

# On the Shephard Type Problems for General $L_p$ -Projection Bodies

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**Abstract**—The notion of the  $L_p$ -projection body was introduced by Lutwak, Yang and Zhang. Whereafter, Ludwig proposed the asymmetric  $L_p$ -projection bodies, Haberl and Schuster introduced the general  $L_p$ -projection bodies. In this paper, associated with the  $L_p$ -geominimal surface area, we study the Shephard type problems for the general  $L_p$ -projection bodies.

**Index Terms**—Shephard type problem, general  $L_p$ -projection body,  $L_p$ -geominimal surface area.

## I. INTRODUCTION

LET  $\mathcal{K}^n$  denote the set of convex bodies (compact, convex subsets with non-empty interiors) in Euclidean space  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . For the set of convex bodies containing the origin in their interiors and the set of origin-symmetric convex bodies in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , we write  $\mathcal{K}_o^n$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{os}^n$ , respectively. Let  $\mathcal{S}_o^n$  denote the set of star bodies (about the origin) in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $S^{n-1}$  denote the unit sphere and  $V(K)$  denote the  $n$ -dimensional volume of the body  $K$ . For the standard unit ball  $B$ , its volume is written as  $V(B) = \omega_n$ .

For  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , its support function,  $h(K, \cdot) : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , is defined by (see [3])

$$h(K, x) = \max\{x \cdot y : y \in K\}, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^n, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $x \cdot y$  denotes the standard inner product of  $x$  and  $y$ .

The projection bodies were introduced by Minkowski at the previous century. For each  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , the projection body,  $\Pi K$ , of  $K$  is an origin-symmetric convex body whose support function is defined by (see [3])

$$h(\Pi K, u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{S^{n-1}} |u \cdot v| dS(K, v),$$

for all  $u \in S^{n-1}$ . Here  $S(K, \cdot)$  denotes the surface area measure of  $K$ .

Projection body is a central study object in the Brunn-Minkowski theory, a great deal of results are gathered in two good books (see [3], [16]). In 1964, Shephard [17] proposed the following problem about the projection bodies.

**Problem 1.1 (Shephard problem).** Suppose  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$ . If

$$\Pi K \subseteq \Pi L,$$

is it true that

$$V(K) \leq V(L)?$$

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**Remark 1.1.** For centrally symmetric convex bodies  $K$  and  $L$ , Problem 1.1 was solved independently by Petty [12] and Schneider [15], who showed that the answer is affirmative if  $n \leq 2$  and negative if  $n \geq 3$ . They also proved that Problem 1.1 has an affirmative answer if  $L$  is a projection body.

In 2000, Lutwak, Yang and Zhang [8] introduced the  $L_p$ -projection bodies as follows: For  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  and  $p \geq 1$ , the  $L_p$ -projection body,  $\Pi_p K$ , is an origin-symmetric convex body whose support function is given by

$$h^p(\Pi_p K, u) = \alpha_{n,p} \int_{S^{n-1}} |u \cdot v|^p dS_p(K, v), \quad (1.2)$$

for all  $u \in S^{n-1}$ , where  $\alpha_{n,p} = 1/n\omega_n c_{n-2,p}$  with  $c_{n,p} = \omega_{n+p}/\omega_2\omega_n\omega_{p-1}$ , and  $S_p(K, \cdot)$  is the  $L_p$ -surface area measure of  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  (see [6]). In particular, for  $p = 1$ , the convex body  $\Pi_1 K$  is the projection body  $\Pi K$  of  $K$  under the normalization of definition (1.2).

As a fundamental notion of  $L_p$ -projection body in  $L_p$ -Brunn-Minkowski theory. In recent years, it has paid considerable attentions (see [9], [11], [14], [19], [20], [21], [22]).

For  $p \geq 1$ , Ludwig [5] introduced the asymmetric  $L_p$ -projection bodies: For  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , the asymmetric  $L_p$ -projection body,  $\Pi_p^+ K$ , of  $K$  is defined by

$$h^p(\Pi_p^+ K, u) = 2\alpha_{n,p} \int_{S^{n-1}} (u \cdot v)_+^p dS_p(K, v), \quad (1.3)$$

where  $(u, v)_+ = \max\{u \cdot v, 0\}$ . Afterwards, Haberl and Schuster [4] defined

