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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $(N_1, g_1)$  and  $(N_2, g_2)$  be two Riemannian manifolds and let  $\sigma_1 : N_1 \to (0, \infty)$  and  $\sigma_2 : N_2 \to (0, \infty)$  be differentiable functions.

The doubly warped product  $N =_{\sigma_2} N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  is the product manifold  $N_1 \times N_2$  endowed with the metric

$$g = \sigma_2^2 g_1 + \sigma_1^2 g_2.$$

More precisely, if  $\pi_1 : N_1 \times N_2 \to N_1$  and  $\pi_2 : N_1 \times N_2 \to N_2$  are natural projections, the metric g is defined by

$$g = (\sigma_2 \circ \pi_2)^2 \pi_1^* g_1 + (\sigma_1 \circ \pi_1)^2 \pi_2^* g_2.$$

The functions  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are called warping functions. If either  $\sigma_1 \equiv 1$  or  $\sigma_2 \equiv 1$ , but not both, then we obtain a warped product. If both  $\sigma_1 \equiv 1$  and  $\sigma_2 \equiv 1$ , then we have a Riemannian product manifold. If neither  $\sigma_1$  nor  $\sigma_2$  is constant, then we have a non-trivial doubly warped product.

Let  $x :_{\sigma_2} N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2 \to \widetilde{M}$  be an isometric immersion of a doubly warped product  $_{\sigma_2}N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  into a Riemannian manifold  $\widetilde{M}$ . We denote by h the second fundamental form of x and by  $H_i = \frac{1}{n_i} traceh_i$  the partial mean curvatures, where  $traceh_i$  is the trace of h restricted to  $N_i$  and  $n_i = \dim N_i$ (i = 1, 2).

The immersion x is said to be mixed totally geodesic if h(X, Z) = 0, for any vector fields X and Z tangent to  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ , respectively, where  $D_i$  are the distributions obtained from the vectors tangent to  $N_i$  (or more precisely, vectors tangent to the horizantal lifts of  $N_i$ ).

In [3], B. Y. Chen proved the following general optimal result:

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**Theorem 1.** Let  $x : N_1 \times_f N_2 \to \widetilde{M}(c)$  be an isometric immersion of an *n*-dimensional warped product  $N_1 \times_f N_2$  into an *m*-dimensional Riemannian manifold  $\widetilde{M}(c)$  of constant sectional curvature c. Then:

(1.1) 
$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} \le \frac{n^2}{4n_2} ||H||^2 + n_1 c,$$

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where  $n_i = \dim N_i$ , i = 1, 2, and  $\Delta$  is the Laplacian operator of  $N_1$ . Moreover, the equality case of (1.1) holds if and only if x is a mixed totally geodesic immersion and  $n_1H_1 = n_2H_2$ , where  $H_i$ , i = 1, 2, are the partial mean curvature vectors.

Later, B. Y. Chen and F. Dillen extended this inequality to multiply warped product manifolds in arbitrary Riemannian manifolds (see[4]). The purpose of this article is to extend inequality (1.1) for doubly warped product submanifolds into arbitrary Riemannian manifolds.

#### 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some definitions and basic formulas which we will use later.

Let N be a Riemannian n-manifold isometrically immersed in a Riemannian m-manifold  $\widetilde{M}^m$ .

We choose a local field of orthonormal frame  $e_1, ..., e_n, e_{n+1}, ..., e_m$  in  $\widetilde{M}^m$  such that, restricted to N, the vectors  $e_1, ..., e_n$  are tangent to N and  $e_{n+1}, ..., e_m$  are normal to N.

Let  $K(e_i \wedge e_j)$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , denote the sectional curvature of the plane section spanned by  $e_i$  and  $e_j$ . Then the scalar curvature of N is given by

(2.1) 
$$\tau = \sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} K\left(e_i \land e_j\right).$$

Let L be a subspace of  $T_pN$  of dimension  $r \geq 2$  and  $\{e_1, ..., e_r\}$  an orthonormal basis of L. The scalar curvature  $\tau(L)$  of the r-plane section L is defined by

(2.2) 
$$\tau(L) = \sum_{1 \le \alpha < \beta \le r} K(e_{\alpha} \land e_{\beta}).$$

Let h be the second fundamental form and R the Riemann curvature tensor of N.

