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Busemann-Petty Type Problem for the General *L_p*-Centroid Bodies

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Abstract. Lutwak showed the Busemann-Petty type problem (also called the Shephard type problem) for the centroid bodies. Grinberg and Zhang gave an affirmation and a negative form of the Busemann-Petty type problem for the L_p -centroid bodies. In this paper, we obtain an affirmation form and two negative forms of the Busemann-Petty type problem for the general L_p -centroid bodies.

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1 Introduction

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

Centroid body was attributed by Blaschke to Dupin (see [6, 18]), its definition was extended by Petty (see [17]). Let *K* is a compact set, the centroid body, ΓK , of *K* is an origin-symmetric convex body whose support function is given by (see [6])

$$h_{\Gamma K}(u) = \frac{1}{V(K)} \int_{K} |u \cdot x| dx$$
(1.1)

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

Centroid bodies are very important in Brunn-Minkowski theory. For decades, centroid bodies have attracted increased attention (for example see articles [10,11,17,27] and books [6,18]). In particular, Lutwak [11] showed an affirmation and a negative form of the Busemann-Petty type problems for the centroid bodies as follows:

Theorem 1.1. *For* $K \in S_o^n$ *,* $L \in \mathcal{P}^*$ *, if* $\Gamma K \subseteq \Gamma L$ *, then*

$$V(K) \le V(L),$$

and V(K) = V(L) if and only if K = L. Here \mathcal{P}^* denotes the set of polars of all projection bodies. **Theorem 1.2.** If $K \in \mathcal{S}_{os}^n \setminus \mathcal{P}^*$ is infinite smooth, then there exists $L \in \mathcal{S}_{os}^n \setminus \mathcal{P}^*$ is infinite smooth, such that $\Gamma K \subset \Gamma L$, but

$$V(K) > V(L).$$

In 1997, Lutwak and Zhang [15] introduced the notion of L_p -centroid bodies. For each compact star-shaped (about the origin) K in \mathbb{R}^n and real $p \ge 1$, the L_p -centroid body, $\Gamma_p K$, of K is an origin-symmetric convex body whose support function is defined by

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

= $\frac{1}{c_{n,p}(n+p)V(K)} \int_{S^{n-1}} |u \cdot v|^{p} \rho_{K}(v)^{n+p} dv$ (1.2)

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

$$c_{n,p} = \omega_{n+p} / \omega_2 \omega_n \omega_{p-1} \tag{1.3}$$

and dv is the standard spherical Lebesgue measure on S^{n-1} . The normalization above is chosen so that for the standard unit ball B in \mathbb{R}^n , we have $\Gamma_p B = B$. For the case p = 1, by (1.1) and (1.2), we see that $\Gamma_1 K$ is the centroid body ΓK under the normalization of definition (1.2) and $\Gamma_1 K = c_{n,1}^{-1} \Gamma K$ (see [6]).

Further, Lutwak and Zhang [15] established the L_p -centroid affine inequality. Whereafter, associated with the L_p -centroid bodies, Lutwak, Yang and Zhang [14] proved the L_p -Busemann-Petty centroid inequality which is stronger than the L_p -centroid affine inequality. The L_p -centroid bodies mean that the centroid bodies are extended from the Brunn-Minkowski theory to the L_p -Brunn-Minkowski theory. Regarding the studies of the L_p -centroid bodies, also see [1–3,7,21,22,24] and books [6,18]. In particular, Grinberg and Zhang [7] gave the following the Busemann-Petty type problem for the L_p -centroid bodies.

Theorem 1.3. *If* $K \in S_o^n$, $L \in \mathcal{P}_p^*$, then $\Gamma_p K \subseteq \Gamma_p L$ implies

$$V(K) \le V(L),$$

and V(K) = V(L) if and only if K = L. Here \mathcal{P}_p^* denotes the set of polars of all L_p -projection bodies.

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Theorem 1.4. If $K \in \mathcal{F}_{os}^2 \setminus \mathcal{L}_p$, then there exists $L \in \mathcal{K}_{os}^n$ such that $\Gamma_p K \subset \Gamma_p L$, but

$$V(K) > V(L).$$

Here \mathcal{F}_{os}^2 *denotes the set of origin-symmetric convex bodies whose support functions are of* C^2 *and have positive continuous curvature functions, and* \mathcal{L}_p *denotes the set of* L_p *-balls (see [7]).*

In 2005, Ludwig [9] introduced a function $\varphi_{\tau} : \mathbb{R} \to [0, +\infty)$ by

$$\varphi_{\tau}(t) = |t| + \tau t \tag{1.4}$$

with a parameter $\tau \in [-1, 1]$. From (1.4), Ludwig [9] introduced the notions of general L_p -projection bodies. Whereafter, Haberl and Schuster [8] derived a general L_p -projection body is the L_p -Minkowski combination of two asymmetric L_p -projection bodies, and established the general L_p -Petty projection inequality and the general L_p -Busemann-Petty centroid inequality.