$$\Pi_p^- K = \Pi_p^+ (-K). \quad (1.4)$$

Moreover, combined with function  $\varphi_\tau : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  by  $\varphi_\tau(t) = |t| + \tau t$  for  $\tau \in [-1, 1]$ , Ludwig [5], Haberl and Schuster [4] introduced general  $L_p$ -projection bodies as follows: For  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $\tau \in [-1, 1]$ , the general  $L_p$ -projection body  $\Pi_p^\tau K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  is defined by

$$h^p(\Pi_p^\tau K, u) = \alpha_{n,p}(\tau) \int_{S^{n-1}} \varphi_\tau(u \cdot v)^p dS_p(K, v), \quad (1.5)$$

where

$$\alpha_{n,p}(\tau) = \frac{2\alpha_{n,p}}{(1 + \tau)^p + (1 - \tau)^p}.$$

The normalization is chosen such that  $\Pi_p^\tau B = B$ . Obviously,  $\Pi_p^0 K = \Pi_p K$ .

From (1.3), (1.4) and (1.5), Haberl and Schuster [4] deduced that for  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $p \geq 1$ ,  $\tau \in [-1, 1]$  and all  $u \in S^{n-1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & h^p(\Pi_p^\tau K, u) \\ &= f_1(\tau)h^p(\Pi_p^+ K, u) + f_2(\tau)h^p(\Pi_p^- K, u), \end{aligned} \quad (1.6)$$

that is,

$$\Pi_p^\tau K = f_1(\tau) \cdot \Pi_p^+ K +_p f_2(\tau) \cdot \Pi_p^- K,$$

where  $+_p$  denotes the  $L_p$ -Minkowski addition of convex bodies, and

$$f_1(\tau) = \frac{(1 + \tau)^p}{(1 + \tau)^p + (1 - \tau)^p},$$

$$f_2(\tau) = \frac{(1 - \tau)^p}{(1 + \tau)^p + (1 - \tau)^p}.$$

From this, we easily know that

$$f_1(-\tau) = f_2(\tau), \quad f_2(-\tau) = f_1(\tau),$$

$$f_1(\tau) + f_2(\tau) = 1. \tag{1.7}$$

The general  $L_p$ -projection bodies belong to asymmetric  $L_p$ -Brunn-Minkowski theory. More results, also see [23], [24], [25]. In particular, Wang and Wan [23] researched the Shephard type problems of general  $L_p$ -projection bodies for volumes and  $L_p$ -affine surface areas, respectively.

**Theorem 1.A.** *Let  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $\tau \in [-1, 1]$ . If  $L \in \mathcal{P}_p^{\tau, n}$  and  $\Pi_p^\tau K \subseteq \Pi_p^\tau L$ , then for  $n > p \geq 1$ ,*

$$V(K) \leq V(L);$$

for  $n < p$ ,

$$V(K) \geq V(L).$$

In each case, equality holds for  $p = 1$  if and only if  $K$  is a translation of  $L$ , and for  $p > 1$  if and only if  $K = L$ . Here  $\mathcal{P}_p^{\tau, n}$  denotes the set of general  $L_p$ -projection bodies with a parameter  $\tau$ .

**Theorem 1.B.** *Let  $K \in \mathcal{F}_o^n$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $\tau \in [-1, 1]$ . If  $L \in \mathcal{W}_p^{\tau, n}$  and  $\Pi_p^\tau K \subseteq \Pi_p^\tau L$ , then*

$$\Omega_p(K) \leq \Omega_p(L),$$

with equality for  $p = 1$  if and only if  $K$  is a translation of  $L$ , and for  $p > 1$  if and only if  $K = L$ . Here  $\mathcal{W}_p^{\tau, n} = \{Q \in \mathcal{F}_o^n : \text{there exists } Z \in \mathcal{P}_p^{\tau, n} \text{ with } f_p(Q, \cdot) = h(Z, \cdot)^{-(n+p)}\}$ , where  $f_p(Q, \cdot)$  is the  $L_p$ -curvature function of  $Q$  and  $\mathcal{F}_o^n$  denotes the set of convex bodies in  $\mathcal{K}_o^n$  with positive continuous  $L_p$ -curvature function.

