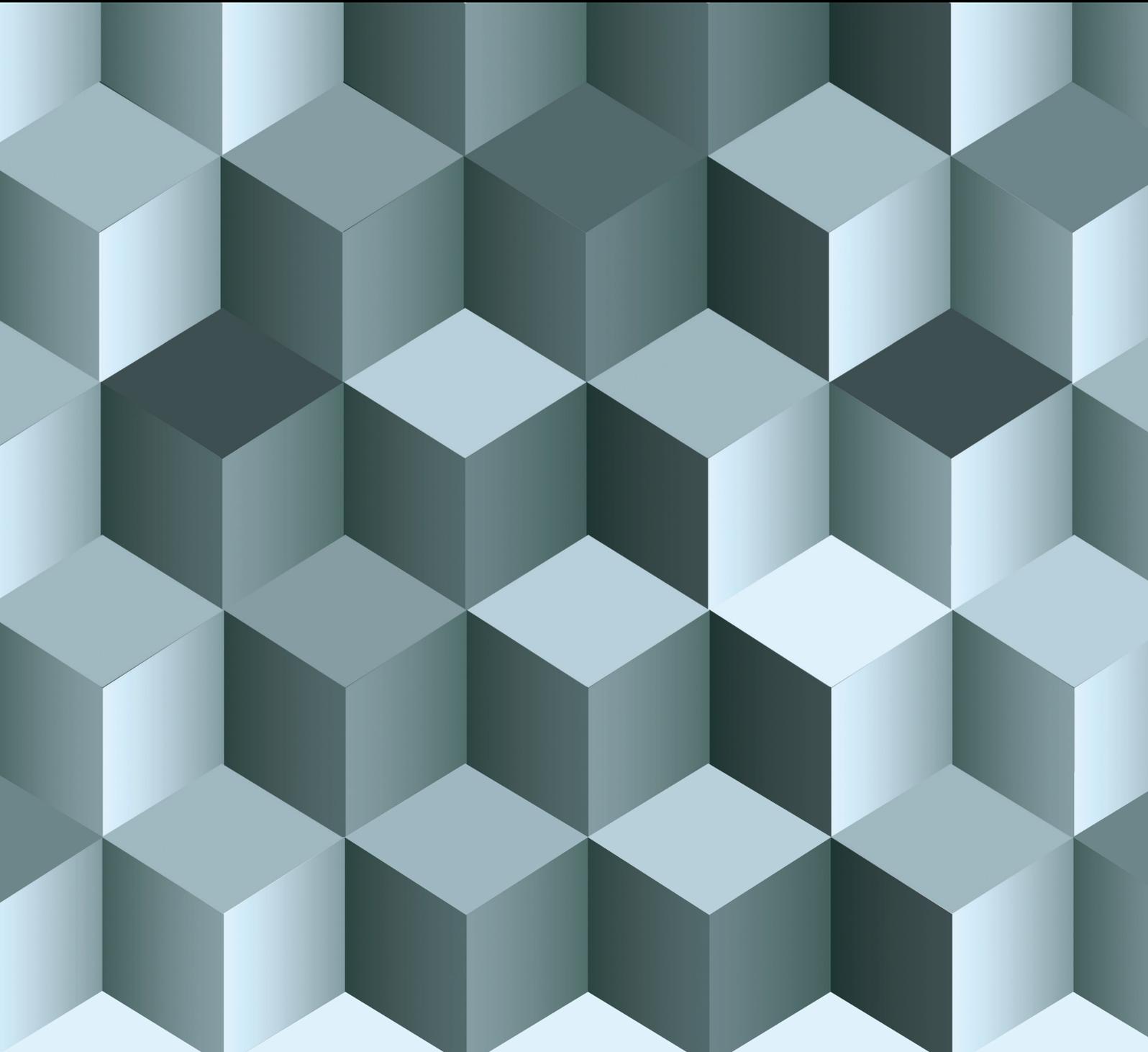


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## Research Article

# Some Integral Inequalities for $n$ -Polynomial $\zeta$ -Preinvex Functions

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In this paper, we study the properties of  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex functions and establish some integral inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type via this class of convex functions. Moreover, we discuss some special cases which provide a significant complement to the integral estimations of preinvex functions. Applications of the obtained results to the inequalities for special means are also considered.

## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

The geometric inequalities involving volume, surface area, mean width, etc. in the Orlicz space have attracted considerable attention of researchers, and the convexity properties of functions have been a powerful tool for dealing with various problems of convex geometry (see [1, 2]). This suggests that it is a significant work to develop new inequalities for generalized convex functions. For this purpose, let us start with recalling some concepts and notations on the convexity of functions.

A set  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbb{R}$  is said to be convex if

$$(1-t)x + ty \in \mathcal{C}, \quad (1)$$

for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

A function  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be convex if the inequality

$$\mathcal{F}((1-t)x + ty) \leq (1-t)\mathcal{F}(x) + t\mathcal{F}(y) \quad (2)$$

holds for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

In recent years, the classical concept of convexity has been extended and generalized in different directions. Mititelu [3] introduced the notion of invex set, as follows.

*Definition 1* [3]. Let  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a nonempty set and  $\eta : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a real-valued function. A set  $\mathcal{X}$  is said to be invex with respect to  $\eta$  if

$$x + t\eta(y, x) \in \mathcal{X}, \quad (3)$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

The invexity would reduce to the classical convexity if  $\eta(y, x) = y - x$ . Weir and Mond [4] defined the class of preinvex functions as follows.

*Definition 2* [4]. Let  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a nonempty invex set with respect to  $\eta : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . A function  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be preinvex with respect to  $\eta$  if the inequality

$$\mathcal{F}(x + t\eta(y, x)) \leq (1-t)\mathcal{F}(x) + t\mathcal{F}(y) \quad (4)$$

holds for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

As a generalization of convex functions, Gordji et al. [5] introduced the notion of  $\zeta$ -convex function.

*Definition 3* [5]. A function  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{F} \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be  $\zeta$ -convex function with respect to  $\zeta : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  if the inequality

$$\mathcal{F}(tx + (1-t)y) \leq \mathcal{F}(y) + t\zeta(\mathcal{F}(x), \mathcal{F}(y)) \quad (5)$$

holds for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

The properties of convexity have numerous applications in different fields of pure and applied mathematics; especially, the concept of convexity has close relation with the theory of inequalities. Many inequalities are direct consequences of the applications of classical convexity. As is known to us, the Hermite-Hadamard inequality is one of the most significant result associated with convex functions, it reads as follows.

Let  $\mathcal{F} : [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function, then

$$\mathcal{F}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \mathcal{F}(x) dx \leq \frac{\mathcal{F}(a) + \mathcal{F}(b)}{2}. \quad (6)$$

Noor [6] obtained a generalization of classical Hermite-Hadamard's inequality using the class of preinvex functions, as follows.

Let  $\mathcal{F} : [a, a + \eta(b, a)] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a preinvex function, then

$$\mathcal{F}\left(\frac{2a + \eta(b, a)}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \leq \frac{\mathcal{F}(a) + \mathcal{F}(b)}{2}. \quad (7)$$

The result of Noor has inspired a lot of investigators to deal with new generalizations and refinements of Hermite-Hadamard's inequality via preinvexity. For example, Barani et al. [7] obtained the generalizations of Hermite-Hadamard's inequality for functions whose derivative absolute values are preinvex. Du et al. [8] and Noor et al. [9] obtained several generalizations of Hermite-Hadamard's inequality via  $(s, m)$ -preinvex functions and  $h$ -preinvex functions, respectively. Park [10, 11] derived several variations of Hermite-Hadamard's inequality from differentiable preinvex functions. Sarikaya et al. [12] and Wu et al. [13] established the Hermite-Hadamard-like type inequalities via log-preinvex functions and harmonically  $(p, h, m)$ -preinvex functions, respectively. Wang and Liu [14] and Li [15] obtained different refinements of Hermite-Hadamard's inequality using  $s$ -preinvex functions. Deng et al. [16, 17] and Wu et al. [18] deduced some quantum Hermite-Hadamard-type inequalities by using generalized  $(s, m)$ -preinvex functions and strongly preinvex functions, respectively.

Recently, Toplu et al. [19] proposed the concept of  $n$ -polynomial convex functions and investigated their properties.

In this paper, we shall introduce a new class of  $n$ -polynomial convex functions based on a different form of inequality in the definition compared with [19], which is convenient to the generalizations and applications of  $n$ -polynomial convexity. More specifically, we will define a class of convex functions called as  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex functions. We then show that this class of convex functions contains a number of other classes of convex functions. Furthermore, we establish some new integral inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type for  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex func-

tions. Finally, we apply the obtained inequalities to establish two inequalities for special means.

Firstly, we introduce the notion of  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex functions.

*Definition 4.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . A nonnegative function  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is said to be  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex with respect to bifunctions  $\eta, \zeta : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  if the inequality

$$\mathcal{F}(a + t\eta(b, a)) \leq \mathcal{F}(a) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n [1 - (1-t)^s] \zeta(\mathcal{F}(b), \mathcal{F}(a)) \quad (8)$$

holds for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

Note that if we take  $n = 1$ , then we have 1-polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvexity, which is just the  $\zeta$ -preinvex functions defined by the inequality

$$\mathcal{F}(a + t\eta(b, a)) \leq \mathcal{F}(a) + t\zeta(\mathcal{F}(b), \mathcal{F}(a)), \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{X}, t \in [0, 1]. \quad (9)$$

If we take  $\zeta(\mathcal{F}(b), \mathcal{F}(a)) = \mathcal{F}(b) - \mathcal{F}(a)$ , then we obtain the class of  $n$ -polynomial preinvex functions, which is defined by the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(a + t\eta(b, a)) &\leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n (1-t)^s \mathcal{F}(a) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n [1 - (1-t)^s] \mathcal{F}(b), \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{X}, t \in [0, 1]. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

If we take  $\eta(b, a) = b - a$ , then we get the class of  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -convex functions, which is defined by the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(a + t(b-a)) &\leq \mathcal{F}(a) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n [1 - (1-t)^s] \zeta(\mathcal{F}(b), \mathcal{F}(a)), \\ &\quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{X}, t \in [0, 1]. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

If we take  $n = 1$  in inequality (11), then we have the class of  $\zeta$ -convex functions. Furthermore, we obtain the classical convex functions by setting  $\zeta(\mathcal{F}(b), \mathcal{F}(a)) = \mathcal{F}(b) - \mathcal{F}(a)$ .

If we take  $n = 2$  in Definition 4, then we have the class of 2-polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex functions, which is defined by the following inequality:

$$\mathcal{F}(a + t\eta(b, a)) \leq \mathcal{F}(a) + \frac{3t - t^2}{2} \zeta(\mathcal{F}(b), \mathcal{F}(a)), \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{X}, t \in [0, 1]. \quad (12)$$

Note that  $0 \leq t \leq 3t - t^2/2$ , this shows that, for every nonnegative bifunction  $\zeta$ , the  $\zeta$ -preinvex function is also the 2-polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex functions. More generally, we have the following result.

**Proposition 5.** For every nonnegative bifunction  $\zeta$  and  $n \geq 2$ , if  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is a  $(n - 1)$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex function, then  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex function.

To verify the validity of Proposition 5, it is enough to show that

$$\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{s=1}^{n-1} [1 - (1-t)^s] \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n [1 - (1-t)^s], \quad (13)$$

for any  $n \geq 2$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .  
Direct computation gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{s=1}^{n-1} [1 - (1-t)^s] - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n [1 - (1-t)^s] \\ &= \left(\frac{1-t}{t}\right) \left[ \frac{1 - (1-t)^n}{n} - \frac{1 - (1-t)^{n-1}}{n-1} \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{1-t}{t}\right) \left[ \frac{(1-t)^n + nt(1-t)^{n-1} - 1}{n(n-1)} \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{1-t}{t}\right) \left[ \frac{(1-t)^n + nt(1-t)^{n-1} - ((1-t) + t)^n}{n(n-1)} \right] \\ &= -\left(\frac{1-t}{t}\right) \left[ \frac{C_n^2 t^2 (1-t)^{n-2} + C_n^3 t^3 (1-t)^{n-3} + \dots + C_n^n t^n}{n(n-1)} \right] \\ &\leq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

which implies the required inequality (13).

As a consequence, we obtain the following.

**Proposition 6.** For every nonnegative bifunction  $\zeta$ , if  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is a  $\zeta$ -preinvex function, then  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex function.

Choosing  $\zeta(\mathcal{F}(b), \mathcal{F}(a)) = \mathcal{F}(b) - \mathcal{F}(a)$  in Proposition 6 gives the following.

**Proposition 7.** If  $\mathcal{F} : [a, a + \eta(b, a)] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a preinvex function with  $\mathcal{F}(b) - \mathcal{F}(a) \geq 0$ , then  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $n$ -polynomial preinvex function.

## 2. Main Results

In this section, we establish some new Hermite-Hadamard-type inequalities using the class of  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex functions. We first need to introduce the notation called Condition C, which was presented by Mohan and Neogy in [20].

*Condition C.* Let  $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an invex set with respect to bifunction  $\eta(\cdot, \cdot)$ , we say that the bifunction  $\eta(\cdot, \cdot)$  satisfies the Condition C, if for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(x, x + t\eta(y, x)) &= -t\eta(y, x), \\ \eta(y, x + t\eta(y, x)) &= (1-t)\eta(y, x). \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Note that for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1]$  and from Condition C, we can deduce

$$\eta(x + t_2\eta(y, x), x + t_1\eta(y, x)) = (t_2 - t_1)\eta(y, x). \quad (16)$$

Throughout the paper we assume that Condition C is satisfied for the domain with respect to bifunction  $\eta(\cdot, \cdot)$  as a precondition.

**Theorem 8.** Let  $\mathcal{F} : [a, a + \eta(b, a)] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex function. If  $\eta(b, a) > 0$  and  $\mathcal{F} \in L[a, a + \eta(b, a)]$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{2a + \eta(b, a)}{2}\right) - \frac{n + 2^n - 1}{n} M_\zeta \leq \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a + \eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \\ & \leq \mathcal{F}(a) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \frac{s}{s+1} \zeta(\mathcal{F}(b), \mathcal{F}(a)), \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

where  $M_\zeta$  is the upper bound of bifunction  $\zeta$ .

*Proof.* Using the definition of  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex function and Condition C, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{2a + \eta(b, a)}{2}\right) &= \mathcal{F}\left(a + (1-t)\eta(b, a) + \frac{1}{2}(t - (1-t))\eta(b, a)\right) \\ &= \mathcal{F}\left(a + (1-t)\eta(b, a) + \frac{1}{2}\eta(a + t\eta(b, a), a) + (1-t)\eta(b, a)\right) \\ &\leq \mathcal{F}(a + (1-t)\eta(b, a)) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^s\right) \zeta(\mathcal{F}(a + t\eta(b, a)), \\ &\quad \mathcal{F}(a + (1-t)\eta(b, a))) \leq \mathcal{F}(a + (1-t)\eta(b, a)) \\ &\quad + \frac{n + 2^n - 1}{n} M_\zeta. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Hence, we obtain

$$\mathcal{F}(a + (1-t)\eta(b, a)) \geq \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{2a + \eta(b, a)}{2}\right) - \frac{n + 2^n - 1}{n} M_\zeta. \quad (19)$$

Integrating both sides of the above inequality with respect to  $t$  on  $[0, 1]$ , it follows that

$$\int_0^1 \mathcal{F}(a + (1-t)\eta(b, a)) dt \geq \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{2a + \eta(b, a)}{2}\right) - \frac{n + 2^n - 1}{n} M_\zeta, \quad (20)$$

that is,

$$\frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \geq \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{2a + \eta(b, a)}{2}\right) - \frac{n + 2^{-n} - 1}{n} M_{\zeta}. \quad (21)$$

The left-hand side inequality of (17) is proved.

On the other hand, from the definition of  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex function, one has

$$\mathcal{F}(a + t\eta(b, a)) \leq \mathcal{F}(a) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n (1 - (1-t)^s) \zeta(\mathcal{F}(b), \mathcal{F}(a)). \quad (22)$$

Integrating both sides of the above inequality with respect to  $t$  on  $[0, 1]$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx &= \int_0^1 \mathcal{F}(a + t\eta(b, a)) dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \left( \mathcal{F}(a) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n (1 - (1-t)^s) \zeta(\mathcal{F}(b), \mathcal{F}(a)) \right) dt \\ &= \mathcal{F}(a) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \frac{s}{s+1} \zeta(\mathcal{F}(b), \mathcal{F}(a)). \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

This proves the right-hand side inequality of (17). The proof of Theorem 8 is complete.

Before we put forward another kind of integral inequality of Hermite-Hadamard type, we need to prove an auxiliary result, which will play a key role in deducing subsequent results. For the sake of simplicity, we let  $\mathcal{J} = [a, a + \eta(b, a)]$  and let  $\mathcal{J}^\circ$  be the interior of  $\mathcal{J}$ .

**Lemma 9.** Let  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on  $\mathcal{J}^\circ$  with  $\eta(b, a) > 0$ ,  $\min\{\lambda, \mu\} \geq t > 0$ . If  $\mathcal{F}' \in L[\mathcal{J}]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \\ &= \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \int_0^\mu (-t) \mathcal{F}'\left(a + \frac{\mu-t}{\lambda + \mu} \eta(b, a)\right) dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^\lambda t \mathcal{F}'\left(a + \frac{\mu+t}{\lambda + \mu} \eta(b, a)\right) dt \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

*Proof.* Let

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \int_0^\mu (-t) \mathcal{F}'\left(a + \frac{\mu-t}{\lambda + \mu} \eta(b, a)\right) dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^\lambda t \mathcal{F}'\left(a + \frac{\mu+t}{\lambda + \mu} \eta(b, a)\right) dt \right] = I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Integrating by parts yields

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \int_0^\mu (-t) \mathcal{F}'\left(a + \frac{\mu-t}{\lambda + \mu} \eta(b, a)\right) dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda + \mu} \left( \mu \mathcal{F}(a) - \int_0^\mu \mathcal{F}\left(a + \frac{\mu-t}{\lambda + \mu} \eta(b, a)\right) dt \right) \\ &= \frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu} \mathcal{F}(a) - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu} \eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Similarly,

$$I_2 = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a)) - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_{a+\frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu} \eta(b, a)}^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx. \quad (27)$$

Substituting the formulations of  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  in (25) leads to the desired identity (24). The proof of Lemma 9 is complete.

We shall now give some estimations of bounds for Hermite-Hadamard-type inequalities.

**Theorem 10.** Let  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on  $\mathcal{J}^\circ$  with  $\eta(b, a) > 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$ , and let  $\mathcal{F}' \in L[\mathcal{J}]$ . If  $|\mathcal{F}'|$  is  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex function, then

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \frac{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_1 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_2 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= \frac{\mu^2}{2} - \frac{\mu(s+2)(\lambda + \mu)^{s+1} - (\lambda + \mu)^{s+2} + \lambda^{s+2}}{(s+1)(s+2)(\lambda + \mu)^s}, \\ K_2 &= \frac{\lambda^2}{2} - \frac{\lambda^{s+2}}{(s+1)(s+2)(\lambda + \mu)^s}. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

*Proof.* Using Lemma 9 and the assumption that  $|\mathcal{F}'|$  is  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex function, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\
 & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \int_0^\mu |t| \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu - t}{\mu + \lambda} \eta(b, a) \right) \right| dt + \int_0^\lambda |t| \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu + t}{\lambda + \mu} \eta(b, a) \right) \right| dt \right] \\
 & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \int_0^\mu t \left\{ |\mathcal{F}'(a)| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{\mu - t}{\mu + \lambda} \right)^s \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|) \right\} dt \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \int_0^\lambda t \left\{ |\mathcal{F}'(a)| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{\mu + t}{\lambda + \mu} \right)^s \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|) \right\} dt \right] \\
 & = \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \int_0^\mu t |\mathcal{F}'(a)| dt + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \int_0^\mu t \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\lambda + t}{\lambda + \mu} \right)^s \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|) dt \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \int_0^\lambda t |\mathcal{F}'(a)| dt + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \int_0^\lambda t \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\lambda - t}{\lambda + \mu} \right)^s \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|) dt \right] \\
 & = \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \frac{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \int_0^\mu t \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\lambda + t}{\lambda + \mu} \right)^s \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|) dt \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \int_0^\lambda t \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\lambda - t}{\lambda + \mu} \right)^s \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|) dt \right], \tag{30}
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies the desired inequality (28) since

$$\int_0^\mu t \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\lambda + t}{\lambda + \mu} \right)^s \right) dt = \frac{\mu^2}{2} - \frac{\mu(s+2)(\lambda + \mu)^{s+1} - (\lambda + \mu)^{s+2} + \lambda^{s+2}}{(s+1)(s+2)(\lambda + \mu)^s} = K_1,$$

$$\int_0^\lambda t \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\lambda - t}{\lambda + \mu} \right)^s \right) dt = \frac{\lambda^2}{2} - \frac{\lambda^{s+2}}{(s+1)(s+2)(\lambda + \mu)^s} = K_2. \tag{31}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 10.

