

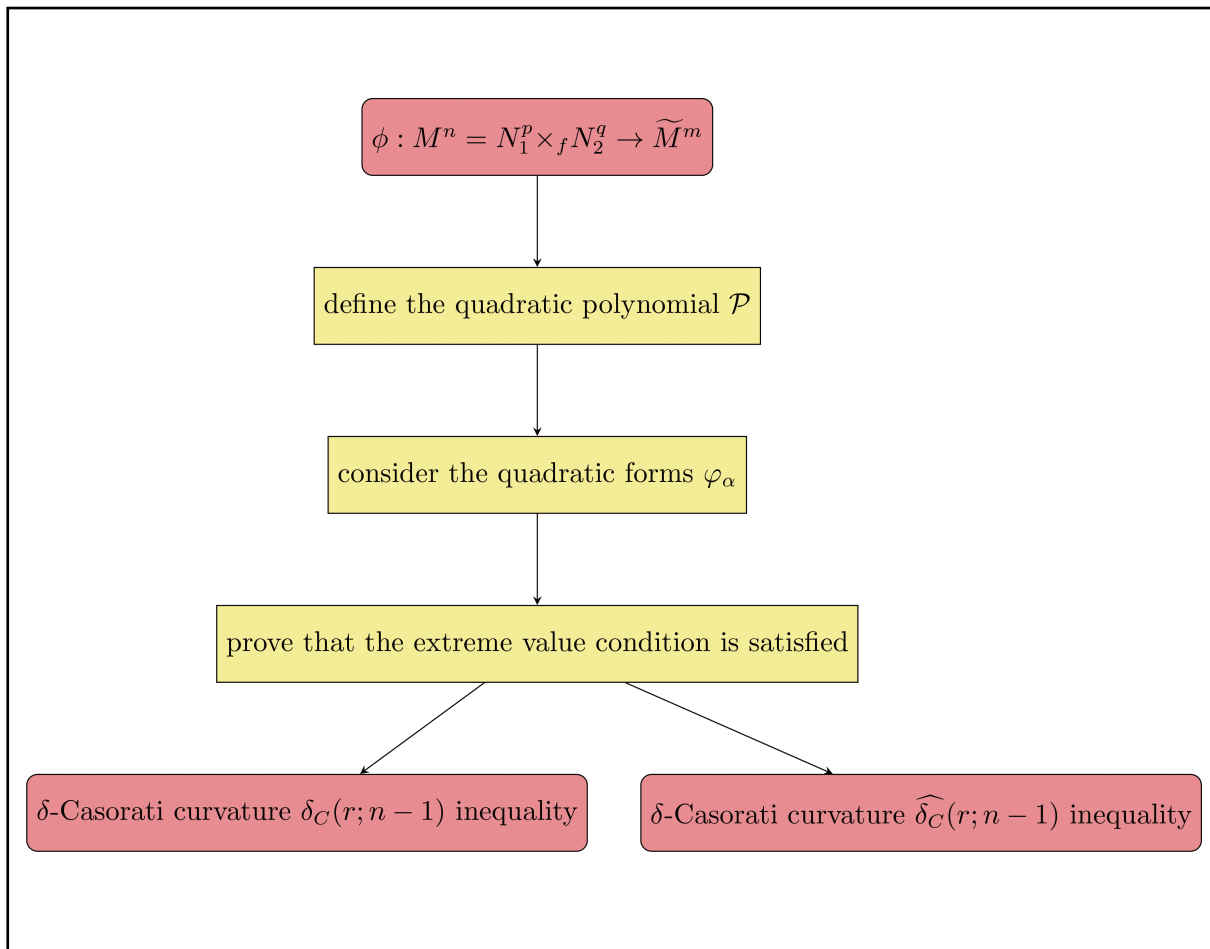
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## Graphical abstract




The process of establishing the generalized normalized  $\delta$ -Casorati curvatures inequality.


## Public summary

- We establish Chen-like inequalities for generalized normalized  $\delta$ -Casorati curvatures of warped product submanifolds in a Riemannian manifold of quasi-constant curvature.
- Our inequalities extend the optimal inequalities involving the scalar curvature and the Casorati curvature of a Riemannian submanifold in a real space form.

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**Abstract:** By optimization methods on Riemannian submanifolds, we establish two inequalities between the intrinsic and extrinsic invariants, for generalized normalized  $\delta$ -Casorati curvatures of warped product submanifolds in a Riemannian manifold of quasi-constant curvature. We generalize the conclusions of the optimal inequalities of submanifolds in real space forms.

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## 1 Introduction

In 1993, Chen<sup>[1]</sup> introduced  $\delta$ -invariants, and established relationships between intrinsic invariants and extrinsic invariants for minimal submanifolds. In 1995, Chen<sup>[2]</sup> found Chen-like inequalities for Riemannian submanifolds and gave some applications of  $\delta$ -invariants. Submanifolds are ideal submanifolds when Chen-like inequalities are equal and they receive the least possible tension at each point from ambient spaces.