Recently, motivated by Ludwig, Haberl and Schuster's work, Feng, Wang and Lu [5] defined the general L_p -centroid bodies as follows: For $K \in S_o^n$, $p \ge 1$ and $\tau \in [-1, 1]$, the general L_p -centroid body, $\Gamma_p^{\tau}K$, of K is the convex body whose support function is defined by

$$h_{\Gamma_{p}^{\tau}K}^{p}(u) = \frac{2}{c_{n,p}(\tau)V(K)} \int_{K} \varphi_{\tau}(u \cdot x)^{p} dx$$

= $\frac{2}{c_{n,p}(\tau)(n+p)V(K)} \int_{S^{n-1}} \varphi_{\tau}(u \cdot v)^{p} \rho_{K}(v)^{n+p} dv,$ (1.5)

where

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

and $c_{n,p}$ satisfies (1.3). The normalization is chosen such that $\Gamma_p^{\tau}B = B$ for every $\tau \in [-1, 1]$. Obviously, if $\tau = 0$ then $\Gamma_p^{\tau}K = \Gamma_p K$. Further, let $\tau = 1$ in (1.5), they [5] defined the asymmetric L_p -centroid body, Γ_p^+K , of $K \in S_o^n$ by

$$h_{\Gamma_{p}^{+}K}^{p}(u) = \frac{2}{c_{n,p}V(K)} \int_{K} (u \cdot x)_{+}^{p} dx$$

= $\frac{2}{c_{n,p}(n+p)V(K)} \int_{S^{n-1}} (u \cdot v)_{+}^{p} \rho_{K}(v)^{n+p} dv,$ (1.6)

where $(u \cdot x)_+ = \max\{u \cdot x, 0\}$. Besides, they [5] also defined $\Gamma_p^- K = \Gamma_p^+(-K)$.

According to the definitions of $\Gamma_p^{\pm} K$ and (1.5), it is easy to verity that for $K \in S_o^n$, $p \ge 1, \tau \in [-1, 1]$ and $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$h(\Gamma_{p}^{\tau}K, u)^{p} = f_{1}(\tau)h(\Gamma_{p}^{+}K, u)^{p} + f_{2}(\tau)h(\Gamma_{p}^{-}K, u)^{p},$$
(1.7)

where

$$f_1(\tau) = \frac{(1+\tau)^p}{(1+\tau)^p + (1-\tau)^p}, \qquad f_2(\tau) = \frac{(1-\tau)^p}{(1+\tau)^p + (1-\tau)^p}.$$
 (1.8)

From (1.8), we easily know that

$$f_1(-\tau) = f_2(\tau), \qquad f_2(-\tau) = f_1(\tau),$$
 (1.9a)

$$f_1(\tau) + f_2(\tau) = 1.$$
 (1.9b)

Let $\tau = 0$ in (1.7), and combine with (1.8), we have for $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$h(\Gamma_p K, u)^p = \frac{1}{2}h(\Gamma_p^+ K, u)^p + \frac{1}{2}h(\Gamma_p^- K, u)^p.$$
(1.10)

If $\tau = \pm 1$ in (1.7) and use (1.8), then

$$\Gamma_p^{+1}K = \Gamma_p^+K, \qquad \Gamma_p^{-1}K = \Gamma_p^-K.$$

For the research results of general L_p -centroid bodies, we can find in [5, 16, 23]. In this paper, we research the Busemann-Petty type problem for the general L_p -centroid bodies. Our works belong to part of a new and rapidly evolving asymmetric L_p Brunn-Minkowski theory.

Let $\mathcal{P}_p^{\tau,*}$ denote the set of polars of all general L_p -projection bodies. We first prove an affirmation form of the Busemann-Petty type problem for the general L_p -centroid bodies.

Theorem 1.5. If $K \in S_o^n$, $p \ge 1$, $L \in \mathcal{P}_p^{\tau,*}$ and $\tau \in [-1,1]$, then $\Gamma_p^{\tau}K \subseteq \Gamma_p^{\tau}L$ implies

$$V(K) \le V(L),$$

and V(K) = V(L) if and only if K = L.

Obviously, if $\tau = 0$, then Theorem 1.5 gives Theorem 1.3. Further, we give a negation form of the Busemann-Petty type problem for the general L_p -centroid bodies.

