is trivial that  $(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) \neq 0$  and  $\Omega \neq 0$ , because  $\alpha$  is irrational in  $(y^i)$ .

From (4.1) it follows that

$$r_{00} - 2b_r B^r = \frac{A(\alpha^2 - k\beta^2)}{\alpha L \Omega}. \quad (4.2)$$

Now we deal with the condition for a two-dimensional Finsler space  $F^2$  with (3.1) to be a Landsberg space. It is known that in the two-dimensional case, a general Finsler space is a Landsberg space, if and only if its main scalar  $I(x, y)$  satisfies  $I_{|i} y^i = 0$  ([1], [6]).

The main scalar of  $F^2$  is obtained as follows:

$$\epsilon I^2 = \frac{9\gamma^2 M^2}{4\alpha L\Omega^3}, \tag{4.3}$$

where

$$M = \epsilon(1 + 2kb^2)\alpha^3 - 8k\beta^3 + 4b^2k^2\alpha^2\beta - 5\epsilon k\alpha\beta^2, \\ \Omega = (1 + 2b^2k)\alpha^2 - 3k\beta^2.$$

The covariant differentiation of (4.3) leads to

$$4\alpha^2 L\Omega^4 \epsilon I_{|i}^2 = 9M(\alpha\Omega M\gamma_{|i}^2 + 2\alpha\Omega\gamma^2 M_{|i} - \Omega\gamma^2 M\alpha_{|i} - 3\alpha\gamma^2 M\Omega_{|i}). \tag{4.4}$$

Trasvevting (4.4) by  $y^i$ , we have

$$4\alpha^2 L\Omega^4 \epsilon I_{|i}^2 = 9M(U\gamma_{|i}^2 y^i + QM_{|i} y^i - R\alpha_{|i} y^i - S\Omega_{|i} y^i), \tag{4.5}$$

where

$$U = \epsilon\alpha^6 - 8\epsilon k\alpha^4\beta^2 + 4\epsilon kb^2\alpha^6 - 8k^2\alpha^3\beta^3 + 4b^2k^2\alpha^5\beta + 15\epsilon k^2\alpha^2\beta^4 - 16\epsilon k^2b^2\alpha^4\beta^2 \\ + 24k^3\alpha\beta^5 - 28k^3b^2\alpha^3\beta^3 + 4\epsilon k^2b^4\alpha^6 + 8k^3b^4\alpha^5\beta, \\ Q = 2b^2\alpha^5 - 10kb^2\alpha^3\beta^2 + 4kb^4\alpha^5 - 2\alpha^3\beta^2 + 6k\alpha\beta^4, \\ R = \epsilon b^2\alpha^7 - 12\epsilon kb^2\alpha^5\beta^2 + 4\epsilon kb^4\alpha^7 - \epsilon\alpha^5\beta^2 + 8\epsilon k\alpha^3\beta^4 + 25\epsilon k^2b^2\alpha^3\beta^4 - 20\epsilon k^2b^4\alpha^5\beta^2 \\ - 15\epsilon k^2\alpha\beta^6 + 4\epsilon k^2b^6\alpha^7 + 6\epsilon k^2b^2\alpha^3\beta^4 - 12k^2b^2\alpha^4\beta^3 + 52k^3b^2\alpha^2\beta^5 - 36k^3b^4\alpha^4\beta^3 \\ + 8k^2\alpha^2\beta^5 - 24k^3\beta^7 + 4k^2b^4\alpha^6\beta + 8k^3b^6\alpha^6\beta, \\ S = 3\epsilon b^2\alpha^6 - 21\epsilon kb^2\alpha^4\beta^2 + 6\epsilon kb^4\alpha^6 - 36k^2b^2\alpha^3\beta^3 + 12k^2b^4\alpha^5\beta - 3\epsilon\alpha^4\beta^2 \\ + 15\epsilon k\alpha^2\beta^4 + 24k^2\alpha\beta^5.$$