The Casorati curvature was originally introduced in 1980 for surfaces in 3-dimensional Euclidean space and is defined as the normalized square of the length of the second fundamental form (see Ref. [3]). In 2007, Decu et al.<sup>[4]</sup> introduced the normalized  $\delta$ -Casorati curvatures  $\widehat{\delta}_c(n-1)$  and  $\delta_c(n-1)$  and established two optimal inequalities involving the scalar curvature and the normalized  $\delta$ -Casorati curvature. In 2008, Decu et al.<sup>[5]</sup> introduced the generalized normalized  $\delta$ -Casorati curvatures  $\widehat{\delta}_c(r; n-1)$  and  $\delta_c(r; n-1)$  and proved two sharp inequalities. In 2017, Park<sup>[6]</sup> obtained two types of optimal inequalities for the real hypersurfaces of complex two-plane Grassmannians and complex hyperbolic two-plane Grassmannians. In 2020, Choudhary and Blaga<sup>[7]</sup> established some sharp inequalities involving generalized normalized  $\delta$ -Casorati curvatures for invariant, anti-invariant and slant submanifolds in metallic Riemannian space forms and characterized the submanifolds for which the equality holds.

In this study, we establish Chen-like inequalities for generalized normalized  $\delta$ -Casorati curvatures of warped product submanifolds in a Riemannian manifold of quasi-constant curvature.

Let  $N_1^p$  and  $N_2^q$  be two Riemannian manifolds with positive dimensions equipped with Riemannian metrics  $g_{N_1^p}$  and  $g_{N_2^q}$ , respectively. Let  $f$  be a positive function on  $N_1^p$ . Consider the product manifold  $N_1^p \times N_2^q$ , with its projections  $\pi : N_1^p \times N_2^q \rightarrow N_1^p$  and  $\eta : N_1^p \times N_2^q \rightarrow N_2^q$ . The warped product manifold  $M^n = N_1^p \times_f N_2^q$  is the product manifold  $N_1^p \times N_2^q$  equipped with a Riemannian structure such that

$$\|X\|^2 = \|\pi_*(X)\|^2 + f^2(\pi(x))\|\eta_*(X)\|^2 \quad (1)$$

for any tangent vector  $X \in T_x M^n$ . Thus, we have  $g = g_{N_1^p} + f^2 g_{N_2^q}$ . The function  $f$  is called the warping function of the warped product manifold.

A Riemannian manifold  $(\widetilde{M}^m, \widetilde{g})$  is called a Riemannian manifold of quasi-constant curvature if the curvature tensor satisfies the following condition (see Ref. [8]):

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = & a[\widetilde{g}(X, Z)\widetilde{g}(Y, W) - \widetilde{g}(Y, Z)\widetilde{g}(X, W)] + \\ & b[\widetilde{g}(X, Z)T(Y)T(W) - \widetilde{g}(X, W)T(Y)T(Z) + \\ & \widetilde{g}(Y, W)T(X)T(Z) - \widetilde{g}(Y, Z)T(X)T(W)] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are scalar functions,  $T$  is a 1-form defined by

$$T(X) = \widetilde{g}(X, P) \quad (3)$$

where  $P$  denotes the unit vector field. We uniquely decompose the vector field  $P$  on  $M^n$  into its tangent component  $P^T$  and normal component  $P^\perp$ , that is,

$$P = P^T + P^\perp \quad (4)$$

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $\phi : M^n = N_1^p \times_f N_2^q \rightarrow \widetilde{M}^m$  be an isometric immersion of an  $n$ -dimensional warped product submanifold  $M^n$  into an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold of a quasi-constant curvature  $\widetilde{M}^m$ . Then

(i) the generalized normalized  $\delta$ -Casorati curvature  $\delta_c(r; n-1)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{n(n-1)} \times \left\{ \frac{q\Delta f}{f} + \frac{p(p-1)a}{2} + b(p-1)\|P^T\|_{N_1^p}^2 + \frac{q(q-1)a}{2} + \right. \\ \left. b(q-1)\|P^T\|_{N_2^q}^2 \right\} + \frac{\delta_c(r; n-1)}{n(n-1)} - \frac{npr(n^2 - n + qr - r)\|H\|^2}{(n-1)\{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2 r^2\}} \geq \rho \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

for any real number  $r$  such that  $0 < r < n(n-1)$ , where  $\|P^T\|_{N_1^p}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^p g(P^T, e_i)^2$ ,  $\|P^T\|_{N_2^q}^2 = \sum_{s=p+1}^n g(P^T, e_s)^2$ ,  $\rho$  is the normalized scalar curvature,  $\|H\|^2$  is the squared mean curvature,  $a$  and  $b$  are scalar functions;

(ii) the generalized normalized  $\delta$ -Casorati curvature  $\widehat{\delta}_c(r; n-1)$  satisfies

$$\frac{2}{n(n-1)} \times \left\{ \frac{q\Delta f}{f} + \frac{p(p-1)a}{2} + b(p-1)\|P^T\|_{N_1^p}^2 + \frac{q(q-1)a}{2} + b(q-1)\|P^T\|_{N_2^q}^2 \right\} + \frac{\widehat{\delta}_c(r; n-1)}{n(n-1)} - \frac{npr(n^2 - n + qr - r)\|H\|^2}{(n-1)\{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2\}} \geq \rho \tag{6}$$

for any real number  $r > n(n-1)$ .