Theorem 1.6. If $L \in S_o^n \setminus S_o^n$ and $p \ge 1$, then for any $\tau \in (-1,1)$, there exists $K \in S_o^n$ (for $\tau = 0, K \in S_o^n$; for $\tau \ne 0, K \in S_o^n$) such that $\Gamma_p^{\tau} K \subset \Gamma_p^{\tau} L$, but

$$V(K) > V(L).$$

Let $\tau = 0$ in Theorem 1.6, we easily obtain the following.

Corollary 1.1. If $L \in S_o^n \setminus S_o^n$ and $p \ge 1$, then there exists $K \in S_o^n$ such that $\Gamma_p K \subset \Gamma_p L$, but

$$V(K) > V(L).$$

Corollary 1.1 shows a negation form of the Busemann-Petty type problem for the L_p centroid bodies. Actually, we extend the scope of negation solutions in Corollary 1.1 from $K \in S_{os}^n$ to $K \in S_o^n$ as follows:

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Theorem 1.7. If $L \in S_o^n \setminus S_o^n$ and $p \ge 1$, then there exists $K \in S_o^n$ such that $\Gamma_p K \subset \Gamma_p L$, but

$$V(K) > V(L).$$

Finally, we give another negation form of the Busemann-Petty type problem for the L_p -centroid bodies, it is the L_p -analogues of Theorem 1.2.

Theorem 1.8. For $p \ge 1$. If $K \in S_{os}^n \setminus \mathcal{P}_p^*$ is infinite smooth and p is not an even integer, then there exists $L \in S_{os}^n \setminus \mathcal{P}_p^*$ is infinite smooth, such that $\Gamma_p K \subset \Gamma_p L$, but

$$V(K) > V(L).$$

2 Some notions

2.1 Support function, radial function and polar body

If $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$, then its support function, $h_K = h(K, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$, is defined by (see [6])

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

where $x \cdot y$ denotes the standard inner product of x and y. From the definition of support function, we easily know that for c > 0, $h(cK, \cdot) = ch(K, \cdot)$, and $h(K, \cdot) = h(L, \cdot)$ if and only if K = L.

If *K* is a compact star-shaped (about the origin) in \mathbb{R}^n , its radial function, $\rho_K = \rho(K, \cdot)$: $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \longrightarrow [0, +\infty)$, is defined by (see [6])

$$\rho(K, x) = \max\{\lambda \ge 0 : \lambda x \in K\}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}.$$

If ρ_K is positive and continuous, *K* will be called a star body (about the origin). Two star bodies *K* and *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 *E* is a nonempty set in \mathbb{R}^n , the polar set of *E*, E^* , is defined by (see [6])

$$E^* = \{ x : x \cdot y \le 1, \ y \in E \}, \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$$(2.1)$$

From (2.1), we easily know that (see [6]) for $K \in \mathcal{K}_{o}^{n}$,

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

2.2 *L_v*-mixed volumes and *L_v*-dual mixed volumes

In 1993, Lutwak [12] defined the L_p -mixed volumes as follows: For $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n, p \ge 1$, the L_p -mixed volume, $V_p(K, L)$, of K and L is given by

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

The measure $S_p(K, \cdot)$ is called the L_p -surface area measure.

Whereafter, Lutwak [13] introduced the L_p -dual mixed volumes: For $K, L \in S_o^n$ and $p \ge 1$, the L_p -dual mixed volume, $\widetilde{V}_{-p}(K, L)$, of K and L is given by

$$\widetilde{V}_{-p}(K,L) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho_K^{n+p}(u) \rho_L^{-p}(u) du.$$
(2.4)

From (2.4), it follows immediately that for each $K \in S_o^n$ and $p \ge 1$,

$$\widetilde{V}_{-p}(K,K) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho_K^n(u) du = V(K).$$
(2.5)

The L_p -dual Minkowski inequality can be stated that (see [13]): if $K, L \in S_o^n$ and $p \ge 1$, then

$$\widetilde{V}_{-p}(K,L) \ge V(K)^{\frac{n+p}{n}} V(L)^{-\frac{p}{n}},$$
(2.6)

with equality if and only if *K* and *L* are dilates.