Then the equation of Gauss is given by

(2.3) 
$$\hat{R}(X, Y, Z, W)$$
  
=  $R(X, Y, Z, W) + g(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)) - g(h(X, Z), h(Y, W))$ 

for any vectors X, Y, Z, W tangent to N.

The mean curvature vector H is defined by

(2.4) 
$$H = \frac{1}{n} traceh = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} h(e_i, e_i).$$

As is known, M is said to be minimal if H vanishes identically. Also, we set

(2.5) 
$$h_{ij}^r = g(h(e_i, e_j), e_r), i, j \in \{1, ..., n\}, r \in \{n+1, ..., m\}$$

the coefficients of the second fundamental form h with respect to  $e_1, ..., e_n$ ,  $e_{n+1}, ..., e_m$ , and

(2.6) 
$$||h||^{2} = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} g\left(h\left(e_{i},e_{j}\right),h\left(e_{i},e_{j}\right)\right).$$

Let M be a Riemannian p-manifold and  $\{e_1, ..., e_p\}$  be an orthonormal basis of M. For a differentiable function f on M, the Laplacian  $\Delta f$  of f is defined by

(2.7) 
$$\Delta f = \sum_{j=1}^{p} \{ \left( \nabla_{e_j} e_j \right) f - e_j e_j f \}.$$

We recall the following general algebraic lemma of Chen for later use.

**Lemma 2.** [3]. Let  $n \ge 2$  and  $a_1, a_2, ..., a_n, b$  real numbers such that

(2.8) 
$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i\right)^2 = (n-1)\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i^2 + b\right).$$

Then  $2a_1a_2 \ge b$ , with equality holding if and only if

 $a_1 + a_2 = a_3 = \dots = a_n.$ 

### 3. Doubly warped product submanifolds in arbitrary Riemannian manifolds

**Theorem 3.** Let x be an isometric immersion of an n-dimensional doubly warped product  $N =_{\sigma_2} N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  into an m-dimensional arbitrary Riemannian manifold  $\widetilde{M}^m$ . Then:

(3.1) 
$$n_2 \frac{\Delta_1 \sigma_1}{\sigma_1} + n_1 \frac{\Delta_2 \sigma_2}{\sigma_2} \le \frac{n^2}{4} ||H||^2 + n_1 n_2 \max \widetilde{K},$$

where  $n_i = \dim N_i$ ,  $n = n_1 + n_2$ ,  $\Delta_i$  is the Laplacian operator of  $N_i$ , i = 1, 2and  $\max \widetilde{K}(p)$  denotes the maximum of the sectional curvature function of  $\widetilde{M}^m$  restricted to 2-plane sections of the tangent space  $T_pN$  of N at each

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point p in N. Moreover, the equality case of (3.1) holds if and only if the following two statements hold

- (1) x is a mixed totally geodesic immersion satisfying  $n_1H_1 = n_2H_2$ , where  $H_i$ , i = 1, 2, are the partial mean curvature vectors of  $N_i$ .
- (2) at each point  $p = (p_1, p_2) \in N$ , the sectional curvature function  $\widetilde{K}$ of  $\widetilde{M}^m$  satisfies  $\widetilde{K}(u, v) = \max \widetilde{K}(p)$  for each unit vector  $u \in T_{p_1}N_1$ and each unit vector  $v \in T_{p_2}N_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $N =_{\sigma_2} N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  be a doubly warped product submanifold into an arbitrary Riemannian manifold  $\widetilde{M}^m$ . Since  ${}_{\sigma_2}N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  is a doubly warped product, then

(3.2) 
$$\begin{cases} \nabla_X Y = \nabla_X^1 Y - \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2} g_1(X, Y) \, \nabla^2 (\ln \sigma_2), \\ \nabla_X Z = Z (\ln \sigma_2) \, X + X (\ln \sigma_1) \, Z, \end{cases}$$

for any vector fields X, Z tangent to  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ , respectively, where  $\nabla^1$  and  $\nabla^2$  are the Levi-Civita connections of the Riemannian metrics  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ , respectively (see [5], [8]). Here,  $\nabla^2 (\ln \sigma_2)$  denotes the gradient of  $\ln \sigma_2$  with respect to the metric  $g_2$ .