Equalities hold in (5) and (6) if and only if the shape operators for the suitable tangent and normal orthonormal frames are given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} A_{e_{n+1}} &= \begin{pmatrix} h_{11}^{n+1} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_{22}^{n+1} & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & h_{pp}^{n+1} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & h_{p+1, p+1}^{n+1} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & h_{p+2, p+2}^{n+1} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & h_{n-1, n-1}^{n+1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & h_{nn}^{n+1} \end{pmatrix}, \\ h_{11}^{n+1} &= \dots = h_{pp}^{n+1} = pr^2 f_1 e_{n+1}, \\ h_{p+1, p+1}^{n+1} &= \dots = h_{n-1, n-1}^{n+1} = (n^2 - n + qr - r) r f_1 e_{n+1}, h_{nn}^{n+1} = n(n-1)(n^2 - n + qr - r) f_1 e_{n+1}, \\ h_{ij}^{n+1} &= 0, i \neq j, \\ A_{e_{n+2}} &= \dots = A_{e_{n+m}} = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{7}$$

where  $f_i$  is a function on  $M^n$ .

Let  $b = 0$  and  $a = \text{const}$ . Then we have

**Corollary 1.1.** Let  $\phi : M^n = N_1^p \times_f N_2^q \rightarrow \widetilde{M}^m(a)$  be an isometric immersion of an  $n$ -dimensional warped product submanifold  $M^n$  into an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold of a constant sectional curvature  $a$ . Then

(i) the generalized normalized  $\delta$ -Casorati curvature  $\delta_c(r; n-1)$  satisfies

$$\frac{2}{n(n-1)} \times \left\{ \frac{q\Delta f}{f} + \frac{p(p-1)a}{2} + \frac{q(q-1)a}{2} \right\} + \frac{\delta_c(r; n-1)}{n(n-1)} - \frac{npr(n^2 - n + qr - r)\|H\|^2}{(n-1)\{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2\}} \geq \rho \tag{8}$$

for any real number  $r$  such that  $0 < r < n(n-1)$ ;

(ii) the generalized normalized  $\delta$ -Casorati curvature  $\widehat{\delta}_c(r; n-1)$  satisfies

$$\frac{2}{n(n-1)} \times \left\{ \frac{q\Delta f}{f} + \frac{p(p-1)a}{2} + \frac{q(q-1)a}{2} \right\} + \frac{\widehat{\delta}_c(r; n-1)}{n(n-1)} - \frac{npr(n^2 - n + qr - r)\|H\|^2}{(n-1)\{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2\}} \geq \rho \tag{9}$$

for any real number  $r > n(n-1)$ .

Equalities hold in (8) and (9) if and only if the shape operators for the suitable tangent and normal orthonormal frames are given by Eq. (7).

Moreover, let  $p = 0, q = n$  and  $f = 1$ . Then we have

**Corollary 1.2.** Let  $\phi : M^n \rightarrow \widetilde{M}^m(a)$  be an isometric immersion of an  $n$ -dimensional warped product submanifold into

$\widetilde{M}^m(a)$ . We have

(i) for any real number  $r$  such that  $0 < r < n(n-1)$ ,

$$\delta_c(r; n-1) + n(n-1)a \geq n(n-1)\rho \tag{10}$$

(ii) for any real number  $r$  such that  $r > n(n-1)$ ,

$$\widehat{\delta}_c(r; n-1) + n(n-1)a \geq n(n-1)\rho \tag{11}$$

Equalities hold in (10) and (11) if and only if  $M^n$  is an invariantly quasi-umbilical submanifold.

**Remark:** Corollary 1.2 is Theorem 2.1, and Corollary 3.1 in Ref. [5].

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $M^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional warped product submanifold of an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold of quasi-constant curvature  $\widetilde{M}^m$ . Let  $\nabla$  and  $\widetilde{\nabla}$  be the Levi-Civita connection on  $M^n$  and  $\widetilde{M}^m$ , respectively. Then, the Gauss and Weingarten formulas are given respectively by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \widetilde{\nabla}_X Y &= \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) \\ \widetilde{\nabla}_X N &= -A_N X + \nabla_X^\perp N \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{12}$$

for vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M^n$ , and vector field  $N$  normal to  $M^n$ . Here  $h$  denotes the second fundamental form,  $\nabla^\perp$  is the normal connection and  $A$  is the shape operator. The second fundamental form and shape operator are related by

$$\widetilde{g}(h(X, Y), N) = g(A_N X, Y) \tag{13}$$

where  $\widetilde{g}$  and  $g$  denote the metric on  $\widetilde{M}^m$  and  $M^n$  respectively. If  $R$  and  $\widetilde{R}$  are the curvature tensors of  $M^n$  and  $\widetilde{M}^m$ , respectively, then the Gauss equation is given by

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y, Z, W) &= \widetilde{R}(X, Y, Z, W) + \widetilde{g}(h(X, Z), h(Y, W)) - \\ &\widetilde{g}(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)) \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

for any vector field  $X, Y, Z$ , and  $W$  tangent to  $M^n$ .

Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space  $T_x M^n$  and let  $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_m\}$  be an orthonormal basis of normal space  $T_x^\perp M^n$ . The mean curvature vector  $H$  at  $x$  is

$$H(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \left( \sum_{i=1}^n h_{ii}^\alpha \right) e_\alpha \tag{15}$$

The squared mean curvature of the submanifold  $M^n$  in  $\widetilde{M}^m$  is defined as

$$\|H\|^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \left( \sum_{i=1}^n h_{ii}^\alpha \right)^2 \tag{16}$$

Also, we set

$$\|h\|^2 = \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{i, j=1}^n \widetilde{g}(h(e_i, e_j), e_\alpha)^2 \tag{17}$$

Let  $K(e_i \wedge e_j)$  be the sectional curvature of the plane section spanning  $e_i$  and  $e_j$  at  $x \in M^n$ . Subsequently, the scalar curvature  $\tau(x)$  of  $M^n$  is given by

$$\tau(x) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} K(e_i \wedge e_j) \tag{18}$$

and the normalized scalar curvature  $\rho$  of  $M^n$  at  $x$  is defined as

$$\rho(x) = \frac{2\tau(x)}{n(n-1)} \tag{19}$$

The Casorati curvature  $C$  of the submanifold  $M^n$  is the squared norm of the second fundamental form  $h$  over dimension  $n$  and is given by

$$C = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{i,j=1}^n (h_{ij}^\alpha)^2 \tag{20}$$

If  $L$  is an  $l$ -dimensional subspace of  $T_x M^n$ , where  $l \geq 2$  and  $\{e_1, \dots, e_l\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $L$ , the scalar curvature  $\tau(L)$  of the  $l$ -plane section  $L$  is defined as

$$\tau(L) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq l} K(e_i \wedge e_j) \tag{21}$$

and the Casorati curvature of the subspace  $L$ , denoted by  $C(L)$ , is given by

$$C(L) = \frac{1}{l} \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{i,j=1}^l (h_{ij}^\alpha)^2 \tag{22}$$

The generalized normalized  $\delta$ -Casorati curvatures  $\delta_c(r; n-1)$  and  $\widehat{\delta}_c(r; n-1)$  of the submanifold  $M^n$  are defined for a positive real number  $r \neq n(n-1)$  as

$$[\delta_c(r; n-1)]_x = rC_x + \frac{(n-1)(n+r)(n^2-n-r)}{rn} \inf\{C(L)|L : \text{a hyperplane of } T_x M^n\} \tag{23}$$

if  $0 < r < n^2 - n$ ; and

$$[\widehat{\delta}_c(r; n-1)]_x = rC_x - \frac{(n-1)(n+r)(r-n^2+n)}{rn} \sup\{C(L)|L : \text{a hyperplane of } T_x M^n\} \tag{24}$$

if  $r > n^2 - n$ .

By Gauss equation, we get

$$K(e_i \wedge e_j) = \widetilde{K}(e_i \wedge e_j) + \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m (h_{ii}^\alpha h_{jj}^\alpha - (h_{ij}^\alpha)^2) \tag{25}$$

where  $K(e_i \wedge e_j)$  and  $\widetilde{K}(e_i \wedge e_j)$  denote the sectional curvatures of the plane section spanned by  $e_i$  and  $e_j$  at  $x$  in the submanifold  $M^n$  and in the ambient manifold  $\widetilde{M}^m$ , respectively. By Eqs. (2) and (25), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(N_1^p) &= \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} (h_{ii}^\alpha h_{jj}^\alpha - (h_{ij}^\alpha)^2) + \widetilde{\tau}(N_1^p) = \\ & \frac{p(p-1)a}{2} + b(p-1)\|P^r\|_{N_1^p}^2 + \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} (h_{ii}^\alpha h_{jj}^\alpha - (h_{ij}^\alpha)^2) \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(N_2^q) &= \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{p+1 \leq s < t \leq n} (h_{ss}^\alpha h_{tt}^\alpha - (h_{st}^\alpha)^2) + \widetilde{\tau}(N_2^q) = \\ & \frac{q(q-1)a}{2} + b(q-1)\|P^r\|_{N_2^q}^2 + \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{p+1 \leq s < t \leq n} (h_{ss}^\alpha h_{tt}^\alpha - (h_{st}^\alpha)^2) \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

where  $\|P^r\|_{N_1^p}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^p g(P^r, e_i)^2$ ,  $\|P^r\|_{N_2^q}^2 = \sum_{s=p+1}^n g(P^r, e_s)^2$ .

