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# Warped Product Pointwise Semi Slant Submanifolds of Sasakian Space Forms and their Applications

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In this study, we attain some existence characterizations for warped product pointwise semi slant submanifolds in the setting of Sasakian space forms. Moreover, we investigate the estimation for the squared norm of the second fundamental form and further discuss the case of equality. By the application of attained estimation, we obtain some classifications of these warped product submanifolds in terms of Ricci soliton and Ricci curvature. Further, the formula for Dirichlet energy of involved warping function is derived. A nontrivial example of such warped product submanifolds is also constructed. Throughout the paper, we will use the following acronyms: "WP" for warped product, "WF" for warping function, "AC" for almost contact, and "WP-PSS" for the warped product pointwise semi slant.

#### 1. Introduction

In the field of geometry, an increased interest is observed for the exploration of the warped product manifolds due to its applicability in the theory of relativity and physics [1]. Earlier researchers have shown that warped products facilitate the computation of the Einstein field equations [1]. In addition, the concept of warped product manifolds is used in the notion of modelling of space-time near black holes [2], such as Schwarzschild space-time  $P \times {}_{r}S^{2}$ , where r > 0, the base is a half plane  $P = R \times R^{+}$ , and the unit sphere  $S^{2}$  is the fibre. At some instances, Schwarzschild space-time also acts similar to the black hole. The Robertson-Walker model is an example of a warped product which is considered as a cosmological model adopted for the space-time modelling of the universe [3].

Identifying Dirichlet energy of smooth functions is considered as an integral part in the field of physics and engineering. Moreover, Dirichlet energy is found to be an analog of kinetic energy. Let  $\tau$  be any real valued smooth function on a compact manifold M, then the Dirichlet energy of  $\tau$  is defined by

$$E(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{M} \|\nabla \tau\|^2 dV, \qquad (1)$$

where  $\nabla \tau$  is the gradient of  $\tau$  and dV is the volume element. It is clear that  $E(\tau) \ge 0$ . It is well recognized that a product manifold cannot be used for the representation of nonzero (constant) curvature manifolds. Therefore, the concept of the warped product manifold emerged due to the nonexistence of negative curvature for the Riemannian product of manifolds. Therefore, Bishop and O'Neill [4] initiated the concept of warped product manifolds for devising the class of manifolds for the negative or nonpositive curvature. A warped product manifold (see definition in Section 2) is a generality of a product manifolds is a positive valued smooth function, the focus of the present study is on examining the Dirichlet energy of such functions. The study of Bishop and O'Neill [4] has enlightened a few intrinsic properties of the warped product manifolds. Initial extrinsic studies of the warped product manifold in the almost complex setting were performed by Chen [5, 6] while obtaining some results of existence for CR-submanifold as CR-warped product submanifold in Kaehler manifolds. Furthermore, contact CR-warped product submanifolds were investigated in the study of Hasegawa and Mihai [7] in the almost contact settings. Warped product manifolds are also investigated in the contact setting by many other geometers which have attained various existence results [8–11].

Warped product pointwise semi slant submanifold is another generalized class of warped product semi slant submanifolds and contact CR-warped product submanifolds. In [12], Park studied such warped product submanifolds. After that, Mihai and Uddin extended this study in Sasakian manifolds and acquired some optimal inequalities related to warping function and second fundamental form. Warped product pointwise semi slant submanifolds for almost contact and almost complex manifolds were explored in [13–15].

On the other hand, the gradient Ricci soliton is extensively investigated in physics, theory of relativity, and differential geometry. The classification results related to Ricci soliton and gradient Ricci solitons with the warped product structure have been established in [16–19]. Moreover, the Ricci curvature has a significant nature in Riemannian geometry; for example, Ricci flat is used to solve the Einstein field equation on a Riemannian manifold in which the cosmological constant vanishes. More clearly, in the general relativity theory, the Ricci tensor is correlated with Einstein's field equation to study the material contents of the universe. So, in comparison with Riemannian curvature, the Ricci curvature is more significant in the theory of relativity and physics.

In this study, warped product pointwise semi slant submanifolds are studied in the setting of Sasakian space forms and some associated inequalities are attained. The study also provides estimates for the squared norm of the second fundamental form concerning the slant function and warping function and then addresses the case of equality. Some applications of the case of equality and the derived inequality are explored. More precisely, Dirichlet energy of the warping functions is computed via the obtained inequality. Finally, a classification of the WP-PSS submanifolds admitting the gradient Ricci soliton, in respect of Ricci curvature and second fundamental form, is obtained, and some existence results are also established.

The study consists of five sections in which the second section is dedicated to pave the way for the other sections by providing the fundamental definition, formulas, and preliminary outcomes needed for the study. Section 3 investigates the WP-PSS submanifold existence in Sasakian space forms and provides the proof of the main findings of the study. In addition, it gives a nontrivial example for the WP-PSS submanifolds in the setting of a Sasakian manifold. The formulas for Dirichlet energy of warping function is attained in Section 4 by using the derived inequality. The paper is concluded in Section 5, followed by its bibliography.

#### 2. Preliminaries

A  $C^{\infty}$  – manifold  $\overline{M}$  of dimension (2m + 1) is said to admit an *AC structure* if on  $\overline{M} \exists$  a tensor field  $\Psi$  of type (1, 1), a vector field  $\eta$ , and a 1-form  $\zeta$  fulfilling [20]

$$\Psi^2 = -I + \zeta \otimes \eta, \quad \Psi \eta = 0, \zeta \circ \Psi = 0, \zeta(\eta) = 1.$$
 (2)

The manifold  $\overline{M}$  with the structure  $(\Psi, \eta, \zeta)$  is called *AC metric manifold*. On an AC metric manifold  $\overline{M}$ ,  $\exists$  a Riemannian metric *g* satisfying

$$\zeta(Y) = g(Y, \eta), \quad g(\Psi Y, \Psi V) = g(Y, V) - \zeta(Y)\zeta(V), \quad (3)$$

for all  $Y, V \in T\overline{M}$ , where  $T\overline{M}$  is the tangent bundle of  $\overline{M}$ .

An AC metric structure  $(\Psi, \eta, \zeta, g)$  is referred to as *Sasakian manifold* if it fulfills the following relation [20]:

$$\left(\bar{\nabla}_{Y}\Psi\right)V = g(Y,V)\eta - \zeta(V)Y,\tag{4}$$

for any  $Y, V \in T\overline{M}$ , where  $\overline{\nabla}$  denotes the Riemannian connection of the metric *g*. Then, we have

$$\overline{\nabla}_{Y}\eta = -\Psi Y. \tag{5}$$

A Sasakian space form  $\overline{M}(c)$  [20] is a Sasakian manifold with constant  $\Psi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature *c*. Moreover, the following formula gives the curvature tensor  $\overline{R}$  of Sasakian space form,  $\overline{M}(c)$ :

$$\begin{split} \bar{R}(Y_1, Y_2)V &= \frac{c-3}{4} \{g(Y_2, V)Y_1 - g(Y_1, V)Y_2\} \\ &+ \frac{c-1}{4} \{g(Y_1, \Psi V)\Psi Y_2 - g(Y_2, \Psi V)\Psi Y_1 \\ &+ 2g(Y_1, \Psi Y_2)\Psi V + \zeta(Y_1)\zeta(V)Y_2 \\ &- \zeta(Y_2)\zeta(V)Y_1 + g(Y_1, V)\zeta(Y_2)\eta \\ &- g(Y_2, V)\zeta(Y_1)\eta\}, \end{split}$$

 $\forall$  vector fields  $Y_1, Y_2, V$  on  $\overline{M}$ .

