# Some Inequalities for $L_p$ -geominimal Surface Area

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Abstract—In this article, we first investigate two affine isoperimetric inequalities for  $L_p$ -geominimal surface area. Then some Blaschke-Santaló type inequalities for  $L_p$ -geominimal surface area are established.

Index Terms— $L_p$ -geominimal surface area,  $L_p$ -centroid body,  $L_p$ -curvature image,  $L_p$ -projection body.

## I. INTRODUCTION

**L** ET  $\mathcal{K}^n$  denote the set of convex bodies (compact, convex subsets with nonempty interiors) in Euclidean space  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . For the set of convex bodies containing the origin in their interiors, the set of convex bodies whose centroid lie at the origin and the set of origin-symmetric convex bodies in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , we write  $\mathcal{K}^n_o$ ,  $\mathcal{K}^n_c$  and  $\mathcal{K}^n_{os}$ , respectively.  $\mathcal{S}^n_o$  denotes the set of star bodies (about the origin) in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $S^{n-1}$  denote the unit sphere in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , and V(K) denotes the *n*-dimensional volume of a body K. For the standard unit ball B in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , we denote its volume by  $\omega_n = V(B)$ .

The concept of geominimal surface area was introduced by Petty [22] about 40 years ago. The study of affine surface area goes back to Blaschke [1] and is about one hundred years old. In [10], Lutwak demonstrated that there were natural extensions of affine and geominimal surface area in the Brunn-Minkowski-Firey theory. It motivates extensions of some known inequalities for affine surface area and geominimal surface areas to  $L_p$ -affine surface area and  $L_p$ geominimal surface area, respectively. Since then, considerable attention has been paid to the  $L_p$ -affine surface area and the  $L_p$ -geominimal surface area, which is now at the core of the rapidly developing  $L_p$ -Brunn-Minkowski theory (see articles [4], [5], [18], [19], [20], [21], [32], [33], [34], [38]).

For  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ , the geominimal surface area, G(K), of K is defined by (see [22])

$$\omega_n^{\frac{1}{n}} G(K) = \inf\{ nV_1(K, Q)V(Q^*)^{\frac{1}{n}} : Q \in \mathcal{K}_o^n \}.$$

Here  $Q^*$  denotes the polar of body Q and  $V_1(M, N)$  denotes the mixed volume of  $M, N \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ .

According to  $L_p$ -mixed volume, Lutwak [10] introduced the notion of  $L_p$ -geominimal surface area. For  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  and  $p \ge 1$ , the  $L_p$ -geominimal surface area,  $G_p(K)$ , of K is defined by

$$\omega_n^{\frac{\nu}{n}}G_p(K) = \inf\{nV_p(K,Q)V(Q^*)^{\frac{\nu}{n}} : Q \in \mathcal{K}_o^n\}.$$
 (1)

Here  $V_p(M, N)$  denotes the  $L_p$ -mixed volume of  $M, N \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ .

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Obviously, if p = 1,  $G_p(K)$  is just the geominimal surface area G(K). Further, Lutwak in [10] proved a affine isoperimetric inequality for  $L_p$ -geominimal surface area. **Theorem 1.A.** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}_{\alpha}^n$  and  $p \ge 1$ , then

$$G_p(K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} V(K)^{\frac{n-p}{n}},\tag{2}$$

with equality if and only if K is an ellipsoid.

The following result [37] is also a affine isoperimetric inequality, which is related to  $L_p$ -projection body.

**Theorem 1.B.** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}_c^n$  and  $p \ge 1$ , then

$$G_p(K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{n-p}{n}} V(\Pi_p K)^{\frac{p}{n}},\tag{3}$$

with equality if and only if K is an ellipsoid.

In this paper, we first give the polar form of Theorem 1.A for  $L_p$ -geominimal surface area.

**Theorem 1.1.** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}_c^n$  and  $p \ge 1$ , then

$$G_p(K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{2n-p}{n}} V(K^*)^{\frac{p-n}{n}},\tag{4}$$

with equality if and only if K is an ellipsoid.

Next, we establish the polar form of Theorem 1.B for  $L_p$ -geominimal surface area.

**Theorem 1.2.** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  and  $p \ge 1$ , then

$$G_p(K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{n+p}{n}} V(\Pi_p^* K)^{-\frac{p}{n}},$$
(5)

with equality if and only if K is an ellipsoid centered at the origin.

As some applications of Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.A, we establish the following Blaschke-Santaló type inequalities for  $L_p$ -geominimal surface area.