Next, we discuss some special cases of Theorem 10.

(I) If we consider  $\lambda = \mu = 1$  in Theorem 10, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \frac{\mathcal{F}(a) + \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\
 & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{4} \left[ |\mathcal{F}'(a)| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \frac{2^s(s+1)(s+2) - 2(1 + 2^{s+1}s)}{2^{s+1}(s+1)(s+2)} \zeta \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \cdot (|\mathcal{F}'(b)|, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \frac{2^s(s+1)(s+2) - 2}{(s+1)(s+2)2^{s+1}} \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|) \right]. \tag{32}
 \end{aligned}$$

(II) If we take  $\eta(b, a) = b - a$  in Theorem 10, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(b)}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\
 & \leq \frac{b - a}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \frac{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_1 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_2 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|) \right]. \tag{33}
 \end{aligned}$$

(III) If we choose  $\zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|) = |\mathcal{F}'(b)| - |\mathcal{F}'(a)|$  in Theorem 10, then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\
 & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \frac{\lambda^2 + \mu^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)| + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n (K_1 + K_2) (|\mathcal{F}'(b)| - |\mathcal{F}'(a)|) \right]. \tag{34}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 11.** Let  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on  $\mathcal{I}^\circ$  with  $\eta(b, a) > 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$ , and let  $\mathcal{F}' \in L[\mathcal{I}]$ ,  $(1/p) + (1/q) = 1$ ,  $p > 1$ ,  $q > 1$ . If  $|\mathcal{F}'|^q$  is  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex function, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\
 & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu^{p+1}}{p+1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \mu |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_3 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+1}}{p+1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \lambda |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_4 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right], \tag{35}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_3 &= \mu - \frac{(\lambda + \mu)^{s+1} - \lambda^{s+1}}{(s+1)(\lambda + \mu)^s}, \\
 K_4 &= \lambda - \frac{\lambda^{s+1}}{(s+1)(\lambda + \mu)^s}. \tag{36}
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Using Lemma 9, Hölder's inequality, and the fact that  $|\mathcal{F}'|^q$  is  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex function, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\
 & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \int_0^\mu |t| \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu - t}{\mu + \lambda} \eta(b, a) \right) \right| dt \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \int_0^\lambda |t| \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu + t}{\lambda + \mu} \eta(b, a) \right) \right| dt \right] \\
 & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \left( \int_0^\mu |t|^p dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^\mu \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu - t}{\lambda + \mu} \eta(b, a) \right) \right|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \left( \int_0^\lambda |t|^p dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^\lambda \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu + t}{\lambda + \mu} \eta(b, a) \right) \right|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \right] \\
 & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu^{p+1}}{p+1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^\mu (|\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\lambda + t}{\lambda + \mu} \right)^s \right) \zeta \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. \cdot (|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) dt \right)^{1/q} + \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+1}}{p+1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^\lambda (|\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\lambda - t}{\lambda + \mu} \right)^s \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) dt \right)^{1/q} \right] \\
 & = \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu^{p+1}}{p+1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \mu |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_3 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+1}}{p+1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \lambda |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_4 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right], \tag{37}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K_3 &= \int_0^\mu \left(1 - \left(\frac{\lambda+t}{\lambda+\mu}\right)^s\right) dt = \mu - \frac{(\lambda+\mu)^{s+1} - \lambda^{s+1}}{(s+1)(\lambda+\mu)^s}, \\ K_4 &= \int_0^\lambda \left(1 - \left(\frac{\lambda-t}{\lambda+\mu}\right)^s\right) dt = \lambda - \frac{\lambda^{s+1}}{(s+1)(\lambda+\mu)^s}. \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

The proof of Theorem 11 is complete.

We now discuss some special cases of Theorem 11.

(I) If we choose  $\lambda = \mu = 1$  in Theorem 11, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\mathcal{F}(a) + \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{4(p+1)^{1/p}} \left[ \left\{ |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \frac{2^s(s+1) - (2^{s+1} - 1)}{2^s(s+1)} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \cdot \zeta \left( |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right) \left. \right\}^{1/q} + \left\{ |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \frac{2^s(s+1) - 1}{2^s(s+1)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \cdot \zeta \left( |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right) \right\}^{1/q} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

(II) If we take  $\eta(b, a) = b - a$  in Theorem 11, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(b)}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{(\lambda+\mu)^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu^{p+1}}{p+1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \mu |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_3 \zeta \left( |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right) \right)^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+1}}{p+1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \lambda |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_4 \zeta \left( |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right) \right)^{1/q} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

(III) If we put  $\zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) = |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q - |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q$  in Theorem 11, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda+\mu)^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu^{p+1}}{p+1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \left( \mu - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_3 \right) |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_3 |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q \right)^{1/q} + \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+1}}{p+1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \left( \lambda - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_4 \right) |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_4 |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q \right)^{1/q} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

**Theorem 12.** Let  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on  $\mathcal{I}^\circ$  with  $\eta(b, a) > 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$ , and let  $\mathcal{F}' \in L[\mathcal{I}]$ ,  $q \geq 1$ . If  $|\mathcal{F}'|^q$  is  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex function, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda+\mu)^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} \right)^{1-(1/q)} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_1 \zeta \left( |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right) \right)^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \right)^{1-(1/q)} \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_2 \zeta \left( |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right) \right)^{1/q} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

where  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are the expressions as described in Theorem 10.

*Proof.* Note that  $|\mathcal{F}'|^q$  is  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex function, by using the power mean inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda+\mu)^2} \left[ \int_0^\mu |1-t| \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu-t}{\mu+\lambda} \eta(b, a) \right) \right| dt \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \int_0^\lambda |t| \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu+t}{\lambda+\mu} \eta(b, a) \right) \right| dt \right] \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda+\mu)^2} \left[ \left( \int_0^\mu |1-t| dt \right)^{1-(1/q)} \left( \int_0^\mu \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu-t}{\mu+\lambda} \eta(b, a) \right) \right|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left( \int_0^\lambda |t| dt \right)^{1-(1/q)} \left( \int_0^\lambda \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu+t}{\lambda+\mu} \eta(b, a) \right) \right|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \right] \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda+\mu)^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} \right)^{1-(1/q)} \left( \int_0^\mu |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q dt + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \int_0^\mu t \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\lambda+t}{\lambda+\mu} \right)^s \right) \zeta \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \cdot \left( |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right) dt \right)^{1/q} + \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \right)^{1-(1/q)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. \cdot \left( \int_0^\lambda |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q dt + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \int_0^\lambda t \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\lambda-t}{\lambda+\mu} \right)^s \right) \zeta \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \cdot \left( |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right) dt \right)^{1/q} \right] \\ & = \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda+\mu)^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} \right)^{1-(1/q)} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_1 \zeta \left( |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right) \right)^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \right)^{1-(1/q)} \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_2 \zeta \left( |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right) \right)^{1/q} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

Here,  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are formulated as that of Theorem 10. This completes the proof of Theorem 12.

We now discuss some special cases of Theorem 12.

(I) Choosing  $\lambda = \mu = 1$  in Theorem 12, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\mathcal{F}(a) + \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{2^{3-1/q}} \left[ \left( \frac{|\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \left( \frac{(s+1)(s+2)2^s - 2^{s+2}s - 2}{2^{s+1}(s+1)(s+2)} \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left( \frac{|\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \frac{(s+1)(s+2)2^s - 2}{2^{s+1}(s+1)(s+2)} \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

(II) Choosing  $\eta(b, a) = b - a$  in Theorem 12, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(b)}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} \right)^{1-(1/q)} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_1 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \right)^{1-(1/q)} \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_2 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

(III) Taking  $\zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) = |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q - |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q$  in Theorem 12, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} \right)^{1-(1/q)} \left( \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_1 \right) |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_1 |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q \right)^{1/q} + \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \right)^{1-(1/q)} \left( \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_2 \right) |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_2 |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q \right)^{1/q} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

**Theorem 13.** Let  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on  $\mathcal{J}^\circ$  with  $\eta(b, a)\lambda > 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$ , and let  $\mathcal{F}' \in L[\mathcal{J}]$ ,  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ ,  $p > 1$ ,  $q > 1$ . If  $|\mathcal{F}'|^q$  is  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex function, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu} \left\{ \left( \frac{\mu^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_5 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \left( \frac{\mu^{p+2}}{p+2} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_6 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_7 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+2}}{p+2} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_8 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right\} \right], \end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K_5 &= \frac{\mu^2}{2} - \frac{\mu^{s+2}}{(s+2)(\lambda + \mu)^s}, \\ K_6 &= \frac{\mu^2}{2} - \frac{\mu^{s+2}}{(s+1)(s+2)(\lambda + \mu)^s}, \\ K_7 &= \frac{\lambda^2}{2} - \frac{(\mu + \lambda)^{s+2} - \mu^{s+2} - \lambda(s+2)\mu^{s+1}}{(s+1)(s+2)(\lambda + \mu)^s}, \\ K_8 &= \frac{\lambda^2}{2} - \frac{(\mu + \lambda)^{s+2} - \mu^{s+2} - \lambda(s+2)(\lambda + \mu)^{s+1}}{(s+1)(s+2)(\lambda + \mu)^s}. \end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

*Proof.* Note that  $|\mathcal{F}'|^q$  is  $n$ -polynomial  $\zeta$ -preinvex function, by using the refined Hölder inequality (see [19]), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \\ & \quad \cdot \left[ \int_0^\mu |t| \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu-t}{\mu+\lambda} \eta(b, a) \right) \right| dt + \int_0^\lambda |t| \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu+t}{\lambda+\mu} \eta(b, a) \right) \right| dt \right] \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu} \left\{ \left( \int_0^\mu (\mu-t) |t|^p dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^\mu (\mu-t) \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu-t}{\lambda+\mu} \eta(b, a) \right) \right|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \left( \int_0^\mu t |t|^p dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^\mu t \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu-t}{\mu+\lambda} \eta(b, a) \right) \right|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \right\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ \left( \int_0^\lambda (\lambda-t) |t|^p dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^\lambda (\lambda-t) \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu-t}{\lambda+\mu} \eta(b, a) \right) \right|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \left( \int_0^\lambda t |t|^p dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^\lambda t \left| \mathcal{F}' \left( a + \frac{\mu+t}{\lambda+\mu} \eta(b, a) \right) \right|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \right\} \right] \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \\ & \quad \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{\mu} \left\{ \left( \frac{\mu^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^\mu \mu - t \tilde{n} \left( |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \right. \right. \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \left. \left. \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\mu-t}{\lambda+\mu} \right)^s \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right) dt \right)^{1/q} + \left( \frac{\mu^{p+2}}{p+2} \right)^{1/q} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \cdot \left( \int_0^\mu \left( |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\mu-t}{\lambda+\mu} \right)^s \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right) dt \right)^{1/q} \right\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^\lambda \lambda - t \tilde{n} \left( |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\mu-t}{\lambda+\mu} \right)^s \right) \right. \right. \right. \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \left. \left. \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right) dt \right)^{1/q} + \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+2}}{p+2} \right)^{1/q} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \cdot \left( \int_0^\lambda \left( |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\mu-t}{\lambda+\mu} \right)^s \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right) dt \right)^{1/q} \right\} \right] \\ & = \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu} \left\{ \left( \frac{\mu^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_5 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \left( \frac{\mu^{p+2}}{p+2} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_6 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_7 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+2}}{p+2} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_8 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right\} \right] \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

A direct computation gives

$$K_5 = \int_0^\mu (\mu-t) \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\mu-t}{\lambda+\mu} \right)^s \right) dt = \frac{\mu^2}{2} - \frac{\mu^{s+2}}{(s+2)(\lambda + \mu)^s},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
K_6 &= \int_0^\mu t \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\mu-t}{\lambda+\mu} \right)^s \right) dt = \frac{\mu^2}{2} - \frac{\mu^{s+2}}{(s+1)(s+2)(\lambda+\mu)^s}, \\
K_7 &= \int_0^\lambda (\lambda-t) \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\mu+t}{\lambda+\mu} \right)^s \right) dt \\
&= \frac{\lambda^2}{2} - \frac{(\mu+\lambda)^{s+2} - \mu^{s+2} - \lambda(s+2)\mu^{s+1}}{(s+1)(s+2)(\lambda+\mu)^s}, \\
K_8 &= \int_0^\lambda t \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\mu+t}{\lambda+\mu} \right)^s \right) dt \\
&= \frac{\lambda^2}{2} - \frac{(\mu+\lambda)^{s+2} - \mu^{s+2} - \lambda(s+2)(\lambda+\mu)^{s+1}}{(s+1)(s+2)(\lambda+\mu)^s}. \tag{50}
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 13.

Let us now discuss some special cases of Theorem 13.

(I) If we take  $\lambda = \mu = 1$  in Theorem 13, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| \frac{\mathcal{F}(a) + \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\
&\leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{4} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right)^{1/p} \right. \\
&\quad \times \left\{ \left( \frac{|\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{(s+2)2^s} \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left( \frac{|\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)2^s} \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right\} \\
&\quad + \left( \frac{1}{p+2} \right)^{1/p} \left\{ \left( \frac{|\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2^{s+2} - s - 3}{(s+1)(s+2)2^s} \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left( \frac{|\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1 + s2^{s+1}}{(s+1)(s+2)2^s} \right) \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right\}. \tag{51}
\end{aligned}$$

(II) If we put  $\eta(b, a) = b - a$  in Theorem 13, then

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(b)}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\
&\leq \frac{b-a}{(\lambda+\mu)^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu} \left\{ \left( \frac{\mu^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_5 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( \frac{\mu^{p+2}}{p+2} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_6 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right\} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_7 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+2}}{p+2} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_8 \zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \right\} \right]. \tag{52}
\end{aligned}$$

(III) If we choose  $\zeta(|\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q, |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q) = |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q - |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q$  in Theorem 13, then

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| \frac{\mu \mathcal{F}(a) + \lambda \mathcal{F}(a + \eta(b, a))}{\lambda + \mu} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} \mathcal{F}(x) dx \right| \\
&\leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda+\mu)^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu} \left\{ \left( \frac{\mu^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right)^{1/p} \left( \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_5 \right) |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right. \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_5 |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q \right)^{1/q} + \left( \frac{\mu^{p+2}}{p+2} \right)^{1/p} \left( \left( \frac{\mu^2}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_6 \right) |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_6 |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q \right)^{1/q} \right\} + \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right)^{1/p} \right. \\
&\quad \cdot \left( \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_7 \right) |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_7 |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q \right)^{1/q} \\
&\quad \left. + \left( \frac{\lambda^{p+2}}{p+2} \right)^{1/p} \left( \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{2} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_8 \right) |\mathcal{F}'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{s=1}^n K_8 |\mathcal{F}'(b)|^q \right)^{1/q} \right\} \right]. \tag{53}
\end{aligned}$$

### 3. Application to Special Means

Let us recall the definitions of the arithmetic mean, weighted arithmetic mean, and the mean for functions, as follows:

(1) The arithmetic mean

$$\mathcal{A}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n}. \tag{54}$$

(2) The weighted arithmetic mean

$$\mathcal{A}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) = \frac{p_1 a_1 + p_2 a_2 + \dots + p_n a_n}{p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n}. \tag{55}$$

(3) The mean of the function  $\Phi$  on  $[a, b]$

$$\mathcal{A}_\Phi(a, b) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \Phi(x) dx. \tag{56}$$

We establish the following inequalities for special means.

**Proposition 14.** Let  $\Phi : [a, a + \eta(b, a)] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a preinvex function with  $\Phi(b) - \Phi(a) \geq 0$ . If  $\eta(b, a) > 0$  and  $\Phi \in L[a, a + \eta(b, a)]$ , then we have the following inequality

$$\mathcal{A}_\Phi(a, a + \eta(b, a)) \leq \Phi(a) + (\Phi(b) - \Phi(a)) \mathcal{A} \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \dots, \frac{n}{n+1} \right). \tag{57}$$

*Proof.* Taking  $\mathcal{F}(x) = \Phi(x)$ ,  $x \in [a, a + \eta(b, a)]$  and  $\zeta(\mathcal{F}(b), \mathcal{F}(a)) = \mathcal{F}(b) - \mathcal{F}(a)$ . Since  $\Phi(x)$  is a preinvex function with  $\Phi(b) - \Phi(a) \geq 0$ , we deduce from Proposition 7 that  $\Phi(x)$  is a  $n$ -polynomial preinvex function. Using Theorem 8, we obtain the desired inequality (57).

**Proposition 15.** Let  $\Phi$  be a differentiable function, and let  $|\Phi'|: [a, a + \eta(b, a)] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a preinvex function with  $|\Phi'(b)| - |\Phi'(a)| \geq 0$ . If  $\eta(b, a) > 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$ , and  $|\Phi'| \in L[a, a + \eta(b, a)]$ , then we have the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & |\mathcal{A}(\Phi(a), \Phi(a + \eta(b, a)); \mu, \lambda) - \mathcal{A}_\Phi(a, a + \eta(b, a))| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \left[ |\Phi'(a)| \mathcal{A}(\lambda^2, \mu^2) + \frac{2}{n} \left( |\Phi'(b)| - |\Phi'(a)| \right) \sum_{s=1}^n \mathcal{A}(K_1, K_2) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

where  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are the expressions as that described in Theorem 10.

*Proof.* Choosing  $\mathcal{F}(x) = \Phi(x)$ ,  $x \in [a, a + \eta(b, a)]$  and  $\zeta(\mathcal{F}(b), \mathcal{F}(a)) = \mathcal{F}(b) - \mathcal{F}(a)$ . Since  $|\Phi'(x)|$  is a preinvex function with  $|\Phi'(b)| - |\Phi'(a)| \geq 0$ , it follows from Proposition 7 that  $|\Phi'(x)|$  is a  $n$ -polynomial preinvex function. Using Theorem 10 leads to the desired inequality (58).

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## Research Article

# Multiplication Operators on Orlicz Generalized Difference (sss)

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In this article, we inspect the sufficient conditions on the Orlicz generalized difference sequence space to be premodular Banach (sss). We look at some topological and geometrical structures of the multiplication operators described on Orlicz generalized difference prequasi normed (sss).

## 1. Introduction

The multiplication operators have a large subject of mathematics in functional analysis, namely, in eigenvalue distribution theorem, geometric structure of Banach spaces, and theory of fixed point. For more technicalities (see [1–6]), by  $\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}$ ,  $c$ ,  $\ell_{\infty}$ ,  $\ell_r$ , and  $c_0$ , we mean the spaces of each, convergent, bounded,  $r$ -absolutely summable and convergent to zero sequences of complex numbers.  $\mathbb{N}$  displays the set of non-negative integers. Tripathy et al. [7] popularized and measured the forward and backward generalized difference sequence spaces:

$$G(\Delta_n^{(m)}) = \left\{ (w_k) \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} : (\Delta_n^{(m)} w_k) \in G \right\}, \quad (1)$$

$$G(\Delta_n^m) = \left\{ (w_k) \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} : (\Delta_n^m w_k) \in G \right\},$$

where  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $G = \ell_{\infty}$ ,  $c$ , or  $c_0$ , with

$$\Delta_n^{(m)} w_k = \sum_{\nu=0}^m (-1)^{\nu} C_{\nu}^m w_{k+\nu n}, \text{ and } \Delta_n^m w_k = \sum_{\nu=0}^m (-1)^{\nu} C_{\nu}^m w_{k-\nu n}, \quad (2)$$

successively. When  $n = 1$ , the generalized difference sequence spaces concentrated to  $G(\Delta^{(m)})$  defined and examined by Et

and Çolak [8]. If  $m = 1$ , the generalized difference sequence spaces diminished to  $G(\Delta_n)$  constructed and studied by Tripathy and Esi [9]. While if  $n = 1$  and  $m = 1$ , the generalized difference sequence spaces reduced to  $G(\Delta)$  defined and investigated by Kizmaz [10].

