

## Clairaut Riemannian maps

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**Abstract:** In this paper, first we define Clairaut Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds by using a geodesic curve on the base space and find necessary and sufficient conditions for a Riemannian map to be Clairaut with a nontrivial example. We also obtain necessary and sufficient condition for a Clairaut Riemannian map to be harmonic. Thereafter, we study Clairaut Riemannian map from Riemannian manifold to Ricci soliton with a nontrivial example. We obtain scalar curvatures of  $rangeF_*$  and  $(rangeF_*)^\perp$  by using Ricci soliton. Further, we obtain necessary conditions for the leaves of  $rangeF_*$  to be almost Ricci soliton and Einstein. We also obtain necessary condition for the vector field  $\dot{\beta}$  to be conformal on  $rangeF_*$  and necessary and sufficient condition for the vector field  $\dot{\beta}$  to be Killing on  $(rangeF_*)^\perp$ , where  $\beta$  is a geodesic curve on the base space of Clairaut Riemannian map. Also, we obtain necessary condition for the mean curvature vector field of  $rangeF_*$  to be constant. Finally, we introduce Clairaut antiinvariant Riemannian map from Riemannian manifold to Kähler manifold, and obtain necessary and sufficient condition for an antiinvariant Riemannian map to be Clairaut with a nontrivial example. Further, we find necessary condition for  $rangeF_*$  to be minimal and totally geodesic. We also obtain necessary and sufficient condition for Clairaut antiinvariant Riemannian maps to be harmonic.

**Key words:** Riemannian manifold, Kähler manifold, Riemannian map, Clairaut Riemannian map, antiinvariant Riemannian map, Ricci soliton

### 1. Introduction

The geometry of Riemannian submersions has been discussed widely in [8]. In 1992, Fischer introduced Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds as a generalization of an isometric immersion and Riemannian submersion that satisfies the well-known generalized eikonal equation  $\|F_*\|^2 = rankF$ , which is a bridge between geometric optics and physical optics [9]. Further, the geometry of Riemannian maps was investigated in [2, 3, 20–26].

An important Clairaut's relation states that  $\tilde{r} \sin \theta$  is constant, where  $\theta$  is the angle between the velocity vector of a geodesic and a meridian, and  $\tilde{r}$  is the distance to the axis of a surface of revolution. In 1972, Bishop defined Clairaut Riemannian submersion with connected fibers and gave a necessary and sufficient condition for a Riemannian submersion to be Clairaut Riemannian submersion [5]. Further, Clairaut submersions were studied in [1, 12, 14]. In [25], Şahin introduced Clairaut Riemannian map by using a geodesic curve on the total space and obtained necessary and sufficient conditions for Riemannian map to be Clairaut Riemannian map.

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Further, Şahin gave an open problem to find characterizations for Clairaut Riemannian maps (see [26], page 165, open problem 2). In Section 3, we introduce a new type of Clairaut Riemannian map by using a geodesic curve on the base space and obtain necessary and sufficient conditions for a Riemannian map to be Clairaut Riemannian map.

A Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_2)$  is called a Ricci soliton [11] if there exists a smooth vector field  $Z_1$  (called potential vector field) on  $N$  such that  $\frac{1}{2}(L_{Z_1}g_2)(X_1, Y_1) + Ric(X_1, Y_1) + \lambda g_2(X_1, Y_1) = 0$ , where  $L_{Z_1}$  is the Lie derivative of the metric tensor of  $g_2$  with respect to  $Z_1$ ,  $Ric$  is the Ricci tensor of  $(N, g_2)$ ,  $\lambda$  is a constant function and  $X_1, Y_1$  are arbitrary vector fields on  $N$ . We shall denote a Ricci soliton by  $(N, g_2, Z_1, \lambda)$ . The Ricci soliton  $(N, g_2, Z_1, \lambda)$  is said to be shrinking, steady or expanding accordingly as  $\lambda < 0$ ,  $\lambda = 0$  or  $\lambda > 0$ , respectively. It is obvious that a trivial Ricci soliton is an Einstein manifold [4] with  $Z_1$  zero or Killing (Lie derivative of metric tensor  $g_2$  with respect to  $Z_1$  is vanishes). Ricci soliton can be used to solve the Poincaré conjecture [17]. A Ricci soliton  $(N, g_2, Z_1, \lambda)$  becomes an almost Ricci soliton [18] if the function  $\lambda$  is a variable. The Ricci soliton  $(N, g_2, Z_1, \lambda)$  is said to be a gradient Ricci soliton if the potential vector field  $Z_1$  is the gradient of some smooth function  $f$  on  $N$ , which is denoted by  $(N, g_2, f, \lambda)$ . Moreover, a non-Killing tangent vector field  $Z_1$  on a Riemannian manifold  $(N, g_2)$  is called conformal [7] if it satisfies  $L_{Z_1}g_2 = 2fg_2$ , where  $f$  is called the potential function of  $Z_1$ . The submersions and Riemannian maps from a Ricci soliton to a Riemannian manifold were studied in [10, 13, 15, 29, 30]. In [32], present authors introduced Riemannian map from a Riemannian manifold to a Ricci soliton. In Section 4, we introduce Clairaut Riemannian map from a Riemannian manifold to a Ricci soliton.

In [28], Watson studied almost Hermitian submersions. In [23], Şahin introduced holomorphic Riemannian map as generalization of holomorphic submersion and holomorphic submanifold. In [2, 3, 20, 22] invariant, antiinvariant and semiinvariant Riemannian maps were studied from a Riemannian manifold to a Kähler manifold. Recently, present authors introduced Clairaut invariant Riemannian map from a Riemannian manifold to a Kähler manifold in [31]. In Section 5, we introduce Clairaut antiinvariant Riemannian map from a Riemannian manifold to a Kähler manifold.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall the notion of Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds and give a brief review of basic facts.

Let  $F : (M^m, g_1) \rightarrow (N^n, g_2)$  be a smooth map between Riemannian manifolds such that  $0 < rank F \leq \min\{m, n\}$ , where  $dim(M) = m$  and  $dim(N) = n$ . We denote the kernel space of  $F_*$  by  $\nu_p = ker F_{*p}$  at  $p \in M$  and consider the orthogonal complementary space  $\mathcal{H}_p = (ker F_{*p})^\perp$  to  $ker F_{*p}$  in  $T_pM$ . Then the tangent space  $T_pM$  of  $M$  at  $p$  has the decomposition  $T_pM = (ker F_{*p}) \oplus (ker F_{*p})^\perp = \nu_p \oplus \mathcal{H}_p$ . We denote the range of  $F_*$  by  $range F_*$  at  $p \in M$  and consider the orthogonal complementary space  $(range F_{*p})^\perp$  to  $range F_{*p}$  in the tangent space  $T_{F(p)}N$  of  $N$  at  $F(p) \in N$ . Since  $rank F \leq \min\{m, n\}$ , we have  $(range F_*)^\perp \neq \{0\}$ . Thus the tangent space  $T_{F(p)}N$  of  $N$  at  $F(p) \in N$  has the decomposition  $T_{F(p)}N = (range F_{*p}) \oplus (range F_{*p})^\perp$ . Then  $F$  is called Riemannian map at  $p \in M$  if the horizontal restriction  $F_*^h : (ker F_{*p})^\perp \rightarrow (range F_{*p})$  is a linear isometry between the spaces  $((ker F_{*p})^\perp, g_{1(p)}|_{(ker F_{*p})^\perp})$  and  $(range F_{*p}, g_{2(p)}|_{(range F_{*p})})$ , where  $F(p) = p_1$ . In other words,  $F_*$  satisfies

$$g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = g_1(X, Y), \tag{2.1}$$

for all  $X, Y$  vector field tangent to  $\Gamma(\ker F_{*p})^\perp$ . It follows that isometric immersions and Riemannian submersions are particular Riemannian maps with  $\ker F_* = \{0\}$  and  $(\text{range } F_*)^\perp = \{0\}$ , respectively. The differential map  $F_*$  of  $F$  can be viewed as a section of bundle  $\text{Hom}(TM, F^{-1}TN) \rightarrow M$ , where  $F^{-1}TN$  is the pullback bundle whose fibers at  $p \in M$  is  $(F^{-1}TN)_p = T_{F(p)}N$ ,  $p \in M$ . The bundle  $\text{Hom}(TM, F^{-1}TN)$  has a connection  $\nabla$  induced from the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla^M$  and the pullback connection  $\overset{N}{\nabla}^F$ . Then the second fundamental form of  $F$  is given by [16]

$$(\nabla F_*)(X, Y) = \overset{N}{\nabla}_X^F F_* Y - F_*(\nabla_X^M Y), \tag{2.2}$$

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , where  $\overset{N}{\nabla}_X^F F_* Y \circ F = \overset{N}{\nabla}_{F_* X}^N F_* Y$ . It is known that the second fundamental form is symmetric. In [20] Şahin proved that  $(\nabla F_*)(X, Y)$  has no component in  $\text{range } F_*$ , for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\ker F_*)^\perp$ . More precisely, we have

$$(\nabla F_*)(X, Y) \in \Gamma(\text{range } F_*)^\perp. \tag{2.3}$$

The tension field of  $F$  is defined to be the trace of the second fundamental form of  $F$ , i.e.  $\tau(F) = \text{trace}(\nabla F_*) = \sum_{i=1}^m (\nabla F_*)(e_i, e_i)$ , where  $m = \dim(M)$  and  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$  is the orthonormal frame on  $M$ . Moreover, a map  $F : (M^m, g_1) \rightarrow (N^n, g_2)$  between Riemannian manifolds is harmonic if and only if the tension field of  $F$  vanishes at each point  $p \in M$ .

