






# Riemannian Warped Product Maps

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce Riemannian warped product map as a generalization of warped product isometric immersion and Riemannian warped product submersion with examples and obtain some characterizations. First, we define Riemannian warped product map and find conditions for a Riemannian map to be Riemannian warped product map. We show that Riemannian warped product map is a composition of Riemannian warped product submersion followed by warped product isometric immersion locally. In addition, we show that Riemannian warped product map satisfies the generalized eikonal equation which is a well known bridge between geometrical and physical optics. We also find necessary and sufficient conditions for the fibers, range space of the derivative map of Riemannian warped product map and horizontal distributions to be totally geodesic and minimal. Further, we give some fundamental geometric properties for the study of such smooth maps. Precisely, we construct Gauss formula (second fundamental form), Weingarten formula and tension field. We obtain necessary and sufficient conditions for a Riemannian warped product map to be totally geodesic, harmonic and umbilical. Comparatively, we analyse the obtained results with the existing results for a Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds.

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## 1. Introduction

The notion of warped product manifolds is a generalization of the Riemannian product manifolds [3]. In general relativity, warped product manifolds have been used to construct Schwarzschild and Robertson–Walker cosmological models [24]. In addition, warped product manifolds were used to obtain new families of Hamiltonian-stationary Lagrangian submanifolds [11]. Moore gave sufficient conditions for an isometric immersion into Euclidean space to decompose into a product immersion [19]. Nash concluded that every Riemannian manifold hence warped product manifold can be embedded to some Euclidean space [20]. For the differential geometry of submanifolds of warped product manifolds, we refer to [6, 12, 13].

Let  $\varphi_i : M_i \rightarrow N_i$  be isometric immersions between Riemannian manifolds for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Suppose  $\rho_i : N_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $f_i := \rho_i \circ \varphi_i : M_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$  be smooth functions. Then the smooth map  $\varphi : M_1 \times_{f_1} M_2 \times_{f_2} \cdots \times_{f_{k-1}} M_k \rightarrow N_1 \times_{\rho_1} N_2 \times_{\rho_2} \cdots \times_{\rho_{k-1}} N_k$  between warped product manifolds such that  $\varphi(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k) = (\varphi_1(p_1), \varphi_2(p_2), \dots, \varphi_k(p_k))$  is also an isometric immersion, called *warped product isometric immersion*. For the fundamental studies of warped product immersions we refer to [5–10, 22, 31].

The geometry of Riemannian submersions and their applications have been discussed widely by Falcitelli et al. [16]. It is known that Riemannian submersions have been used to construct some Riemannian manifolds with positive or non-negative sectional curvature and Einstein manifolds. In addition, Riemannian submersions have many applications in physics, Yang-Mills theory, Kaluza-Klein theory, supergravity and superstring theories etc. Recently, warped product Riemannian submersions were studied by Erken et al. [14, 15]. Let  $\varphi_i : M_i \rightarrow N_i$  be Riemannian submersions between Riemannian manifolds for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Suppose  $\rho_i : N_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $f_i := \rho_i \circ \varphi_i : M_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$  be smooth functions. Then the smooth map  $\varphi : M_1 \times_{f_1} M_2 \times_{f_2} \cdots \times_{f_{k-1}} M_k \rightarrow N_1 \times_{\rho_1} N_2 \times_{\rho_2} \cdots \times_{\rho_{k-1}} N_k$  between warped product manifolds such that  $\varphi(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k) = (\varphi_1(p_1), \varphi_2(p_2), \dots, \varphi_k(p_k))$  is also a Riemannian submersion, called *Riemannian warped product submersion*.

In 1992, a generalization of the notions of an isometric immersion and Riemannian submersion namely “*Riemannian map*” was introduced by Fischer [17] satisfying the generalized eikonal equation whose applications are well studied in geometry and physics. Importantly, Fischer proposed an approach to build a quantum model of nature using Riemannian maps. He pointed out an interesting relationship between Riemannian maps, harmonic maps and Lagrangian field theory on the mathematical side, and Maxwell’s equation, Schrödinger’s equation and their proposed generalization on the physical side. In the last decade, Şahin investigated the geometry of Riemannian maps widely [29].

Now, it will be interesting to introduce the new area of research namely “*Riemannian warped product map*” as a generalization of warped product isometric immersion and Riemannian warped product submersion. In Sect. 2, we recall some basic geometric concepts about the Riemannian maps and Riemannian warped product manifolds. In Sect. 3, we define Riemannian warped product map with examples and obtain some characterizations. We show that Riemannian warped product map satisfies the generalized eikonal equation. We also find necessary and sufficient conditions for the fibers, range space of the derivative map of Riemannian warped product map and horizontal distributions to be totally geodesic and minimal. In Sect. 4, we calculate the second fundamental form (Gauss formula) followed by a necessary and sufficient condition for a Riemannian warped product map to be totally geodesic. In Sect. 5, we calculate tension field followed by a necessary and sufficient condition for a Riemannian warped product map to be harmonic. In the last section, we construct Weingarten formula followed by a necessary and sufficient condition for a Riemannian warped product map to be umbilical.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we survey the notion of Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds and its fundamental geometric properties. Later on we recall the notion of Riemannian warped product manifolds.

### 2.1. Riemannian maps

Let  $\varphi : (M^m, g_M) \rightarrow (N^n, g_N)$  be a smooth map between Riemannian manifolds such that  $0 < \text{rank}\varphi \leq \min\{m, n\}$  and let  $\varphi_*$  be its differential map. We denote the kernel space of  $\varphi_*$  at  $p \in M$  by  $\mathcal{V}_p = \ker\varphi_{*p}$  and its orthogonal complement space in the tangent space  $T_pM$  by  $\mathcal{H}_p = (\ker\varphi_{*p})^\perp$ . Thus we have

$$T_pM = (\ker\varphi_{*p}) \oplus (\ker\varphi_{*p})^\perp = \mathcal{V}_p \oplus \mathcal{H}_p.$$

Similarly, we denote the range space of  $\varphi_*$  at  $\varphi(p) \in N$  by  $\text{range}\varphi_{*p}$  and its orthogonal complement space in the tangent space  $T_{\varphi(p)}N$  by  $(\text{range}\varphi_{*p})^\perp$ . If  $\text{rank}\varphi < \min\{m, n\}$ , we have  $(\text{range}\varphi_{*p})^\perp \neq \{0\}$  and hence

$$T_{\varphi(p)}N = (\text{range}\varphi_{*p}) \oplus (\text{range}\varphi_{*p})^\perp.$$

We say  $\varphi$  is a Riemannian map at  $p \in M$  if  $\varphi_{*p}|_{\mathcal{H}} : ((\ker\varphi_{*p})^\perp, g_{M(p)}|_{(\ker\varphi_{*p})^\perp}) \rightarrow (\text{range}\varphi_{*p}, g_{N(\varphi(p))}|_{(\text{range}\varphi_{*p})})$  is a linear isometry, i.e.

$$g_N(\varphi_*X, \varphi_*Y) = g_M(X, Y) \text{ for all } X, Y \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{*p})^\perp. \tag{1}$$

Clearly, it is an isometric immersion if  $\ker\varphi_* = \{0\}$  and a Riemannian submersion if  $(\text{range}\varphi_*)^\perp = \{0\}$ .

For all vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ , the O'Neill tensors  $A$  and  $T$  were defined in [23]

$$A_X Y = \mathcal{H}\nabla_{\mathcal{H}X}^M \mathcal{V}Y + \mathcal{V}\nabla_{\mathcal{H}X}^M \mathcal{H}Y, \tag{2}$$

$$T_X Y = \mathcal{H}\nabla_{\mathcal{V}X}^M \mathcal{V}Y + \mathcal{V}\nabla_{\mathcal{V}X}^M \mathcal{H}Y, \tag{3}$$

where  $\nabla^M$  is the Levi-Civita connection of  $g_M$ . Here  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  denote the projections to vertical and horizontal subbundles, respectively. For any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$  the operators  $T_X$  and  $A_X$  are skew-symmetric reversing the horizontal and vertical distributions. In addition,  $T_X = T_{\mathcal{V}X}, A_X = A_{\mathcal{H}X}$  and  $T_U W = T_W U$  for all  $U, W \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_*)$ .

Now, from (2) and (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathcal{V}}^M W &= T_{\mathcal{V}}W + \hat{\nabla}_{\mathcal{V}}W, \\ \nabla_X^M V &= A_X V + \mathcal{V}\nabla_X^M V \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\nabla_X^M Y = A_X Y + \mathcal{H}\nabla_X^M Y$$

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_*)^\perp$  and  $V, W \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_*)$  with  $\hat{\nabla}_{\mathcal{V}}W = \mathcal{V}\nabla_{\mathcal{V}}^M W$ .

The map  $\varphi_*$  can be viewed as a section of bundle  $Hom(TM, \varphi^{-1}TN) \rightarrow M$ , where  $\varphi^{-1}TN$  is the pullback bundle whose fibers at  $p \in M$  is  $(\varphi^{-1}TN)_p = T_{\varphi(p)}N$ . The bundle  $Hom(TM, \varphi^{-1}TN)$  has a connection  $\nabla$  induced from the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla^M$  and the pullback connection  $\overset{N}{\nabla}$ . Then the second fundamental form of  $\varphi$  is given by [21]

$$(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = (\nabla\varphi_*)(Y, X) = \overset{N}{\nabla}_X^\varphi\varphi_*Y - \varphi_*(\nabla_X^M Y) \tag{4}$$

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , where  $\overset{N}{\nabla}_X^\varphi\varphi_*Y \circ \varphi = \overset{N}{\nabla}_{\varphi_*X}\varphi_*Y$ .

### 2.2. Riemannian warped product manifolds

Let  $(M_1^{m_1}, g_{M_1})$  and  $(M_2^{m_2}, g_{M_2})$  be two Riemannian manifolds and  $f$  be a positive smooth function on  $M_1$ . The warped product  $M := M_1 \times_f M_2$  of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  is the Cartesian product  $M_1 \times M_2$  with the metric  $g_M = g_{M_1} + f^2 g_{M_2}$  defined by

$$g_M(X, Y) = g_{M_1}(\pi_*(X), \pi_*(Y)) + f^2(\pi(p_1))g_{M_2}(\sigma_*(X), \sigma_*(Y)),$$

where  $X, Y$  are vector fields on  $M_1 \times M_2$ . In addition,  $\pi : M_1 \times_f M_2 \rightarrow M_1$  such that  $(x, y) \rightarrow x$  and  $\sigma : M_1 \times_f M_2 \rightarrow M_2$  such that  $(x, y) \rightarrow y$  are the projection maps which become submersions. Moreover, we can see that the fibers  $\{x\} \times M_2 = \pi^{-1}(x)$  and the leaves  $M_1 \times \{y\} = \sigma^{-1}(y)$  are Riemannian submanifolds of  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$ . The vectors tangent to the leaves are called horizontal and the vectors tangent to the fibers are called vertical. If  $v \in T_x M_1, x \in M_1$  and  $y \in M_2$ , then the lift  $\bar{v}$  of  $v$  to  $(x, y)$  is the unique vector of  $T_{(x,y)}M_1 \times M_2 = T_{(x,y)}M$  such that  $\pi_*(\bar{v}) = v$ , and lift of a vector field  $X \in \Gamma(TM_1)$  to  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$  is the vector field  $\bar{X}$  such

that  $\pi_{*(x,y)}(\bar{X}_{(x,y)}) = X_x$ . Thus the lift of  $X \in \Gamma(TM_1)$  to  $M_1 \times M_2$  is the unique element  $\bar{X}$  of  $\Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$  which is  $\pi$ -related to  $X$ . Now, the set of all such horizontal lifts  $\bar{X}$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{H}}(M_1)$  and the set of all vertical lifts by  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{V}}(M_2)$  (for details we refer to [23] and [6]). Thus a vector field  $\bar{E}$  of  $M_1 \times M_2$  can be written as  $\bar{E} = \bar{X} + \bar{U}$ , where  $\bar{X} \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{H}}(M_1)$  and  $\bar{U} \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{V}}(M_2)$ . We can easily prove that  $\pi_*(\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{H}}(M_1)) = \Gamma(TM_1)$  and  $\sigma_*(\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{V}}(M_2)) = \Gamma(TM_2)$ . Clearly,  $\pi_*(\bar{X}) = X \in \Gamma(TM_1)$  and  $\sigma_*(\bar{U}) = U \in \Gamma(TM_2)$ . In this paper, we use the same notation for a vector field and for its lift to the product manifold.