**Theorem 1.3.** If  $K \in \mathcal{F}_c^n$  and  $1 \le p \le n$ , then

$$G_p(\Lambda_p K)G_p(\Pi_p^* K) \le (n\omega_n)^2, \tag{6}$$

with equality if and only if K is an ellipsoid centered at the origin.

**Theorem 1.4.** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  and  $1 \le p \le n$ , then

$$G_p(K)G_p(\Gamma_p^*K) \le (n\omega_n)^2, \tag{7}$$

with equality if and only if  $\Gamma_p K$  is an ellipsoid where K is an ellipsoid centered at the origin.

**Theorem 1.5.** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}_c^n$  and  $p \ge n$ , then

$$G_p(K)^{p-n}G_p(\Pi_p K)^p \le (n\omega_n)^{2p-n},\tag{8}$$

with equality if and only if K is an ellipsoid centered at the origin.

Finally, we use a method different from the above to also show a Blaschke-Santaló type inequality for  $L_p$ -geominimal surface area.

**Theorem 1.6.** If  $K \in \mathcal{F}_{os}^n$  and  $1 \le p \le n$ , then

$$G_p(K)^{n-p}G_p(\Lambda_p^*K)^p \le (n\omega_n)^n, \tag{9}$$

with equality for  $1 if and only if <math>\Lambda_p^* K$  and K are dilates; for p = 1 if and only if  $\Lambda_p^* K$  and K are homothetic.

Please see the next section for the above interrelated background materials. The proofs of Theorems 1.1-1.6 will be given in Section 3 of this paper.

#### **II. PRELIMINARIES**

A. Support function, radial function and polar of convex bodies

If  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , then its support function,  $h_K = h(K, \cdot)$ :  $\mathbf{R}^n \to (-\infty, \infty)$ , is defined by (see[2], [24])

$$h(K, x) = \max\{x \cdot y : y \in K\}, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^n, \qquad (10)$$

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

If K is a compact star-shaped (about the origin) set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then its radial function,  $\rho_K = \rho(K, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \to [0, \infty)$ , is defined by (see[2], [24])

$$\rho(K, u) = \max\{\lambda \ge 0 : \lambda \cdot u \in K\}, \quad u \in S^{n-1}.$$
(11)

If  $\rho_K$  is continuous and positive, then K will be called a star body. Two star bodies K, L are said to be dilates (of one another) if  $\rho_K(u)/\rho_L(u)$  is independent of  $u \in S^{n-1}$ .

If  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ , the polar body,  $K^*$ , of K is defined by (see [2], [24])

$$K^* = \{ x \in \mathbf{R}^n : x \cdot y \le 1, y \in K \}.$$
 (12)

From (12), we easily have  $(K^*)^* = K$ , and

$$h_{K^*} = \frac{1}{\rho_K}, \quad \rho_{K^*} = \frac{1}{h_K}.$$
 (13)

For  $K \in \mathcal{K}_c^n$  and its polar body, the well-known Blaschke-Santaló inequality is stated that (see [23])

**Theorem 2.A.** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}_c^n$ , then

$$V(K)V(K^*) \le \omega_n^2, \tag{14}$$

with equality if and only if K is an ellipsoid.

# B. $L_p$ -mixed volume

For  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $p \ge 1$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the Firey  $L_p$ combination,  $K +_p \varepsilon \cdot L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ , is defined by (see [11])

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

where " $\cdot$ " in  $\varepsilon \cdot L$  denotes the Firey scalar multiplication. If  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ , then for  $p \geq 1$ , the  $L_p$ -mixed volume,  $V_p(K, L)$ , of K and L is defined by (see [11])

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

For  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  and  $p \ge 1$ , there is a positive Borel measure,  $S_p(K, \cdot)$ , on  $S^{n-1}$  such that (see [11])

$$V_p(K,L) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} h_L^p(u) dS_p(K,\cdot).$$
 (15)

From (15), we have

$$V_p(K,K) = V(K).$$
(16)

The Minkowski inequality for  $L_p$ -mixed volume is called  $L_p$ -Minkowski inequality. The  $L_p$ -Minkowski inequality was given by Lutwak (see [10], [11]):

**Theorem 2.B.** If  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  and  $p \ge 1$ , then

$$V_p(K,L) \ge V(K)^{\frac{n-p}{n}} V(L)^{\frac{p}{n}}, \qquad (17)$$

with equality for p = 1 if and only if K and L are homothetic; for p > 1 if and only if K and L are dilates.