Thus the equation (4.5) is written in the form

$$4\alpha^2 L\Omega^4 \epsilon I_{|i}^2 = 9M(U\gamma_{|i}^2 y^i + V\alpha_{|i} y^i + W\beta_{|i} y^i + Xb_{|i}^2 y^i), \tag{4.6}$$

where

$$V = 14\epsilon kb^2\alpha^5\beta^2 - 12k^2b^4\alpha^6\beta - 5\epsilon k^2b^2\alpha^3\beta^4 + 24\epsilon k^2b^4\alpha^5\beta^2 + 100k^3b^4\alpha^4\beta^3 - 24k^3b^6\alpha^6\beta \\ - 10\epsilon k\alpha^3\beta^4 + 68k^2b^2\alpha^4\beta^3 - 15\epsilon k^2\alpha\beta^6 - 100k^3b^2\alpha^2\beta^5 - \epsilon b^2\alpha^7 - 4\epsilon kb^4\alpha^7 \\ + \epsilon\alpha^5\beta^2 - 4\epsilon k^2b^6\alpha^7 - 56k^2\alpha^2\beta^5 + 24k^3\beta^7, \\ W = -2\epsilon kb^2\alpha^6\beta - 56k^2b^2\alpha^5\beta^2 + 8k^2b^4\alpha^7 - 26\epsilon k^2b^2\alpha^4\beta^3 + 48k^3b^2\alpha^3\beta^4 - 64k^3b^4\alpha^5\beta^2 \\ - 4\epsilon k^2b^4\alpha^6\beta + 16k^3b^6\alpha^7 + 2\epsilon k\alpha^4\beta^3 + 48k^2\alpha^3\beta^4 + 30\epsilon k^2\alpha^2\beta^5, \\ X = (-2\epsilon kb^2\alpha^8 + 8k^2b^2\alpha^7\beta + 22\epsilon k^2b^2\alpha^6\beta^2 + 32k^3b^2\alpha^5\beta^3 - 4\epsilon k^2b^4\alpha^8 - 8k^3b^4\alpha^7\beta \\ + 2\epsilon k\alpha^6\beta^2 - 8k^2\alpha^5\beta^3 - 18\epsilon k^2\alpha^4\beta^4 - 24k^3\alpha^3\beta^5).$$

Consequently, the two-dimensional Finsler space  $F^2$  with (3.1) is a Landsberg space, if and only if

$$U\gamma_{|i}^2 y^i + V\alpha_{|i} y^i + W\beta_{|i} y^i + Xb_{|i}^2 y^i = 0, \tag{4.7}$$

since  $M \neq 0$ . If  $M = 0$ , then  $b^2 = 0$ , namely, it is a contradiction.

By means of (2.5), (2.6), (2.7) and (2.8), the above equation is written as

$$2(\alpha^2 - k\beta^2)(\alpha^2 U + X)(r_0 + s_0) + [(\alpha^2 - k\beta^2)W - V\alpha(\epsilon\alpha + 2k\beta) - \{\alpha^2 b^2(\epsilon\alpha + 2k\beta) + \beta(\alpha^2 - k\beta^2)\}U](r_{00} - 2b_r B^r) = 0. \quad (4.8)$$

