



## Doubly warped product submanifolds of a Riemannian manifold of nearly quasi-constant curvature

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**Abstract.** In the present paper, we form a sharp inequality for a doubly warped product submanifold of a Riemannian manifold of nearly quasi-constant curvature.

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### 1 Introduction

In [7] B.-Y Chen and K. Yano introduced the notion of quasi-constant curvature. A Riemannian manifold  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$  is called a Riemannian manifold of quasi-constant curvature if its curvature tensor  $R$  satisfies the condition

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

where  $a, b$  are scalar functions and  $A$  is a 1-form given by

$$g(X, P) = A(X),$$

$P$  is a fixed unit vector field. It is straightforward to see that if  $b = 0$ , then  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$  reduces to a Riemannian manifold of constant curvature.

For  $n > 2$ , a non-flat Riemannian manifold  $(\mathcal{M}^n, g)$  is said to be a quasi-Einstein manifold if its Ricci tensor satisfies the condition

$$S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + bA(X)A(Y),$$

where  $a, b$  are scalar functions and  $A$  is 1-form acting same as above. It can be easily verified that every Riemannian manifold of quasi-constant curvature is a quasi-Einstein manifold.

In 2009, the notion of quasi-constant curvature was generalized to nearly quasi-constant by A. K. Gazi and U. C. De (see [8]). It is a Riemannian manifold whose curvature tensor satisfies

$$R(X, Y, Z, W) = p[g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&+q[g(X, W)B(Y, Z) - g(X, Z)B(Y, W)] \\
&+g(Y, Z)B(X, W) - g(Y, W)B(X, Z)], \tag{1.1}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b$  are scalar functions and  $B$  is a non-vanishing  $(0, 2)$  type symmetric tensor.

For  $n > 2$ , a non-flat Riemannian manifold  $(\mathcal{M}^n, g)$  is said to be a nearly quasi-Einstein manifold if its Ricci tensor satisfy

$$S(X, Y) = ag(X, Y) + bB(X, Y).$$

It can be easily verified that every Riemannian manifold of nearly quasi-constant curvature is a nearly quasi-Einstein manifold.

We know that the outer product of two covariant vectors is a covariant  $(0, 2)$  tensor, but not conversely true always. Hence nearly quasi-constant Riemannian manifolds act as a bigger class of Riemannian manifolds in the sense that every Riemannian manifold of quasi-constant curvature is nearly quasi-constant Riemannian manifold, but there are plenty of examples where the converse is not true.

**Example 1.** ([8]) Let  $(\mathbb{R}^4, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold with the metric  $g$  defined as follows

$$ds^2 = (x^4)^{\frac{4}{5}} [(dx^1)^2 + (dx^2)^2 + (dx^3)^2] + (dx^4)^2.$$

This is a nearly quasi-constant Riemannian manifold but not a quasi-constant Riemannian manifold.

In an attempt to construct Riemannian manifolds with negative sectional curvature, O' Neill and Bishop introduced the notion of singly warped products (see [3]). The warped product manifold model has plenty of applications in relativity. In [1], Beem, Ehrlich and Powell showed the exact solutions to Einstein's field equation are expressible in terms of Lorentzian warped products. For more applications, see [2, 6].

**Definition 1.** Let  $(\mathcal{M}_1, g_1)$  and  $(\mathcal{M}_2, g_2)$  be two Riemannian manifolds, the warped product  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_1 \times_{\alpha} \mathcal{M}_2$  is the product manifold equipped with the metric

$$g = \pi_1^*(g_1) + (\alpha \circ \pi_1)^2 \pi_2^*(g_2),$$

where  $\alpha : \mathcal{M}_1 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is a smooth function on  $\mathcal{M}_1$ ,  $\pi_i : \mathcal{M}_1 \times \mathcal{M}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are the projections and  $*$  is the pullback. The Riemannian manifold  $(\mathcal{M}_1, g_1)$  is called as the base,  $(\mathcal{M}_2, g_2)$  is called as fibre and  $\alpha$  is called as the warping function of the warped product.