#### C. $L_p$ -dual mixed volume

For  $K, L \in S_o^n$ ,  $p \ge 1$  and  $\lambda, \mu \ge 0$  (not both zero), the  $L_p$ -harmonic radial combination,  $\lambda \star K +_{-p} \mu \star L \in S_o^n$ , of K and L is defined by (see [10])

$$\rho(\lambda \star K +_{-p} \mu \star L, \cdot)^{-p} = \lambda \rho(K, \cdot)^{-p} + \mu \rho(L, \cdot)^{-p}.$$
 (18)

Associated with the  $L_p$ -harmonic radial combination of star bodies, Lutwak in [10] introduced the notion of  $L_p$ dual mixed volume as follows: For  $K, L \in S_o^n$ ,  $p \ge 1$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the  $L_p$ -dual mixed volume,  $\tilde{V}_{-p}(K, L)$ , of K and L is defined by (see [10])

$$\frac{n}{-p}\widetilde{V}_{-p}(K,L) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0^+} \frac{V(K + p\varepsilon \star L) - V(K)}{\varepsilon}.$$

The definition above and Hospital's role give the following integral representation of  $L_p$ -dual mixed volume (see [10]):

$$\widetilde{V}_{-p}(K,L) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho_K^{n+p}(u) \rho_L^{-p}(u) dS(u), \qquad (19)$$

where the integration is with respect to spherical Lebesgue measure S on  $S^{n-1}$ .

From formula (19), we get

$$\widetilde{V}_{-p}(K,K) = V(K) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho_K^n(u) dS(u).$$
 (20)

#### D. $L_p$ -curvature image

For  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  and  $p \ge 1$ , the  $L_p$ -surface area measure,  $S_p(K)$ , of K is defined by (see [11])

$$\frac{dS_p(K,\cdot)}{dS(K,\cdot)} = h(K,\cdot)^{1-p}.$$
(21)

Equation (21) is also called Radon-Nikodym derivative, it turns out that the measure  $S_p(K, \cdot)$  is absolutely continuous with respect to surface area measure  $S(K, \cdot)$ .

A convex body  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  is said to have  $L_p$ -curvature function (see [10]),  $f_p(K, \cdot) : S^{n-1} \to \mathbf{R}$ , if its  $L_p$ -surface area measure  $S_p(K, \cdot)$  is absolutely continuous with respect to spherical Lebesgue measures, and

$$f_p(K, \cdot) = \frac{dS_p(K, \cdot)}{dS}.$$
(22)

Let  $\mathcal{F}_o^n$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_{os}^n$  and  $\mathcal{F}_c^n$  denote the set of all bodies in  $\mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $\mathcal{K}_{os}^n$  and  $\mathcal{K}_c^n$  that have a positive continuous curvature function, respectively.

Lutwak showed the notion of  $L_p$ -curvature image in [10] as follows: For  $K \in \mathcal{F}_o^n$  and  $p \ge 1$ , defined  $\Lambda_p K \in S_o^n$ ,  $L_p$ -curvature image of K, by

$$\rho(\Lambda_p K, \cdot)^{n+p} = \frac{V(\Lambda_p K)}{\omega_n} f_p(K, \cdot).$$
(23)

Note that for p = 1, this definition differs from the definition of classical curvature image. For the studies of classical curvature image and  $L_p$ -curvature image, see articles [7], [12], [23], [25], [26], [27], [28], [30].

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## E. $L_p$ -projection body and $L_p$ -centroid body

The notion of  $L_p$ -projection body is shown by Lutwak (see [14]). For  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$  and  $p \ge 1$ , the  $L_p$ -projection body,  $\Pi_p K$ , of K is the origin-symmetric convex body whose support function is given by

$$h^{p}_{\Pi_{p}K}(u) = \frac{1}{n\omega_{n}c_{n-2,p}} \int_{S^{n-1}} |u \cdot v|^{p} dS_{p}(K, v), \quad (24)$$

where  $u, v \in S^{n-1}$ , and  $S_p(K, v)$  is a positive Borel measure on  $S^{n-1}$ .

In 1997, Lutwak and Zhang in [13] introduced the concept of  $L_p$ -centroid body as follows: For each compact starshaped about the origin  $K \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  and real number  $p \ge 1$ , the  $L_p$ -centroid body,  $\Gamma_p K$ , of K is the origin-symmetric convex body whose support function is defined by

$$h^{p}_{\Gamma_{p}K}(u) = \frac{1}{c_{n,p}V(K)} \int_{K} |u \cdot x|^{p} dx.$$
 (25)

Here the integration is with respect to Lebesgue and  $c_{n,p} = \omega_{n+p}/\omega_2\omega_n\omega_{p-1}$ .