Now, we recall some basic results on warped product manifolds:

**Lemma 1** (Chapter 7, Lemma 34, [24, p. 206]). *If  $\tilde{f} \in \mathcal{F}(M_1)$ , then the gradient of the lift  $\tilde{f} \circ \pi$  of  $f$  to  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$  is the lift of the gradient of  $f$  on  $M_1$ .*

**Lemma 2** [24]. *Let  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$  be a Riemannian warped product manifold. Then*

- (i)  $\nabla_{X_1}^M Y_1$  is the lift of  $\nabla_{X_1}^{M_1} Y_1$ ,
- (ii)  $\nabla_{X_1}^M X_2 = \nabla_{X_2}^M X_1 = (X_1(f)/f)X_2$ ,
- (iii) *nor*  $(\nabla_{X_2}^M Y_2) = -g_M(X_2, Y_2)(\nabla^M \ln f)$ ,
- (iv) *tan*  $(\nabla_{X_2}^M Y_2)$  is the lift of  $(\nabla_{X_2}^{M_2} Y_2)$ ,

where  $X_i, Y_i \in \mathcal{L}(M_i)$ . In addition,  $\nabla^M$  and  $\nabla^{M_i}$  are Levi-Civita connections on  $M$  and  $M_i$  respectively for  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Proposition 3** [4]. *Let  $\varphi_i : M_i \rightarrow N_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$  be smooth functions. Then*

$$(\varphi_1 \times \varphi_2)_* x = (\varphi_{1*} x_1, \varphi_{2*} x_2),$$

where  $x = (x_1, x_2) \in T_{(p_1, p_2)}(M_1 \times M_2)$ .

**Proposition 4** [4]. *Let  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  be the projections of  $M_1 \times M_2$  onto  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  respectively. Then  $\lambda : T_{(p_1, p_2)}(M_1 \times M_2) \rightarrow T_{p_1} M_1 \oplus T_{p_2} M_2$  such that  $x \mapsto (\pi_*, \sigma_*)x$  is an isomorphism.*

By above Proposition for  $X = (X_1, X_2) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$  we can write  $X = X_1 + X_2$  where  $X_1 \in \mathcal{L}(M_1)$  and  $X_2 \in \mathcal{L}(M_2)$ .

### 3. Characterizations of Riemannian Warped Product Maps

In this section, we introduce Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds with examples and obtain some characterizations.

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $\varphi_i : (M_i, g_{M_i}) \rightarrow (N_i, g_{N_i})$  be Riemannian maps between Riemannian manifolds for  $i = 1, 2$ . Suppose  $\rho : N_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $f := \rho \circ \varphi_1 : M_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be smooth functions. Then the map  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_{\rho} N_2, g_N)$  between Riemannian warped product manifolds such that  $(\varphi_1 \times \varphi_2)(p_1, p_2) = (\varphi_1(p_1), \varphi_2(p_2))$  is a Riemannian map. Here  $f$  is called lift of  $\rho$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi_i : M_i \rightarrow N_i$  be two Riemannian maps between Riemannian manifolds for  $i = 1, 2$ . For  $p = (p_1, p_2) \in M_1 \times M_2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_{(p_1, p_2)}(M_1 \times M_2) &= T_{(p_1, p_2)}(M_1 \times \{p_2\}) \oplus T_{(p_1, p_2)}(\{p_1\} \times M_2) \\ &= (\ker \varphi_{*p})^\perp \oplus (\ker \varphi_{*p}), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$T_{(p_1, p_2)}(M_1 \times \{p_2\}) = ((\ker \varphi_{1*p_1})^\perp \times \{p_2\}) \oplus ((\ker \varphi_{1*p_1}) \times \{p_2\})$$

and

$$T_{(p_1, p_2)}(\{p_1\} \times M_2) = (\{p_1\} \times (\ker \varphi_{2*p_2})^\perp) \oplus (\{p_1\} \times (\ker \varphi_{2*p_2})).$$

Clearly,

$$(\ker \varphi_{*p})^\perp = ((\ker \varphi_{1*p_1})^\perp \times \{p_2\}) \oplus (\{p_1\} \times (\ker \varphi_{2*p_2})^\perp)$$

and

$$(\ker \varphi_{*p}) = ((\ker \varphi_{1*p_1}) \times \{p_2\}) \oplus (\{p_1\} \times (\ker \varphi_{2*p_2})).$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_{(\varphi_1(p_1), \varphi_2(p_2))}(N_1 \times N_2) &= T_{(\varphi_1(p_1), \varphi_2(p_2))}(N_1 \times \{\varphi_2(p_2)\}) \\ &\quad \oplus T_{(\varphi_1(p_1), \varphi_2(p_2))}(\{\varphi_1(p_1)\} \times N_2) \\ &= (\text{range } \varphi_{*p})^\perp \oplus (\text{range } \varphi_{*p}), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} T_{(\varphi_1(p_1), \varphi_2(p_2))}(N_1 \times \{\varphi_2(p_2)\}) \\ = ((\text{range } \varphi_{1*p_1})^\perp \times \{\varphi_2(p_2)\}) \oplus ((\text{range } \varphi_{1*p_1}) \times \{\varphi_2(p_2)\}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} T_{(\varphi_1(p_1), \varphi_2(p_2))}(\{\varphi_1(p_1)\} \times N_2) \\ = (\{\varphi_1(p_1)\} \times (\text{range } \varphi_{2*p_2})^\perp) \oplus (\{\varphi_1(p_1)\} \times (\text{range } \varphi_{2*p_2})). \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,

$$(\text{range } \varphi_{*p})^\perp = ((\text{range } \varphi_{1*p_1})^\perp \times \{\varphi_2(p_2)\}) \oplus (\{\varphi_1(p_1)\} \times (\text{range } \varphi_{2*p_2})^\perp)$$

and

$$(\text{range } \varphi_{*p}) = ((\text{range } \varphi_{1*p_1}) \times \{\varphi_2(p_2)\}) \oplus (\{\varphi_1(p_1)\} \times (\text{range } \varphi_{2*p_2})).$$

Now, lift of a horizontal vector  $x^{\mathcal{H}} \in (\ker \varphi_{i*p_i})^\perp$  to  $(\ker \varphi_{*p})^\perp$  is  $\tilde{x}^{\mathcal{H}}$  and lift of a vertical tangent vector  $v^{\mathcal{V}} \in (\ker \varphi_{i*p_i})$  to  $(\ker \varphi_{*p})$  is  $\tilde{v}^{\mathcal{V}}$ . Then for  $X = (X_1, X_2), Y = (Y_1, Y_2) \in (\ker \varphi_{*p})^\perp = (\ker \varphi_{1*p_1})^\perp \times (\ker \varphi_{2*p_2})^\perp$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} g_N(\varphi_* X, \varphi_* Y) &= g_N(\varphi_*(X_1, X_2), \varphi_*(Y_1, Y_2)) \\ &= g_{N_1}(\varphi_{1*} X_1, \varphi_{1*} Y_1) + \rho^2(\varphi_1(p_1)) g_{N_2}(\varphi_{2*} X_2, \varphi_{2*} Y_2). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are Riemannian maps and we are denoting same notation for a vector field and its lift, using (1) in above equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} g_N(\varphi_*X, \varphi_*Y) &= g_{M_1}(X_1, Y_1) + f^2(p_1)g_{M_2}(X_2, Y_2) \\ &= g_M(X, Y). \end{aligned}$$

This implies there is an isometry between horizontal space  $(ker\varphi_*)^\perp$  and range space  $range\varphi_*$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 1.** Let  $\varphi_i : M_i \rightarrow N_i$  be Riemannian maps between Riemannian manifolds for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then the map  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  between Riemannian warped product manifolds such that  $(\varphi_1 \times \varphi_2)(p_1, p_2) = (\varphi_1(p_1), \varphi_2(p_2))$  is also a Riemannian map, called Riemannian warped product map.

*Example 1.* Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  be a smooth map between Riemannian warped product manifolds.

- (i) If  $\varphi$  is a warped product isometric immersion then  $\varphi$  is a Riemannian warped product map with  $ker\varphi_* = \{0\}$ .
- (ii) If  $\varphi$  is a Riemannian warped product submersion then  $\varphi$  is a Riemannian warped product map with  $(range\varphi_*)^\perp = \{0\}$ .

By [25] we know that distance functions are Riemannian submersions, hence Riemannian maps. Now, we give examples of special class of Riemannian warped product maps in the category of distance functions.

*Example 2.* Let  $(M_i, g_{M_i})$  be Riemannian manifolds for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Let  $p_i \in M_i$  be a fixed point, and  $d_i$  denote the distance functions of  $M_i$  from the fixed point  $p_i$ . Then  $\varphi : (M = M_1 \times_{f_1} M_2 \times_{f_2} \dots \times_{f_{k-1}} M_k, g_M) \rightarrow (N = \mathbb{R}^+ \times_{\rho_1} \mathbb{R}^+ \times_{\rho_2} \dots \times_{\rho_{k-1}} \mathbb{R}^+, g_N)$  such that

$$\varphi(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k) = (d_1(p_1, q_1), d_2(p_2, q_2), \dots, d_k(p_k, q_k))$$

is a Riemannian warped product map, where  $f_i$  is the lift of  $\rho_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$ .

*Example 3.* Let  $(M, g_M)$  be a complete, non-compact Riemannian manifold without conjugate points. Then every geodesic of  $M$  is a line that is it is isometric to  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $\gamma_v$  is a line in  $M$ , then the Busemann function  $b_v : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for  $\gamma_v$  is defined as [25]

$$b_v(p) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (d(p, \gamma_v(t)) - t).$$

It is known that  $b_v \in C^1(M)$  and  $\|\nabla b_v\| = 1$ , therefore Busemann function is a distance function. Hence clearly any Busemann function is a Riemannian map. Now let  $(M_i, g_{M_i})$  be simply connected, complete manifolds without conjugate points for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . Then for geodesic lines  $\gamma_i$  of  $M_i$ , the map  $\varphi : M_1 \times_{f_1} M_2 \times_{f_2} \dots \times_{f_{k-1}} M_k \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times_{\rho_1} \mathbb{R} \times_{\rho_2} \dots \times_{\rho_{k-1}} \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\varphi(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k) = (b_{\gamma_1}(p_1), b_{\gamma_2}(p_2), \dots, b_{\gamma_1}(p_k))$$

is a Riemannian warped product map, where  $f_i$  is the lift of  $\rho_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$ .

*Example 4.* Let  $(M_1 = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1 \neq 0, x_2 \neq 0, x_3 \neq 0\}, g_{M_1} = e^{2x_3} dx_1^2 + e^{2x_3} dx_2^2 + dx_3^2)$ ,  $(N_1 = \{(y_1, y_2, y_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3\}, g_{N_1} = e^{2x_3} dy_1^2 + e^{2x_3} dy_2^2 + dy_3^2)$ ,  $(M_2 = \{(r_1, r_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : r_1 \neq 0, r_2 \neq 0\}, g_{M_2} = dr_1^2 + dr_2^2)$  and  $(N_2 = \{(s_1, s_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}, g_{N_2} = ds_1^2 + ds_2^2)$  be four Riemannian manifolds. Let  $\varphi_1 : M_1 \rightarrow N_1$  such that

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mapsto \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right)$$

and  $\varphi_2 : M_2 \rightarrow N_2$  such that

$$(r_1, r_2) \mapsto \left( \frac{r_1 + r_2}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right)$$

be Riemannian maps. Then the map  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M = g_{M_1} + f^2 g_{M_2}) \rightarrow (N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N = g_{N_1} + \rho^2 g_{N_2})$  such that

$$\varphi(x_1, x_2, x_3, r_1, r_2) = \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, \frac{r_1 + r_2}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right)$$

is a Riemannian warped product map, where  $\rho : N_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $f : M_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be smooth functions with  $f = \rho \circ \varphi_1$ .