In this article, we will research the Shephard type problems of the general  $L_p$ -projection bodies for  $L_p$ -geominimal surface areas. The notion of  $L_p$ -geominimal surface areas was introduced by Lutwak [7]. For  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , the  $L_p$ -geominimal surface area,  $G_p(K)$ , of  $K$  is defined by

$$\omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} G_p(K) = \inf\{nV_p(K, Q)V(Q^*)^{\frac{p}{n}} : Q \in \mathcal{K}_o^n\}, \tag{1.8}$$

where  $V_p(M, N)$  denotes the  $L_p$ -mixed volume of  $M, N \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ . More researches about  $L_p$ -geominimal surface areas, also see [10], [26], [27], [28], [29], [30].

In (1.8), if  $Q \in \mathcal{P}_p^{\tau, n}$ , then we define  $G_p^\tau(K)$  by

$$\omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} G_p^\tau(K) = \inf\{nV_p(K, Q)V(Q^*)^{\frac{p}{n}} : Q \in \mathcal{P}_p^{\tau, n}\}. \tag{1.9}$$

Combining with (1.9), we first give an affirmative answer of the Shephard type problem for general  $L_p$ -projection bodies.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $1 \leq p < n$  and  $\tau \in [-1, 1]$ . If  $\Pi_p^\tau K \subseteq \Pi_p^\tau L$ , then*

$$G_p^\tau(K) \leq G_p^\tau(L),$$

with equality when  $\Pi_p^\tau K = \Pi_p^\tau L$ .

Let  $\mathcal{C}_p^{\tau, n}$  denotes the set of all general  $L_p$ -centroid bodies (see [2]), thus  $\mathcal{C}_p^{\tau, n} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_o^n$ . If  $Q \in \mathcal{C}_p^{\tau, n}$  in (1.8), then we write  $G_p^*(K)$  by

$$\omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} G_p^*(K) = \inf\{nV_p(K, Q)V(Q^*)^{\frac{p}{n}} : Q \in \mathcal{C}_p^{\tau, n}\}. \tag{1.10}$$

Based on (1.10), we give the other affirmative form of the Shephard type problems for the general  $L_p$ -projection bodies.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $1 \leq p < n$  and  $\tau \in [-1, 1]$ . If  $\Pi_p^\tau K \subseteq \Pi_p^\tau L$ , then*

$$G_p^*(K) \leq G_p^*(L),$$

with equality when  $\Pi_p^\tau K = \Pi_p^\tau L$ .

Further, we also give a negative answer as follows:

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $1 \leq p < n$  and  $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ . If  $L$  is not origin-symmetric convex body, then there exists  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  ( $\tau = 0$ ,  $K \in \mathcal{K}_{os}^n$ ), such that*

$$\Pi_p^\tau K \subset \Pi_p^\tau L,$$

but

$$G_p(K) > G_p(L).$$

In particular, if  $\tau = 0$  in Theorem 1.3, the following result is obvious.

**Corollary 1.1.** *Let  $L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $1 \leq p < n$ . If  $L$  is not a origin-symmetric convex body, then there exists  $K \in \mathcal{K}_{os}^n$ , such that*

$$\Pi_p K \subset \Pi_p L,$$

but

$$G_p(K) > G_p(L).$$

Corollary 1.1 shows the symmetric negative solutions of the Shephard type problem of  $L_p$ -projection bodies for the  $L_p$ -geominimal surface areas. Actually, by the general  $L_p$ -Blaschke bodies, we find the asymmetric negative solutions in Corollary 1.1, i.e., we generalize the scope of negative solutions in Corollary 1.1 from  $\mathcal{K}_{os}^n$  to  $\mathcal{K}_o^n$ .

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  and  $1 \leq p < n$ . If  $L$  is not origin-symmetric convex body, then there exists  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ , such that*

$$\Pi_p K \subset \Pi_p L,$$

but

$$G_p(K) > G_p(L).$$

For more investigations of the Shephard type problems, we also see articles [1], [11], [13], [18], [23].

## II. PRELIMINARIES

### A. Radial Function and Polar Body

If  $K$  is a compact star-shaped (about the origin) in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , then its radial function,  $\rho_K = \rho(K, \cdot) : \mathbf{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , is defined by (see [3], [16])

$$\rho(K, x) = \max\{\lambda \geq 0 : \lambda \cdot x \in K\}, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^n \setminus \{0\}. \tag{2.1}$$

If  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ , the polar body,  $K^*$ , of  $K$  is defined by (see [3], [16])

$$K^* = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n : x \cdot y \leq 1, y \in K\}.$$

From (1.1) and (2.1), it follows that if  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ , then

$$h(K^*, \cdot) = \frac{1}{\rho(K, \cdot)}, \quad \rho(K^*, \cdot) = \frac{1}{h(K, \cdot)}. \quad (2.2)$$