A very prominent example of warped product manifold is a generalized Robertson-Walker space-time, which is a Lorentzian warped product of the form  $\mathcal{M} = (a, b) \times_{\alpha} \mathcal{N}$ , where  $(a, b)$  is an open interval,  $\mathcal{N}$  is a three dimensional space form and the metric on  $\mathcal{M}$  is given by  $g = -dt^2 + \alpha^2 g_{\mathcal{N}}$  (cf. [2, 9]).

The notion of doubly warped manifold can be considered as a natural generalization of singly warped product manifold.

**Definition 2.** Let  $(\mathcal{M}_1, g_1)$  and  $(\mathcal{M}_2, g_2)$  be two Riemannian manifolds, the doubly warped product  $\mathcal{M} =_{\alpha_2} \mathcal{M}_1 \times_{\alpha_1} \mathcal{M}_2$  is the product manifold equipped with the metric

$$g = (\alpha_2 \circ \pi_2)^2 \pi_1^*(g_1) + (\alpha_1 \circ \pi_1)^2 \pi_2^*(g_2),$$

where  $\alpha_i : \mathcal{M}_i \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is a smooth function on  $\mathcal{M}_i$ ,  $\pi_i : \mathcal{M}_1 \times \mathcal{M}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are the usual projections and  $*$  is the pullback. If one of  $\alpha_i = 1$ , but not both, then we get warped product manifold. If both  $\alpha_i = 1$ , we get a Riemannian product manifold. If neither of  $\alpha_i$  is constant, we get a non-trivial doubly product manifold (see [12]).

The structure of the paper is as following. In section 2, we compile the basic definitions and all the prerequisites needed afterwards. In section 3, we prove our main result.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian submanifold of a Riemannian  $m$ -dimensional manifold  $\mathcal{N}$  and let  $\nabla$  and  $\hat{\nabla}$  be the Levi-Civita connection of  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}$ , respectively. Then the Gauss and Weingarten formula are given respectively by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\nabla}_X Y &= \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) \\ \hat{\nabla}_X \xi &= -A_\xi X + \nabla_X^\perp \xi \end{aligned}$$

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(T\mathcal{M})$  and  $\xi \in \Gamma(T^\perp\mathcal{M})$ , where  $\nabla^\perp$  is the normal connection,  $A$  is the shape operator and  $h$  is the second fundamental form and are related by the relation

$$g(h(X, Y), \xi) = g(A_\xi X, Y).$$

The Gauss equation is given by

$$\hat{R}(X, Y, Z, W) = R(X, Y, Z, W) - g(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)) + g(h(X, Z), h(Y, W)) \tag{2.1}$$

for all  $X, Y, Z, W \in \Gamma(T\mathcal{M})$ , where  $\hat{R}$  is the curvature tensor of  $\mathcal{N}$  and  $R$  is the induced curvature tensor on  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Let  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ ,  $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_m\}$  be orthonormal basis of the tangent space  $T_p(\mathcal{M})$  and  $T_p^\perp(\mathcal{M})$ , respectively. Then the mean curvature field is given by

$$H = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h(e_i, e_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=n+1}^m \left( \sum_{i=1}^n h_{ii}^r \right) e_r, \quad h_{ij}^r = g(h(e_i, e_j), e_r),$$

$$1 \leq i, j \leq n, \quad n + 1 \leq r \leq m.$$

Suppose  $\alpha$  is a differentiable function on  $\mathcal{M}$ , then the Laplacian  $\Delta\alpha$  is defined as

$$\Delta\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n [(\nabla_{e_i} e_i)\alpha - e_i e_i \alpha].$$

Let  $\pi \subset T_p\mathcal{M}$  be a 2-plane section and  $K(\pi)$  be the sectional curvature of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Then for an orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  of the tangent space, the scalar curvature is defined as

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

Now for a doubly warped product manifold, assuming  $\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2$  the distributions obtained from the vectors tangent to leaves and fibres, respectively. Let  $s : {}_{\alpha_2}\mathcal{M}_1 \times {}_{\alpha_1}\mathcal{M}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  be an isometric immersion, then we have

$$H_i = \frac{1}{n_i} tr(h_i),$$

the partial mean curvature, where  $tr(h_i)$  is the trace of  $h$  restricted to  $\mathcal{M}_i$  and  $n_i = \dim \mathcal{M}_i$ . The doubly warped product manifold is called as mixed totally geodesic if  $h(X, Y) = 0$  for any  $X, Y$  tangent to  $\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2$ , respectively.