If X and Z are unit vector fields, it follows that the sectional curvature  $K(X \wedge Z)$  of the plane section spanned by X and Z is given by

(3.3) 
$$K(X \wedge Z) = \frac{1}{\sigma_1} \{ (\nabla_X^1 X) \sigma_1 - X^2 \sigma_1 \} + \frac{1}{\sigma_2} \{ (\nabla_Z^2 Z) \sigma_2 - Z^2 \sigma_2 \}.$$

We choose a local orthonormal frame  $\{e_1, ..., e_{n_1}, e_{n_1+1}, ..., e_n\}$  such that  $e_1, ..., e_{n_1}$  are tangent to  $N_1, e_{n_1+1}, ..., e_n$  are tangent to  $N_2$  and  $e_{n+1}$  is parallel to the mean curvature vector H.

Then, using (3.3), we get

(3.4) 
$$\sum_{\substack{1 \le j \le n_1\\n_1+1 \le s \le n}} K\left(e_j \land e_s\right) = n_2 \frac{\Delta_1 \sigma_1}{\sigma_1} + n_1 \frac{\Delta_2 \sigma_2}{\sigma_2}$$

From the equation of Gauss, we have

(3.5) 
$$2\tau(p) = n^2 ||H||^2(p) - ||h||^2(p) + 2\widetilde{\tau}(T_pN), \ p \in N,$$

where  $n_i = \dim N_i$ ,  $n = n_1 + n_2$ ,  $||h||^2$  is the squared norm of the second fundamental form h of N in  $\widetilde{M}^m$  and  $\widetilde{\tau}(T_p N)$  is the scalar curvature of the subspace  $T_p N$  in  $\widetilde{M}^m$ .

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(3.6) 
$$\delta = 2\tau - \frac{n^2}{2} ||H||^2 - 2\tilde{\tau} (T_p N).$$

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Then, (3.5) can be written as

(3.7) 
$$n^2 ||H||^2 = 2\left(\delta + ||h||^2\right).$$

With respect to the above orthonormal frame, (3.7) takes the following form:

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} h_{ii}^{n+1}\right)^2 = 2\left[\delta + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(h_{ii}^{n+1}\right)^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} \left(h_{ij}^{n+1}\right)^2 + \sum_{r=n+2}^{m} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \left(h_{ij}^r\right)^2\right].$$

If we put  $a_1 = h_{11}^{n+1}$ ,  $a_2 = \sum_{i=2}^{n_1} h_{ii}^{n+1}$  and  $a_3 = \sum_{t=n_1+1}^{n} h_{tt}^{n+1}$ , the above equation becomes

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{3} a_i\right)^2 = 2\left[\delta + \sum_{i=1}^{3} a_i^2 + \sum_{1 \le i \ne j \le n} \left(h_{ij}^{n+1}\right)^2 + \sum_{r=n+2}^{m} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \left(h_{ij}^r\right)^2 - \sum_{2 \le j \ne k \le n_1} h_{jj}^{n+1} h_{kk}^{n+1} - \sum_{n_1+1 \le s \ne t \le n} h_{ss}^{n+1} h_{tt}^{n+1}\right].$$

Thus  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  satisfy the Lemma of Chen (for n = 3), i.e.,

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{3} a_i\right)^2 = 2\left(b + \sum_{i=1}^{3} a_i^2\right),$$

with

$$b = \delta + \sum_{1 \le i \ne j \le n} \left( h_{ij}^{n+1} \right)^2 + \sum_{r=n+2}^m \sum_{i,j=1}^n \left( h_{ij}^r \right)^2 - \sum_{2 \le j \ne k \le n_1} h_{jj}^{n+1} h_{kk}^{n+1} - \sum_{n_1+1 \le s \ne t \le n} h_{ss}^{n+1} h_{tt}^{n+1}.$$