**B.  $L_p$ -Mixed Volume and  $L_p$ -Dual Mixed Volume**

For  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $\lambda, \mu \geq 0$  (not both zero), the  $L_p$ -Minkowski combination,  $\lambda \cdot K +_p \mu \cdot L$ , of  $K$  and  $L$  is defined by (see [6])

$$h(\lambda \cdot K +_p \mu \cdot L, \cdot)^p = \lambda h(K, \cdot)^p + \mu h(L, \cdot)^p,$$

where  $+_p$  denotes the  $L_p$ -Minkowski addition,  $\lambda \cdot K$  denotes the  $L_p$ -Minkowski scalar multiplication.

Together with  $L_p$ -Minkowski combination, Lutwak [6] introduced  $L_p$  mixed volume as follows: For  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $p \geq 1$ , the  $L_p$  mixed volume  $V_p(K, L)$  is defined by

$$\frac{n}{p} V_p(K, L) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{V_p(K +_p \varepsilon \cdot L) - V(K)}{\varepsilon}.$$

Besides, Lutwak [6] also gave its integral formula:

$$V_p(K, L) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} h(L, u)^p dS_p(K, u). \quad (2.3)$$

Here  $S_p(K, \cdot)$  is the  $L_p$ -surface area measure of  $K$ . It turns out that the measure  $S_p(K, \cdot)$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $S(K, \cdot)$ , and has Radon-Nikodym derivative (see [7])

$$\frac{dS_p(K, \cdot)}{dS(K, \cdot)} = h(K, \cdot)^{1-p}. \quad (2.4)$$

If  $c > 0$ ,  $n \neq p$ , according to (2.4), we have

$$S_p(cK, \cdot) = c^{n-p} S_p(K, \cdot). \quad (2.5)$$

The  $L_p$ -dual mixed volume was introduced by Lutwak (see [7]). For  $K, L \in \mathcal{S}_o^n$  and  $p \geq 1$ , the  $L_p$ -dual mixed volume,  $\tilde{V}_{-p}(K, L)$ , of  $K$  and  $L$  is defined by (see [7])

$$\tilde{V}_{-p}(K, L) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho_K^{n+p}(u) \rho_L^{-p}(u) dS(u). \quad (2.6)$$

**C. General  $L_p$ -Blaschke Bodies**

According to the existence's theorem of  $L_p$ -Minkowski problem (see Theorem 9.2.3 in [16]), the  $L_p$ -Blaschke combinations of convex bodies was stated as follows: For  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $1 \leq p \neq n$ ,  $\lambda, \mu \geq 0$  (not both zero), the  $L_p$ -Blaschke combination  $\lambda \odot K \mp_p \mu \odot L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  of  $K, L$  is defined by

$$S_p(\lambda \odot K \mp_p \mu \odot L, \cdot) = \lambda S_p(K, \cdot) + \mu S_p(L, \cdot). \quad (2.7)$$

where  $\mp_p$  denotes the  $L_p$ -Blaschke addition, and  $\lambda \odot K$  denotes the  $L_p$ -Blaschke scalar multiplication.

If  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_{os}^n$ , then definition (2.7) is owe to Lutwak [6].

Let  $\lambda = f_1(\tau)$ ,  $\mu = f_2(\tau)$  and  $L = -K$  in (2.7), where  $f_1(\tau)$  and  $f_2(\tau)$  satisfy (1.7). We define the general  $L_p$ -Blaschke body,  $\nabla_p^\tau K$ , of  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  by

$$\nabla_p^\tau K = f_1(\tau) \odot K \mp_p f_2(\tau) \odot (-K). \quad (2.8)$$

Obviously, by (1.7) and (2.8) we see that if  $\tau = \pm 1$ , then  $\nabla_p^\tau K = \nabla_p^\pm K = \pm K$ .

**D. General  $L_p$ -Centroid Bodies**

In 2015, Feng et al. [2] introduced the general  $L_p$ -centroid body as follows: For  $K \in \mathcal{S}_o^n$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $\tau \in [-1, 1]$ , the general  $L_p$ -centroid body,  $\Gamma_p^\tau K$ , of  $K$  is a convex body whose support function is defined by

$$h_{\Gamma_p^\tau K}^p(u) = \frac{2}{c_{n,p}(\tau)(n+p)V(K)} \int_{S^{n-1}} \varphi_\tau(u \cdot v)^p \rho_K(v)^{n+p} dv,$$

where

$$c_{n,p}(\tau) = c_{n,p}[(1+\tau)^p + (1-\tau)^p].$$

**III. RESULTS AND PROOFS**

In this part, we will give the proofs of Theorems 1.1-1.4. First, in order to prove theorem 1.1, the following lemma is required.