2.3 General *L_v*-harmonic Blaschke bodies

For $K, L \in S_o^n$, $p \ge 1$, $\lambda, \mu \ge 0$ (not both zero), the L_p -harmonic Blaschke combination, $\lambda \circ K +_p \mu \circ L$, of K and L is given by (see [3])

$$\frac{\rho(\lambda \circ K\tilde{+}_p \mu \circ L, \cdot)^{n+p}}{V(\lambda \circ K\tilde{+}_p \mu \circ L)} = \lambda \frac{\rho(K, \cdot)^{n+p}}{V(K)} + \mu \frac{\rho(L, \cdot)^{n+p}}{V(L)}.$$
(2.7a)

Let $\lambda = \mu = 1/2$ and L = -K in (2.7a), then the L_p -harmonic Blaschke body, $\widetilde{\nabla}_p K$, of $K \in S_o^n$ is written by

$$\widetilde{\nabla}_p K = \frac{1}{2} \circ K \widetilde{+}_p \frac{1}{2} \circ (-K).$$

Feng and Wang [4] defined the general L_p -harmonic Blaschke bodies as follows: For $K \in S_o^n$, $p \ge 1$ and $\tau \in [-1, 1]$, the general L_p -harmonic Blaschke body,

$$\widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau} K = f_1(\tau) \circ K \widetilde{+}_p f_2(\tau) \circ (-K)$$

of K is defined by

$$\frac{\rho(\nabla_p^{\tau}K, \cdot)^{n+p}}{V(\widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau}K)} = f_1(\tau)\frac{\rho(K, \cdot)^{n+p}}{V(K)} + f_2(\tau)\frac{\rho(-K, \cdot)^{n+p}}{V(-K)}.$$
(2.7b)

Here $f_1(\tau)$ and $f_2(\tau)$ satisfy (1.8). Obviously, if $\tau = 0$, then

$$\widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau} K = \widetilde{\nabla}_p K.$$

In addition, if $\tau = \pm 1$ we write

$$\widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau} K = \widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\pm} K,$$

then

$$\widetilde{\nabla}_p^+ K = K, \qquad \widetilde{\nabla}_p^- K = -K.$$

2.4 General *L_p*-projection bodies and *L_p*-cosine transformations

In 2005, Ludwig [9] introduced the notion of general L_p -projection body as follows: for $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$, $p \ge 1$ and $\tau \in [-1, 1]$, the general L_p -projection body, $\prod_p^{\tau} K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$, of K whose support function is given by

$$h_{\Pi_{p}^{\tau}K}^{p}(u) = \alpha_{n,p}(\tau) \int_{S^{n-1}} \varphi_{\tau}(u \cdot v)^{p} dS_{p}(K, v), \qquad (2.8)$$

where $S_p(K, \cdot)$ is the L_p -surface area measure of K, $\varphi_{\tau}(\cdot)$ is given by (1.4),

$$\alpha_{n,p}(\tau) = \frac{2}{(n+p)c_{n,p}\omega_n[(1+\tau)^p + (1-\tau)^p]}$$
(2.9)

and $c_{n,p}$ satisfies (1.3). For the general L_p -projection bodies, some works have made in [19, 20, 25, 26].

If $\tau = 0$, then (2.8) and (2.9) yield the following L_p -projection body $\Pi_p K$ of K, i.e.,

$$h^{p}_{\Pi_{p}K}(u) = \frac{1}{(n+p)c_{n,p}\omega_{n}} \int_{S^{n-1}} |u \cdot v|^{p} dS_{p}(K,v), \qquad (2.10)$$

which is defined by Lutwak, Yang and Zhang (see [14]).

If $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ has L_p -curvature function $f_p(K, v) : S^{n-1} \to \mathbb{R}$, then we have (see [13])

$$dS_p(K,v) = f_p(K,v)dv,$$

where dv is the standard spherical Lebesgue measure on S^{n-1} . From this, if $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ has L_v -curvature function, then (2.10) can be written as

$$h_{\Pi_{p}K}^{p}(u) = \frac{1}{(n+p)c_{n,p}\omega_{n}} \int_{S^{n-1}} |u \cdot v|^{p} f_{p}(K,v) dv.$$
(2.11)

Let $C(S^{n-1})$ denote the set of all continuous functions on S^{n-1} . For $p \ge 1$ and function $\varphi \in C(S^{n-1})$, the L_p -cosine transformation, $C_p \varphi$, of φ is defined by (see [6])

$$C_p \varphi(u) = \int_{S^{n-1}} |u \cdot v|^p \varphi(v) dv, \quad u \in S^{n-1}.$$
(2.12)

For the L_p -cosine transformation, also see [6,14].