Let M be a submanifold of an AC-metric manifold  $\overline{M}$  with induced metric g, and the vector field  $\eta$  is tangential to M. The Riemannian connection  $\overline{\nabla}$  of  $\overline{M}$  induces canonically the connections  $\nabla^{\perp}$  and  $\nabla$  on the normal bundle  $T^{\perp}M$  and the tangent bundle TM of M, resp. Then, the Weingarten and Gauss formulas are as follows:

$$\bar{\nabla}_{Y_1} N = -A_N Y_1 + \nabla^{\perp}_{Y_1} N, \tag{7}$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_{Y_1} Y_2 = \nabla_{Y_1} Y_2 + \sigma(Y_1, Y_2),$$
 (8)

 $\forall Y_1, Y_2 \in TM \text{ and } N \in T^{\perp}M$ , where  $A_N$  and  $\sigma$  are the shape operator and the second fundamental form, resp. For the immersion of *M* into  $\overline{M}$ ,  $A_N$  and  $\sigma$  verify the relation

$$g(\sigma(Y_1, Y_2), N) = g(A_N Y_1, Y_2).$$
 (9)

If *M* is a submanifold of a Riemmanian manifold  $\overline{M}$ , then the equation of Codazzi is as follows:

$$\begin{split} \left( \bar{R}(Y_1, Y_2) V \right)^{\perp} &= \nabla_{Y_1}^{\perp} \sigma(Y_2, V) - \nabla_{Y_2}^{\perp} \sigma(Y_1, V) \\ &+ \sigma \left( \nabla_{Y_2} Y_1, V \right) - \sigma \left( \nabla_{Y_1} Y_2, V \right) \\ &+ \sigma \left( Y_1, \nabla_{Y_2} V \right) - \sigma \left( Y_2, \nabla_{Y_1} V \right), \end{split}$$
(10)

where  $(\bar{R}(Y_1, Y_2)V)^{\perp}$  denotes the normal component of the curvature tensor  $\bar{R}(Y_1, Y_2)V$ .

If *PY* and *FY* denote the tangential and normal component of  $\Psi Y$ , respectively, then

$$\Psi Y = PY + FY,\tag{11}$$

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 $\forall Y \in TM$ . Similarly, for any normal vector field  $N \in T^{\perp}M$ ,

$$\Psi N = tN + fN. \tag{12}$$

Thus, *F* (resp., *t*) is a normal (resp., tangential) valued 1form on *TM* (resp.  $T^{\perp}M$ ) and *P* (resp., *f*) is 1-1 tensor field on *TM* (resp.,  $T^{\perp}M$ ). The covariant derivatives of  $\Psi$ , *F*, and *P* are given by

$$\left(\bar{\nabla}_{Y_1}\Psi\right)Y_2 = \nabla_{Y_1}\Psi Y_2 - \Psi \nabla_{Y_1}Y_2, \tag{13}$$

$$\left(\overline{\nabla}_{Y_1}F\right)Y_2 = \nabla^{\perp}_{Y_1}FY_2 - F\nabla_{Y_1}Y_2, \tag{14}$$

$$(\bar{\nabla}_{Y_1}P)Y_2 = \nabla_{Y_1}PY_2 - P\nabla_{Y_1}Y_2.$$
 (15)

From equations (4), (8), (7), (11), and (12), we have

$$\left(\bar{\nabla}_{Y_1} P\right) Y_2 = A_{FY_2} Y_1 + t\sigma(Y_1, Y_2) - g(Y_1, PY_2)\eta - \zeta(Y_2)PY_1,$$
(16)

$$\left(\bar{\nabla}_{Y_1}F\right)Y_2 = f\sigma(Y_1, Y_2) - \sigma(Y_1, PY_2) - \zeta(Y_2)FY_1.$$
(17)

Let  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$  be a local orthonormal basis of vector fields on *m*-dimensional submanifold *M*. Hence, the mean curvature vector *H* of *M* is obtained from the formula

$$H = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{s=1}^{m} \sigma(e_s, e_s), \qquad (18)$$

and the squared norm of the second fundamental form  $\sigma$  is given by

$$\|\sigma\|^{2} = \sum_{r,s=1}^{m} g(\sigma(e_{r}, e_{s}), \sigma(e_{r}, e_{s})).$$
(19)

A submanifold M of  $\overline{M}$  is called *totally umbilical* if  $\sigma$  $(Y_1, Y_2) = g(Y_1, Y_2)H$ , and M is defined as *totally geodesic* if  $\sigma(Y_1, Y_2) = 0$ ,  $\forall Y_1, Y_2 \in TM$ .

Definition 1 (see [21]). A submanifold M of an AC metric manifold  $\overline{M}$  is *slant* if the angle between Y and  $\Psi Y$  is con-

stant for any  $y \in M$  and  $Y \in T_yM - \langle \eta \rangle$ . Then the constant angle  $\theta$  s.t.  $0 \le \theta \le \pi/2$  is called *slant angle* of *M* in  $\overline{M}$ .

Definition 2 (see [21]). If  $\theta = 0$ , the submanifold *M* is *invariant submanifold* and is *anti-invariant submanifold* if  $\theta = \pi/2$ . If  $\theta$  is neither 0 nor  $\pi/2$ , *M* is proper slant submanifold.

Etayo [22] introduced the concept of pointwise slant submanifolds as a natural generality of the slant submanifolds of almost Hermitian manifolds. Later, Chen and Garay [23] investigated pointwise slant submanifolds in the setting of almost Hermitian manifolds and attained some primary results. A step forward, Park [12] extended the notion of pointwise slant submanifolds in the setting of AC-metric manifolds. Recently, Uddin and Al-Khalidi [24] modified the definition of pointwise slant submanifolds for ACmetric manifolds. More precisely, a submanifold M of an AC-metric manifold M is referred to as poinwise slant submanifold if  $\forall Y \in T_{\nu}M$  such that  $\eta \in TM$  the angle  $\theta(Y)$ between  $\Psi Y$  and  $T_{\nu}M - \{0\}$  is independent of the choice of nonzero vector field  $Y \in T_p M - \{0\}$ . Hence,  $\theta$  is dealt with as the function on M, which is known as a slant function of the pointwise slant function. Now, we attain the following characterizing theorem.

**Theorem 3** (see [24]). Suppose that *M* is a submanifold of an *AC*-metric manifold  $\overline{M}$  such that  $\eta \in TM$ . Then, *M* is pointwise slant if and only if

$$P^{2} = \cos^{2}\theta(-I + \zeta \otimes \eta), \qquad (20)$$

where  $\theta$  :  $TM \longrightarrow R$ .

Consequently, we have

$$g(PY_1, PY_2) = \cos^2\theta [g(Y_1, Y_2) - \zeta(Y_1)\zeta(Y_2)], \qquad (21)$$

$$g(FY_1, FY_2) = \sin^2\theta [g(Y_1, Y_2) - \zeta(Y_1)\zeta(Y_2)], \qquad (22)$$

$$\forall Y_1, Y_2 \in TM. \tag{23}$$

Recently, Mihai and Uddin [15] defined and studied pointwise semi slant submanifold of Sasakian manifolds.

Definition 4. A submanifold M of an AC-metric manifold  $\overline{M}$  is referred to as a pointwise semi slant submanifold if  $\exists$  two orthogonal complementary distributions D and  $D^{\theta}$  on M such that

(i) 
$$TM = D \oplus D^{\theta} \oplus \langle \eta \rangle$$

- (ii) D is invariant
- (iii)  $D^{\theta}$  is pointwise slant with a slant function  $\theta$

The WP manifolds are the generalized form of the product manifolds and are defined as follows. Let  $(C_1, g_{C_1})$  and  $(C_2, g_{C_2})$  be two Riemannian manifolds with the Riemannian metrics  $g_{C_1}$  and  $g_{C_2}$ , resp., and  $\Phi$  be a positive differentiable map on  $C_1$ . Let  $\pi_{C_1} : C_1 \times C_2 \longrightarrow C_1$ ,  $\pi_{C_2} : C_1 \times C_2 \longrightarrow C_2$  be the projection maps given by  $\pi_{C_1}$  $(c_1, c_2) = c_1$  and  $\pi_{C_2}(c_1, c_2) = c_2$ ,  $\forall (c_1, c_2) \in C_1 \times C_2$ . The WP  $M = C_1 \times_{\Phi} C_2$  [4] is the manifold  $C_1 \times C_2$  endowed with the Riemannian structure s.t.

$$g(Y_{1}, Y_{2}) = g_{C_{1}} \left( \left( \pi_{C_{1}} \right)_{*} Y_{1}, \left( \pi_{C_{1}} \right)_{*} Y_{2} \right) + \left( \Phi \circ \pi_{C_{1}} \right)^{2} g_{C_{2}} \left( \left( \pi_{C_{2}} \right)_{*} Y_{1}, \left( \pi_{C_{2}} \right)_{*} Y_{2} \right),$$
(24)

for all  $Y_1, Y_2 \in TM$ , where \* denotes the tangential map (the differential on the tangent bundle). Here,  $\Phi$  is known as the WF of the WP manifold. M is a *trivial WP* if the WF is constant.