**Definition 2.1.** For the differential function  $f$  on  $M^n$ , the Laplacian  $\Delta f$  and gradient  $\nabla f$  of  $f$  are defined by

$$g(\nabla f, X) = X(f) \tag{28}$$

$$\Delta f = \sum_{i=1}^n ((\nabla_{e_i} e_i)f - e_i e_i f) \tag{29}$$

for any vector field  $X$  that is tangent to  $M^n$ .

**Lemma 2.1.**<sup>[9]</sup> Let  $M^n = N_1^p \times_f N_2^q$  be a warped product submanifold of  $\widetilde{M}^m$ . The relation between the sectional curvature and Laplacian  $\Delta f$  of  $f$  is

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{k=p+1}^n K(e_i \wedge e_k) = \frac{q\Delta f}{f} = q(\Delta \ln f - \|\nabla \ln f\|^2) \tag{30}$$

**Lemma 2.2.**<sup>[10]</sup> Let  $N_1$  be a Riemannian submanifold of a Riemannian manifold  $(N_2, \bar{g})$ ,  $\varphi : N_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function and consider the constrained extremum problem

$$\min_{x \in N_1} \varphi(x) \tag{31}$$

If  $x_0 \in N_1$  is a solution of the problem (31), then

- (i)  $(\text{grad } \varphi)(x_0) \in T_{x_0}^\perp N_1$ ;
- (ii) the bilinear form  $\Lambda : T_{x_0} N_1 \times T_{x_0} N_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\Lambda(X, Y) = \text{Hess}_\varphi(X, Y) + \bar{g}(h_1(X, Y), (\text{grad } \varphi)(x_0)) \tag{32}$$

is positive semi-definite, where  $h_1$  is the second fundamental form of  $N_1$  in  $N_2$  and  $\text{grad } \varphi$  is the gradient of  $\varphi$ .

### 3 Proof of the theorem

**Proof of Theorem 1.1** From Eqs. (26), (27), (30), and the Gauss equation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(x) &= \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{k=p+1}^n K(e_i \wedge e_k) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} K(e_i \wedge e_j) + \sum_{p+1 \leq s < t \leq n} K(e_s \wedge e_t) = \\ & \frac{q\Delta f}{f} + \frac{p(p-1)a}{2} + b(p-1)\|P^r\|_{N_1^p}^2 + \frac{q(q-1)a}{2} + b(q-1)\|P^r\|_{N_2^q}^2 + \\ & \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} (h_{ii}^\alpha h_{jj}^\alpha - (h_{ij}^\alpha)^2) + \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{p+1 \leq s < t \leq n} (h_{ss}^\alpha h_{tt}^\alpha - (h_{st}^\alpha)^2) \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

We define the following quadratic polynomial  $\mathcal{P}$  in the components of the second fundamental form as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P} &= rC + \frac{(n-1)(n+r)(n^2-n-r)}{nr} C(L) - 2\tau + 2 \times \left\{ \frac{q\Delta f}{f} + \right. \\ & \left. \frac{p(p-1)a}{2} + b(p-1)\|P^r\|_{N_1^p}^2 + \frac{q(q-1)a}{2} + b(q-1)\|P^r\|_{N_2^q}^2 \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

where  $L$  denotes the hyperplane of  $T_x M^n$ . Without loss of generality, we can suppose that  $L$  is spanned by  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}$ . From Eqs. (33) and (34), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P} &= \frac{r}{n} \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{i,j=1}^n (h_{ij}^\alpha)^2 + \frac{(n+r)(n^2-n-r)}{nr} \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{i,j=1}^{n-1} (h_{ij}^\alpha)^2 - \\ & 2 \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} (h_{ii}^\alpha h_{jj}^\alpha - (h_{ij}^\alpha)^2) - 2 \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{p+1 \leq s < t \leq n} (h_{ss}^\alpha h_{tt}^\alpha - (h_{st}^\alpha)^2) \geq \\ & \frac{n^2-n+nr-2r}{r} \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (h_{ii}^\alpha)^2 + \frac{r}{n} \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m (h_{nn}^\alpha)^2 - \\ & 2 \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} h_{ii}^\alpha h_{jj}^\alpha - 2 \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \sum_{p+1 \leq s < t \leq n} h_{ss}^\alpha h_{tt}^\alpha \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

We consider the quadratic forms

$$\varphi_\alpha : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \alpha = n+1, n+2, \dots, m \tag{36}$$

defined by

$$\varphi_\alpha(h_{11}^\alpha, \dots, h_m^\alpha) = \frac{n^2 - n + nr - 2r}{r} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (h_{ii}^\alpha)^2 + \frac{r}{n} (h_m^\alpha)^2 - 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} h_{ij}^\alpha h_{jj}^\alpha - 2 \sum_{p+1 \leq s < t \leq n} h_{st}^\alpha h_{tt}^\alpha \quad (37)$$

