

Two classes of weakly Landsberg Finsler metrics

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Abstract. In this paper, we investigate the mean Landsberg curvature of two subclasses of (α, β) -metrics. We prove that these subclasses of (α, β) -metrics with vanishing mean Landsberg curvature have vanishing S -curvature. Using it, we prove that these Finsler metrics are weakly Landsbergian if and only if they are Berwaldian.

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1. Introduction

Consider a Finsler metric $F = F(x, y)$ on an n-dimensional manifold M . Let $G^i = G^i(x, y)$ denote the spray coefficients of F in a local coordinate system. The Landsberg curvature $\mathbf{L} = L_{ijk}(x, y)dx^i \otimes dx^j \otimes dx^k$ is a horizontal on $TM/0$, defined by

$$L_{ijk} := -\frac{1}{2}FF_{y^m}[G^m]_{y^i y^j y^k}.$$

Finsler metrics F are called Landsberg metrics if $L_{ijk} = 0$. The mean Landsberg curvature $\mathbf{J} = J_i dx^i$, defined by

$$J_k := g^{ij}L_{ijk}$$

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Finsler metrics F with $\mathbf{J} = 0$ are called weakly Landsberg metrics. Clearly, in dimension two, any weakly Landsberg metric must be a Landsberg metric.

In this paper, first we consider the (α, β) -metric $F = \sqrt{c_1\alpha^2 + 2c_2\alpha\beta + c_3\beta^2}$ on a manifold M , where c_i are real numbers. This metric is called the Randers-type metric [1]. Indeed, by putting $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 1$, we get the Randers metric. We prove the following.

Theorem 1.1. *Let $F = \sqrt{c_1\alpha^2 + 2c_2\alpha\beta + c_3\beta^2}$ be the generalized Randers metric. Then F is weakly Landsberg metric if and only if it is a Berwald metric.*

Then, we study the mean Landsberg curvature of the Finsler metric $F = c_1\alpha + c_2\beta + c_3\beta^2/\alpha$ and prove the following.

Theorem 1.2. *Let $F = c_1\alpha + c_2\beta + c_3\beta^2/\alpha$ be a (α, β) -metric. Then F is weakly Landsberg metric if and only if it is a Berwald metric.*

2. Preliminaries

For a Finsler manifold (M, F) , a global vector field \mathbf{G} is induced by F on TM_0 , which in a standard coordinate (x^i, y^i) for TM_0 is given by

$$\mathbf{G} = y^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - 2G^i \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i}, \quad (2.1)$$

where $G^i = G^i(x, y)$ are local functions on TM given by

$$G^i := \frac{1}{4}g^{il} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2[F^2]}{\partial x^k \partial y^l} y^k - \frac{\partial[F^2]}{\partial x^l} \right\}, \quad y \in T_x M. \quad (2.2)$$

\mathbf{G} is called the associated spray to (M, F) .

For a non-zero vector $y \in T_e M$, define $\mathbf{B}_y : T_e M \times T_e M \times T_e M \rightarrow T_e M$ by $\mathbf{B}_y(v, u, w) = B_{ijl}^m v^i u^j w^l \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m}|_l$, where

$$B_{ijl}^m := \frac{\partial^3 G^m}{\partial y^i \partial y^j \partial y^l}.$$

\mathbf{B} is called the Berwald curvature, and F represents a Berwald metric if $\mathbf{B} = 0$.

For a Finsler manifold (M, F) , the Busemann-Hausdorff volume form $dV_F = \sigma_F(x)dx^1 \dots dx^n$ is defined as follows:

$$\sigma_F(x) := \frac{Vol(B^n(1))}{Vol\{(y^t) \in \mathbb{R}^n | F(y^t \frac{\partial}{\partial x^t})|_x < 1\}}.$$

Then, for $y = y^m \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m}|_e \in T_e M$, the S -curvature is defined by

$$\mathbf{S}(y) := \frac{\partial G^m}{\partial y^m} - y^m \frac{\partial}{\partial x^m} \left[\ln \sigma_F(x) \right]. \quad (2.3)$$

The S -curvature has been introduced by Shen for the formulation of a comparison theorem on Finsler manifolds.

The function $F = \alpha\phi(s)$ is a Finsler metric for any $\alpha = \sqrt{a_{ij}y^iy^j}$ and any $\beta = b_iy^i$ with $\|\beta_x\|_\alpha < b_0$ if and only if ϕ is a positive C^∞ function on $(-b_0, b_0)$ satisfying the following condition:

$$\phi(s) - s\phi'(s) + (b^2 - s^2)\phi''(s) > 0, \quad |s| \leq b < b_0. \quad (2.4)$$

From (2.4), one can see that $\phi = \phi(s)$ must satisfy

$$\phi(s) - s\phi'(s) > 0, \quad |s| < b_0.$$

For more details, see [4]. A Finsler metric F on a manifold M is called an (α, β) -metric if it is expressed as $F = \alpha\phi(s)$ with $\|\beta_x\|_\alpha < b_0$, where $\phi(s)$ is a positive C^∞ on $(-b_0, b_0)$ satisfying (2.4). In order to study the geometric properties of (α, β) -metrics, one needs a formula for the spray coefficients of an (α, β) -metric. Let

$$\begin{aligned} r_{ij} &:= \frac{1}{2}(b_{i|j} + b_{j|i}), & s_{ij} &:= \frac{1}{2}(b_{i|j} - b_{j|i}), \\ r^i{}_j &:= a^{is}r_{sj}, & s^i{}_j &:= a^{is}s_{sj}, & q_{ij} &:= r_{is}s^s{}_j, & t_{ij} &:= t_{ik}s^k{}_j, \\ r_j &:= b^i r_{ij}, & s_j &:= b^i s_{ij}, & q_j &:= b^i q_{ij}, & t_j &:= b^i t_{ij}, \end{aligned}$$

where " $|$ " denotes the covariant derivative with respect to the Levi-Civita connection of α and $b^i := a^{ij}b_j$, a^{ij} is the inverse of a_{ij} . We define $r_{i0} = r_{ij}y^j$ and $r_{00} = r_{ij}y^iy^j$, etc [2]. For a function $\phi = \phi(s)$ satisfying (2.4), we let

$$Q := \frac{\phi'}{\phi - s\phi'}, \quad \Delta := 1 + sQ + (b^2 - s^2)Q', \quad h_j := \alpha b_j - sy_j.$$

3. Proof of Theorem 1.1

In this section, we are going to prove Theorem 1.1. In order to prove it, we need to remark some necessary facts. In [5], Benling Li and Zhongmin Shen studied the mean Landsberg curvature of (α, β) -metrics and proved the following.

