

## Biharmonic Maps on Doubly Warped Product Manifolds

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we characterize a class of biharmonic maps from and between doubly product manifolds in terms of their warping function. Examples are constructed when all of the factors are Euclidean spaces.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\phi : (M^m, g) \rightarrow (N^n, h)$  be a smooth map between Riemannian manifolds. Such  $\phi$  is said to be harmonic if it is a critical point of the energy functional

$$E(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_M |d\phi|^2 dv_g$$

with respect to compactly supported variations. Equivalently,  $\phi$  is harmonic if it satisfies the associated Euler-Lagrange equations given as follows :

$$\tau(\phi) = \text{Tr}_g \nabla d\phi = 0.$$

Here  $\tau(\phi)$  is the tension field of  $\phi$ . We refer one to [5, 6, 7, 8, 9] for background on harmonic maps. As a generalization of harmonic maps, biharmonic maps are defined similarly, as follows : a map  $\phi$  is said to be biharmonic if it is a critical point of the bi-energy functional

$$E_2(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_M |\tau(\phi)|^2 dv_g.$$

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Equivalently,  $\phi$  is biharmonic if it satisfies the associated Euler-Lagrange equations:

$$\tau_2(\phi) = -Tr_g (\nabla^\phi)^2 \tau(\phi) - Tr_g R^N(\tau(\phi), d\phi)d\phi = 0,$$

where  $\nabla^\phi$  is the connection in the pull-back bundle  $\phi^{-1}(TN)$  and, if  $(e_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  is a local orthonormal frame field on  $M$ , then

$$Tr_g (\nabla^\phi)^2 \tau(\phi) = \left( \nabla_{e_i}^\phi \nabla_{e_i}^\phi - \nabla_{\nabla_{e_i}^\phi e_i}^\phi \right) \tau(\phi),$$

where we sum over repeated indices. We will call the operator  $\tau_2(\phi)$ , the bi-tension field of the map  $\phi$ . Clearly any harmonic map is biharmonic, therefore it is interesting to construct non-harmonic biharmonic maps (see [1, 2, 3] and [12, 13, 15] for some constructions of non-harmonic biharmonic maps). In [4], the authors studied biharmonic maps between warped products where they gave the condition for the biharmonicity of the inclusion of a Riemannian manifold  $N$  into the warped product  $M \times_f N$  and of the projection  $\bar{\pi} : M \times_f N \rightarrow M$ . Moreover, in [10] the authors gave some extensions of the results in [4] together with some further constructions of biharmonic maps. They also gave some characterizations of non-harmonic biharmonic maps using the product of harmonic maps and warping metric. The author in [11] studied the  $f$ -harmonicity of some special maps from or into a doubly warped product manifold. He obtained some similar results in [10], such as conditions for the  $f$ -harmonicity of projection maps and some characterizations for non-trivial  $f$ -harmonicity of the special product maps; furthermore, he investigate non-trivial  $f$ -harmonicity of the product of two harmonic maps. In [14], the authors study the biharmonic maps between doubly warped product manifolds and they gave some characterizations of non-harmonic biharmonic maps using products of harmonic maps and the warping metric. In this paper, we give a different constructions of biharmonic maps on the doubly warped product manifolds. First, we characterize the biharmonicity of the maps  $\tilde{\phi} : \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  and  $\tilde{\psi} : \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  defined by  $\tilde{\phi}(x, y) = \phi(x)$  and  $\tilde{\psi}(x, y) = \psi(y)$ . In particular we study the first and the second projection (Theorems 2.3 and 2.7). In this setting we obtain some examples of biharmonic non-harmonic maps. As a second result, we study the biharmonicity of the inclusion maps  $i_{y_0} : (M^n, g) \rightarrow \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right)$  and  $i_{x_0} : (N^n, h) \rightarrow \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right)$  (Theorems 2.11 and 2.13). Finally, we determine the conditions of the biharmonicity of the identity maps  $\left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \xrightarrow{Id} (M^m \times N^n, G = g \oplus h)$  and  $(M^m \times N^n, G = g \oplus h) \xrightarrow{Id} \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right)$  (Theorems 2.15 and 2.19). Some special cases are developed.

**2. Main Results**

Let  $(M^m, g)$  and  $(N^n, h)$  two Riemannian manifolds and let  $\alpha \in C^\infty(M)$  and  $\beta \in C^\infty(N)$  be a positive functions. The doubly warped product  $M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n$  is the product manifolds  $M \times N$  endowed with the Riemannian metric  $G_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  defined, for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T(M \times N))$ , by

$$G_{(\alpha, \beta)}(X, Y) = (\beta \circ \sigma)^2 g(d\pi(X), d\pi(Y)) + (\alpha \circ \pi)^2 h(d\eta(X), d\eta(Y)),$$

where  $\pi : M \times N \rightarrow M$  and  $\eta : M \times N \rightarrow N$  are respectively the first and the second projection. Let  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T(M \times N))$ ,  $X = (X_1, X_2)$ ,  $Y = (Y_1, Y_2)$ . For all obtained results in this paper, we consider  $\{e_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  to be an orthonormal frame on  $M$  and  $\{f_j\}_{1 \leq j \leq n}$  to be an orthonormal frame on  $N$ . Then, an orthonormal frame on  $\left(M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)}\right)$  is given by  $\left\{\frac{1}{\beta}(e_i, 0), \frac{1}{\alpha}(0, f_j)\right\}$ . Denote by  $\nabla$  the Levi-Civita connection on the Riemannian product  $M \times N$ , the Levi-Civita connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  of the doubly warped product  $M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n$  is given by (see [14])

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{\nabla}_X Y &= \nabla_X Y + X_1(\ln \alpha)(0, Y_2) + Y_1(\ln \alpha)(0, X_2) \\ &+ X_2(\ln \beta)(Y_1, 0) + Y_2(\ln \beta)(X_1, 0) \\ &- \beta^2 g(X_1, Y_1)(0, \text{grad} \ln \beta) - \alpha^2 h(X_2, Y_2)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Using equation (2.1), we give some particular cases below.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T(M \times N))$ ,  $X = (X_1, X_2)$ ,  $Y = (Y_1, Y_2)$ . The Levi-Civita connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  of the doubly warped product  $M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n$  satisfies the following equations*

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1, 0)}(Y_1, 0) = (\nabla_{X_1} Y_1, 0) - \beta^2 g(X_1, Y_1)(0, \text{grad} \ln \beta),$$

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{(0, X_2)}(0, Y_2) = (0, \nabla_{X_2} Y_2) - \alpha^2 h(X_2, Y_2)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0),$$

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1, 0)}(0, Y_2) = X_1(\ln \alpha)(0, Y_2) + Y_2(\ln \beta)(X_1, 0),$$

and

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{(0, X_2)}(Y_1, 0) = Y_1(\ln \alpha)(0, X_2) + X_2(\ln \beta)(Y_1, 0).$$

In the first, we consider a smooth map  $\phi : (M^m, g) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  and we define the map  $\tilde{\phi} : \left(M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)}\right) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  by  $\tilde{\phi}(x, y) = \phi(x)$ . By calculating the tension field of  $\tilde{\phi}$ , we obtain the following result.

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $\phi : (M^m, g) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  be a smooth map. The tension field of the map  $\tilde{\phi} : \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  defined by  $\tilde{\phi}(x, y) = \phi(x)$  is given by*

$$\tau(\tilde{\phi}) = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \tau(\phi) + nd\phi(\text{grad} \ln \alpha).$$

*Proof.* By definition of the tension field, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\tilde{\phi}) &= \text{Tr}_{G_{(\alpha, \beta)}} \nabla d\tilde{\phi} \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta^2} \nabla_{(e_i, 0)}^{\tilde{\phi}} d\tilde{\phi}(e_i, 0) + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \nabla_{(0, f_j)}^{\tilde{\phi}} d\tilde{\phi}(0, f_j) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\beta^2} d\tilde{\phi}(\tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i, 0)}(e_i, 0)) - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} d\tilde{\phi}(\tilde{\nabla}_{(0, f_j)}(0, f_j)), \end{aligned}$$

where we sum over repeated indices. A simple calculation gives

$$\nabla_{(e_i, 0)}^{\tilde{\phi}} d\tilde{\phi}(e_i, 0) = \nabla_{e_i}^{\phi} d\phi(e_i)$$

and

$$\nabla_{(0, f_j)}^{\tilde{\phi}} d\tilde{\phi}(0, f_j) = 0.$$

Using Proposition 2.1, we deduce that

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i, 0)}(e_i, 0) = (\nabla_{e_i} e_i, 0) - m\beta^2(0, \text{grad} \ln \beta)$$

and

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{(0, f_j)}(0, f_j) = (0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j) - n\alpha^2(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0),$$

it follows that

$$\tau(\tilde{\phi}) = \frac{1}{\beta^2} (\nabla_{e_i}^{\phi} d\phi(e_i) - d\phi(\nabla_{e_i} e_i)) + nd\phi(\text{grad} \ln \alpha),$$

then

$$\tau(\tilde{\phi}) = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \tau(\phi) + nd\phi(\text{grad} \ln \alpha). \quad \square$$

In the following, we will calculate the bi-tension field of the map

$$\tilde{\phi} : \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (P^p, k).$$