From (2.11) and (2.12), we easily see that for $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ has L_p -curvature function and all $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$h_{\Pi_{p}K}^{p}(u) = \frac{1}{(n+p)c_{n,p}\omega_{n}}C_{p}f_{p}(K,u).$$
(2.13)

In addition, according to (2.12) and (1.2), we have that for all $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$h_{\Gamma_p K}^p(u) = \frac{1}{(n+p)c_{n,p}V(K)} C_p \rho_K^{n+p}(u).$$
(2.14)

If $F, G \in C(S^{n-1})$, write

$$(F,G) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} F(u)G(u)du,$$
(2.15)

then by (2.12), we have

$$(C_p f, g) = (f, C_p g) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \int_{S^{n-1}} |u \cdot v|^p f(v)g(u) du dv.$$
(2.16)

For the L_p -cosine transformation C_p , we know the following fact (see [6]).

Theorem 2.1. If $p \ge 1$, then $C_p : C_e(S^{n-1}) \to C_e(S^{n-1})$ is injective if and only if p is not an even integer. Here $C_e(S^{n-1})$ denotes the set of all even continuous functions on S^{n-1} .

3 Busemann-Petty type problem for the general *L_p*-centroid bodies

In the section, we will research Busemann-Petty type problem for the general L_p -centroid bodies. Associated with the general L_p -projection bodies and general L_p -centroid bodies, Feng, Wang and Lu [5] gave that

Lemma 3.1. If $K \in \mathcal{K}_{o}^{n}$, $L \in \mathcal{S}_{o}^{n}$, $p \geq 1$ and $\tau \in [-1, 1]$, then

$$\frac{V_p(K,\Gamma_p^{\tau}L)}{\omega_n} = \frac{\widetilde{V}_{-p}(L,\Pi_p^{\tau,*}K)}{V(L)}.$$
(3.1)

Here $\Pi_p^{\tau,*}K$ *denotes the polar of general* L_p *-projection body* $\Pi_p^{\tau}K$.

According to Lemma 3.1, we give an extension of Theorem 1.5 as follows:

Theorem 3.1. For $K, L \in S_o^n$, $p \ge 1$ and $\tau \in [-1, 1]$, if $\Gamma_p^{\tau}K \subseteq \Gamma_p^{\tau}L$, then for any $Q \in \mathcal{P}_p^{\tau,*}$,

$$\frac{\widetilde{V}_{-p}(K,Q)}{V(K)} \le \frac{\widetilde{V}_{-p}(L,Q)}{V(L)},\tag{3.2}$$

with equality in (3.2) if and only if K = L.

Proof. Since $Q \in \mathcal{P}_p^{\tau,*}$, thus there exists $R \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ such that $Q = \prod_p^{\tau,*} R$, by (2.3) and (3.1), we get

$$\begin{split} \frac{\widetilde{V}_{-p}(L,Q)/V(L)}{\widetilde{V}_{-p}(K,Q)/V(K)} &= \frac{\widetilde{V}_{-p}(L,\Pi_p^{\tau,*}R)/V(L)}{\widetilde{V}_{-p}(K,\Pi_p^{\tau,*}R)/V(K)} = \frac{V_p(R,\Gamma_p^{\tau}L)}{V_p(R,\Gamma_p^{\tau}K)} \\ &= \frac{\int_{S^{n-1}} h(\Gamma_p^{\tau}L,u)^p dS_p(R,u)}{\int_{S^{n-1}} h(\Gamma_p^{\tau}K,u)^p dS_p(R,u)}. \end{split}$$

From this, if $\Gamma_p^{\tau} K \subseteq \Gamma_p^{\tau} L$, then (3.2) is obtained.

Obviously, by L_p -dual Minkowski inequality (2.6), we know that equality holds in (3.2) if and only if K = L.

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Note that the case $\tau = 0$ of Theorem 3.1 was given by Grinberg and Zhang [7]. *Proof* of Theorem 1.5. Since $L \in \mathcal{P}_p^{\tau,*}$, thus taking Q = L in Theorem 3.1, and combining with (2.5) and inequality (2.6), we get

$$V(K) \ge \widetilde{V}_{-p}(K,L) \ge V(K)^{\frac{n+p}{n}} V(L)^{-\frac{p}{n}},$$

i.e., $V(K) \le V(L)$.

According to the equality condition of (3.1), we see that V(K) = V(L) if and only if K = L.

The proof of Theorem 1.6 requires the following two lemmas.