Using polar coordinates in (25), we easily get

$$h^{p}_{\Gamma_{p}K}(u) = \frac{1}{(n+p)c_{n,p}V(K)} \int_{S^{n-1}} |u \cdot v|^{p} \rho_{K}(v)^{n+p} dv,$$
(26)

for any  $u \in S^{n-1}$ .

Since Lutwak, Yang, and Zhang's seminal work, there are many papers on  $L_p$ -centroid body and  $L_p$ -projection body, see e.g., [3], [6], [9], [13], [14], [15], [16], [17], [29], [30], [31], [35], [36].

### III. THE PROOFS OF THEOREMS 1.1-1.6

**Proof of Theorem 1.1.** From (1) and Theorem 2.B, we get

$$\omega_{n}^{\frac{\nu}{n}}V(K^{*})^{\frac{n-p}{n}}G_{p}(K)$$

$$=\inf\{nV_{p}(K,Q)V(K^{*})^{\frac{n-p}{n}}V(Q^{*})^{\frac{p}{n}}:Q\in\mathcal{K}_{o}^{n}\}$$

$$\leq\inf\{nV_{p}(K,Q)V_{p}(K^{*},Q^{*}):Q\in\mathcal{K}_{o}^{n}\}.$$
(27)

Taking Q = K in (27), it follows from (14) and (16) that

$$\omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} V(K^*)^{\frac{n-p}{n}} G_p(K)$$
  

$$\leq \inf\{nV(K)V(K^*) : K \in \mathcal{K}_c^n\} \leq n\omega_n^2.$$

That is

$$G_p(K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{2n-p}{n}} V(K^*)^{\frac{p-n}{n}}.$$

According to the equality conditions of (14) and (17), we see that equality holds in (4) if and only if K is an ellipsoid.

In order to prove Theorem 1.2, we need the following Lemmas.

**Lemma 3.1.**([14]) If  $K \in S_o^n$  and  $p \ge 1$ , then for any  $Q \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,

$$V_p(Q,\Gamma_p K) = \frac{\omega_n}{V(K)} \widetilde{V}_{-p}(K,\Pi_p^* Q).$$
(28)

**Lemma 3.2.**([13]) If  $K \in \mathcal{S}_o^n$ , then for  $p \ge 1$ 

$$V(K)V(\Gamma_p^*K) \le \omega_n^2, \tag{29}$$

with equality if and only if K is an ellipsoid centered at the origin.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. From (1), we have

$$\omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}}G_p(K) \le nV_p(K,Q)V(Q^*)^{\frac{p}{n}}.$$
(30)

For  $L \in S_o^n$ , Taking  $Q = \Gamma_p L$  in (30), it follows from (28) that

$$\omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} G_p(K) \leq n V_p(K, \Gamma_p L) V(\Gamma_p^* L)^{\frac{p}{n}} 
 = \frac{n \omega_n}{V(L)} \widetilde{V}_{-p}(L, \Pi_p^* K) V(\Gamma_p^* L)^{\frac{p}{n}}.$$
(31)

Taking  $L = \prod_{p=1}^{\infty} K$  in (31), we obtian

$$G_p(K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{n-p}{n}} V(\Gamma_p^*(\Pi_p^*K))^{\frac{p}{n}}.$$
(32)

Together (29) with (32), we get

$$V(\Pi_p^*K)^{\frac{p}{n}}G_p(K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{n+p}{n}}.$$
(33)

Namely,

$$G_p(K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{n+p}{n}} V(\Pi_p^* K)^{-\frac{p}{n}}.$$

From the equality condition of (29), we know that equality holds in (5) if and only if K is an ellipsoid centered at the origin.

**Lemma 3.3.**([28]) If  $K \in \mathcal{F}_o^n$  and  $p \ge 1$ , then

$$V(\Pi_p K) \ge V(\Lambda_p K),\tag{34}$$

with equality if and only if K is an ellipsoid centered at the origin.

**Proof of Theorem 1.3.** If  $1 \le p \le n$ , then from Theorem 1.A and Lemma 3.3, we get

$$G_p(\Lambda_p K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{\nu}{n}} V(\Lambda_p K)^{\frac{n-p}{n}} \le n\omega_n^{\frac{\nu}{n}} V(\Pi_p K)^{\frac{n-p}{n}}.$$
 (35)

By Theorem 1.1, we also have

$$G_p(\Pi_p^*K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{2n-p}{n}} V(\Pi_p K)^{\frac{p-n}{n}}.$$
(36)

Combining (35) with (36), this yields

$$G_p(\Lambda_p K)G_p(\Pi_p^*K) \le (n\omega_n)^2.$$

According to the equality conditions of Theorem 1.A, Theorem 1.1 and Lemma 3.3, we easily see that equality holds in (6) if and only if K is an ellipsoid centered at the origin.