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $\phi : (M^m, g) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  be a smooth map. the bi-tension field of the map  $\tilde{\phi} : \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  defined by  $\tilde{\phi}(x, y) = \phi(x)$  is*

given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau_2(\tilde{\phi}) &= \frac{1}{\beta^4} \tau_2(\phi) + \frac{2}{\alpha^2 \beta^2} (\Delta \ln \beta - 2 |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2) \tau(\phi) \\
 (2.2) \quad &- \frac{n}{\beta^2} \nabla_{\text{grad} \ln \alpha}^\phi \tau(\phi) + \frac{2m}{\beta^2} |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \tau(\phi) - n^2 \nabla_{\text{grad} \ln \alpha}^\phi d\phi(\text{grad} \ln \alpha) \\
 &- \frac{n}{\beta^2} \left( \text{Tr}_g (\nabla^\phi)^2 d\phi(\text{grad} \ln \alpha) + \text{Tr}_g R^P(d\phi(\text{grad} \ln \alpha), d\phi) d\phi \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By definition of the bi-tension field, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.3) \quad \tau_2(\tilde{\phi}) &= -\text{Tr}_{G(\alpha, \beta)} (\nabla^{\tilde{\phi}})^2 \tau(\tilde{\phi}) \\
 &- \text{Tr}_{G(\alpha, \beta)} R^P(\tau(\tilde{\phi}), d\tilde{\phi}) d\tilde{\phi}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that

$$\tau(\tilde{\phi}) = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \tau(\phi) + n d\phi(\text{grad} \ln \alpha),$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Tr}_{G(\alpha, \beta)} (\nabla^{\tilde{\phi}})^2 \tau(\tilde{\phi}) &= \text{Tr}_{G(\alpha, \beta)} (\nabla^{\tilde{\phi}})^2 \frac{1}{\beta^2} \tau(\phi) \\
 &+ n \text{Tr}_{G(\alpha, \beta)} (\nabla^{\tilde{\phi}})^2 d\phi(\text{grad} \ln \alpha).
 \end{aligned}$$

For the term  $\text{Tr}_{G(\alpha, \beta)} (\nabla^{\tilde{\phi}})^2 \frac{1}{\beta^2} \tau(\phi)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Tr}_{G(\alpha, \beta)} (\nabla^{\tilde{\phi}})^2 \frac{1}{\beta^2} \tau(\phi) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\beta^2} \nabla_{(e_i, 0)}^{\tilde{\phi}} \nabla_{(e_i, 0)}^{\tilde{\phi}} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \tau(\phi) - \frac{1}{\beta^2} \nabla_{\tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i, 0)}^{\tilde{\phi}}(e_i, 0)} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \tau(\phi) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \nabla_{(0, f_j)}^{\tilde{\phi}} \nabla_{(0, f_j)}^{\tilde{\phi}} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \tau(\phi) - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \nabla_{\tilde{\nabla}_{(0, f_j)}^{\tilde{\phi}}(0, f_j)} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \tau(\phi) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\beta^4} \text{Tr}_g (\nabla^\phi)^2 \tau(\phi) - \frac{2m}{\beta^2} |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \tau(\phi) \\
 &- \frac{2}{\alpha^2 \beta^2} \left( f_j(f_j(\ln \beta)) - 2 |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) \tau(\phi) \\
 &+ \frac{2}{\alpha^2 \beta^2} (\nabla_{f_j} f_j)(\ln \beta) \tau(\phi) + \frac{n}{\beta^2} \nabla_{\text{grad} \ln \alpha}^\phi \tau(\phi),
 \end{aligned}$$

which will lead to

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} \left( \nabla^{\tilde{\phi}} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\beta^2} \tau(\phi) &= \frac{1}{\beta^4} Tr_g (\nabla^\phi)^2 \tau(\phi) - \frac{2}{\alpha^2 \beta^2} \left( \Delta \ln \beta - 2 |grad \ln \beta|^2 \right) \tau(\phi) \\ &+ \frac{n}{\beta^2} \nabla_{grad \ln \alpha}^\phi \tau(\phi) - \frac{2m}{\beta^2} |grad \ln \beta|^2 \tau(\phi). \end{aligned}$$

A similar calculation gives us

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} \left( \nabla^{\tilde{\phi}} \right)^2 d\phi(grad \ln \alpha) &= \frac{1}{\beta^2} \nabla_{(e_i,0)}^{\tilde{\phi}} \nabla_{(e_i,0)}^{\tilde{\phi}} d\phi(grad \ln \alpha) - \frac{1}{\beta^2} \nabla_{\tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)}^{\tilde{\phi}}(e_i,0)} d\phi(grad \ln \alpha) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \nabla_{(0,f_j)}^{\tilde{\phi}} \nabla_{(0,f_j)}^{\tilde{\phi}} d\phi(grad \ln \alpha) - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \nabla_{\tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)}^{\tilde{\phi}}(0,f_j)} d\phi(grad \ln \alpha) \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta^2} Tr_g (\nabla^\phi)^2 d\phi(grad \ln \alpha) + n \nabla_{grad \ln \alpha}^\phi d\phi(grad \ln \alpha), \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (2.4) \quad Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} \left( \nabla^{\tilde{\phi}} \right)^2 \tau(\tilde{\phi}) &= \frac{1}{\beta^4} Tr_g (\nabla^\phi)^2 \tau(\phi) + \frac{n}{\beta^2} Tr_g (\nabla^\phi)^2 d\phi(grad \ln \alpha) \\ &+ \frac{n}{\beta^2} \nabla_{grad \ln \alpha}^\phi \tau(\phi) + n^2 \nabla_{grad \ln \alpha}^\phi d\phi(grad \ln \alpha) \\ &- \frac{2}{\alpha^2 \beta^2} \left( \Delta \ln \beta - 2 |grad \ln \beta|^2 \right) \tau(\phi). \end{aligned}$$

Finally for term  $Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} R^P \left( \tau(\tilde{\phi}), d\tilde{\phi} \right) d\tilde{\phi}$ , it is very simple to see that

$$\begin{aligned} (2.5) \quad Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} R^P \left( \tau(\tilde{\phi}), d\tilde{\phi} \right) d\tilde{\phi} &= \frac{1}{\beta^4} Tr_g R^P \left( \tau(\phi), d\phi \right) d\phi \\ &+ \frac{n}{\beta^2} Tr_g R^P \left( d\phi(grad \ln \alpha), d\phi \right) d\phi. \end{aligned}$$

If we replace (2.4) and (2.5) in (2.3), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_2(\tilde{\phi}) &= \frac{1}{\beta^4} \tau_2(\phi) + \frac{2}{\alpha^2 \beta^2} \left( \Delta \ln \beta - 2 |grad \ln \beta|^2 \right) \tau(\phi) \\ &- \frac{n}{\beta^2} \nabla_{grad \ln \alpha}^\phi \tau(\phi) + \frac{2m}{\beta^2} |grad \ln \beta|^2 \tau(\phi) - n^2 \nabla_{grad \ln \alpha}^\phi d\phi(grad \ln \alpha) \\ &- \frac{n}{\beta^2} \left( Tr_g (\nabla^\phi)^2 d\phi(grad \ln \alpha) + Tr_g R^P \left( d\phi(grad \ln \alpha), d\phi \right) d\phi \right). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

As a consequence, if  $\phi$  is harmonic, we have the following.

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $\phi : (M^m, g) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  be a harmonic map. The map  $\tilde{\phi} : \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  defined by  $\tilde{\phi}(x, y) = \phi(x)$  is biharmonic if and only if*

$$\begin{aligned} &Tr_g (\nabla^\phi)^2 d\phi(\text{grad } \ln \alpha) + Tr_g R^P (d\phi(\text{grad } \ln \alpha), d\phi) d\phi \\ &+ n\beta^2 \nabla_{\text{grad } \ln \alpha}^\phi d\phi(\text{grad } \ln \alpha) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

*In particular if  $\phi = Id_M$ , the first projection  $P_1 : \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (M^m, g)$  defined by  $P_1(x, y) = x$  is biharmonic if and only if*

$$\text{grad} \Delta \ln \alpha + \frac{n}{2} \beta^2 \text{grad} (|\text{grad } \ln \alpha|^2) + 2\text{Ricci}(\text{grad } \ln \alpha) = 0.$$

We apply this Corollary to construct an example of biharmonic non-harmonic maps.

**Example 2.5.** Let the first projection  $P_1 : \left( \mathbb{R}^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} \mathbb{R}^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m, g_{\mathbb{R}^m})$  be defined by

$$P_1(x = (t, x_2, \dots, x_m), y = (s, y_2, \dots, y_n)) = x = (t, x_2, \dots, x_m).$$

We suppose that  $\alpha$  depends only on  $t$  and  $\beta$  depends only on  $s$  and set  $(\ln \alpha)' = \alpha_1(t)$ ,  $(\ln \beta)' = \beta_1(s)$ . Then by Corollary 1, the first projection  $P_1 : \left( \mathbb{R}^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} \mathbb{R}^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m, g_{\mathbb{R}^m})$  is biharmonic if and only if

$$\alpha_1'' + n\beta^2 \alpha_1 \alpha_1' = 0.$$

As particular solutions of this equation, we have

- (1) If the function  $\alpha_1$  is constant, which gives us  $\alpha(t) = C \exp(kt)$  ( $C > 0$ ). Then the equation  $\alpha_1'' + n\beta^2 \alpha_1 \alpha_1' = 0$  can be satisfied for any positive function  $\beta$ . In this case, the first projection  $P_1 : \left( \mathbb{R}^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} \mathbb{R}^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m, g_{\mathbb{R}^m})$  is biharmonic non-harmonic where  $\alpha(t) = C \exp(kt)$  and  $\beta$  is any positive function.
- (2) For  $\beta(s) = q \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $\alpha(t) = C \sqrt[2]{(pt+k)^2}$  ( $C > 0$ ) where  $p = nq^2$ , the first projection  $P_1 : \left( \mathbb{R}^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} \mathbb{R}^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m, g_{\mathbb{R}^m})$  is biharmonic non-harmonic.