Let  $Y_1$  be a vector field on  $C_1$  and  $Y_2$  be a vector field on  $C_2$ , then we induce from Lemma 7.3 of [3]:

$$\nabla_{Y_1} Y_2 = \nabla_{Y_2} Y_1 = \left(\frac{Y_1 \Phi}{\Phi}\right) Y_2, \tag{25}$$

where  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection on *M*. For  $M = C_1 \times_{\Phi} C_2$ , it can be seen that

$$\nabla_{Y_1} Y_2 = \nabla_{Y_2} Y_1 = (Y_1 \ln \Phi) Y_2, \tag{26}$$

for  $Y_1 \in TC_1$  and  $Y_2 \in TC_2$ . The gradient of  $\Phi$  is denoted by  $\nabla \Phi$  and is defined as

$$g(\nabla \Phi, Y) = Y\Phi, \quad \forall Y \in TM.$$
 (27)

Let *M* be a Riemannian manifold *M* of dimension *m* with  $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$  as an orthogonal basis of *TM* and *g* a Riemannian metric of *M*. Then, as a result of (27), we get

$$\|\nabla\Phi\|^2 = \sum_{s=1}^m (e_s(\Phi))^2.$$
 (28)

The Laplacian of a smooth function  $\Phi$  on a Riemannian manifold is defined by the following equation:

$$\Delta \Phi = \sum_{s=1}^{m} \left\{ \left( \nabla_{e_s} e_s \right) \Phi - e_s e_s \Phi \right\} = -\sum_{i=1}^{m} g \left( \nabla_{e_i} \operatorname{grad} \Phi, e_i \right).$$
(29)

For a smooth function  $\Phi$  on M, the Hessian of  $\Phi$  is defined as

$$H^{\Phi}(U, V) = UV\Phi - (\nabla_U V)\Phi = g(\nabla_U \operatorname{grad} \Phi, V), \quad (30)$$

for any  $U, V \in TM$ .

The Hessian tensor for a differential function  $\Phi$  is a symmetric covariant tensor of rank 2 and is defined as

$$\Delta \Phi = -\text{trace}H^{\Phi}.$$
 (31)

Throughout the study, we used the following relation between the Hessian tensor and the Laplacian of a smooth function  $\Phi$  on a Riemannian manifold:

$$\operatorname{Hess}^{\Phi} = -\Delta \Phi. \tag{32}$$

Hopf's Lemma [25]. If *M* is an *m*-dimensional connected compact Riemannian manifold and  $\Phi$  is a differentiable function on *M* s.t.  $\Delta \Phi \leq 0$  everywhere on *M* (or  $\Delta \Phi \geq 0$  everywhere on *M*), then  $\Phi$  is a constant function.

For a compact orientable Riemannian manifold M with or without boundary and as a consequence of the integration theory on manifolds, we have [26]

$$\int_{M} \Delta \Phi dV = 0, \tag{33}$$

where  $\Phi$  is a function on M and dV is the volume element of M.

The Ricci soliton idea was given by Hamilton [26]. It is regarded as the natural generality of Einstein metrics, and it is the self-similar solution of the Ricci flow  $(\partial/\partial t)g(t) = -2$  Ric(t). If  $\exists$  a smooth vector field Y such that the Ricci tensor meets the following condition:

$$\operatorname{Ric} + \frac{1}{2} \mathscr{L}_{Y} g = \alpha, \qquad (34)$$

for any constant  $\alpha$ , where  $\mathscr{L}_Y$  is the Lie derivative, then the metric g on a complete Riemannian manifold  $\overline{M}$  is named as Ricci soliton. If  $\alpha < 0$ ,  $\alpha = 0$ , and  $\alpha > 0$ , then the Ricci soliton is called expanding, steady, and shrinking, respectively. If we specify  $Y = \nabla \Phi$  for a smooth function  $\Phi$  on  $\overline{M}$ , then g admits gradient Ricci soliton with the potential function  $\Phi$ . For this case, (34) takes the form

$$\operatorname{Ric} + \nabla^2 \Phi = \alpha q. \tag{35}$$

Since the Laplacian  $\Delta$  and the gradient  $\nabla^2$  are related as  $\Delta = \nabla^2$ , in terms of Hessian, (35) can be expressed as

$$\operatorname{Ric} = \alpha g + \operatorname{Hess}^{\psi}.$$
 (36)

*Note 1.*  $(M, g, \nabla \Phi, \alpha)$  is an Einstein manifold if the potential function  $\Phi$  is constant on a gradient Ricci soliton.

#### 3. Warped Product Pointwise Semi Slant Submanifolds

In [12], Park proved that the WP-PSS submanifolds of the type  $N_T \times_{\phi} N_{\theta}$  of the contact metric manifolds exist and achieved the result of the following lemma.

**Lemma 5.** Suppose that  $M = N_T \times_{\Phi} N_{\theta}$  is a WP-PSS of a Sasakian manifold  $\overline{M}$  such that  $\eta \in TN_T$ , where  $N_T$  and  $N_{\theta}$  are invariant and pointwise slant submanifolds of  $\overline{M}$ , respectively. Then, we have

$$g(\sigma(Y, W), FPZ) = \cos^2 \theta Y \ln \Phi g(W, Z) - \Psi Y \ln \Phi g(W, PZ) - \zeta(Y)g(W, PZ),$$
(37)

 $\forall Y \in TN_T \text{ and } W, Z \in TN_{\theta}.$ 

In particular, if we replace Z by PW in the above equation, then one can conclude the following:

$$g(\sigma(Y, W), FW) = -\Psi Y \ln \Phi ||W||^2 - \zeta(Y) ||W||^2.$$
(38)

Now, let  $M = N_T \times_{\Phi} N_{\theta}$  be a WP-PSS of a Sasakian manifold  $\overline{M}$  and we consider  $\eta \in TN_T$ . If D is invariant distribution and  $D^{\theta}$  is proper pointwise slant distribution with  $\theta$  as a slant function, then TM and  $T^{\perp}M$  are decomposed (resp.) as follows:

$$TM = D \oplus D^{\theta} \oplus \langle \eta \rangle,$$
  

$$T^{\perp}M = FD^{\theta} \oplus \mu,$$
(39)

where  $\mu$  is the orthogonal complementary distribution of  $FD^{\theta}$  in  $T^{\perp}M$ . One can easily check that  $\mu$  is an invariant subbundle of  $T^{\perp}M$  regarding  $\Psi$ .

In view of the above direct decomposition,  $\sigma$  can be written as

$$\sigma(U_1, U_2) = \sigma_{FD^{\vartheta}}(U_1, U_2) + \sigma_{\mu}(U_1, U_2), \qquad (40)$$

for  $U_1, U_2 \in TM$ , where  $\sigma_{FD^{\theta}}(U_1, U_2)$  and  $\sigma_{\mu}(U_1, U_2)$  are the components of  $\sigma(U_1, U_2)$  in the normal subbundles  $FD^{\theta}$  and  $\mu$ , respectively. Moreover, if  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_q\}$  is a local orthonormal basis of vector fields of  $D^{\theta}$ , we have

$$\sigma_{FD^{\theta}}(U_1, U_2) = \sum_{r=1}^{q} \sigma^r(U_1, U_2) FV_r,$$
(41)

where

$$\sigma^{r}(U, V) = \csc^{2}\theta g(\sigma(U, V), FV_{r}).$$
(42)

To ensure the existence, we construct an example of a WP-PSS of the type  $M = N_T \times_{\phi} N_{\theta}$  in the Sasakian manifold with  $\eta$  tangent to  $N_T$ .