Lemma 3.1. ([5]) *Let*

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &:= -(n\Delta + 1 + sQ)(Q - sQ') - (b^2 - s^2)(1 + sQ)Q'', \\ \psi_1 &:= \sqrt{b^2 - s^2}\Delta^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{b^2 - s^2}\Phi}{\Delta^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right)' . \end{aligned}$$

Then the mean Landsberg curvature of F is given by following

$$\begin{aligned} J_k := & -\frac{\Delta}{2\alpha^4} \left\{ \frac{2\alpha^2}{b^2 - s^2} \left(\frac{\Phi}{\Delta} + (n+1)(Q - sQ') \right) (s_0 - r_0) h j \right. \\ & + \frac{\alpha}{b^2 - s^2} \left(\psi 1 + s \frac{\Phi}{\Delta} \right) (r_{00} - 2\alpha Q s_0) h j \\ & + \alpha \left(-\alpha Q' s_0 h j + \alpha Q (\alpha^2 s_j - y_j s_0) + \alpha^2 \Delta s_{j0} \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \alpha^2 (r_{j0} - 2\alpha Q s_j) - (r_{00} - 2\alpha Q s_0) y_j \right) \frac{\Phi}{\Delta} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

where $s_0 := s_i y^i$, $r_0 := r_i y^i$, $r_{00} := r_{ij} y^i y^j$, $r_{j0} := r_{jk} y^k$ and $s_{j0} := s_{jk} y^k$.

Remark 3.2. For an (α, β) -metric $F = \alpha\phi(s)$, $s = \beta/\alpha$, if β is parallel with respect to α , then the mean Landsberg curvature vanish. This means that F is weakly Landsberg metric.

Theorem 3.3. Let $F = \sqrt{c_1\alpha^2 + 2c_2\alpha\beta + c_3\beta^2}$ be a weakly Landsberg (α, β) -metric. Then F has vanishing S -curvature.

Proof. Suppose F is weakly Landsberg metric, i.e., we have

$$\mathbf{J} = 0. \quad (3.2)$$

By Lemmas 3.1, we calculate $J = J_i b^i = 0$ which is equal to following

$$\mathbf{J} = f_5\alpha^5 + f_4\alpha^4 + f_3\alpha^3 + f_2\alpha^2 + f_1\alpha + f_0 = 0, \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$A := \sqrt{c_1\alpha^2 + c_2\beta\alpha + c_3\beta^2}\alpha^2 \\ f_0 := -8\beta^8ns_0c_2^5c_3^4, \quad (3.4)$$

$$f_1 := 20\beta^6c_2^4c_3^4ns_0A - 40\beta^7c_2^4c_3^4ns_0c_1 + 8\beta^5c_2^6c_3^2Anr_{00} - 40\beta^7c_2^6c_3^3ns_0 \\ - 8\beta^5c_2^4c_3^3Anr_{00}c_1 - 2\beta^6c_2^4c_3^4r_{00} + 4\beta^6c_2^4c_3^4s_0A + 2\beta^6c_2^4c_3^4nr_{00}, \quad (3.5)$$

$$f_2 := 24\beta^5c_2^3c_3^4s_0c_1A - 14\beta^5c_2^5c_3^3r_{00} - 20\beta^6c_2^3c_3^5ns_0 + 8\beta^5c_2^5c_3^3r_0A \\ - 2\beta^6c_2^3c_3^5s_0 - 10\beta^5c_2^3c_3^4r_{00}c_1 + 8\beta^5c_2^5c_3^3s_0A + 14\beta^4c_2^7c_3Anr_{00} \\ + 104\beta^5c_2^5c_3^3Ans_0 + 32\beta^6c_2^5c_3^4b^2ns_0 + 18\beta^4c_2^5c_3^2Anr_{00}c_1 - 72\beta^6c_2^7c_3^3ns_0 \\ - 80\beta^6c_2^3c_3^4ns_0c_1^2 + 2\beta^5c_2^5c_3^3nr_{00} + 100\beta^5c_2^3c_3^4Ans_0c_1 + 4\beta^5c_2^5c_3^3nr_0A \\ + 22\beta^5c_2^3c_3^4nr_{00}c_1 - 208\beta^6c_2^5c_3^3ns_0c_1 - \beta^4c_2^3c_3^4Ar_{00} - 2\beta^4c_2^3c_3^4Anr_{00} \\ - 32\beta^4c_2^3c_3^3Ans_0c_1^2, \quad (3.6)$$