An Orlicz function [11] is a function  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , which is convex, continuous, and nondecreasing with  $\psi(0) = 0$ ,  $\psi(u) > 0$ , for  $u > 0$  and  $\psi(u) \rightarrow \infty$ , as  $u \rightarrow \infty$ . In [12], an Orlicz function  $\psi$  is called to satisfy the  $\delta_2$ -condition for each values of  $x \geq 0$ , if there is  $k > 0$ , such that  $\psi(2x) \leq k\psi(x)$ . The  $\delta_2$ -condition is equivalent to  $\psi(lx) \leq kl\psi(x)$ , for every values of  $x$  and  $l > 1$ . Lindentrauss and Tzafriri [13] used the idea of an Orlicz function to construct the Orlicz sequence space:

$$\ell_{\psi} = \left\{ u \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} : \rho(\beta u) < \infty, \text{ for some } \beta > 0 \right\}, \text{ where } \rho(u) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \psi(|u_k|), \quad (3)$$

$(\ell_{\psi}, \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space with the Luxemburg norm:

$$\|u\| = \inf \left\{ \beta > 0 : \rho\left(\frac{u}{\beta}\right) \leq 1 \right\}. \quad (4)$$

Every Orlicz sequence space includes a subspace that is isomorphic to  $c_0$  or  $\ell^q$ , for some  $1 \leq q < \infty$ .

Recently, different classes of sequences have been examined the usage of Orlicz functions via Et et al. [14], Mursaleen et al. [15–17], and Alotaibi et al. [18].

Let  $r = (r_j) \in \mathbb{R}^{+\mathbb{N}}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^{+\mathbb{N}}$  denotes the space of sequences with positive reals, and we define the Orlicz backward generalized difference sequence space as follows:

$$(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau = \{w = (w_j) \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} : \exists \sigma > 0 \text{ with } \tau(\sigma w) < \infty\}, \tag{5}$$

where  $\tau(w) = \sum_{j=0}^\infty \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m w_j|)$ ,  $w_j = 0$ , for  $j < 0$ ,  $\Delta_{n+1}^m |w_j| = \Delta_{n+1}^{m-1} |w_j| - \Delta_{n+1}^{m-1} |w_{j-1}|$ , and  $\Delta^0 w_j = w_j$ , for all  $j, n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . It is a Banach space, with

$$\|w\| = \inf \left\{ \sigma > 0 : \tau\left(\frac{w}{\sigma}\right) \leq 1 \right\}. \tag{6}$$

When  $\psi(w) = w^r$ , then  $\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m) = \ell_r(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$  investigated via many authors (see [19–21]). By  $\mathfrak{B}(W, Z)$ , we will denote the set of every operators which are linear and bounded between Banach spaces  $W$  and  $Z$ , and if  $W = Z$ , we write  $\mathfrak{B}(W)$ . On sequence spaces, Basarir and Kara examined the compact operators on some Euler  $B(m)$ -difference sequence spaces [22], some difference sequence spaces of weighted means [23], the Riesz  $B(m)$ -difference sequence space [24], the  $B$ -difference sequence space derived by weighted mean [25], and the  $m^{\text{th}}$  order difference sequence space of generalized weighted mean [26]. Mursaleen and Noman [27, 28] investigated the compact operators on some difference sequence spaces. The multiplication operators on  $(ces(r), \|\cdot\|)$  with the Luxemburg norm  $\|\cdot\|$  elaborated by Komal et al. [29]. İlkhān et al. [30] studied the multiplication operators on Cesàro second order function spaces. Bakery et al. [31] examined the multiplication operators on weighted Nakano (sss). The aim of this article is to explain some results of  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  equipped with the prequasi norm  $\tau$ . Firstly, we accord the sufficient conditions on the Orlicz generalized difference sequence space to become premodular Banach (sss). Secondly, we provide with the necessity and sufficient conditions on the Orlicz generalized difference sequence space provided with the prequasi norm so that the multiplication operator defined on it is bounded, approximable, invertible, Fredholm, and closed range operator.

## 2. Preliminaries and Definitions

*Definition 1* [32]. An operator  $V \in \mathfrak{B}(W)$  is known as approximable if there are  $D_r \in F(W)$ , for every  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \|V - D_r\| = 0$ .

By  $Y(W, Z)$ , we will denote the space of all approximable operators from  $W$  to  $Z$ .

**Theorem 2** [32]. Let  $W$  be a Banach space with  $\dim(W) = \infty$ ; then,

$$F(W) \subsetneq Y(W) \subsetneq \mathfrak{B}_c(W) \subsetneq \mathfrak{B}(W). \tag{7}$$

*Definition 3* [33]. An operator  $V \in \mathfrak{B}(W)$  is named Fredholm if  $\dim(R(V))^c < \infty$ ,  $\dim(\ker V) < \infty$ , and  $R(V)$  are closed, where  $(R(V))^c$  indicates the complement of range  $V$ .

The sequence  $e_j = (0, 0, \dots, 1, 0, 0, \dots)$  with 1 in the  $j^{\text{th}}$  coordinate, for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , will be used in the sequel.

*Definition 4* [34]. The space of linear sequence spaces  $\mathbb{Y}$  is called (sss) if

- (1)  $e_r \in \mathbb{Y}$  with  $r \in \mathbb{N}$
- (2) Let  $u = (u_r) \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}$ ,  $v = (v_r) \in \mathbb{Y}$ , and  $|u_r| \leq |v_r|$ , for every  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $u \in \mathbb{Y}$ . This means  $\mathbb{Y}$  be solid
- (3) If  $(u_r)_{r=0}^\infty \in \mathbb{Y}$ , then  $(u_{[r/2]})_{r=0}^\infty \in \mathbb{Y}$ , wherever  $[r/2]$  indicates the integral part of  $r/2$

*Definition 5* [35]. A subspace of the (sss)  $\mathbb{Y}_\tau$  is named a premodular (sss) if there is a function  $\tau : \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  confirming the conditions:

- (i)  $\tau(y) \geq 0$  for each  $y \in \mathbb{Y}$  and  $\tau(y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the zero element of  $\mathbb{Y}$
- (ii) There exists  $a \geq 1$  such that  $\tau(\eta y) \leq a|\eta|\tau(y)$ , for all  $y \in \mathbb{Y}$ , and  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}$
- (iii) For some  $b \geq 1$ ,  $\tau(y + z) \leq b(\tau(y) + \tau(z))$ , for every  $y, z \in \mathbb{Y}$
- (iv)  $|y_r| \leq |z_r|$  with  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  implies  $\tau((y_r)) \leq \tau((z_r))$
- (v) For some  $b_0 \geq 1$ ,  $\tau((y_r)) \leq \tau((y_{[r/2]})) \leq b_0 \tau((y_i))$
- (vi) If  $y = (y_r)_{r=0}^\infty \in \mathbb{Y}$  and  $d > 0$ , then there is  $r_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\tau((y_r)_{r=r_0}^\infty) < d$
- (vii) There is  $t > 0$  with  $\tau(v, 0, 0, \dots) \geq t |v| \tau(1, 0, 0, \dots)$ , for any  $v \in \mathbb{C}$

The (sss)  $\mathbb{Y}_\tau$  is known as prequasi normed (sss) if  $\tau$  administers the parts (i)-(iii) of Definition 5 and when the space  $\mathbb{Y}$  is complete under  $\tau$ , then  $\mathbb{Y}_\tau$  is named a prequasi Banach (sss).

**Theorem 6** [35]. A prequasi norm (sss)  $\mathbb{Y}_\tau$  if it is premodular (sss).

The inequality [36],  $|a_i + b_i|^{q_i} \leq H(|a_i|^{q_i} + |b_i|^{q_i})$ , where  $q_i \geq 0$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $H = \max\{1, 2^{h-1}\}$  and  $h = \sup_i q_i$ , will be used in the sequel.

### 3. Main Results

3.1. *Prequasi Norm on  $\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ .* In this section, we explain the conditions on the Orlicz backward generalized difference sequence space to form premodular Banach (sss).

*Definition 7.* The backward generalized difference  $\Delta_{n+1}^m$  is named an absolute nondecreasing, if  $|x_i| \leq |y_i|$ , for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $|\Delta_{n+1}^m x_i| \leq |\Delta_{n+1}^m y_i|$ .

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $\psi$  be an Orlicz function fulfilling the  $\delta_2$ -condition and  $\Delta_{n+1}^m$  be an absolute nondecreasing, then the space  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  can be a premodular Banach (sss), where*

$$\tau(w) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m w_j|), \text{ for all } w \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m). \quad (8)$$

*Proof.* (1-i) Assume  $v, w \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ . Since  $\psi$  can be nondecreasing, convex, agreeable  $\delta_2$ -condition, and  $\Delta_{n+1}^m$  can be an absolute nondecreasing, then there is  $b > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(v+w) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m v_i + w_i|) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m v_i| + |\Delta_{n+1}^m w_i|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi(2|\Delta_{n+1}^m v_i|) + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi(2|\Delta_{n+1}^m w_i|) \right) \\ &\leq \frac{b}{2} (\tau(v) + \tau(w)) \leq B(\tau(v) + \tau(w)) < \infty, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

for some  $B = \max \{1, (b/2)\}$ . Then,  $v+w \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ .

(1) (1-ii) Suppose  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $v \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ . Since  $\psi$  is fulfilling the  $\delta_2$ -condition, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\lambda v) &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m \lambda v_r|) \leq d|\lambda| \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m v_r|) \\ &\leq D|\lambda| \tau(v) < \infty, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where  $D = \max \{1, d\}$ . Then,  $\lambda v \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ . So, from parts (1-i) and (1-ii), the space  $\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$  is linear. Since  $e_r \in \ell_q \subseteq \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ , for every  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $q \geq 1$ , hence,  $e_r \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ , for each  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(2) Let  $|x_i| \leq |y_i|$ , for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $y \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ . Since  $\psi$  is nondecreasing and  $\Delta_{n+1}^m$  is an absolute nondecreasing, therefore, we get

$$\tau(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m x_i|) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m y_i|) = \tau(y) < \infty, \quad (11)$$

hence  $x \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$

(3) Suppose  $(v_r) \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ , one has

$$\tau\left(\left(v_{\lfloor \frac{r}{2} \rfloor}\right)\right) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m v_{\lfloor \frac{r}{2} \rfloor}\right|\right) \leq 2 \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m v_r|) = 2\tau(v), \quad (12)$$

then  $(v_{\lfloor r/2 \rfloor}) \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$

- (i) Evidently,  $\tau(w) \geq 0$  and  $\tau(w) = 0 \Leftrightarrow w = \theta$
- (ii) There is  $D \geq 1$  where  $\tau(\eta w) \leq D|\eta| \tau(w)$ , for every  $w \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$  and  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}$
- (iii) For some  $B \geq 1$ , we obtain  $\tau(v+w) \leq B(\tau(v) + \tau(w))$ , for all  $v, w \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$
- (iv) Plainly from (2).
- (v) From (3), we have that  $b_0 = 2 \geq 1$
- (vi) It is apparent that  $\bar{F} = \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$
- (vii) Since  $\psi$  is verifying the  $\delta_2$ -condition, there is  $\zeta$  with  $0 < \zeta \leq \psi(|\eta|)/|\eta|$  such that  $\tau(\eta, 0, 0, 0, \dots) \geq \zeta|\eta| \tau(1, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$ , for each  $\eta \neq 0$  and  $\zeta > 0$ , if  $\eta = 0$

Therefore, the space  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  is premodular (sss). To show that  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  is a premodular Banach (sss), Suppose  $x^i = (x_k^i)_{k=0}^{\infty}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$ , then for all  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ , there is  $i_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $i, j \geq i_0$ , we get

$$\tau(x^i - x^j) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m x_k^i - x_k^j\right|\right) < \psi(\varepsilon). \quad (13)$$

Since  $\psi$  is nondecreasing; hence, for  $i, j \geq i_0$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we obtain

$$\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m x_k^i - \Delta_{n+1}^m x_k^j\right| < \varepsilon. \quad (14)$$

Hence,  $(\Delta_{n+1}^m |x_k^j|)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{C}$  for fixed  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , so  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_{n+1}^m x_k^j = \Delta_{n+1}^m x_k^0$  for fixed  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore,  $\tau(x^i - x^0) < \psi(\varepsilon)$ , for each  $i \geq i_0$ . Finally, to explain that  $x^0 \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ , we have

$$\tau(x^0) = \tau(x^0 - x^n + x^n) \leq B(\tau(x^n - x^0) + \tau(x^n)) < \infty. \quad (15)$$

So,  $x^0 \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ . This implies that  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  is a premodular Banach (sss).

Taking into consideration (Theorem 6), we be over the following theorem.

**Theorem 9.** If  $\psi$  is an Orlicz function satisfying the  $\delta_2$ -condition and  $\Delta_{n+1}^m$  is an absolute nondecreasing, then the space  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  is prequasi Banach (sss), where

$$\tau(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|x_j|), \text{ for all } x \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m). \quad (16)$$

**Corollary 10.** If  $0 < p < \infty$  and  $\Delta_{n+1}^m$  is an absolute nondecreasing, then  $(\ell_p(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  is a premodular Banach (sss), where  $\tau(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |\Delta_{n+1}^m|x_i|^p$ , for all  $x \in \ell_p(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ .

#### 4. Bounded Multiplication Operator on $\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$

Here and after, we explain some geometric and topological structures of the multiplication operator reserve on  $\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ .

*Definition 11.* Let  $\kappa \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} \cap \ell_\infty$  and  $W_\tau$  be a prequasi normed (sss). An operator  $V_\kappa : W_\tau \rightarrow W_\tau$  is named multiplication operator if  $V_\kappa w = \kappa w = (\kappa_r w_r)_{r=0}^\infty \in W$ , for every  $w \in W$ . If  $V_\kappa \in \mathfrak{B}(W)$ , we call it a multiplication operator generated by  $\kappa$ .

**Theorem 12.** If  $\kappa \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}$ ,  $\psi$  is an Orlicz function verifying the  $\delta_2$ -condition, and  $\Delta_{n+1}^m$  is an absolute nondecreasing, then  $\kappa \in \ell_\infty$ , if and only if,  $V_\kappa \in \mathfrak{B}(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)_\tau)$ , where  $\tau(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|x_r|)$ , for each  $x \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ .

*Proof.* Assume the conditions can be satisfied. Let  $\kappa \in \ell_\infty$ . So, there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  with  $|\kappa_r| \leq \varepsilon$ , for each  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , for  $x \in (\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$ . Since  $\Delta_{n+1}^m$  is an absolute nondecreasing and  $\psi$  is nondecreasing verifying the  $\delta_2$ -condition, then

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(V_\kappa x) &= \tau(\kappa x) = \tau((\kappa_r x_r)_{r=0}^\infty) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|(|\kappa_r||x_r|)) \\ &\leq \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|(\varepsilon|x_r|)) \leq d\varepsilon \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|x_r|) \leq D\tau(x), \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

where  $D = \max\{1, d\varepsilon\}$ . This implies  $V_\kappa \in \mathfrak{B}(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)_\tau)$ . Inversely, suppose that  $V_\kappa \in \mathfrak{B}(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)_\tau)$ . Let us suppose  $\kappa \notin \ell_\infty$ , hence, for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is  $i_j \in \mathbb{N}$  so as to  $\kappa_{i_j} > j$ . Since  $\Delta_{n+1}^m$  is an absolute nondecreasing and  $\psi$  is nondecreasing, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(V_\kappa e_{i_j}) &= \tau(\kappa e_{i_j}) = \tau\left((\kappa_r(e_{i_j})_r)_{r=0}^\infty\right) \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi\left(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|(|\kappa_r|(e_{i_j})_r)\right) = \psi\left(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|\kappa_{i_j}\right) \\ &> \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|j) = \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|j)\tau(e_{i_j}). \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

This proves that  $V_\kappa \notin \mathfrak{B}(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)_\tau)$ . Therefore,  $\kappa \in \ell_\infty$ .

**Theorem 13.** Let  $\kappa \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  be a prequasi normed (sss), with  $\tau(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|x_r|)$ , for all  $x \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ . Then,  $|\kappa_r| = 1$ , for every  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , if and only if,  $V_\kappa$  is an isometry.

*Proof.* Presume  $|\kappa_r| = 1$ , for each  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(V_\kappa x) &= \tau(\kappa x) = \tau((\kappa_r x_r)_{r=0}^\infty) \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|(|\kappa_r||x_r|)) \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|x_r|) = \tau(x), \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

for each  $x \in (\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$ . Therefore,  $V_\kappa$  is an isometry. Inversely, suppose that  $|\kappa_i| < 1$ , for some  $i = i_0$ , given that  $\Delta_{n+1}^m$  is an absolute nondecreasing and  $\psi$  is nondecreasing, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(V_\kappa e_{i_0}) &= \tau(\kappa e_{i_0}) = \tau\left((\kappa_r(e_{i_0})_r)_{r=0}^\infty\right) \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi\left(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|(|\kappa_r|(e_{i_0})_r)\right) \\ &< \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi\left(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|(e_{i_0})_r\right) = \tau(e_{i_0}). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

While  $|\kappa_{i_0}| > 1$ , we can show that  $\tau(V_\kappa e_{i_0}) > \tau(e_{i_0})$ . As a result, in both cases, we obtain a contradiction. Therefore,  $|\kappa_r| = 1$ , for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

#### 5. Approximable Multiplication Operator on $\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$

In this section, we investigate the sufficient conditions on the Orlicz backward generalized difference sequence space equipped with prequasi norm  $\tau$  so that the multiplication operator acting on  $\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$  is an approximable and compact.

By  $\text{card}(A)$ , we denote the cardinality of the set  $A$ .

**Theorem 14.** If  $\kappa \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  is a prequasi normed (sss), where  $\tau(x) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m|x_r|)$ , for all  $x \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ , then  $V_\kappa \in \Upsilon((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)$  if and only if  $(\kappa_r)_{r=0}^\infty \in c_0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V_\kappa \in \Upsilon((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)$ . So,  $V_\kappa \in B_c((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)$ , to show that  $(\kappa_r)_{r=0}^\infty \in c_0$ . Assume  $(\kappa_r)_{r=0}^\infty \notin c_0$ , therefore there is  $\delta > 0$  so that  $A_\delta = \{r \in \mathbb{N} : |\kappa_r| \geq \delta\}$  has  $\text{card}(A_\delta) = \infty$ . Suppose  $a_i \in A_\delta$ , for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\{e_{a_i} : a_i \in A_\delta\}$  is an infinite

bounded set in  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$ . Suppose

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(V_\kappa e_{a_i} - V_\kappa e_{a_j}) &= \tau(\kappa e_{a_i} - \kappa e_{a_j}) = \tau\left(\left(\kappa_r((e_{a_i})_r - (e_{a_j})_r)\right)_{r=0}^\infty\right) \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|\kappa_r((e_{a_i})_r - (e_{a_j})_r)\right|\right|\right) \\ &\geq \sum_{r=0}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|\delta((e_{a_i})_r - (e_{a_j})_r)\right|\right|\right) \\ &= \tau(\delta e_{a_i} - \delta e_{a_j}), \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

for every  $a_i, a_j \in A_\delta$ . This proves  $\{e_{a_i} : a_i \in B_\delta\} \in \ell_\infty$  which cannot have a convergent subsequence under  $V_\kappa$ . This gives that  $V_\kappa \notin B_c((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)$ . Then,  $V_\kappa \notin \mathcal{Y}((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)$ , and this gives a contradiction. So,  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \kappa_i = 0$ . Contrarily, assume  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \kappa_i = 0$ , then for all  $\delta > 0$ , the set  $A_\delta = \{i \in \mathbb{N} : |\kappa_i| \geq \delta\}$  has  $\text{card}(A_\delta) < \infty$ . So, for all  $\delta > 0$ , the space

$$\left((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau\right)_{A_\delta} = \{x = (x_i) \in \mathbb{C}^{A_\delta}\} \quad (22)$$

is finite dimensional. Then,  $V_\kappa|_{((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)_{A_\delta}}$  is a finite rank operator. For all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , illustrate  $\kappa_i \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}$  by

$$(\kappa_i)_j = \begin{cases} \kappa_j, & j \in A_i \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

Evidently,  $V_{\kappa_i}$  has  $\text{rank}(V_{\kappa_i}) < \infty$  as  $\dim((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)_{A_i} < \infty$ , for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence, since  $\Delta_{n+1}^m$  is an absolute nondecreasing and  $\psi$  is convex and nondecreasing, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tau((V_\kappa - V_{\kappa_i})x) &= \tau\left(\left(\left(\kappa_j - (\kappa_i)_j\right)x_j\right)_{j=0}^\infty\right) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|\left(\kappa_j - (\kappa_i)_j\right)x_j\right|\right|\right) \\ &= \sum_{j=0, j \in A_i}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|\left(\kappa_j - (\kappa_i)_j\right)x_j\right|\right|\right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=0, j \notin A_i}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|\left(\kappa_j - (\kappa_i)_j\right)x_j\right|\right|\right) \\ &= \sum_{j=0, j \notin A_i}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|\kappa_j x_j\right|\right|\right) \leq \frac{1}{i} \sum_{j=0, j \notin A_i}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|x_j\right|\right|\right) \\ &< \frac{1}{i} \sum_{j=0}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|x_j\right|\right|\right) = \frac{1}{i} \tau(x). \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

This gives that  $\|V_\kappa - V_{\kappa_i}\| \leq 1/i$ , and that  $V_\kappa$  is a limit of finite rank operators. So,  $V_\kappa$  is an approximable operator.