Let  $\varphi_i : M_i \rightarrow N_i$  be smooth maps between Riemannian manifolds for  $i = 1, 2$  and let  $\varphi : (M = M_1 \times M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times N_2, g_N)$  be a smooth map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Define linear transformations

$\mathcal{P}_{(p_1, p_2)} : T_{(p_1, p_2)}(M_1 \times M_2) \rightarrow T_{(p_1, p_2)}(M_1 \times M_2)$ ;  $\mathcal{P}_{(p_1, p_2)} = {}^* \varphi_{*(p_1, p_2)} \circ \varphi_{*(p_1, p_2)}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_{(p_1, p_2)} : T_{(\varphi_1(p_1), \varphi_2(p_2))}(N_1 \times N_2) \rightarrow T_{(\varphi_1(p_1), \varphi_2(p_2))}(N_1 \times N_2)$ ;  $\mathcal{Q}_{(p_1, p_2)} = {}^* \varphi_{*(p_1, p_2)} \circ \varphi_{*(p_1, p_2)}$  where  $p_i \in M_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . In addition,  ${}^* \varphi_*$  denotes the adjoint of  $\varphi_*$  (see [29]). Using these linear transformations, we obtain the following characterizations of Riemannian warped product maps:

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  be a smooth map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\varphi$  is Riemannian warped product map at  $(p_1, p_2) \in M$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{P}_{(p_1, p_2)}$  is a projection, i.e.  $\mathcal{P}_{(p_1, p_2)} \circ \mathcal{P}_{(p_1, p_2)} = \mathcal{P}_{(p_1, p_2)}$ .
- (iii)  $\mathcal{Q}_{(p_1, p_2)}$  is a projection, i.e.  $\mathcal{Q}_{(p_1, p_2)} \circ \mathcal{Q}_{(p_1, p_2)} = \mathcal{Q}_{(p_1, p_2)}$ .

*Proof.* Since the proof is similar to Theorem 80 of [29], we are omitting it.  $\square$

Now, we recall that a map  $\varphi : (M, g_M) \rightarrow (N, g_N)$  between Riemannian manifolds is called subimmersion at  $p \in M$  if there is an open neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $p$ , a manifold  $M'$ , a submersion  $\varphi_S : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow M'$ , and an immersion  $\varphi_I : M' \rightarrow N$  such that  $\varphi|_{\mathcal{U}} = \varphi_{\mathcal{U}} = \varphi_I \circ \varphi_S$  [17, 29]. We say  $\varphi$  is a subimmersion if it is subimmersion at each  $p \in M$ . It is known that  $\varphi : (M, g_M) \rightarrow (N, g_N)$  is



a subimmersion if and only if the rank function is locally constant, and hence constant on the connected components of  $M$  [1, 27].

**Definition 2.** A map  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  between Riemannian warped product manifolds is called warped product subimmersion at  $p = (p_1, p_2) \in M_1 \times M_2$  if there is an open neighborhood  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}_1 \times_f \mathcal{U}_2$  of  $p = (p_1, p_2)$ , a warped product manifold  $M'_1 \times_{f'} M'_2$ , a warped product submersion  $\varphi_S : \mathcal{U}_1 \times_f \mathcal{U}_2 \rightarrow M'_1 \times_{f'} M'_2$ , and a warped product immersion  $\varphi_I : M'_1 \times_{f'} M'_2 \rightarrow N_1 \times_\rho N_2$  such that  $\varphi|_{\mathcal{U}} = \varphi_{\mathcal{U}} = \varphi_I \circ \varphi_S$ , where  $M'_1$  and  $M'_2$  are Riemannian manifolds and  $f'$  is warping function on  $M'_1$ . We say  $\varphi$  is a warped product subimmersion if it is warped product subimmersion at each  $p \in M_1 \times M_2$ .

**Theorem 7.** Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  be a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then, locally,  $\varphi$  is the composition of a Riemannian warped product submersion followed by a warped product isometric immersion.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}_1 \times_f \mathcal{U}_2$  be an open neighborhood of  $p = (p_1, p_2) \in M_1 \times M_2$ ,  $\varphi_S : \mathcal{U}_1 \times_f \mathcal{U}_2 \rightarrow M'_1 \times_{f'} M'_2$  be a warped product submersion and  $\varphi_I : M'_1 \times_{f'} M'_2 \rightarrow N_1 \times_\rho N_2$  be a warped product immersion such that  $\varphi|_{\mathcal{U}} = \varphi_{\mathcal{U}} = \varphi_I \circ \varphi_S$ . From Lemma 4.3.1 of [18], it follows that  $(M'_1 \times_{f'} M'_2, g_{M'})$  is also a Riemannian warped product manifold and  $\varphi_I : (M'_1 \times_{f'} M'_2, g_{M'}) \rightarrow (N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  is a warped product isometric immersion. Therefore it is enough to show that horizontal restriction of  $\varphi_S$  is a warped product submersion. As in [27], for each  $p = (p_1, p_2) \in \mathcal{U}_1 \times \mathcal{U}_2$  define

$$\varphi_{S*p}|_{\mathcal{H}} : (ker\varphi_{1*p_1})^\perp \times (ker\varphi_{2*p_2})^\perp \rightarrow T_{\varphi_S(p)}(M'_1 \times M'_2)$$

as  $\varphi_{S*p}|_{\mathcal{H}X} = \varphi_{S*p}X$  and

$$\varphi_{I*p}|_{\mathcal{H}} : T_{\varphi_S(p)}(M'_1 \times M'_2) \rightarrow (range\varphi_{1*p_1}) \times (range\varphi_{2*p_2})$$

as  $\varphi_{I*p}|_{\mathcal{H}Z} = \varphi_{I*p}Z$ . Thus we have  $\varphi_{*p}|_{\mathcal{H}} = (\varphi_{I*p}|_{\mathcal{H}} \circ \varphi_{S*p}|_{\mathcal{H}}) = (\varphi_{I*p} \circ \varphi_{S*p})|_{\mathcal{H}} : ker\varphi_{*p} = (ker\varphi_{1*p_1})^\perp \times (ker\varphi_{2*p_2})^\perp \rightarrow range\varphi_{*p} = (range\varphi_{1*p_1}) \times (range\varphi_{2*p_2})$ . Then for  $X = (X_1, X_2)$  and  $Y = (Y_1, Y_2) \in (ker\varphi_{1*p_1})^\perp \times (ker\varphi_{2*p_2})^\perp$ , we get

$$g_N(\varphi_{*p}|_{\mathcal{H}X}, \varphi_{*p}|_{\mathcal{H}Y}) = g_N(\varphi_{I*p}|_{\mathcal{H}} \circ \varphi_{S*p}|_{\mathcal{H}X}, \varphi_{I*p}|_{\mathcal{H}} \circ \varphi_{S*p}|_{\mathcal{H}Y}).$$

Since  $\varphi : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  is a Riemannian warped product map and  $\varphi_I : (M'_1 \times_{f'} M'_2, g_{M'}) \rightarrow (N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  is a warped product isometric immersion, we get  $g_{M'} = \varphi_I^*g_N$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} &g_N(\varphi_{*p}|_{\mathcal{H}}(X_1, X_2), \varphi_{*p}|_{\mathcal{H}}(Y_1, Y_2)) \\ &= g_N(\varphi_{I*p}|_{\mathcal{H}} \circ \varphi_{S*p}|_{\mathcal{H}}(X_1, X_2), \varphi_{I*p}|_{\mathcal{H}} \circ \varphi_{S*p}|_{\mathcal{H}}(Y_1, Y_2)), \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$g_M|_{\mathcal{U}}((X_1, X_2), (Y_1, Y_2)) = g_{M'}(\varphi_{S*p}|_{\mathcal{H}}(X_1, X_2), \varphi_{S*p}|_{\mathcal{H}}(Y_1, Y_2)).$$

Thus  $\varphi_S : (\mathcal{U}_1 \times_f \mathcal{U}_2, g_M|_{\mathcal{U}}) \rightarrow (M'_1 \times_{f'} M'_2, g_{M'})$  is a Riemannian warped product submersion. Hence we finish the required proof.  $\square$

*Remark 1.* Note that a Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds is a composition of a Riemannian submersion followed by an isometric immersion [17] locally. It is also true that a Riemannian warped product map is a composition of a Riemannian warped product submersion followed by warped product isometric immersion locally.

Now, we give the following examples of Riemannian warped product maps as an application of the above Theorem 7:

*Example 5.* Consider the immersions  $\varphi_1 : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y > 0\}$  such that

$$\varphi_1(t) = (t, t)$$

and  $\varphi_2 : \mathbb{S}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$  such that

$$\varphi_2(s) = s.$$

Then by [22],  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : \mathbb{R}^+ \times_f \mathbb{S}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^2 \times_{f'} \mathbb{S}^1$  defined by

$$\varphi(t, s) = (t, t, s)$$

is a warped product isometric immersion with  $(f' \circ \varphi_1)(t) = t = f(t)$ . Also, consider the Riemannian submersions  $\psi_1 : \mathbb{F}^2 = \{(t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : t_1 > 0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$\psi_1(t_1, t_2) = t_1$$

and  $\psi_2 : \mathbb{S}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$  such that

$$\psi_2(s) = s.$$

Then by [14],  $\psi = \psi_1 \times \psi_2 : \mathbb{F}^2 \times_{f'} \mathbb{S}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \times_{\rho} \mathbb{S}^1$  defined by

$$\psi(t_1, t_2, s) = (t_1, s)$$

is a Riemannian warped product submersion with  $(\rho \circ \psi_1)(t_1, t_2) = t_1 = f'(t_1, t_2)$ . Thus  $\varphi \circ \psi : \mathbb{R}^2 \times_{f'} \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \times_{f'} \mathbb{R}^2$  is a Riemannian warped product map.

*Example 6.* Consider the immersions  $\varphi_i : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  for  $i = 1, 2$  such that

$$\varphi_i(t) = (\cos t, \sin t).$$

Then by [22],  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : \mathbb{R} \times_f \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \times_{f'} \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by

$$\varphi(t_1, t_2) = (\cos t_1, \sin t_1, \cos t_2, \sin t_2)$$

is a warped product isometric immersion with  $f' \circ \varphi_1 = f$ . Also, consider the Riemannian submersions  $\psi_i : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for  $i = 1, 2$  such that

$$\psi_i(x_1, x_2) = x_1.$$

Then by [14],  $\psi = \psi_1 \times \psi_2 : \mathbb{R}^2 \times_{f'} \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times_{\rho} \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\psi(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2) = (x_1, y_1)$$

is a Riemannian warped product submersion with  $\rho \circ \psi_1 = f'$ . Thus  $\varphi \circ \psi : \mathbb{R}^2 \times_{f'} \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \times_{f'} \mathbb{R}^2$  is a Riemannian warped product map.