Then  $2a_1a_2 \ge b$ , with equality holding if and only if  $a_1 + a_2 = a_3$ . In the case under consideration, this means

(3.8) 
$$\sum_{1 \le j < k \le n_1} h_{jj}^{n+1} h_{kk}^{n+1} + \sum_{n_1 + 1 \le s < t \le n} h_{ss}^{n+1} h_{tt}^{n+1} \ge$$
$$\ge \frac{\delta}{2} + \sum_{1 \le \alpha < \beta \le n} \left( h_{\alpha\beta}^{n+1} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+2}^m \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^n \left( h_{\alpha\beta}^r \right)^2.$$

Equality holds if and only if

(3.9) 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} h_{ii}^{n+1} = \sum_{t=n_1+1}^n h_{tt}^{n+1}.$$

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Using again the Gauss equation, we have

(3.10) 
$$n_{2} \frac{\Delta_{1} \sigma_{1}}{\sigma_{1}} + n_{1} \frac{\Delta_{2} \sigma_{2}}{\sigma_{2}}$$
$$= \tau - \sum_{1 \le j < k \le n_{1}} K(e_{j} \land e_{k}) - \sum_{n_{1}+1 \le s < t \le n} K(e_{s} \land e_{t})$$
$$= \tau - \widetilde{\tau}(D_{1}) - \sum_{r=n+1}^{m} \sum_{1 \le j < k \le n_{1}} \left(h_{jj}^{r} h_{kk}^{r} - (h_{jk}^{r})^{2}\right) - \widetilde{\tau}(D_{2}) - \sum_{r=n+1}^{m} \sum_{n_{1}+1 \le s < t \le n} \left(h_{ss}^{r} h_{tt}^{r} - (h_{st}^{r})^{2}\right).$$

Combining (3.8) and (3.10) and taking account of (3.4), we obtain

$$n_{2} \frac{\Delta_{1} \sigma_{1}}{\sigma_{1}} + n_{1} \frac{\Delta_{2} \sigma_{2}}{\sigma_{2}} \leq \tau - \tilde{\tau} (TN) + \sum_{1 \leq s \leq n_{1}} \sum_{n_{1}+1 \leq t \leq n} \tilde{K} (e_{s}, e_{t}) - \frac{\delta}{2} - \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq n_{1} \\ n_{1}+1 \leq t \leq n}} \left(h_{jt}^{n+1}\right)^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+2}^{m} \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^{n} \left(h_{\alpha\beta}^{r}\right)^{2} + \sum_{r=n+2}^{m} \sum_{n_{1}+1 \leq s \leq t \leq n} \left((h_{jk}^{r})^{2} - h_{jj}^{r}h_{kk}^{r}\right) + \sum_{r=n+2}^{m} \sum_{n_{1}+1 \leq s < t \leq n} \left((h_{st}^{r})^{2} - h_{ss}^{r}h_{tt}^{r}\right) = \tau - \tilde{\tau} (TN) + \sum_{1 \leq s \leq n_{1}} \sum_{n_{1}+1 \leq t \leq n} \tilde{K} (e_{s}, e_{t}) - \frac{\delta}{2} - \sum_{r=n+1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{t=n_{1}+1}^{n} \left(h_{jt}^{r}\right)^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+2}^{m} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} h_{jj}^{r}\right)^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+2}^{m} \left(\sum_{t=n_{1}+1}^{n} h_{tt}^{r}\right)^{2} \leq \tau - \tilde{\tau} (TN) + n_{1}n_{2} \max \tilde{K} - \frac{\delta}{2} = \frac{n^{2}}{4} ||H||^{2} + n_{1}n_{2} \max \tilde{K},$$

which implies the inequality (3.1).

If the equality sign of (3.1) holds, then all of inequalities in (3.11) become equalities. That means we have statements 1 and 2 as well. The converse statement is straightforward.