If we replace  $\alpha = 1$  in Theorem 2.3, we get the following result:

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $\phi : (M^m, g) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  be a smooth map. The map  $\tilde{\phi} : \left( M^m \times_{\beta} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  defined by  $\tilde{\phi}(x, y) = \phi(x)$  is biharmonic if and only if*

$$\tau_2(\phi) + 2\beta^2 \left( \Delta \ln \beta + (m-2) |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) \tau(\phi) = 0.$$

In particular if the map  $\phi$  is biharmonic non-harmonic, we get two cases:

- (1) *If  $m = 2$ , we deduce that the map  $\tilde{\phi} : \left( M^m \times_{\beta} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  defined by  $\tilde{\phi}(x, y) = \phi(x)$  is biharmonic non-harmonic if and only if the function  $\ln \beta$  is harmonic.*
- (2) *If  $m \neq 2$  and by calculating  $\Delta(\beta^{m-2})$ , we deduce that the map  $\tilde{\phi} : \left( M^m \times_{\beta} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  defined by  $\tilde{\phi}(x, y) = \phi(x)$  is biharmonic non-harmonic if and only if the function  $\beta^{m-2}$  is harmonic.*

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $\psi : (N^n, h) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  be a smooth map, we define  $\tilde{\psi} : (\beta M^m \times_{\alpha} N^n, G_{\alpha, \beta}) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  by  $\tilde{\psi}(x, y) = \psi(y)$ . The tension field and the bi-tension field of  $\tilde{\psi}$  are given by*

$$(2.6) \quad \tau(\tilde{\psi}) = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \tau(\psi) + m d\psi(\text{grad} \ln \beta)$$

and

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau_2(\tilde{\psi}) &= \tau_2(\psi) - \frac{1}{\alpha^2 \beta^2} \left( 4 |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 - 2 \Delta \ln \alpha \right) \tau(\psi) \\ &\quad - \frac{m}{\alpha^2} \left( \text{Tr}_h(\nabla^{\psi})^2 d\psi(\text{grad} \ln \beta) + \nabla_{\text{grad} \ln \beta}^{\psi} \tau(\psi) \right) \\ &\quad - m \nabla_{\text{grad} \ln \beta}^{\psi} d\psi(\text{grad} \ln \beta) + \frac{2n}{\alpha^2} |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \tau(\psi) \\ &\quad - \frac{m}{\alpha^2} \text{Tr}_h R(d\psi(\text{grad} \ln \beta), d\psi) d\psi. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let the map  $\tilde{\psi} : \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  be defined by  $\tilde{\psi}(x, y) = \psi(y)$  where  $\psi : (N^n, h) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$ . Note that in this case we have  $d\tilde{\psi}(X, Y) =$



$d\psi(Y)$  for any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $Y \in \Gamma(TN)$ . For the tension field of  $\tilde{\psi}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\tilde{\psi}) &= Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} \nabla d\tilde{\psi} \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta^2} \nabla_{(e_i,0)}^{\tilde{\psi}} d\tilde{\psi}(e_i,0) - \frac{1}{\beta^2} d\tilde{\psi}(\tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)}(e_i,0)) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \nabla_{(0,f_j)}^{\tilde{\psi}} d\tilde{\psi}(0,f_j) - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} d\tilde{\psi}(\tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)}(0,f_j)) \\ &= md\tilde{\psi}(0, grad \ln \beta) + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \nabla_{f_j}^{\psi} d\psi(f_j) - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} d\tilde{\psi}(0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\tau(\tilde{\psi}) = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \tau(\psi) + md\psi(grad \ln \beta).$$

By definition, the bi-tension field of  $\tilde{\psi}$  is given by

$$\tau_2(\tilde{\psi}) = -Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} (\nabla^{\tilde{\psi}})^2 \tau(\tilde{\psi}) - Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} R(\tau(\tilde{\psi}), d\tilde{\psi}) d\tilde{\psi}.$$

For the first term  $Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} (\nabla^{\tilde{\psi}})^2 \tau(\tilde{\psi})$ , a rigorous calculation gives us

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} (\nabla^{\tilde{\psi}})^2 \tau(\tilde{\psi}) &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} Tr_h (\nabla^{\psi})^2 \tau(\psi) + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} Tr_h (\nabla^{\psi})^2 d\psi(grad \ln \beta) \\ &\quad + \frac{m}{\alpha^2} \nabla_{grad \ln \beta}^{\psi} \tau(\psi) + m^2 \nabla_{grad \ln \beta}^{\psi} d\psi(grad \ln \beta) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\alpha^2 \beta^2} (4 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 - 2\Delta \ln \alpha) \tau(\psi) - \frac{2n}{\alpha^2} |grad \ln \alpha|^2 \tau(\psi). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, it is very easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} R(\tau(\tilde{\psi}), d\tilde{\psi}) d\tilde{\psi} &= \frac{1}{\alpha^4} Tr_h R(\tau(\psi), d\psi) d\psi \\ &\quad + \frac{m}{\alpha^2} Tr_h R(d\psi(grad \ln \beta), d\psi) d\psi. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_2(\tilde{\psi}) &= \tau_2(\psi) - \frac{1}{\alpha^2 \beta^2} (4 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 - 2\Delta \ln \alpha) \tau(\psi) \\ &\quad - \frac{m}{\alpha^2} (Tr_h (\nabla^{\psi})^2 d\psi(grad \ln \beta) + \nabla_{grad \ln \beta}^{\psi} \tau(\psi)) \\ &\quad - m \nabla_{grad \ln \beta}^{\psi} d\psi(grad \ln \beta) + \frac{2n}{\alpha^2} |grad \ln \alpha|^2 \tau(\psi) \\ &\quad - \frac{m}{\alpha^2} Tr_h R(d\psi(grad \ln \beta), d\psi) d\psi. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

As a consequence, if  $\psi$  is harmonic, we have the following.

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let  $\psi : (N^n, h) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  be a harmonic map. The map  $\tilde{\psi} : \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  defined by  $\tilde{\psi}(x, y) = \psi(y)$  is biharmonic if and only if*

$$\begin{aligned} & Tr_h (\nabla^\psi)^2 d\psi(\text{grad } \ln \beta) + Tr_h R(d\psi(\text{grad } \ln \beta), d\psi) d\psi \\ & + m\alpha^2 \nabla_{\text{grad } \ln \beta}^\psi d\psi(\text{grad } \ln \beta) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

In particular if  $\psi = Id_N$ , the second projection  $P_2 : \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (N^n, h)$  defined by  $P_2(x, y) = y$  is biharmonic if and only if

$$\text{grad} \Delta \ln \beta + \frac{m}{2} \alpha^2 \text{grad} (|\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2) + 2\text{Ricci}(\text{grad } \ln \beta) = 0.$$

If we replace  $\beta = 1$  in Theorem 2.7, we get the following result.

**Corollary 2.9.** *Let  $\psi : (N^n, h) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  be a smooth map. The map  $\tilde{\psi} : \left( M^m \times_\alpha N^n, G_\alpha \right) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  defined by  $\tilde{\psi}(x, y) = \psi(y)$  is biharmonic if and only if*

$$\tau_2(\psi) + \frac{2}{\alpha^2} (\Delta \ln \alpha + (n-2)|\text{grad } \ln \alpha|^2) \tau(\psi) = 0.$$

In particular if the map  $\psi$  is biharmonic non-harmonic, we distinguish two cases :

- (1) If  $n = 2$ , we deduce that the map  $\tilde{\psi} : \left( M^m \times_\alpha N^n, G_\alpha \right) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  defined by  $\tilde{\psi}(x, y) = \psi(x)$  is biharmonic non-harmonic if and only if the function  $\ln \alpha$  is harmonic.
- (2) If  $n \neq 2$  and by calculating  $\Delta(\alpha^{n-2})$ , we deduce that the map  $\tilde{\psi} : \left( M^m \times_\alpha N^n, G_\alpha \right) \rightarrow (P^p, k)$  defined by  $\tilde{\psi}(x, y) = \psi(x)$  is biharmonic non-harmonic if and only if the function  $\alpha^{n-2}$  is harmonic.

Now, let's study the biharmonicity of inclusion maps  $i_{y_0} : (M^n, g) \rightarrow \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right)$  and  $i_{x_0} : (N^n, h) \rightarrow \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right)$ . To study the biharmonicity of these maps, we will give the expression of the curvature tensor  $\tilde{R}$  of the doubly warped product  $\left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right)$ . This expression is given by the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $(M^m, g)$  and  $(N^n, h)$  be two Riemannian manifolds. If  $\tilde{\nabla}$  denote the Levi-Civita connection on  $\left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right)$  and  $\tilde{R}$  is the curvature*

tensor associated to  $\tilde{\nabla}$ , then for all  $X_1, Y_1, Z_1 \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $X_2, Y_2, Z_2 \in \Gamma(TN)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}((X_1, 0), (Y_1, 0))(Z_1, 0) &= (R(X_1, Y_1)Z_1, 0) \\ &+ \beta^2 |\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2 \{g(X_1, Z_1)(Y_1, 0) - g(Y_1, Z_1)(X_1, 0)\} \\ &+ \beta^2 \{g(X_1, Z_1)Y_1(\ln \alpha) - g(Y_1, Z_1)X_1(\ln \alpha)\}(0, \text{grad } \ln \beta), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}((X_1, 0), (0, Y_2))(0, Z_2) &= -\alpha^2 h(Y_2, Z_2)(\nabla_{X_1} \text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- \alpha^2 h(Y_2, Z_2)X_1(\ln \alpha)(\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- (Y_2(Z_2(\ln \beta)) - (\nabla_{Y_2} Z_2)(\ln \beta))(X_1, 0) \\ &- Z_2(\ln \beta)Y_2(\ln \beta)(X_1, 0) - Z_2(\ln \beta)X_1(\ln \alpha)(0, Y_2) \\ &+ \alpha^2 \beta^2 h(Y_2, Z_2)X_1(\ln \alpha)(0, \text{grad } \ln \beta), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}((0, X_2), (Y_1, 0))(Z_1, 0) &= -\beta^2 g(Y_1, Z_1)(0, \nabla_{X_2} \text{grad } \ln \beta) \\ &+ \alpha^2 \beta^2 g(Y_1, Z_1)X_2(\ln \beta)(\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) - Z_1(\ln \alpha)X_2(\ln \beta)(Y_1, 0) \\ &- \{Y_1(Z_1(\ln \alpha)) - (\nabla_{Y_1} Z_1)(\ln \alpha) + Z_1(\ln \alpha)Y_1(\ln \alpha)\}(0, X_2) \\ &- \beta^2 g(Y_1, Z_1)X_2(\ln \beta)(0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}((0, X_2), (0, Y_2))(0, Z_2) &= (0, R(X_2, Y_2)Z_2) \\ &+ \alpha^2 \{h(X_2, Z_2)Y_2(\ln \beta) - h(Y_2, Z_2)X_2(\ln \beta)\}(\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- \alpha^2 h(Y_2, Z_2)|\text{grad } \ln \alpha|^2(0, X_2) + \alpha^2 h(X_2, Z_2)|\text{grad } \ln \alpha|^2(0, Y_2). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* For the term  $\tilde{R}((X_1, 0), (Y_1, 0))(Z_1, 0)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}((X_1, 0), (Y_1, 0))(Z_1, 0) &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1, 0)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(Y_1, 0)}(Z_1, 0) - \tilde{\nabla}_{(Y_1, 0)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1, 0)}(Z_1, 0) \\ &- \tilde{\nabla}_{[(X_1, 0), (Y_1, 0)]}(Z_1, 0). \end{aligned}$$