$$f_3 := 32\beta^3c_2^4Ab^2nr_{00}c_1c_3^3 + 32\beta^4c_2^6Ar_0c_3^2 - 12\beta^4c_2^6As_0c_3^2 + 6\beta^3c_2^8Ans_0 \\ - 8\beta^3c_2^4Ar_{00}c_3^3 + 2\beta^4c_2^4c_3^4b^2r_{00} - 152\beta^5c_2^4c_3^4ns_0 - 16\beta^5c_2^2c_3^5s_0c_1 \\ - 2\beta^4c_2^2c_3^4r_{00}c_1^2 - 103\beta^4c_2^4c_3^3r_{00}c_1 - 8\beta^5c_2^4c_3^4nr_0 - 25\beta^4c_2^6c_3^2r_{00} - 14\beta^5c_2^4c_3^4r_0 \\ - 80\beta^5c_2^2c_3^4ns_0c_1^3 - 440\beta^5c_2^4c_3^3ns_0c_1^2 + 216\beta^4c_2^6Ans_0c_3^2 - 12\beta^4c_2^4Ab^2s_0c_3^4 \\ + 40\beta^4c_2^4Ar_0c_1c_3^3 + 48\beta^4c_2^2As_0c_1^2c_3^4 + 72\beta^4c_2^4As_0c_1c_3^3 - 12\beta^3c_2^4Ans_0c_3^3 \\ + 8\beta^4c_2^2Ans_0c_3^5 - 2\beta^4c_2^4c_3^4b^2nr_{00} - 96\beta^5c_2^2c_3^5ns_0c_1 + 54\beta^4c_2^2c_3^4nr_{00}c_1^2 \\ + 16\beta^5c_2^6c_3^3b^2ns_0 - 384\beta^5c_2^6c_3^2ns_0c_1 + 54\beta^4c_2^4Ans_0c_1c_3^3 + 48\beta^3c_2^6Ans_0c_1c_3 \\ - 12\beta^3c_2^2Ans_0c_1c_3^4 + 20\beta^4c_2^4Ans_0c_1c_3^3 - 32\beta^3c_2^6Ab^2nr_{00}c_3^2 - 48\beta^3c_2^2Ans_0c_3^3 \\ + 4\beta^4c_2^2As_0c_3^5 - 22\beta^4c_2^6c_3^2nr_{00} + 2\beta^5c_2^4c_3^4s_0 + 16\beta^4c_2^6Ans_0c_3^2 - 4\beta^3c_2^2Ar_{00}c_1c_3^4 \\ + 98\beta^4c_2^4c_3^3nr_{00}c_1 - 6\beta^3c_2^4Ans_0c_1^2c_3^2 + 160\beta^5c_2^4c_3^4b^2ns_0c_1 - 56\beta^5c_2^8c_3ns_0 \\ + 180\beta^4c_2^2Ans_0c_1^2c_3^4, \quad (3.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_4 := & 140\beta^3 Ans_0 c_1^3 c_2 c_3^4 + 1040\beta^3 Ans_0 c_1^2 c_2^3 c_3^3 + 1164\beta^3 Ans_0 c_1 c_2^5 c_3^2 \\
& - 12\beta^3 b^2 n r_0 c_2^5 c_3^3 A + 128\beta^2 A b^2 n r_{00} c_1^2 c_2^3 c_3^3 - 320\beta^3 A b^2 n s_0 c_1 c_2^3 c_3^4 \\
& - 20\beta^2 A r_{00} c_2^5 c_3^2 + 40\beta^3 r_0 c_7 c_3 A - 32\beta^3 s_0 c_2^7 c_3 A + 6\beta^3 A r_0 c_2^3 c_3^4 + 6\beta^3 c_2^5 b^2 r_{00} \\
& - 472\beta^4 c_2^5 n s_0 c_3^3 - 62\beta^4 c_2 s_0 c_1^2 c_3^5 - 48\beta^3 c_2^7 n r_{00} c_3 + 18\beta^3 c_2 r_{00} c_1^3 c_3^4 \\
& - 270\beta^3 c_2^5 r_{00} c_1 c_3^2 - 56\beta^4 c_2^5 n r_0 c_3^3 - 52\beta^4 c_2^3 r_0 c_1 c_3^4 - 2\beta^4 c_2^3 s_0 c_3^4 + 8\beta^4 c_2^3 b^2 s_0 c_3^5 \\
& + 62\beta^4 c_2^5 s_0 c_3^3 - 10\beta^3 c_2^7 r_{00} c_3 - 12\beta^4 c_2^5 r_0 c_3^3 - 30\beta^2 A r_{00} c_1 c_2^3 c_3^3 - \beta^2 A n r_{00} c_2^5 c_3^2 \\
& + 8\beta^3 s_0 c_1 c_2^5 c_3^2 A + 176\beta^3 s_0 c_1^2 c_2^3 c_3^3 A + 168\beta^3 r_0 c_1 c_2^5 c_3^2 A + 40\beta^3 s_0 c_1^3 c_2 c_3^4 A \\
& + 80\beta^3 r_0 c_1^2 c_2^3 c_3^3 A - 24\beta^3 b^2 r_0 c_2^5 c_3^3 A - 16\beta^3 b^2 s_0 c_2^5 c_3^3 A + 4\beta^3 A n r_0 c_2^3 c_3^4 \\
& + 22\beta^2 A n r_{00} c_1 c_2^7 + 200\beta^3 A n s_0 c_2^7 c_3 - 15\beta^2 A r_{00} c_1^2 c_2 c_3^4 + 288\beta^4 c_2^7 b^2 n s_0 c_3^2 \\
& - 840\beta^4 c_2^5 n s_0 c_1^2 c_3^2 - 304\beta^4 c_2^7 n s_0 c_1 c_3 - 48\beta^4 c_2^5 b^4 n s_0 c_3^4 - 40\beta^4 c_2 n s_0 c_1^4 c_3^4 \\
& + 22\beta^3 c_2^5 b^2 n r_{00} c_3^3 + 22\beta^3 c_2^3 b^2 r_{00} c_1 c_3^4 - 132\beta^4 c_2 n s_0 c_1^2 c_3^5 - 800\beta^4 c_2^3 n s_0 c_1 c_3^4 \\
& + 316\beta^3 c_2^3 n r_{00} c_1^2 c_3^3 + 102\beta^3 c_2^5 n r_{00} c_1 c_3^2 - 32\beta^4 c_2^3 n r_0 c_1 c_3^4 + 40\beta^3 n r_0 c_1^2 c_2^3 c_3^3 A \\
& - 32\beta^2 A n r_{00} c_1^4 c_2 c_3^3 - 44\beta^2 A n r_{00} c_1^3 c_2^3 c_3^2 + 54\beta^2 A n r_{00} c_1^2 c_2^5 c_3 - 18\beta^2 A r_{00} c_1^2 c_3^4 \\