**Corollary 4.** Let x be an isometric immersion of an n-dimensional doubly warped product  $N =_{\sigma_2} N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  into a Riemannian m-manifold  $R^m(c)$  of constant curvature c. Then:

(3.12) 
$$n_2 \frac{\Delta_1 \sigma_1}{\sigma_1} + n_1 \frac{\Delta_2 \sigma_2}{\sigma_2} \le \frac{n^2}{4} ||H||^2 + n_1 n_2 c,$$

where  $n_i = \dim N_i$ ,  $n = n_1 + n_2$ ,  $\Delta_i$  is the Laplacian operator of  $N_i$ , i = 1, 2. Moreover, the equality case of (3.12) holds if and only if x is a mixed totally geodesic immersion satisfying  $n_1H_1 = n_2H_2$ , where  $H_i$ , i = 1, 2, are the partial mean curvature vectors of  $N_i$ .

## 4. Doubly warped product submanifolds in generalized Sasakian space forms

Recently, P. Alegre, D. E. Blair and A. Carriazo have introduced the notion of generalized Sasakian space form (see [1]).

If we change the ambient space with generalized Sasakian space forms, applying Theorem 3, we get some interesting results.

**Remark 5.** In an earlier paper [7], the present author established a general inequality for warped products isometrically immersed in generalized Sasakian space forms.

A (2m+1)-dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(\widetilde{M}, g)$  is said to be an almost contact metric manifold if there exist on  $\widetilde{M}$  a (1,1) tensor field  $\phi$ , a vector field  $\xi$  (called the structure vector field) and a 1-form  $\eta$  such that  $\eta(\xi) = 1, \phi^2(X) = -X + \eta(X)\xi$  and  $g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)$ , for any vector fields X, Y on  $\widetilde{M}$ . In particular, on an almost contact metric manifold we also have  $\phi \xi = 0$  and  $\eta \circ \phi = 0$ .

We denote an almost contact metric manifold by  $(\widetilde{M}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ .

A generalized Sasakian space form is an almost contact metric manifold  $\left(\widetilde{M}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g\right)$  whose curvature tensor is given by (see [1])

$$(4.1) \quad R(X,Y)Z = f_1\{g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y\} + +f_2\{g(X,\phi Z)\phi Y - g(Y,\phi Z)\phi X + 2g(X,\phi Y)\phi Z\} + +f_3\{\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X + +g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi\}$$

where  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  are differential functions on  $\widetilde{M}$ . In such a case, we will write  $\widetilde{M}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$ .

**Theorem 6.** Let x be a isometric immersion of an n-dimensional doubly warped product  $_{\sigma_2}N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  into an (2m+1)-dimensional generalized Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$ , such that  $_{\sigma_2}N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  is an anti-invariant submanifold normal to  $\xi$ . Then:

(4.2) 
$$n_2 \frac{\Delta_1 \sigma_1}{\sigma_1} + n_1 \frac{\Delta_2 \sigma_2}{\sigma_2} \le \frac{n^2}{4} ||H||^2 + n_1 n_2 f_1,$$

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where  $n_i = \dim N_i$  and  $\Delta_i$  is the Laplacian operator of  $N_i$ , i = 1, 2. Moreover, the equality case of (4.2) holds if and only if x is a mixed totally geodesic immersion and  $n_1H_1 = n_2H_2$ , where  $H_i$ , i = 1, 2, are the partial mean curvature vectors.

**Remark 7.** If either  $\sigma_1 \equiv 1$  or  $\sigma_2 \equiv 1$ , then the inequality (4.2) is exactly the inequality from [7] for warped products.

As applications, we derive certain obstructions to the existence of minimal anti-invariant doubly warped product submanifolds normal to  $\xi$  in generalized Sasakian space forms.

**Corollary 8.** Let  $_{\sigma_2}N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  be a doubly warped product into a generalized Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$ , such that  $_{\sigma_2}N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  is an antiinvariant submanifold normal to  $\xi$ . If the warping functions  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  are harmonic, then  $_{\sigma_2}N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  admits no minimal immersion into a generalized Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  with  $f_1 < 0$ .

*Proof.* Assume  $\sigma_1$  is a harmonic function on  $N_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  is a harmonic function on  $N_2$  and  $\sigma_2 N_1 \times \sigma_1 N_2$  is an anti-invariant submanifold normal to  $\xi$  which admits a minimal immersion into a generalized Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$ .