By Proposition 2.1, we can obtain

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{(Y_1, 0)}(Z_1, 0) = (\nabla_{Y_1} Z_1, 0) - \beta^2 g(Y_1, Z_1)(0, \text{grad } \ln \beta),$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1, 0)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(Y_1, 0)}(Z_1, 0) &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1, 0)}(\nabla_{Y_1} Z_1, 0) \\ &- \tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1, 0)} \beta^2 g(Y_1, Z_1)(0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) \\ &= (\nabla_{X_1} \nabla_{Y_1} Z_1, 0) - \beta^2 g(X_1, \nabla_{Y_1} Z_1)(0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) \\ &- \beta^2 g(Y_1, Z_1) \tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1, 0)}(0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) \\ &- \beta^2 X_1(g(Y_1, Z_1))(0, \text{grad } \ln \beta), \end{aligned}$$

which leads us to the following formula

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1,0)}\tilde{\nabla}_{(Y_1,0)}(Z_1,0) &= (\nabla_{X_1}\nabla_{Y_1}Z_1,0) - \beta^2g(X_1,\nabla_{Y_1}Z_1)(0,grad\ln\beta) \\ &\quad - \beta^2g(Y_1,Z_1)X_1(\ln\alpha)(0,grad\ln\beta) \\ &\quad - \beta^2g(Y_1,Z_1)|grad\ln\beta|^2(X_1,0) \\ &\quad - \beta^2g(\nabla_{X_1}Y_1,Z_1)(0,grad\ln\beta) \\ &\quad - \beta^2g(Y_1,\nabla_{X_1}Z_1)(0,grad\ln\beta).\end{aligned}$$

A similar calculation gives us

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\nabla}_{(Y_1,0)}\tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1,0)}(Z_1,0) &= (\nabla_{Y_1}\nabla_{X_1}Z_1,0) - \beta^2g(Y_1,\nabla_{X_1}Z_1)(0,grad\ln\beta) \\ &\quad - \beta^2g(X_1,Z_1)Y_1(\ln\alpha)(0,grad\ln\beta) \\ &\quad - \beta^2g(X_1,Z_1)|grad\ln\beta|^2(Y_1,0) \\ &\quad - \beta^2g(\nabla_{Y_1}X_1,Z_1)(0,grad\ln\beta) \\ &\quad - \beta^2g(X_1,\nabla_{Y_1}Z_1)(0,grad\ln\beta).\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\nabla}_{[(X_1,0),(Y_1,0)]}(Z_1,0) &= \tilde{\nabla}_{[(X_1,Y_1),0]}(Z_1,0) \\ &= (\nabla_{[X_1,Y_1]}Z_1,0) - \beta^2g([X_1,Y_1],Z_1)(0,grad\ln\beta).\end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{R}((X_1,0),(Y_1,0))(Z_1,0) &= (R(X_1,Y_1)Z_1,0) \\ &\quad + \beta^2|grad\ln\beta|^2\{g(X_1,Z_1)(Y_1,0) - g(Y_1,Z_1)(X_1,0)\} \\ &\quad + \beta^2\{g(X_1,Z_1)Y_1(\ln\alpha) - g(Y_1,Z_1)X_1(\ln\alpha)\}(0,grad\ln\beta).\end{aligned}$$

Now let's look at the term  $\tilde{R}((X_1,0),(0,Y_2))(0,Z_2)$ , we have

$$\tilde{R}((X_1,0),(0,Y_2))(0,Z_2) = \tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1,0)}\tilde{\nabla}_{(0,Y_2)}(0,Z_2) - \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,Y_2)}\tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1,0)}(0,Z_2).$$

By Proposition 2.1, we obtain

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{(0,Y_2)}(0,Z_2) = (0,\nabla_{Y_2}Z_2) - \alpha^2h(Y_2,Z_2)(grad\ln\alpha,0),$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1,0)}\tilde{\nabla}_{(0,Y_2)}(0,Z_2) &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1,0)}(0,\nabla_{Y_2}Z_2) \\ &\quad - \tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1,0)}\alpha^2h(Y_2,Z_2)(grad\ln\alpha,0) \\ &= X_1(\ln\alpha)(0,\nabla_{Y_2}Z_2) + (\nabla_{Y_2}Z_2)(\ln\beta)(X_1,0) \\ &\quad - \alpha^2h(Y_2,Z_2)\tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1,0)}(grad\ln\alpha,0) \\ &\quad - X_1(\alpha^2)h(Y_2,Z_2)(grad\ln\alpha,0),\end{aligned}$$

we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1,0)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,Y_2)}(0, Z_2) &= -\alpha^2 h(Y_2, Z_2) (\nabla_{X_1} grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - 2\alpha^2 h(Y_2, Z_2) X_1 (\ln \alpha) (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad + \alpha^2 \beta^2 h(Y_2, Z_2) X_1 (\ln \alpha) (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &\quad + X_1 (\ln \alpha) (0, \nabla_{Y_2} Z_2) + (\nabla_{Y_2} Z_2) (\ln \beta) (X_1, 0). \end{aligned}$$

The same calculation steps gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,Y_2)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(X_1,0)}(0, Z_2) &= X_1 (\ln \alpha) (0, \nabla_{Y_2} Z_2) + Z_2 (\ln \beta) X_1 (\ln \alpha) (0, Y_2) \\ &\quad + Z_2 (\ln \beta) Y_2 (\ln \beta) (X_1, 0) + Y_2 (Z_2 (\ln \beta)) (X_1, 0) \\ &\quad - \alpha^2 h(X_2, Y_2) X_1 (\ln \alpha) (grad \ln \alpha, 0), \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}((X_1, 0), (0, Y_2))(0, Z_2) &= -\alpha^2 h(Y_2, Z_2) (\nabla_{X_1} grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - \alpha^2 h(Y_2, Z_2) X_1 (\ln \alpha) (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - (Y_2 (Z_2 (\ln \beta)) - (\nabla_{Y_2} Z_2) (\ln \beta)) (X_1, 0) \\ &\quad + \alpha^2 \beta^2 h(Y_2, Z_2) X_1 (\ln \alpha) (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &\quad - Z_2 (\ln \beta) Y_2 (\ln \beta) (X_1, 0) - Z_2 (\ln \beta) X_1 (\ln \alpha) (0, Y_2). \end{aligned}$$

For the term  $\tilde{R}((0, X_2), (Y_1, 0))(Z_1, 0)$ , we have

$$\tilde{R}((0, X_2), (Y_1, 0))(Z_1, 0) = \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,X_2)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(Y_1,0)}(Z_1, 0) - \tilde{\nabla}_{(Y_1,0)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,X_2)}(Z_1, 0).$$

Using Proposition 2.1, we get

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{(Y_1,0)}(Z_1, 0) = (\nabla_{Y_1} Z_1, 0) - \beta^2 g(Y_1, Z_1) (0, grad \ln \beta),$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,X_2)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(Y_1,0)}(Z_1, 0) &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,X_2)} (\nabla_{Y_1} Z_1, 0) - \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,X_2)} \beta^2 g(Y_1, Z_1) (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &= (\nabla_{Y_1} Z_1) (\ln \alpha) (0, X_2) + X_2 (\ln \beta) (\nabla_{Y_1} Z_1, 0) \\ &\quad - \beta^2 g(Y_1, Z_1) (0, \nabla_{X_2} grad \ln \beta) \\ &\quad + \alpha^2 \beta^2 g(Y_1, Z_1) X_2 (\ln \beta) (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - 2\beta^2 X_2 (\ln \beta) g(Y_1, Z_1) (0, grad \ln \beta). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\nabla}_{(Y_1,0)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,X_2)}(Z_1, 0) &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(Y_1,0)} Z_1 (\ln \alpha) (0, X_2) + \tilde{\nabla}_{(Y_1,0)} X_2 (\ln \beta) (Z_1, 0) \\ &= Z_1 (\ln \alpha) Y_1 (\ln \alpha) (0, X_2) \\ &\quad + Z_1 (\ln \alpha) X_2 (\ln \beta) (Y_1, 0) \\ &\quad + Y_1 \{Z_1 (\ln \alpha)\} (0, X_2) + X_2 (\ln \beta) (\nabla_{Y_1} Z_1, 0) \\ &\quad - \beta^2 g(Y_1, Z_1) X_2 (\ln \beta) (0, grad \ln \beta), \end{aligned}$$

which gives us

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{R}((0, X_2), (Y_1, 0))(Z_1, 0) &= -\beta^2 g(Y_1, Z_1)(0, \nabla_{X_2} \text{grad} \ln \beta) \\ &+ \alpha^2 \beta^2 g(Y_1, Z_1) X_2(\ln \beta)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- \beta^2 g(Y_1, Z_1) X_2(\ln \beta)(0, \text{grad} \ln \beta) \\ &- Z_1(\ln \alpha) X_2(\ln \beta)(Y_1, 0) - Z_1(\ln \alpha) Y_1(\ln \alpha)(0, X_2) \\ &- \{Y_1(Z_1(\ln \alpha)) - (\nabla_{Y_1} Z_1)(\ln \alpha) +\}(0, X_2).\end{aligned}$$