*Example 1.* We know that  $(R^{2m+1}, \Psi_0, \zeta, \eta, g)$  denotes a Sasakian manifold with the structure as follows:

$$\begin{split} \zeta &= \frac{1}{2} \left( dz - \sum_{i=1}^{m} y^{i} dx^{i} \right), \\ \eta &= 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \\ g &= \zeta \otimes \zeta + \frac{1}{4} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( dx^{i} \otimes dx^{i} + dy^{i} \otimes dy^{i} \right) \right), \quad (43) \\ \Psi_{0} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( X_{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}} + Y_{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{i}} + Z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left( Y_{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{i}} - X_{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^{i}} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{m} Y_{i} y^{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \end{split}$$

where  $(x^i, y^i, z)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , are the Cartesian coordinates. It is well known that  $\{2(\partial/(\partial y^i)), 2((\partial/(\partial x^i)) + y^i(\partial/\partial z)), \eta\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $TR^{2m+1}$ .

Now, consider the 9-dimensional Sasakian manifold ( $R^9$ ,  $\Psi_0$ ,  $\zeta$ ,  $\eta$ , g) and a submanifold isometrically immersed in  $R^9$  as follows:

$$M = \left\{ 2\left(u, 0, we^{t}, 0, v, se^{t} \cos \theta, se^{t} \sin \theta, 0, f\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{9} \right\}, \quad (44)$$

and consider a basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5\}$  of orthogonal vector fields on *M* as

$$e_{1} = 2\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{1}} + y^{1}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right),$$

$$e_{2} = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial y^{1}},$$

$$e_{3} = 2e^{t}\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{3}},$$

$$e_{4} = 2e^{t}\cos\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial y^{3}} + 2e^{t}\sin\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial y^{4}},$$

$$e_{5} = 2\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \eta.$$
(45)

Hence, it can be seen that  $D = \text{span}\{e_1, e_2, e_5\}$  and  $D^{\theta} = \text{span}\{e_3, e_4\}$  define the invariant and pointwise slant distributions with  $\theta \in (0, \pi/2)$  as a slant function on the Sasakian manifold  $R^9$ . If  $N_T$  and  $N_{\theta}$  stand for the integral manifold of D and  $D^{\theta}$ , respectively, the metric g on M is defined by

$$g = g_{N_T} + e^{2t} g_{N_{\theta}}.$$
 (46)

Then,  $M = N_T \times {}_{\Phi}N_{\theta}$  is a WP-PSS with the  $\Phi(t) = e^t$ .

In this section, for convention, we denote by  $Y, X \in TN_T$ and  $V, U \in TN_{\theta}$  as the vector fields of respective tangent bundles of  $N_T$  and  $N_{\theta}$ . At first, some initial results need to be proved. **Lemma 6.** Suppose that  $N_T \times {}_{\Phi}N_{\theta}$  is a WP-PSS of a Sasakian manifold  $\overline{M}$ . Then, we have

(i) 
$$\eta \ln \Phi = 0$$

(*ii*) 
$$g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), FV) = Y \ln \Phi ||V||^2$$
  
(*iii*)  $g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), \Psi \sigma(Y, V)) = ||\sigma_\mu(Y, V)||^2 + \cos^2\theta$   
 $(Y \ln \Phi)^2 ||V||^2$ 

 $\forall Y \in TN_T \text{ and } V \in TN_{\theta} \text{, where } \sigma_{\mu} \text{ is the } \mu \text{ component }$  of  $\sigma$ .

*Proof.* From (5), (8), and (26), it is easy to see that  $\eta \ln \Phi = 0$ . Moreover, replacing *Y* by  $\Psi Y$  in (38), using (2) and part (i), we get part (ii). To prove part (iii), on making use of (8) and (4), we get

$$\sigma(\Psi Y, V) = -\zeta(U)V + \Psi\sigma(Y, V) + \Psi\nabla_V Y - \nabla_V \Psi Y. \quad (47)$$

By utilizing (26), the form of the above equation can be changed to as follows:

$$\sigma(\Psi Y, V) = -\zeta(Y)V + \Psi\sigma(Y, V) + Y \ln \Phi\Psi V - \Psi Y \ln \Phi V.$$
(48)

By comparing the normal parts, we get

$$\sigma(\Psi Y, V) = \Psi \sigma_{\mu}(Y, V) + Y \ln \Phi F V, \qquad (49)$$

taking the inner product with  $\Psi \sigma(Y, V)$ , we obtain

$$g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), \Psi \sigma(Y, V)) = \|\sigma_{\mu}(Y, V)\|^{2} + Y \ln \Phi g(\Psi \sigma(Y, V), FV).$$
(50)

Calculating the last term of the above equation by using (8), (4), and (22) as follows:

$$g(\Psi\sigma(Y, V), FV) = g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), FV) - \sin^2 \theta Y \ln \Phi ||V||^2.$$
(51)

Utilizing part (ii), we get

$$g(\Psi\sigma(Y,V),FV) = \cos^2\theta Y \ln \Phi ||V||^2, \qquad (52)$$

using (50), we obtain the required result.

**Lemma 7.** Suppose that  $M = N_T \times_{\Phi} N_{\theta}$  is a WP-PSS submanifold of a Sasakian manifold  $\overline{M}$ . Then,

$$g(\sigma(Y, PV), FV) = -g(\sigma(Y, V), FPV) = -\cos^2\theta Y \ln \Phi ||V||^2,$$
(53)

for all 
$$Y \in TN_T$$
,  $V \in TN_{\theta}$ .

Proof. From part (ii) of Lemma 6, the following is attained:

$$g(\sigma(PY, V), FU) + g(\sigma(PY, U), FV) = 2Y \ln \Phi g(V, U),$$
(54)

 $\forall Y \in TN_T$  and  $V, U \in TN_{\theta}$ . Replacing U by  $PV \in D^{\theta}$  and using the fact that V and PV are perpendicular, the following is obtained:

$$g(\sigma(Y, PV), FV) = -g(\sigma(Y, V), FPV).$$
(55)

By using (15), (16), and (26), we get

$$PY \ln \Phi V - Y \ln \Phi PV = t\sigma(Y, V) - \zeta(Y)V.$$
 (56)

Now, taking the inner product with  $U \in TN_{\theta}$  in the above equation, we have

$$PY \ln \Phi g(V, U) - Y \ln \Phi g(PV, U) = -g(\sigma(Y, V), FU)$$
$$-\zeta(X)g(V, U).$$
(57)

Interchanging V and U and subtracting the resultant from equation (57) lead to

$$-g(\sigma(Y, V), FU) + g(\sigma(Y, U), FV) = 2Y \ln \Phi g(V, PU).$$
(58)

In particular, replacing U by  $PV \in D^{\theta}$ , we get

$$g(\sigma(Y, V), FPV) - g(\sigma(Y, PV), FV) = -2\cos^2\theta Y \ln \Phi ||V||^2.$$
(59)

Using (55) yields

$$g(\sigma(Y, PV), FV) = -g(\sigma(Y, V), FPV) = -\cos^2\theta Y \ln \Phi ||V||^2.$$
(60)

**Lemma 8.** On a WP-PSS submanifold  $M = N_T \times_{\Phi} N_{\theta}$  of a Sasakian manifold  $\overline{M}$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{i=1}^{q} \left[ \sum_{j,k=1}^{2p} g\left(\sigma\left(\Psi e_{i}, e^{k}\right), Fe^{j}\right) g\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, Pe^{k}\right), Fe^{j}\right) - g\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, e^{k}\right), Fe^{j}\right) g\left(\sigma\left(\Psi e_{i}, Pe^{k}\right), Fe^{j}\right) \right]$$

$$= -4p \cos^{2}\theta \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^{2},$$
(61)

where  $\{e_0 = \eta, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_q, \Psi e_1, \Psi e_2, \dots, \Psi e_q\}$  and  $\{e^1, e^2, \dots, e^p, e^{p+1} = \sec \theta P e^1, e^{p+2} = \sec \theta P e^2, \dots, e^{2p} = \sec \theta P e^p\}$  are the frames of the orthonormal vector fields on  $TN_T$  and  $TN_{\theta}$ , respectively.