**Theorem 15.** Pick up  $\kappa \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  be a prequasi normed (sss), where  $\tau(x) = \sum_{r=0}^\infty \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m x_r|)$ , for every  $x \in$

$\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ . Therefore,  $V_\kappa \in B_c((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)$ , if and only if,  $(\kappa_i)_{i=0}^\infty \in c_0$ .

*Proof.* Clearly, since every approximable operator is compact.

**Corollary 16.** If  $\kappa \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}$ ,  $\psi$  is an Orlicz function satisfying the  $\delta_2$ -condition, and  $\Delta_{n+1}^m$  is an absolute nondecreasing, then  $\mathfrak{B}_c((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau) \subsetneq \mathfrak{B}((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)$ , where  $\tau(x) = \sum_{r=0}^\infty \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m x_r|)$ , for all  $x \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ .

*Proof.* In view of  $I$  that is a multiplication operator on  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  generated by  $\kappa = (1, 1)$ . So,  $I \notin B_c((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)$  and  $I \in B((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)$ .

## 6. Fredholm Multiplication Operator on $\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$

In this section, we introduce the sufficient conditions on the sequence space  $\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$  equipped with prequasi norm  $\tau$  so that the multiplication operator acting on it has closed range, invertible, and Fredholm.

**Theorem 17.** Let  $\kappa \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}$ ,  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  be prequasi Banach (sss), where  $\tau(x) = \sum_{r=0}^\infty \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m x_r|)$ , for all  $x \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ , and  $V_\kappa \in B((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)$ . Then,  $\kappa$  be bounded away from zero on  $(\ker(\kappa))^c$ , if and only if,  $R(V_\kappa)$  is closed.

*Proof.* Suppose the sufficient condition be satisfied, so, there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  with  $|\kappa_i| \geq \varepsilon$ , for every  $i \in (\ker(\kappa))^c$ , to prove that  $R(V_\kappa)$  is closed. Let  $d$  be a limit point of  $R(V_\kappa)$ . Hence, there is  $V_\kappa x_i$  in  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$ , for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} V_\kappa x_i = d$ . Clearly,  $(V_\kappa x_i)$  is a Cauchy sequence. As  $\Delta_{n+1}^m$  is an absolute nondecreasing and  $\psi$  is nondecreasing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(V_\kappa x_i - V_\kappa x_j) &= \sum_{r=0}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|\kappa_r(x_i)_r - \kappa_r(x_j)_r\right|\right|\right) \\ &= \sum_{r=0, r \in (\ker(\kappa))^c}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|\kappa_r(x_i)_r - \kappa_r(x_j)_r\right|\right|\right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=0, r \notin (\ker(\kappa))^c}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|\kappa_r(x_i)_r - \kappa_r(x_j)_r\right|\right|\right) \\ &\geq \sum_{r=0, r \in (\ker(\kappa))^c}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|\kappa_r \left|(x_i)_r - (x_j)_r\right|\right|\right)\right) \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|\kappa_r \left|(y_i)_r - (y_j)_r\right|\right|\right)\right) \\ &> \sum_{r=0}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|\varepsilon \left|(y_i)_r - (y_j)_r\right|\right|\right)\right) = \tau(\varepsilon(y_i - y_j)), \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

where

$$(y_i)_r = \begin{cases} (x_i)_r, & r \in (\ker(\kappa))^c \\ 0, & r \notin (\ker(\kappa))^c \end{cases}. \quad (26)$$

This gives that  $(y_i)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$ . As  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  is complete, there is  $x \in (\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  so that  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} y_i = x$ . As  $V_\kappa$  is continuous, then  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} V_\kappa y_i = V_\kappa x$ . Although  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} V_\kappa x_i = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} V_\kappa y_i = d$ , therefore,  $V_\kappa x = d$ . So,  $d \in R(V_\kappa)$ . This implies that  $R(V_\kappa)$  is closed. Inversely, assume  $R(V_\kappa)$  be closed, hence,  $V_\kappa$  be bounded away from zero on  $((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)_{(\ker(\kappa))^c}$ . So, there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  so that  $\tau(V_\kappa x) \geq \varepsilon \tau(x)$ , for every  $x \in ((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)_{(\ker(\kappa))^c}$ .

Let  $B = \{r \in (\ker(\kappa))^c : |\kappa_r| < \varepsilon\}$  as  $\Delta_{n+1}^m$  is an absolute nondecreasing and  $\psi$  is nondecreasing verifying the  $\delta_2$ -condition, if  $B \neq \varnothing$ ; then for  $i_0 \in B$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(V_\kappa e_{i_0}) &= \tau\left(\left(\kappa_r(e_{i_0})_r\right)_{r=0}^\infty\right) = \sum_{r=0}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|\kappa_r(e_{i_0})_r\right|\right|\right) \\ &< \sum_{r=0}^\infty \psi\left(\left|\Delta_{n+1}^m \left|\varepsilon(e_{i_0})_r\right|\right|\right) \leq d\varepsilon \tau(e_{i_0}), \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

for some  $d \geq 1$ . This implies a contradiction. Therefore,  $B = \varnothing$  so that  $|\kappa_r| \geq \varepsilon$ , for each  $r \in (\ker(\kappa))^c$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.

**Theorem 18.** Let  $\kappa \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  be a prequasi Banach (sss), with  $\tau(w) = \sum_{r=0}^\infty \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m| |w_r|)$ , for every  $w \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ . There are  $b > 0$  and  $B > 0$  so that  $b < \kappa_r < B$ , for every  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , if and only if,  $V_\kappa \in B((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)$  be invertible.

*Proof.* Assume the conditions be established, define  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}$  by  $\gamma_r = 1/\kappa_r$ , from Theorem 12, we obtain  $V_\kappa, V_\gamma \in B((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)$  and  $V_\kappa \cdot V_\gamma = V_\gamma \cdot V_\kappa = I$ . Therefore,  $V_\gamma$  is the inverse of  $V_\kappa$ . Conversely, let  $V_\kappa$  be invertible. Hence,  $R(V_\kappa) = ((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)_{\mathbb{N}}$ . This gives  $R(V_\kappa)$  which is closed. From Theorem 17, there is  $b > 0$  so that  $|\kappa_r| \geq b$ , for each  $r \in (\ker(\kappa))^c$ . Now,  $\ker(\kappa) = \varnothing$ , else  $\kappa_{r_0} = 0$ , for several  $r_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $e_{r_0} \in \ker(V_\kappa)$ . This implies a contradiction, as  $\ker(V_\kappa)$  is trivial. Therefore,  $|\kappa_r| \geq a$ , for every  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Because  $V_\kappa$  is bounded, so from Theorem 12, there is  $B > 0$  so that  $|\kappa_r| \leq B$ , for each  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence, we have proved that  $b \leq |\kappa_r| \leq B$ , for every  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 19.** Pick up  $\kappa \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $(\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau$  be a prequasi Banach (sss), where  $\tau(w) = \sum_{r=0}^\infty \psi(|\Delta_{n+1}^m| |w_r|)$ , for every  $w \in \ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m)$ . Then,  $V_\kappa \in B((\ell_\psi(\Delta_{n+1}^m))_\tau)$  be the Fredholm operator, if and only if, (i)  $\text{card}(\ker(\kappa)) < \infty$  and (ii)  $|\kappa_r| \geq \varepsilon$ , for each  $r \in (\ker(\kappa))^c$ .

*Proof.* Assume  $V_\kappa$  be Fredholm, Let  $\text{card}(\ker(\kappa)) = \infty$ . Therefore,  $e_n \in \ker(V_\kappa)$ , for every  $n \in \ker(\kappa)$ . As  $e_n$ 's is linearly independent, this implies  $\text{card}(\ker(V_\kappa)) = \infty$ . This gives a contradiction. Hence,  $\text{card}(\ker(\kappa)) < \infty$ . From Theorem 17, condition (ii) is verified. Next, if the necessary conditions are satisfied, to prove that  $V_\kappa$  is Fredholm, from Theorem 17, condition (ii) implies that  $R(V_\kappa)$  is closed. Condition (i) gives that  $\dim(\ker(V_\kappa)) < \infty$  and  $\dim((R(V_\kappa))^c) < \infty$ . So,  $V_\kappa$  is Fredholm.

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## Research Article

# On Mixed Quermassintegral for Log-Concave Functions

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In this paper, the functional Quermassintegral of log-concave functions in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is discussed. We obtain the integral expression of the  $i$ th functional mixed Quermassintegral, which is similar to the integral expression of the  $i$ th mixed Quermassintegral of convex bodies.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{K}^n$  be the set of convex bodies (compact convex subsets with nonempty interiors) in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the fundamental Brunn-Minkowski inequality for convex bodies states that for  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , the volume of the bodies and of their Minkowski sum  $K + L = \{x + y : x \in K, y \in L\}$  is given by

$$V(K + L)^{1/n} \geq V(K)^{1/n} + V(L)^{1/n}, \quad (1)$$

with equality if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic; namely, they agree up to a translation and a dilation. Another geometric quantity related to the convex bodies  $K$  and  $L$  is the mixed volume. The most important result concerning the mixed volume is Minkowski's first inequality:

$$V_1(K, L) := \frac{1}{n} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{V(K + tL) - V(K)}{t} \geq V(K)^{(n-1)/n} V(L)^{1/n}, \quad (2)$$

for  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$ . In particular, when choosing  $L$  to be a unit ball, up to a factor,  $V_1(K, L)$  is exactly the perimeter of  $K$ , and inequality (2) turns out to be the isoperimetric inequality in the class of convex bodies. The mixed volume  $V_1(K, L)$  admits a simple integral representation (see [1, 2]):

$$V_1(K, L) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} h_L dS_K, \quad (3)$$

where  $h_L$  is the support function of  $L$  and  $S_K$  is the area measure of  $K$ .

The Quermassintegrals  $W_i(K)$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ) of  $K$ , which are defined by letting  $W_0(K) = V_n(K)$ , the volume of  $K$ ;  $W_n(K) = \omega_n$ , the volume of the unit ball  $B_2^n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and for general  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ ,

$$W_{n-i}(K) = \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_i} \int_{\mathcal{G}_{i,n}} \text{vol}_i(K|_{\xi_i}) d\mu(\xi_i), \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathcal{G}_{i,n}$  is the Grassmannian manifold of  $i$ -dimensional linear subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $d\mu(\xi_i)$  is the normalized Haar measure on  $\mathcal{G}_{i,n}$ ,  $K|_{\xi_i}$  denotes the orthogonal projection of  $K$  onto the  $i$ -dimensional subspaces  $\xi_i$ , and  $\text{vol}_i$  is the  $i$ -dimensional volume on space  $\xi_i$ .

In the 1930s, Aleksandrov and Fenchel and Jessen (see [3, 4]) proved that for a convex body  $K$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , there exists a regular Borel measure  $S_{n-1-i}(K)$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ ) on  $S^{n-1}$ , the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , for  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , the following representation holds

$$\begin{aligned} W_i(K, L) &= \frac{1}{n-i} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{W_i(K + tL) - W_i(K)}{t} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} h_L(u) dS_{n-1-i}(K, u). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The quantity  $W_i(K, L)$  is called the  $i$ th mixed Quermassintegral of  $K$  and  $L$ .

In the 1960s, the Minkowski addition was extended to the  $L^p$  ( $p \geq 1$ ) Minkowski sum  $h_{K+pt \cdot L}^p = h_K^p + th_L^p$ . The extension of the mixed Quermassintegral to the  $L^p$  mixed Quermassintegral due to Lutwak [1], the  $L^p$  mixed Quermassintegral inequalities, and the  $L^p$  Minkowski problem are established. (See [2, 5–13] for more about the  $L^p$  Minkowski theory.) The  $L^p$  mixed Quermassintegrals are defined by

$$W_{p,i}(K, L) := \frac{p}{n-i} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{W_i(K+pt \cdot L) - W_i(L)}{t}, \quad (6)$$

for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ . In particular, for  $p=1$  in (6), it is  $W_i(K, L)$ , and  $W_{p,0}(K, L)$  is denoted by  $V_p(K, L)$ , which is called the  $L_p$  mixed volume of  $K$  and  $L$ . Similarly, the  $L^p$  mixed Quermassintegral has the following integral representation (see [1]):

$$W_{p,i}(K, L) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} h_L^p(u) dS_{p,i}(K, u). \quad (7)$$

The measure  $S_{p,i}(K, \cdot)$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $S_i(K, \cdot)$  and has Radon-Nikodym derivative  $dS_{p,i}(K, \cdot)/dS_i(K, \cdot) = h_K(\cdot)^{1-p}$ . In particular,  $p=1$  in (7) yields the representation (5).

Most recently, the interest in the log-concave functions has been considerably increasing, motivated by the analogy properties between the log-concave functions and the volume convex bodies in  $\mathcal{K}^n$ . The classical Prékopa-Leindler inequality (see [14–18]) firstly shows the connections of the volume of convex bodies and log-concave functions. The Blaschke-Santaló inequality for even log-concave functions is established in [19, 20] by Ball (for the general case, see [21–24]). The mean width for log-concave function is introduced by Klartag and Milman and Rotem [25–27]. The affine isoperimetric inequality for log-concave functions is proved by Avidan et al. [28]. The John ellipsoid for log-concave functions has been established by Alonso-Gutiérrez et al. [29]; the LYZ ellipsoid for log-concave functions is established by Fang and Zhou [30]. (See [31–37] for more about the pertinent results.)

Let  $f = e^{-u}$ ,  $g = e^{-v}$  be log-concave functions,  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ , the “sum” and “scalar multiplication” of log-concave functions are defined as

$$\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g := e^{-w}, \quad w^* = \alpha u^* + \beta v^*, \quad (8)$$

where  $w^*$  denotes as usual the Fenchel conjugate of the convex function  $w$ . The total mass integral  $J(f)$  of  $f$  is defined by  $J(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) dx$ . In paper [38] of Colesanti and Fragalà, the quantity  $\delta J(f, g)$ , which is called as the first variation of  $J$  at  $f$  along  $g$ ,  $\delta J(f, g) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (J(f \oplus t \cdot g) - J(f))/t$ , is discussed. It has been shown that  $\delta J(f, g)$  is finite and has the following integral expression:

$$\delta J(f, g) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} v^* d\mu(f), \quad (9)$$

where  $\mu(f)$  is the measure of  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Inspired by the paper [38] of Colesanti and Fragalà, in this paper, we define the  $i$ th functional Quermassintegrals  $W_i(f)$  as the  $i$ -dimensional average total mass of  $f$ :

$$W_i(f) := \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_{n-i}} \int_{\mathcal{G}_{n-i,n}} J_{n-i}(f) d\mu(\xi_{n-i}), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1, \quad (10)$$

where  $J_i(f)$  denotes the  $i$ -dimensional total mass of  $f$  defined in Section 4,  $\mathcal{G}_{i,n}$  is the Grassmannian manifold of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $d\mu(\xi_{n-i})$  is the normalized measure on  $\mathcal{G}_{i,n}$ . Moreover, we define the first variation of  $W_i$  at  $f$  along  $g$ , which is

$$W_i(f, g) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{W_i(f \oplus t \cdot g) - W_i(f)}{t}. \quad (11)$$

It is a natural extension of the Quermassintegral of convex bodies in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; we call it the  $i$ th functional mixed Quermassintegral. In fact, if one takes  $f = \chi_K$ , and  $\text{dom}(f) = K \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $W_i(f)$  turns out to be  $W_i(K)$ , and  $W_i(\chi_K, \chi_L)$  equals to  $W_i(K, L)$ . The main result in this paper is to show that the  $i$ th functional mixed Quermassintegral has the following integral expressions.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}'$ , be integrable functions,  $\mu_i(f)$  be the  $i$ -dimensional measure of  $f$ , and  $W_i(f, g)$  be the  $i$ th functional mixed Quermassintegral of  $f$  and  $g$ . Then,*

$$W_i(f, g) = \frac{1}{n-i} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} h_{g|_{\epsilon_{n-i}}} d\mu_{n-i}(f), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1, \quad (12)$$

where  $h_{g|_{\epsilon_{n-i}}}$  is the support function of  $g|_{\epsilon_{n-i}}$ .

The paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we introduce some notations about the log-concave functions. In Section 3, the projection of a log-concave function onto subspace is discussed. In Section 4, we focus on how we can represent the  $i$ th functional mixed Quermassintegral  $W_i(f, g)$  similar as  $W_i(K, L)$ . Owing to the Blaschke-Petkantschin formula and the similar definition of the support function of  $f$ , we obtain the integral representation of the  $i$ th functional mixed Quermassintegral  $W_i(f, g)$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $u: \Omega \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty]$  be a convex function; that is,  $u((1-t)x + ty) \leq (1-t)u(x) + tu(y)$  for  $t \in (0, 1)$ , where  $\Omega = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : u(x) \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is the domain of  $u$ . By the convexity of  $u$ ,  $\Omega$  is a convex set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We say that  $u$  is proper if  $\Omega \neq \emptyset$ , and  $u$  is of class  $\mathcal{C}_+^2$  if it is twice differentiable on  $\text{int}(\Omega)$ , with a positive definite Hessian matrix. In the following, we define the subclass of  $u$ :

$$\mathcal{L} = \left\{ u : \Omega \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty] : u \text{ is convex, low semicontinuous, } \lim_{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} u(x) = +\infty \right\}. \quad (13)$$

Recall that the Fenchel conjugate of  $u$  is the convex function defined by

$$u^*(y) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{ \langle x, y \rangle - u(x) \}. \quad (14)$$

It is obvious that  $u(x) + u^*(y) \geq \langle x, y \rangle$  for all  $x, y \in \Omega$ , and there is an equality if and only if  $x \in \Omega$  and  $y$  is in the subdifferential of  $u$  at  $x$ , which means

$$u^*(\nabla u(x)) + u(x) = \langle x, \nabla u(x) \rangle. \quad (15)$$

Moreover, if  $u$  is a lower semicontinuous convex function, then also  $u^*$  is a lower semicontinuous convex function, and  $u^{**} = u$ .

The infimal convolution of  $u$  and  $v$  from  $\Omega$  to  $(-\infty, +\infty]$  is defined by

$$u \square v(x) = \inf_{y \in \Omega} \{ u(x-y) + v(y) \}. \quad (16)$$

The right scalar multiplication by a nonnegative real number  $\alpha$  is

$$(u\alpha)(x) := \begin{cases} \alpha u\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right), & \text{if } \alpha > 0, \\ I_{\{0\}}, & \text{if } \alpha = 0. \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

The following proposition below gathers some elementary properties of the Fenchel conjugate and the infimal convolution of  $u$  and  $v$ , which can be found in [38, 39].