To complete the proof of Theorem 2.10, we will calculate the term  $\tilde{R}((0, X_2), (0, Y_2))(0, Z_2)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{R}((0, X_2), (0, Y_2))(0, Z_2) &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, X_2)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, Y_2)}(0, Z_2) - \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, Y_2)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, X_2)}(0, Z_2) \\ &- \tilde{\nabla}_{[(0, X_2), (0, Y_2)]}(0, Z_2).\end{aligned}$$

Using Proposition 2.1, we get

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{(0, Y_2)}(0, Z_2) = (0, \nabla_{Y_2} Z_2) - \alpha^2 h(Y_2, Z_2)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0),$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\nabla}_{(0, X_2)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, Y_2)}(0, Z_2) &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, X_2)}(0, \nabla_{Y_2} Z_2) \\ &- \alpha^2 \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, X_2)} h(Y_2, Z_2)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &= (0, \nabla_{X_2} \nabla_{Y_2} Z_2) - \alpha^2 h(X_2, \nabla_{Y_2} Z_2)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- \alpha^2 h(Y_2, Z_2) |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2(0, X_2) \\ &- \alpha^2 h(Y_2, Z_2) X_2(\ln \beta)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- \alpha^2 h(\nabla_{X_2} Y_2, Z_2)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- \alpha^2 h(Y_2, \nabla_{X_2} Z_2)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0).\end{aligned}$$

A similar calculation gives us

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\nabla}_{(0, Y_2)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, X_2)}(0, Z_2) &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, Y_2)}(0, \nabla_{X_2} Z_2) \\ &- \alpha^2 \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, Y_2)} h(X_2, Z_2)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &= (0, \nabla_{Y_2} \nabla_{X_2} Z_2) - \alpha^2 h(Y_2, \nabla_{X_2} Z_2)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- \alpha^2 h(X_2, Z_2) |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2(0, Y_2) \\ &- \alpha^2 h(X_2, Z_2) Y_2(\ln \beta)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- \alpha^2 h(\nabla_{Y_2} X_2, Z_2)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- \alpha^2 h(X_2, \nabla_{Y_2} Z_2)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0)\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\nabla}_{[(0, X_2), (0, Y_2)]}(0, Z_2) &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, [X_2, Y_2])}(0, Z_2) \\ &= (0, \nabla_{[X_2, Y_2]} Z_2) - \alpha^2 h([X_2, Y_2], Z_2)(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0),\end{aligned}$$

we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} &\tilde{R}((0, X_2), (0, Y_2))(0, Z_2) = (0, R(X_2, Y_2) Z_2) \\ &+ \alpha^2 \{h(X_2, Z_2) Y_2 (\ln \beta) - h(Y_2, Z_2) X_2 (\ln \beta)\} (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- \alpha^2 h(Y_2, Z_2) |\text{grad } \ln \alpha|^2 (0, X_2) + \alpha^2 h(X_2, Z_2) |\text{grad } \ln \alpha|^2 (0, Y_2). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

For the first case, we have the following result.

**Theorem 2.11.** *The inclusion map  $i_{y_0} : (M^n, g) \longrightarrow \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right)$  defined by  $i_{y_0}(x) = (x, y_0)$  is biharmonic if and only if*

$$4 |\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2 \text{grad } \ln \beta + \text{grad} \left( |\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2 \right) = 0$$

and

$$|\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2 \text{grad } \ln \alpha = 0.$$

*Proof.* Note that in this case we have  $di_{y_0}(X) = (X, 0)$  for any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $Y \in \Gamma(TN)$ . By definition to the tension field, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(i_{y_0}) &= Tr_g \tilde{\nabla} di_{y_0} \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_{e_i} di_{y_0}(e_i) - di_{y_0}(\nabla_{e_i} e_i) \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i, 0)}(e_i, 0) - (\nabla_{e_i} e_i, 0) \\ &= (\nabla_{e_i} e_i, 0) - m\beta^2(0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) - (\nabla_{e_i} e_i, 0), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\tau(i_{y_0}) = -m\beta^2(0, \text{grad } \ln \beta).$$

The inclusion map  $i_{y_0}$  is biharmonic if and only if

$$Tr_g \left( \tilde{\nabla}^{i_{y_0}} \right)^2 (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) + Tr_g \tilde{R}((0, \text{grad } \ln \beta), di_{y_0}) di_{y_0} = (0, 0).$$

For the term  $Tr_g \left( \tilde{\nabla}^{i_{y_0}} \right)^2 (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_g \left( \tilde{\nabla}^{i_{y_0}} \right)^2 (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) &= \tilde{\nabla}_{e_i}^{i_{y_0}} \tilde{\nabla}_{e_i}^{i_{y_0}} (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{e_i} e_i}^{i_{y_0}} (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i, 0)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i, 0)} (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) - \tilde{\nabla}_{(\nabla_{e_i} e_i, 0)}^{i_{y_0}} (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i, 0)} e_i (\ln \alpha) (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) + |\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2 \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i, 0)} (e_i, 0) \\ &\quad - (\nabla_{e_i} e_i) (\ln \alpha) (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) - |\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2 (\nabla_{e_i} e_i, 0) \\ &= e_i (\ln \alpha) \left\{ e_i (\ln \alpha) (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) + |\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2 (e_i, 0) \right\} \\ &\quad + e_i (e_i (\ln \alpha)) (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) - (\nabla_{e_i} e_i) (\ln \alpha) (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) \\ &\quad + |\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2 ((\nabla_{e_i} e_i, 0) - m\beta^2(0, \text{grad } \ln \beta)) \\ &\quad - |\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2 (\nabla_{e_i} e_i, 0), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_g \left( \tilde{\nabla}^{i_{y_0}} \right)^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) &= |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) + |grad \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad + \Delta \ln \alpha (0, grad \ln \beta) - m\beta^2 |grad \ln \beta|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta). \end{aligned}$$

For the second term  $Tr_g \tilde{R}((0, grad \ln \beta), di_{y_0}) di_{y_0} = (0, 0)$ , using Theorem 2.10, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_g \tilde{R}((0, grad \ln \beta), di_{y_0}) di_{y_0} &= Tr_g \tilde{R}((0, grad \ln \beta), di_{y_0}(e_i)) di_{y_0}(e_i) \\ &= \tilde{R}((0, grad \ln \beta), (e_i, 0))(e_i, 0) \\ &= -\beta^2 g(e_i, e_i) (0, \nabla_{grad \ln \beta} grad \ln \beta) + \alpha^2 \beta^2 g(e_i, e_i) |grad \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - e_i(\ln \alpha) |grad \ln \beta|^2 (e_i, 0) - \beta^2 g(e_i, e_i) |grad \ln \beta|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &\quad - \{e_i(e_i(\ln \alpha)) - (\nabla_{e_i} e_i)(\ln \alpha) + e_i(\ln \alpha) e_i(\ln \alpha)\} (0, grad \ln \beta), \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_g \tilde{R}((0, grad \ln \beta), di_{y_0}) di_{y_0} &= -\frac{m}{2} \beta^2 \left( 0, grad \left( |grad \ln \beta|^2 \right) \right) \\ &\quad + m\alpha^2 \beta^2 |grad \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - |grad \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - m\beta^2 |grad \ln \beta|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &\quad - \left\{ \Delta \ln \alpha + |grad \ln \alpha|^2 \right\} (0, grad \ln \beta). \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that the inclusion map  $i_{y_0}$  is biharmonic if and only if

$$4 |grad \ln \beta|^2 grad \ln \beta + grad \left( |grad \ln \beta|^2 \right) = 0$$

and

$$|grad \ln \beta|^2 grad \ln \alpha = 0. \quad \square$$

**Corollary 2.12.** For the inclusion map  $i_{y_0} : (M^n, g) \longrightarrow \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right)$

defined by  $i_{y_0}(x) = (x, y_0)$ , we have the following cases:

- (1) If the function  $\beta$  is constant, then the inclusion map  $i_{x_0}$  is biharmonic for any positive function  $\alpha$ .
- (2) If the function  $\alpha$  is constant, then the inclusion map  $i_{x_0}$  is biharmonic if and only if

$$4 |grad \ln \beta|^2 grad \ln \beta + grad \left( |grad \ln \beta|^2 \right) = 0.$$



(3) If the functions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are not constants, the inclusion map  $i_{y_0}$  is never biharmonic.

**Theorem 2.13.** The inclusion map  $i_{x_0} : (N^n, h) \longrightarrow \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right)$  defined by  $i_{x_0}(y) = (x_0, y)$  is biharmonic if and only if

$$4|\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \text{grad} \ln \alpha + \text{grad} \left( |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \right) = 0.$$

and

$$|\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \text{grad} \ln \beta = 0.$$

*Proof.* Note that in this case we have  $di_{x_0}(Y) = (0, Y)$  for any  $Y \in \Gamma(TN)$ . By definition of the tension field, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(i_{x_0}) &= Tr_h \tilde{\nabla} di_{x_0} \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_{f_j}^{i_{x_0}} di_{x_0}(f_j) - di_{x_0}(\nabla_{f_j} f_j) \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_{f_j}^{i_{x_0}} di_{x_0}(f_j) - di_{x_0}(\nabla_{f_j} f_j) \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, f_j)}(0, f_j) - (0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j) \\ &= (0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j) - n\alpha^2(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) - (0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j) \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\tau(i_{x_0}) = -n\alpha^2(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0).$$

The inclusion map  $i_{x_0}$  is biharmonic if and only if

$$Tr_h \left( \tilde{\nabla}^{i_{x_0}} \right)^2 (\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) + Tr_h \tilde{R}((\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0), di_{x_0}) di_{x_0} = (0, 0).$$

For the first term of this equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_h \left( \tilde{\nabla}^{i_{x_0}} \right)^2 (\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) &= \tilde{\nabla}_{f_j}^{i_{x_0}} \tilde{\nabla}_{f_j}^{i_{x_0}} (\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{f_j} f_j}^{i_{x_0}} (\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, f_j)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, f_j)} (\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) - \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j)} (\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &= |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, f_j)}(0, f_j) + \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, f_j)} f_j (\ln \beta) (\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 (0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j) - (\nabla_{f_j} f_j) (\ln \beta) (\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_h \left( \tilde{\nabla}^{i_{x_0}} \right)^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) &= |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j) - n\alpha^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &+ |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) + |grad \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &+ f_j (f_j (\ln \beta)) (grad \ln \alpha, 0) - |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j) \\ &- (\nabla_{f_j} f_j) (\ln \beta) (grad \ln \alpha, 0), \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_h \left( \tilde{\nabla}^{i_{x_0}} \right)^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) &= -n\alpha^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &+ \left( \Delta \ln \beta + |grad \ln \beta|^2 \right) (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &+ |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) \end{aligned}$$