**Lemma 2.1** [21] *Let  $F : (M^m, g_1) \rightarrow (N^n, g_2)$  be a Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds. Then the tension field of  $F$  is given by  $\tau(F) = -rF_*(H) + (m - r)H_2$ , where  $r = \dim(\ker F_*)$ ,  $(m - r) = \text{rank } F$ ,  $H$  and  $H_2$  are the mean curvature vector fields of the distribution  $\ker F_*$  and  $\text{range } F_*$ , respectively.*

**Lemma 2.2** [22] *Let  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2)$  be a Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds. Then  $F$  is umbilical Riemannian map if and only if*

$$(\nabla F_*)(X, Y) = g_1(X, Y)H_2,$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\ker F_*)^\perp$  and  $H_2$  is the mean curvature vector field of  $\text{range } F_*$ .

For any vector field  $X$  on  $M$  and any section  $V$  of  $(\text{range } F_*)^\perp$ , we have  $\nabla_X^{F^\perp} V$ , which is the orthogonal projection of  $\nabla_X^N V$  on  $(\text{range } F_*)^\perp$ , where  $\nabla^{F^\perp}$  is linear connection on  $(\text{range } F_*)^\perp$  such that  $\nabla^{F^\perp} g_2 = 0$ .

Now, for a Riemannian map  $F$  we define  $\mathcal{S}_V$  as ([24], p. 188)

$$\nabla_{F_* X}^N V = -\mathcal{S}_V F_* X + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} V, \tag{2.4}$$

where  $\nabla^N$  is Levi-Civita connection on  $N$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_V F_* X$  is the tangential component (a vector field along  $F$ ) of  $\nabla_{F_* X}^N V$ . Thus at  $p \in M$ , we have  $\nabla_{F_* X}^N V(p) \in T_{F(p)}N$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_V F_* X \in F_{*p}(T_p M)$  and  $\nabla_X^{F^\perp} V(p) \in (F_{*p}(T_p M))^\perp$ . It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{S}_V F_* X$  is bilinear in  $V$ , and  $F_* X$  at  $p$  depends only on  $V_p$  and  $F_{*p} X_p$ . Hence from (2.2) and (2.4), we obtain

$$g_2(\mathcal{S}_V F_* X, F_* Y) = g_2(V, (\nabla F_*)(X, Y)), \tag{2.5}$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\ker F_*)^\perp$  and  $V \in \Gamma(\text{range } F_*)^\perp$ , where  $\mathcal{S}_V$  is self-adjoint operator.

### 3. Clairaut Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds

In this section, we define Clairaut Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds by using a geodesic curve [6] on the base space and investigate geometry.

The notion of Clairaut Riemannian map was defined by Şahin in [25]. According to the definition, a Riemannian map  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2)$  between Riemannian manifolds is called Clairaut Riemannian map if there is a function  $\tilde{r} : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that for every geodesic  $\alpha$  on  $M$ , the function  $(\tilde{r} \circ \alpha)\sin\theta$  is constant, where, for all  $t$ ,  $\theta(t)$  is the angle between  $\dot{\alpha}(t)$  and the horizontal space at  $\alpha(t)$ .

Thus, the notion of Clairaut Riemannian map comes from a geodesic curve on a surface of revolution. Therefore, we are going to give a definition of Clairaut Riemannian map by using geodesic curve on the base space.

**Definition 3.1** A Riemannian map  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2)$  between Riemannian manifolds is called Clairaut Riemannian map if there is a function  $\tilde{s} : N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that for every geodesic  $\beta$  on  $N$ , the function  $(\tilde{s} \circ \beta)\sin\omega(t)$  is constant, where,  $F_*X \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)$  for  $X \in \Gamma(\text{ker}F_*)^\perp$  and  $V \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  are components of  $\dot{\beta}(t)$ , and  $\omega(t)$  is the angle between  $\dot{\beta}(t)$  and  $V$  for all  $t$ .

**Note:** For all  $U, V \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  we define

$$\nabla_U^N V = \mathcal{R}(\nabla_U^N V) + \nabla_U^{F^\perp} V,$$

where  $\mathcal{R}(\nabla_U^N V)$  and  $\nabla_U^{F^\perp} V$  denote  $\text{range}F_*$  and  $(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  part of  $\nabla_U^N V$ , respectively. Therefore  $(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  is totally geodesic if and only if

$$\nabla_U^N V = \nabla_U^{F^\perp} V.$$

Note that from now, throughout the paper, we are assuming  $(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  is totally geodesic.

**Lemma 3.2** Let  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2)$  be a Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds and  $\alpha : I \rightarrow M$  be a geodesic curve on  $M$ . Then the curve  $\beta = F \circ \alpha$  is geodesic curve on  $N$  if and only if

$$(\nabla F_*)(X, X) + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} V + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} V = 0, \tag{3.1}$$

$$-\mathcal{S}_V F_* X + F_*(\nabla_X^M X) + \nabla_V^N F_* X = 0, \tag{3.2}$$

where  $F_*X \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)$ ,  $V \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  are components of  $\dot{\beta}(t)$  and  $\nabla^N$  is Levi-Civita connection on  $N$  and  $\nabla^{F^\perp}$  is a linear connection on  $(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$ .

**Proof** Let  $\alpha : I \rightarrow M$  be a geodesic on  $M$  with  $U(t) = \nu\dot{\alpha}(t)$  and  $X(t) = \mathcal{H}\dot{\alpha}(t)$ . Let  $\beta = F \circ \alpha$  be a geodesic on  $N$  with  $F_*X \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  are components of  $\dot{\beta}(t)$ .

Now,

$$\nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N \dot{\beta} = \nabla_{F_*X+V}^N (F_*X + V),$$

which implies

$$\nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N \dot{\beta} = \nabla_{F_*X}^N F_*X + \nabla_{F_*X}^N V + \nabla_V^N F_*X + \nabla_V^N V.$$

Using (2.4) in above equation, we get

$$\nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N \dot{\beta} = \nabla_X^F F_* X \circ F + (-S_V F_* X + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} V) + \nabla_V^N F_* X + \nabla_V^N V.$$

Using (2.2) in above equation, we get

$$\nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N \dot{\beta} = (\nabla F_*)(X, X) + F_*(\nabla_X^M X) - S_V F_* X + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} V + \nabla_V^N F_* X + \nabla_V^N V. \tag{3.3}$$

Since  $(range F_*)^\perp$  is totally geodesic, (3.3) can be written as

$$\nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N \dot{\beta} = (\nabla F_*)(X, X) + F_*(\nabla_X^M X) - S_V F_* X + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} V + \nabla_V^N F_* X + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} V. \tag{3.4}$$

Now  $\beta$  is geodesic on  $N$  if and only if  $\nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N \dot{\beta} = 0$ . Then (3.4) implies  $(\nabla F_*)(X, X) + F_*(\nabla_X^M X) - S_V F_* X + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} V + \nabla_V^N F_* X + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} V = 0$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3** *Let  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2)$  be a Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds such that  $range F_*$  is connected and  $\alpha, \beta = F \circ \alpha$  are geodesic curves on  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively. Then  $F$  is Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  if and only if any one of the following conditions holds:*

- (i)  $S_V F_* X = -V(g)F_* X$ , where  $F_* X \in \Gamma(range F_*)$ ,  $V \in \Gamma(range F_*)^\perp$  are components of  $\dot{\beta}(t)$ .
- (ii)  $F$  is umbilical map, and has  $H_2 = -\nabla^N g$ , where  $g$  is a smooth function on  $N$  and  $H_2$  is the mean curvature vector field of  $range F_*$ .