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $u, v : \Omega \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty]$  be convex functions. Then,*

$$(u \square v)^* = u^* + v^* \quad (18)$$

- (1)  $(u\alpha)^* = \alpha u^*$ ,  $\alpha > 0$
- (2)  $\text{dom}(u \square v) = \text{dom}(u) + \text{dom}(v)$
- (3) it holds  $u^*(0) = -\inf(u)$ ; in particular, if  $u$  is proper, then  $u^*(y) > -\infty$ ;  $\inf(u) > -\infty$  implies  $u^*$  is proper

The following proposition about the Fenchel and Legendre conjugates is obtained in [39].

**Proposition 3** (see [39]). *Let  $u : \Omega \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty]$  be a closed convex function, and set  $\mathcal{C} := \text{int}(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}^* := \text{int}(\text{dom}(u^*))$ . Then,  $(\mathcal{C}, u)$  is a convex function of Legendre type if and only if  $\mathcal{C}^*$ ,  $u^*$  is. In this case,  $(\mathcal{C}^*, u^*)$  is the Legendre conjugate of  $(\mathcal{C}, u)$  (and conversely). Moreover,  $\nabla u := \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^*$  is a continuous bijection, and the inverse map of  $\nabla u$  is precisely  $\nabla u^*$ .*

A function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty]$  is called log-concave if for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $0 < t < 1$ , we have  $f((1-t)x + ty) \geq f^{1-t}(x) f^t(y)$ . If  $f$  is a strictly positive log-concave function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then there exists a convex function  $u : \Omega \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty]$  such that  $f = e^{-u}$ . The log-concave function is closely related to the convex geometry of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . An example of a log-concave function is the characteristic function  $\chi_K$  of a convex body  $K$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , which is defined by

$$\chi_K(x) = e^{-I_K(x)} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in K, \\ 0, & \text{if } x \notin K, \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

where  $I_K$  is a lower semicontinuous convex function, and the indicator function of  $K$  is

$$I_K(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \in K, \\ \infty, & \text{if } x \notin K. \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

In the later sections, we also use  $f$  to denote  $f$  being extended to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\bar{f} = \begin{cases} f, & x \in \Omega, \\ 0, & x \in \frac{\mathbb{R}^n}{\Omega}. \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (0, +\infty] : f = e^{-u}, u \in \mathcal{L}\}$  be the subclass of  $f$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The addition and multiplication by nonnegative scalars in  $\mathcal{A}$  are defined by the following (see [38]).

**Definition 4.** Let  $f = e^{-u}$ ,  $g = e^{-v} \in \mathcal{A}$ , and  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ . The sum and multiplication of  $f$  and  $g$  are defined as

$$\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g = e^{-[(u\alpha) \square (v\beta)]}. \quad (22)$$

That means,

$$(\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g)(x) = \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} f\left(\frac{x-y}{\alpha}\right)^\alpha g\left(\frac{y}{\beta}\right)^\beta. \quad (23)$$

In particular, when  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta > 0$ , we have  $(\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g)(x) = g(x/\beta)^\beta$ ; when  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\beta = 0$ , then  $(\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g)(x) = f(x/\alpha)^\alpha$ ; finally, when  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ , we have  $(\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g) = I_{\{0\}}$ .

The following lemma is obtained in [38].

**Lemma 5** (see [38]). *Let  $u \in \mathcal{L}$ , then there exist constants  $a$  and  $b$ , with  $a > 0$ , such that, for  $x \in \Omega$ ,*

$$u(x) \geq a\|x\| + b. \quad (24)$$

Moreover,  $u^*$  is proper and satisfies  $u^*(y) > -\infty$ ,  $\forall y \in \Omega$ .

Lemma 5 grants that  $\mathcal{L}$  is closed under the operations of infimal convolution and right scalar multiplication defined in (16) and (17) which are closed.

**Proposition 6** (see [38]). *Let  $u$  and  $v$  belong both to the same class  $\mathcal{L}$ , and  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ . Then,  $u\alpha \square v\beta$  belongs to the same class as  $u$  and  $v$ .*

Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ , according to papers of [26, 40], the support function of  $f = e^{-u}$  is defined as

$$h_f(x) = (-\log f(x))^* = u^*(x), \quad (25)$$

where  $u^*$  is the Legendre transform of  $u$ . The definition of  $h_f$  is a proper generalization of the support function  $h_K$ . In fact, one can easily check  $h_{\chi_K} = h_K$ . Obviously, the support function  $h_f$  share the most of the important properties of support functions  $h_K$ . Specifically, it is easy to check that the function  $h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  has the following properties [27]:

- (1)  $h$  is a bijective map from  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$
- (2)  $h$  is order preserving:  $f \leq g$  if and only if  $h_f \leq h_g$
- (3)  $h$  is additive: for every  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}$ , we have  $h_{f \oplus g} = h_f + h_g$

The following proposition shows that  $h_f$  is  $GL(n)$  covariant.

**Proposition 7** (see [30]). *Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $A \in GL(n)$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then,*

$$h_{f \circ A}(x) = h_f(A^{-t}x). \quad (26)$$

Let  $u, v \in \mathcal{L}$ , denote by  $u_t = u \square vt (t > 0)$ , and  $f_t = e^{-u_t}$ . The following lemmas describe the monotonicity and convergence of  $u_t$  and  $f_t$ , respectively.

**Lemma 8** (see [38]). *Let  $f = e^{-u}$ ,  $g = e^{-v} \in \mathcal{A}$ . For  $t > 0$ , set  $u_t = u \square vt$  and  $f_t = e^{-u_t}$ . Assume that  $v(0) = 0$ , then for every fixed  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $u_t(x)$  and  $f_t(x)$  are, respectively, pointwise decreasing and increasing with respect to  $t$ ; in particular, it holds*

$$u_1(x) \leq u_t(x) \leq u(x), f(x) \leq f_t(x) \leq f_1(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall t \in [0, 1]. \quad (27)$$

**Lemma 9** (see [38]). *Let  $u$  and  $v$  belong both to the same class  $\mathcal{L}$  and, for any  $t > 0$ , set  $u_t := u \square vt$ . Assume that  $v(0) = 0$ , then*

- (1)  $\forall x \in \Omega, \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} u_t(x) = u(x)$
- (2)  $\forall E \subset \subset \Omega, \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \nabla u_t(x) = \nabla u$  uniformly on  $E$

**Lemma 10** (see [38]). *Let  $u$  and  $v$  belong both to the same class  $\mathcal{L}$  and for any  $t > 0$ , let  $u_t := u \square vt$ . Then,  $\forall x \in \text{int}(\Omega_t)$ , and  $\forall t > 0$ ,*

$$\frac{d}{dt}(u_t(x)) = -\psi(\nabla u_t(x)), \quad (28)$$

where  $\psi := v^*$ .

### 3. Projection of Functions onto Linear Subspace

Let  $\mathcal{G}_{i,n} (0 \leq i \leq n)$  be the Grassmannian manifold of  $i$ -dimensional linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The elements of  $\mathcal{G}_{i,n}$  will usually be denoted by  $\xi_i$ , and  $\xi_i^\perp$  stands for the orthogonal complement of  $\xi_i$  which is a  $(n-i)$ -dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\xi_i \in \mathcal{G}_{i,n}$  and  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The projection of  $f$  onto  $\xi_i$  is defined by (see [25, 41])

$$f|_{\xi_i}(x) := \max \{f(y) : y \in x + \xi_i^\perp\}, \quad \forall x \in \Omega|_{\xi_i}, \quad (29)$$

where  $\xi_i^\perp$  is the orthogonal complement of  $\xi_i$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\Omega|_{\xi_i}$  is the projection of  $\Omega$  onto  $\xi_i$ . By the definition of the log-concave function  $f = e^{-u}$ , for every  $x \in \Omega|_{\xi_i}$ , one can rewrite (29) as

$$f|_{\xi_i}(x) = \exp \left\{ \max \{-u(y) : y \in x + \xi_i^\perp\} \right\} = e^{-u|_{\xi_i}(x)}. \quad (30)$$

Regarding the ‘‘sum’’ and ‘‘multiplication’’ of  $f$ , we say that the projection keeps the structure on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In other words, we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 11.** *Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\xi_i \in \mathcal{G}_{i,n}$ , and  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . Then,*

$$(\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g)|_{\xi_i} = \alpha \cdot f|_{\xi_i} \oplus \beta \cdot g|_{\xi_i}. \quad (31)$$

*Proof.* Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}$ , let  $x_1, x_2, x \in \xi_i$  such that  $x = \alpha x_1 + \beta x_2$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g)|_{\xi_i}(x) &\geq (\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g)(\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2 + \xi_i^\perp) \\ &\geq f(x_1 + \xi_i^\perp)^\alpha g(x_2 + \xi_i^\perp)^\beta. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Taking the supremum of the second right-hand inequality over all  $\xi_i^\perp$ , we obtain  $(\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g)|_{\xi_i} \geq \alpha \cdot f|_{\xi_i} \oplus \beta \cdot g|_{\xi_i}$ . On the other hand, for  $x \in \xi_i$ ,  $x_1, x_2 \in \xi_i$  such that  $x_1 + x_2 = x$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha \cdot f|_{\xi_i} \oplus \beta \cdot g|_{\xi_i})(x) &= \sup_{x_1+x_2=x} \left\{ \max \left\{ f^\alpha \left( \frac{x_1}{\alpha} + \xi_i^\perp \right) \right\} \max \right. \\ &\quad \left. \cdot \left\{ g^\beta \left( \frac{x_2}{\beta} + \xi_i^\perp \right) \right\} \right\} \\ &\geq \sup_{x_1+x_2=x} \left\{ \max \left( f^\alpha \left( \frac{x_1}{\alpha} + \xi_i^\perp \right) g^\beta \left( \frac{x_2}{\beta} + \xi_i^\perp \right) \right) \right\} \\ &= \max \left\{ \sup_{x_1+x_2=x} \left( f^\alpha \left( \frac{x_1}{\alpha} + \xi_i^\perp \right) g^\beta \left( \frac{x_2}{\beta} + \xi_i^\perp \right) \right) \right\} \\ &= (\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g)|_{\xi_i}(x). \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Since  $f, g \geq 0$ , the inequality  $\max \{f \cdot g\} \leq \max \{f\} \cdot \max \{g\}$  holds. So, we complete the proof.

**Proposition 12.** Let  $\xi_i \in \mathcal{G}_{i,n}$ ,  $f$  and  $g$  are functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , such that  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  holds. Then,

$$f|_{\xi_i} \leq g|_{\xi_i} \quad (34)$$

holds for any  $x \in \xi_i$ .

*Proof.* For  $y \in x + \xi_i^+$ , since  $f(y) \leq g(y)$ , then  $f(y) \leq \max \{g(y) : y \in x + \xi_i^+\}$ . So,  $\max \{f(y) : y \in x + L_i^+\} \leq \max \{g(y) : y \in x + \xi_i^+\}$ . By the definition of the projection, we complete the proof.

For the convergence of  $f$ , we have the following.

**Proposition 13.** Let  $\{f_i\}$  be functions such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = f_0$ ,  $\xi_i \in \mathcal{G}_{i,n}$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f_n|_{\xi_i}) = f_0|_{\xi_i}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = f_0$ , it means that  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , there exist  $N_0$ ,  $\forall n > N_0$ , such that  $f_0 - \varepsilon \leq f_n \leq f_0 + \varepsilon$ . By the monotonicity of the projection, we have  $f_0|_{\xi_i} - \varepsilon \leq f_n|_{\xi_i} \leq f_0|_{\xi_i} + \varepsilon$ . Hence, each  $\{f_n|_{\xi_i}\}$  has a convergent subsequence; we denote it also by  $\{f_n|_{\xi_i}\}$ , converging to some  $f'|_{\xi_i}$ . Then, for  $x \in \xi_i$ , we have

$$f_0|_{\xi_i}(x) - \varepsilon \leq f'|_{\xi_i}(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f_n|_{\xi_i})(x) \leq f_0|_{\xi_i}(x) + \varepsilon. \quad (35)$$

By the arbitrary of  $\varepsilon$ , we have  $f'|_{\xi_i} = f_0|_{\xi_i}$ , so we complete the proof.

Combining with Proposition 13 and Lemma 9, it is easy to obtain the following proposition.

**Proposition 14.** Let  $u$  and  $v$  belong both to the same class  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be the domain of  $u$ , for any  $t > 0$ , set  $u_t = u \square (vt)$ . Assume that  $v(0) = 0$  and  $\xi_i \in \mathcal{G}_{i,n}$ , then

$$(1) \quad \forall x \in \Omega|_{\xi_i}, \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} u_t|_{\xi_i}(x) = u|_{\xi_i}(x)$$

$$\forall x \in \text{int} \left( \Omega|_{\xi_i} \right), \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \nabla u_t|_{\xi_i} = \nabla u|_{\xi_i} \quad (36)$$

Now, let us introduce some facts about the functions  $u_t = u \square (vt)$  with respect to the parameter  $t$ .

**Lemma 15.** Let  $\xi_i \in \mathcal{G}_{i,n}$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  belong both to the same class  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $u_t := u \square (vt)$  and  $\Omega_t$  be the domain of  $u_t$  ( $t > 0$ ). Then, for  $x \in \Omega_t|_{\xi_i}$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( u_t|_{\xi_i} \right) (x) = -\psi \left( \nabla \left( u_t|_{\xi_i} \right) (x) \right), \quad (37)$$

where  $\psi := v^*|_{\xi_i}$ .

*Proof.* Set  $D_t := \Omega_t|_{\xi_i} \subset \xi_i$ , for fixed  $x \in \text{int} (D_t)$ , the map  $t \rightarrow \nabla (u_t|_{\xi_i})(x)$  is differentiable on  $(0, +\infty)$ . Indeed, by the definition of Fenchel conjugate and the definition of projection  $u$ , it is easy to see that  $(u_{\xi_i})^* = u^*|_{\xi_i}$  and  $(u \square ut)|_{\xi_i} = u|_{\xi_i} \square ut|_{\xi_i}$  hold. Proposition 6 and the property of the projection grant the differentiability. Set  $\varphi := u^*|_{\xi_i}$  and  $\psi := v^*|_{\xi_i}$ , and  $\varphi_t = \varphi + t\psi$ , then  $\varphi_t$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{C}_+^2$  on  $\xi_i$ . Then,  $\nabla^2 \varphi_t = \nabla^2 \varphi + t\nabla^2 \psi$  is nonsingular on  $\xi_i$ . So, the equation

$$\nabla \varphi(y) + t\nabla \psi(y) - x = 0 \quad (38)$$

locally defines a map  $y = y(x, t)$  which is of class  $\mathcal{C}^1$ . By Proposition 3, we have  $\nabla (u_t|_{\xi_i})$  is the inverse map of  $\nabla \varphi_t$ , that is,  $\nabla \varphi_t(\nabla (u_t|_{\xi_i})(x)) = x$ , which means that for every  $x \in \text{int} (D_t)$  and every  $t > 0$ ,  $t \rightarrow \nabla (u_t|_{\xi_i})$  is differentiable. Using equation (15) again, we have

$$u_t|_{\xi_i}(x) = \left\langle x, \nabla \left( u_t|_{\xi_i} \right) (x) \right\rangle - \varphi_t \left( \nabla \left( u_t|_{\xi_i} \right) (x) \right), \quad \forall x \in \text{int} (D_t). \quad (39)$$

Moreover, note that  $\varphi_t = \varphi + t\psi$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} u_t|_{\xi_i}(x) &= \left\langle x, \nabla \left( u_t|_{\xi_i} \right) (x) \right\rangle - \varphi \left( \nabla \left( u_t|_{\xi_i} \right) (x) \right) - t\psi \left( \nabla \left( u_t|_{\xi_i} \right) (x) \right) \\ &= u_t|_{\xi_i} \left( \nabla \left( u_t|_{\xi_i} \right) (x) \right) - t\psi \left( \nabla \left( u_t|_{\xi_i} \right) (x) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

Differential the above formal we obtain,  $d/dt(u_t|_{\xi_i})(x) = -\psi(\nabla(u_t|_{\xi_i})(x))$ . Then, we complete the proof of the result.

#### 4. Functional Quermassintegrals of Log-Concave Function

A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is nondegenerate and integrable if and only if  $\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow +\infty} u(x)/\|x\| = +\infty$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}' = \{u \in \mathcal{L} : u \in \mathcal{C}_+^2(\mathbb{R}^n), \lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow +\infty} u(x)/\|x\| = +\infty\}$ , and  $\mathcal{A}' = \{f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (0, +\infty) : f = e^{-u}, u \in \mathcal{L}'\}$ . Now, we define the  $i$ th total mass of  $f$ .

**Definition 16.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}'$ ,  $\xi_i \in \mathcal{G}_{i,n}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ), and  $x \in \Omega|_{\xi_i}$ . The  $i$ th total mass of  $f$  is defined as

$$J_i(f) := \int_{\xi_i} f|_{\xi_i}(x) dx, \quad (41)$$

where  $f|_{\xi_i}$  is the projection of  $f$  onto  $\xi_i$  defined by (29) and  $dx$  is the  $i$ -dimensional volume element in  $\xi_i$ .

*Remark 17.*

- (1) The definition of  $J_i(f)$  follows the  $i$ -dimensional volume of the projection a convex body. If  $i=0$ , we defined  $J_0(f) := \omega_n$ , the volume of the unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , for the completeness
- (2) When taking  $f = \chi_K$ , the characteristic function of a convex body  $K$ , one has  $J_i(f) = V_i(K)$ , the  $i$ -dimensional volume in  $\xi_i$

*Definition 18.* Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}'$ . Set  $\xi_i \in \mathcal{G}_{i,n}$  be a linear subspace and for  $x \in \Omega|_{\xi_i}$ , the  $i$ th functional Quermassintegrals of  $f$  (or the  $i$ -dimensional mean projection mass of  $f$ ) are defined as

$$W_{n-i}(f) := \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_i} \int_{\mathcal{G}_{i,n}} J_i(f) d\mu(\xi_i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad (42)$$

where  $J_i(f)$  is the  $i$ th total mass of  $f$  defined by (41) and  $d\mu(\xi_i)$  is the normalized Haar measure on  $\mathcal{G}_{i,n}$ .

*Remark 19.*

- (1) The definition of  $W_i(f)$  follows the definition of the  $i$ th Quermassintegrals  $W_i(K)$ , that is, the  $i$ th mean total mass of  $f$  on  $\mathcal{G}_{i,n}$ . Also, in a recent paper [42], the authors give the same definition by defining the Quermassintegral of the support set for the quasiconcave functions
- (2) When  $i$  equals to  $n$  in (42), we have  $W_0(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) dx = J(f)$ , the total mass function of  $f$  defined by Colesanti and Fragalá [38]. Then, we can say that our definition of  $W_i(f)$  is a natural extension of the total mass function of  $J(f)$
- (3) From the definition of the Quermassintegrals  $W_i(f)$ , the following properties are obtained (see also [42]):

$$\text{Positivity: } 0 \leq W_i(f) \leq +\infty \quad (43)$$

- (i) Monotonicity:  $W_i(f) \leq W_i(g)$ , if  $f \leq g$
- (ii) Generally speaking,  $W_i(f)$  has no homogeneity under dilations. That is,  $W_i(\lambda \cdot f) = \lambda^{n-i} W_i(f^\lambda)$ , where  $\lambda \cdot f(x) = \lambda f(x/\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$

*Definition 20.* Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}'$ ,  $\oplus$ , and  $\cdot$  denote the operations of “sum” and “multiplication” in  $\mathcal{A}'$ .  $W_i(f)$  and  $W_i(g)$  are, respectively, the  $i$ th Quermassintegrals of  $f$  and  $g$ . Whenever the following limit exists,

$$W_i(f, g) = \frac{1}{(n-i)} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{W_i(f \oplus t \cdot g) - W_i(f)}{t}, \quad (44)$$

we denote it by  $W_i(f, g)$  and call it as the first variation of  $W_i$  at  $f$  along  $g$ , or the  $i$ th functional mixed Quermassintegrals of  $f$  and  $g$ .

*Remark 21.* Let  $f = \chi_K$  and  $g = \chi_L$ , with  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$ . In this case  $W_i(f \oplus t \cdot g) = W_i(K + tL)$ , then  $W_i(f, g) = W_i(K, L)$ . In general,  $W_i(f, g)$  has no analog properties of  $W_i(K, L)$ ; for example,  $W_i(f, g)$  is not always nonnegative and finite.