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_{\rho} N_2, g_N)$  be a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then*

$$\|\varphi_*\|^2 = \text{rank}\varphi_1 + \rho^2 \text{rank}\varphi_2.$$

*Proof.* Define a linear transformation  $G : ((\ker\varphi_{*p})^{\perp} = (\ker\varphi_{1*p_1})^{\perp} \times (\ker\varphi_{2*p_2})^{\perp}, g_{M_p}) \rightarrow ((\ker\varphi_{*p})^{\perp} = (\ker\varphi_{1*p_1})^{\perp} \times (\ker\varphi_{2*p_2})^{\perp}, g_{M_p})$  such that  $G = {}^*\varphi_{*p} \circ \varphi_{*p}$ , where  ${}^*\varphi_{*p}$  is the adjoint of  $\varphi_{*p}$ . Then for  $X = (X_1, X_2), Y = (Y_1, Y_2) \in (\ker\varphi_{*p})^{\perp}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} g_M(GX, Y) &= g_M({}^*\varphi_{*p} \circ \varphi_{*p}X, Y) = g_N(\varphi_{*p}X, \varphi_{*p}Y) \\ &= g_{N_1}(\varphi_{1*}X_1, \varphi_{1*}X_2) + \rho^2(\varphi_1(p_1))g_{N_2}(\varphi_{2*}Y_1, \varphi_{2*}Y_2). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are Riemannian maps, using (1) in above equation, we get

$$g_M(GX, Y) = g_{M_1}(X_1, X_2) + f^2(p_1)g_{M_2}(Y_1, Y_2).$$

Now let  $\{\tilde{x}_i\}_{i=1}^{m_1+m_2-r_1-r_2}, \{x_j\}_{j=r_1+1}^{m_1}$  and  $\{x_k^*\}_{k=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2}$  denote orthonormal bases of  $(\ker\varphi_{*p})^{\perp}, (\ker\varphi_{1*p_1})^{\perp}$ , and  $(\ker\varphi_{2*p_2})^{\perp}$ , respectively, and  $\tilde{x}_i = (x_j, x_k^*) \in (\ker\varphi_{*p})^{\perp}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi_*\|^2(p) &= \sum_{i=1}^{m_1+m_2-r_1-r_2} g_N(\varphi_{*p}\tilde{x}_i, \varphi_{*p}\tilde{x}_i) \\ &= \sum_{j=1+r_1}^{m_1} g_{N_1}(\varphi_{1*}x_j, \varphi_{1*}x_j) \\ &\quad + \rho^2(\varphi_1(p_1)) \sum_{k=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_2-r_2+m_1-r_1} g_{N_2}(\varphi_{2*}x_k^*, \varphi_{2*}x_k^*) \\ &= (m_1 - r_1) + \rho^2(\varphi_1(p_1))(m_2 - r_2), \end{aligned}$$

where  $m_1 + m_2 - r_1 - r_2 = \dim(\ker\varphi_*)^{\perp}, r_1 = \dim(\ker\varphi_{1*}), r_2 = \dim(\ker\varphi_{2*}), m_1 = \dim(M_1)$  and  $m_2 = \dim(M_2)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 2.* We can observe that a Riemannian map  $\varphi$  between Riemannian manifolds satisfies  $\|\varphi_*\|^2 = \text{rank}\varphi$  [17], while a Riemannian warped product map  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : M_1 \times_f M_2 \rightarrow N_1 \times_{\rho} N_2$  between Riemannian warped product manifolds satisfies  $\|\varphi_*\|^2 = \text{rank}\varphi_1 + \rho^2 \text{rank}\varphi_2$ . Hence Riemannian warped product map satisfies the generalized eikonal equation.

**Lemma 9.** *Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_{\rho} N_2, g_N)$  be a smooth map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then*

- (i)  $\nabla_{\varphi_{1*}X_1}^N \varphi_{1*}Y_1$  is the lift of  $\nabla_{\varphi_{1*}X_1}^{N_1} \varphi_{1*}Y_1$ ,
- (ii)  $\nabla_{\varphi_{1*}X_1}^N \varphi_{2*}X_2 = \nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^N \varphi_{1*}X_1 = (\varphi_{1*}X_1(\rho)/\rho)\varphi_{2*}X_2$ ,

- (iii)  $\tan \nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^N \varphi_{2*}Y_2$  is the lift of  $\nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^{N_2} \varphi_{2*}Y_2$ ,
- (iv)  $\text{nor} \nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^N \varphi_{2*}Y_2 = -g_N(\varphi_{2*}X_2, \varphi_{2*}Y_2)(\nabla^N \ln \rho)$ ,

where  $\varphi_{i*}X_i, \varphi_{i*}Y_i \in \mathcal{L}(N_i)$ . In addition,  $\nabla^N$  and  $\nabla^{N_i}$  are the Levi-Civita connections on  $N$  and  $N_i$  respectively for  $i = 1, 2$ .

*Proof.* Since  $N = N_1 \times_{\rho} N_2$  is a Riemannian warped product manifold, by using Lemma 2 we can easily see that (i) and (ii) are hold. Now for  $\varphi_{1*}X_1, \varphi_{1*}Y_1 \in \mathcal{L}(N_1)$  and  $\varphi_{1*}X_2, \varphi_{1*}Y_2 \in \mathcal{L}(N_2)$ , we write

$$\nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^N \varphi_{2*}Y_2 = \text{nor} \nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^N \varphi_{2*}Y_2 + \tan \nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^N \varphi_{2*}Y_2.$$

Using Lemma 2, we get

$$\nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^N \varphi_{2*}Y_2 = -g_N(\varphi_{2*}X_2, \varphi_{2*}Y_2)(\nabla^N \ln \rho) + \nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^{N_2} \varphi_{2*}Y_2.$$

Thus (iii) and (iv) also hold. □

**Proposition 10.** Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_{\rho} N_2, g_N)$  be a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then

$$\varphi_{1*}X_1(\ln \rho) = X_1(\ln f) = X_1(f)/(f),$$

where  $X_1 \in \Gamma(\ker \varphi_{1*})^{\perp}$ .

*Proof.* For  $X_1 \in \Gamma(\ker \varphi_{1*})^{\perp}$ , we have

$$\varphi_{1*}X_1(\ln \rho) = g_{N_1}(\varphi_{1*}X_1, \nabla^{N_1}(\ln \rho)).$$

Since  $f$  is lift of  $\rho$ , using Lemma 1 in above equation, we get

$$\varphi_{1*}X_1(\ln \rho) = g_{N_1}(\varphi_{1*}X_1, \varphi_{1*}(\nabla^{M_1}(\ln f))).$$

Since  $\varphi_1$  is a Riemannian map, we can write

$$\varphi_{1*}X_1(\ln \rho) = g_{M_1}(X_1, \nabla^{M_1}(\ln f)).$$

This completes the proof. □

**Theorem 11.** Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_{\rho} N_2, g_N)$  be a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then the following statements are hold:

- (i) The distribution  $\ker \varphi_*$  is totally geodesic if and only if the distributions  $\ker \varphi_{1*}$  and  $\ker \varphi_{2*}$  are totally geodesic, and  $\mathcal{H}(\nabla^M \ln f) = 0$ ,
- (ii) The distribution  $\ker \varphi_*$  is minimal if and only if either the distribution  $\ker \varphi_{1*}$  is minimal and  $H_2 = \mathcal{H}(\nabla^M \ln f)$  or the distribution  $\ker \varphi_{2*}$  is minimal and  $H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} r_2 \\ r_1 \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{H}(\nabla^M \ln f)$ ,
- (iii) The distribution  $(\ker \varphi_*)^{\perp}$  is totally geodesic if and only if the distributions  $(\ker \varphi_{1*})^{\perp}$  and  $(\ker \varphi_{2*})^{\perp}$  are totally geodesic, and  $\mathcal{V}(\nabla^M \ln f) = 0$ ,
- (iv) The distribution  $\text{range} \varphi_*$  is minimal if and only if either the distribution  $\text{range} \varphi_{1*}$  is minimal and  $H_4 = \nabla^N \ln \rho$  or the distribution  $\text{range} \varphi_{2*}$  is minimal and  $H_3 = \begin{pmatrix} m_2 - r_2 \\ m_1 - r_1 \end{pmatrix} \nabla^N \ln \rho$ ,

- (v) The distribution  $(ker\varphi_*)^\perp$  is minimal if and only if either the distribution  $(ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp$  is minimal and  $H_2^\perp = \mathcal{V}(\nabla^M \ln f)$  or the distribution  $(ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$  is minimal and  $H_1^\perp = \left(\frac{m_2-r_2}{m_1-r_1}\right) \mathcal{V}(\nabla^M \ln f)$ ,
- (vi) The distribution  $(range\varphi_*)^\perp$  is minimal if and only if either the distribution  $(range\varphi_{1*})^\perp$  is minimal and  $H_4^\perp = \nabla^N \ln \rho$  or the distribution  $(range\varphi_{2*})^\perp$  is minimal and  $H_3^\perp = \left(\frac{n_4}{n_3}\right) \nabla^N \ln \rho$ ,

where  $\nabla^M$  and  $\nabla^N$  are Levi-Civita connections on  $M$  and  $N$  respectively. In addition  $H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4, H_1^\perp, H_2^\perp, H_3^\perp$  and  $H_4^\perp$  are the mean curvature vector fields of  $ker\varphi_{1*}, ker\varphi_{2*}, range\varphi_{1*}, range\varphi_{2*}, (ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp, (ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp, (range\varphi_{1*})^\perp$  and  $(range\varphi_{2*})^\perp$  respectively. Also here  $r_1 = \dim(ker\varphi_{1*}), r_2 = \dim(ker\varphi_{2*}), m_1 - r_1 = \dim(range\varphi_{1*}), m_2 - r_2 = \dim(range\varphi_{2*}), n_3 = \dim((range\varphi_{1*})^\perp)$  and  $n_4 = \dim((range\varphi_{2*})^\perp)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{u_i\}_{i=1}^{r_1}$  and  $\{u_a^*\}_{a=r_1+1}^{r_1+r_2}$  be orthonormal bases of  $ker\varphi_{1*}$  and  $ker\varphi_{2*}$ , respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|T\|^2 &= \sum_{i,j=1}^{r_1} g_M(T(u_i, u_j), T(u_i, u_j)) + \sum_{a,b=r_1+1}^{r_1+r_2} g_M(T(u_a^*, u_b^*), T(u_a^*, u_b^*)) \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^{r_1} g_M(T_1(u_i, u_j), T_1(u_i, u_j)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{a,b=r_1+1}^{r_1+r_2} g_M(T_2(u_a^*, u_b^*) - g_M(u_a^*, u_b^*)(\mathcal{H}\nabla^M \ln f), T_2(u_a^*, u_b^*) \\ &\quad - g_M(u_a^*, u_b^*)(\mathcal{H}\nabla^M \ln f)), \end{aligned}$$

where  $T, T_1$  and  $T_2$  are O'Neill tensors on  $ker\varphi_*, ker\varphi_{1*}$  and  $ker\varphi_{2*}$  respectively [14]. Thus

$$\|T\|^2 = \|T_1\|^2 + \|T_2\|^2 + r_2 \|\mathcal{H}(\nabla^M \ln f)\|. \tag{5}$$

In addition the mean curvature vector field of  $ker\varphi_*$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{1}{r_1 + r_2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{r_1} T(u_i, u_i) + \sum_{a=r_1+1}^{r_1+r_2} T(u_a^*, u_a^*) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{r_1 + r_2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{r_1} T_1(u_i, u_i) + \sum_{a=r_1+1}^{r_1+r_2} T_2(u_a^*, u_a^*) - g_M(u_a^*, u_a^*)(\mathcal{H}\nabla^M \ln f) \right). \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

We know that [29]

$$H_1 = \frac{1}{r_1} \sum_{i=1}^{r_1} T_1(u_i, u_i) \tag{7}$$

and

$$H_2 = \frac{1}{r_2} \sum_{a=r_1+1}^{r_1+r_2} T_2(u_a^*, u_a^*), \tag{8}$$

where  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  denote the mean curvature vector fields of the distributions  $\ker\varphi_{1*}$  and  $\ker\varphi_{2*}$ , respectively. Using (7) and (8) in (6), we get

$$H = \frac{1}{r_1 + r_2} (r_1 H_1 + r_2 (H_2 - \mathcal{H}\nabla^M \ln f)). \tag{9}$$