& - 8\beta^2 A n r_{00} c_1 c_2^3 c_3^3 - 22\beta^3 A b^2 n s_0 c_2^5 c_3^3 - 56\beta^2 A b^2 n r_{00} c_2^7 c_3 - 5\beta^3 c_2^3 b^2 n r_{00} c_1 c_3^4 \\
& + 32\beta^4 c_2^3 b^2 n s_0 c_1^2 c_3^4 + 832\beta^4 c_2^5 b^2 n s_0 c_1 c_3^3 + 30\beta^3 A s_0 c_2^3 c_3^4 + 16\beta^3 A s_0 c_1 c_2 c_3^5 \\
& - 80\beta^3 b^2 s_0 c_1 c_2^3 c_3^4 A - 72\beta^2 A b^2 n r_{00} c_1 c_2^5 c_3^2 - 158\beta^3 c_2^3 r_{00} c_1^2 c_3^3 - 16\beta^4 c_2^9 n s_0 \\
& + 20\beta^3 n r_0 c_2^7 c_3 A + 68\beta^3 A n s_0 c_2^3 c_3^4 - 480\beta^4 c_2^3 n s_0 c_1^3 c_3^3 + 36\beta^4 c_2^3 b^2 n s_0 c_3^5 \\
& + 50\beta^3 c_2 n r_{00} c_1^3 c_3^4 + 84\beta^3 n r_0 c_1 c_2^5 A, \tag{3.8}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f_5 := & 18\beta^2 n r_0 c_1^2 c_2^4 c_3^2 A + 40\beta^2 n r_0 c_1^3 c_2^2 c_3^3 A + 20\beta^2 A n s_0 c_1^3 c_2^2 c_3^3 + 24\beta^2 A n s_0 c_1^2 c_2^4 \\
& + 1108\beta^2 A n s_0 c_1 c_2^6 c_3 - 228\beta A n r_{00} c_1 c_2^4 c_3^2 + 16\beta A n r_{00} c_1^3 c_2^4 c_3 \\
& + 60\beta^2 b^4 n s_0 c_2^4 c_3^4 A + 312\beta^2 A n s_0 c_1 c_2^2 c_3^4 - 12\beta A b^2 r_{00} c_1 c_2^2 c_3^4 - 16\beta A n r_{00} c_1^2 c_2^2 \\
& + 48\beta A b^4 n r_{00} c_2^6 c_3^2 - 588\beta^2 A b^2 n s_0 c_2^6 c_3^2 + 12\beta^2 A n r_0 c_1 c_2^2 c_3^4 - 48\beta^2 b^2 n r_0 c_2^6 c_3^2 A \\
& + 108\beta^2 n r_0 c_1 c_2^6 c_3 A - 4\beta^2 A b^2 n s_0 c_2^2 c_3^5 - 224\beta^2 b^2 s_0 c_1 c_2^4 c_3^3 A \\
& - 120\beta^2 b^2 r_0 c_1 c_2^4 c_3^3 A - 8\beta A b^2 n r_{00} c_2^4 c_3^3 - 138\beta^2 b^2 n r_{00} c_1^2 c_2^2 c_3^4 \\
& + 216\beta^3 b^2 n s_0 c_1 c_2^2 c_3^5 - 240\beta^3 b^4 n s_0 c_1 c_2^4 c_3^4 + 320\beta^3 b^2 n s_0 c_1^3 c_2^2 c_3^4 \\
& + 1536\beta^3 b^2 n s_0 c_1 c_2^6 c_3^2 - 600\beta^2 A b^2 n s_0 c_1^2 c_2^2 c_3^4 - 1620\beta^2 A b^2 n s_0 c_1 c_2^4 c_3^3 \\
& - 48\beta A b^4 n r_{00} c_1 c_2^4 c_3^3 - 60\beta^2 b^2 n r_0 c_1 c_2^4 c_3^3 A + 192\beta A b^2 n r_{00} c_1^3 c_2^2 c_3 \\
& + 12\beta c_2^2 b^2 A n r_{00} c_1 c_3^4 + 64\beta^2 A s_0 c_2^4 c_3^3 + 8\beta^2 n r_0 c_2^8 A + 52\beta^2 A r_0 c_2^4 c_3^3 \\
& - 16\beta A r_0 c_2^6 c_3 + 36\beta^2 A s_0 c_1^2 c_3^5 - 12\beta A r_0 c_1^3 c_3^4 + 68\beta^2 A n s_0 c_2^8 + 2\beta^2 b^4 r_{00} c_2^4 c_3^4 \\
& - 88\beta^3 n s_0 c_1 c_2^8 - 45\beta^2 b^2 r_{00} c_2^6 c_3^2 - 56\beta^3 n s_0 c_1^3 c_3^5 - 756\beta^3 n s_0 c_2^6 c_3^2 + 16\beta^2 r_{00} c_3^4 \\
& - 426\beta^3 r_0 c_1 c_2^4 c_3^3 - 320\beta^3 s_0 c_1^2 c_2^2 c_3^4 + 232\beta^3 s_0 c_1 c_2^4 c_3^3 + 16\beta^2 r_0 c_2^8 A \\
& - 24\beta^2 n r_{00} c_2^8 + 12\beta^2 r_{00} c_1^4 c_3^4 - 22\beta^3 r_0 c_2^6 c_3^2 + 12\beta^2 b^4 s_0 c_2^4 c_3^4 A \\
& - 680\beta^3 n s_0 c_1^2 c_2^6 c_3 - 2\beta^2 b^4 n r_{00} c_2^4 c_3^4 + 16\beta^3 b^2 n r_0 c_2^4 c_3^4 + 14\beta A b^2 r_{00} c_2^4 c_3^3 \\
& - 168\beta^2 b^2 s_0 c_1^2 c_2^2 c_3^4 A - 170\beta^2 b^2 n r_{00} c_1 c_2^4 c_3^3 + 1760\beta^3 b^2 n s_0 c_1^2 c_2^4 c_3^3 \\
& + 24\beta A b^2 n r_{00} c_1^2 c_2^4 c_3^2 - 192\beta A b^2 n r_{00} c_1 c_2^6 c_3 + 12\beta^2 s_0 c_1^4 c_3^4 A - 8\beta^3 n s_0 c_1^5 c_3^4 \\
& - 60\beta^2 r_{00} c_1^3 c_3^3 - 48\beta^3 s_0 c_1^3 c_3^5 + 24\beta^3 b^2 n s_0 c_2^8 c_3. \tag{3.9}
\end{aligned}$$