**Proof of Theorem 1.4.** From Theorem 1.A, it follows that

$$G_p(\Gamma_p^*K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{1}{n}} V(\Gamma_p^*K)^{\frac{n-p}{n}}.$$
(37)

By Lemma 3.2, we get that for  $1 \le p \le n$ ,

$$G_p(\Gamma_p^*K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{2n-p}{n}}V(K)^{\frac{p-n}{n}}.$$
(38)

Associated (2) with (38), this yields

$$G_p(K)G_p(\Gamma_p^*K) \le (n\omega_n)^2.$$

According to the equality conditions of (2) and (29), we easily see that equality holds in (7) if and only if  $\Gamma_p K$  is an ellipsoid where K is an ellipsoid centered at the origin. **Lemma 3.4.**([14]) If  $K \in \mathcal{K}_{a}^{n}$ , then for  $p \geq 1$ ,

$$V(K)^{\frac{n-p}{p}}V(\Pi_p^*K) \le \omega_n^{\frac{n}{p}},\tag{39}$$

with equality if and only if K is an ellipsoid centered at the origin.

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**Proof of Theorem 1.5.** It follows from (4) that,

$$G_p(\Pi_p K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{2n-p}{n}} V(\Pi_p^* K)^{\frac{p-n}{n}}.$$
 (40)

By Lemma 3.4 and (40), we obtain that for  $p \ge n$ 

$$G_p(\Pi_p K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{3np-n^2-p^2}{pn}} \left[ V(K)^{\frac{p-n}{n}} \right]^{\frac{p-n}{p}}.$$
 (41)

Theorem 1.A implies that for  $p \ge n$ 

$$V(K)^{\frac{p-n}{n}} \le n\omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} G_p(K)^{-1}.$$
(42)

Combining (41) and (42), we get

$$G_p(K)^{p-n}G_p(\Pi_p K)^p \le (n\omega_n)^{2p-n}.$$

Together with the equality conditions of (2), (4) and (39), we know that equality holds in (8) if and only if K is an ellipsoid centered at the origin.

**Lemma 3.5.**([10]) If  $K \in \mathcal{F}_{os}^n$  and  $p \ge 1$ , then

$$V(\Lambda_p K) \le \omega_n^{\frac{2p-n}{p}} V(K)^{\frac{n-p}{p}}, \tag{43}$$

with equality if and only if K is an ellipsoid. **Lemma 3.6.**([28]) If  $K \in \mathcal{F}_o^n$  and  $p \ge 1$ , then

$$V(\Lambda_p^*K) \le \omega_n^{\frac{n}{p}} V(K)^{\frac{p-n}{p}}, \qquad (44)$$

with equality for p > 1 if and only if  $\Lambda_p^* K$  and K are dilates; for p = 1 if and only if  $\Lambda_p^* K$  and K are homothetic.

**Proof of Theorem 1.6.** From (1), we get for any  $Q \in \mathcal{K}_{o}^{n}$ ,

$$\omega_n^{\frac{r}{n}} G_p(\Lambda_p^* K) \le n V_p(\Lambda_p^* K, Q) V(Q^*)^{\frac{p}{n}}.$$
 (45)

Taking  $Q = \Lambda_n^* K$  in (45), it follows that

$$\omega_n^{\frac{p}{n}} G_p(\Lambda_p^* K) \le n V(\Lambda_p^* K) V(\Lambda_p K)^{\frac{p}{n}}.$$
 (46)

From (43), (44) and (46), we obtain

$$G_p(\Lambda_p^*K) \le n\omega_n^{\frac{n^2+p^2-pn}{pn}}V(K)^{-\frac{(n-p)^2}{pn}}.$$
 (47)

Combining (47) with Theorem 1.A, this implies that for  $1 \leq$  $p \leq n$ ,

$$G_p(K)^{n-p}G_p(\Lambda_p^*K)^p \le (n\omega_n)^n.$$

By the equality conditions of (2), (43) and (44), we see that equality holds in (9) for  $1 if and only if <math>\Lambda_n^* K$ and K are dilates; for p = 1 if and only if  $\Lambda_p^* K$  and K are homothetic.

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