The following is devoted to proving that  $W_i(f, g)$  exists under the fairly weak hypothesis. First, we prove that the first  $i$ -dimensional total mass of  $f$  is translation invariant.

**Lemma 22.** Let  $\xi_i \in \mathcal{G}_{i,n}$ ,  $f = e^{-u}$ ,  $g = e^{-v} \in \mathcal{A}'$ . Let  $c = \inf u|_{\xi_i} = u(0)$ ,  $d = \inf v|_{\xi_i} = v(0)$ , and set  $\tilde{u}_i(x) = u|_{\xi_i}(x) - c$ ,  $\tilde{v}_i(x) = v|_{\xi_i}(x) - d$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}_i(y) = (\tilde{u}_i)^*(y)$ ,  $\tilde{\psi}_i(y) = (\tilde{v}_i)^*(y)$ ,  $\tilde{f}_i = e^{-\tilde{u}_i}$ ,  $\tilde{g}_i = e^{-\tilde{v}_i}$ , and  $\tilde{f}_t|_i = \tilde{f} \oplus t \cdot \tilde{g}$ . Then, if  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} ((J_i(\tilde{f}_t) - J_i(\tilde{f}))/t) = \int_{\xi_i} \tilde{\psi}_i d\mu_i(\tilde{f})$  holds, then we have  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} ((J_i(f_t) - J_i(f))/t) = \int_{\xi_i} \psi_i d\mu_i(f)$ .

*Proof.* By the construction, we have  $\tilde{u}_i(0) = 0$ ,  $\tilde{v}_i(0) = 0$ , and  $\tilde{v}_i \geq 0$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}_i \geq 0$ ,  $\tilde{\psi}_i \geq 0$ . Further,  $\tilde{\psi}_i(y) = \psi_i(y) + d$ , and  $\tilde{f}_i = e^c f_i$ . So,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{J_i(\tilde{f}_t) - J_i(\tilde{f})}{t} = \int_{\xi_i} \tilde{\psi}_i d\mu_i(\tilde{f}) = e^c \int_{\xi_i} \psi_i d\mu_i(f) + d e^c \int_{\xi_i} d\mu_i(f). \quad (45)$$

On the other hand, since  $f_i \oplus t \cdot g_i = e^{-(c+dt)} (\tilde{f}_i \oplus t \cdot \tilde{g}_i)$ , we have,  $J_i(f \oplus t \cdot g) = e^{-(c+dt)} J_i(\tilde{f}_i \oplus t \cdot \tilde{g}_i)$ . By derivation of both sides of the above formula, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{J_i(f \oplus t \cdot g) - J_i(f)}{t} &= -d e^{-c} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} J_i(\tilde{f}_i \oplus t \tilde{g}_i) dx + e^{-c} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \\ &\quad \cdot \left[ \frac{J_i(\tilde{f}_t) - J_i(\tilde{f})}{t} \right] = -d e^{-c} J_i(\tilde{f}_i) \\ &\quad + \int_{\xi_i} \psi_i d\mu_i(f) + d \int_{\xi_i} d\mu_i(f) \\ &= \int_{\xi_i} \psi_i d\mu_i(f). \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

So, we complete the proof.

**Theorem 23.** Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}'$ , with  $-\infty \leq \inf(\log g) \leq +\infty$  and  $W_i(f) > 0$ . Then,  $W_j(f, g)$  is differentiable at  $f$  along  $g$ , and it holds

$$W_j(f, g) \in [-k, +\infty], \quad (47)$$

where  $k = \max\{d, 0\} W_i(f)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\xi_i \in \mathcal{G}_{i,n}$ , since  $u|_{\xi_i} := -\log(f_{\xi_i}) = -(\log f)|_{\xi_i}$  and  $v|_{\xi_i} := -\log(g_{\xi_i}) = -(\log g)|_{\xi_i}$ . By the definition of  $f_t$  and Proposition 11, we obtain  $f_t|_{\xi_i} = (f \oplus t \cdot g)|_{\xi_i} = f|_{\xi_i} \oplus t \cdot g|_{\xi_i}$ . Notice that  $v|_{\xi_i}(0) = v(0)$ , set  $d := v(0)$ ,  $\tilde{v}|_{\xi_i}(x) := v|_{\xi_i}(x) - d$ ,  $\tilde{g}|_{\xi_i}(x) := e^{-\tilde{v}|_{\xi_i}(x)}$ , and  $\tilde{f}_t|_{\xi_i} := f|_{\xi_i} \oplus t \cdot \tilde{g}|_{\xi_i}$ . Up to a translation of coordinates, we may assume  $\inf(v) = v(0)$ . Lemma 8 says that for every  $x \in \xi_i$ ,

$$f|_{\xi_i} \leq \tilde{f}_t|_{\xi_i} \leq \tilde{f}_1|_{\xi_i}, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \forall t \in [0, 1]. \quad (48)$$

Then, there exists  $\tilde{f}|_{\xi_i}(x) := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \tilde{f}_t|_{\xi_i}(x)$ . Moreover, it holds  $\tilde{f}|_{\xi_i}(x) \geq f|_{\xi_i}(x)$  and  $\tilde{f}_t|_{\xi_i}$  is pointwise decreasing as  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ . Lemma 5 and Proposition 6 show that  $f|_{\xi_i} \oplus t \cdot \tilde{g}|_{\xi_i} \in \mathcal{A}'$ ,  $\forall t \in [0, 1]$ . Then,  $J_i(f) \leq J_i(\tilde{f}_t) \leq J_i(\tilde{f}_1)$ ,  $-\infty \leq J_i(f) < J_i(\tilde{f}_1) < \infty$ . Hence, by monotonicity and convergence, we have  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} W_i(\tilde{f}_t) = W_i(\tilde{f})$ . In fact, by definition, we have  $\tilde{f}_t|_{\xi_i}(x) = e^{-\inf_{\{u|_{\xi_i}(x-y) + tv|_{\xi_i}(y/t)\}}$ ,

$$-\inf \left\{ u|_{\xi_i}(x-y) + tv|_{\xi_i} \left( \frac{y}{t} \right) \right\} \leq -\inf u|_{\xi_i}(x-y) - t \inf v|_{\xi_i} \left( \frac{y}{t} \right). \quad (49)$$

Note that  $-\infty \leq \inf(v|_{\xi_i}) \leq +\infty$ , then  $-\inf u|_{\xi_i}(x-y) - t \inf v|_{\xi_i}(y/t)$  is a continuous function of variable  $t$ , then

$$\tilde{f}|_{\xi_i}(x) := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \tilde{f}_t|_{\xi_i}(x) = f|_{\xi_i}(x). \quad (50)$$

Moreover,  $W_i(\tilde{f}_t)$  is a continuous function of  $(t \in [0, 1])$ ; then,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} W_i(\tilde{f}_t) = W_i(\tilde{f})$ . Since  $f_t|_{\xi_i} = e^{-dt} \tilde{f}|_{\xi_i}$ , we have

$$\frac{W_i(f_t) - W_i(f)}{t} = W_i(f) \frac{e^{-dt} - 1}{t} + e^{-dt} \frac{W_i(\tilde{f}_t) - W_i(f)}{t}. \quad (51)$$

Notice that,  $\tilde{f}_t|_{\xi_i} \geq f|_{\xi_i}$ , we have the following two cases, that is,  $\exists t_0 > 0 : W_i(\tilde{f}_{t_0}) = W_i(f)$  or  $W_i(\tilde{f}_t) = W_i(f), \forall t > 0$ .

For the first case, since  $W_i(\tilde{f}_t)$  is a monotone increasing function of  $t$ , it must hold  $W_i(\tilde{f}_t) = W_i(f)$  for every  $t \in [0, t_0]$ . Hence, we have  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (W_i(f_t) - W_i(f))/t = -dW_i(f)$ ; the statement of the theorem holds true.

In the latter case, since  $\tilde{f}_t|_{\xi_i}$  is an increasing nonnegative function, it means that  $\log(W_i(\tilde{f}_t))$  is an increasing concave function of  $t$ . Then,  $\exists(\log(W_i(\tilde{f}_t)) - \log(W_i(f)))/t \in [0, +\infty]$ . On the other hand, since

$$\log' \left( W_i(\tilde{f}_t) \right) \Big|_{t=0} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\log(W_i(\tilde{f}_t)) - \log(W_i(f))}{W_i(\tilde{f}_t) - W_i(f)} = \frac{1}{W_i(f)}. \quad (52)$$

Then,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{W_i(\tilde{f}_t) - W_i(f)}{\log(W_i(\tilde{f}_t)) - \log(W_i(f))} = W_i(f) > 0. \quad (53)$$

From above, we infer that  $\exists \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (W_i(\tilde{f}_t) - W_i(f))/t \in [0, +\infty]$ . Combining the above formulas, we obtain

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{W_i(f_t) - W_i(f)}{t} \in [-\max\{d, 0\}W_i(f), +\infty]. \quad (54)$$

So, we complete the proof.

In view of the example of the mixed Quermassintegral, it is natural to ask whether, in general,  $W_i(f, g)$  has some kind of integral representation.

**Definition 24.** Let  $\xi_i \in \mathcal{G}_{i,n}$  and  $f = e^{-u} \in \mathcal{A}'$ . Consider the gradient map  $\nabla u : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , the Borel measure  $\mu_i(f)$  on  $\xi_i$  is defined by

$$\mu_i(f) := \frac{(\nabla u|_{\xi_i})^\#}{\|x\|^{n-i}} (f|_{\xi_i}). \quad (55)$$

Recall that the following Blaschke-Petkantschin formula is useful.

**Proposition 25** (see [43]). *Let  $\xi_i \in \mathcal{G}_{i,n}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) be linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f$  be a nonnegative bounded Borel function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) dx = \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_i} \int_{\mathcal{G}_{i,n}} \int_{\xi_i} f(x) \|x\|^{n-i} dx d\mu(\xi_i). \quad (56)$$

Now, we give a proof of Theorem 1.

*Proof of Theorem 1.* By the definition of the  $i$ th Quermassintegral of  $f$ , we have

$$\frac{W_i(f_t) - W_i(f)}{t} = \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_{n-i}} \int_{\mathcal{G}_{n-i,n}} \frac{J_{n-i}(f_t) - J_{n-i}(f)}{t} d\mu(\xi_{n-i}). \quad (57)$$

Let  $t > 0$  be fixed, take  $C \subset \subset \Omega|_{\xi_{n-i}}$ , and by reduction  $0 \in \text{int}(\Omega)|_{\xi_{n-i}}$ , we have  $C \subset \subset \Omega|_{\xi_{n-i}}$ , by Lemma 15, we obtain

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{J_{n-i}(f_{t+h})(x) - J_{n-i}(f_t(x))}{h} = \int_{\xi_{n-i}} \psi(\nabla u_t |_{\xi_{n-i}}(x)) f_t \Big|_{\xi_{n-i}}(x) dx, \tag{58}$$

where  $\psi = h_{g|_{\xi_{n-i}}} = \nu|_{\xi_{n-i}}^*$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{W_i(f_{t+h}) - W_i(f_t)}{h} &= \frac{\omega_n}{\omega_{n-i}} \int_{\mathcal{S}_{n-i,n}} \int_{\xi_{n-i}} \frac{\psi(\nabla u_t |_{\xi_{n-i}}(x)) f_t \Big|_{\xi_{n-i}}(x)}{\|x\|^{n-i}} \\ &\quad \cdot \|x\|^{n-i} dx d\mu(\xi_{n-i}), \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\psi(\nabla u_t |_{\xi_{n-i}}(x)) f_t \Big|_{\xi_{n-i}}(x)}{\|x\|^{n-i}} dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi d\mu_{n-i}(f_t). \end{aligned} \tag{59}$$

So, we have  $W_i(f_{t+h}) - W_i(f_t) = \int_0^t \{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi d\mu_{n-i}(f_s) \} ds$ . The continuity of  $\psi$  implies  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi d\mu_{n-i}(f_s) ds = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi d\mu_{n-i}(f) ds$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{W_i(f_t) - W_i(f)}{t} &= \frac{d}{dt} W_i(f_t) \Big|_{t=0^+} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{d}{dt} W_i(f_t) \Big|_{t=s} \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi d\mu_{n-i}(f_s) \right\} ds \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi d\mu_{n-i}(f). \end{aligned} \tag{60}$$

Since  $\psi = h_{g|_{\xi}}$ , we have

$$W_i(f, g) = \frac{1}{n-i} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{W_i(f_t) - W_i(f)}{t} = \frac{1}{n-i} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} h_{g|_{\xi_{n-i}}} d\mu_{n-i}(f). \tag{61}$$

So, we complete the proof.

*Remark 26.* From the integral representation (12), the  $i$ th functional mixed Quermassintegral is linear in its second argument, with the sum in  $\mathcal{A}'$ , for  $f, g, h \in \mathcal{A}'$ , then we have  $W_i(f, g \oplus h) = W_i(f, g) + W_i(f, h)$ .

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## Research Article

# The Functional Orlicz Brunn-Minkowski Inequality for $q$ -Capacity

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In this paper, we establish functional forms of the Orlicz Brunn-Minkowski inequality and the Orlicz-Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity, which generalize previous results by Zou and Xiong. We also show that these two inequalities are equivalent.

## 1. Introduction

The classical Brunn-Minkowski inequality was inspired by questions around the isoperimetric problem. It is viewed as one of cornerstones of the Brunn-Minkowski theory, which is a beautiful and powerful tool to conquer all sorts of geometrical problems involving metric quantities such as volume, surface area, and mean width.

An excellent reference on this inequality is provided by Gardner [1].

In 2015, Colesanti, Nyström, Salani, Xiao, Yang, and Zhang (CNSXYZ) [2] introduced the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity. Let  $K$  be a compact set in the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $R^n$ . For  $1 < q < n$ , the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity,  $C_q(K)$ , of  $K$  is defined by

$$C_q(K) = \inf \left\{ \int_{R^n} |\nabla u|^q dx : u \in C_c^\infty(R^n) \text{ and } u \geq \chi_K \right\}, \quad (1)$$

where  $C_c^\infty(R^n)$  denotes the set of functions from  $C^\infty(R^n)$  with compact supports and  $\chi_K$  is the characteristic function of  $K$ . If  $q = 2$ , then  $C_2(K)$  is the classical electrostatic (or Newtonian) capacity of  $K$ . The Minkowski-type problems for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity have attracted increasing attention [2–10]. The electrostatic  $q$ -capacity also has applications in analysis, mathematical physics, and partial differential equations (see [11–13]).

The electrostatic  $q$ -capacity can be extended on function spaces. Let  $C(S^{n-1})$  denote the set of continuous functions defined on  $S^{n-1}$ , which is equipped with the metric induced by the maximal norm. Write  $C_+(S^{n-1})$  for the set of strictly positive functions in  $C(S^{n-1})$ . For  $1 < q < n$  and  $f \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ , define the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity  $C_q(f)$  by

$$C_q(f) = C_q([f]), \quad (2)$$

where  $[f]$  denotes the Aleksandrov body (also known as the Wulff shape) associated with  $f$ . For nonnegative  $f \in C(S^{n-1})$ , the Aleksandrov body  $[f]$  is defined by

$$[f] = \bigcap_{\xi \in S^{n-1}} \{x \in R^n : x \cdot \xi \leq f(\xi)\}. \quad (3)$$

Obviously,  $[f]$  is a compact convex set containing the origin and  $h_{[f]} \leq f$ , where  $h_{[f]}$  denotes the support function of  $[f]$ . Moreover,

$$K = [h_K], \quad (4)$$

for every compact convex set  $K$  containing the origin. If  $f \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ , then  $[f]$  is a convex body in  $R^n$  containing the origin in its interior. The Aleksandrov convergence lemma reads: if the

sequence  $\{f_j\}_j \subset C_+(S^{n-1})$  converges uniformly to  $f \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ , then,  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} [f_j] = [f]$ .

Suppose  $a, b \geq 0$  (not both zero). If  $f, g \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ , then, the  $L_p$  Minkowski sum  $a \cdot g_{+p} b \cdot f$  is defined by

$$a \cdot f_{+p} b \cdot g = (af^p + bg^p)^{1/p}, \quad (5)$$

where the  $L_p$  scalar multiplication  $a \cdot f$  is defined by  $a^{1/p} f$ . By the definition of the Aleksandrov body (3), we have  $[a \cdot h_K +_p b \cdot h_L] = a \cdot K +_p b \cdot L$  for convex bodies  $K$  and  $L$  containing the origin in their interiors. Here,  $a \cdot K +_p b \cdot L$  denotes the  $L_p$  Minkowski sum of  $K$  and  $L$ , i.e.,

$$h_{a \cdot K +_p b \cdot L}^p = ah_K^p + bh_L^p, \quad (6)$$

for every  $u \in S^{n-1}$ , which was defined by Firey [14]. In the mid 1990s, it was shown in [15, 16] that when  $L_p$  Minkowski sum is combined with volume the result is an embryonic  $L_p$ -Brunn-Minkowski theory. Zou and Xiong ([7], Theorem 3.11) established the functional form of the  $L_p$  Brunn-Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity. Suppose  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $1 < q < n$ .

If  $f, g \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ , then

$$C_q(f_{+p}g)^{p/(n-q)} \geq C_q(f)^{p/(n-q)} + C_q(g)^{p/(n-q)}, \quad (7)$$

with equality if and only if  $[f]$  and  $[g]$  are dilates.

The Orlicz Brunn-Minkowski theory which was launched by Lutwak et al. in a series of papers [17–19] is an extension of the  $L_p$  Brunn-Minkowski theory. This theory has been considerably developed in the recent years. The Orlicz sum was introduced by Gardner et al. [20]. Let  $\Phi$  be the class of convex, strictly increasing functions,  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with  $\phi(0) = 0$ . Suppose  $\phi \in \Phi$  and  $a, b \geq 0$  (not both zero). If  $K$  and  $L$  are convex bodies that contain the origin in their interiors in  $R^n$ , then, the Orlicz sum  $a \cdot K +_\phi b \cdot L$  is the convex body defined by

$$h_{a \cdot K +_\phi b \cdot L}(u) = \inf \left\{ \tau > 0 : a\phi\left(\frac{h_K(u)}{\tau}\right) + b\phi\left(\frac{h_L(u)}{\tau}\right) \leq \phi(1) \right\}, \quad (8)$$

for every  $u \in S^{n-1}$ . Gardner et al. ([20], Corollary 7.5) established the Orlicz Brunn-Minkowski inequality (see also ([21], Theorem 1). Same as the Orlicz sum of convex bodies, we extend the  $L_p$  Minkowski sum of functions to the Orlicz sum. For  $\phi \in \Phi$ ,  $f, g \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ , and  $a, b \geq 0$  (not both zero), the Orlicz sum  $a \cdot f +_\phi b \cdot g$  is defined by

$$a \cdot f +_\phi b \cdot g = \inf \left\{ \tau > 0 : a\phi\left(\frac{f}{\tau}\right) + b\phi\left(\frac{g}{\tau}\right) \leq \phi(1) \right\}. \quad (9)$$

If we take  $\phi(t) = t^p$  ( $p \geq 1$ ) in (9), then it, induces the  $L_p$  Minkowski sum (5). By the definition of the Aleksandrov body

(3), (8), (9), and (4), we have  $[a \cdot h_K +_\phi b \cdot h_L] = a \cdot K +_\phi b \cdot L$  for convex bodies  $K$  and  $L$  containing the origin in their interiors.

The main aim of this paper is to establish the functional form of the Orlicz Brunn-Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity.

**Theorem 1.** *Suppose  $\phi \in \Phi$  and  $1 < q < n$ . If  $f, g \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ , then,*

$$\phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(f+\phi g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right) + \phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(g)}{C_q(f+\phi g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right) \leq \phi(1). \quad (10)$$

*If  $\phi$  is strictly convex, equality holds if and only if  $[f]$  and  $[g]$  are dilates.*

## 2. Notation and Preliminary Results

For excellent references on convex bodies, we recommend the books by Gardner [22], Gruber [23], and Schneider [24].