By (3.3), we get

$$f_5\alpha^4 + f_3\alpha^2 + f_1 = 0, \quad (3.10)$$

$$f_4\alpha^4 + f_2\alpha^2 + f_0 = 0. \quad (3.11)$$

By (3.4) and (3.11), observe that $-8\beta^8ns_0c_2^5c_3^4$ is not divisible by α^2 , which give us

$$s_i = 0. \quad (3.12)$$

By putting $s_0 = 0$ into (3.3), we obtain

$$g_5\alpha^5 + g_4\alpha^4 + g_3\alpha^3 + g_2\alpha^2 + g_1\alpha = 0, \quad (3.13)$$

where

$$g_1 := 8\beta^5c_2^6c_3^2Anr_{00} - 8\beta^5c_2^4c_3^3Anr_{00}c_1 - 2\beta^6c_2^4c_3^4r_{00} + 2\beta^6c_2^4c_3^4nr_{00}, \quad (3.14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_2 := & -14\beta^5c_2^5c_3^3r_{00} + 8\beta^5c_2^5c_3^3r_0A - 10\beta^5c_2^3c_3^4r_{00}c_1 + 14\beta^4c_2^7c_3Anr_{00} \\ & + 18\beta^4c_2^5c_3^2Anr_{00}c_1 - 2\beta^4c_2^3c_3^4Anr_{00} + 2\beta^5c_2^5c_3^3nr_{00} + 4\beta^5c_2^5c_3^3nr_0A \\ & + 22\beta^5c_2^3c_3^4nr_{00}c_1 - \beta^4c_2^3c_3^4Ar_{00} - 32\beta^4c_2^3c_3^3Anr_{00}c_1^2, \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_3 := & 32\beta^3c_2^4Ab^2nr_{00}c_1c_3^3 + 32\beta^4c_2^6Ar_0c_3^2 + 6\beta^3c_2^8Anr_{00} - 8\beta^3c_2^4Ar_{00}c_3^3 \\ & - 22\beta^4c_2^6c_3^2nr_{00} - 2\beta^4c_2^3c_3^4r_{00}c_1^2 - 10\beta^4c_2^4c_3^3r_{00}c_1 - 8\beta^5c_2^4c_3^4nr_0 - 25\beta^4c_2^6c_3^2r_{00} \\ & + 16\beta^4c_2^6Anr_0c_3^2 + 40\beta^4c_2^4Ar_0c_1c_3^3 - 12\beta^3c_2^4Anr_{00}c_3^3 - 4\beta^3c_2^2Ar_{00}c_1c_3^4 \\ & + 54\beta^4c_2^2c_3^4nr_{00}c_1^2 + 98\beta^4c_2^4c_3^3nr_{00}c_1 + 48\beta^3c_2^6Anr_{00}c_1c_3 - 12\beta^3c_2^2Anr_{00}c_1c_3^4 \\ & + 20\beta^4c_2^4Anr_0c_1c_3^3 - 32\beta^3c_2^6Ab^2nr_{00}c_3^2 - 48\beta^3c_2^2Anr_{00}c_1^3c_3^3 - 6\beta^3c_2^4Anr_{00}c_1^2 \\ & + 2\beta^4c_2^4c_3^4b^2r_{00} - 14\beta^5c_2^4c_3^4r_0 - 2\beta^4c_2^4c_3^4b^2nr_{00}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_4 := & -12\beta^3b^2nr_0c_2^5c_3^3A + 128\beta^2Ab^2nr_{00}c_1^2c_2^3c_3^3 - 72\beta^2Ab^2nr_{00}c_1c_2^5c_3^2 \\ & + 40\beta^3r_0c_2^7c_3A + 6\beta^3Ar_0c_2^3c_3^4 + 6\beta^3c_2^5b^2r_{00}c_3^3 - 48\beta^3c_2^7nr_{00}c_3 \\ & - 158\beta^3c_2^3r_{00}c_1^2c_3^3 - 270\beta^3c_2^5r_{00}c_1c_3^2 - 56\beta^4c_2^5nr_0c_3^3 - 52\beta^4c_2^3r_0c_1c_3^4 \\ & - 102\beta^4c_2^5r_0c_3^3 - 30\beta^2Ar_{00}c_1c_2^3c_3^3 - 24\beta^2Anr_{00}c_2^5c_3^2 + 168\beta^3r_0c_1c_2^5c_3^2A \\ & + 80\beta^3r_0c_1^2c_2^3c_3^3A - 24\beta^3b^2r_0c_2^5c_3^3A + 4\beta^3Anr_0c_2^3c_3^4 + 22\beta^2Anr_{00}c_1c_2^7 \\ & + 22\beta^3c_2^5b^2nr_{00}c_3^3 + 22\beta^3c_2^3b^2r_{00}c_1c_3^4 + 50\beta^3c_2nr_{00}c_1^3c_3^4 + 316\beta^3c_2^3nr_{00}c_1^2c_3^3 \\ & - 32\beta^4c_2^3nr_0c_1c_3^4 + 40\beta^3nr_0c_1^2c_2^3c_3^3A + 84\beta^3nr_0c_1c_2^5c_3^2A - 32\beta^2Anr_{00}c_1^4c_2c_3^3 \\ & + 54\beta^2Anr_{00}c_1^2c_2^5c_3 - 88\beta^2Anr_{00}c_1c_2^3c_3^3 - 56\beta^2Ab^2nr_{00}c_2^7c_3 \\ & - 50\beta^3c_2^3b^2nr_{00}c_1c_3^4 - 20\beta^2Ar_{00}c_2^5c_3^2 + 18\beta^3c_2r_{00}c_1^3c_3^4 - 10\beta^3c_2^7r_{00}c_3 \\ & + 20\beta^3nr_0c_2^7c_3A - 15\beta^2Ar_{00}c_1^2c_2c_3^4 + 102\beta^3c_2^5nr_{00}c_1c_3^2, \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
g_5 := & 18\beta^2 nr_0 c_1^2 c_2^4 c_3^2 A + 40\beta^2 nr_0 c_1^3 c_2^2 c_3^3 A - 22\beta Anr_{00} c_1 c_2^4 c_3^2 + 16\beta Anr_{00} c_1^3 c_2^4 c_3 \\
& - 36\beta Anr_{00} c_1^4 c_2^2 c_3^2 - 12\beta Ab^2 r_{00} c_1 c_2^2 c_3^4 - 18\beta Anr_{00} c_1^2 c_2^2 c_3^3 + 8\beta Ab^4 nr_{00} c_2^6 c_3^2 \\
& - 48\beta^2 b^2 nr_0 c_2^6 c_3^2 A + 18\beta^2 nr_0 c_1 c_2^6 c_3 A - 10\beta^2 b^2 r_0 c_1 c_2^4 c_3^3 A - 8\beta Ab^2 nr_{00} c_2^4 c_3^3 \\
& - 18\beta^2 b^2 nr_{00} c_1^2 c_2^2 c_3^4 - 10\beta^2 b^2 nr_{00} c_1 c_2^4 c_3^3 + 24\beta Ab^2 nr_{00} c_1^2 c_2^4 c_3^2 - 4\beta Ab^4 nr_{00} c_2^4 \\
& - 60\beta^2 b^2 nr_0 c_1 c_2^4 c_3^3 A + 192\beta Ab^2 nr_{00} c_1^3 c_2^2 c_3^3 - 192\beta Ab^2 nr_{00} c_1 c_2^6 c_3 \\
& + 8\beta^2 nr_0 c_2^8 A + 52\beta^2 Ar_0 c_2^4 c_3^3 - 16\beta Ar_{00} c_2^6 c_3 - 12\beta Ar_{00} c_1^3 c_3^4 + 2\beta^2 b^4 r_{00} c_2^4 c_3^4 \\
& + 16\beta^2 nr_{00} c_1^4 c_3^4 - 60\beta^2 r_{00} c_1^3 c_2^2 c_3^3 - 612\beta^2 r_{00} c_1^2 c_2^4 c_3^2 - 240\beta^2 r_{00} c_1 c_2^6 c_3 \\
& + 28\beta^3 b^2 r_0 c_2^4 c_3^4 - 72\beta^3 r_0 c_1^2 c_2^2 c_3^4 - 426\beta^3 r_0 c_1 c_2^4 c_3^3 + 16\beta^2 r_0 c_2^8 A - 24\beta^2 nr_{00} c_2^8 \\
& - 272\beta^3 r_0 c_2^6 c_3^2 - 96\beta^2 b^2 r_0 c_2^6 c_3^2 A + 80\beta^2 r_0 c_1^3 c_2^2 c_3^3 A + 360\beta^2 r_0 c_1^2 c_2^4 c_3^2 A \\
& - 16\beta Anr_{00} c_2^6 c_3 - 8\beta Anr_{00} c_1^3 c_3^4 + 564\beta^2 nr_{00} c_1^2 c_2^4 c_3^2 - 36\beta^2 nr_{00} c_1 c_2^6 c_3 \\
& - 248\beta^3 nr_0 c_1 c_2^4 c_3^3 - 2\beta^2 b^4 nr_{00} c_2^4 c_3^4 + 16\beta^3 b^2 nr_0 c_2^4 c_3^4 + 14\beta Ab^2 r_{00} c_2^4 c_3^3 \\
& + 12\beta c_2^2 b^2 Anr_{00} c_1 c_3^4 - 45\beta^2 b^2 r_{00} c_2^6 c_3^2 - 144\beta^3 nr_0 c_2^6 c_3^2 + 12\beta^2 r_{00} c_1^4 c_3^4 \\
& + 216\beta^2 r_0 c_1 c_2^6 c_3 A - 48\beta^3 nr_0 c_1^2 c_2^2 c_3^4. \tag{3.18}
\end{aligned}$$