For the term  $Tr_h \tilde{R}((grad \ln \alpha, 0), di_{x_0}) di_{x_0}$ , by Theorem 2.10, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_h \tilde{R}((grad \ln \alpha, 0), di_{x_0}) di_{x_0} &= \tilde{R}((grad \ln \alpha, 0), di_{x_0}(f_j)) di_{x_0}(f_j) \\ &= \tilde{R}((grad \ln \alpha, 0), (0, f_j)) (0, f_j) \\ &= -\alpha^2 h(f_j, f_j) (\nabla_{grad \ln \alpha} grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- \alpha^2 h(f_j, f_j) |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- (f_j (f_j (\ln \beta)) - (\nabla_{f_j} f_j) (\ln \beta)) (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- f_j (\ln \beta) f_j (\ln \beta) (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- f_j (\ln \beta) |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, f_j) \\ &+ \alpha^2 \beta^2 h(f_j, f_j) |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta), \end{aligned}$$

which gives us

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_h \tilde{R}((grad \ln \alpha, 0), di_{x_0}) di_{x_0} &= -\frac{n}{2} \alpha^2 \left( grad \left( |grad \ln \alpha|^2 \right), 0 \right) \\ &- n\alpha^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- \left( \Delta \ln \beta + |grad \ln \beta|^2 \right) (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &+ n\alpha^2 \beta^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &- |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we deduce that the inclusion map  $i_{x_0}$  is biharmonic if and only if

$$4 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 grad \ln \alpha + grad \left( |grad \ln \alpha|^2 \right) = 0$$

and

$$|\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \text{grad} \ln \beta = 0. \quad \square$$

**Corollary 2.14.** *For the inclusion map  $i_{x_0} : (N^n, h) \rightarrow \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right)$  defined by  $i_{x_0}(y) = (x_0, y)$ , we have the following cases:*

- (1) *If the function  $\alpha$  is constant, then the inclusion map  $i_{x_0}$  is biharmonic for any positive function  $\beta$ .*
- (2) *If the function  $\beta$  is constant, then the inclusion map  $i_{x_0}$  is biharmonic if and only if*

$$4|\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \text{grad} \ln \alpha + \text{grad} \left( |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \right) = 0.$$

- (3) *If the functions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are not constants, the inclusion map  $i_{x_0}$  is never biharmonic.*

**Theorem 2.15.** *Let  $\phi : \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right) \rightarrow (M^m \times N^n, G = g \oplus h)$  be the map defined by  $\phi(x, y) = (x, y)$ . The map  $\phi$  is biharmonic if and only if*

$$\text{grad} \Delta \ln \alpha + \frac{n}{2} \beta^2 \text{grad} \left( |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \right) + 2\text{Ricci}(\text{grad} \ln \alpha) = 0$$

and

$$\text{grad} \Delta \ln \beta + \frac{m}{2} \alpha^2 \text{grad} \left( |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) + 2\text{Ricci}(\text{grad} \ln \beta) = 0.$$

*Proof.* Note that in this case we have  $d\phi(X, Y) = (X, Y)$  for any  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $Y \in \Gamma(TN)$ . By definition of the tension field and using the Proposition 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\phi) &= \text{Tr}_{G_{(\alpha, \beta)}} \nabla d\phi \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left( \nabla_{(e_i, 0)}^\phi d\phi(e_i, 0) - d\phi \left( \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i, 0)}(e_i, 0) \right) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \left( \nabla_{(0, f_j)}^\phi d\phi(0, f_j) - d\phi \left( \tilde{\nabla}_{(0, f_j)}(0, f_j) \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left( (\nabla_{e_i} e_i, 0) - (\nabla_{e_i} e_i, 0) + m\beta^2(0, \text{grad} \ln \beta) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \left( (0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j) - (0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j) + n\alpha^2(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \right), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\tau(\phi) = n(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) + m(0, \text{grad} \ln \beta).$$

The map  $\phi$  is biharmonic if and only if

$$(2.8) \quad n \left( Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} (\nabla^\phi)^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) + Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} R((grad \ln \alpha, 0), d\phi) d\phi \right) \\ + m \left( Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} (\nabla^\phi)^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) + Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} R((0, grad \ln \beta), d\phi) d\phi \right) = 0.$$

We can analyse term by term this expression, for the term  $Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} (\nabla^\phi)^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} (\nabla^\phi)^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) &= \frac{1}{\beta^2} \nabla_{(e_i,0)}^\phi \nabla_{(e_i,0)}^\phi (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\beta^2} \nabla_{\tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)}^\phi (e_i,0)}^\phi (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \nabla_{(0,f_j)}^\phi \nabla_{(0,f_j)}^\phi (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \nabla_{\tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)}^\phi (0,f_j)}^\phi (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta^2} (\nabla_{e_i} \nabla_{e_i} grad \ln \alpha, 0) - \frac{1}{\beta^2} (\nabla_{\nabla_{e_i} e_i} grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad + n \nabla_{(grad \ln \alpha, 0)}^\phi (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta^2} (Tr_g \nabla^2 grad \ln \alpha, 0) + n (\nabla_{grad \ln \alpha} grad \ln \alpha, 0), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$(2.9) \quad Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} (\nabla^\phi)^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) = \frac{1}{\beta^2} \{ (grad \Delta \ln \alpha, 0) + (Ricci (grad \ln \alpha), 0) \} \\ + \frac{n}{2} \left( grad \left( |grad \ln \alpha|^2 \right), 0 \right).$$

A similar calculation leads to

$$(2.10) \quad Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} (\nabla^\phi)^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) = (0, grad \Delta \ln \beta) + 2 (0, Ricci (grad \ln \beta)) \\ + \frac{m}{2} \alpha^2 \left( 0, grad \left( |grad \ln \beta|^2 \right) \right).$$

Finally, it is very simple to write that

$$(2.11) \quad Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} R((grad \ln \alpha, 0), d\phi) d\phi = \frac{1}{\beta^2} (Ricci (grad \ln \alpha), 0)$$

and

$$(2.12) \quad Tr_{G(\alpha,\beta)} R((0, grad \ln \beta), d\phi) d\phi = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} (0, Ricci (grad \ln \beta)).$$

If we replace (2.9), (2.10), (2.11) and (2.12) in (2.8), we deduce that the map  $\phi$  is biharmonic if and only if

$$\text{grad}\Delta \ln \alpha + \frac{n}{2}\beta^2 \text{grad} \left( |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \right) + 2\text{Ricci}(\text{grad} \ln \alpha) = 0$$

and

$$\text{grad}\Delta \ln \beta + \frac{m}{2}\alpha^2 \text{grad} \left( |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) + 2\text{Ricci}(\text{grad} \ln \beta) = 0. \quad \square$$

**Example 2.16.** Let the map  $\phi : \left( \mathbb{R}^m \times_{(\alpha,\beta)} \mathbb{R}^n, G_{(\alpha,\beta)} \right) \longrightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n, G)$  defined by

$$\phi(x = (t, x_2, \dots, x_m), y = (s, y_2, \dots, y_n)) = (x = (t, x_2, \dots, x_m), y = (s, y_2, \dots, y_n)).$$

We suppose that  $\alpha$  depends only on  $t$  and  $\beta$  depends only on  $s$  and set  $(\ln \alpha)' = \alpha_1(t)$ ,  $(\ln \beta)' = \beta_1(s)$ . Then from Theorem 2.11, the map  $\phi : \left( \mathbb{R}^m \times_{(\alpha,\beta)} \mathbb{R}^n, G_{(\alpha,\beta)} \right) \longrightarrow \left( \mathbb{R}^m \times_{(\alpha,\beta)} \mathbb{R}^n, G \right)$  is biharmonic if and only if

$$\alpha_1'' + n\beta^2 \alpha_1 \alpha_1' = 0$$

and

$$\beta_1'' + m\alpha^2 \beta_1 \beta_1' = 0.$$

Particular solutions of this system are given by  $\alpha(t) = C_1 \exp(C_2 t)$  and  $B(s) = K_1 \exp(K_2 s)$ , where  $C_1$  and  $K_1$  are positive constants. For this functions  $\alpha(t) = C_1 \exp(C_2 t)$  and  $B(s) = K_1 \exp(K_2 s)$ , the map  $\phi : \left( \mathbb{R}^m \times_{(\alpha,\beta)} \mathbb{R}^n, G_{(\alpha,\beta)} \right) \longrightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n, G)$  is biharmonic nonharmonic.

Finally, we consider the map  $\phi : (M^m \times N^n, G = g \oplus h) \longrightarrow \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha,\beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha,\beta)} \right)$  defined by  $\phi(x, y) = (x, y)$ . To study the biharmonicity of this map, we use two lemmas. In the first lemma, we calculate the term  $Tr_G \tilde{\nabla}^2(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0)$ .