Lemma 3.2. *If* $K \in S_o^n$, $p \ge 1$ *and* $\tau \in [-1, 1]$ *, then*

$$V(\widetilde{\nabla}_{p}^{\tau}K) \ge V(K). \tag{3.3}$$

For $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ *, equality holds if and only if K is origin-symmetric. For* $\tau = \pm 1$ *, (3.3) becomes an equality.*

Proof. From (2.7b) and (2.4), we have that for any $Q \in S_o^n$,

$$\frac{\widetilde{V}_{-p}(\widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau}K,Q)}{V(\widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau}K)} = f_1(\tau)\frac{\widetilde{V}_{-p}(K,Q)}{V(K)} + f_2(\tau)\frac{\widetilde{V}_{-p}(-K,Q)}{V(-K)}.$$

This together with inequality (2.6) and equality (1.9b) yields

$$\frac{\widetilde{V}_{-p}(\widetilde{\nabla}_{p}^{\tau}K,Q)}{V(\widetilde{\nabla}_{p}^{\tau}K)} \ge f_{1}(\tau)V(K)^{\frac{p}{n}}V(Q)^{-\frac{p}{n}} + f_{2}(\tau)V(K)^{\frac{p}{n}}V(Q)^{-\frac{p}{n}} = V(K)^{\frac{p}{n}}V(Q)^{-\frac{p}{n}}.$$

Let $Q = \widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau} K$ in above inequality and use (2.5), we obtain

$$V(\widetilde{\nabla}_{n}^{\tau}K) \geq V(K).$$

For $\tau \in (-1, 1)$, according to the equality condition of inequality (2.6), we see that equality holds in (3.3) if and only if *K* and $\tilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau} K$, -K and $\tilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau} K$ both are dilates, i.e., *K* and -K are dilates. This means that *K* is origin-symmetric. For $\tau = \pm 1$, by $\tilde{\nabla}_p^+ K = K$ and $\tilde{\nabla}_p^- K = -K$, we know that (3.3) becomes an equality.

Lemma 3.3. If $K \in S_o^n$, $p \ge 1$ and $\tau \in [-1, 1]$, then

$$\Gamma_p^+ \widetilde{\nabla}_p^\tau K = \Gamma_p^\tau K, \tag{3.4a}$$

$$\Gamma_p^- \widetilde{\nabla}_p^\tau K = \Gamma_p^{-\tau} K. \tag{3.4b}$$

Proof. By (1.6), (1.9b) and (2.7b), we have that for all $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$\begin{split} h_{\Gamma_{p}^{+}\tilde{\nabla}_{p}^{\tau}K}^{p}(u) &= \frac{2}{c_{n,p}(n+p)V(\tilde{\nabla}_{p}^{\tau}K)} \int_{S^{n-1}} (u \cdot v)_{+}^{p} \rho_{\tilde{\nabla}_{p}^{\tau}K}(v)^{n+p} dv \\ &= \frac{2}{c_{n,p}(n+p)} \int_{S^{n-1}} (u \cdot v)_{+}^{p} \left[f_{1}(\tau) \frac{\rho_{K}(v)^{n+p}}{V(K)} + f_{2}(\tau) \frac{\rho_{-K}(v)^{n+p}}{V(-K)} \right] dv \\ &= f_{1}(\tau) h_{\Gamma_{p}^{+}K}^{p}(u) + f_{2}(\tau) h_{\Gamma_{p}^{+}(-K)}^{p}(u) \\ &= f_{1}(\tau) h_{\Gamma_{p}^{+}K}^{p}(u) + f_{2}(\tau) h_{\Gamma_{p}^{-K}}^{p}(u) = h_{\Gamma_{p}^{-K}}^{p}(u). \end{split}$$

This immediately gives (3.4a). Similarly, we know that for all $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$h^p_{\Gamma^-_p\widetilde{\nabla}^\tau_pK}(u) = h^p_{\Gamma^{-\tau}_pK}(u).$$

This yields (3.4b).

Proof of Theorem 1.6. Since *L* is not origin-symmetric and $\tau \in (-1, 1)$, thus by Lemma 3.2, we know $V(\widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau}L) > V(L)$. From this, choose $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ such that $K = (1 - \varepsilon)\widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau}L$ (for $\tau = 0, K \in \mathcal{S}_{os}^n$; for $\tau \neq 0, K \in \mathcal{S}_o^n$) satisfies

$$V(K) = V((1 - \varepsilon)\widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau}L) > V(L).$$

But by (3.4a), (3.4b) and notice that $\Gamma_p^{\pm} cK = c\Gamma_p^{\pm} K$ (c > 0), we orderly have

$$\begin{split} \Gamma_p^+ K &= \Gamma_p^+ (1-\varepsilon) \widetilde{\nabla}_p^\tau L = (1-\varepsilon) \Gamma_p^+ \widetilde{\nabla}_p^\tau L = (1-\varepsilon) \Gamma_p^\tau L \subset \Gamma_p^\tau L, \\ \Gamma_p^- K &= \Gamma_p^- (1-\varepsilon) \widetilde{\nabla}_p^\tau L = (1-\varepsilon) \Gamma_p^- \widetilde{\nabla}_p^\tau L = (1-\varepsilon) \Gamma_p^{-\tau} L \subset \Gamma_p^{-\tau} L. \end{split}$$