Further, let  $\{x_i\}_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1}$  and  $\{x_a^*\}_{a=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2}$  be orthonormal bases of  $(\ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp$  and  $(\ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ , respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\|^2 &= \sum_{i,j=r_1+1}^{m_1} g_M(A(x_i, x_j), A(x_i, x_j)) + \sum_{a,b=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} g_M(A(x_a^*, x_b^*), A(x_a^*, x_b^*)) \\ &= \sum_{i,j=r_1+1}^{m_1} g_M(A_1(x_i, x_j), A_1(x_i, x_j)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{a,b=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} g_M(A_2(x_a^*, x_b^*) - g_M(x_a^*, x_b^*)(\mathcal{V}\nabla^M \ln f), A_2(x_a^*, x_b^*) \\ &\quad - g_M(x_a^*, x_b^*)(\mathcal{V}\nabla^M \ln f)), \end{aligned}$$

where  $A, A_1$  and  $A_2$  are O'Neill tensors on  $(\ker\varphi_*)^\perp, (\ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp$  and  $(\ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$  respectively [14]. Thus

$$\|A\|^2 = \|A_1\|^2 + \|A_2\|^2 + (m_2 - r_2) \|\mathcal{V}(\nabla^M \ln f)\|. \tag{10}$$

In addition the mean curvature vector field of  $\text{range}\varphi_*$  is given by

$$H' = \frac{1}{m_1 - r_1 + m_2 - r_2} \left( \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} \nabla_{x_i}^\varphi \varphi_{1*} x_i + \sum_{a=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} \nabla_{x_a^*}^\varphi \varphi_{2*} x_a^* \right). \tag{11}$$

Using Lemma 9 in (11), we get

$$\begin{aligned} H' &= \frac{1}{m_1 - r_1 + m_2 - r_2} \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} \nabla_{x_i}^{\varphi_1} \varphi_{1*} x_i \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{m_1 - r_1 + m_2 - r_2} \sum_{a=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} \nabla_{x_a^*}^{\varphi_2} \varphi_{2*} x_a^* - g_M(x_a^*, x_a^*) \nabla^N \ln \rho. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

We know that [29]

$$H_3 = \frac{1}{m_1 - r_1} \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} \nabla_{x_i}^{\varphi_1} \varphi_{1*} x_i \tag{13}$$

and

$$H_4 = \frac{1}{m_2 - r_2} \sum_{a=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} \nabla_{x_a^*}^{\varphi_2} \varphi_{2*} x_a^*, \tag{14}$$

where  $H_3$  and  $H_4$  denote the mean curvature vector fields of the distributions  $range\varphi_{1*}$  and  $range\varphi_{2*}$ , respectively. Using (13) and (14) in (12), we get

$$H' = \frac{1}{m_1 - r_1 + m_2 - r_2} ((m_1 - r_1)H_3 + (m_2 - r_2)(H_4 - \nabla^N \ln \rho)). \tag{15}$$

Also, the mean curvature vector field of  $(ker\varphi_*)^\perp$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} H^\perp &= \frac{1}{m_1 - r_1 + m_2 - r_2} \left( \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} A(x_i, x_i) + \sum_{a=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} A(x_a^*, x_a^*) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m_1 - r_1 + m_2 - r_2} \left( \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} A_1(x_i, x_i) + \sum_{a=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} A_2(x_a^*, x_a^*) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - g_M(x_a^*, x_a^*) (\mathcal{V}\nabla^M \ln f) \right). \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

We know that [29]

$$H_1^\perp = \frac{1}{m_1 - r_1} \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} A_1(x_i, x_i) \tag{17}$$

and

$$H_2^\perp = \frac{1}{m_2 - r_2} \sum_{a=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} A_2(x_a^*, x_a^*), \tag{18}$$

where  $H_1^\perp$  and  $H_2^\perp$  denote the mean curvature vector fields of the distributions  $(ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp$  and  $(ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ , respectively. Using (17) and (18) in (16), we get

$$H^\perp = \frac{1}{m_1 - r_1 + m_2 - r_2} ((m_1 - r_1)H_1^\perp + (m_2 - r_2)(H_2^\perp - \mathcal{V}\nabla^M \ln f)). \tag{19}$$

Finally, let  $\{\bar{e}_l\}_{l=1}^{n_3}$  and  $\{\check{e}_s\}_{s=n_3+1}^{n_3+n_4}$  be orthonormal bases of  $(range\varphi_{1*})^\perp$  and  $(range\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ , respectively. Then the mean curvature vector field of  $(range\varphi_*)^\perp$  is

$$H'^\perp = \frac{1}{n_3 + n_4} \left( \sum_{l=1}^{n_3} \nabla_{\bar{e}_l}^{\varphi_1^\perp} \bar{e}_l + \sum_{s=1+n_3}^{n_3+n_4} \nabla_{\check{e}_s}^{\varphi_2^\perp} \check{e}_s \right). \tag{20}$$

Using Lemma 9 in (20), we get

$$H'^\perp = \frac{1}{n_3 + n_4} \left( \sum_{l=1}^{n_3} \nabla_{\bar{e}_l}^{\varphi_1^\perp} \bar{e}_l + \sum_{s=1+n_3}^{n_3+n_4} \nabla_{\check{e}_s}^{\varphi_2^\perp} \check{e}_s - g_N(\check{e}_s, \check{e}_s) \nabla^N \ln \rho \right). \tag{21}$$

We know that [29]

$$H_3^\perp = \frac{1}{n_3} \sum_{l=1}^{n_3} \nabla_{\bar{e}_l}^{\varphi_1^\perp} \bar{e}_l \tag{22}$$

and

$$H_4^\perp = \frac{1}{n_4} \sum_{s=1+n_3}^{n_3+n_4} \nabla_{\check{e}_s}^{\varphi_2^\perp} \check{e}_s, \tag{23}$$

where  $H_3^\perp$  and  $H_4^\perp$  denote the mean curvature vector fields of the distributions  $(range\varphi_{1*})^\perp$  and  $(range\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ , respectively. Using (22) and (23) in (21), we get

$$H'^\perp = \frac{1}{n_3 + n_4} (n_3 H_3^\perp + n_4(H_4^\perp - \nabla^N \ln \rho)). \tag{24}$$

Then proof follows by (5), (9), (10), (15), (19) and (24). □

### 4. Totally Geodesic Riemannian Warped Product Maps

In this section, we construct the Gauss formula (second fundamental form) for a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds and discuss totally geodesicity [32].

**Theorem 12.** *Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  be a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then the second fundamental form of  $\varphi$  is*

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla\varphi_*) (X, Y) = & (\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(X_1, Y_1) + (\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(X_2, Y_2) \\ & + (\varphi_{1*}Y_1(\ln \rho))\varphi_{2*}X_2 + (\varphi_{1*}X_1(\ln \rho))\varphi_{2*}Y_2 \\ & - (X_1(\ln f))\varphi_{2*}Y_2 - (Y_1(\ln f))\varphi_{2*}X_2, \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

where  $X = (X_1, X_2)$ ,  $Y = (Y_1, Y_2) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$  and  $\varphi_i : M_i \rightarrow N_i$  are Riemannian maps between Riemannian manifolds for  $i = 1, 2$ . In addition, the bundle  $TM_i^* \otimes \varphi_i^{-1}(TN_i)$  has connection  $\nabla^i$  induced from the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla^{M_i}$  of  $M_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . This is known as Gauss formula also.

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi_i : M_i \rightarrow N_i$  be Riemannian maps between Riemannian manifolds and  $TN_i$  be bundle over  $N_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Now, the pullback bundle  $\varphi_i^{-1}(TN_i) \rightarrow M_i$  has the fibers  $(\varphi_i^{-1}(TN_i))_{p_i} = T_{\varphi_i(p_i)}N_i$  for  $p_i \in M_i$ . We shall use this identification without comment. The Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla^{N_i}$  on  $N_i$  and the pullback connection  $\nabla^{\varphi_i}$  are the unique linear connections on the pullback bundle  $\varphi_i^{-1}(TN_i)$  such that for each  $Z_i \in \Gamma(TN_i)$

$$\nabla_{X_i}^{\varphi_i} (\varphi_i^* Z_i) = \nabla_{\varphi_{i*} X_i}^{N_i} Z_i,$$

where  $\varphi_i^* Z_i = Z_i \circ \varphi_i \in \Gamma(\varphi_i^{-1}N_i)$  and  $\varphi_{i*}$  is section of  $Hom(TM_i, \varphi_i^{-1}(TN_i)) = TM_i^* \otimes \varphi_i^{-1}(TN_i) \rightarrow M_i = TM_i^* \otimes \varphi_i^{-1}(TN_i)$ . In addition, the bundle  $TM_i^* \otimes$



$\varphi_i^{-1}(TN_i)$  has connection  $\nabla^i$  induced from the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla^{M_i}$  of  $M_i$  and the pull back connection  $\nabla^{\varphi_i}$ . The covariant derivative of  $\varphi_{i*}$  called the second fundamental form of  $\varphi_i$ , i.e.  $\nabla^i \varphi_{i*} \in \Gamma(T^*M_i \otimes T^*M_i \otimes \varphi^{-1}(TN_i))$  such that

$$(\nabla^i \varphi_{i*})(X_i, Y_i) = \nabla_{X_i}^{\varphi_i}(\varphi_{i*}(Y_i)) - \varphi_{i*}(\nabla_{X_i}^{M_i} Y_i), \tag{26}$$

where  $X_i, Y_i \in \Gamma(TM_i)$ . Here the map  $\varphi_* = (\varphi_1 \times \varphi_2)_*$  is section of  $Hom(T(M_1 \times M_2), \varphi^{-1}(T(N_1 \times N_2))) \rightarrow M_1 \times M_2$ . Let the bundle  $T^*(M_1 \times M_2) \otimes \varphi^{-1}(T(N_1 \times N_2))$  has connection  $\nabla$  induced from the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla^M$  of  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$  and the pull back connection  $\nabla^\varphi$ . The covariant derivative  $\nabla\varphi_*$  is the second fundamental form of  $\varphi$ , i.e.

$$\nabla\varphi_* \in \Gamma(T^*(M_1 \times M_2) \otimes T^*(M_1 \times M_2) \otimes \varphi^{-1}(T(N_1 \times N_2))).$$

Now for  $X = (X_1, X_2)$  and  $Y = (Y_1, Y_2)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) &= \nabla_{X_1}^\varphi \varphi_* Y - \varphi_*(\nabla_X^M Y) \\ &= \nabla_{(X_1, X_2)}^\varphi \varphi_*(Y_1, Y_2) - \varphi_*(\nabla_{(X_1, X_2)}^M (Y_1, Y_2)). \end{aligned}$$

Now by using Proposition 4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) &= \nabla_{(X_1+X_2)}^\varphi (\varphi_{1*}Y_1 + \varphi_{2*}Y_2) - \varphi_*(\nabla_{(X_1+X_2)}^M (Y_1 + Y_2)) \\ &= \nabla_{X_1}^\varphi \varphi_{1*}(Y_1) + \nabla_{X_2}^\varphi \varphi_{1*}(Y_1) + \nabla_{X_1}^\varphi \varphi_{2*}(Y_2) \\ &\quad + \nabla_{X_2}^\varphi \varphi_{2*}(Y_2) - \varphi_*(\nabla_{X_1}^M Y_1 + \nabla_{X_1}^M Y_2 + \nabla_{X_2}^M Y_1 + \nabla_{X_2}^M Y_2). \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