*Proof.* First, we expand the left hand term in the following way:

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i=1}^{q} \left[ \sum_{j,k=1}^{2p} g\left(\sigma\left(\Psi e_{i}, e^{k}\right), F e^{j}\right) g\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, P e^{k}\right), F e^{j}\right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{q} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{2p} g\left(\sigma\left(\Psi e_{i}, e^{j}\right), F e^{j}\right) g\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, P e^{j}\right), F e^{j}\right) \right] \\ &+ \sum_{j\neq k=1}^{2p} g\left(\sigma\left(\Psi e_{i}, e^{k}\right), F e^{j}\right) g\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, P e^{k}\right), F e^{j}\right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{q} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{2p} g\left(\sigma\left(\Psi e_{i}, e^{j}\right), F e^{j}\right) g\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, P e^{j}\right), F e^{j}\right) \right] \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^{p} g\left(\sigma\left(\Psi e_{i}, e^{j}\right), F e^{j}\right) g\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, P e^{j}\right), F e^{j}\right) \right] \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^{q} g\left(\sigma\left(\Psi e_{i}, e^{j+p}\right), F e^{j}\right) g\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, P e^{j+p}\right), F e^{j}\right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{q} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{2p} g\left(\sigma\left(\Psi e_{i}, e^{j}\right), F e^{j}\right) g\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, P e^{j}\right), F e^{j}\right) \right] \\ &+ \sec^{2} \theta \sum_{j=1}^{p} g\left(\sigma\left(\Psi e_{i}, e^{j}\right), F e^{j}\right) g\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, P e^{j}\right), F P e^{j}\right) \\ &- \sum_{j=1}^{p} g\left(\sigma\left(\Psi e_{i}, P e^{j}\right), F e^{j}\right) g\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, e^{j}\right), F e^{j}\right) \right]. \end{split}$$

$$\tag{62}$$

Using part (ii) of Lemma 6 and Lemma 7 and utilizing (28), we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^{q} \left[ \sum_{j,k=1}^{2p} g\left(\sigma\left(\Psi e_{i}, e^{k}\right), F e^{j}\right) g\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, P e^{k}\right), F e^{j}\right) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{q} \left[-2p \cos^{2}\theta (e_{i} \ln \Phi)^{2} - 2p \cos^{2}\theta (\Psi e_{i} \ln \Phi)^{2}\right]$$

$$= -2p \cos^{2}\theta \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^{2}.$$
(63)

Replacing  $e_i$  by  $\Psi e_i$  in the above equation, we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^{q} \left[ \sum_{j,k=1}^{2p} g\left(\sigma\left(e_{i},e^{k}\right),Fe^{j}\right) g\left(\sigma\left(\Psi e_{i},Pe^{k}\right),Fe^{j}\right) \right]$$
(64)  
=  $2p\cos^{2}\theta \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^{2}.$ 

By subtracting the above two findings, the required result gets attained.

The next theorem provides the following characterization.

**Theorem 9.** Suppose that  $M = N_T \times_{\psi} N_{\theta}$  is a WP-PSS submanifold of a Sasakian space form  $\overline{M}(c)$  such that  $N_T$  is

a compact submanifold. Then, M is a Riemannian product submanifold if the following inequalities hold

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \left\| \sigma_{\mu} \left( e_{i}, e^{j} \right) \right\|^{2} \leq qp(c-1) \sin^{2}\theta$$
$$- 2p(\cos^{2}\theta + 2\cot^{2}\theta) \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^{2}, \qquad (65)$$
$$\sum_{i=1}^{q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} g\left( \sigma_{\mu} \left( \Psi e_{i}, e^{j} \right), \sigma_{\mu} \left( e_{i}, Pe^{j} \right) \right) \geq 0,$$

where  $\sigma_{\mu}$  stands for the component of  $\sigma$  in  $\mu$  and (2q + 1) and 2p are the dimensions of  $N_T$  and  $N_{\theta}$ , respectively.

*Proof.* Let  $Y \in TN_T$  and  $V \in TN_{\theta}$  be unit vector fields. Then, by making use of (2), (6), and (22), we have

$$\bar{R}(Y,\Psi Y,V,FV) = -\frac{c-1}{2} \sin^2 \theta \|Y\|^2 \|V\|^2.$$
(66)

However, the Codazzi equation gives

$$\bar{R}(Y, \Psi Y, V, FV) = g(\nabla_Y^{\perp} \sigma(\Psi Y, V), FV) 
- g(\nabla_{\Psi Y}^{\perp} \sigma(Y, V), FV) 
+ g(\sigma(Y, \nabla_{\Psi Y} V), FV) 
- g(\sigma(\Psi Y, \nabla_Y V), FV) 
- g(\sigma(\nabla_Y \Psi Y, V), FV) 
+ g(\sigma(\nabla_{\Psi Y} Y, V), FV).$$
(67)

Now, we compute the values of the terms involved in (67). First, we get

$$g(\nabla_{Y}^{\perp}\sigma(\Psi Y, V), FV) = Yg(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), FV) -g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), \nabla_{Y}^{\perp}FV).$$
(68)

Using part (ii) of Lemma 6 leads to

$$g\left(\nabla_{Y}^{\perp}\sigma(\Psi Y, V), FV\right) = Y^{2} \ln \Phi ||V||^{2} + 2(Y \ln \Phi)^{2} ||V||^{2}$$
$$-g\left(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), \nabla_{Y}^{\perp}FV\right).$$
(69)

Now, we compute the last term of (69) using (11) as follows:

$$g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), \nabla_Y^{\perp} FV) = g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), \bar{\nabla}_Y(\Psi V - PV)).$$
(70)

By the use of (8) and (13), the above equation becomes

$$g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), \nabla_Y^{\perp} FV) = g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), (\bar{\nabla}_Y \Psi)V + \Psi \bar{\nabla}_Y V) - g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), \sigma(Y, PV)).$$
(71)

Using (4), (8), (26), and parts (ii) and (iii) of Lemma 6, we get

$$g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), \nabla_Y^{\perp} FV) = (Y \ln \Phi)^2 (1 + \cos^2 \theta) ||V||^2 + ||\sigma_{\mu}(Y, V)||^2$$
$$- g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), \sigma(Y, PV)).$$
(72)

Utilizing (72) in (69), we obtain

$$g(\nabla_{Y}^{\perp}\sigma(\Psi Y, V), FV) = Y^{2} \ln \Phi ||V||^{2} + (Y \ln \Phi)^{2} \sin^{2}\theta ||V||^{2} - ||\sigma_{\mu}(Y, V)||^{2} + g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), \sigma(Y, PV)).$$

$$(73)$$

Similarly, we can write

$$g\left(\nabla^{\perp}_{\Psi Y}\sigma(Y,V),FV\right) = -(\Psi Y)^{2} \ln \Phi \|V\|^{2}$$
$$-(\Psi Y \ln \Phi)^{2} \sin^{2}\theta \|V\|^{2}$$
$$+\left\|\sigma_{\mu}(\Psi Y,V)\right\|^{2}$$
$$+g(\sigma(Y,V),\sigma(\Psi Y,PV)).$$
(74)

From the second part of Lemma 6, we get

$$g(A_{FV}V,\Psi Y) = Y \ln \Phi ||V||^2.$$
(75)