**Proof** First we prove  $F$  is a Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  if and only if for any geodesic  $\beta : I \rightarrow N$  with tangential components  $F_* X \in \Gamma(range F_*)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(range F_*)^\perp$ ,  $t \in I$  the equation

$$g_{2\beta(t)}(F_* X(t), F_* X(t))g_2(\dot{\beta}(t), (\nabla^N g)) + g_2(S_V F_* X(t), F_* X(t)) = 0, \tag{3.5}$$

is satisfied. To prove this, let  $\beta$  be a geodesic on  $N$  with  $\dot{\beta}(t) = F_* X(t) + V(t)$  and let  $\omega(t) \in [0, \pi]$  denote the angle between  $\dot{\beta}(t)$  and  $V(t)$ . If  $\dot{\beta}(t) \in \Gamma(range F_*)^\perp$ , then we have  $F_* X(t_0) = 0$  (i.e. (3.5) is satisfied), which implies  $\sin \omega(t) = 0$  at point  $\beta(t_0)$ . Thus for any function  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  on  $M$ ,  $(\tilde{s}(\beta(t))) \sin \omega(t)$  identically vanishes. Therefore, the statement holds trivially in this case. Now, we consider the case  $\sin \omega(t) \neq 0$ , i.e.  $\dot{\beta}(t)$  does not belongs only in  $\Gamma(range F_*)^\perp$ . Since  $\beta$  is geodesic, its speed is constant  $b = \|\dot{\beta}\|^2$  (say). Then

$$g_{2\beta(t)}(V, V) = b \cos^2 \omega(t), \tag{3.6}$$

$$g_{2\beta(t)}(F_* X, F_* X) = b \sin^2 \omega(t). \tag{3.7}$$

Now differentiating (3.7) along  $\beta$ , we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} g_2(F_* X, F_* X) = 2b \sin \omega \cos \omega \frac{d\omega}{dt}. \tag{3.8}$$

On the other hand,

$$\frac{d}{dt} g_2(F_* X, F_* X) = 2g_2(\nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N F_* X, F_* X).$$

By putting  $\dot{\beta} = F_*X + V$  in above equation, we get

$$\frac{d}{dt}g_2(F_*X, F_*X) = 2g_2(\nabla_{F_*X}^N F_*X + \nabla_V^N F_*X, F_*X),$$

which implies

$$\frac{d}{dt}g_2(F_*X, F_*X) = 2g_2(\nabla_X^N F_*X \circ F + \nabla_V^N F_*X, F_*X). \tag{3.9}$$

Using (2.2) and (3.2) in (3.9), we get

$$\frac{d}{dt}g_2(F_*X, F_*X) = 2g_2((\nabla F_*)(X, X) + F_*(\nabla_X^M X) + \mathcal{S}_V F_*X - F_*(\nabla_X^M X), F_*X).$$

Using (2.3) in above equation, we get

$$\frac{d}{dt}g_2(F_*X, F_*X) = 2g_2(\mathcal{S}_V F_*X, F_*X). \tag{3.10}$$

Now from (3.8) and (3.10), we get

$$g_2(\mathcal{S}_V F_*X, F_*X) = b \sin \omega \cos \omega \frac{d\omega}{dt}. \tag{3.11}$$

Moreover,  $F$  is a Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  if and only if  $\frac{d}{dt}(e^{g \circ \beta} \sin \omega) = 0$ , that is,  $e^{g \circ \beta} \sin \omega \frac{d(g \circ \beta)}{dt} + e^{g \circ \beta} \cos \omega \frac{d\omega}{dt} = 0$ . By multiplying this with nonzero factor  $b \sin \omega$  and using (3.7), we get

$$g_2(F_*X, F_*X) \frac{d(g \circ \beta)}{dt} = -b \sin \omega \cos \omega \frac{d\omega}{dt}. \tag{3.12}$$

Now from (3.11) and (3.12), we get

$$g_2(\mathcal{S}_V F_*X, F_*X) = -g_2(F_*X, F_*X) \frac{d(g \circ \beta)}{dt},$$

which means

$$g_2(\mathcal{S}_V F_*X, F_*X) = -g_2(F_*X, F_*X) g_2(\nabla^N g, \dot{\beta}). \tag{3.13}$$

Indeed assuming (3.5) and considering any geodesic  $\beta$  on  $N$  with initial tangent vector which belongs in  $\Gamma(\text{range} F_*)$ , then by using  $V(t_0) = 0$  in (3.13), we get  $g$  is constant on  $\text{range} F_*$  and since  $\text{range} F_*$  is connected,  $\nabla^N g \in \Gamma(\text{range} F_*)^\perp$ . Then by (3.13), we get

$$g_2(\mathcal{S}_V F_*X, F_*X) = -g_2(F_*X, F_*X) g_2(\nabla^N g, V). \tag{3.14}$$

Thus  $\mathcal{S}_V F_*X = -V(g)F_*X$ , where  $V(g)$  is a smooth function on  $N$ , which implies the proof of (i). Now, by using (2.5) in (3.14), we get

$$g_2(V, (\nabla F_*)(X, X)) = -g_2(F_*X, F_*X) g_2(\nabla^N g, V), \tag{3.15}$$

for  $F_*X \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$ . Now using (2.2) in (3.15), we get

$$g_2(V, \nabla_X^F F_*X) = -g_2(\nabla^N g, V)g_2(F_*X, F_*X).$$

Thus by comparing, we get

$$\nabla_X^F F_*X = -(\nabla^N g)g_2(F_*X, F_*X). \tag{3.16}$$

Taking trace of (3.16), we get

$$\sum_{j=r+1}^m \nabla_{X_j}^F F_*X_j = -(\nabla^N g)(m-r), \tag{3.17}$$

where  $\{X_{r+1}, X_{r+2}, \dots, X_m\}$  and  $\{F_*X_{r+1}, F_*X_{r+2}, \dots, F_*X_m\}$  are orthonormal bases of  $(\ker F_*)^\perp$  and  $\text{range}F_*$ , respectively.

Moreover, the mean curvature vector field of  $\text{range}F_*$  is defined by ([21], [24] page 199)

$$H_2 = \frac{1}{m-r} \sum_{j=r+1}^m \nabla_{X_j}^F F_*X_j, \tag{3.18}$$

where  $\{X_j\}_{r+1 \leq j \leq m}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $(\ker F_*)^\perp$ . Then from (3.17) and (3.18), we get

$$H_2 = -\nabla^N g. \tag{3.19}$$

Also, by (3.15), we get

$$(\nabla F_*)(X, X) = -g_2(F_*X, F_*X)(\nabla^N g). \tag{3.20}$$

Since  $F$  is Riemannian map, using (2.1) in (3.20), we get

$$(\nabla F_*)(X, X) = -g_1(X, X)(\nabla^N g). \tag{3.21}$$

From (3.19) and (3.21), we get

$$(\nabla F_*)(X, X) = g_1(X, X)H_2.$$

Thus by Lemma 2.2  $F$  is umbilical map, which completes the proof. □

**Remark 3.4** In [25], Şahin considered geodesic curve on the total manifold of a Riemannian map  $F$ , then by using Clairaut relation fibers of  $F$  are totally umbilical. On the other hand, in Definition 3.1, we considered geodesic curve on the base manifold of  $F$ , then by using Clairaut’s relation  $F$  becomes totally umbilical.

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $F : (M^m, g_1) \rightarrow (N^n, g_2)$  be a Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  between Riemannian manifolds such that  $\ker F_*$  is minimal. Then  $F$  is harmonic if and only if  $g$  is constant function on  $N$ .

**Proof** Since  $H = 0$ , then by Lemma 2.1  $F$  is harmonic if and only if  $H_2 = 0$  if and only if  $\nabla^N g = 0$ , which completes the proof. □

**Theorem 3.6** Let  $F : (M^m, g_1) \rightarrow (N^n, g_2)$  be a Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  between Riemannian manifolds. Then  $N = N_{(\text{range}F_*)^\perp} \times_f N_{\text{range}F_*}$  is a twisted product manifold.

**Proof** By (3.20), (3.21) and Theorem 3.3, we have  $\nabla_X^N F_* Y = g_1(X, Y)H_2$  for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\ker F_*)^\perp$ , which implies  $\text{range} F_*$  is totally umbilical. Then proof follows by [19].  $\square$

**Example 3.7** Let  $M = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1 \neq 0, x_2 \neq 0\}$  be a Riemannian manifold with Riemannian metric  $g_1 = e^{2x_2} dx_1^2 + dx_2^2$  on  $M$ . Let  $N = \{(y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$  be a Riemannian manifold with Riemannian metric  $g_2 = e^{2y_2} dy_1^2 + dy_2^2$  on  $N$ . Consider a map  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2)$  defined by

$$F(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, 0).$$

Then, we get

$$\ker F_* = \text{span}\{U = e_2\} \text{ and } (\ker F_*)^\perp = \text{span}\{X = e_1\},$$

where  $\{e_1 = e^{-x_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, e_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}\}$  and  $\{e'_1 = e^{-x_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, e'_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}\}$  are bases on  $T_p M$  and  $T_{F(p)} N$ , respectively, for all  $p \in M$ . By easy computations, we see that  $F_*(X) = e'_1$  and  $g_1(X, X) = g_2(F_* X, F_* X)$  for  $X \in \Gamma(\ker F_*)^\perp$ . Thus  $F$  is Riemannian map with  $\text{range} F_* = \text{span}\{F_*(X) = e'_1\}$  and  $(\text{range} F_*)^\perp = \text{span}\{e'_2\}$ . Now to show  $F$  is Clairaut Riemannian map we will verify Theorem 3.3, for this we will verify (3.14). Since  $V$  and  $(\nabla F_*)(X, X) \in \Gamma(\text{range} F_*)^\perp$ , here we can write  $V = ae'_2$  and  $(\nabla F_*)(X, X) = be'_2$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we get

$$g_2(V, (\nabla F_*)(X, X)) = g_2(ae'_2, be'_2) = ab, \tag{3.22}$$

and

$$g_2(F_* X, F_* X) = g_2(e'_1, e'_1) = 1. \tag{3.23}$$

Since  $\nabla^N g = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 g_2^{ij} \frac{\partial g}{\partial y_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}$ . Therefore for the function  $g = -by_2$

$$g_2(\nabla^N g, V) = -ab. \tag{3.24}$$

Thus by using (2.5), (3.22), (3.23) and (3.24) we see that (3.14) holds. Thus  $F$  is a Clairaut Riemannian map.