**Lemma 3.1** ([24]). *If  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $\tau \in [-1, 1]$ , then*

$$V_p(K, \Pi_p^\tau L) = V_p(L, \Pi_p^\tau K). \quad (3.1)$$

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* Since  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $1 \leq p < n$ , if  $\Pi_p^\tau K \subseteq \Pi_p^\tau L$ , then for all  $u \in S^{n-1}$ ,

$$h(\Pi_p^\tau K, u) \leq h(\Pi_p^\tau L, u). \quad (3.2)$$

From (2.3), (3.1) and (3.2), we have for any  $M \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} V_p(K, \Pi_p^\tau M) &= V_p(M, \Pi_p^\tau K) \\ &\leq V_p(M, \Pi_p^\tau L) \\ &= V_p(L, \Pi_p^\tau M). \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Since  $\Pi_p^\tau M \in \mathcal{P}_p^{\tau,n}$ , thus by (1.9) and (3.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} G_p^o(K) &= \inf\{nV_p(K, \Pi_p^\tau M)V(\Pi_p^{\tau,*}M)^{\frac{p}{n}} : \Pi_p^\tau M \in \mathcal{P}_p^{\tau,n}\} \\ &\leq \inf\{nV_p(L, \Pi_p^\tau M)V(\Pi_p^{\tau,*}M)^{\frac{p}{n}} : \Pi_p^\tau M \in \mathcal{P}_p^{\tau,n}\} \\ &= \omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} G_p^o(L), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$G_p^o(K) \leq G_p^o(L).$$

Equality holds when  $\Pi_p^\tau K = \Pi_p^\tau L$ .

**Lemma 3.2** ([8]). *If  $M \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $N \in \mathcal{S}_o^n$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $\tau \in [-1, 1]$ , then*

$$V_p(M, \Gamma_p^\tau N) = \frac{\omega_n}{V(N)} \tilde{V}_{-p}(N, \Pi_p^{\tau,*}M). \quad (3.4)$$

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* Since  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $1 \leq p < n$ , if  $\Pi_p^\tau K \subseteq \Pi_p^\tau L$ , then  $\Pi_p^{\tau,*}K \supseteq \Pi_p^{\tau,*}L$ . From (2.2), (2.6) and (3.4), for any  $N \in \mathcal{S}_o^n$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} V_p(K, \Gamma_p^\tau N) &= \frac{\omega_n}{V(N)} \tilde{V}_{-p}(N, \Pi_p^{\tau,*}K) \\ &\leq \frac{\omega_n}{V(N)} \tilde{V}_{-p}(N, \Pi_p^{\tau,*}L) \\ &= V_p(L, \Gamma_p^\tau N). \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Taking  $Q = \Gamma_p^\tau N$ ,  $N \in S_o^n$ , thus by (1.10) and (3.5), we have

$$G_p^*(K) \leq G_p^*(L).$$

Equality holds when  $\Pi_p^\tau K = \Pi_p^\tau L$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *If  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $\tau \in [-1, 1]$ , then*

$$G_p(\nabla_p^\tau K) \geq G_p(K), \tag{3.6}$$

with equality for  $\tau \in (-1, 1)$  if and only if  $K$  is origin-symmetric. For  $\tau = \pm 1$ , (3.6) becomes an equality.