Substituting the values of  $U, V, W, X$  and  $(r_{00} - 2b_r B^r)$  in (4.8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha^4 \left[ 2\epsilon\alpha^{10} + 8\epsilon k b^2 \alpha^{10} - 18\epsilon k \alpha^8 \beta^2 + 164\epsilon k^3 \alpha^4 \beta^6 - 4\epsilon k^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 - 208\epsilon k^3 b^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 \right. \\ & - 126\epsilon k^4 \alpha^2 \beta^8 + 128\epsilon k^4 b^2 \alpha^4 \beta^6 + 8\epsilon k^2 b^4 \alpha^{10} + 72\epsilon k^3 b^4 \alpha^8 \beta^2 - 40\epsilon k^4 b^4 \alpha^6 \beta^4 \\ & \left. + 72\epsilon k^5 b^2 \alpha^2 \beta^8 - 40\epsilon k^5 b^4 \alpha^4 \beta^6 - 18\epsilon k^5 \beta^{10} \right] (r_0 + s_0) \\ & + \alpha^5 \beta \left[ -52\epsilon^2 k^2 \alpha^6 \beta^2 + 32\epsilon^2 k^2 b^2 \alpha^8 - 160\epsilon^2 k^3 b^2 \alpha^6 \beta^2 + 144\epsilon^2 k^3 \alpha^4 \beta^4 + 20\epsilon^2 k^4 \alpha^2 \beta^6 \right. \\ & + 176\epsilon^2 k^5 b^2 \alpha^2 \beta^6 + 56\epsilon^2 k^3 b^4 \alpha^8 - 32\epsilon^2 k^4 \alpha^6 \beta^2 - 72\epsilon^2 k^5 b^4 \alpha^4 \beta^4 + 2\epsilon^2 \alpha^8 \\ & \left. - 114\epsilon^2 k^5 \beta^8 - 72\epsilon^2 k^4 b^2 \alpha^4 \beta^4 + 24k^6 b^2 \beta^8 - 16k^6 b^4 \alpha^2 \beta^6 \right] (r_0 + s_0) \\ & + \alpha^2 \beta \left[ -64b^2 \alpha^8 \beta^2 + 62\epsilon k^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 + 218\epsilon k^3 b^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 - 80\epsilon k^3 b^4 \alpha^8 \beta^2 - 162\epsilon k^3 \alpha^4 \beta^6 \right. \\ & + 16\epsilon k^3 b^6 \alpha^{10} - 6\epsilon k b^2 \alpha^{10} - \epsilon \alpha^{10} + 11\epsilon k \alpha^8 \beta^2 - 208\epsilon k^4 b^2 \alpha^4 \beta^6 + 99\epsilon k^4 \alpha^2 \beta^8 \\ & + 66\epsilon k^5 b^2 \alpha^2 \beta^8 - 80\epsilon k^5 b^4 \alpha^4 \beta^6 - 9\epsilon k^5 \beta^{10} + 16\epsilon k^5 b^6 \alpha^6 \beta^4 + 160\epsilon k^4 b^4 \alpha^6 \beta^4 \\ & \left. - 32\epsilon k^4 b^6 \alpha^8 \beta^2 \right] r_{00} \\ & + \alpha \left[ -98k^2 b^2 \alpha^{10} \beta^2 + 154k^5 b^2 \alpha^8 \beta^4 - 88k^3 b^4 \alpha^{10} \beta^2 + 16k^3 b^2 \alpha^{12} + 68k^2 \alpha^8 \beta^4 \right. \\ & + 80k^4 b^4 \alpha^8 \beta^4 - 86k^3 \alpha^6 \beta^6 + 8k^2 b^4 \alpha^{12} - \epsilon^2 \alpha^{10} \beta^2 - 2k^4 b^2 \alpha^6 \beta^6 + 16b^6 k^4 \alpha^{10} \beta^2 \\ & + 42k^4 \alpha^4 \beta^8 - 146b^2 k^5 \alpha^4 \beta^8 + 72k^5 b^4 \alpha^6 \beta^6 - 72k^6 b^4 \alpha^4 \beta^8 + 95k^5 \alpha^2 \beta^{10} \\ & \left. + 76k^6 b^2 \alpha^2 \beta^{10} + 16k^6 b^6 \alpha^6 \beta^6 - 24k^6 \beta^{12} - 94k^4 \alpha^4 \beta^8 - 32k^5 b^6 \alpha^8 \beta^4 \right] r_{00} \\ & + 2\alpha^4 \left[ 94\epsilon k^2 b^2 \alpha^8 \beta^2 + 68\epsilon k^3 b^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 + 80\epsilon k^3 b^4 \alpha^8 \beta^2 - 16\epsilon k^3 b^2 \alpha^{10} - 87\epsilon k^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 \right. \\ & + 160\epsilon k^4 b^4 \alpha^6 \beta^4 - 125\epsilon k^3 \alpha^4 \beta^6 - 8\epsilon k^2 b^4 \alpha^{10} + 3\epsilon k \alpha^8 \beta^2 - 354\epsilon k^4 b^2 \alpha^4 \beta^6 \\ & - 48\epsilon k^4 b^6 \alpha^8 \beta^2 + 251\epsilon k^4 \alpha^2 \beta^8 - 232\epsilon k^5 b^4 \alpha^4 \beta^6 + 208\epsilon k^5 b^2 \alpha^2 \beta^8 + 48\epsilon k^5 b^6 \alpha^6 \beta^4 \\ & \left. - 42\epsilon k^5 \beta^{10} \right] s_0 \\ & + 2\alpha^3 \beta \left[ 234\epsilon^2 k^5 b^2 \alpha^8 \beta^2 - 206\epsilon^2 k^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 - 286\epsilon k^3 b^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 + 240\epsilon^2 k^3 b^4 \alpha^8 \beta^2 \right. \\ & + 128\epsilon^2 k^3 \alpha^4 \beta^6 - 31\epsilon^2 k^3 b^6 \alpha^{10} - 26\epsilon^2 k^4 b^2 \alpha^{10} + \epsilon^2 \alpha^{10} - 8\epsilon^2 k \alpha^8 \beta^2 \\ & - 80\epsilon^2 k^4 b^4 \alpha^6 \beta^4 - 16k^3 b^4 \alpha^{10} - 74\epsilon^2 k^4 b^2 \alpha^4 \beta^6 - \epsilon^2 k^4 b^6 \alpha^8 \beta^2 + 133\epsilon^2 k^5 \alpha^2 \beta^8 \\ & \left. - 144k^6 b^4 \alpha^4 \beta^6 + 152k^6 b^2 \alpha^2 \beta^8 + 32k^6 b^6 \alpha^6 \beta^4 - 48k^6 \beta^{10} \right] s_0 = 0. \quad (4.9) \end{aligned}$$