Using Lemma 2 in (27), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) &= \nabla_{X_1}^\varphi \varphi_{1*}(Y_1) + \nabla_{X_2}^\varphi \varphi_{1*}(Y_1) + \nabla_{X_1}^\varphi \varphi_{2*}(Y_2) + \nabla_{X_2}^\varphi \varphi_{2*}(Y_2) \\ &\quad - \varphi_*(\nabla_{X_1}^M Y_1 + (X_1(f)/f)Y_2 \\ &\quad + (Y_1(f)/f)X_2 + nor(\nabla_{X_2}^M Y_2) + tan(\nabla_{X_2}^M Y_2)) \\ &= \nabla_{\varphi_{1*}X_1}^N \varphi_{1*}Y_1 + \nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^N \varphi_{1*}Y_1 + \nabla_{\varphi_{1*}X_1}^N \varphi_{2*}Y_2 + \nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^N \varphi_{2*}Y_2 \\ &\quad - \varphi_{1*}(\nabla_{X_1}^{M_1} Y_1) - (X_1(f)/f)\varphi_{2*}Y_2 - (Y_1(f)/f)\varphi_{2*}X_2 \\ &\quad + g_M(X_2, Y_2)\varphi_*(\nabla \ln f) - \varphi_{2*}(\nabla_{X_2}^{M_2} Y_2). \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 9 in above equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) &= \nabla_{\varphi_{1*}X_1}^{N_1} \varphi_{1*}Y_1 + (\varphi_{1*}Y_1(\rho)/\rho)\varphi_{2*}X_2 + (\varphi_{1*}X_1(\rho)/\rho)\varphi_{2*}Y_2 \\ &\quad - g_N(\varphi_{2*}X_2, \varphi_{2*}Y_2)(\nabla^N \ln \rho) + \nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^{N_2} \varphi_{2*}Y_2 - \varphi_{1*}(\nabla_{X_1}^{M_1} Y_1) \\ &\quad - (X_1(f)/f)\varphi_{2*}Y_2 - (Y_1(f)/f)\varphi_{2*}X_2 \tag{28} \\ &\quad + g_M(X_2, Y_2)\varphi_*(\nabla^M \ln f) - \varphi_{2*}(\nabla_{X_2}^{M_2} Y_2). \end{aligned}$$

This is the second fundamental form (Gauss formula) for a smooth map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Since  $\varphi$  is Riemannian warped

product map, (28) implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) &= \nabla_{\varphi_{1*}X_1}^{N_1} \varphi_{1*}Y_1 + (\varphi_{1*}Y_1(\rho)/\rho)\varphi_{2*}X_2 + (\varphi_{1*}X_1(\rho)/\rho)\varphi_{2*}Y_2 \\
 &\quad - g_M(X_2, Y_2)(\nabla^N \ln \rho) + \nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^{N_2} \varphi_{2*}Y_2 - \varphi_{1*}(\nabla_{X_1}^{M_1} Y_1) \\
 &\quad - (X_1(f)/f)\varphi_{2*}Y_2 - (Y_1(f)/f)\varphi_{2*}X_2 \\
 &\quad + g_M(X_2, Y_2)\varphi_*(\nabla^M \ln f) - \varphi_{2*}(\nabla_{X_2}^{M_2} Y_2).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{29}$$

We know that  $f$  is lift of  $\rho$  then by Lemma 1, we have

$$\varphi_*(\nabla^M \ln f) = \nabla^N \ln \rho.
 \tag{30}$$

Using (26) and (30) in (29), we get the required proof. □

Now, from Proposition 10, Theorem 12 and Lemma 4 of [14] we have following consequences:

**Corollary 13.** *Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  be a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then*

- (i)  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = -\varphi_{1*}(\mathcal{H}_1\nabla_{U_1}^{M_1} V_1) = -\varphi_{1*}(T_1(U_1, V_1)) \in \Gamma(\text{range}\varphi_{1*})$  for  $X = (U_1, 0), Y = (V_1, 0) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$ , where  $U_1, V_1 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{1*})$ .
- (ii)  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = \nabla_{\varphi_{1*}X_1}^{N_1} \varphi_{1*}Y_1 - \varphi_{1*}(\nabla_{X_1}^{M_1} Y_1) = (\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(X_1, Y_1) \in \Gamma(\text{range}\varphi_{1*})^\perp$  for  $X = (X_1, 0), Y = (Y_1, 0) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$ , where  $X_1, Y_1 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp$ .
- (iii)  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = (\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(X_1, Y_1) - \varphi_{2*}(T_2(U_2, V_2))$  for  $X = (X_1, U_2), Y = (Y_1, V_2) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$ , where  $X_1, Y_1 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp$  and  $U_2, V_2 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{2*})$ .
- (iv)  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = (\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(X_2, Y_2) - \varphi_{1*}(T_1(U_1, V_1)) - U_1(\ln f)\varphi_{2*}Y_2 - V_1(\ln f)\varphi_{2*}X_2$  for  $X = (U_1, X_2), Y = (V_1, Y_2) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$ , where  $U_1, V_1 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{1*})$  and  $X_2, Y_2 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ .
- (v)  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = -\varphi_{2*}(\mathcal{H}_2\nabla_{U_2}^{M_2} V_2) = -\varphi_{2*}(T_2(U_2, V_2)) \in \Gamma(\text{range}\varphi_{2*})$  for  $X = (0, U_2), Y = (0, V_2) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$ , where  $U_2, V_2 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{2*})$ .
- (vi)  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = (\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(X_2, Y_2) \in \Gamma(\text{range}\varphi_{2*})^\perp$  for  $X = (0, X_2), Y = (0, Y_2) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$ , where  $X_2, Y_2 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ .
- (vii)  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = -\varphi_{1*}(T_1(U_1, V_1)) - \varphi_{2*}(T_2(U_2, V_2)) \in \Gamma(\text{range}\varphi_*)$  for  $X = (U_1, U_2), Y = (V_1, V_2) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$ , where  $U_i, V_i \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{i*})$ .
- (viii)  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = (\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(X_1, Y_1) + (\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(X_2, Y_2) \in \Gamma(\text{range}\varphi_*)^\perp$  for  $X = (X_1, X_2), Y = (Y_1, Y_2) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$ , where  $X_i, Y_i \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{i*})^\perp$ .
- (ix)  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = (\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(X_1, Y_1) - \varphi_{2*}(\mathcal{H}_2\nabla_{U_2}^{M_2} Y_2)$  for  $X = (X_1, U_2), Y = (Y_1, Y_2) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$ , where  $X_1, Y_1 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp, Y_2 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$  and  $U_2 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{2*})$ .
- (x)  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = (\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(X_1, Y_1) - \varphi_{2*}(A_2(X_2, V_2))$  for  $X = (X_1, X_2), Y = (Y_1, V_2) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$ , where  $X_1, Y_1 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp, X_2 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$  and  $V_2 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{2*})$ .

- (xi)  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = (\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(X_2, Y_2) - \varphi_{1*}(\mathcal{H}_1\nabla_{U_1}Y_1) - U_1(\ln f)\varphi_{2*}Y_2$  for  $X = (U_1, X_2), Y = (Y_1, Y_2) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$ , where  $Y_1 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp, X_2, Y_2 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$  and  $U_1 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{1*})$ .
- (xii)  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = (\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(X_2, Y_2) - V_1(\ln f)\varphi_{2*}X_2 - \varphi_{1*}(A_1(X_1, V_1))$  for  $X = (X_1, X_2), Y = (V_1, Y_2) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$ , where  $X_1 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp, X_2, Y_2 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$  and  $V_1 \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{1*})$ .

*Remark 3.* In Lemma 3.1 of [26], Şahin showed that for a Riemannian map  $\varphi$  between Riemannian manifolds  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) \in \Gamma(\text{range}\varphi_*^\perp)$  if  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_*^\perp)$ . Similarly in the (viii) statement of Corollary 13, we get that for a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) \in \Gamma(\text{range}\varphi_*^\perp)$  for  $X = (X_1, X_2), Y = (Y_1, Y_2)$ , where  $X_i, Y_i \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{i*})^\perp$ .

Now, we give the definition of totally geodesic map between Riemannian warped product manifolds.

**Definition 3.** Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  be a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then  $\varphi$  is called totally geodesic if  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = 0$  for all  $X = (X_1, X_2), Y = (Y_1, Y_2) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$ .

**Theorem 14.** Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  be a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then  $\varphi$  is totally geodesic if and only if

- (i)  $\varphi_1$  is totally geodesic, and
- (ii)  $\varphi_2$  is totally geodesic, and
- (iii)  $f$  is constant on  $\ker\varphi_{1*}$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows by Theorem 12 and Corollary 13. □

### 5. Harmonic Riemannian Warped Product Maps

In this section, we calculate the tension field for a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds and discuss harmonicity [2, 29].

First, we give the definition of the tension field for a smooth map between Riemannian warped product manifolds [2].

**Definition 4.** Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  be a smooth map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then the tension field  $\tau(\varphi)$  of  $\varphi$  is trace of the second fundamental form of  $\varphi$  with respect to  $g_M$ , i.e.

$$\tau(\varphi) = \text{trace}(\nabla\varphi_*) = \text{trace}(\nabla\varphi_*)((X_1, X_2), (Y_1, Y_2)) = \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \sum_{a=m_1+1}^{m_1+m_2} (\nabla\varphi_*)((e_i, e_a), (e_i, e_a)),$$

where  $(X_1, X_2), (Y_1, Y_2) \in \Gamma(T(M_1 \times M_2))$  and  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^{m_1}, \{e_a\}_{a=m_1+1}^{m_1+m_2}$  are orthonormal bases of  $T_{p_1}M_1$  and  $T_{p_2}M_2$ , respectively. The tension field of  $\varphi$  is a vector field along  $\varphi$ , i.e.  $\tau(\varphi) \in \Gamma_\varphi(T(N_1 \times N_2))$ .

**Lemma 15.** *Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  be a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then*

$$\tau(\varphi) = -r_1 \varphi_{1*}(H_1) - r_2 \varphi_{2*}(H_2) + (m_1 - r_1)H_3 + (m_2 - r_2)H_4,$$

where  $r_1 = \dim(\ker\varphi_{1*}), r_2 = \dim(\ker\varphi_{2*}), m_1 - r_1 = \dim(\text{range}\varphi_{1*})$  and  $m_2 - r_2 = \dim(\text{range}\varphi_{2*})$ . In addition  $H_1, H_2, H_3$  and  $H_4$  are the mean curvature vector fields of  $\ker\varphi_{1*}, \ker\varphi_{2*}, \text{range}\varphi_{1*}$  and  $\text{range}\varphi_{2*}$ , respectively.

*Proof.* Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{r_1}\}, \{x_{r_1+1}, x_{r_1+2}, \dots, x_{m_1}\}, \{u_{r_1+1}^*, u_{r_1+2}^*, \dots, u_{r_1+r_2}^*\}$  and  $\{x_{m_1-r_1+1}^*, x_{m_1-r_1+2}^*, \dots, x_{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2}^*\}$  be orthonormal bases of  $\ker\varphi_{1*}, (\ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp, \ker\varphi_{2*}$  and  $(\ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ , respectively. We know that

$$\tau(\varphi) = \tau^{\ker\varphi_*}(\varphi) + \tau^{(\ker\varphi_*)^\perp}(\varphi). \tag{31}$$

Now

$$\tau^{\ker\varphi_*}(\varphi) = \sum_{i=1}^{r_1} \sum_{a=r_1+1}^{r_1+r_2} (\nabla\varphi_*)((u_i, u_a^*), (u_i, u_a^*)), \tag{32}$$

where  $(u_i, u_a^*) \in \ker\varphi_{1*} \times \ker\varphi_{2*} = \ker\varphi_*$ , and  $\{u_i\}_{i=1}^{r_1}, \{u_a^*\}_{a=r_1+1}^{r_1+r_2}$  are orthonormal bases of  $\ker\varphi_{1*}$  and  $\ker\varphi_{2*}$ , respectively. Using (25) in (32), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^{\ker\varphi_*}(\varphi) &= \sum_{i=1}^{r_1} (\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(u_i, u_i) + \sum_{a=r_1+1}^{r_1+r_2} (\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(u_a^*, u_a^*) \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{r_1} \sum_{a=r_1+1}^{r_1+r_2} (\varphi_{1*}u_i(\ln\rho))\varphi_{2*}u_a^* + \sum_{i=1}^{r_1} \sum_{a=r_1+1}^{r_1+r_2} (\varphi_{1*}u_i(\ln\rho))\varphi_{2*}u_a^* \\ &- \sum_{i=1}^{r_1} \sum_{a=r_1+1}^{r_1+r_2} \{(u_i(\ln f))\varphi_{2*}u_a^* + (u_i(\ln f))\varphi_{2*}u_a^*\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (26) in above equation, we get

$$\tau^{\ker\varphi_*}(\varphi) = -\sum_{i=1}^{r_1} (\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(u_i, u_i) - \sum_{a=r_1+1}^{r_1+r_2} (\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(u_a^*, u_a^*). \tag{33}$$