*Proof.* By (1.8), (2.8), (2.3), (2.7) and (1.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} G_p(\nabla_p^\tau K) \\ &= \inf\{nV_p(\nabla_p^\tau K, Q)V(Q^*)^{\frac{p}{n}} : Q \in \mathcal{K}_o^n\} \\ &= \inf\{nV_p(f_1(\tau) \odot K \mp_p f_2(\tau) \odot (-K), Q)V(Q^*)^{\frac{p}{n}} : \\ & \quad Q \in \mathcal{K}_o^n\} \\ &= \inf\{n(f_1(\tau)V_p(K, Q) + f_2(\tau)V_p(-K, Q))V(Q^*)^{\frac{p}{n}} : \\ & \quad Q \in \mathcal{K}_o^n\} \\ &\geq \inf\{nf_1(\tau)V_p(K, Q)V(Q^*)^{\frac{p}{n}} : Q \in \mathcal{K}_o^n\} \\ & \quad + \inf\{nf_2(\tau)V_p(-K, Q)V(Q^*)^{\frac{p}{n}} : Q \in \mathcal{K}_o^n\} \\ &= f_1(\tau) \inf\{nV_p(K, Q)V(Q^*)^{\frac{p}{n}} : Q \in \mathcal{K}_o^n\} \\ & \quad + f_2(\tau) \inf\{nV_p(K, -Q)V((-Q)^*)^{\frac{p}{n}} : -Q \in \mathcal{K}_o^n\} \\ &= \omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} (f_1(\tau)G_p(K) + f_2(\tau)G_p(K)) \\ &= \omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} G_p(K). \end{aligned}$$

For any  $Q \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  and  $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ , with equality if and only if  $f_1(\tau)V_p(K, Q)$  and  $f_1(\tau)V_p(-K, Q)$  are proportional, i.e.,  $f_1(\tau)S_p(K, \cdot)$  and  $f_2(\tau)S_p(-K, \cdot)$  are proportional. This together with Lutwak's result (see [6]) implies that equality holds in (3.6) if and only if  $K$  and  $-K$  are dilates, namely,  $K$  is origin-symmetric.

Obviously, by  $\nabla_p^{\pm 1} K = \pm K$  we see that if  $\tau = \pm 1$ , then (3.6) is an equality.

**Lemma 3.4.** *If  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ , then*

$$\Pi_p^+ \nabla_p^\tau K = \Pi_p^\tau K, \tag{3.7}$$

and

$$\Pi_p^- \nabla_p^\tau K = \Pi_p^{-\tau} K. \tag{3.8}$$

*Proof.* By (1.3), (2.8), (2.7), (1.4) and (1.6), we get for all  $u \in S^{n-1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & h^p(\Pi_p^+ \nabla_p^\tau K, u) \\ &= 2\alpha_{n,p} \int_{S^{n-1}} (u \cdot v)_+^p dS_p(\nabla_p^\tau K, v) \\ &= 2\alpha_{n,p} \int_{S^{n-1}} (u \cdot v)_+^p dS_p(f_1(\tau) \odot K \mp_p f_2(\tau) \odot (-K), v) \\ &= 2\alpha_{n,p} \int_{S^{n-1}} (u \cdot v)_+^p d[f_1(\tau)S_p(K, v) + f_2(\tau)S_p((-K), v)] \\ &= f_1(\tau)h^p(\Pi_p^+ K, u) + f_2(\tau)h^p(\Pi_p^+ (-K), u) \\ &= f_1(\tau)h^p(\Pi_p^+ K, u) + f_2(\tau)h^p(\Pi_p^- K, u) \\ &= h^p(\Pi_p^\tau K, u). \end{aligned}$$

This immediately gives (3.7).

Similarly, we have for all  $u \in S^{n-1}$ ,

$$h^p(\Pi_p^- \nabla_p^\tau K, u) = h^p(\Pi_p^{-\tau} K, u).$$

This yields (3.8).

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $1 \leq p < n$  and  $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ . If  $L$  is not origin-symmetric convex body, then there exists  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  ( $\tau = 0$ ,  $K \in \mathcal{K}_{os}^n$ ), such that*

$$\Pi_p^+ K \subset \Pi_p^\tau L, \quad \Pi_p^- K \subset \Pi_p^{-\tau} L,$$

but

$$G_p(K) > G_p(L).$$

*Proof.* Since  $L$  is not origin-symmetric and  $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ , thus by Lemma 3.3, we know  $G_p(\nabla_p^\tau L) > G_p(L)$ . Choose  $\varepsilon > 0$ , such that  $1 - \varepsilon > 0$ , and  $K = (1 - \varepsilon)\nabla_p^\tau L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  satisfies

$$G_p(K) = G_p((1 - \varepsilon)\nabla_p^\tau L) > G_p(L).$$

But by (1.5) and (2.5), we have

$$\Pi_p^\tau cK = c^{n-p}\Pi_p^\tau K, \quad (c > 0). \tag{3.9}$$

Therefore, for  $n > p$ , by (3.7), (3.8) and (3.9), we respectively have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_p^+ K &= \Pi_p^+ [(1 - \varepsilon)\nabla_p^\tau L] = (1 - \varepsilon)^{n-p}\Pi_p^+ \nabla_p^\tau L \\ &= (1 - \varepsilon)^{n-p}\Pi_p^\tau L \subset \Pi_p^\tau L, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_p^- K &= \Pi_p^- [(1 - \varepsilon)\nabla_p^\tau L] = (1 - \varepsilon)^{n-p}\Pi_p^- \nabla_p^\tau L \\ &= (1 - \varepsilon)^{n-p}\Pi_p^{-\tau} L \subset \Pi_p^{-\tau} L. \end{aligned}$$

This obtains the desired result.