By (3.13), we get

$$g_4 \alpha^4 + g_2 \alpha^2 = 0, \tag{3.19}$$

$$g_5 \alpha^4 + g_3 \alpha^2 + g_1 = 0. \tag{3.20}$$

By (3.13) and (3.20), one can see that $-2\beta^5 c_2^4 c_3^2 r_{00} (\beta c_3^2 - \beta c_3^2 n - 4A n c_2^2 + 4A n c_1 c_3)$ is not divisible by α^2 , which implies that

$$r_{ij} = 0. \tag{3.21}$$

In [3], for each (α, β) -metric, the **S**-curvature is calculated. For the given Finsler metric $F = \sqrt{c_1 \alpha^2 + 2c_2 \alpha \beta + c_3 \beta^2}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{S} := & \left\{ \frac{(c_3 c_1 - c_2^2) A}{2(c_1 + c_2 s) B} - \frac{f'(b)}{b f(b)} \right\} (r_0 + s_0) + \frac{1}{8(c_1 + c_2 s)^2 \alpha B^2} \left\{ (6n A c_1 c_2 s \right. \\
& - 2n s^2 A c_3 c_1 - 2n s^3 A c_3 c_2 - 4n b^2 c_2^2 c_1 s - 2n b^2 c_3 s c_1^2 - 2n b^2 c_3 s^3 c_2^2 \\
& + 4n s^4 c_3 c_1 c_2 - 4n A c_2^2 s^2 - 2n b^2 c_2 c_1^2 - 2n b^2 c_2^3 s^2 + 2n s^2 c_2 c_1^2 + 4n s^3 c_2^2 c_1 \\
& + 2n s^3 c_3 c_1^2 + 2n s^5 c_3 c_2^2 - 3A c_1 c_2 s - 3s^2 A c_3 c_1 - s^3 A c_3 c_2 + 2A b^2 c_3 c_1 \\
& \left. - 2A b^2 c_2^2 + 2n s^4 c_2^3 - 4n b^2 c_3 s^2 c_1 c_2 - A c_1^2) c_2 (c_1 + 2c_2 s + c_3 s^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right\} (r_{00} \\
& - \frac{2(c_2 + c_3 s)}{c_1 + c_2 s} s_0), \tag{3.22}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &:= \sqrt{c_1 + 2c_2s + c_3s^2}, \\ B &:= (Ac_1 + 2Ac_2s + s^2Ac_3 + b^2c_2c_1 + b^2c_2^2s + b^2c_3sc_1 + b^2c_3s^2c_2 \\ &\quad - s^2c_2c_1 - s^3c_2^2 - s^3c_3c_1 - s^4c_3c_2), \\ f(b) &:= \frac{\int_0^\pi \sin^{n-2}t T(b\cos t) dt}{\int_0^\pi \sin^{n-2}t dt}, \\ T &:= (c_1 + 2c_2s + c_3s^2)(\sqrt{c_1 + 2c_2s + c_3s^2})^{n-2}. \end{aligned}$$

By putting (3.12) and (3.21) into (3.22), we obtain

$$\mathbf{S} = 0. \quad (3.23)$$

This completes the proof. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.1: in [6] Najafi-Tayebi showed that every weakly Landsberg (α, β) -metric with vanishing S-curvature on a manifold M of dimension $n \geq 3$ is a Berwald metric. By theorem (3.3), every weakly Landsberg (α, β) -metric $F = \sqrt{c_1\alpha^2 + 2c_2\alpha\beta + c_3\beta^2}$ on M of dimension $n \geq 3$ is a Berwald metric.