Then, the inequality (4.2) becomes  $f_1 \ge 0$ .

**Corollary 9.** If the warping functions  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  of an anti-invariant doubly warped product submanifold  $\sigma_2 N_1 \times \sigma_1 N_2$  normal to  $\xi$  in a generalized Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  are eigenfunctions of the Laplacian on  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ , respectively, with corresponding eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 > 0$  and  $\lambda_2 > 0$ , respectively, then  $\sigma_2 N_1 \times \sigma_1 N_2$  admits no minimal immersion in a generalized Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  with  $f_1 \leq 0$ .

**Corollary 10.** Let  $_{\sigma_2}N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  be an anti-invariant doubly warped product submanifold normal to  $\xi$  in a generalized Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$ . If one of the warping functions is harmonic and the other one is an eigenfunction of the Laplacian with corresponding eigenvalue  $\lambda > 0$ , then  $_{\sigma_2}N_1 \times_{\sigma_1}$  $N_2$  admits no minimal immersion into a generalized Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  with  $f_1 \leq 0$ .

Next we will derive corresponding results for doubly warped product submanifolds in Sasakian space forms.

A Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(c)$  can be viewed as a generalized Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  with  $f_1 = \frac{c+3}{4}$  and  $f_2 = f_3 = \frac{c-1}{4}$ .

We want to mention that a submanifold N normal to  $\xi$  in a Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(c)$  is anti-invariant, i.e.,  $\phi$  maps any tangent space of N into the normal space, that is  $\phi(T_pN) \subset T_p^{\perp}N$ , for every  $p \in N$ .

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Such a manifold is said to be a C-totally real submanifold.

**Corollary 11.** Let x be a C-totally real isometric immersion of an ndimensional doubly warped product  $\sigma_2 N_1 \times \sigma_1 N_2$  into an (2m+1)dimensional Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(c)$ . Then:

(4.3) 
$$n_2 \frac{\Delta_1 \sigma_1}{\sigma_1} + n_1 \frac{\Delta_2 \sigma_2}{\sigma_2} \le \frac{n^2}{4} ||H||^2 + n_1 n_2 \frac{c+3}{4}$$

where  $n_i = \dim N_i$  and  $\Delta_i$  is the Laplacian operator of  $N_i$ , i = 1, 2. Moreover, the equality case of (4.3) holds if and only if x is a mixed totally geodesic immersion and  $n_1H_1 = n_2H_2$ , where  $H_i$ , i = 1, 2, are the partial mean curvature vectors.

**Remark 12.** If either  $\sigma_1 \equiv 1$  or  $\sigma_2 \equiv 1$ , then the inequality (4.3) is exactly the inequality from [6] for warped products.

By using the above corollary (Corollary 11), we can obtain some important consequences:

**Corollary 13.** Let  $_{\sigma_2}N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  be a doubly warped product whose warping functions are harmonic. Then  $_{\sigma_2}N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  admits no minimal C-totally real immersion into a Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(c)$  with c < -3.

*Proof.* Assume  $\sigma_1$  is a harmonic function on  $N_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  is a harmonic function on  $N_2$  and  $\sigma_2 N_1 \times \sigma_1 N_2$  admits a minimal *C*-totally real immersion in a Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(c)$ . Then, the inequality (4.3) becomes  $c \geq -3$ .

**Corollary 14.** If the warping functions  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  of a doubly warped product  $\sigma_2 N_1 \times \sigma_1 N_2$  are eigenfunctions of the Laplacian on  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ , respectively, with corresponding eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 > 0$  and  $\lambda_2 > 0$ , respectively, then  $\sigma_2 N_1 \times \sigma_1 N_2$  admits no minimal C-totally real immersion in a Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(c)$  with  $c \leq -3$ .

**Corollary 15.** Let  $_{\sigma_2}N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  be a doubly warped product. If one of the warping functions is harmonic and the other one is an eigenfunction of the Laplacian with corresponding eigenvalue  $\lambda > 0$ , then  $_{\sigma_2}N_1 \times_{\sigma_1} N_2$  admits no minimal C-totally real immersion into a Sasakian space form  $\widetilde{M}(c)$  with  $c \leq -3$ .

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