For a warped product submanifold of a Riemannian manifold of constant sectional curvature, B.-Y Chen proved the following:

**Theorem 2.1.** [5] *Let  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_1 \times_{\alpha} \mathcal{M}_2$  be an  $n$ -dimensional warped product submanifold of a Riemannian manifold  $\mathcal{N}(c)$ . Then, we have*

$$\frac{\Delta\alpha}{\alpha} \leq \frac{n^2}{4n_2} \|H\|^2 + n_1c,$$

where  $n_i = \dim \mathcal{M}_i$ ,  $n = n_1 + n_2$ . The equality holds if and only if  $\mathcal{M}$  is a mixed totally geodesic and  $n_1H_1 = n_2H_2$ ,  $H_i$  is the partial mean curvature vectors,  $i = 1, 2$ .

Later in [10], A. Olteanu obtained a sharp inequality for a doubly warped product submanifold of an arbitrary Riemannian manifold. In [12], using the quasi-constant curvature tensor, S. Sular obtained a sharp inequality for a doubly warped product submanifold of a Riemannian manifold. Motivated by the above studies, we discuss a sharp inequality for a doubly warped product submanifold of a Riemannian manifold of nearly quasi-constant curvature.

We shall use the following Chen’s lemma while proving our main result.

**Lemma 2.1.** [4] *For  $m \geq 2$  and  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m, \mu$  be reals, such that*

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^m b_j\right)^2 = (m-1) \left(\sum_{j=1}^m b_j^2 + \mu\right). \tag{2.2}$$

Then  $2b_1b_2 \geq \mu$ , with equality if and only if  $b_1 + b_2 = b_3 = \dots = b_m$ .

### 3 Doubly warped product submanifolds

In this section, we derive a sharp relationship between a doubly warped product submanifold  $\mathcal{M} = {}_{\alpha_2}\mathcal{M}_1 \times_{\alpha_1} \mathcal{M}_2$ , its warping functions and the squared mean curvature.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{M} = {}_{\alpha_2}\mathcal{M}_1 \times_{\alpha_1} \mathcal{M}_2$  be an  $n$ -dimensional doubly warped product submanifold of an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $\mathcal{N}$ . Then we have*

$$n_2 \frac{\Delta_1 \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} + n_1 \frac{\Delta_2 \alpha_2}{\alpha_2} \leq \frac{n^2}{4} \|H\|^2 + n_1 n_2 p - q(n-1)tr(B), \tag{3.1}$$

where  $n_1 + n_2 = n$ ,  $n_i = \dim \mathcal{M}_i$  and  $\Delta_i$  is the Laplacian of  $\mathcal{M}_i$ . The equality in (3.13) holds if and only if  $\mathcal{M}$  is totally geodesic with  $tr(h_1) = tr(h_2)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a doubly warped product submanifold of a Riemannian manifold  $\mathcal{N}$  of nearly quasi-constant curvature. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_X Y &= \nabla_X^{\mathcal{M}_1} - \frac{\alpha_2^2}{\alpha_1^2} g_1(X, Y) \nabla^{\mathcal{M}_2} (\ln \alpha_2) \\ \nabla_X Z &= Z(\ln \alpha_2)X + X(\ln \alpha_1)Z \end{aligned}$$

for any  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM_1)$ ,  $Z \in \Gamma(TM_2)$ , where  $\nabla^{\mathcal{M}_i}$  is the Levi-Civita connection of the Riemannian metric  $g_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

The sectional curvature of the  $\{X, Y\}$  plane is given by

$$K(X \wedge Y) = \frac{1}{\alpha_1} [(\nabla_X^{\mathcal{M}_1} X)\alpha_1 - X^2\alpha_1] + \frac{1}{\alpha_2} [(\nabla_Y^{\mathcal{M}_1} Y)\alpha_2 - Y^2\alpha_2].$$

Fix an orthonormal basis  $\{e_1 \cdots, e_{n_1} e_{n_1+1}, \cdots, e_n\}$ , such that first  $n_1$  tuples acts as basis of  $T_p\mathcal{M}_1$  and the remaining of  $T_p\mathcal{M}_2$  and  $e_{n_1+1} \parallel H$ , we get

$$n_2 \frac{\Delta_1 \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} + n_1 \frac{\Delta_2 \alpha_2}{\alpha_2} = \sum_{1 \leq s_1 \leq n_1 < s_2 \leq n} K(e_{s_1} \wedge e_{s_2}) \tag{3.2}$$

for each  $s_2 \in \{n_1 + 1, \cdots, n\}$ .