Using (7) and (8) in (33), we get

$$\tau^{\ker\varphi_*} = -r_1 \varphi_{1*}(H_1) - r_2 \varphi_{2*}(H_2), \tag{34}$$

where  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are the mean curvature vector fields of  $\ker\varphi_{1*}$  and  $\ker\varphi_{2*}$  respectively. On the other hand

$$\tau^{(\ker\varphi_*)^\perp}(\varphi) = \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} \sum_{a=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} (\nabla\varphi_*)((x_i, x_a^*)(x_i, x_a^*)), \tag{35}$$

where  $\{x_i\}_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1}$  and  $\{x_a^*\}_{a=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2}$  are orthonormal bases of  $(\ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp$  and  $(\ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ , respectively. Using (viii) statement of Corollary 13 in (35), we get

$$\tau^{(\ker\varphi_*)^\perp}(\varphi) = \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} (\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(x_i, x_i) + \sum_{a=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} (\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(x_a^*, x_a^*).$$

Equivalently

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^{(\ker\varphi_*)^\perp}(\varphi) &= \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} \sum_{p=1}^{n_1} g_N((\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(x_i, x_i), z_p)z_p \\ &\quad + \sum_{a=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} \sum_{q=n_1+1}^{n_2} g_N((\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(x_a^*, x_a^*), z'_q)z'_q, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{z_p\}_{p=1}^{n_1}$  and  $\{z'_q\}_{q=n_1+1}^{n_1+n_2}$  are orthonormal bases of  $TN_1$  and  $TN_2$  respectively. On decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^{(\ker\varphi_*)^\perp}(\varphi) &= \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} \sum_{k=r_1+1}^{m_1} g_{N_1}((\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(x_i, x_i), \tilde{e}_k)\tilde{e}_k \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} \sum_{l=1}^{n_3} g_{N_1}((\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(x_i, x_i), \bar{e}_l)\bar{e}_l \\ &\quad + \sum_{a=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} \left\{ \rho^2 \sum_{t=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} g_{N_2}((\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(x_a^*, x_a^*), \hat{e}_t)\hat{e}_t \right\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{a=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} \left\{ \sum_{s=1+n_3}^{n_3+n_4} \rho^2 g_{N_2}((\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(x_a^*, x_a^*), \check{e}_s)\check{e}_s \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{\tilde{e}_k\}_{k=r_1+1}^{m_1}$ ,  $\{\bar{e}_l\}_{l=1}^{n_3}$ ,  $\{\hat{e}_t\}_{t=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2}$  and  $\{\check{e}_s\}_{s=n_3+1}^{n_3+n_4}$  are orthonormal bases of  $\text{range}\varphi_{1*}$ ,  $(\text{range}\varphi_{1*})^\perp$ ,  $\text{range}\varphi_{2*}$  and  $(\text{range}\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ , respectively. Using (26) in above equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^{(\ker\varphi_*)^\perp}(\varphi) &= \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} \sum_{l=1}^{n_3} g_{N_1}(\nabla_{x_i}^{\varphi_1}\varphi_{1*}(x_i), \bar{e}_l)\bar{e}_l \\ &\quad + \sum_{a=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} \sum_{s=1+n_3}^{n_3+n_4} \rho^2 g_{N_2}(\nabla_{x_a^*}^{\varphi_2}\varphi_{2*}(x_a^*), \check{e}_s)\check{e}_s. \tag{36} \end{aligned}$$

Using (13) and (14) in (36), we get

$$\tau^{(ker\varphi_*)^\perp}(\varphi) = (m_1 - r_1) \sum_{l=1}^{n_3} g_{N_1}(H_3, \bar{e}_l)\bar{e}_l + (m_2 - r_2) \sum_{s=1+n_3}^{n_3+n_4} \rho^2 g_{N_2}(H_4, \check{e}_s)\check{e}_s,$$

where  $H_3$  and  $H_4$  are the mean curvature vector fields of  $range\varphi_{1*}$  and  $range\varphi_{2*}$  respectively. Thus

$$\tau^{(ker\varphi_*)^\perp}(\varphi) = (m_1 - r_1)H_3 + (m_2 - r_2)H_4. \tag{37}$$

Then we get required proof by using (31), (34) and (37). □

*Remark 4.* In Lemma 4.2 of [27], Şahin showed that for a Riemannian map  $\varphi$  between Riemannian manifolds  $\tau(\varphi) = -r\varphi_*(H) + (m - r)H'$ , where  $r = \dim(ker\varphi_*)$  and  $m - r = \dim(range\varphi_*)$ . Also,  $H$  and  $H'$  denote the mean curvature vector fields of  $ker\varphi_*$  and  $range\varphi_*$ , respectively. While in Lemma 15, we get that for a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds  $\tau(\varphi) = -r_1\varphi_{1*}(H_1) - r_2\varphi_{2*}(H_2) + (m_1 - r_1)H_3 + (m_2 - r_2)H_4$ , where  $r_1 = \dim(ker\varphi_{1*})$ ,  $r_2 = \dim(ker\varphi_{2*})$ ,  $m_1 - r_1 = \dim(range\varphi_{1*})$  and  $m_2 - r_2 = \dim(range\varphi_{2*})$ . Here  $H_1, H_2, H_3$  and  $H_4$  are the mean curvature vector fields of  $ker\varphi_{1*}, ker\varphi_{2*}, range\varphi_{1*}$  and  $range\varphi_{2*}$ , respectively.

Now, we give the definition of harmonic map between Riemannian warped product manifolds.

**Definition 5.** Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  be a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then  $\varphi$  is harmonic if its tension field  $\tau(\varphi)$  vanishes.

**Theorem 16.** Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  be a non-constant Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then any four conditions imply fifth:

- (i)  $\varphi$  is harmonic.
- (ii) The distribution  $ker\varphi_{1*}$  is minimal.
- (iii) The distribution  $ker\varphi_{2*}$  is minimal.
- (iv) The distribution  $range\varphi_{1*}$  is minimal.
- (v) The distribution  $range\varphi_{2*}$  is minimal.

*Proof.* We know that a distribution is minimal if and only if its mean curvature vector field vanishes. Then the proof follows by Lemma 15. □

*Remark 5.* The harmonicity conditions for a Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds were given in Theorem 6.1 of [30] by Şahin. Similarly, we obtain the harmonicity conditions for a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds in Theorem 16.

### 6. Umbilical Riemannian Warped Product Maps

In this section, we construct Weingarten formula for a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds and discuss umbilicity.

Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : M = M_1 \times_f M_2 \rightarrow N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2$  be a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds and  $\nabla^N$  be the Levi-Civita connection on  $N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2$ . From now on wards, for the sake of simplicity we denote both the Levi-Civita connection on  $(N, g_N)$  and its pullback along  $\varphi$  by  $\nabla^N$ . Here we denote  $(range\varphi_*)^\perp = (range\varphi_{1*})^\perp \times (range\varphi_{2*})^\perp$  is subbundle of  $\varphi^{-1}(T(N_1 \times N_2))$  with fiber  $\varphi_{1*}(T_{p_1}M_1)^\perp \times \varphi_{2*}(T_{p_2}M_2)^\perp$  the orthogonal complement of  $\varphi_{1*}(T_{p_1}M_1) \times \varphi_{2*}(T_{p_2}M_2)$  for  $g_N = g_{N_1} + \rho^2 g_{N_2}$  over  $p = (p_1, p_2) \in M_1 \times_f M_2$ . For any vector field  $X = (X_1, X_2)$  on  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$  and any section  $V = (V_1, V_2)$  of  $(range\varphi_*)^\perp = (range\varphi_{1*})^\perp \times (range\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ , we define  $\nabla_X^\perp V = \nabla_{X_1+X_2}^{\varphi^\perp} V_1 + V_2$ , which is orthogonal projection of  $\nabla_{X_1+X_2}^N V_1 + V_2$  on  $(range\varphi_*)^\perp = (range\varphi_{1*})^\perp \times (range\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ . Then  $\nabla^{\varphi^\perp}$  is a linear connection on  $(range\varphi_*)^\perp$  such that  $\nabla^{\varphi^\perp} g_N = 0$  [21].

Now we construct Weingarten formula for Riemannian warped product map. Define shape operator  $S_V$  on  $range\varphi_* = range\varphi_{1*} \times range\varphi_{2*}$ . Since  $\varphi$  is a Riemannian map, for  $X = (X_1, X_2) \in \Gamma(ker\varphi_{1*}) \times \Gamma(ker\varphi_{2*}) = \Gamma(ker\varphi_*)^\perp$  and  $V = (V_1, V_2) \in \Gamma(range\varphi_{1*})^\perp \times \Gamma(range\varphi_{2*})^\perp = \Gamma(range\varphi_*)^\perp$ , we have [29]

$$\nabla_{\varphi_*(X_1+X_2)}^N (V_1, V_2) = -S_{(V_1, V_2)}\varphi_*(X_1, X_2) + \nabla_{(X_1, X_2)}^{\varphi^\perp} (V_1, V_2).$$

Since  $T_{p_1}M_1 \times T_{p_2}M_2 \cong T_{p_1}M_1 \oplus T_{p_2}M_2$ , above equation can be written as

$$\nabla_{\varphi_*X_1+\varphi_*X_2}^N (V_1 + V_2) = -S_{(V_1+V_2)}(\varphi_*X_1 + \varphi_*X_2) + \nabla_{(X_1+X_2)}^{\varphi^\perp} (V_1 + V_2).$$

Since  $\nabla$  is a linear connection and  $S_{V_1}$  is a shape operator on  $range\varphi_{1*}$ , there is no meaning of  $S_{V_1}\varphi_{2*}X_2$ . Similarly we treat for  $S_{V_2}$ . Then by above equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\nabla_{\varphi_{1*}X_1}^N V_1 + \nabla_{\varphi_{1*}X_1}^N V_2 + \nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^N V_1 \\ &+ \nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^N V_2 = -S_{V_1}\varphi_{1*}X_1 - S_{V_2}\varphi_{2*}X_2 \\ &+ \nabla_{X_1}^{\varphi^\perp} V_1 + \nabla_{X_1}^{\varphi^\perp} V_2 + \nabla_{X_2}^{\varphi^\perp} V_1 + \nabla_{X_2}^{\varphi^\perp} V_2. \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 9 in above equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\varphi_{1*}X_1}^{N_1} V_1 + \frac{(\varphi_{1*}X_1(\rho))}{\rho} V_2 + \frac{(V_1(\rho))}{\rho} \varphi_{2*}X_2 + \nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^{N_2} V_2 = &- S_{V_1}\varphi_{1*}X_1 - S_{V_2}\varphi_{2*}X_2 \\ &+ \nabla_{X_1}^{\varphi^\perp} V_1 + \nabla_{X_2}^{\varphi^\perp} V_2, \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

where  $S_{V_i \varphi_{i*} X_i}$  is tangential component (vector fields along  $\varphi_i$ ) of  $\nabla_{\varphi_{i*} X_i}^{N_i} V_i$ . Observe that  $\nabla_{\varphi_{i*} X_i}^{N_i} V_i$  is pullback connection of  $\nabla^{N_i}$ . Here (38) is known as Weingarten formula for Riemannian warped product map.