We will work in  $R^n$  equipped with the standard Euclidean norm. Let  $x \cdot y$  denote the standard inner product of  $x, y \in R^n$ . For  $x \in R^n$ ,  $|x| = \sqrt{x \cdot x}$  denotes the Euclidean norm of  $x$ . We write  $B = \{x \in R^n : |x| \leq 1\}$  and  $S^{n-1}$  for the standard unit ball of  $R^n$  and its surface, respectively. Each compact convex set  $K$  is uniquely determined by its support function  $h_K : R^n \rightarrow R$ , which is defined by  $h_K(x) = \max \{x \cdot y : y \in K\}$ , for  $x \in R^n$ . Obviously, the support function is positively homogeneous of order 1.

The class of compact convex sets in  $R^n$  is often equipped with the Hausdorff metric  $\delta_H$ , which is defined for compact convex sets  $K$  and  $L$  by

$$\delta_H(K, L) = \max \{|h_K(u) - h_L(u)| : u \in S^{n-1}\}. \quad (11)$$

Denote by  $K^n$  the set of convex bodies in  $R^n$  and by  $K_0^n$  the set of convex bodies which contain the origin in their interiors. For  $s > 0$ , the set  $sK = \{sx : x \in K\}$  is called a dilate of convex body  $K$ . Convex bodies  $K$  and  $L$  are said to be homothetic, provided  $K = sL + x$  for some  $s > 0$  and  $x \in R^n$ . Let  $K, L \in K^n$ , the Minkowski sum of  $K$  and  $L$  is the convex body

$$K + L = \{x, y : x \in K, y \in L\}. \quad (12)$$

Some properties of the electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary measure are required [2, 3, 7, 8, 11]. The electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary measure,  $\mu_q(E, \cdot)$ , of a bounded open convex set  $E$  in  $R^n$  is the measure on the unit sphere  $S^{n-1}$  defined for  $\omega \subset S^{n-1}$  and  $1 < q < n$  by

$$\mu_q(E, \omega) = \int_{g^{-1}(\omega)} |\nabla U|^q dH^{n-1}, \quad (13)$$

where  $g^{-1} : S^{n-1} \rightarrow \partial E$  (the set of boundary points of  $E$ ) denotes the inverse Gauss map,  $H^{n-1}$  the  $(n-1)$ -dimensional

Hausdorff measure, and  $U$  the  $q$ -equilibrium potential of  $E$ . If  $K \in K^n$ , then the electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary measure  $\mu_q(K, \cdot)$  has the following properties. First, it is positively homogeneous of degree  $(n - q - 1)$ , i.e.,  $\mu_q(sK, \cdot) = s^{n-q-1}\mu_q(K, \cdot)$  for  $s > 0$ . Second, it is translation invariant, i.e.,  $\mu_q(K + x, \cdot) = \mu_q(K, \cdot)$  for  $x \in R^n$ . Third, its centroid is at the origin, i.e.,  $\int_{S^{n-1}} u d\mu_q(K, u) = 0$ . Moreover, it is absolutely continuous with respect to the surface area measure  $S(K, \cdot)$ . The weak convergence of the electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary measure is proved by CNSXYZ ([2], Lemma 4.1): if  $\{K_j\} \subset K^n$  converges to  $K \in K^n$ , then  $\mu_q(K_j, \cdot)$  converges weakly to  $\mu_q(K, \cdot)$ .

CNSXYZ [2] showed the Hadamard variational formula for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity: for  $K, L \in K^n$  and  $1 < q < n$ ,

$$\left. \frac{dC_q(K + tL)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+} = (q-1) \int_{S^{n-1}} h_L(u) d\mu_q(K, u). \quad (14)$$

And variational formula (14) leads to the following Poincare  $q$ -capacity formula:

$$C_q(K) = \frac{q-1}{n-q} \int_{S^{n-1}} h_K(u) d\mu_q(K, u). \quad (15)$$

The electrostatic  $q$ -capacity  $C_q(K)$  has the following properties. First, it is increasing with respect to set inclusion; that is, if  $K_1 \subseteq K_2$ , then  $C_q(K_1) \leq C_q(K_2)$ . Second, it is positively homogeneous of degree  $(n - q)$ , i.e.,  $C_q(sK) = s^{n-q}C_q(K)$  for  $s > 0$ . Third, it is a rigid motion invariant, i.e.,

$C_q(\varphi K + x) = C_q(K)$  for  $x \in R^n$  and  $\varphi \in O(n)$ . If  $q = 2$ , then (15) induces the Poincare capacity formula

$$C_2(K) = \frac{1}{n-2} \int_{S^{n-1}} h_K(u) d\mu_2(K, u). \quad (16)$$

Let  $C(S^{n-1})$  denote the set of continuous functions defined on  $S^{n-1}$ , which is equipped with the metric induced by the maximal norm. Write  $C_+(S^{n-1})$  for the set of strictly positive functions in  $C(S^{n-1})$ . Let  $K \in K^n$  and  $g \in C(S^{n-1})$ . There is a  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $h_K + tg \in C_+(S^{n-1})$  for  $|t| < t_0$ . The Aleksandrov body  $[h_K + tg]$  is continuous in  $t \in (-t_0, t_0)$ . The Hadamard variational formula for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity [2] states the following:

$$\left. \frac{dC_q(h_K + tg)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+} = (q-1) \int_{S^{n-1}} g(u) d\mu_q(K, u). \quad (17)$$

For  $f \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ , define

$$C_q(f) = C_q([f]). \quad (18)$$

Obviously,  $C_q(h_K) = C_q(K)$  for every  $K \in K^n$ . By the Aleksandrov convergence lemma and the continuity of  $C_q$  on  $K^n$ , the functional  $C_q : C_+(S^{n-1}) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is continuous. For  $K \in K^n$  and  $g \in C(S^{n-1})$ , the mixed elec-

trostatic  $q$ -capacity  $C_q(K, g)$  is defined by

$$C_q(K, g) = \frac{1}{n-q} \left. \frac{dC_q(h_K + tg)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+}. \quad (19)$$

Applying the Hadamard variational formula for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity, the mixed electrostatic  $q$ -capacity  $C_q(K, g)$  has the following integral representation:

$$C_q(K, g) = \frac{q-1}{n-q} \int_{S^{n-1}} g(u) d\mu_q(K, u). \quad (20)$$

Let  $L \in K^n$ . If  $g = h_L$ , then,  $C_q(K, g)$  is the mixed electrostatic  $q$ -capacity  $C_q(K, L)$ , which has the following integral representation:

$$C_q(K, L) = \frac{q-1}{n-q} \int_{S^{n-1}} h_L(u) d\mu_q(K, u). \quad (21)$$

The Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity ([2], Theorem 3.6) states the following: let  $1 < q < n$ .

If  $K, L \in K^n$ , then,

$$C_q(K, L) \geq C_q(K)^{(n-q-1)/(n-q)} C_q(L)^{1/(n-q)}, \quad (22)$$

with equality if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are homothetic.

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $1 < q < n$ . For  $K \in K^n$  and  $g \in C(S^{n-1})$ , the  $L_p$  Hadamard variational formula for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity [7] states the following:

$$\left. \frac{dC_q(h_K + t^p \cdot g)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+} = \frac{q-1}{p} \int_{S^{n-1}} g(u)^p h_K(u)^{1-p} d\mu_q(K, u). \quad (23)$$

The  $L_p$  mixed electrostatic  $q$ -capacity  $C_{p,q}(K, g)$  is defined by

$$C_{p,q}(K, g) = \frac{1}{n-q} \left. \frac{dC_q(h_K + t^p \cdot g)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+} = \frac{q-1}{n-q} \int_{S^{n-1}} g(u)^p h_K(u)^{1-p} d\mu_q(K, u). \quad (24)$$

Take  $g = h_K$  in (24), and combine  $C_q(K, g) = C_q(K)$  to obtain the Poincare  $q$ -capacity formula (15). Zou and Xiong ([7], Theorem 3.9) established the  $L_p$  Minkowski inequality for the  $L_p$  electrostatic  $q$ -capacity: let  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $1 < q < n$ . If  $K \in K^n$  and  $g \in C(S^{n-1})$ , then,

$$C_q(K, g) \geq C_q(K)^{(n-q-p)/(n-q)} C_q(L)^{p/(n-q)}, \quad (25)$$

with equality if and only if  $K$  and  $[g]$  are dilates.

Based on the Orlicz sum (9), we define the Orlicz mixed electrostatic  $q$ -capacity as follows. For  $K \in K^n$  and  $g \in C(S^{n-1})$ , the Orlicz mixed electrostatic  $q$ -capacity  $C_{\phi,q}(K, g)$  is defined by

$$C_{\phi,q}(K, g) = \frac{1}{n-q} \frac{dC_q(h_K + \phi t \cdot g)}{dt} \Big|_{t=0^+}. \quad (26)$$

Indeed, the Orlicz mixed electrostatic  $q$ -capacity can be extended on function spaces. Let  $\phi \in \Phi$  and  $1 < q < n$ . For  $f \in C_+(S^{n-1})$  and  $g \in C(S^{n-1})$ , the Orlicz mixed electrostatic  $q$ -capacity  $C_{\phi,q}([f], g)$  is defined by

$$C_{\phi,q}([f], g) = \frac{1}{n-q} \frac{dC_q(f + \phi t \cdot g)}{dt} \Big|_{t=0^+}. \quad (27)$$

If  $f = h_K$  with  $K \in K_o^n$ , then,  $C_{\phi,q}([h_K], g) = C_{\phi,q}(K, g)$ . If  $g = h_L$  with  $L \in K_o^n$ , then,  $C_{\phi,q}([f], h_L)$  is the Orlicz mixed electrostatic  $q$ -capacity  $C_{\phi,q}([f], L)$ . In particular,  $C_{\phi,q}([h_K], h_K) = \phi(1)C_q(K)$  for every  $K \in K_o^n$ .

### 3. Main Results

The following variational formula of electrostatic  $q$ -capacity plays a crucial role in our proof.

**Lemma 2** ([2], Lemma 5.1). *Let  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an interval containing 0 in its interior, and let  $h_t(u) = h(t, u): I \times S^{n-1} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be continuous such that the convergence in*

$$h'(0, u) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(t, u) - h(0, u)}{t} \quad (28)$$

*is uniformly on  $S^{n-1}$ . Then,*

$$\frac{dC_q([h_t])}{dt} \Big|_{t=0^+} = (q-1) \int_{S^{n-1}} h'(0, u) d\mu_q([h_0], u). \quad (29)$$

*Suppose  $\phi \in \Phi$ ,  $f, g \in C_q(S^{n-1})$ , and  $a, b \geq 0$  (not both zero). For every given  $u \in S^{n-1}$ , the function  $t \mapsto a\phi(f(u)/t) + b\phi(g(u)/t)$  is strictly decreasing. By the definition of the Orlicz sum (9), we have  $(a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g)(u) = t$  and only if  $a\phi(f(u)/t) + b\phi(g(u)/t) = \phi(1)$ .  
for every  $u \in S^{n-1}$ .*

The continuity properties of the Orlicz sum were established by Xi et al. [21].

**Lemma 3** ([21], Lemma 3.1). *Suppose,  $\phi \in \Phi, f \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ ,  $g \in C(S^{n-1})$ , and  $a, b \geq 0$  (not both zero).*

- (i) *Let  $\{f_i\}, \{g_i\} \subset C_+(S^{n-1})$  and  $\{g_i\} \subset C(S^{n-1})$  such that  $f_i \rightarrow f$  and  $g_i \rightarrow g$ , respectively. Then,  $a \cdot f_i + \phi b \cdot g_i \rightarrow a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g$*
- (ii) *Let  $\{\phi_i\} \subset \Phi$  such that  $\phi_i \rightarrow \phi$ . Then,  $a \cdot f + \phi_i b \cdot g \rightarrow a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g$*
- (iii) *Let  $a_i, b_i \geq 0$  (not both zero) such that  $a_i \rightarrow a$  and  $b_i \rightarrow b$ . Then*

$$a_i \cdot f + \phi b_i \cdot g \rightarrow a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g \quad (30)$$

Due to Lemma 2, the integral representation of the Orlicz mixed electrostatic  $q$ -capacity is given.

**Lemma 4.** *Suppose  $\phi \in \Phi$  and  $1 < q < n$ . If  $f \in C_+(S^{n-1})$  and  $g \in C(S^{n-1})$ , then*

$$C_{\phi,q}([f], g) = \frac{q-1}{n-q} \int_{S^{n-1}} \phi \left( \frac{g(u)}{f(u)} \right) f(u) d\mu_q([f], u). \quad (31)$$

*Proof.* Take an interval  $I = [0, t_0]$  for  $0 < t_0 < \infty$ . Denote  $h_t(u): I \times S^{n-1} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  by

$$h_t(u) = h(t, u) = (f + \phi t \cdot g)(u). \quad (32)$$

Then, the definition of the Orlicz sum (9) and Lemma 3 imply that the function  $h_t(u): I \times S^{n-1} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is continuous. By (9), we have

$$\phi \left( \frac{f(u)}{h_t(u)} \right) + t\phi \left( \frac{g(u)}{h_t(u)} \right) = \phi(1), \quad (33)$$

for every  $u \in S^{n-1}$ . Since  $\phi \in \Phi$ , we obtain

$$\frac{dh_t}{dt} = \frac{h_t^2 \phi(g/h_t)}{f\phi'(f/h_t) + t\phi'(g/h_t)}. \quad (34)$$

Note that  $(f/h) \rightarrow 1^-$  as  $t \rightarrow 0^+$  and the fact that  $h_0 = f$ . Thus,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h_t - h_0}{t} = \frac{f\phi(g/f)}{\phi'(1)}, \quad (35)$$

uniformly on  $S^{n-1}$ , where  $\phi'(1)$  denotes the left derivative of  $\phi(t)$  at  $t = 1$ . Apply Lemma 2 and (35) to get

$$\frac{dC_q(f + \phi t \cdot g)}{dt} \Big|_{t=0^+} = \frac{q-1}{\phi'(1)} \int_{S^{n-1}} \phi \left( \frac{g(u)}{f(u)} \right) d\mu_q([f], u). \quad (36)$$

Thus, (27) and (36) yield the desired lemma.

Indeed, (36) can be considered as the Orlicz Hadamard variational formula for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity. If we take  $\phi(t) = t^p (1 \leq p < \infty)$  and  $f = h_K$  with  $K \in K_o^n$  in (36), then, we obtain the  $L_p$  Hadamard variational formula (23).

Note that  $[h_K] = K$  for every  $K \in K_o^n$ . Take  $f = h_K$  in Lemma 4 to get

**Lemma 5.** *Suppose  $\phi \in \Phi$  and  $1 < q < n$ . If  $K \in K_o^n$  and  $g \in C(S^{n-1})$ , then,*

$$C_{\phi,q}(K, g) = \frac{q-1}{n-q} \int_{S^{n-1}} \phi \left( \frac{g(u)}{h_K(u)} \right) h_K(u) d\mu_q(K, u). \quad (37)$$

A direct consequence of Lemma 4 and the homogeneity of the electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary measure can be obtained.

**Corollary 6.** Suppose  $\phi \in \Phi$  and  $1 < q < n$ . If  $f \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ , then

$$C_{\phi,q}(c[f], f) = \phi\left(\frac{1}{c}\right) c^{n-q} C_q([f]) = \phi\left(\frac{1}{c}\right) c^{n-q} C_q(f), \quad (38)$$

for every  $c > 0$ .

Let  $\phi \in \Phi$ ,  $1 < q < n$ , and  $K, L \in K_o^n$ . Note that  $K +_{\phi} t \cdot L = [h_{K+_{\phi}t \cdot h_L}]$ , and apply (18) and (36) to obtain

$$\left. \frac{dC_q(K +_{\phi} t \cdot L)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+} = \frac{q-1}{\phi'_1(1)} \int_{S^{n-1}} \phi\left(\frac{h_L(u)}{h_K(u)}\right) h_K(u) d\mu_q(K, u). \quad (39)$$

Based on (39), one can define the Orlicz mixed electrostatic  $q$ -capacity  $C_{\phi,q}(K, L)$  of convex bodies  $K$  and  $L$  as follows:

$$C_{\phi,q}(K, L) = \frac{q-1}{n-q} \int_{S^{n-1}} \phi\left(\frac{h_L(u)}{h_K(u)}\right) h_K(u) d\mu_q(K, u), \quad (40)$$

which was first defined by Hong et al. ([10], Definition 3.1).

**Lemma 7.** Suppose  $\phi \in \Phi$ ,  $f \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ ,  $g \in C(S^{n-1})$ , and  $1 < q < n$ .

- (i) Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in \Phi$ . If  $\phi_1 \leq \phi_2$ , then  $C_{\phi_1,q}([f], g) \rightarrow C_{\phi_2,q}([f], g)$
- (ii) Let  $\{f_i\} \subset C_+(S^{n-1})$  and  $\{g_i\} \subset C(S^{n-1})$  such that  $f_i \rightarrow f$  and  $g_i \rightarrow g$ , respectively. Then,  $C_{\phi,q}([f_i], g_i) \rightarrow C_{\phi,q}([f], g)$
- (iii) Let  $\{\phi_i\} \subset \Phi$  such that  $\phi_i \rightarrow \phi$ . Then,  $C_{\phi_i,q}([f], g) \rightarrow C_{\phi,q}([f], g)$

*Proof.* It follows from (31) that (i) holds if  $\phi_1 \leq \phi_2$ .

Since  $f > 0, f_i > 0, g \geq 0, g_i \geq 0$  and  $f_i \rightarrow f, g_i \rightarrow g$  uniformly on  $S^{n-1}$ ; it follows that  $g_i/f_i \rightarrow g/f$  uniformly on  $S^{n-1}$ . Note that  $\phi \in \Phi$ , we have  $\phi(g_i/f_i) f_i \rightarrow \phi(g/f) f$  uniformly on  $S^{n-1}$ . The Aleksandrov convergence lemma implies that  $[f_i] \rightarrow [f]$  uniformly on  $S^{n-1}$ . Meanwhile, the convergence  $[f_i] \rightarrow [f]$  implies that  $\mu_q([f_i], \cdot) \rightarrow \mu_q([f], \cdot)$  weakly. Applying Lemma 4, one concludes that (ii) holds.

Clearly, there exists a compact interval  $I \subset (0, \infty)$  such that  $g/f \in I$  for all  $u \in S^{n-1}$ .

(iii) directly follows from Lemma 4 and the fact that the sequence  $\{\phi_i(t)\}$  converges uniformly to  $\phi(t)$  on  $I$ .

Next, we show that there is a natural Orlicz extension of the Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity.

**Theorem 8.** Suppose  $\phi \in \Phi$  and  $1 < q < n$ . If  $f, g \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ , then,

$$\frac{C_{\phi,q}([f], [g])}{C_q(f)} \geq \phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(g)}{C_q(f)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right). \quad (41)$$

If  $\phi$  is strictly convex, then equality holds if and only if  $[f]$  and  $[g]$  are dilates.

*Proof.* By the definition of the mixed electrostatic  $q$ -capacity (20) and the fact that  $h_{[g]} \leq g$ , we have

$$C_q([f], [g]) = C_q([f], h_{[g]}) \leq C_q([f], g). \quad (42)$$

for every  $f, g \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ . From (31), Jensen's inequality, (20), (42), (22), and (18), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{C_{\phi,q}([f], g)}{C_q(f)} &= \frac{((q-1)/(n-q)) \int_{S^{n-1}} \phi(g(u)/f(u)) f(u) d\mu_q([f], u)}{C_q(f)} \\ &\geq \phi\left(\frac{C_q([f], g)}{C_q(f)}\right) \geq \phi\left(\frac{C_q([f], [g])}{C_q(f)}\right) \\ &\geq \phi\left(\frac{C_q(g)^{1/(n-q)}}{C_q(f)^{1/(n-q)}}\right) = \phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(g)}{C_q(f)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

It remains to prove the equality condition. Now, suppose  $\phi$  is strictly convex. If equality in (41) holds, then, by the equality condition of Jensen's inequality, there exists an  $s > 0$  such that  $g = sf$  for almost every  $u \in S^{n-1}$  with respect to the measure  $(f(\cdot) d\mu_q([f], \cdot)) / (C_q(f))$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \frac{(q-1)/(n-q) \int_{S^{n-1}} (g(u))/f(u) f(u) d\mu_q([f], u)}{C_q(f)} \\ &= \frac{C_q([f], g)}{C_q(f)} = \frac{C_q([f], [g])}{C_q(f)}, \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

where the last step is from the equality condition of (42). The definition of Aleksandrov body implies that  $h_{[g]} = sh_{[f]}$  for almost every  $u \in S^{n-1}$  with respect to the measure  $(f(\cdot) d\mu_q([f], \cdot)) / (C_q(f))$ . Thus,

$$C_q([f], [g]) h_{[f]}(u) = C_q(f) h_{[g]}(u), \quad (45)$$

for almost every  $u \in S^{n-1}$  with respect to the measure  $(f(\cdot) d\mu_q([f], \cdot)) / (C_q(f))$ . By the equality condition of the Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity, there exists  $x \in R^n$  such that  $[g] = s[f] + x$ .