Replacing Y by  $\nabla_Y Y$  (using the totally geodesicness of  $N_T$ ,  $\nabla_Y Y \in TN_T$ ) in the above equation, we have

$$g(A_{FV}V, \Psi \nabla_Y Y) = \nabla_Y Y \ln \Phi ||V||^2.$$
(76)

By using (8), we obtain

$$g(A_{FV}V, \Psi \overline{\nabla}_Y Y - \Psi \sigma(Y, Y)) = \nabla_Y Y \ln \Phi ||V||^2.$$
(77)

Since  $N_T$  is totally geodesic in M, it can be ready to verify that  $\sigma(Y, X) \in \mu$ , for all  $Y, X \in TN_T$ . Using this and (13) in equation (77), we have

$$g(\sigma(\nabla_Y \Psi Y, V), FV) = \nabla_Y Y \ln \Phi ||V||^2.$$
(78)

Similarly, we can write

$$g(\sigma(\nabla_{\Psi Y}Y, V), FV) = -\nabla_{\Psi Y}\Psi Y \ln \Phi ||V||^2.$$
(79)

By use of (26) and the second part of Lemma 6, we attain

$$g(\sigma(\Psi Y, \nabla_Y V), FV) = (Y \ln \Phi)^2 ||V||^2, \qquad (80)$$

$$g(\sigma(Y, \nabla_{\Psi Y} V), FV) = -(\Psi Y \ln \Phi)^2 ||V||^2.$$
(81)

Substituting values from (66), (73), (74), (78), (79), (80), and (81) in (67) yields

$$-\frac{c-1}{2}\sin^{2}\theta \|Y\|^{2} \|V\|^{2} = Y^{2} \ln \Phi \|V\|^{2} + (\Psi Y)^{2} \ln \Phi \|V\|^{2}$$
  
-  $(Y \ln \Phi)^{2} \cos^{2}\theta \|V\|^{2}$   
-  $(\Psi Y \ln \Phi)^{2} \cos^{2}\theta \|V\|^{2}$   
-  $\|\sigma_{\mu}(Y, V)\|^{2} - \|\sigma_{\mu}(\Psi Y, V)\|^{2}$   
-  $\nabla_{Y} Y \ln \Phi \|V\|^{2} - \nabla_{\Psi Y} \Psi Y \ln \Phi \|V\|^{2}$   
+  $g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), \sigma(Y, PV))$   
-  $g(\sigma(Y, V), \sigma(\Psi Y, PV)).$   
(82)

Let  $\{e_0 = \eta, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_q, e_{q+1} = \Psi e_1, e_{q+2} = \Psi e_2, \dots, e_{2q} = \Psi e_q\}$  be the orthonormal frame on  $TN_T$  and  $\{e^1, e^2, \dots, e^p, \sec \theta P e^1, \sec \theta P e^2, \dots, \sec \theta P e^p\}$  be an orthonormal frame on  $TN_{\theta}$ . By using the decomposition (40) and formulas (42), (8), and (4) in the last term of the above equation using the orthonormal frame of  $TN_{\theta}$ , we get

$$\frac{c-1}{2} \sin^{2}\theta \|Y\|^{2} \|V\|^{2} 
= Y^{2} \ln \Phi \|V\|^{2} + (\Psi Y)^{2} \ln \Phi \|V\|^{2} - (Y \ln \Phi)^{2} \cos^{2}\theta \|V\|^{2} 
- (\Psi Y \ln \Phi)^{2} \cos^{2}\theta \|V\|^{2} - \|\sigma_{\mu}(Y, V)\|^{2} 
- \|\sigma_{\mu}(\Psi Y, V)\|^{2} - \nabla_{Y} Y \ln \Phi \|V\|^{2} - \nabla_{\Psi Y} \Psi Y \ln \Phi \|V\|^{2} 
+ \csc^{2}\theta \sum_{j=1}^{2p} [g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), Fe^{j})g(\sigma(Y, PV), Fe^{j}) 
- g(\sigma(\Psi Y, V), Fe^{j})g(\sigma(\Psi Y, PV), Fe^{j})] \|e^{j}\|^{2} 
+ 2g(\sigma_{\mu}(\Psi Y, V), \sigma_{\mu}(Y, PV)).$$
(83)

Now, taking the sum of the above equation over i = 1, 2, ..., q and j = 1, 2, ..., 2p, using (28) and (29) and part (iii) of Lemma 6, one can get

$$2p\Delta(\ln \Phi) = qp(c-1)\sin^{2}\theta - 2p\cos^{2}\theta \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^{2} - \sum_{i=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \|\sigma_{\mu}(e_{i}, e^{j})\|^{2} - 4p\cot^{2}\theta \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^{2} + 2\sum_{i=1}^{q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} g(\sigma_{\mu}(\Psi e_{i}, e^{j}), \sigma_{\mu}(e_{i}, Pe^{j})).$$
(84)

From (84), if

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{i=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \left\| \sigma_{\mu} \left( e_{i}, e^{j} \right) \right\|^{2} \\ &\leq qp(c+1) \sin^{2}\theta - 2p \left( \cos^{2}\theta + 2 \cot^{2}\theta \right) \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^{2}, \\ &\sum_{i=1}^{q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} g \left( \sigma_{\mu} \left( \Psi e_{i}, e^{j} \right), \sigma_{\mu} \left( e_{i}, P e^{j} \right) \right) \geq 0, \end{split}$$

$$\end{split}$$

$$\tag{85}$$

then  $\Delta \ln \Phi \ge 0$ ; hence, from Hopf's Lemma,  $\ln \Phi$  is constant which means that  $\Phi$  is constant, which proves the theorem.

The squared norm of  $\sigma$  with reference to the warping function and slant function is obtained in the next theorem as follows.

**Theorem 10.** Let  $\overline{M}(c)$  be a (2m + 1)-dimensional Sasakian space form and  $M = N_T \times_{\Phi} N_{\theta}$  be an n-dimensional WP-PSS submanifold such that  $N_T$  is a (2q + 1)-dimensional invariant submanifold and  $N_{\theta}$  is a 2p-dimensional proper pointwise slant submanifold of  $\overline{M}(c)$ . If

$$\sum_{i=1}^{q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} g\left(\sigma\left(\Psi e_i, e^j\right), \sigma\left(e_i, P e^j\right)\right) \ge 0, \tag{86}$$

then

$$(i) \|\sigma\|^{2} \ge qp(c-1)\sin^{2}\theta + 2p\sin^{2}\theta\|\nabla\ln\Phi\|^{2} - 2p\Delta(\ln\Phi).$$
(87)

- *(ii) the necessary and sufficient conditions for the equality sign of (87) to be held identically are*
- (a)  $N_T$  is the totally geodesic invariant in  $\overline{M}(c)$ . Furthermore, it is a Sasakian space form
- (b)  $N_{\theta}$  is totally umbilical in  $\overline{M}(c)$
- (c)  $\sum_{i=1}^{q} \sum_{i=1}^{2p} g(\sigma(\Psi e_i, e^j), \sigma(e_i, Pe^j)) = 0$

Proof. From (84), we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \left\| \sigma_{\mu} \left( e_i, e^j \right) \right\|^2 \ge qp(c-1) \sin^2 \theta - 2p \left( \cos^2 \theta + 2 \cot^2 \theta \right) \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^2 - 2p \Delta(\ln \Phi).$$
(88)

For the orthonormal frames  $\{e_0 = \eta, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_q, e_{q+1} = \Psi e_1, e_{q+2} = \Psi e_2, \dots, e_{2q} = \Psi e_q\}$  and  $\{e^1, e^2, \dots, e^p, \sec \theta P e^1, \sec \theta P e^2, \dots, \sec \theta P e^p\}$ , in view of formulas (40) and (41) and part (ii) of Lemma 6, we get