**Lemma 2.17.** *Let  $(M^m, g)$  and  $(N^n, h)$  two Riemannian manifolds and let  $\alpha \in C^\infty(M)$  and  $\beta \in C^\infty(N)$  be a positive functions. Let  $\tilde{\nabla}$  be the Levi-Civita connection of the doubly warped product  $M^m \times_{(\alpha,\beta)} N^n$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_G \tilde{\nabla}^2(\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) &= (\text{grad}\Delta \ln \alpha, 0) - n\alpha^2 |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 (\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - \beta^2 |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 (\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) + \Delta \ln \beta (\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad + |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 (\text{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) + |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 (0, \text{grad} \ln \beta) \\ &\quad - \beta^2 \left( |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 + 2\Delta \ln \alpha \right) (0, \text{grad} \ln \beta) \\ &\quad + (\text{Ricci}(\text{grad} \ln \alpha), 0). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.13) \quad Tr_G \tilde{\nabla}^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)} (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 &\quad - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{(e_i,0)}(e_i,0)} (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 &\quad + \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)} (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 &\quad - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{(0,f_j)}(0,f_j)} (grad \ln \alpha, 0).
 \end{aligned}$$

A simple calculation gives us

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)} (grad \ln \alpha, 0) - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{(e_i,0)}(e_i,0)} (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 &= (\nabla_{e_i} \nabla_{e_i} grad \ln \alpha, 0) - \beta^2 g(e_i, \nabla_{e_i} grad \ln \alpha)(0, grad \ln \beta) \\
 &\quad - \beta^2 g(e_i, grad \ln \alpha) e_i(\ln \alpha)(0, grad \ln \beta) \\
 &\quad - \beta^2 g(e_i, grad \ln \alpha) |grad \ln \beta|^2(e_i, 0) \\
 &\quad - \beta^2 g(\nabla_{e_i} e_i, grad \ln \alpha)(0, grad \ln \beta) \\
 &\quad - \beta^2 g(e_i, \nabla_{e_i} grad \ln \alpha)(0, grad \ln \beta) \\
 &\quad - (\nabla_{\nabla_{e_i} e_i} grad \ln \alpha, 0) + \beta^2 g(\nabla_{e_i} e_i, grad \ln \alpha)(0, grad \ln \beta) \\
 &= (Tr_g \nabla^2 grad \ln \alpha, 0) - 2\beta^2 \Delta \ln \alpha(0, grad \ln \beta) \\
 &\quad - \beta^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2(0, grad \ln \beta) - \beta^2 |grad \ln \beta|^2(grad \ln \alpha, 0),
 \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.14) \quad &\tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)} (grad \ln \alpha, 0) - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{(e_i,0)}(e_i,0)} (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 &= (grad \Delta \ln \alpha, 0) - \beta^2 |grad \ln \beta|^2(grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 &\quad - \beta^2 (|grad \ln \alpha|^2 + 2\Delta \ln \alpha)(0, grad \ln \beta) \\
 &\quad + (Ricci(grad \ln \alpha), 0).
 \end{aligned}$$

For the term  $\tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)} (grad \ln \alpha, 0) - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{(0,f_j)}(0,f_j)} (grad \ln \alpha, 0)$ , a similar calculation gives us

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)} (grad \ln \alpha, 0) - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{(0,f_j)}(0,f_j)} (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 &= |grad \ln \alpha|^2 \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)}(0, f_j) + \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)} f_j(\ln \beta)(grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 &\quad - \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,\nabla_{f_j} f_j)} (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 &= |grad \ln \alpha|^2(0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j) - n\alpha^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2(grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 &\quad + f_j(\ln \beta) |grad \ln \alpha|^2(0, f_j) + f_j(\ln \beta) f_j(\ln \beta)(grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 &\quad + f_j(f_j(\ln \beta))(grad \ln \alpha, 0) - |grad \ln \alpha|^2(0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j) \\
 &\quad - (\nabla_{f_j} f_j)(\ln \beta)(grad \ln \alpha, 0),
 \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.15) \quad & \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)} (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{(0,f_j)}(0,f_j)} (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 & = -n\alpha^2 |\text{grad } \ln \alpha|^2 (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 & + |\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2 (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 & + \Delta \ln \beta (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 & + |\text{grad } \ln \alpha|^2 (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta).
 \end{aligned}$$

If we replace (2.14) and (2.15) in (2.13) , we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 Tr_G \tilde{\nabla}^2 (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) & = (\text{grad } \Delta \ln \alpha, 0) - n\alpha^2 |\text{grad } \ln \alpha|^2 (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 & - \beta^2 |\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2 (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) + \Delta \ln \beta (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 & + |\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2 (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) + |\text{grad } \ln \alpha|^2 (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) \\
 & - \beta^2 (|\text{grad } \ln \alpha|^2 + 2\Delta \ln \alpha) (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) \\
 & + (\text{Ricci } (\text{grad } \ln \alpha), 0). \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

For the term  $Tr_G \tilde{\nabla}^2 (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta)$ , we can use the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.18.** *Let  $(M^m, g)$  and  $(N^n, h)$  two Riemannian manifolds and let  $\alpha \in C^\infty(M)$  and  $\beta \in C^\infty(N)$  be a positive functions. Let  $\tilde{\nabla}$  be the Levi-Civita connection of the doubly warped product  $M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 Tr_G \tilde{\nabla}^2 (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) & = |\text{grad } \ln \alpha|^2 (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) + |\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2 (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 & + \Delta \ln \alpha (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) - m\beta^2 |\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2 (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) \\
 & + (0, \text{grad } \Delta \ln \beta) - \alpha^2 (2\Delta \ln \beta + |\text{grad } \ln \beta|^2) (\text{grad } \ln \alpha, 0) \\
 & - \alpha^2 |\text{grad } \ln \alpha|^2 (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) + (0, \text{Ricci } (\text{grad } \ln \beta)).
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 Tr_G \tilde{\nabla}^2 (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) & = \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)} (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{(e_i,0)}(e_i,0)} (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) \\
 & + \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)} (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta) - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{(0,f_j)}(0,f_j)} (0, \text{grad } \ln \beta).
 \end{aligned}$$

The same calculation method gives us

$$\begin{aligned}
& \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)} (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{(e_i,0)}(e_i,0)} (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) \\
&= \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)} e_i (\ln \alpha) (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) + |\text{grad ln } \beta|^2 \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)} (e_i, 0) \\
&- \tilde{\nabla}_{(\nabla_{e_i} e_i, 0)} (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) \\
&= e_i (\ln \alpha) e_i (\ln \alpha) (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) + e_i (\ln \alpha) |\text{grad ln } \beta|^2 (e_i, 0) \\
&+ e_i (e_i (\ln \alpha)) (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) - m\beta^2 |\text{grad ln } \beta|^2 (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) \\
&- (\nabla_{e_i} e_i) (\ln \alpha) (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) \\
&= |\text{grad ln } \alpha|^2 (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) + |\text{grad ln } \beta|^2 (\text{grad ln } \alpha, 0) \\
&+ \Delta \ln \alpha (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) - m\beta^2 |\text{grad ln } \beta|^2 (0, \text{grad ln } \beta)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)} \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)} (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) - \tilde{\nabla}_{\nabla_{(0,f_j)}(0,f_j)} (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) \\
&= (0, \nabla_{f_j} \nabla_{f_j} \text{grad ln } \beta) - \alpha^2 h (f_j, \nabla_{f_j} \text{grad ln } \beta) (\text{grad ln } \alpha, 0) \\
&- \alpha^2 h (f_j, \text{grad ln } \beta) |\text{grad ln } \alpha|^2 (0, f_j) - \alpha^2 f_j (\ln \beta) (f_j, \text{grad ln } \beta) (\text{grad ln } \alpha, 0) \\
&- \alpha^2 h (\nabla_{f_j} f_j, \text{grad ln } \beta) (\text{grad ln } \alpha, 0) - \alpha^2 h (f_j, \nabla_{f_j} \text{grad ln } \beta) (\text{grad ln } \alpha, 0) \\
&- (0, \nabla_{\nabla_{f_j} f_j} \text{grad ln } \beta) + \alpha^2 h (\nabla_{f_j} f_j, \text{grad ln } \beta) (\text{grad ln } \alpha, 0) \\
&= (0, \text{Tr}_h \nabla^2 \text{grad ln } \beta) - 2\alpha^2 \Delta \ln \beta (\text{grad ln } \alpha, 0) \\
&- \alpha^2 |\text{grad ln } \alpha|^2 (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) - \alpha^2 |\text{grad ln } \beta|^2 (\text{grad ln } \alpha, 0) \\
&= -2\alpha^2 \Delta \ln \beta (\text{grad ln } \alpha, 0) - \alpha^2 |\text{grad ln } \beta|^2 (\text{grad ln } \alpha, 0) \\
&- \alpha^2 |\text{grad ln } \alpha|^2 (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) + (0, \text{grad } \Delta \ln \beta) + (0, \text{Ricci } (\text{grad ln } \beta)).
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Tr}_G \tilde{\nabla}^2 (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) &= |\text{grad ln } \alpha|^2 (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) + |\text{grad ln } \beta|^2 (\text{grad ln } \alpha, 0) \\
&+ \Delta \ln \alpha (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) - m\beta^2 |\text{grad ln } \beta|^2 (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) \\
&+ (0, \text{grad } \Delta \ln \beta) - 2\alpha^2 \Delta \ln \beta (\text{grad ln } \alpha, 0) \\
&- \alpha^2 |\text{grad ln } \alpha|^2 (0, \text{grad ln } \beta) - \alpha^2 |\text{grad ln } \beta|^2 (\text{grad ln } \alpha, 0) \\
&+ (0, \text{Ricci } (\text{grad ln } \beta)). \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.19.** Let  $\phi : (M^m \times N^n, G = g \oplus h) \longrightarrow \left( M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)} \right)$  be the map defined by  $\phi(x, y) = (x, y)$ . The map  $\phi$  is biharmonic if and only if



$$\begin{aligned} & n(\operatorname{grad}\Delta \ln \alpha) + 2n \left( \operatorname{grad} \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \right) \right) - \frac{n^2}{2} \alpha^2 \operatorname{grad} \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \right) \\ & - 2n^2 \alpha^2 |\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha + m^2 \beta^4 |\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha \\ & + 4n \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \right) \operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha + 2n (\Delta \ln \alpha) \operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha \\ & - m\beta^2 \left( (2n + 4) |\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta|^2 + 2\Delta \ln \beta \right) \operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha + 2n (\operatorname{Ricci}(\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha)) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & m(\operatorname{grad}\Delta \ln \beta) + 2m \left( \operatorname{grad} \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) \right) - \frac{m^2}{2} \beta^2 \operatorname{grad} \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) \\ & - 2m^2 \beta^2 |\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta + n^2 \alpha^4 |\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta \\ & + 4m \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta + 2m (\Delta \ln \beta) \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta \\ & - n\alpha^2 \left( (2m + 4) |\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 + 2\Delta \ln \alpha \right) \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta + 2m (\operatorname{Ricci}(\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By definition of the tension field and using the Proposition 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\phi) &= \operatorname{Tr}_G \nabla d\phi \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)}^\phi d\phi(e_i, 0) - d\phi(\nabla_{(e_i,0)}(e_i, 0)) \\ &+ \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)}^\phi d\phi(0, f_j) - d\phi(\nabla_{(0,f_j)}(0, f_j)) \\ &= \tilde{\nabla}_{(e_i,0)}^\phi(e_i, 0) - (\nabla_{(e_i,0)}(e_i, 0)) \\ &+ \tilde{\nabla}_{(0,f_j)}^\phi(0, f_j) - (\nabla_{(0,f_j)}(0, f_j)) \\ &= (\nabla_{e_i} e_i, 0) - m\beta^2(0, \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta) - (\nabla_{e_i} e_i, 0) \\ &+ (0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j) - n\alpha^2(\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) - (0, \nabla_{f_j} f_j), \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\tau(\phi) = -m\beta^2(0, \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta) - n\alpha^2(\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha, 0).$$