Now, we consider the class (α, β) -metric $F = \sqrt{c_1\alpha^2 + 2c_2\alpha\beta + c_3\beta^2}$ of dimension $n = 2$. We know that Every 2-dimensional Finsler manifold is C -reducible

$$C_{ijk} = \frac{1}{3} \left\{ h_{ij}I_k + h_{jk}I_i + h_{ki}I_j \right\}. \quad (3.24)$$

By using

$$\mathbf{J}_k = I_{k|m}y^m, \quad \mathbf{S}_{ij} = E_{ij}, \quad (3.25)$$

and by deriving of (3.24) yields

$$L_{ijk} = \frac{1}{3} \left\{ h_{ij}J_k + h_{jk}J_i + h_{ki}J_j \right\}. \quad (3.26)$$

By putting $\mathbf{J} = 0$ in (3.26) implies that $\mathbf{L} = 0$. On the other hand, the Berwald curvature Finsler manifold of dimensional $n = 2$ can be written as follows

$$B^i_{jkl} = -\frac{2}{F}L_{jkl}l^i + \frac{2}{3} \left\{ E_{jk}h_l^i + E_{kl}h_j^i + E_{lj}h_k^i \right\}. \quad (3.27)$$

By Putting $\mathbf{L} = 0$ and $\mathbf{E} = 0$ in (3.27), we conclude that F is a Berwald metric. The proof is complete. \square

4. Proof of Theorem 1.2

Theorem 4.1. Let $F = c_1\alpha + c_2\beta + c_3\beta^2/\alpha$ be a weakly Landsberg (α, β) -metric. Then F has vanishing S -curvature.

Proof. Suppose F is weakly Landsberg, that is

$$\mathbf{J} = 0. \quad (4.1)$$

By Lemmas 3.1, we calculate $J = J_i b^i = 0$ which give us

$$f_5\alpha^5 + f_4\alpha^4 + f_3\alpha^3 + f_2\alpha^2 + f_1\alpha + f_0 = 0, \quad (4.2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f_5 &= -448\beta s_0 c_1 c_3^2 + 33c_2 c_3 r_{00} + 192\beta b^2 r_0 c_3^3 + 96c_3^3 \beta b^2 n r_0 - 448c_3^2 n c_1 r_{00} b^2 \\ &\quad + 32c_3 n c_1^2 r_{00} - 66c_3 n c_2 r_{00} - 464\beta n s_0 c_1 c_3^3 + 640c_3^3 \beta n s_0 b^2 + 16\beta s_0 c_2^2 c_3 \\ &\quad - 32c_3 \beta n r_0 c_2^2 + 18c_3^3 \beta b^4 n s_0 c_2 + 320\beta r_0 c_1 c_3^2 - 160\beta b^2 s_0 c_3^3 + 28c_3 n c_2^2 r_{00} b^2 \\ &\quad + 64c_3^2 \beta n s_0 c_1 - 352c_3 \beta b^2 n s_0 c_2^3 + 3040c_3 \beta n s_0 c_2^2 c_2 - 288c_3^3 b^4 n r_{00} \\ &\quad + 5888c_3^2 \beta b^2 n s_0 c_1 c_2 - 64\beta r_0 c_2^2 c_3 + 160c_3^2 \beta n r_0 c_1 + 26n c_1 c_2^2 r_{00}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_4 &= 2560c_3^3 \beta^2 b^2 n s_0 c_1 + 312c_3 \beta n c_1 c_2 r_{00} + 12\beta^2 n s_0 c_2^4 + 1280c_3^2 \beta^2 n s_0 c_1^2 \\ &\quad + 400c_3^2 \beta n c_2 r_{00} b^2 - 24c_3^2 \beta n r_{00} - 56c_3^2 \beta^2 n r_0 c_2 - 288c_3^2 \beta^2 n s_0 c_2 \\ &\quad + 768c_3^4 \beta^2 b^4 n s_0 - 12\beta n c_2^3 r_{00} - 960c_3^2 \beta^2 b^2 n s_0 c_2^2 - 1248c_3 \beta^2 n s_0 c_1 c_2^2 \\ &\quad + 88\beta^2 s_0 c_2 c_3^2 - 112\beta^2 r_0 c_2 c_3^2, \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_3 &= -62c_3 \beta^2 n c_2^2 r_{00} - 1152c_3^3 \beta^3 b^2 n s_0 c_2 - 1472c_3^2 \beta^3 n s_0 c_1 c_2 + 88c_3 \beta^3 n s_0 c_2^3 \\ &\quad - 128c_3^3 \beta^3 n s_0 + 112c_3^2 \beta^2 n c_1 r_{00} + 64\beta^3 s_0 c_3^3 - 64\beta^3 r_0 c_3^3 - 32c_3^3 \beta^3 n r_0 \\ &\quad + 192c_3^3 \beta^2 n r_{00} b^2, \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

$$f_2 = -640c_3^3 \beta^4 n s_0 c_1 + 240c_3^2 \beta^4 n s_0 c_2^2 - 100c_3^2 \beta^3 n c_2 r_{00} - 512c_3^4 \beta^4 b^2 n s_0 \quad (4.6)$$