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i=0}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \left\| \sigma_{FD_{\theta}} \left( e_{i}, e^{j} \right) \right\|^{2} &= \sum_{i=0}^{2q} \sum_{j,k=1}^{2p} \operatorname{csc}^{2} \theta g \left( \sigma \left( e_{i}, e^{j} \right), Fe^{k} \right)^{2} \\ &= \operatorname{csc}^{2} \theta \sum_{i=0}^{2q} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{2p} g \left( \sigma \left( e_{i}, e^{j} \right), Fe^{j} \right)^{2} \right. \\ &+ \left. \sum_{j \neq k=1}^{2p} g \left( \sigma \left( e_{i}, e^{j} \right), Fe^{k} \right)^{2} \right] \end{split}$$

$$= \csc^{2}\theta \sum_{i=0}^{2q} \left[ 2p(e_{i} \ln \Phi)^{2} + \sec^{2}\theta \sum_{j=1}^{p} \left\{ g(\sigma(e_{i}, e^{j}), FPe^{j})^{2} + g(\sigma(e_{i}, Pe^{j}), Fe^{j})^{2} \right\} \right].$$
(89)

Further using Lemma 7 and (28), the above equation is reduced to

$$\sum_{i=0}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \left\| \sigma_{FD_{\theta}} \left( e_i, e^j \right) \right\|^2 = 2p \operatorname{csc}^2 \theta \| \nabla \ln \Phi \|^2 + 2p \operatorname{cot}^2 \theta \| \nabla \ln \Phi \|^2.$$
(90)

From (88) and (90), we attain the desired inequality.

To prove part (ii), suppose that  $\sigma'$  is the second fundamental form for the immersion of  $N_{\theta}$  in M. Then,  $\forall V, U \in TN_{\theta}$  and  $Y \in TN_T$ , the Gauss formula gives

$$g(\sigma'(V,U),Y) = g(\nabla_V U,Y) = -Y \ln \Phi g(V,U).$$
(91)

Using (27), we attain

$$g(\sigma'(V,U),Y) = -g(V,U)g(\nabla \ln \Phi,Y), \qquad (92)$$

or 
$$\sigma'(V, U) = -g(V, U) \nabla \ln \Phi.$$
 (93)

For the equality case of (87), we get

$$\sigma(D, D) = 0, \sigma\left(D^{\theta}, D^{\theta}\right) = 0, \qquad (94)$$

$$g\left(\sigma_{\mu}\left(\Psi D, D^{\theta}\right), \sigma_{\mu}\left(D, PD^{\theta}\right)\right) = 0.$$
 (95)

From the first equation of (94), we go to the conclusion that  $N_T$  is totally geodesic in M. Furthermore, one can readily check that  $g(\sigma(Y, \Psi X), FV) = 0, \forall Y,$  $X \in TN_T, V \in TN_{\theta}$ . It leads to the conclusion that  $N_T$  is totally geodesic in  $\overline{M}(c)$  and it is a Sasakian space form as well. Moreover, the second equation of (94) together with (93) yields that  $N_{\theta}$  is totally umbilical. This proves the theorem.

#### 4. Some Applications

Theorem 10 motivates to compute the formula for Dirichlet energy for the warping function  $\Phi$ . Here, the Dirichlet energy of  $\Phi$  is denoted by  $E(\Phi)$  and is calculated for a compact orientable WP-PSS submanifold  $M = N_T \times_{\Phi} N_{\theta}$  in a Sasakian space form  $\overline{M}(c)$  as follows.

**Theorem 11.** Suppose that  $M = N_T \times_{\Phi} N_{\theta}$  is a compact orientable WP-PSS submanifold of a Sasakian space form  $\overline{M}(c)$ , such that  $N_T$  is a (2q + 1)-dimensional invariant submanifold tangent to the structure vector field  $\eta$  and  $N_{\theta}$  is a 2pdimensional pointwise slant submanifold of  $\overline{M}(c)$ . Then, for every  $y \in N_{\theta}$ , the necessary and sufficient conditions for the Dirichlet energies of the warping functions to fulfil the following

$$E(\ln \Phi) = \frac{1}{4p \sin^2 \theta} \int_{N_T \times \{y\}} \|\sigma\|^2 dV - \frac{p(c-1)}{4} Vol(N_T)$$
(96)

are the following:

- (i)  $N_T$  is the totally geodesic invariant in  $\overline{M}(c)$ , and it is a Sasakian space form
- (ii)  $N_{\theta}$  is totally umbilical in  $\overline{M}(c)$
- (iii)  $\sum_{i=1}^{q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} g(\sigma(\Psi e_i, e^j), \sigma(e_i, Pe^j)) = 0$

*Proof.* By integrating the case of equality of (87) and using the definition of Dirichlet energy and (33), we get the desired result.

If  $\theta = \pi/2$ , the compact orientable WP-PSS submanifolds become contact CR-warped product submanifolds. The above theorem can be used for deducing the following results.

**Corollary 12.** Suppose that  $M = N_T \times_{\Phi} N_{\perp}$  is a compact orientable contact CR-warped product submanifold of a Sasakian space form  $\overline{M}(c)$ , such that  $N_T$  is a (2q+1)-dimensional invariant submanifold tangent to  $\eta$  and  $N_{\perp}$  is a 2p-dimensional anti-invariant submanifold of  $\overline{M}(c)$ . Then, for every  $x \in N_{\perp}$ , the necessary and sufficient conditions for the relation

$$E(\ln \Phi) = \frac{1}{4p} \int_{N_T \times \{y\}} \|\sigma\|^2 dV - \frac{p(c-1)}{4} Vol(N_T)$$
(97)

to be held are the following:

- (i)  $N_T$  is a Sasakian space form and totally geodesic invariant in  $\overline{M}(c)$
- (ii)  $N_{\perp}$  is a totally umbilical anti-invariant in  $\overline{M}(c)$

If equality sign of (87) holds, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \left\| \sigma_{\mu} \left( e_i, e^j \right) \right\|^2 = qp(c-1) \sin^2 \theta - 2p \left( \csc^2 \theta \right.$$
$$\left. + 2 \cot^2 \theta \right) \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^2 - 2p \Delta \ln \Phi.$$
(98)

The Laplacian of a smooth function  $\Phi$  is the trace of the Hessian of the function. In terms of Hessian, (98) can be written as follows:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \left\| \sigma_{\mu} \left( e_{i}, e^{j} \right) \right\|^{2} = qp(c-1) \sin^{2}\theta - 2p(\csc^{2}\theta)$$
$$+ 2 \cot^{2}\theta) \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^{2} + 2p \sum_{i=1}^{q} \left[ \operatorname{Hess}^{\ln \Phi}(e_{i}, e_{i}) + \operatorname{Hess}^{\ln \Phi}(\Psi e_{i}, \Psi e_{i}) \right].$$
(99)

Now, the study comprises the following classification theorem for the WP-PSS submanifolds admitting the gradient Ricci soliton fulfilling the equality case of (87).

**Theorem 13.** Suppose that  $\overline{M}(c)$  is a 2m + 1-dimensional Sasakian space form and  $M = N_T \times_{\Phi} N_{\theta}$  is a WP-PSS submanifold admitting a shrinking gradient Ricci soliton. Then, if

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \left\| \sigma_{\mu} \left( e_{i}, e^{j} \right) \right\|^{2} + 4qp = qp(c-1) \sin^{2}\theta + 2p \sum_{i=1}^{2q} Ric(e_{i}, e_{i}),$$
(100)

one among the following is true:

- (i)  $\theta = \pi/2$ , i.e., M is a contact CR-warped product submanifold
- (ii) Φ is constant, i.e., M is trivial Riemannian product pointwise semi slant submanifold

*Proof.* Suppose that the WP-PSS submanifold  $M = N_T \times_{\psi} N_{\theta}$  satisfies the basic equation of the Ricci soliton, such that the potential function  $\tau = \ln \Phi$ , then

$$\operatorname{Ric}(Y, X) = \alpha g(Y, X) + \operatorname{Hess}^{\tau}(Y, X), \quad (101)$$

for all  $Y, X \in TN_T$ . Considering that  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_q, e_{q+1} = \Psi e_1, \dots, e_{2p} = \Psi e_q\}$  is an orthonormal basis of the vector fields on  $TN_T$ . Now, taking summation over  $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$  for Y = X in (101), we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{q} \operatorname{Ric}(e_{i}, e_{i}) = \alpha q + \sum_{i=1}^{q} \operatorname{Hess}^{\tau}(e_{i}, e_{i}).$$
(102)