The map  $\phi$  is biharmonic if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} & n \left( \operatorname{Tr}_G \left( \tilde{\nabla}^\phi \right)^2 \alpha^2 (\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha, 0) + \alpha^2 \operatorname{Tr}_G \tilde{R}((\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha, 0), d\phi) d\phi \right) \\ (2.16) \quad & + m \left( \operatorname{Tr}_G \left( \tilde{\nabla}^\phi \right)^2 \beta^2 (0, \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta) + \beta^2 \operatorname{Tr}_G \tilde{R}((0, \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta), d\phi) d\phi \right) \\ & = (0, 0). \end{aligned}$$

We will study term by term the above equation, for the first term  $\operatorname{Tr}_G \left( \tilde{\nabla}^\phi \right)^2 \alpha^2$

$(grad \ln \alpha, 0)$ , it is clear to see that

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_G \left( \tilde{\nabla}^\phi \right)^2 \alpha^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) &= \alpha^2 Tr_G \left( \tilde{\nabla}^\phi \right)^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) + 2\alpha^2 (grad (|grad \ln \alpha|^2), 0) \\ &\quad + 2\alpha^2 \Delta \ln \alpha (grad \ln \alpha, 0) + 4\alpha^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - 4\alpha^2 \beta^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) \end{aligned}$$

and using Lemma 2.17, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_G \left( \tilde{\nabla}^\phi \right)^2 \alpha^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) &= \alpha^2 (grad \Delta \ln \alpha, 0) + 2\alpha^2 (grad (|grad \ln \alpha|^2), 0) \\ &\quad - n\alpha^4 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) - \alpha^2 \beta^2 |grad \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad + \alpha^2 |grad \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) + 4\alpha^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad + 2\alpha^2 \Delta \ln \alpha (grad \ln \alpha, 0) + \alpha^2 \Delta \ln \beta (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - \alpha^2 \beta^2 (5 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 + 2\Delta \ln \alpha) (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &\quad + \alpha^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) + \alpha^2 (Ricci (grad \ln \alpha), 0). \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 2.10, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_G \tilde{R}((grad \ln \alpha, 0), d\phi) d\phi &= \tilde{R}((grad \ln \alpha, 0), (e_i, 0)) (e_i, 0) + \tilde{R}((grad \ln \alpha, 0), (0, f_j)) (0, f_j) \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \alpha^2 (grad (|grad \ln \alpha|^2), 0) - n\alpha^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - \Delta \ln \beta (grad \ln \alpha, 0) - |grad \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad + (1-m) \beta^2 |grad \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) + (1-m) \beta^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &\quad + n\alpha^2 \beta^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) - |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &\quad + (Ricci (grad \ln \alpha), 0), \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_G \left( \tilde{\nabla}^\phi \right)^2 \alpha^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) &+ \alpha^2 Tr_G \tilde{R}((grad \ln \alpha, 0), d\phi) d\phi \\ &= \alpha^2 (grad \Delta \ln \alpha, 0) + 2\alpha^2 (grad (|grad \ln \alpha|^2), 0) \\ &\quad - \frac{n}{2} \alpha^4 (grad (|grad \ln \alpha|^2), 0) - 2n\alpha^4 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad - m\alpha^2 \beta^2 |grad \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) + 4\alpha^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &\quad + 2\alpha^2 \Delta \ln \alpha (grad \ln \alpha, 0) + n\alpha^4 \beta^2 |grad \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &\quad - \alpha^2 \beta^2 ((m+4) |grad \ln \alpha|^2 + 2\Delta \ln \alpha) (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &\quad + 2\alpha^2 (Ricci (grad \ln \alpha), 0). \end{aligned}$$

A similar calculation gives us

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_G \left( \tilde{\nabla}^\phi \right)^2 \beta^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) &= \beta^2 (0, grad \Delta \ln \beta) + 2\beta^2 \left( 0, grad \left( |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) \right) \\ &+ 4\beta^2 |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) + \beta^2 \Delta \ln \alpha (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &- m\beta^4 |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) + 2\beta^2 \Delta \ln \beta (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &+ \beta^2 |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) - \alpha^2 \beta^2 |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &- 4\alpha^2 \beta^2 |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) - 2\alpha^2 \beta^2 \Delta \ln \beta (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &- \alpha^2 \beta^2 |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) + \beta^2 |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &+ \beta^2 (0, Ricci (grad \ln \beta)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_G \tilde{R} ((0, grad \ln \beta), d\phi) d\phi &= -\frac{m}{2} \beta^2 \left( 0, grad \left( |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) \right) - m\beta^2 |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &- \Delta \ln \alpha (0, grad \ln \beta) - |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &+ (1 - n) \alpha^2 \beta^2 |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) - |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &+ m\alpha^2 \beta^2 |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) + (1 - n) \alpha^2 \beta^2 |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &+ \beta^2 (0, Ricci (grad \ln \beta)). \end{aligned}$$

Which gives us

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_G \left( \tilde{\nabla}^\phi \right)^2 \beta^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) &+ \beta^2 Tr_G \tilde{R} ((0, grad \ln \beta), d\phi) d\phi \\ &= \beta^2 (0, grad \Delta \ln \beta) + 2\beta^2 \left( 0, grad \left( |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) \right) \\ &- \frac{m}{2} \beta^4 \left( 0, grad \left( |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) \right) + 4\beta^2 |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &- 2m\beta^4 |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) + 2\beta^2 \Delta \ln \beta (0, grad \ln \beta) \\ &- n\alpha^2 \beta^2 |\text{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 (0, grad \ln \beta) + 2\beta^2 (0, Ricci (grad \ln \beta)) \\ &- \alpha^2 \beta^2 \left( (n + 4) |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 + 2\Delta \ln \beta \right) (grad \ln \alpha, 0) \\ &+ m\alpha^2 \beta^4 |\text{grad} \ln \beta|^2 (grad \ln \alpha, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we conclude that the map  $\phi : (M^m \times N^n, G = g \oplus h) \longrightarrow (M^m \times_{(\alpha, \beta)} N^n, G_{(\alpha, \beta)})$  defined by  $\phi(x, y) = (x, y)$  is biharmonic if and only if

$$\begin{aligned}
& n(\operatorname{grad}\Delta \ln \alpha) + 2n \left( \operatorname{grad} \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \right) \right) - \frac{n^2}{2} \alpha^2 \operatorname{grad} \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \right) \\
& - 2n^2 \alpha^2 |\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha + m^2 \beta^4 |\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha \\
& + 4n \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \right) \operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha + 2n (\Delta \ln \alpha) \operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha \\
& - m\beta^2 \left( (2n+4) |\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta|^2 + 2\Delta \ln \beta \right) \operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha + 2n (\operatorname{Ricci}(\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha)) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& m(\operatorname{grad}\Delta \ln \beta) + 2m \left( \operatorname{grad} \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) \right) - \frac{m^2}{2} \beta^2 \operatorname{grad} \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) \\
& - 2m^2 \beta^2 |\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta + n^2 \alpha^4 |\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta \\
& + 4m \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta + 2m (\Delta \ln \beta) \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta \\
& - n\alpha^2 \left( (2m+4) |\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 + 2\Delta \ln \alpha \right) \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta + 2m (\operatorname{Ricci}(\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta)) = 0. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

As a consequence of Theorem 2.19, we can summarize the results as follows.

**Corollary 2.20.** *The map  $\phi : (M^m \times N^n, G = g \oplus h) \longrightarrow \left( M^m \times_{\alpha} N^n, G_{\alpha} \right)$  defined by  $\phi(x, y) = (x, y)$  is biharmonic if and only if the positive function  $\alpha \in C^{\infty}(M)$  satisfies the following equation*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{grad}\Delta \ln \alpha + \left( 2 - \frac{n}{2} \alpha^2 \right) \operatorname{grad} \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \right) + 2(\Delta \ln \alpha) \operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha \\
& + (4 - 2n\alpha^2) \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha|^2 \right) \operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha + 2\operatorname{Ricci}(\operatorname{grad} \ln \alpha) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 2.21.** *The map  $\phi : (M^m \times N^n, G = g \oplus h) \longrightarrow \left( M^m \times_{\beta} N^n, G_{\beta} \right)$  defined by  $\phi(x, y) = (x, y)$  is biharmonic if and only if the positive function  $\beta \in C^{\infty}(N)$  satisfies the following equation*

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\operatorname{grad}\Delta \ln \beta) + \left( 2 - \frac{m}{2} \beta^2 \right) \left( \operatorname{grad} \left( |\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \right) \right) + 2(\Delta \ln \beta) \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta \\
& + (4 - 2m\beta^2) |\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta|^2 \operatorname{grad} \ln \beta + 2\operatorname{Ricci}(\operatorname{grad} \ln \beta) = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

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