Since  $(range \varphi_*)^\perp$  is subbundle of  $\varphi^{-1}(T(N \times N_2))$  and  $\varphi^{-1}(T(N_1 \times N_2))$  is bundle on  $M = M_1 \times_f M_2$ ,  $(range \varphi_*)^\perp$  is also bundle on  $M$ . Thus

$$\varphi^{-1}(T(N_1 \times N_2)) = (range \varphi_*)^\perp \oplus (range \varphi_*).$$

**Lemma 17.** *Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  be a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then  $\rho$  is a constant function on  $(range \varphi_*)^\perp$ .*

*Proof.* For  $V = (V_1, V_2) \in \Gamma(range \varphi_*)^\perp$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} V(\ln \rho) &= g_N(V, \nabla^N \ln \rho) \\ &= g_{N_1}(V_1, \nabla^N \ln \rho) + \rho^2 g_{N_2}(V_2, \nabla^N \ln \rho). \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 1, we get

$$V(\ln \rho) = g_{N_1}(V_1, \varphi_{1*}(\nabla^{M_1} f)).$$

Since  $\varphi_{1*}(\nabla^{M_1} f) \in \Gamma(range \varphi_*)$ ,  $V(\ln \rho) = 0$ . This implies the proof. □

**Proposition 18.** *Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : (M = M_1 \times_f M_2, g_M) \rightarrow (N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2, g_N)$  be a non-constant Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} g_N(S_{(V_1, V_2)} \varphi_*(X_1, X_2), \varphi_*(Y_1, Y_2)) &= g_N((\nabla \varphi_*)((X_1, X_2), (Y_1, Y_2)), (V_1, V_2)), \\ \text{where } X &= (X_1, X_2), Y = (Y_1, Y_2) \in \Gamma(ker \varphi_{1*})^\perp \times \Gamma(ker \varphi_{2*})^\perp \text{ and } V = \\ (V_1, V_2) &\in \Gamma(range \varphi_{1*})^\perp \times \Gamma(range \varphi_{2*})^\perp. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By Weingarten formula for  $X = (X_1, X_2), Y = (Y_1, Y_2) \in \Gamma(ker \varphi_{1*})^\perp \times \Gamma(ker \varphi_{2*})^\perp$  and  $V = (V_1, V_2) \in \Gamma(range \varphi_*)^\perp$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &g_N(S_{V_1 \varphi_{1*} X_1 + S_{V_2 \varphi_{2*} X_2}, \varphi_{1*} Y_1 + \varphi_{2*} Y_2) \\ &= g_N(\nabla_{X_1}^\perp V_1 + \nabla_{X_2}^\perp V_2 - \nabla_{\varphi_{1*} X_1}^N V_1 - \nabla_{\varphi_{2*} X_2}^N V_2 \\ &\quad - (\varphi_{1*} X_1(\ln \rho)) V_2 - (V_1(\ln \rho)) \varphi_{2*} X_2, \varphi_{1*} Y_1 + \varphi_{2*} Y_2), \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} g_N(S_{V_1 \varphi_{1*} X_1 + S_{V_2 \varphi_{2*} X_2}, \varphi_{1*} Y_1 + \varphi_{2*} Y_2) &= -g_N(\nabla_{\varphi_{1*} X_1}^{N_1} V_1, \varphi_{1*} Y_1) \\ &\quad - g_N(\nabla_{\varphi_{2*} X_2}^{N_2} V_2, \varphi_{2*} Y_2) \\ &\quad - g_N((\varphi_{1*} X_1)(\ln \rho) V_2, \varphi_{1*} Y_1 + \varphi_{2*} Y_2) \\ &\quad - g_N(V_1(\ln \rho) \varphi_{2*} X_2, \varphi_{1*} Y_1 + \varphi_{2*} Y_2) \\ &= -g_{N_1}(\nabla_{\varphi_{1*} X_1}^{N_1} V_1, \varphi_{1*} Y_1) \\ &\quad - \rho^2 g_{N_2}(\nabla_{\varphi_{2*} X_2}^{N_2} V_2, \varphi_{2*} Y_2) \\ &\quad - \rho^2 \{V_1(\ln \rho) g_{N_2}(\varphi_{2*} X_2, \varphi_{2*} Y_2)\}. \end{aligned}$$



Using metric compatibility condition and Lemma 17 in above equation, we get

$$g_N(S_{V_1\varphi_{1*}X_1 + S_{V_2\varphi_{2*}X_2}, \varphi_{1*}Y_1 + \varphi_{2*}Y_2) = g_{N_1}(\nabla_{\varphi_{1*}X_1}^{N_1}\varphi_{1*}Y_1, V_1) + \rho^2 g_{N_2}(\nabla_{\varphi_{2*}X_2}^{N_2}\varphi_{2*}Y_2, V_2). \tag{40}$$

Using (4) in (40), we get

$$g_N(S_{V_1\varphi_{1*}X_1 + S_{V_2\varphi_{2*}X_2}, \varphi_{1*}Y_1 + \varphi_{2*}Y_2) = g_{N_1}(\nabla_{X_1}^{\varphi_{1*}}\varphi_{1*}(Y_1), V_1) + \rho^2 g_{N_2}(\nabla_{X_2}^{\varphi_{2*}}\varphi_{2*}(Y_2), V_2).$$

Using (26) in above equation, we get

$$g_N(S_{V_1\varphi_{1*}X_1 + S_{V_2\varphi_{2*}X_2}, \varphi_{1*}Y_1 + \varphi_{2*}Y_2) = g_{N_1}((\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(X_1, Y_1), V_1) + \rho^2 g_{N_2}((\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(X_2, Y_2), V_2). \tag{41}$$

This implies the proof. □

*Remark 6.* For a Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds Şahin obtained that  $g_N(S_V\varphi_*X, \varphi_*Y) = g_N((\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y), V)$  for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_*)^\perp$  and  $V \in \Gamma(\text{range}\varphi_*)^\perp$  [29]. While in Proposition 18, for a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds we obtain that  $g_N(S_{(V_1, V_2)}\varphi_*(X_1, X_2), \varphi_*(Y_1, Y_2)) = g_N((\nabla\varphi_*)((X_1, X_2), (Y_1, Y_2)), (V_1, V_2))$  for  $X = (X_1, X_2), Y = (Y_1, Y_2) \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp \times \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$  and  $V = (V_1, V_2) \in \Gamma(\text{range}\varphi_{1*})^\perp \times \Gamma(\text{range}\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ . Now, since the second fundamental form  $(\nabla\varphi_*)((X_1, X_2), (Y_1, Y_2))$  of  $\varphi$  is symmetric, we conclude that  $S_V$  is a symmetric linear transformation of  $(\text{range}\varphi_*)$ .

Now we give definition of umbilical map between Riemannian warped product manifolds.

**Definition 6.** Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : M = M_1 \times_f M_2 \rightarrow N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2$  be a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then we say that  $\varphi$  is an umbilical Riemannian warped product map at  $p = (p_1, p_2) \in M_1 \times_f M_2$  if

$$S_{(V_1, V_2)}\varphi_*(X_1, X_2) = \lambda(\varphi_*(X_1, X_2)).$$

Equivalently

$$S_{(V_1+V_2)}(\varphi_{1*}X_1 + \varphi_{2*}X_2) = \lambda(\varphi_{1*}X_1 + \varphi_{2*}X_2),$$

where  $\lambda : N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a smooth function such that  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  and  $\lambda_i$  is smooth function on  $N_i$ . We say  $\varphi$  is an umbilical map if it is umbilical at all  $p \in M$ .

**Theorem 19.** Let  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2 : M = M_1 \times_f M_2 \rightarrow N = N_1 \times_\rho N_2$  be a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds. Then  $\varphi$  is umbilical if and only if

$$(\nabla\varphi_*)((X_1, X_2), (Y_1, Y_2)) = (H_3, H_4)g_M((X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2)),$$

where  $X = (X_1, X_2), Y = (Y_1, Y_2) \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp \times \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$  and  $V = (V_1, V_2) \in \Gamma(\text{range}\varphi_{1*})^\perp \times \Gamma(\text{range}\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ . In addition,  $H_3$  and  $H_4$  are the mean curvature vector fields of  $\text{range}\varphi_{1*}$  and  $\text{range}\varphi_{2*}$  respectively.

*Proof.* Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{r_1}\}, \{x_{r_1+1}, x_{r_1+2}, \dots, x_{m_1}\}, \{u_{r_1+1}^*, u_{r_1+2}^*, \dots, u_{r_1+r_2}^*\}$  and  $\{x_{m_1-r_1+1}^*, x_{m_1-r_1+2}^*, \dots, x_{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2}^*\}$  be orthonormal bases of  $\ker\varphi_{1*}, (\ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp, \ker\varphi_{2*}$  and  $(\ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ , respectively. Then the Riemannian warped product map  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \times \varphi_2$  implies  $\{\varphi_{1*}(x_{r_1+1}), \varphi_{1*}(x_{r_1+2}), \dots, \varphi_{1*}(x_{m_1})\}$  and  $\{\varphi_{2*}(x_{m_1-r_1+1}^*), \dots, \varphi_{2*}(x_{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2}^*)\}$  are orthonormal bases of  $\text{range}\varphi_{1*}$  and  $\text{range}\varphi_{2*}$ , respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} \sum_{j=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} g_N(S_{(V_1+V_2)}\varphi_*(x_i, x_j^*), \varphi_*(x_i, x_j^*)) \\ &= \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} \sum_{j=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} g_N(\lambda\{\varphi_{1*}(x_i) + \varphi_{2*}(x_j^*)\}, \varphi_{1*}(x_i) + \varphi_{2*}(x_j^*)). \end{aligned}$$

On solving above equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} \sum_{j=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} g_N(S_{V_1}(\varphi_{1*}x_i) + S_{V_2}(\varphi_{2*}x_j^*), \varphi_{1*}(x_i) + \varphi_{2*}(x_j^*)) \\ &= \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} \sum_{j=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} (\lambda_1, \lambda_2)(g_{N_1}(\varphi_{1*}x_i, \varphi_{1*}x_i) + \rho^2 g_{N_2}(\varphi_{1*}x_j^*, \varphi_{1*}x_j^*)). \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

Using (41) in (42), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=r_1+1}^{m_1} g_{N_1}((\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(x_i, x_i), V_1) + \sum_{j=m_1-r_1+1}^{m_1-r_1+m_2-r_2} \rho^2 g_{N_2}((\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(x_j^*, x_j^*), V_2) \\ &= \lambda_1(m_1 - r_1) + \lambda_2 \rho^2 (m_2 - r_2). \end{aligned}$$

Using (13) and (14) in above equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (m_1 - r_1) g_{N_1}(H_3, V_1) + \rho^2 (m_2 - r_2) g_{N_2}(H_4, V_2) \\ &= \lambda_1 (m_1 - r_1) + \lambda_2 \rho^2 (m_2 - r_2), \end{aligned}$$

where  $H_3$  and  $H_4$  are the mean curvature vector fields of  $\text{range}\varphi_{1*}$  and  $\text{range}\varphi_{2*}$  respectively. On comparison, we get

$$\lambda_1 = g_{N_1}(H_3, V_1) \text{ and } \lambda_2 = g_{N_2}(H_4, V_2),$$

By (41) and Definition 6, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & g_{N_1}((\nabla^1\varphi_{1*})(X_1, Y_1), V_1) + \rho^2 g_{N_2}((\nabla^2\varphi_{2*})(X_2, Y_2), V_2) \\ &= g_{N_1}(H_3, V_1)g_{M_1}(X_1, Y_1) + \rho^2 g_{N_2}(H_4, V_2) g_{M_2}(X_2, Y_2), \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $g_N((\nabla\varphi_*)((X_1, X_2)(Y_1, Y_2)), (V_1, V_2))$

$$= g_N((H_3, H_4), (V_1, V_2))g_M((X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2)).$$

This implies the required proof.  $\square$

*Remark 7.* In Lemma 4.1 of [28], Şahin showed that a Riemannian map  $\varphi$  between Riemannian manifolds is umbilical if and only if  $(\nabla\varphi_*)(X, Y) = H'g_M(X, Y)$  for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_*)^\perp$  and  $H'$  mean curvature vector field of  $\text{range}\varphi_*$ . While in Theorem 19, we show that a Riemannian warped product map between Riemannian warped product manifolds is umbilical if and only if  $(\nabla\varphi_*)((X_1, X_2), (Y_1, Y_2)) = (H_3, H_4)g_M((X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2))$  for  $X = (X_1, X_2), Y = (Y_1, Y_2) \in \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{1*})^\perp \times \Gamma(\ker\varphi_{2*})^\perp$ , and  $H_3$  and  $H_4$  the mean curvature vector fields of  $\text{range}\varphi_{1*}$  and  $\text{range}\varphi_{2*}$  respectively.

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