Using Gauss equation for  $X = W = e_i$  and  $Y = Z = e_j$ ,  $i \neq j$ , we have

$$2\tau = n^2 \|H\|^2 - \|h\|^2 + 2q(n-1)tr(B) + (n^2 - n)p, \tag{3.3}$$

where

$$\|h\|^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^n g(h(e_i, e_j), (h(e_i, e_j)))$$

is the squared norm of the second fundamental form  $h$  and  $\tau$  is the scalar curvature.

We fix

$$\epsilon = 2\tau - \frac{n^2}{2} \|H\|^2 - (n^2 - n)p - 2q(n-1)tr(B). \tag{3.4}$$

Then, from (3.3) and (3.4), we get

$$n^2 \|H\|^2 = 2(\|h\|^2 + \epsilon). \tag{3.5}$$

For a suitable local orthonormal frame, the above relation can be written as

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

Put  $b_1 = h_{11}^{n+1}$ ,  $b_2 = \sum_{i=2}^{n_1} h_{ii}^{n+1}$  and  $b_3 = \sum_{t=n_1+1}^n h_{tt}^{n+1}$ , the previous equation is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 b_i \right)^2 &= 2 \left[ \epsilon + \sum_{i=1}^3 b_i^2 + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} (h_{ij}^{n+1})^2 + \sum_{r=n+2}^m \sum_{i,j=1}^n (h_{ij}^r)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{2 \leq j \neq k \leq n_1} h_{jj}^{n+1} h_{kk}^{n+1} - \sum_{n+1 \leq s \neq t \leq n} h_{ss}^{n+1} h_{tt}^{n+1} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

For  $b_1, b_2, b_3$ , we see that, (3.6) satisfy lemma 2.1, implying

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

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \epsilon + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} (h_{ij}^{n+1})^2 + \sum_{r=n+2}^m \sum_{i,j=1}^n (h_{ij}^r)^2 \\ &\quad - \sum_{2 \leq j \neq k \leq n_1} h_{jj}^{n+1} h_{kk}^{n+1} - \sum_{n+1 \leq s \neq t \leq n} h_{ss}^{n+1} h_{tt}^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we obtain  $2b_1b_2 \geq \mu$ , with equality if and only if  $b_1 + b_2 = b_3$ , or

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{1 \leq j < k \leq n_1} h_{jj}^{n+1} h_{kk}^{n+1} + \sum_{n+1 \leq s < t \leq n} h_{ss}^{n+1} h_{tt}^{n+1} \\ &\geq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq n} (h_{\alpha\beta}^{n+1})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+2}^m \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^n (h_{\alpha\beta}^r)^2. \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

The equality holds if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} h_{ii}^{n+1} = \sum_{t=n_1+1}^n h_{tt}^{n+1}. \tag{3.8}$$

Using Gauss equation again, we have

$$\begin{aligned} n_2 \frac{\Delta_1 \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} + n_1 \frac{\Delta_2 \alpha_2}{\alpha_2} &= \tau - \sum_{1 \leq j < k \leq n_1} K(e_j \wedge e_k) - \sum_{n_1+1 \leq s < t \leq n} K(e_s \wedge e_t) \\ &= \tau - \frac{1}{2} n_1 p (n_1 - 1) - \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq j < k \leq n_1} (h_{jj}^r h_{kk}^r - (h_{jk}^r)^2) \\ &\quad - q(n_1 - 1) \text{tr}(B) - \frac{1}{2} n_2 p (n_2 - 1) \\ &\quad - \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{n_1+1 \leq s < t \leq n_1} (h_{ss}^r h_{tt}^r - (h_{st}^r)^2) - q(n_2 - 1) \text{tr}(B). \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