#### 4. Clairaut Riemannian map from Riemannian manifold to Ricci soliton

In this section, we study Clairaut Riemannian map  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2)$  from a Riemannian manifold to a Ricci soliton and give some characterizations.

**Lemma 4.1** [32] Let  $F : (M^m, g_1) \rightarrow (N^n, g_2)$  be a Riemannian map between Riemannian manifolds. Then the Ricci tensor on  $(N, g_2)$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} Ric(F_* X, F_* Y) &= Ric^{\text{range} F_*}(F_* X, F_* Y) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} \left\{ g_2(\mathcal{S}_{\nabla_{F_*}^\perp e_k} F_* X, F_* Y) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - g_2(\nabla_{e_k}^N \mathcal{S}_{e_k} F_* X, F_* Y) + g_2(\mathcal{S}_{e_k} F_* X, \mathcal{S}_{e_k} F_* Y) + g_2(\nabla_{e_k}^N F_* X, \mathcal{S}_{e_k} F_* Y) \right\}, \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Ric(V, W) &= Ric^{(\text{range} F_*)^\perp}(V, W) - \sum_{j=r+1}^m \left\{ g_2(\mathcal{S}_{\nabla_V^\perp F_* X_j} F_* X_j, F_* X_j) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + g_2(\mathcal{S}_V F_* X_j, \mathcal{S}_W F_* X_j) - \nabla_V^N (g_2(\mathcal{S}_W F_* X_j, F_* X_j)) + 2g_2(\mathcal{S}_W F_* X_j, \nabla_V^N F_* X_j) \right\}, \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$



$$Ric(F_*X, V) = \sum_{j=r+1}^m \left\{ g_2((\tilde{\nabla}_X \mathcal{S})_V F_*X_j, F_*X_j) - g_2((\tilde{\nabla}_{X_j} \mathcal{S})_V F_*X, F_*X_j) \right\} - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(R^{F^\perp}(F_*X, e_k)V, e_k), \quad (4.3)$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\ker F_*)^\perp$ ,  $V, W \in \Gamma(\text{range } F_*)^\perp$  and  $F_*X, F_*Y \in \Gamma(\text{range } F_*)$ , where  $\{F_*X_j\}_{r+1 \leq j \leq m}$  and  $\{e_k\}_{1 \leq k \leq n_1}$  are orthonormal bases of  $\text{range } F_*$  and  $(\text{range } F_*)^\perp$ , respectively.

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $F : (M^m, g_1) \rightarrow (N^n, g_2)$  be a Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  between Riemannian manifolds. Then the Ricci tensor on  $(N, g_2)$  given by

$$Ric(F_*X, F_*Y) = Ric^{\text{range } F_*}(F_*X, F_*Y) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} (e_k(g))^2 g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(\nabla_{e_k}^{F^\perp} e_k, \nabla^N g) g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} (\nabla_{e_k}^N e_k(g)) g_2(F_*X, F_*Y), \quad (4.4)$$

$$Ric(V, W) = Ric^{(\text{range } F_*)^\perp}(V, W) + (m - r) g_2(\nabla^N g, \nabla_V^{F^\perp} W) - (m - r) V(g)W(g) - (m - r) \nabla_V^N W(g), \quad (4.5)$$

$$Ric(F_*X, V) = \sum_{j=r+1}^m g_2((\tilde{\nabla}_X \mathcal{S})_V F_*X_j, F_*X_j) - \sum_{j=r+1}^m g_2((\tilde{\nabla}_{X_j} \mathcal{S})_V F_*X_j, F_*X_j) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(R^{F^\perp}(F_*X, e_k)V, e_k), \quad (4.6)$$

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(\ker F_*)^\perp$ ,  $V, W \in \Gamma(\text{range } F_*)^\perp$  and  $F_*X, F_*Y \in \Gamma(\text{range } F_*)$ , where  $\{F_*X_j\}_{r+1 \leq j \leq m}$  and  $\{e_k\}_{1 \leq k \leq n_1}$  are orthonormal bases of  $\text{range } F_*$  and  $(\text{range } F_*)^\perp$ , respectively.

**Proof** Using Theorem 3.3 and (3.14) in (4.1), we get

$$Ric(F_*X, F_*Y) = Ric^{\text{range } F_*}(F_*X, F_*Y) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} (e_k(g))^2 g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(\nabla_{e_k}^{F^\perp} e_k, \nabla^N g) g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(\nabla_{e_k}^N (e_k(g)F_*X), F_*Y) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(\nabla_{e_k}^N F_*X, e_k(g)F_*Y),$$

which implies (4.4). Also using Theorem 3.3 and (3.14) in (4.2), we get

$$Ric(V, W) = Ric^{(\text{range } F_*)^\perp}(V, W) + \sum_{j=r+1}^m g_2(\nabla_V^{F^\perp} W, \nabla^N g) g_2(F_*X_j, F_*X_j) - \sum_{j=r+1}^m g_2(V(g)F_*X_j, W(g)F_*X_j) - \sum_{j=r+1}^m \nabla_V^N (g_2(W(g)F_*X_j, F_*X_j)) + 2 \sum_{j=r+1}^m g_2(W(g)F_*X_j, \nabla_V^N F_*X_j),$$

which implies (4.5). Also the proof of (4.3) and (4.6) is same. □

**Theorem 4.3** Let  $(N, g_2, H_2, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $H_2 \in \Gamma(\text{range } F_*)^\perp$  and  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2)$  be a Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  between Riemannian manifolds. Then

$$s^{\text{range } F_*} = -\lambda(m - r) + (m - r)\Delta g - (m - r)(m - r - 2)\|\nabla^N g\|^2,$$

where  $s^{\text{range } F_*}$  is the scalar curvature of  $\text{range } F_*$  and  $(m - r) = \dim(\text{range } F_*)$ .

**Proof** Since  $(N, g_2, H_2, \lambda)$  admit Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $H_2 \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  then, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}(L_{H_2}g_2)(F_*X, F_*Y) + Ric(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0,$$

for  $F_*X, F_*Y \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)$ , which implies

$$\frac{1}{2}\{g_2(\nabla_{F_*X}^N H_2, F_*Y) + g_2(\nabla_{F_*Y}^N H_2, F_*X)\} + Ric(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0.$$

Using (2.4) in above equation, we get

$$\frac{1}{2}\{g_2(-\mathcal{S}_{H_2}F_*X, F_*Y) + g_2(-\mathcal{S}_{H_2}F_*Y, F_*X)\} + Ric(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0.$$

Since  $\mathcal{S}_{H_2}$  is self-adjoint, above equation can be written as

$$-g_2(\mathcal{S}_{H_2}F_*X, F_*Y) + Ric(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0. \tag{4.7}$$

Using (3.14), (3.19) and (4.4) in (4.7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & -g_2(\nabla^N g, \nabla^N g)g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) + Ric^{rangeF_*}(F_*X, F_*Y) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} (e_k(g))^2 g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(\nabla_{e_k}^{F^\perp} e_k, \nabla^N g)g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} \nabla_{e_k}^N e_k(g)g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{e_k\}_{1 \leq k \leq n_1}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$ . This implies

$$\begin{aligned} & -2\|\nabla^N g\|^2 g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) + Ric^{rangeF_*}(F_*X, F_*Y) \\ & - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(e_k, \nabla_{e_k}^N \nabla^N g)g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

Taking trace of (4.8) for  $\text{range}F_*$ , we get

$$s^{rangeF_*} - 2(m-r)\|\nabla^N g\|^2 - (m-r) \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(\nabla_{e_k}^N \nabla^N g, e_k) + \lambda(m-r) = 0.$$