Then by Eqs. (35) and (37), we derive

$$\mathcal{P} \ni \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \varphi_\alpha \quad (38)$$

Next, for  $\alpha$ , we consider the extremum problem

$$\min \varphi_\alpha, \quad \text{subject to} \quad \Gamma : h_{11}^\alpha + h_{22}^\alpha + \dots + h_m^\alpha = K^\alpha \quad (39)$$

where  $K^\alpha$  is a real constant (see Ref. [11]). The partial derivatives of function  $\varphi_\alpha$  are

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \varphi_\alpha}{\partial h_{11}^\alpha} &= \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)}{r} h_{11}^\alpha - 2 \sum_{i=1}^p h_{ii}^\alpha, \\ &\vdots \\ \frac{\partial \varphi_\alpha}{\partial h_{pp}^\alpha} &= \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)}{r} h_{pp}^\alpha - 2 \sum_{i=1}^p h_{ii}^\alpha \\ \frac{\partial \varphi_\alpha}{\partial h_{p+1p+1}^\alpha} &= \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)}{r} h_{p+1p+1}^\alpha - 2 \sum_{s=p+1}^n h_{ss}^\alpha \\ &\vdots \\ \frac{\partial \varphi_\alpha}{\partial h_{n-1n-1}^\alpha} &= \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)}{r} h_{n-1n-1}^\alpha - 2 \sum_{s=p+1}^n h_{ss}^\alpha \\ \frac{\partial \varphi_\alpha}{\partial h_m^\alpha} &= \frac{2(n+r)}{n} h_m^\alpha - 2 \sum_{s=p+1}^n h_{ss}^\alpha \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (40)$$

Applying Lemma 2.2, for an optimal solution  $(h_{11}^\alpha, h_{22}^\alpha, \dots, h_m^\alpha)$  of the minimum problem, vector  $grad \varphi_\alpha$  is normal at  $\Gamma$  and collinear with the vector  $(1, 1, \dots, 1)$ .

From Eq. (40) and Lemma 2.2, we derive that a critical point of the problem has the following form:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} h_{11}^\alpha = \dots = h_{pp}^\alpha &= \frac{pr^2}{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2 r^2} K^\alpha \\ h_{p+1p+1}^\alpha = \dots = h_{n-1n-1}^\alpha &= \frac{(n^2 - n + qr - r)r}{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2 r^2} K^\alpha \\ h_m^\alpha &= \frac{n(n-1)(n^2 - n + qr - r)}{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2 r^2} K^\alpha \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (41)$$

We fixed an arbitrary point  $x \in \Gamma$ . According to Lemma 2.2,

$$\text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2r}{r} & \dots & -2 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -2 & \dots & \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2r}{r} & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2r}{r} & \dots & -2 & -2 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & -2 & \dots & \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2r}{r} & -2 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & -2 & \dots & -2 & \frac{2r}{n} \end{pmatrix} \quad (47)$$

we deduce that the corresponding bilinear form  $\Lambda : T_x \Gamma \times T_x \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is given by

$$\Lambda(X, Y) = \text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha}(X, Y) + g(h'(X, Y), (\text{grad } \varphi_\alpha)(x)) \quad (42)$$

where  $h'$  is the second fundamental form of  $\Gamma$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $g$  is the inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

By Eq. (40), for  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ ,  $i \neq j$  and  $s, t \in \{p+1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $s \neq t$ , we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi_\alpha}{\partial (h_{ii}^\alpha)^2} &= \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2r}{r} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \varphi_\alpha}{\partial h_{ii}^\alpha \partial h_{jj}^\alpha} &= -2 \\ \frac{\partial^2 \varphi_\alpha}{\partial h_{ii}^\alpha \partial h_{tt}^\alpha} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2 \varphi_\alpha}{\partial (h_{ss}^\alpha)^2} &= \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2r}{r} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \varphi_\alpha}{\partial h_{ss}^\alpha \partial h_{tt}^\alpha} &= -2 \\ \frac{\partial^2 \varphi_\alpha}{\partial (h_m^\alpha)^2} &= \frac{2r}{n} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (43)$$

Note that

$$(\text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha})_{ij} = (\varphi_\alpha)_{,ij} = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi_\alpha}{\partial h_{ii}^\alpha \partial h_{jj}^\alpha} - \frac{\partial \varphi_\alpha}{\partial h_{kk}^\alpha} \Gamma_{ij}^k \quad (44)$$

where

$$\Gamma_{ij}^k = \frac{1}{2} g^{kl} \left( \frac{\partial g_{il}}{\partial h_{jj}^\alpha} + \frac{\partial g_{lj}}{\partial h_{ii}^\alpha} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial h_{ll}^\alpha} \right) \quad (45)$$

Since  $g$  is the inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $g_{ij}$  is constant, and  $\Gamma_{ij}^k$  is 0. Then, we have

$$(\text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha})_{ij} = (\varphi_\alpha)_{,ij} = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi_\alpha}{\partial h_{ii}^\alpha \partial h_{jj}^\alpha} \quad (46)$$

The Hessian matrix of  $\varphi_\alpha$  is

As  $\Gamma$  is totally geodesic in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we consider a vector  $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  tangent to  $\Gamma$  at an arbitrary point  $x$  on  $\Gamma$ , that is, we verify the relation  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i = 0$  (see Ref. [11]). Next, we prove  $\Lambda(X, X) \geq 0$ .