Notice that $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ is equivalent to $-\tau \in (-1, 1)$, this means that $\Gamma_p^+ K \subset \Gamma_p^\tau L$ and $\Gamma_p^- K \subset \Gamma_p^\tau L$ imply $\Gamma_p^+ K \subset \Gamma_p^\tau L$ and $\Gamma_p^- K \subset \Gamma_p^\tau L$ for any $\tau \in (-1, 1)$, respectively. Hence, together with (1.7) and (1.9b), we easily obtain that for all $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$h(\Gamma_p^{\tau}K, u)^p = f_1(\tau)h(\Gamma_p^{+}K, u)^p + f_2(\tau)h(\Gamma_p^{-}K, u)^p$$

$$< f_1(\tau)h(\Gamma_p^{\tau}L, u)^p + f_2(\tau)h(\Gamma_p^{\tau}L, u)^p$$

$$= h(\Gamma_p^{\tau}L, u)^p,$$

i.e.,

$$\Gamma_p^{\tau}K\subset \Gamma_p^{\tau}L.$$

This completes the proof.

In order to prove Theorem 1.7, we require the following a lemma.

Lemma 3.4. If $K \in S_o^n$, $p \ge 1$, $\tau \in [-1, 1]$, then $\Gamma_p \widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau} K = \Gamma_p K.$ (3.5)

Proof. From (1.7), (1.9a), (1.9b) and (1.10), we obtain that for $K \in S_o^n$ and all $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$\frac{1}{2}h_{\Gamma_{p}^{+}K}^{p}(u) + \frac{1}{2}h_{\Gamma_{p}^{-\tau}K}^{p}(u)
= \frac{1}{2}\left[f_{1}(\tau)h_{\Gamma_{p}^{+}K}^{p}(u) + f_{2}(\tau)h_{\Gamma_{p}^{-}K}^{p}(u)\right] + \frac{1}{2}\left[f_{1}(-\tau)h_{\Gamma_{p}^{+}K}^{p}(u) + f_{2}(-\tau)h_{\Gamma_{p}^{-}K}^{p}(u)\right]
= \frac{1}{2}\left[f_{1}(\tau)h_{\Gamma_{p}^{+}K}^{p}(u) + f_{2}(\tau)h_{\Gamma_{p}^{-}K}^{p}(u)\right] + \frac{1}{2}\left[f_{2}(\tau)h_{\Gamma_{p}^{+}K}^{p}(u) + f_{1}(\tau)h_{\Gamma_{p}^{-}K}^{p}(u)\right]
= \frac{1}{2}h_{\Gamma_{p}^{+}K}^{p}(u) + \frac{1}{2}h_{\Gamma_{p}^{-}K}^{p}(u) = h_{\Gamma_{p}K}^{p}(u).$$
(3.6)

Thus, by (1.10), (3.4a), (3.4b) and (3.6), we have that for all $u \in S^{n-1}$,

$$h^p_{\Gamma_p \widetilde{\nabla}^{\tau}_p K}(u) = \frac{1}{2} h^p_{\Gamma^+_p \widetilde{\nabla}^{\tau}_p K}(u) + \frac{1}{2} h^p_{\Gamma^-_p \widetilde{\nabla}^{\tau}_p K}(u)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} h^p_{\Gamma^{\tau}_p K}(u) + \frac{1}{2} h^p_{\Gamma^-_p K}(u) = h^p_{\Gamma_p K}(u).$$

So (3.5) is obtained.

Proof of Theorem 1.7. Since *L* is not origin-symmetric and $\tau \in (-1, 1)$, thus by Lemma 3.2, we know $V(\widetilde{\nabla}_{v}^{\tau}L) > V(L)$. From this, choose $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ such that

$$V((1-\varepsilon)\widetilde{\nabla}_{p}^{\tau}L) > V(L).$$

Let $K = (1 - \varepsilon) \widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau} L$, then $K \in S_o^n$ and V(K) > V(L). But by (3.5) and notice that $\Gamma_p c K = c \Gamma_p K \ (c > 0)$, we have

$$\Gamma_p K = \Gamma_p (1-\varepsilon) \widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau} L = (1-\varepsilon) \Gamma_p \widetilde{\nabla}_p^{\tau} L = (1-\varepsilon) \Gamma_p L \subset \Gamma_p L.$$

This completes the proof.