Using definition of Hessian form of  $g$  (i.e.  $H^g(X_1, Y_1) = g_2(\nabla_{X_1}^N \nabla^N g, Y_1)$  for all  $X_1, Y_1 \in \Gamma(TN)$ ) from [8] in above equation, we get

$$s^{rangeF_*} + (m-r)\{-2\|\nabla^N g\|^2 - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} H^g(e_k, e_k) + \lambda\} = 0. \tag{4.9}$$

Since we know that

$$\Delta g = \sum_{j=r+1}^m H^g(F_*X_j, F_*X_j) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} H^g(e_k, e_k), \tag{4.10}$$

where  $\{F_*X_j\}_{r+1 \leq j \leq m}$  and  $\{e_k\}_{1 \leq k \leq n_1}$  are orthonormal bases of  $\text{range}F_*$  and  $(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$ , respectively. Then by using definition of Hessian form of  $g$  in (4.10), we get

$$\Delta g = \sum_{j=r+1}^m g_2(\nabla_{F_*X_j}^N \nabla^N g, F_*X_j) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} H^g(e_k, e_k). \tag{4.11}$$

Using (2.4) in (4.11), we get

$$\Delta g = - \sum_{j=r+1}^m g_2(\mathcal{S}_{\nabla^N g} F_* X_j, F_* X_j) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} H^g(e_k, e_k).$$

Using Theorem 3.3 in above equation, we get

$$\Delta g - (m - r)\|\nabla^N g\|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} H^g(e_k, e_k). \tag{4.12}$$

Thus (4.9) and (4.12) implies the proof. □

**Theorem 4.4** *Let  $(N, g_2, H_2, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $H_2 \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  and  $F : (M^m, g_1) \rightarrow (N^n, g_2)$  be a Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  between Riemannian manifolds. Then*

$$s^{(\text{range}F_*)^\perp} = -\lambda n_1 + (m - r + 1)\Delta g - (m - r)^2\|\nabla^N g\|^2,$$

where  $s^{(\text{range}F_*)^\perp}$  denotes the scalar curvature of  $(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  and  $(m-r) = \dim(\text{range}F_*)$ ,  $n_1 = \dim((\text{range}F_*)^\perp)$ .

**Proof** Since  $(N, g_2, H_2, \lambda)$  admit Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $H_2 \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  then, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}(L_{H_2}g_2)(V, W) + Ric(V, W) + \lambda g_2(V, W) = 0,$$

for  $V, W \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$ , which implies

$$\frac{1}{2}\{g_2(\nabla_V^N H_2, W) + g_2(\nabla_W^N H_2, V)\} + Ric(V, W) + \lambda g_2(V, W) = 0.$$

Putting  $H_2 = -\nabla^N g$  in above equation, we get

$$-\frac{1}{2}\{g_2(\nabla_V^N \nabla^N g, W) + g_2(\nabla_W^N \nabla^N g, V)\} + Ric(V, W) + \lambda g_2(V, W) = 0. \tag{4.13}$$

Using definition of Hessian form of  $g$  and (4.5) in (4.13), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & -H^g(V, W) + Ric^{(\text{range}F_*)^\perp}(V, W) + (m - r)g_2(\nabla^N g, \nabla_V^{F^\perp} W) \\ & - (m - r)V(g)W(g) - (m - r)\nabla_V^N W(g) + \lambda g_2(V, W) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4.14}$$

Taking trace of (4.14) for  $(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$ , we get

$$- \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} H^g(e_k, e_k) + s^{(\text{range}F_*)^\perp} + \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} (m - r)g_2(\nabla^N g, \nabla_{e_k}^{F^\perp} e_k) - (m - r) \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} (e_k(g))^2 - (m - r) \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} \nabla_{e_k}^N e_k(g) + \lambda n_1 = 0,$$

where  $\{e_k\}_{1 \leq k \leq n_1}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$ , which implies

$$s^{(\text{range}F_*)^\perp} + \lambda n_1 - (m - r) \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} (e_k(g))^2 - (m - r + 1) \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} H^g(e_k, e_k) = 0.$$

Using (4.12) and  $(e_k(g))^2 = g_2(\nabla^N g, e_k)^2 = g_2(\nabla^N g, \nabla^N g)$  in above equation, we get the proof. □

**Remark 4.5** Since  $rangeF_*$  and  $(rangeF_*)^\perp$  are subbundles of  $TN$ , they define distributions on  $N$ . Then for  $F_*X, F_*Y \in \Gamma(rangeF_*)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} [F_*X, F_*Y] &= \nabla_{F_*X}^N F_*Y - \nabla_{F_*Y}^N F_*X \\ &= \nabla_X^F F_*Y \circ F - \nabla_Y^F F_*X \circ F. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.2) in above equation, we get

$$[F_*X, F_*Y] = F_*(\nabla_X Y) - F_*(\nabla_Y X) = F_*(\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X) \in \Gamma(rangeF_*).$$

Thus  $rangeF_*$  is an integrable distribution. Then for any point  $F(p) \in N$  there exists maximal integral manifold or a leaf of  $rangeF_*$  containing  $F(p)$ .

**Theorem 4.6** Let  $(N, g_2, F_*Z, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $F_*Z \in \Gamma(rangeF_*)$  and  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2)$  be a Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  between Riemannian manifolds. Then a leaf of  $rangeF_*$  is an almost Ricci soliton.

**Proof** Since  $(N, g_2, F_*Z, \lambda)$  admit Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $F_*Z \in \Gamma(rangeF_*)$  then, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}(L_{F_*Z}g_2)(F_*X, F_*Y) + Ric(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0, \tag{4.15}$$

for  $F_*X, F_*Y, F_*Z \in \Gamma(rangeF_*)$ . Using (4.4) in (4.15), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2}(L_{F_*Z}g_2)(F_*X, F_*Y) + Ric^{rangeF_*}(F_*X, F_*Y) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} (e_k(g))^2 g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(\nabla_{e_k}^{F^\perp} e_k, \nabla^N g) g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} \nabla_{e_k}^N e_k(g) g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{e_k\}_{1 \leq k \leq n_1}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $(rangeF_*)^\perp$ , which implies

$$\frac{1}{2}(L_{F_*Z}g_2)(F_*X, F_*Y) + Ric^{rangeF_*}(F_*X, F_*Y) + \tilde{\lambda} g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0,$$

where  $\tilde{\lambda} = -\sum_{k=1}^{n_1} (e_k(g))^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(\nabla_{e_k}^{F^\perp} e_k, \nabla^N g) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} e_k(e_k(g)) + \lambda$  is a smooth function on  $N$ . Thus a leaf of  $rangeF_*$  is an almost Ricci soliton, which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7** Let  $(N, g_2, V, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $V \in \Gamma(rangeF_*)^\perp$  and  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2)$  be a Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  between Riemannian manifolds. Then a leaf of  $rangeF_*$  is an Einstein.

**Proof** Since  $(N, g_2, F_*Z, \lambda)$  admit Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $F_*Z \in \Gamma(rangeF_*)$  then, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}(L_V g_2)(F_*X, F_*Y) + Ric(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0,$$

for  $F_*X, F_*Y \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)$ , which implies

$$\frac{1}{2}\{g_2(\nabla_{F_*X}^N V, F_*Y) + g_2(\nabla_{F_*Y}^N V, F_*X)\} + Ric(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0.$$

Using (2.4) in above equation, we get

$$\frac{1}{2}\{g_2(-S_V F_*X, F_*Y) + g_2(-S_V F_*Y, F_*X)\} + Ric(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0.$$

Since  $S_V$  is self-adjoint, above equation can be written as

$$-g_2(S_V F_*X, F_*Y) + Ric(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0. \tag{4.16}$$

Since  $F$  is Clairaut Riemannian map, using  $S_V F_*X = -V(g)F_*X$  and (4.4) in (4.16), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &V(g)g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) + Ric^{\text{range}F_*}(F_*X, F_*Y) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} (e_k(g))^2 g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(\nabla_{e_k}^{F^\perp} e_k, \nabla^N g)g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} \nabla_{e_k}^N e_k(g)g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{e_k\}_{1 \leq k \leq n_1}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$ , which implies

$$Ric^{\text{range}F_*}(F_*X, F_*Y) = \lambda' g_2(F_*X, F_*Y),$$

where  $\lambda' = \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} (e_k(g))^2 - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(\nabla_{e_k}^{F^\perp} e_k, \nabla^N g) + \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} e_k(e_k(g)) - \lambda - V(g)$  is a smooth function on  $N$ . Thus a leaf of  $\text{range}F_*$  is an Einstein, which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.8** *Let  $\beta$  be a geodesic curve on  $N$  and  $(N, g_2, \dot{\beta}, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $\dot{\beta} \in \Gamma(TN)$ . Let  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2)$  be a Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  from a Riemannian manifold  $M$  to an Einstein manifold  $N$ . Then the following statements are true:*

- (i)  $\dot{\beta}$  is a conformal vector field on  $\text{range}F_*$ .
- (ii)  $\dot{\beta}$  is Killing vector field on  $(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  if and only if  $V(g)W(g) = -H^g(V, W)$  for all  $V, W \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$ .