Using (3.2), (3.7) and (3.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} n_2 \frac{\Delta_1 \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} + n_1 \frac{\Delta_2 \alpha_2}{\alpha_2} &\leq \tau - \frac{1}{2} n p (n - 1) + n_1 n_2 p - \frac{\epsilon}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+2}^m \sum_{\alpha,\beta}^n (h_{\alpha\beta}^r)^2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=n+2}^m \sum_{1 \leq j < k \leq n_1} ((h_{jk}^r)^2 - h_{jj}^r h_{kk}^r) + \sum_{r=n+2}^m \sum_{n_1+1 \leq s < t \leq n_1} ((h_{st}^r)^2 - h_{ss}^r h_{tt}^r) \\ &\quad - q(n_1 - 1) \text{tr}(B) - q(n_2 - 1) \text{tr}(B). \\ &= \tau - \frac{1}{2} n p (n - 1) + n_1 n_2 p - \frac{\epsilon}{2} - \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} \sum_{t=n_1+1}^n (h_{jt}^r)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+2}^m \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} h_{jj}^r \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+2}^m \left( \sum_{t=n_1+1}^n h_{tt}^r \right)^2 \\ &\quad - q(n_1 - 1) \text{tr}(B) - q(n_2 - 1) \text{tr}(B) \\ &\leq \tau - \frac{1}{2} n p (n - 1) + n_1 n_2 p - \frac{\epsilon}{2} - q(n_1 - 1) \text{tr}(B) - q(n_2 - 1) \text{tr}(B) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{n^2}{4} \|H\|^2 + n_1 n_2 p - q(n-1)tr(B).$$

This proves our claim.

It is straightforward to check that the equality holds in (3.13), if and only if

$$h_{jl}^r = 0, \quad n+1 \leq r \leq m \tag{3.10}$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} h_{ii}^r = \sum_{l=n_1+1}^n h_{ll}^r = 0, \tag{3.11}$$

where  $1 \leq j \leq n_1, n_1 + 1 \leq l \leq n$  and  $n+2 \leq r \leq m$ .

From (3.10) vanishing of the second fundamental form of  ${}_{\alpha_2}\mathcal{M}_1 \times_{\alpha_1}\mathcal{M}_2$  in  $\mathcal{N}$  implies  $h(\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2) = \{0\}$ , or we can say that the immersion  $s$  is totally geodesic. Again from (3.8) and (3.11), we see that

$$\sum_{s_1=1}^{n_1} h(e_{s_1}, e_{s_2}) = \sum_{s_2=n_1+1}^n h(e_{s_2}, s_{s_2}),$$

implying  $tr(h_1) = tr(h_2)$ .

Conversely assuming  $\mathcal{N}$  is the required Riemannian manifold, such that  $\mathcal{M}$  is totally geodesic with  $tr(h_1) = tr(h_2)$ , then the equality in (3.13) follows easily. □

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{M} = {}_{\alpha_2}\mathcal{M}_1 \times_{\alpha_1}\mathcal{M}_2$  be a compact, orientable  $n$ -dimensional doubly warped product submanifold of an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $\mathcal{N}$ . Then we have*

$$\|H\|^2 \geq \frac{4}{n^2} [q(n-1)tr(B) - n_1 n_2 p]. \tag{3.12}$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mathcal{M}$  be a compact orientable Riemannian manifold without boundary satisfying (3.13), then we have

$$n_2 \frac{\Delta_1 \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} + n_1 \frac{\Delta_2 \alpha_2}{\alpha_2} \leq \frac{n^2}{4} \|H\|^2 + n_1 n_2 p - q(n-1)tr(B).$$

Therefore, from the definition of volume element

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}} \Delta_i \alpha_i dV = 0, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Thus, we get

$$0 \leq \int_{\mathcal{M}} \left( \frac{n^2}{4} \|H\|^2 + n_1 n_2 p - q(n-1)tr(B) \right) dV = 0.$$

□

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{M} = {}_{\alpha_2}\mathcal{M}_1 \times_{\alpha_1}\mathcal{M}_2$  be an  $n$ -dimensional doubly warped product submanifold of an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $\mathcal{N}$  satisfying*

$$n_2 \frac{\Delta_1 \alpha_1}{\alpha_1} + n_1 \frac{\Delta_2 \alpha_2}{\alpha_2} > n_1 n_2 p - q(n-1)tr(B), \tag{3.13}$$

*then  $\mathcal{M}$  is non-minimal.*

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