Finally, we give the proof of Theorem 1.8.

Proof of Theorem 1.8. Let $C_e^{\infty}(S^{n-1})$ denote the set of all even and infinite smooth functions on S^{n-1} . Because of $K \in S_{os}^n \setminus \mathcal{P}_p^*$ is infinite smooth, thus $\rho_K \in C_e^{\infty}(S^{n-1})$. By Theorem 2.1, we know that there exists $\varphi \in C_e^{\infty}(S^{n-1})$ when $p \ge 1$ and p is not even integer, such that $\rho_K^{-p} = C_p \varphi$. Since L is not the polar of L_p -projection body, hence function $\varphi < 0$. Otherwise, if $\varphi \ge 0$ and notice $\varphi \in C_e^{\infty}(S^{n-1})$, it follows from Minkowski's existence theorem that there exists a body $Q \in \mathcal{K}_{os}^n$ has L_p -curvature function such that

$$\varphi = [c_{n,p}(n+p)\omega_n]^{-1} f_p(Q,u) \quad \text{for } u \in S^{n-1}.$$

From this, we know that

$$C_p \varphi = [c_{n,p}(n+p)\omega_n]^{-1}C_p f_p(Q,u),$$

this together with (2.13) yields

$$o_K^{-p} = h_{\Pi_p Q'}^p$$

this and (2.2) give $K = \prod_{p=0}^{*} Q$. But $K \notin \mathcal{P}_{p}^{*}$, this leads to contradiction.

Therefore, choose $F \in C_e^{\infty}(S^{n-1})$ and is not identically zero, such that $F \leq 0$ when $\varphi < 0$; F = 0 when $\varphi \geq 0$. From this, we have

$$(F,\varphi) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} F(v)\varphi(v)dv > 0.$$
(3.7)

And according to $F \in C_e^{\infty}(S^{n-1})$ and notice p is not an even integer, then by Theorem 2.1, we know that there exists $g \in C_e^{\infty}(S^{n-1})$, such that $F = C_p g$. Because of $\rho_K > 0$ ($K \in S_{os}^n$), thus there exists $\varepsilon > 0$, such that

$$[(n+p)c_{n,p}V(K)]^{-1}\rho_K^{n+p}-\varepsilon g>0.$$

Notice that

$$[(n+p)c_{n,p}V(K)]^{-1}\rho_K^{n+p}-\varepsilon g\in C_e^{\infty}(S^{n-1}),$$

then there exist $\mu > 0$ and $L \in S_{os}^n$ is infinite smooth, such that

$$\mu \rho_L^{n+p} = [(n+p)c_{n,p}V(K)]^{-1}\rho_K^{n+p} - \varepsilon g.$$

This yields

$$\mu(n+p)c_{n,p}V(L)\frac{C_{p}\rho_{L}^{n+p}}{(n+p)c_{n,p}V(L)} = \frac{C_{p}\rho_{K}^{n+p}}{(n+p)c_{n,p}V(K)} - \varepsilon C_{p}g.$$

Thus, let $\mu(n + p)c_{n,p}V(L) = 1$ and together with (2.14), we obtain

$$h_{\Gamma_p L}^p = h_{\Gamma_p K}^p - \varepsilon F.$$

Since *F* ≤ 0 and *p* ≥ 1, it follows that $\Gamma_p K \subset \Gamma_p L$. But by (2.4), (2.5), (2.15), (2.16) and (3.4a), we have

$$V(K) - \tilde{V}_{-p}(L,K) = \tilde{V}_{-p}(K,K) - \tilde{V}_{-p}(L,K)$$

= $(\rho_K^{n+p}, \rho_K^{-p}) - (\rho_L^{n+p}, \rho_K^{-p}) = (\rho_K^{n+p} - \rho_L^{n+p}, \rho_K^{-p})$
= $(\rho_K^{n+p} - \rho_L^{n+p}, C_p \varphi) = (C_p \rho_K^{n+p} - C_p \rho_L^{n+p}, \varphi)$
= $(h_{\Gamma_n K}^p - h_{\Gamma_n L}^p, \varphi) = (\varepsilon F, \varphi) = \varepsilon(F, \varphi) > 0.$

This and inequality (2.6) yield

$$V(K) > \widetilde{V}_{-p}(L,K) \ge V(L)^{\frac{n+p}{n}}V(K)^{-\frac{p}{n}},$$

i.e., V(K) > V(L). Clearly, by Theorem 1.3, we see $L \notin \mathcal{P}_p^*$.

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