$$f_1 = -48c_3^3 \beta^4 n r_{00} + 288c_3^3 \beta^5 n s_0 c_2, \quad (4.7)$$

$$f_0 = +128c_3^4 \beta^6 n s_0. \quad (4.8)$$

By (4.2), we get

$$f_5\alpha^4 + f_3\alpha^2 + f_1 = 0, \quad (4.9)$$

$$f_4\alpha^4 + f_2\alpha^2 + f_0 = 0. \quad (4.10)$$

By (4.8) and (4.10), observe that $128c_3^4 \beta^6 n s_0$ is not divisible by α^2 , which implies that

$$s_i = 0. \quad (4.11)$$

By putting $s_i = 0$ into (4.2), we obtain

$$g_5\alpha^5 + g_4\alpha^4 + g_3\alpha^3 + g_2\alpha^2 + g_1\alpha = 0, \quad (4.12)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} g_5 = & -96c_3^3\beta b^2nr_0 - 33c_2c_3r_{00} + 64\beta r_0c_2^2c_3 - 248c_3nc_2^2r_{00}b^2 - 320\beta r_0c_1c_3^2 \\ & - 216nc_1c_2^2r_{00} - 192\beta b^2r_0c_3^3 + 288c_3^3b^4nr_{00} - 160c_3^2\beta nr_0c_1 + 32c_3\beta nr_0c_2^2 \\ & + 66c_3nc_2r_{00} + 448c_3^2nc_1r_{00}b^2 - 32c_3nc_1^2r_{00}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_4 = & -312c_3\beta nc_1c_2r_{00} + 56c_3^2\beta^2nr_0c_2 + 112\beta^2r_0c_2c_3^2 + 24c_3^2\beta nr_{00} + 12\beta nc_2^3r_{00} \\ & - 400c_3^2\beta nc_2r_{00}b^2, \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

$$g_3 = 64\beta^3r_0c_3^3 - 192c_3^3\beta^2nr_{00}b^2 + 32c_3^3\beta^3nr_0 + 62c_3\beta^2nc_2^2r_{00} - 112c_3^2\beta^2nc_1r_{00}, \quad (4.15)$$

$$g_2 = 100c_3^2\beta^3nc_2r_{00} \quad (4.16)$$

$$g_1 = +48c_3^3\beta^4nr_{00}. \quad (4.17)$$

By (4.12), we get

$$g_4\alpha^4 + g_2\alpha^2 = 0, \quad (4.18)$$

$$g_5\alpha^4 + g_3\alpha^2 + g_1 = 0. \quad (4.19)$$

By (4.17) and (4.19), one can deduce that $48c_3^3\beta^4nr_{00}$ is not divisible by α^2 . This implies that

$$r_{ij} = 0. \quad (4.20)$$

On the other hand, the **S**-curvature of $F = c_1\alpha + c_2\beta + c_3\frac{\beta^2}{\alpha}$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S} := & \left\{ \frac{c_3(c_1 + c_2s + c_3s^2)}{A} - \frac{f'(b)}{bf(b)} \right\} (r_0 + s_0) + \frac{1}{8\alpha A^2} \left\{ 10nb^2c_2^2c_1^2c_3s^2 \right. \\ & - 14nb^2c_2^2c_1c_3^2s^4 + 28nb^2c_2c_1^2c_3^2s^3 - 44nb^2c_2c_1c_3^3s^5 - 4nb^2c_3sc_1^3c_2 - c_2c_1^3 \\ & + 6nc_1^2c_2c_3s^2 + 10nc_1c_2c_3^2s^4 + 6nb^2c_2^2c_3^3s^6 + 20nb^2c_2c_3^4s^7 + 16nb^2c_3^3s^4c_1^2 \\ & - 32nb^2c_3^4s^6c_1 - 10ns^4c_2^2c_1^2c_3 + 14ns^6c_2^2c_1c_3^2 - 28ns^5c_2c_1^2c_3^2 + 44ns^7c_2c_1c_3^3 \\ & + 4ns^3c_3c_1^3c_2 + 8nc_2^2s^3c_1c_3 - 20b^2c_1c_2c_3^2s^2 - 2c_3b^2c_2^2sc_1 + 5c_2c_1^2c_3s^2 \\ & + 8nc_1^2c_3^2s^3 - 14nc_3^3s^6c_2 - 2nc_2^2sc_1^2 - 6nc_2^2s^5c_3^2 - 2nb^2c_2^2c_1^3 + 16nb^2c_3^5s^8 \\ & + 2ns^2c_2^2c_1^3 - 6ns^8c_2^2c_3^3 - 20ns^9c_2c_3^4 - 16ns^6c_3^3c_1^2 + 32ns^8c_3^4c_1 + 25c_1c_2c_3^2s^4 \\ & + 6c_2^2s^3c_1c_3 - 12b^2c_1^2c_3^2s - 16b^2c_1c_3^3s^3 - 2c_3b^2c_1^2c_2 - 10b^2c_2s^4c_3^3 - 6b^2c_2^2s^3c_3^2 \\ & + 16c_3^3s^5c_1 - 2nc_1^3c_2 - 8nc_3^4s^7 - 16ns^10c_3^5 + 3c_3^3s^6c_2 + 3c_2^2s^5c_3^2 \\ & \left. - 4b^2c_3^4s^5 \right\} (r_{00} - \frac{2(c_2 + 2c_3s)}{c_3s^2 - c_1}s_0), \end{aligned} \quad (4.21)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= (2s^3c_3c_1 - c_1 - c_3s^2 - c_2s - b^2c_2c_1 + b^2c_2c_3s^2 - 2b^2c_3sc_1 + 2b^2c_3^2s^3 \\
 &\quad + s^2c_2c_1 - s^4c_2c_3 - 2s^5c_3^2)(-c_1 + c_3s^2), \\
 f(b) &= \frac{\int_0^\pi \sin^{n-2}t T(b\cos t) dt}{\int_0^\pi \sin^{n-2}t dt}, \\
 T &= (c_1 + C_2s + c_3s^2)^2(c_1 + c_2s + c_3s^2)^{n-2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By putting (4.11) and (4.20) into (4.21), we obtain $\mathbf{S} = 0$. \square

Proof of Theorem 1.2: By the same method used in Theorem (1.1), one can prove Theorem (1.2). \square

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