Separating (4.9) in the rational and irrational terms with respect to  $(y^i)$ , we have

$$\{\alpha^4 D_1(r_0 + s_0) + \alpha^2 \beta E_1 r_{00} + 2\alpha^4 F_1 s_0\} + \alpha \{\alpha^4 \beta D_2(r_0 + s_0) + E_2 r_{00} + 2\alpha^2 \beta F_2 s_0\} = 0, \quad (4.10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_1 &= 2\epsilon\alpha^{10} + 8\epsilon k b^2 \alpha^{10} - 18\epsilon k \alpha^8 \beta^2 + 164\epsilon k^3 \alpha^4 \beta^6 - 4\epsilon k^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 - 208\epsilon k^3 b^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 \\
 &\quad - 126\epsilon k^4 \alpha^2 \beta^8 + 128\epsilon k^4 b^2 \alpha^4 \beta^6 + 8\epsilon k^2 b^4 \alpha^{10} + 72\epsilon k^3 b^4 \alpha^8 \beta^2 - 40\epsilon k^4 b^4 \alpha^6 \beta^4 \\
 &\quad + 72\epsilon k^5 b^2 \alpha^2 \beta^8 - 40\epsilon k^5 b^4 \alpha^4 \beta^6 - 18\epsilon k^5 \beta^{10}, \\
 D_2 &= -52\epsilon^2 k^2 \alpha^6 \beta^2 + 32\epsilon^2 k^2 b^2 \alpha^8 - 160\epsilon^2 k^3 b^2 \alpha^6 \beta^2 + 144\epsilon^2 k^3 \alpha^4 \beta^4 + 20\epsilon^2 k^4 \alpha^2 \beta^6 \\
 &\quad + 176\epsilon^2 k^5 b^2 \alpha^2 \beta^6 + 56\epsilon^2 k^3 b^4 \alpha^8 - 32\epsilon^2 k^4 \alpha^6 \beta^4 - 72\epsilon^2 k^5 b^4 \alpha^4 \beta^4 + 2\epsilon^2 \alpha^8 \\
 &\quad - 114\epsilon^2 k^5 \beta^8 - 72\epsilon^2 k^4 b^2 \alpha^4 \beta^4 + 24k^6 b^2 \beta^8 - 16k^6 b^4 \alpha^2 \beta^6, \\
 E_1 &= -64b^2 \alpha^8 \beta^2 + 62\epsilon k^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 + 218\epsilon k^3 b^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 - 80\epsilon k^3 b^4 \alpha^8 \beta^2 - 162\epsilon k^3 \alpha^4 \beta^6 \\
 &\quad + 16\epsilon k^3 b^6 \alpha^{10} - 6\epsilon k b^2 \alpha^{10} - \epsilon \alpha^{10} + 11\epsilon k \alpha^8 \beta^2 - 208\epsilon k^4 b^2 \alpha^4 \beta^6 + 99\epsilon k^4 \alpha^2 \beta^8 \\
 &\quad + 66\epsilon k^5 b^2 \alpha^2 \beta^8 - 80\epsilon k^5 b^4 \alpha^4 \beta^6 - 9\epsilon k^5 \beta^{10} + 16\epsilon k^5 b^6 \alpha^6 \beta^4 + 160\epsilon k^4 b^4 \alpha^6 \beta^4 \\
 &\quad - 32\epsilon k^4 b^6 \alpha^8 \beta^2, \\