**Proof** Since  $(N, g_2, \dot{\beta}, \lambda)$  is a Ricci soliton then, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}(L_{\dot{\beta}}g_2)(F_*X, F_*Y) + Ric(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0, \tag{4.17}$$

for  $F_*X, F_*Y \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)$ . Using (4.4) in (4.17), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2}(L_{\dot{\beta}}g_2)(F_*X, F_*Y) + Ric^{\text{range}F_*}(F_*X, F_*Y) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} (e_k(g))^2 g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(\nabla_{e_k}^{F^\perp} e_k, \nabla^N g)g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} \nabla_{e_k}^N e_k(g)g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) + \lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{4.18}$$

where  $\{e_k\}_{1 \leq k \leq n_1}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $(range F_*)^\perp$ . Since  $N$  is Einstein, putting  $Ric^{range F_*}(F_*X, F_*Y) = -\lambda g_2(F_*X, F_*Y)$  in (4.18), we get

$$\frac{1}{2}(L_{\dot{\beta}}g_2)(F_*X, F_*Y) + \mu g_2(F_*X, F_*Y) = 0,$$

where  $\mu = -\sum_{k=1}^{n_1} (e_k(g))^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} g_2(\nabla_{e_k}^{F^\perp} e_k, \nabla^N g) - \sum_{k=1}^{n_1} e_k(e_k(g))$  is a smooth function on  $N$ . Thus  $\dot{\beta}$  is a conformal vector field on  $range F_*$ . On the other hand, since  $(N, g_2, \dot{\beta}, \lambda)$  is a Ricci soliton then, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}(L_{\dot{\beta}}g_2)(V, W) + Ric(V, W) + \lambda g_2(V, W) = 0, \tag{4.19}$$

for any  $V, W \in \Gamma(range F_*)^\perp$ . Using (4.5) in (4.19), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(L_{\dot{\beta}}g_2)(V, W) + Ric^{(range F_*)^\perp}(V, W) + (m-r)g_2(\nabla^N g, \nabla_V^{F^\perp} W) \\ - (m-r)V(g)W(g) - (m-r)\nabla_V^N W(g) + \lambda g_2(V, W) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4.20}$$

Since  $N$  is Einstein, putting  $Ric^{(range F_*)^\perp}(V, W) = -\lambda g_2(V, W)$  in (4.20), we get

$$\frac{1}{2}(L_{\dot{\beta}}g_2)(V, W) + \{g_2(\nabla^N g, \nabla_V^{F^\perp} W) - V(g)W(g) - \nabla_V^N W(g)\}(m-r) = 0.$$

Then by using  $\nabla_V^N W(g) = \nabla_V^N (g_2(W, \nabla^N g)) = g_2(\nabla_V^N W, \nabla^N g) + H^g(V, W) = g_2(\nabla_V^{F^\perp} W, \nabla^N g) + H^g(V, W)$  in above equation, we get  $\frac{1}{2}(L_{\dot{\beta}}g_2)(V, W) = 0$  if and only if  $V(g)W(g) = -H^g(V, W)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.9** *Let  $(N, g_2, X_1, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $X_1 \in \Gamma(TN)$  and  $F : (M^m, g_1) \rightarrow (N^n, g_2)$  be a Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  between Riemannian manifolds. Then*

$$s = -\lambda n, \tag{4.21}$$

where  $s$  denotes the scalar curvature of  $N$ .

**Proof** The proof is similar to remark 9 of [30]; therefore, we are omitting it.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.10** *Let  $(N, g_2, -H_2, \lambda)$  be a Ricci soliton with the potential vector field  $-H_2 \in \Gamma(range F_*)^\perp$  and  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2)$  be a Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  between Riemannian manifolds. Then following statements are true:*

- (i)  $N$  admits a gradient Ricci soliton.
- (ii) The mean curvature vector field of  $range F_*$  is constant.

**Proof** By similar proof as theorem 10 of [30], we get

$$\Delta g = 0.$$

Hence  $\nabla^N(\nabla^N g) = 0$ , i.e.  $\nabla^N H_2 = 0$ , which means  $H_2$  is constant. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Example 4.11** The map  $F : M \rightarrow N$  given in Example 3.7 is Clairaut Riemannian map. Now, we will show that  $N$  admits a Ricci soliton, i.e.

$$\frac{1}{2}(L_{Z_1}g_2)(X_1, Y_1) + Ric(X_1, Y_1) + \lambda g_2(X_1, Y_1) = 0, \tag{4.22}$$

for any  $X_1, Y_1, Z_1 \in \Gamma(TN)$ . By similar computations as example 6.1 of [32], we get

$$\frac{1}{2}(L_{Z_1}g_2)(X_1, Y_1) = 0, \tag{4.23}$$

$$g_2(X_1, Y_1) = (a_1a_3 + a_2a_4), \tag{4.24}$$

and

$$Ric(X_1, Y_1) = a_1a_3Ric(e'_1, e'_1) + (a_1a_4 + a_2a_3)Ric(e'_1, e'_2) + a_2a_4Ric(e'_2, e'_2). \tag{4.25}$$

By (4.4), we get

$$Ric(e'_1, e'_1) = Ric^{range F_*}(e'_1, e'_1) - (g_2(\nabla^N g, e'_2))^2 + g_2(\nabla_{e'_2}^{\perp} e'_2, \nabla^N g) - \nabla_{e'_2}^N (g_2(e'_2, \nabla^N g)).$$

Since dimension of  $range F_*$  is one,  $Ric^{range F_*}(e'_1, e'_1) = 0$  and we have  $\nabla^N g = -be'_2$  for some  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ . So

$$Ric(e'_1, e'_1) = -b^2, \tag{4.26}$$

By (4.5), we get

$$Ric(e'_2, e'_2) = Ric^{(range F_*)^\perp}(e'_2, e'_2) + g_2(\nabla^N g, \nabla_{e'_2}^{\perp} e'_2) - e'_2(g)e'_2(g) - \nabla_{e'_2}^N (e'_2(g)).$$

Since dimension of  $(range F_*)^\perp$  is one,  $Ric^{(range F_*)^\perp}(e'_2, e'_2) = 0$  and putting  $\nabla^N g = -be'_2$  for some  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ , we get

$$Ric(e'_2, e'_2) = -b^2. \tag{4.27}$$

And by similar computation as example 6.1 of [32], we get

$$Ric(e'_1, e'_2) = 0. \tag{4.28}$$

Using (4.26), (4.27) and (4.28) in (4.25), we get

$$Ric(X_1, Y_1) = -(a_1a_3 + a_2a_4)b^2. \tag{4.29}$$

Now, using (4.23), (4.24) and (4.29) in (4.22), we obtain that metric  $g_2$  admits Ricci soliton for

$$\lambda = b^2.$$

Since  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ , for some choices of  $b$  Ricci soliton  $(N, g_2)$  will be expanding or steady according to  $\lambda > 0$  or  $\lambda = 0$ .

**5. Clairaut antiinvariant Riemannian map from Riemannian manifold to Kähler manifold**

In this section, we introduce Clairaut antiinvariant Riemannian map from a Riemannian manifold to a Kähler manifold and investigate the geometry with a nontrivial example.

Let  $(N, g_2)$  be an almost Hermitian manifold [33], then  $N$  admits a tensor  $J$  of type  $(1, 1)$  on  $N$  such that  $J^2 = -I$  and

$$g_2(JX_1, JY_1) = g_2(X_1, Y_1), \tag{5.1}$$

for all  $X_1, Y_1 \in \Gamma(TN)$ . An almost Hermitian manifold  $N$  is called Kähler manifold if

$$(\nabla_{X_1}^N J)Y_1 = 0,$$

for all  $X_1, Y_1 \in \Gamma(TN)$ , where  $\nabla^N$  is the Levi-Civita connection on  $N$ .

**Definition 5.1** [20] *Let  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2)$  be a proper Riemannian map from a Riemannian manifold  $M$  to an almost Hermitian manifold  $N$  with almost complex structure  $J$ . We say that  $F$  is an antiinvariant Riemannian map at  $p \in M$  if  $J(\text{range}F_{*p}) \subset (\text{range}F_{*p})^\perp$ . If  $F$  is an antiinvariant Riemannian map for every  $p \in M$  then  $F$  is called an antiinvariant Riemannian map.*

In this case we denote the orthogonal subbundle to  $J(\text{range}F_*)$  in  $(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  by  $\mu$ , i.e.  $(\text{range}F_*)^\perp = J(\text{range}F_*) \oplus \mu$ . For any  $V \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$ , we have

$$JV = BV + CV, \tag{5.2}$$

where  $BV \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)$  and  $CV \in \mu$ . Note that if  $\mu = 0$  then  $F$  is called Lagrangian Riemannian map [27].