*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* Since  $L$  is not origin-symmetric and  $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ , thus by Lemma 3.5, there exists  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ , such that

$$\Pi_p^+ K \subset \Pi_p^\tau L, \quad \Pi_p^- K \subset \Pi_p^{-\tau} L,$$

but

$$G_p(K) > G_p(L).$$

Because  $\tau \in (-1, 1)$  is equivalent to  $-\tau \in (-1, 1)$ , we have  $\Pi_p^+ K \subset \Pi_p^\tau L$ ,  $\Pi_p^- K \subset \Pi_p^{-\tau} L$ , these imply

$$\Pi_p^+ K \subset \Pi_p^\tau L, \quad \Pi_p^- K \subset \Pi_p^\tau L.$$

From these and together with (1.6) and (1.7), we obtain for any  $u \in S^{n-1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & h(\Pi_p^\tau K, u)^p \\ &= f_1(\tau)h(\Pi_p^+ K, u)^p + f_2(\tau)h(\Pi_p^- K, u)^p \\ &< f_1(\tau)h(\Pi_p^\tau L, u)^p + f_2(\tau)h(\Pi_p^\tau L, u)^p \\ &= h(\Pi_p^\tau L, u)^p, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$\Pi_p^\tau K \subset \Pi_p^\tau L.$$

This yields desired result.

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $\tau \in [-1, 1]$ , then*

$$\Pi_p(\nabla_p^\tau K) = \Pi_p K. \tag{3.10}$$

*Proof.* By (1.2), (2.8) and (2.7), we obtain for any  $u \in S^{n-1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & h^p(\Pi_p(\nabla_p^\tau K), u) \\ &= \alpha_{n,p} \int_{S^{n-1}} |u \cdot v|^p dS_p(\nabla_p^\tau K, v) \\ &= \alpha_{n,p} \int_{S^{n-1}} |u \cdot v|^p dS_p(f_1(\tau) \odot K \mp_p f_2(\tau) \odot (-K), v) \\ &= \alpha_{n,p} \int_{S^{n-1}} |u \cdot v|^p d[f_1(\tau) S_p(K, v) + f_2(\tau) S_p((-K), v)] \\ &= f_1(\tau) h^p(\Pi_p K, u) + f_2(\tau) h^p(\Pi_p(-K), u). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\Pi_p K = \Pi_p(-K)$ , thus

$$h^p(\Pi_p(\nabla_p^\tau K), u) = h^p(\Pi_p K, u),$$

i.e.,

$$\Pi_p(\nabla_p^\tau K) = \Pi_p K.$$

This yields (3.10). *Proof of Theorem 1.4.* Since  $L$  is not origin-symmetric, from Lemma 3.3, we know for  $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ ,

$$G_p(\nabla_p^\tau L) > G_p(L).$$

Choose  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , such that

$$G_p((1 - \varepsilon)\nabla_p^\tau L) > G_p(L).$$

Let  $K = (1 - \varepsilon)\nabla_p^\tau L$ , then  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  (for  $\tau \neq 0$ ,  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n \setminus \mathcal{K}_{os}^n$ ; for  $\tau = 0$ ,  $K \in \mathcal{K}_{os}^n$ ) and

$$G_p(K) > G_p(L).$$

But by (1.2) and (2.5), we have

$$\Pi_p cK = c^{n-p} \Pi_p K, \quad (c > 0). \tag{3.11}$$

Hence, for  $n > p$ , (3.10) and (3.11) mean that

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_p K &= \Pi_p((1 - \varepsilon)\nabla_p^\tau L) = (1 - \varepsilon)^{n-p} \Pi_p \nabla_p^\tau L \\ &= (1 - \varepsilon)^{n-p} \Pi_p L \subset \Pi_p L. \end{aligned}$$

This obtains the desired result.

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