(i) For  $n = 1$ , we have two possibilities

$$(a) \text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha} = ( 2r ), \quad (b) \text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha} = ( -2 ) \tag{48}$$

Since  $X_1 = 0$ , in this two cases

$$\text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha}(X, X) = 0 \tag{49}$$

(ii) For  $n = 2$ . we have three possibilities

$$(a) \text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{r} & -2 \\ -2 & \frac{4}{r} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (b) \text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{r} & 0 \\ 0 & r \end{pmatrix}, \quad (c) \text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{r} & -2-2r \end{pmatrix} \tag{50}$$

For (a),

$$\text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha}(X, X) = \frac{4+2r}{r}(X_1^2 + X_2^2) - 2(X_1 + X_2)^2 = \frac{4+2r}{r}(X_1^2 + X_2^2) \geq 0 \tag{51}$$

For (b),  $\text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha}$  is positive definite, i.e.,  $\text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha}(X, X) > 0$ . For (c),  $\text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha}$  is positive semi-definite, i.e.,  $\text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha}(X, X) \geq 0$ .

(iii) For  $n \geq 3$ , when  $n = p$ , we have

$$\text{Hess}_{\varphi_\alpha}(X, X) = \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)}{r} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \right) - 2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right)^2 = \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)}{r} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \right) \geq 0 \tag{52}$$

When  $n > p$ , let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2r}{r} & -2 & \dots & -2 \\ -2 & \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2r}{r} & \dots & -2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -2 & -2 & \dots & \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2r}{r} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{53}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2r}{r} & -2 & \dots & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2r}{r} & \dots & -2 & -2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -2 & -2 & \dots & \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2r}{r} & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & \dots & -2 & \frac{2r}{n} \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that  $0|\lambda E - A| =$

$$\left[ \lambda - \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)}{r} \right]^{p-1} \left( \lambda - \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2pr}{r} \right) = \left[ \lambda - \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)}{r} \right]^{p-1} \left( \lambda - \frac{2n(n-1)+2(n-1-p)r}{r} \right) \tag{54}$$

Thus, all eigenvalues of  $A$  are greater than 0, i.e.,  $A$  is positive definite.

Since  $n > p$ , when  $n - p = q = 1$ , we have

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2r}{n} \end{pmatrix} \tag{55}$$

$B$  is positive definite. When  $n - p = q \geq 2$ , we have

$$0 = |\lambda E - B| = \left[ \lambda - \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)}{r} \right]^{q-2} \left[ \left( \lambda - \frac{2(n+r)}{n} \right) \left( \lambda - \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2(q-1)r}{r} \right) - 2 \left( -\lambda + \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)}{r} \right) \right] =$$

$$\left[ \lambda - \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)}{r} \right]^{q-2} \left[ \lambda^2 - \left( \frac{2(n+r)}{n} + \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2(q-1)r}{r} \right) \lambda + \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{2(n+r)}{n} \times \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2(q-1)r}{r} - \frac{4(n+r)(n-1)}{r} \right] =$$

$$\left[ \lambda - \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)}{r} \right]^{q-2} \left[ \lambda^2 - \left( \frac{2r}{n} + \frac{2(n+r)(n-1)-2(q-1)r}{r} \right) \lambda + \frac{4(n+r)}{r} \times \frac{rp}{n} \right] \tag{56}$$

Since

$$\lambda^2 - \left(\frac{2r}{n} + \frac{2(n+r)(n-1) - 2(q-1)r}{r}\right)\lambda + \frac{4(n+r)}{r} \times \frac{rp}{n} = 0 \quad \lambda_{n-1} \geq 0, \quad \lambda_n > 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda_{n-1} > 0, \quad \lambda_n \geq 0 \quad (59)$$

we have

$$\lambda_{n-1}\lambda_n = \frac{4(n+r)}{r} \times \frac{rp}{n} \geq 0, \lambda_{n-1} + \lambda_n = \frac{2r}{n} + \frac{2(n+r)(n-1) - 2(q-1)r}{r} = \frac{2r}{n} + \frac{2n(n-1) + 2pr}{r} > 0 \quad (58)$$

that is,

We prove that all eigenvalues of  $B$  are greater than or equal to 0, i.e.,  $B$  is positive semi-definite. Thus, we prove that  $\text{Hess}_{\varphi_a}(X, X) \geq 0$ .