**Lemma 5.2** *Let  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2, J)$  be an antiinvariant Riemannian map from a Riemannian manifold  $M$  to a Kähler manifold  $N$  and  $\alpha : I \rightarrow M$  be a geodesic curve on  $M$ . Then the curve  $\beta = F \circ \alpha$  is geodesic on  $N$  if and only if*

$$-S_{JF_*X}F_*X - S_{CV}F_*X + \nabla_V^N BV + F_*(\nabla_X^M F_*BV) = 0, \tag{5.3}$$

$$(\nabla_{F_*X})X + F_*BV + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} JF_*X + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} JF_*X + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} CV + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} CV = 0, \tag{5.4}$$

where  $F_*X \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)$ ,  $V \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  are components of  $\dot{\beta}(t)$  and  $*F_*$  is the adjoint map of  $F_*$ , and  $\nabla^N$  is the Levi-Civita connection on  $N$ , and  $\nabla^{F^\perp}$  is a linear connection on  $(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$ .

**Proof** Let  $\alpha : I \rightarrow M$  be a geodesic on  $M$  and let  $\beta = F \circ \alpha$  be a geodesic on  $N$  with  $F_*X \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  are components of  $\dot{\beta}(t)$ . Since  $N$  is Kähler manifold,  $\nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N \dot{\beta} = -J\nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N J\dot{\beta}$ . Thus

$$\nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N \dot{\beta} = -J\nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N J\dot{\beta} = -J\nabla_{F_*X+V}^N J(F_*X + V),$$

which implies

$$\nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N \dot{\beta} = -J(\nabla_{F_*X}^N JF_*X + \nabla_{F_*X}^N JV + \nabla_V^N JF_*X + \nabla_V^N JV). \tag{5.5}$$

Using (2.4) and (5.2) in (5.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N \dot{\beta} &= -J(-S_{JF_*X}F_*X - S_{CV}F_*X + \nabla_V^N BV + \nabla_{F_*X}^N BV \\ &\quad + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} JF_*X + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} JF_*X + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} CV + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} CV). \end{aligned} \tag{5.6}$$



Since  $\nabla^N$  is Levi-Civita connection on  $N$  and  $g_2(\nabla_V^N BV, U) = 0$  for any  $U \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$ ,  $\nabla_V^N BV \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)$  and using (2.2), we get  $\nabla_{F_*X}^N BV = \nabla_X^N BV \circ F = (\nabla F_*)(X, *F_*BV) + F_*(\nabla_X^M *F_*BV)$ . Then by (5.6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N \dot{\beta} &= -J(-\mathcal{S}_{JF_*X}F_*X - \mathcal{S}_{CV}F_*X + \nabla_V^N BV + (\nabla F_*)(X, *F_*BV) \\ &\quad + F_*(\nabla_X^M *F_*BV) + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} JF_*X + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} JF_*X + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} CV + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} CV). \end{aligned}$$

Now  $\beta$  is geodesic on  $N \iff \nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N \dot{\beta} = 0 \iff -\mathcal{S}_{JF_*X}F_*X - \mathcal{S}_{CV}F_*X + \nabla_V^N BV + (\nabla F_*)(X, *F_*BV) + F_*(\nabla_X^M *F_*BV) + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} JF_*X + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} JF_*X + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} CV + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} CV = 0$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 5.3** An antiinvariant Riemannian map from a Riemannian manifold to a Kähler manifold is called Clairaut antiinvariant Riemannian map if it satisfies the condition of Clairaut Riemannian map.

**Theorem 5.4** Let  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2, J)$  be an antiinvariant Riemannian map from a Riemannian manifold  $M$  to a Kähler manifold  $N$  and  $\alpha, \beta = F \circ \alpha$  are geodesic curves on  $M$  and  $N$ , respectively. Then  $F$  is Clairaut antiinvariant Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  if and only if  $g_2(\mathcal{S}_{JF_*X}F_*X + \mathcal{S}_{CV}F_*X, BV) - g_2((\nabla F_*)(X, *F_*BV) + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} JF_*X + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} JF_*X, CV) - g_2(F_*X, F_*X) \frac{d(g \circ \beta)}{dt} = 0$ , where  $g$  is a smooth function on  $N$  and  $F_*X \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)$ ,  $V \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  are components of  $\dot{\beta}(t)$ .

**Proof** Let  $\alpha : I \rightarrow M$  be a geodesic on  $M$  and let  $\beta = F \circ \alpha$  be a geodesic on  $N$  with  $F_*X \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)$  and  $V \in \Gamma(\text{range}F_*)^\perp$  are components of  $\dot{\beta}(t)$  and  $\omega(t)$  denote the angle in  $[0, \pi]$  between  $\dot{\beta}$  and  $V$ . Assuming  $b = \|\dot{\beta}(t)\|^2$ , then we get

$$g_{2\beta(t)}(V, V) = b \cos^2 \omega(t), \tag{5.7}$$

$$g_{2\beta(t)}(F_*X, F_*X) = b \sin^2 \omega(t). \tag{5.8}$$

Now differentiating (5.7) along  $\beta$ , we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} g_2(V, V) = -2b \sin \omega(t) \cos \omega(t) \frac{d\omega}{dt}. \tag{5.9}$$

On the other hand by (5.1), we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} g_2(V, V) = \frac{d}{dt} g_2(JV, JV).$$

Using (5.2) in above equation, we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} g_2(V, V) = \frac{d}{dt} (g_2(BV, BV) + g_2(CV, CV)),$$

which implies

$$\frac{d}{dt} g_2(V, V) = 2g_2(\nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N BV, BV) + 2g_2(\nabla_{\dot{\beta}}^N CV, CV). \tag{5.10}$$

Putting  $\dot{\beta} = F_*X + V$  in (5.10), we get

$$\frac{d}{dt}g_2(V, V) = 2g_2(\nabla_{F_*X}^N BV, BV) + 2g_2(\nabla_{F_*X}^N CV, CV) + 2g_2(\nabla_V^N BV, BV) + 2g_2(\nabla_V^N CV, CV).$$

Since  $(range F_*)^\perp$  is totally geodesic, above equation can be written as

$$\frac{d}{dt}g_2(V, V) = 2g_2(\nabla_X^N BV \circ F, BV) + 2g_2(\nabla_{F_*X}^N CV, CV) + 2g_2(\nabla_V^N BV, BV) + 2g_2(\nabla_V^{F^\perp} CV, CV). \tag{5.11}$$

Using (2.2), (2.3) and (2.4) in (5.11), we get

$$\frac{d}{dt}g_2(V, V) = 2g_2(F_*(\nabla_X^M * F_*BV) + \nabla_V^N BV, BV) + 2g_2(\nabla_X^{F^\perp} CV + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} CV, CV). \tag{5.12}$$

Using (5.3) and (5.4) in (5.12), we get

$$\frac{d}{dt}g_2(V, V) = 2g_2(\mathcal{S}_{JF_*X}F_*X + \mathcal{S}_{CV}F_*X, BV) - 2g_2((\nabla F_*)(X, *F_*BV) + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} JF_*X + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} JF_*X, CV). \tag{5.13}$$

Now from (5.9) and (5.13), we get

$$g_2(\mathcal{S}_{JF_*X}F_*X + \mathcal{S}_{CV}F_*X, BV) - g_2((\nabla F_*)(X, *F_*BV) + \nabla_X^{F^\perp} JF_*X + \nabla_V^{F^\perp} JF_*X, CV) = -bsin\omega cos\omega \frac{d\omega}{dt}. \tag{5.14}$$

Moreover,  $F$  is a Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  if and only if  $\frac{d}{dt}(e^{g \circ \beta} sin\omega) = 0$ , that is,  $e^{g \circ \beta} sin\omega \frac{d(g \circ \beta)}{dt} + e^{g \circ \beta} cos\omega \frac{d\omega}{dt} = 0$ . By multiplying this with nonzero factor  $bsin\omega$  and using (5.8), we get

$$g_2(F_*X, F_*X) \frac{d(g \circ \beta)}{dt} = -bsin\omega cos\omega \frac{d\omega}{dt}. \tag{5.15}$$

Thus (5.14) and (5.15) complete the proof. □

**Theorem 5.5** *Let  $F : (M^m, g_1) \rightarrow (N^n, g_2, J)$  be a Clairaut antiinvariant Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  from a Riemannian manifold  $M$  to a Kähler manifold  $N$ . Then at least one of the following statement is true:*

- (i)  $\dim(range F_*) = 1$ ,
- (ii)  $g$  is constant on  $J(range F_*)$ , where  $g$  is a smooth function on  $N$ .