Replacing  $e_i$  by  $\Psi e_i$  in the above equation, we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^{q} \operatorname{Ric}(\Psi e_{i}, \Psi e_{i}) = \alpha q + \sum_{i=1}^{q} \operatorname{Hess}^{\tau}(\Psi e_{i}, \Psi e_{i}).$$
(103)

From (102) and (103), we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2q} \operatorname{Ric}(e_i, e_i) = 2\alpha q + \sum_{i=1}^{q} (\operatorname{Hess}^{\tau}(e_i, e_i) + \operatorname{Hess}^{\tau}(\Psi e_i, \Psi e_i)).$$
(104)

By the assumption that the equality in (87) holds, then by (99),

$$\frac{1}{2p} \sum_{i=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \left\| \sigma_{\mu}(e_{i}, e^{j}) \right\|^{2} = \frac{q(c-1)}{2} \sin^{2}\theta$$
$$- \left( \cos^{2}\theta + 2 \cot^{2}\theta \right) \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{2q} \operatorname{Ric}(e_{i}, e_{i}) - 2\alpha q,$$
or 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \left\| \sigma_{\mu}(e_{i}, e^{j}) \right\|^{2} = qp(c-1) \sin^{2}\theta$$
$$- 2p \left( \cos^{2}\theta + 2 \cot^{2}\theta \right) \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^{2} + 2p \sum_{i=1}^{2q} \operatorname{Ric}(e_{i}, e_{i}) - 4qp\alpha$$
(105)

By assumption (100), we get

$$\left(\cos^2\theta + 2\cot^2\theta\right) \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^2 = 0.$$
 (106)

From the above equation, it is evident that  $\theta = \pi/2$  or  $\Phi$  is constant, which proves the theorem.

If the submanifold  $M = N_T \times_{\Phi} N_{\theta}$  admits the steady gradient Ricci soliton, then the following can be easily concluded from the above theorem.

**Theorem 14.** Suppose that M(c) is a 2m + 1-dimensional Sasakian space form and  $M = N_T \times_{\Phi} N_{\theta}$  is a WP-PSS submanifold admitting a steady gradient Ricci soliton. If the relation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \left\| \sigma_{\mu}(e_i, e^j) \right\|^2 = qp(c-1) \sin^2\theta + 2p \sum_{i=1}^{2q} Ric(e_i, e_i)$$
(107)

holds, then one can be true from the following:

- (i)  $\theta = \pi/2$ , i.e., M is a contact CR-warped product submanifold
- (ii) Φ is constant, i.e., M is trivial Riemannian product pointwise semi slant submanifold

In terms of Ricci curvature, the study constitutes the following classification.

**Theorem 15.** Suppose that  $\overline{M}(c)$  is a 2m + 1-dimensional Sasakian space form and  $M = N_T \times_{\Phi} N_{\theta}$  is a WP-PSS submanifold with the equality in (87) holds. If the following holds

$$2p \int_{M} Ric(\nabla \ln \Phi, -) dV = qp(c-1) \sin^{2}\theta - \sum_{i=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \left\| \sigma_{\mu}(e_{i}, e^{j}) \right\|^{2},$$
(108)

then one among the listed statements must be correct:

- (i)  $\theta = \pi/2$ , i.e., M is a contact CR-warped product submanifold
- (ii) Φ is constant, i.e., M is trivial Riemannian product pointwise semi slant submanifold

*Proof.* For a connection  $\nabla$  on a smooth manifold M, there exists a tensor R of type (1, 3) called the curvature tensor of the connection  $\nabla$  given by

$$\nabla_U \nabla_V Z - \nabla_V \nabla_U Z - \nabla_{[V,U]} Z = R(V, U) Z, \qquad (109)$$

 $\forall V, U, Z \in TM.$ 

For a warping function  $\tau = \ln \Phi$ , from (109), we obtain

$$\nabla^2 d(\tau)(U, V, Z) - \nabla^2 d(\tau)(V, U, Z) = d(\tau)R(V, U)Z.$$
(110)

By the smoothness property of  $\Phi$  on  $N_T$  and  $\nabla_{VU}^2 = \nabla_V \nabla_U - \nabla_{\nabla_V U}$ , then R(V, U)Z behaves like a derivative. Since  $d\tau$  is closed, then it is ready to check that  $\nabla^2 d(\tau)$  $(V, U, Z) = \nabla^2 d(\tau)(U, V, Z), \forall V, V, Z \in TN_T$ . Now, for a local orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{2q}\}$  on  $N_T$  and for a fixed point  $t \in N_T$  such that  $\nabla_{e_i}(e_j)(t) = 0$ , for  $1 \le i, j \le 2q + 1$ . If we specify  $\nabla_{e_i}(V)(t) = 0$ , for any  $V \in TN_T$ , and taking trace with respect to U and Z in the following equation:

$$\nabla^2 d(\tau)(U, V, Z) = \nabla^2 d(\tau)(V, U, Z), \tag{111}$$

and utilizing (110), we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{q} \left( \nabla^2 d(\tau) \right) \left( e_i, e_j, V \right) = -d(\Delta(\tau))(V) + \operatorname{Ric}(\nabla, V).$$
(112)

Further solving the left hand side of (112), it becomes

div 
$$(\text{Hess}^{\tau})(V) + d(\Delta(\tau))(V) = \text{Ric}(\nabla\tau, V),$$
 (113)

the above equation can be written in the form of an operator as follows:

div (Hess<sup>$$\tau$$</sup>) +  $d(\Delta(\tau)) = \operatorname{Ric}(\nabla \tau, \cdots).$  (114)

Since  $M = N_T \times_{\phi} N_{\theta}$  is a compact orientable WP submanifold, then on integrating where dV is the volume element.

Since  $\Delta \Phi = -\operatorname{div}(\nabla \Phi)$  [26] and  $\int_M \operatorname{div}(V) dV = 0$  for any  $V \in TN_T$ . So, it is easy to conclude that  $\int_M \operatorname{div}(\operatorname{Hess}^{\tau}) dV = 0$ . Then,

$$\Delta(\tau) = \int_{M} \operatorname{Ric}(\nabla \tau, \cdots) dV.$$
(116)

Utilizing the above equation in (98), we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2q} \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \left\| \sigma_{\mu} \left( e_i, e^j \right) \right\|^2 = qp(c-1) \sin^2 \theta$$
$$- 2p \left( \csc^2 \theta + 2 \cot^2 \theta \right) \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^2 - 2p \int_M \operatorname{Ric}(\nabla \ln \Phi, \cdots) dV.$$
(117)

By assumption (108), we get

$$\left(\cos^2\theta + 2\cot^2\theta\right) \|\nabla \ln \Phi\|^2 = 0.$$
(118)

From the above equation, it is evident that  $\theta = \pi/2$  or  $\Phi$  is constant, which proves the theorem.

#### 5. Conclusion

We obtain the inequalities characterizing the existence of WP-PSS submanifolds of Sasakian space forms via Hopf's Lemma. Furthermore, we gave an estimation of the squared norm of the second fundamental form with regard to the slant function and warping function. To strengthen our results, we provided an example of a WP-PSS submanifold in a Sasakian manifold. Moreover, some applications in the form of the Dirichlet energy of the warping function are derived. The results obtained may be helpful in further studies on the Dirichlet energy of smooth functions.

#### Abbreviations

| WP:     | Warped product                                   |
|---------|--|
| WF:     | Warping function                                 |
| AC:     | Almost contact                                   |
| WP-PSS: | Warped product pointwise semi slant submanifold. |

#### **Data Availability**

No data were used.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

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