Combining (i), (ii) and (iii), we have

$$\Lambda(X, X) \geq \text{Hess}_{\varphi_a}(X, X) \geq 0 \quad (60)$$

Hence, by Eq. (41), the point  $(h_{11}^a, h_{22}^a, \dots, h_{nn}^a)$  is a global minimum point. From Eqs. (37) and (41), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_a \geq & \frac{(n^2 - n + nr - 2r)[p^3r^3 + (q-1)r(n^2 - n + qr - r)^2](K^\alpha)^2}{\{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2\}^2} + \\ & \frac{rn(n-1)^2(n^2 - n + qr - r)^2(K^\alpha)^2}{\{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2\}^2} - \frac{p(p-1)(pr^2)^2(K^\alpha)^2}{\{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2\}^2} \\ & \frac{\{(q-1)(q-2)(n^2 - n + qr - r)^2r^2 + 2(n^2 - n + qr - r)^2rn(n-1)(q-1)\}(K^\alpha)^2}{\{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2\}^2} = \\ & \frac{pr(n^2 - n + qr - r)^3(K^\alpha)^2}{\{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2\}^2} + \frac{p^3r^3(n^2 - n + qr - r)(K^\alpha)^2}{\{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2\}^2} = \\ & \frac{pr(n^2 - n + qr - r)\{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2\}(K^\alpha)^2}{\{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2\}^2} = \\ & \frac{pr(n^2 - n + qr - r)(K^\alpha)^2}{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2} \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

We divide the proof of Theorem 1.1 into two main cases, according to  $0 < r < n(n-1)$  or  $r > n(n-1)$ .

**Case 1:**  $0 < r < n(n-1)$ . In this case, using (38) and (61), we derive

$$\mathcal{P} \geq \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \frac{pr(n^2 - n + qr - r)(K^\alpha)^2}{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2} = \frac{pr(n^2 - n + qr - r)n^2\|H\|^2}{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2} \quad (62)$$

By Eqs. (34) and (62), we derive

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \times \left\{ \frac{q\Delta f}{f} + \frac{p(p-1)a}{2} + b(p-1)\|P^r\|_{N_1^p}^2 + \frac{q(q-1)a}{2} + b(q-1)\|P^r\|_{N_2^q}^2 \right\} + rC + \\ & \frac{(n-1)(n+r)(n^2 - n - r)}{nr} C(L) \geq 2\tau + \frac{pr(n^2 - n + qr - r)n^2\|H\|^2}{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2} \end{aligned} \quad (63)$$

Taking the infimum over all tangent hyperplanes  $L$  of  $T_xM^n$  in (63), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2}{n(n-1)} \times \left\{ \frac{q\Delta f}{f} + \frac{p(p-1)a}{2} + b(p-1)\|P^r\|_{N_1^p}^2 + \frac{q(q-1)a}{2} + b(q-1)\|P^r\|_{N_2^q}^2 \right\} + \\ & \frac{\delta_C(r; n-1)}{n(n-1)} - \frac{npr(n^2 - n + qr - r)\|H\|^2}{(n-1)\{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2\}} \geq \rho \end{aligned} \quad (64)$$

**Case 2:**  $r > n(n-1)$ . Similarly, using the same method, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2}{n(n-1)} \times \left\{ \frac{q\Delta f}{f} + \frac{p(p-1)a}{2} + b(p-1)\|P^r\|_{N_1^p}^2 + \frac{q(q-1)a}{2} + b(q-1)\|P^r\|_{N_2^q}^2 \right\} + \\ & \frac{\widehat{\delta}_C(r; n-1)}{n(n-1)} - \frac{npr(n^2 - n + qr - r)\|H\|^2}{(n-1)\{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2\}} \geq \rho \end{aligned} \quad (65)$$

Equalities hold in (64) and (65) at a point  $x \in M^n$  if and only if inequalities (35) and (61) become equalities. Thus, we have



$$\left. \begin{aligned} h_{11}^\alpha = \dots = h_{pp}^\alpha &= \frac{pr^2}{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2} K^\alpha \\ h_{p+1p+1}^\alpha = \dots = h_{n-1n-1}^\alpha &= \frac{(n^2 - n + qr - r)r}{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2} K^\alpha \\ h_{mm}^\alpha &= \frac{n(n-1)(n^2 - n + qr - r)}{(n^2 - n - r + qr)^2 + p^2r^2} K^\alpha \\ h_{ij}^\alpha &= 0, \quad i \neq j \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (66)$$

By choosing an orthonormal basis such that  $e_{n+1}$  is in the direction of the mean curvature vector, we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} h(e_1, e_1) = \dots = h(e_p, e_p) &= pr^2 f_1 e_{n+1}, \\ h(e_{p+1}, e_{p+1}) = \dots = h(e_{n-1}, e_{n-1}) &= (n^2 - n + qr - r)r f_1 e_{n+1}, \\ h(e_n, e_n) &= n(n-1)(n^2 - n + qr - r)f_1 e_{n+1}, \\ h(e_i, e_j) &= 0, \quad i \neq j \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (67)$$

where  $f_1 = \frac{K^{n+1}}{(n^2 - n + qr - r)^2 + p^2r^2}$  is a function on  $M^n$ .

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