**Proof** Since  $F$  is Clairaut Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  then using (2.2) in (3.21), we get

$$\nabla_X^N F_*Y - F_*(\nabla_X^M Y) = -g_1(X, Y)\nabla^N g, \tag{5.16}$$

for  $F_*Y \in \Gamma(range F_*)$  and  $X, Y \in \Gamma(ker F_*)^\perp$ . Taking inner product of (5.16) with  $JF_*Z \in \Gamma(range F_*)^\perp$ , we get

$$g_2(\nabla_X^N F_*Y - F_*(\nabla_X^M Y), JF_*Z) = -g_1(X, Y)g_2(\nabla^N g, JF_*Z). \tag{5.17}$$

Since  $\nabla^F$  is pullback connection of the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla^N$ . Therefore  $\nabla^F$  is also Levi-Civita connection. Then using metric compatibility condition in (5.17), we get

$$-g_2(\nabla_X^N JF_*Z, F_*Y) = -g_1(X, Y)g_2(\nabla^N g, JF_*Z),$$

which implies

$$g_2(J\nabla_X^N F_* Z, F_* Y) = g_1(X, Y)g_2(\nabla^N g, JF_* Z). \tag{5.18}$$

Using (5.1) in (5.18), we get

$$-g_2(\nabla_X^N F_* Z, JF_* Y) = g_1(X, Y)g_2(\nabla^N g, JF_* Z).$$

Using (5.16) in above equation, we get

$$g_1(X, Z)g_2(\nabla^N g, JF_* Y) = g_1(X, Y)g_2(\nabla^N g, JF_* Z). \tag{5.19}$$

Now putting  $X = Y$  in (5.19), we get

$$g_1(X, Z)g_2(\nabla^N g, JF_* X) = g_1(X, X)g_2(\nabla^N g, JF_* Z). \tag{5.20}$$

Now interchanging  $X$  and  $Z$  in (5.20), we get

$$g_1(X, Z)g_2(\nabla^N g, JF_* Z) = g_1(Z, Z)g_2(\nabla^N g, JF_* X). \tag{5.21}$$

From (5.20) and (5.21), we get

$$g_2(\nabla^N g, JF_* X) \left( 1 - \frac{g_1(X, X)g_1(Z, Z)}{g_1(X, Z)g_1(X, Z)} \right) = 0,$$

which implies either  $\dim((\ker F_*)^\perp) = 1$  or  $g_2(\nabla^N g, JF_* X) = 0$ , which means  $(JF_* X)(g) = 0$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.6** *Let  $F : (M^m, g_1) \rightarrow (N^n, g_2, J)$  be a Clairaut Lagrangian Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  from a Riemannian manifold  $M$  to a Kähler manifold  $N$  such that  $\dim(\text{range} F_*) > 1$ . Then following statements are true:*

- (i) *range  $F_*$  is minimal.*
- (ii) *range  $F_*$  is totally geodesic.*

**Proof** Since  $F$  is Clairaut Riemannian map then from (3.21) and Theorem 3.3, we have

$$(\nabla F_*)(X, X) = g_1(X, X)H_2,$$

for  $X \in \Gamma(\ker F_*)^\perp$  and  $H_2$  is the mean curvature vector field of  $\text{range} F_*$ . Now multiply above equation by  $U \in \Gamma(\text{range} F_*)^\perp$ , we get

$$g_2((\nabla F_*)(X, X), U) = g_1(X, X)g_2(H_2, U). \tag{5.22}$$

Using (2.2) in (5.22), we get

$$g_2(\nabla_X^N F_* X, U) = g_1(X, X)g_2(H_2, U). \tag{5.23}$$

Since  $N$  is Kähler manifold, using (5.1) in (5.23), we get

$$g_2(\nabla_X^N JF_* X, JU) = g_1(X, X)g_2(H_2, U). \tag{5.24}$$

Since  $\nabla^N$  is Levi-Civita connection on  $N$ , using metric compatibility condition in (5.24), we get

$$-g_2(JF_*X, \nabla_X^N JU) = g_1(X, X)g_2(H_2, U). \tag{5.25}$$

Using (5.23) in (5.25), we get

$$-g_2(JF_*X, g_1(X, {}^*F_*JU)H_2) = g_1(X, X)g_2(H_2, U), \tag{5.26}$$

where  ${}^*F_*$  is the adjoint map of  $F_*$ . Now using  $H_2 = -\nabla^N g$  in (5.26), we get

$$g_1(X, {}^*F_*JU)g_2(JF_*X, \nabla^N g) = g_1(X, X)g_2(H_2, U),$$

which implies

$$g_1(X, {}^*F_*JU)JF_*X(g) = g_1(X, X)g_2(H_2, U). \tag{5.27}$$

Since  $\dim(\text{range}F_*) > 1$  then by Theorem 5.5,  $g$  is constant on  $J(\text{range}F_*)$ , which means  $JF_*X(g) = 0$ . Then (5.27) implies  $g_2(H_2, U) = 0$ . Thus

$$H_2 = 0, \tag{5.28}$$

which implies (i).

Since  $H_2 = \text{trace}(\nabla_X^N F_*Y)$ . Then by (5.28), we get  $\nabla_X^N F_*Y = 0$ , which implies (ii). □

**Theorem 5.7** *Let  $F : (M^m, g_1) \rightarrow (N^n, g_2, J)$  be a Clairaut Lagrangian Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  from a Riemannian manifold  $M$  to a Kähler manifold  $N$  such that  $\dim(\text{range}F_*) > 1$ . Then  $F$  is harmonic if and only if mean curvature vector field of  $\ker F_*$  is constant.*

**Proof** Let  $F : (M^m, g_1) \rightarrow (N^n, g_2)$  be a smooth map between Riemannian manifolds. Then  $F$  is harmonic if and only if the tension field  $\tau(F)$  of map  $F$  vanishes. Then proof follows by Lemma 2.1 and Theorem 5.6. □

**Theorem 5.8** *Let  $F : (M^m, g_1) \rightarrow (N^n, g_2, J)$  be a Clairaut Lagrangian Riemannian map with  $\tilde{s} = e^g$  from a Riemannian manifold  $M$  to a Kähler manifold  $N$  such that  $\dim(\text{range}F_*) > 1$ . Then  $N = N_{\text{range}F_*} \times N_{(\text{range}F_*)^\perp}$  is a usual product manifold.*

**Proof** The proof follows by [19] and Theorem 5.6. □

**Example 5.9** *Let  $M = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1 \neq 0, x_2 \neq 0\}$  be a Riemannian manifold with Riemannian metric  $g_1 = e^{2x_2} dx_1^2 + e^{2x_2} dx_2^2$  on  $M$ . Let  $N = \{(y_1, y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$  be a Riemannian manifold with Riemannian metric  $g_2 = e^{2x_2} dy_1^2 + dy_2^2$  on  $N$  and the complex structure  $J$  on  $N$  defined as  $J(y_1, y_2) = (-y_2, y_1)$ . Consider a map  $F : (M, g_1) \rightarrow (N, g_2, J)$  defined by*

$$F(x_1, x_2) = \left( \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right).$$

Then

$$\ker F_* = \text{span} \left\{ U = \frac{e_1 + e_2}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} \text{ and } (\ker F_*)^\perp = \text{span} \left\{ X = \frac{e_1 - e_2}{\sqrt{2}} \right\},$$

where  $\left\{e_1 = e^{-x_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, e_2 = e^{-x_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}\right\}$  and  $\left\{e'_1 = e^{-x_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, e'_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}\right\}$  are bases on  $T_p M$  and  $T_{F(p)} N$  respectively, for  $p \in M$ . By easy computations, we see that  $F_*(X) = e'_1$  and  $g_1(X, X) = g_2(F_*X, F_*X)$  for  $X \in \Gamma(\ker F_*)^\perp$ . Thus  $F$  is Riemannian map with  $\text{range} F_* = \text{span}\{F_*(X) = e'_1\}$  and  $(\text{range} F_*)^\perp = \text{span}\{e'_2\}$ . Moreover it is easy to see that  $JF_*X = Je'_1 = -e'_2$ . Thus  $F$  is an antiinvariant Riemannian map.

Now to show  $F$  is Clairaut Riemannian map we will find a smooth function  $g$  on  $N$  satisfying  $(\nabla F_*)(X, X) = -g_1(X, X)\nabla^N g$  for  $X \in \Gamma(\ker F_*)^\perp$ . Since  $(\nabla F_*)(X, X) \in \Gamma(\text{range} F_*)^\perp$  for any  $X \in \Gamma(\ker F_*)^\perp$ . So here we can write  $(\nabla F_*)(X, X) = ae'_2$ , for some  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\nabla^N g = e^{-2x_2} \frac{\partial g}{\partial y_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial y_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}$ . Hence  $\nabla^N g = -a \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} = -ae'_2$  for the function  $g = -ay_2$ . Then it is easy to verify that  $(\nabla F_*)(X, X) = -g_1(X, X)\nabla^N g$ , where  $g_1(X, X) = 1$ , for vector field  $X \in \Gamma(\ker F_*)^\perp$  and we can easily see that  $\nabla_{e'_2}^N e'_2 = 0$ . Thus by Theorem 3.3,  $F$  is Clairaut antiinvariant Riemannian map.

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