 E_2 &= -98k^2 b^2 \alpha^{10} \beta^2 + 154k^5 b^2 \alpha^8 \beta^4 - 88k^3 b^4 \alpha^{10} \beta^2 + 16k^3 b^2 \alpha^{12} + 68k^2 \alpha^8 \beta^4 \\
 &\quad + 80k^4 b^4 \alpha^8 \beta^4 - 86k^3 \alpha^6 \beta^6 + 8k^2 b^4 \alpha^{12} - \epsilon^2 \alpha^{10} \beta^2 - 2k^4 b^2 \alpha^6 \beta^6 + 16b^6 k^4 \alpha^{10} \beta^2 \\
 &\quad + 42k^4 \alpha^4 \beta^8 - 146b^2 k^5 \alpha^4 \beta^8 + 72k^5 b^4 \alpha^6 \beta^6 - 72k^6 b^4 \alpha^4 \beta^8 + 95k^5 \alpha^2 \beta^{10} \\
 &\quad + 76k^6 b^2 \alpha^2 \beta^{10} + 16k^6 b^6 \alpha^6 \beta^6 - 24k^6 \beta^{12} - 94k^4 \alpha^4 \beta^8 - 32k^5 b^6 \alpha^8 \beta^4, \\
 F_1 &= 94\epsilon k^2 b^2 \alpha^8 \beta^2 + 68\epsilon k^3 b^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 + 80\epsilon k^3 b^4 \alpha^8 \beta^2 - 16\epsilon k^3 b^2 \alpha^{10} - 87\epsilon k^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 \\
 &\quad + 160\epsilon k^4 b^4 \alpha^6 \beta^4 - 125\epsilon k^3 \alpha^4 \beta^6 - 8\epsilon k^2 b^4 \alpha^{10} + 3\epsilon k \alpha^8 \beta^2 - 354\epsilon k^4 b^2 \alpha^4 \beta^6 - 48\epsilon k^4 b^6 \alpha^8 \beta^2 \\
 &\quad + 251\epsilon k^4 \alpha^2 \beta^8 - 232\epsilon k^5 b^4 \alpha^4 \beta^6 + 208\epsilon k^5 b^2 \alpha^2 \beta^8 + 48\epsilon k^5 b^6 \alpha^6 \beta^4 - 42\epsilon k^5 \beta^{10}, \\
 F_2 &= 234\epsilon^2 k^5 b^2 \alpha^8 \beta^2 - 206\epsilon^2 k^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 - 286\epsilon k^3 b^2 \alpha^6 \beta^4 + 240\epsilon^2 k^3 b^4 \alpha^8 \beta^2 + 128\epsilon^2 k^3 \alpha^4 \beta^6 \\
 &\quad - 31\epsilon^2 k^3 b^6 \alpha^{10} - 26\epsilon^2 k^4 b^2 \alpha^{10} + \epsilon^2 \alpha^{10} - 8\epsilon^2 k \alpha^8 \beta^2 - 80\epsilon^2 k^4 b^4 \alpha^6 \beta^4 - 16k^3 b^4 \alpha^{10} \\
 &\quad - 74\epsilon^2 k^4 b^2 \alpha^4 \beta^6 - \epsilon^2 k^4 b^6 \alpha^8 \beta^2 + 133\epsilon^2 k^5 \alpha^2 \beta^8 - 144k^6 b^4 \alpha^4 \beta^6 + 152k^6 b^2 \alpha^2 \beta^8 \\
 &\quad + 32k^6 b^6 \alpha^6 \beta^4 - 48k^6 \beta^{10}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The equation (4.10) yields two equations as follows:

$$\alpha^2 D_1(r_0 + s_0) + \beta E_1 r_{00} + 2\alpha^2 F_1 s_0 = 0, \tag{4.11}$$

$$\alpha^4 \beta D_2(r_0 + s_0) + E_2 r_{00} + 2\alpha^2 \beta F_2 s_0 = 0. \tag{4.12}$$

From (4.12), we obtain

$$-24k^6 \beta^{12} r_{00} \equiv 0 \pmod{\alpha^2}. \tag{4.13}$$

Therefore, there exists a function  $f(x)$  such that  $r_{00} = \alpha^2 f(x)$ . Thus, we have

$$r_{ij} = a_{ij} f(x). \tag{4.14}$$

Transvection by  $b^i y^j$  leads to

$$r_0 = \beta f(x); \quad r_j = b_j f(x). \tag{4.15}$$

Eliminating  $(r_0 + s_0)$  from (4.11) and (4.12), from (4.13), we have

$$\alpha^2 f(x)(\alpha^2 \beta^2 D_2 E_1 - D_1 E_2) + 2\alpha^2 \beta s_0(\alpha^2 D_2 F_1 - D_1 F_2) = 0. \quad (4.16)$$

From  $\alpha^2 \neq 0 \pmod{\beta}$  it follows that there exists a function  $g(x)$  satisfying  $s_0 = g(x)\beta$ .

Hence (4.16) is reduced to

$$\alpha^2 \beta^2 (f(x)D_2 E_1 + 2g(x)D_2 F_1) - (f(x)D_1 E_2 + 2\beta^2 g(x)D_1 F_2) = 0. \quad (4.17)$$

Since only the term  $-432\epsilon k^{11}(f(x) + 4g(x))\beta^{22}$  of  $(f(x)D_1 E_2 + 2\beta^2 g(x)D_1 F_2)$  seemingly does not contain  $\alpha^2$ , we must have  $hp(20)V_{20}$  such that  $\beta^{22} = \alpha^2 V_{20}$ . But it is a contradiction because of  $\alpha^2 \neq 0 \pmod{\beta}$ , that is,  $(f(x)D_1 E_2 + 2\beta^2 g(x)D_1 F_2)$  does not contain  $\alpha^2$  as a factor. Hence  $(f(x)D_1 E_2 + 2\beta^2 g(x)D_1 F_2)$  must be zero, which implies  $f(x) = g(x) = 0$ , which leads to  $s_0 = 0$  and  $s_i = 0$ . From (4.14), we get  $r_{ij} = 0$ .

Summarizing up, we obtain  $r_{ij} = 0$  and  $s_i = 0$ , that is,

$$b_{i;j} + b_{j;i} = 0, \quad b^r b_{r;i} = 0. \quad (4.18)$$

Therefore  $b_i(x)$  is the so-called killing vector field with a constant length.

According to Hashiguchi, Hojo and Matsumoto [4], the condition (4.18) is equivalent to  $b_{i;j} = 0$ . So, we have

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $F^2$  be a two-dimensional Finsler space with a special  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric (3.1) satisfying  $b^2 \neq 0$ . If  $F^2$  is a Landsberg space, then  $F^2$  is a Berwald space.*

## 5. Conclusion

The present paper is devoted to finding a Landsberg space in a two-dimensional Finsler space  $F^2$  with a special  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric  $L(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha + \epsilon\beta + \kappa \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}$  satisfying some conditions, where  $\epsilon, \kappa \neq 0$  are real constants. First we find the condition for a Finsler space with a special  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -metric (3.1) to be a Berwald space (see Theorem (3.1)). Next, we determine the difference vector and the main scalar of  $F^2$  with the aforesaid metric. Finally, we show that if the Finsler space  $F^2$  with the metric (3.1) is a Landsberg space, then it becomes a Berwald space under some conditions.

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