Hence, for almost every  $u \in S^{n-1}$  with respect to the measure  $f(\cdot)d\mu_q([f], \cdot)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( sC_q(f) + \frac{q-1}{n-q}x \cdot \int_{S^{n-1}} u d\mu_q([f], u) \right) h_{[f]}(u) \\ &= C_q(f) \left( sh_{[f]}(u) + x \cdot u \right). \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

Since the centroid of  $\mu_q([f], \cdot)$  is at the origin, we have that  $x \cdot u = 0$  for almost every  $u \in S^{n-1}$  with respect to the measure  $(f(\cdot)d\mu_q([f], \cdot))/(C_q(f))$ . Note that the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity measure  $\mu_q([f], \cdot)$  is not concentrated on any great subsphere of  $S^{n-1}$ . Hence,  $x = 0$ , which in turn implies that  $[f]$  and  $[g]$  are dilates.

Conversely, assume that  $[f]$  and  $[g]$  are dilates, say,  $[f] = c[g]$  for some  $c > 0$ . From our assumption, Corollary 6, (18), and the fact that  $C_q(c[g]) = c^{n-q}C_q([g])$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{C_{\phi,q}([f], g)}{C_q(f)} &= \frac{C_{\phi,q}(c[g], g)}{C_q(c[g])} = \frac{\phi(1/c)c^{n-q}C_q([g])}{c^{n-q}C_q([g])} \\ &= \phi\left(\frac{1}{c}\right) = \phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(g)}{C_q(f)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

This completes the proof.

By using the Orlicz-Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity, we establish the following Orlicz Brunn-Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity which is the general version of Theorem 1.

**Theorem 9.** *Suppose  $\phi \in \Phi$  and  $1 < q < n$ . If  $f, g \in C_+(S^{n-1})$  and  $a, b \geq 0$  (not both zero); then,*

$$a\phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right) + b\phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(g)}{C_q(a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right) \leq \phi(1). \quad (48)$$

*If  $\phi$  is strictly convex, then equality holds if and only if  $[f]$  and  $[g]$  are dilates.*

*Proof.* By (31), (9), and the Orlicz-Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity (41), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(1) &= \frac{C_{\phi,q}([a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g], a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g)}{C_q(a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g)} \\ &= a \frac{C_{\phi,q}([a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g], f)}{C_q(a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g)} + b \frac{C_{\phi,q}([a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g], g)}{C_q(a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g)} \\ &\geq a\phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right) \\ &\quad + b\phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(g)}{C_q(a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

By the equality condition of the Orlicz-Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity, we have that  $\phi$  is strictly convex, then equality in (48) holds if and only if  $[f]$  and  $[g]$  are dilates of  $[a \cdot f + \phi b \cdot g]$ .

*Remark 1.* The case  $\phi(t) = t^p$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ) of Theorem 9 was established by Zou and Xiong [7].

For  $K, L \in K_o^n$ , take  $f = h_K$  and  $g = h_L$  in Theorem 9 to obtain the following Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity, which was established by Hong et al. [10].

**Corollary 10** ([10], Theorem 4.2). *Suppose  $\phi \in \Phi$  and  $1 < q < n$ . If  $K, L \in K_o^n$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} & a\phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(K)}{C_q(a \cdot K + \phi b \cdot L)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right) \\ & + b\phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(L)}{C_q(a \cdot K + \phi b \cdot L)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right) \leq \phi(1). \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

*If  $\phi$  is strictly convex, then equality holds if and only if  $K$  and  $L$  are dilates.*

*Remark 2.* The case  $\phi(t) = t$  of Corollary 10 was obtained by Colesanti and Salani [25]. Borell [26] first established the Brunn-Minkowski inequality for the classical electrostatic capacity, while its equality condition was shown by Caffarelli et al. [4].

**Theorem 11.** *Suppose  $\phi \in \Phi$ ,  $1 < q < n$ , and  $f, g \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ . Then, the Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity implies the Orlicz-Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity.*

*Proof.* For  $t \geq 0$  and  $f, g \in C_+(S^{n-1})$ , define the function  $G(t)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} G(t) &= \phi(1) - \phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right) \\ &\quad - t\phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(g)}{C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

The Orlicz-Brunn-Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity implies that  $G(t)$  is nonnegative. Obviously,  $G(0) = 0$ . Thus,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{G(t) - G(0)}{t} \geq 0. \quad (52)$$

On the other hand, by (51) and the continuity of  $C_q$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{G(t) - G(0)}{t} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\phi(1) - \phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right) - t\phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right)}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\phi(1) - \phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right)}{t} - \phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(g)}{C_q(f)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\phi(1) - \phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}} \cdot \frac{1 - \left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}}{t} \\ &\quad - \phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(g)}{C_q(f)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right). \end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

Let  $s = \left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}$ . Note that  $s \rightarrow 1^-$  as  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ . Consequently,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\phi(1) - \phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}} = \phi'_1(1). \tag{54}$$

The continuity of  $C_q$  and (27) imply

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}}{t} &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g) - (C_q(f))^{1/(n-q)}}{t} \\ &\quad \cdot \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g))^{-1/(n-q)} \\ &= \frac{1}{n-q} (C_q(f))^{(1/(n-q)-1)} \cdot \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(C_q(f + \phi t \cdot g))^{1/(n-q)} - C_q(f)}{t} \\ &\quad \cdot (C_q(f))^{-1/(n-q)} = \frac{C_{\phi,q}([f], g)}{\phi'_1(1)C_q(f)}. \end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

From (53), (54), (55), and (52), it follows that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{G(t) - G(0)}{t} = \left(\frac{C_{\phi,q}([f], g)}{C_q(f)}\right) - \phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(g)}{C_q(f)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right) \geq 0, \tag{56}$$

which implies the Orlicz-Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity (41).

Finally, we show an immediate application of the Orlicz-Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity.

**Lemma 12.** Suppose  $\phi \in \Phi$  and  $1 < q < n$ . If  $f, g \in C_+(S^{n-1})$  and  $C$  is a subset of  $C_+(S^{n-1})$  such that  $f, g \in C$ , then the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $C_{\phi,q}([h], f) = C_{\phi,q}([h], g)$  for all  $h \in C$ ; then  $[f] = [g]$
- (ii)  $(C_{\phi,q}([f], h))/C_q(f) = (C_{\phi,q}([g], h))/C_q(f)$  for all  $h \in C$ ; then  $[f] = [g]$

*Proof.* We first show that (i) holds. Since  $C_{\phi,q}([f], f) = \phi(1)C_q(f)$ , it follows that  $\phi(1) = (C_{\phi,q}([f], g))/C_q(g)$  by the assumption. By the Orlicz-Minkowski inequality for the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity, we have  $\phi(1) \geq \phi\left(\left(\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(g)}\right)^{1/(n-q)}\right)$ . The monotonicity of  $\phi$  and  $1 < q < n$  imply that

$$\frac{C_q(f)}{C_q(g)} < 1, \tag{57}$$

with equality if and only if  $[f]$  and  $[g]$  are dilates. This inequality is reversed if interchanging  $f$  and  $g$ . So,  $C_q(f) = C_q(g)$  and  $[f]$  and  $[g]$  are dilates. Assume that  $s[f] = s[g]$  for some  $s > 0$ . The homogeneity of  $C_q$  implies  $s = 1$ . Thus,  $[f] = [g]$ .

Then, we can prove (ii) with the similar arguments in (i).

If the Orlicz mixed electrostatic  $q$ -capacity  $C_{\phi,q}$  is restricted on convex bodies, then we obtain the following characterizations for identity of convex bodies, which were proved by Hong et al. [13].

**Corollary 13** ([10], Theorem 3.3). Suppose  $\phi \in \Phi$  and  $1 < q < n$ . If  $K, L \in K^n_o$  and  $C$  is a subset of  $K^n_o$  such that  $K, L \in C$ , then the following assertions hold:

- (i)  $C_{\phi,q}(Q, K) = C_{\phi,q}(Q, L)$  for all  $Q \in C$ ; then  $K = L$

(ii)  $(C_{\phi,q}(K, Q))/(C_q(K)) = (C_{\phi,q}(L, Q))/(C_q(L))$  for all  $Q \in C$ ; then  $K = L$

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## Research Article

# On the Discrete Orlicz Electrostatic $q$ -Capacitary Minkowski Problem

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We establish the existence of solutions to the Orlicz electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary Minkowski problem for polytopes. This contains a new result of the discrete  $L_p$  electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary Minkowski problem for  $p < 0$  and  $1 < q < n$ .

## 1. Introduction

The Orlicz Brunn-Minkowski theory was originated from the works of Ludwig [1], Ludwig and Reitzner [2], and Lutwak et al. [3, 4]. Hereafter, the new theory has quickly become an important branch of convex geometry (see, e.g., [5–10]). A special case of the theory is the  $L_p$  Brunn-Minkowski theory which is credited to Lutwak [11, 12] and attracted increasing interest in recent years (see, e.g., [13–20]).

It is well known that the  $L_1$  Brunn-Minkowski theory is the classical Brunn-Minkowski theory. One of the cornerstones of the classical Brunn-Minkowski theory is the Minkowski problem. More than a century ago, Minkowski himself solved the Minkowski problem for discrete measures [21]. The complete solution for arbitrary measures was given by Aleksandrov [22] and Fenchel and Jessen [23]. The regularity was studied by, e.g., Lewy [24], Nirenberg [25], Pogorelov [26], Cheng and Yau [27], and Caffarelli et al. [28].

A generalization of the Minkowski problem is the  $L_p$  Minkowski problem in the  $L_p$  Brunn-Minkowski theory, which has been extensively studied (see, e.g., [29–49]). Naturally, the corresponding Minkowski problem in the Orlicz Brunn-Minkowski theory is called the Orlicz Minkowski problem which was first investigated by Haberl et al. [50] for even measures. Today, great progress has been made on

it (see, e.g., [51–60]). The present paper is aimed at dealing with the Orlicz capacitary Minkowski problem.

The electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary measure  $\mu_q(\Omega, \cdot)$  (see [61]) of a bounded open convex set  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the measure on the unit sphere  $S^{n-1}$  defined for  $\omega \subset S^{n-1}$  and  $1 < q < n$  by

$$\mu_q(\Omega, \omega) = \int_{g^{-1}(\omega)} |\nabla U|^q d\mathcal{H}^{n-1}, \quad (1)$$

where  $g^{-1} : S^{n-1} \rightarrow \partial\Omega$  (the boundary of  $\Omega$ ) denotes the inverse Gauss map,  $\mathcal{H}^{n-1}$  the  $(n-1)$ -dimensional Hausdorff measure, and  $U$  the  $q$ -equilibrium potential of  $\Omega$ .

A convex body  $K$  is a compact convex set with nonempty interior in the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\mathcal{K}^n$  denote the set of convex bodies in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $\mathcal{K}_o^n$  denote the set of convex bodies with the origin in their interiors. The support function (see [62, 63]) of  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$  is defined for  $u \in S^{n-1}$  by

$$h_K(u) = h(K, u) = \max \{x \cdot u : x \in K\}, \quad (2)$$

where  $x \cdot u$  denotes the standard inner product of  $x$  and  $u$ . Note that  $h(cK, u) = ch(K, u)$  for  $c > 0$ .

Let  $\varphi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a given continuous function. For  $1 < q < n$  and  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ , the Orlicz electrostatic  $q$

-capacitary measure,  $\mu_{\varphi,q}(K, \cdot)$ , of  $K$  is defined by

$$d\mu_{\varphi,q}(K, \cdot) = \varphi(h_K) d\mu_q(K, \cdot). \quad (3)$$

When  $\varphi(s) = s^{1-p}$  with  $p \in \mathbb{R}$ , the Orlicz electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary measure becomes the following  $L_p$  electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary measure introduced by Zou and Xiong [64]:

$$d\mu_{p,q}(K, \cdot) = h_K^{1-p} d\mu_q(K, \cdot). \quad (4)$$

The Minkowski problem characterizing the Orlicz electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary measure, proposed in [65], is the following.

*1.1. The Orlicz Electrostatic  $q$ -Capacitary Minkowski Problem.* Let  $1 < q < n$ . Given a continuous function  $\varphi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  and a finite Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $S^{n-1}$ , what are the necessary and sufficient conditions so that  $\mu = c\mu_{\varphi,q}(K, \cdot)$  for some convex body  $K$  and constant  $c > 0$ ?

Let  $\varphi$  be a constant function. When  $q = 2$ , the Orlicz Minkowski-type problem is the classical electrostatic capacity Minkowski problem. In the paper [66], Jerison established the existence of a solution to the electrostatic capacity Minkowski problem. In a subsequent paper [67], he gave a new proof of the existence using a variational approach. The uniqueness was proved by Caffarelli et al. [68], and the regularity was given in [66]. When  $1 < q < n$ , the Orlicz Minkowski-type problem is the electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary Minkowski problem posed in [61]. The existence and regularity for  $1 < q < 2$  and the uniqueness for  $1 < q < n$  of its solutions were proved in [61], and the existence for  $2 < q < n$  was very recently solved in [69].

Let  $\varphi(s) = s^{1-p}$  with  $p \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then, the Orlicz Minkowski-type problem is the  $L_p$  electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary Minkowski problem introduced by Zou and Xiong [64]. In [64], they completely solved the  $L_p$  electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary Minkowski problem for the case  $p > 1$  and  $1 < q < n$ . It is generally known that when  $p < 1$ , the  $L_p$  Minkowski problem becomes much harder. Actually, the  $L_p$  electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary Minkowski problem for the case  $p < 1$  and  $1 < q < n$  is also very difficult. Therefore, it is worth mentioning that an important breakthrough of the problem for the case  $0 < p < 1$  and  $1 < q < 2$  was made by Xiong et al. [70] for discrete measures.

The existence of the Orlicz electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary Minkowski problem was first investigated by Hong et al. [65]. As a consequence, in [65], they obtained a complete solution (including both existence and uniqueness) to the  $L_p$  electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary Minkowski problem for the case  $p > 1$  and  $1 < q < n$ , which was independently solved by Zou and Xiong [64].

We observe the statement above. At present, there is no result about the  $L_p$  electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary Minkowski problem for the case  $p < 0$  and  $1 < q < n$ . In this paper, we study the Orlicz electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary Minkowski problem including it.

A finite set  $E$  of  $S^{n-1}$  is said to be in general position if  $E$  is not contained in a closed hemisphere of  $S^{n-1}$  and any  $n$  elements of  $E$  are linearly independent.

A polytope in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the convex hull of a finite set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  provided that it has positive  $n$ -dimensional volume. The convex hull of a subset of these points is called a facet of the polytope if it lies entirely on the boundary of the polytope and has positive  $(n-1)$ -dimensional volume.

Our main theorem is stated as follows.

**Theorem 1.** *Suppose  $\varphi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is continuously differentiable and strictly increasing with  $\varphi(s) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $s \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $\phi(t) = \int_t^\infty (1/\varphi(s)) ds$  exists for  $t > 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \phi(t) =$*

*$\infty$ . Let  $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \delta_{u_i}$ , where  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N > 0$ , the unit vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_N \in S^{n-1}$  are in general position, and  $\delta_{u_i}$  is the Dirac delta. Then, for  $1 < q < n$ , there exist a polytope  $P$  and constant  $c > 0$  such that*

$$\mu = c\mu_{\varphi,q}(P, \cdot). \quad (5)$$

When  $\varphi(s) = s^{1-p}$  with  $p < 0$ , and  $\phi(t) = -(1/p)t^p$ , which satisfy the assumptions of Theorem 1, we obtain the following.

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $p < 0$  and  $1 < q < n$ . Suppose  $\mu$  is a discrete measure on  $S^{n-1}$ , and its supports are in general position. If  $p + q \neq n$ , then there exists a polytope  $P_0$  such that  $\mu = \mu_{p,q}(P_0, \cdot)$ ; if  $p + q = n$ , then there exist a polytope  $P$  and constant  $c > 0$  such that  $\mu = c\mu_{p,q}(P, \cdot)$ .*

Obviously, this corollary makes up for the existing results for the  $L_p$  electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary Minkowski problem, to some extent.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, some of the necessary facts about convex bodies and capacity are presented. In Section 3, a maximizing problem related to the Orlicz electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary Minkowski problem is considered and its corresponding solution is given. In Section 4, we give the proofs of Theorem 1 and Corollary 2.

## 2. Preliminaries

*2.1. Basics regarding Convex Bodies.* For quick later reference, we list some basic facts about convex bodies. Good general references are the books of Gardner [62] and Schneider [63].

The boundary and interior of  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$  will be denoted by  $\partial K$  and  $\text{int } K$ , respectively.  $B = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \sqrt{x \cdot x} \leq 1\}$  denotes the unit ball. The volume, the  $n$ -dimensional Lebesgue measure, of a convex body  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$  is denoted by  $V(K)$ , and the volume of  $B$  is denoted by  $\omega_n$ . We will write  $C(S^{n-1})$  for the set of continuous functions on  $S^{n-1}$  and  $C^+(S^{n-1})$  for the set of positive functions in  $C(S^{n-1})$ .

For  $x \in \partial K$  with  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ ,  $g_K(x)$  is the Gauss map of  $K$  which is the family of all unit exterior normal vectors at  $x$ . In particular,  $g_K(x)$  consists of a unique vector for  $H^{n-1}$

-almost all  $x \in \partial K$ . The surface area measure of  $K$  is a Borel measure on  $S^{n-1}$  defined for a Borel set  $\omega \subset S^{n-1}$  by

$$S(K, \omega) = \int_{x \in g_K^{-1}(\omega)} dH^{n-1}(x). \quad (6)$$

For  $f \in C^+(S^{n-1})$ , the Aleksandrov body associated with  $f$ , denoted by  $[f]$ , is the convex body defined by

$$[f] = \bigcap_{u \in S^{n-1}} \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : \xi \cdot u \leq f(u)\}. \quad (7)$$

It is easy to see that  $h_{[f]} \leq f$  and  $[h_K] = K$  for  $K \in \mathcal{K}_0^n$ .

The Hausdorff distance of two convex bodies  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$  is defined by

$$\delta(K, L) = \max_{u \in S^{n-1}} |h_K(u) - h_L(u)|. \quad (8)$$

For a sequence of convex bodies  $K_i \in \mathcal{K}^n$  and a convex body  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , we have  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} K_i = K$  provided that

$$\delta(K_i, K) \rightarrow 0, \quad (9)$$

as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ .

For  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$  and  $u \in S^{n-1}$ , the support hyperplane  $H(K, u)$  of  $K$  at  $u$  is defined by

$$H(K, u) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x \cdot u = h(K, u)\}, \quad (10)$$

the half-space  $H^-(K, u)$  at  $u$  is defined by

$$H^-(K, u) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x \cdot u \leq h(K, u)\}, \quad (11)$$

and the support set  $F(K, u)$  at  $u$  is defined by

$$F(K, u) = K \cap H(K, u). \quad (12)$$

Suppose that  $\mathcal{P}$  is the set of polytopes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the unit vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_N$  are in general position. Let  $\mathcal{P}(u_1, \dots, u_N)$  be the subset of  $\mathcal{P}$ . If  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  with

$$P = \bigcap_{k=1}^N H^-(P, u_k), \quad (13)$$

then  $P \in \mathcal{P}(u_1, \dots, u_N)$ . Obviously, if  $P_i \in \mathcal{P}(u_1, \dots, u_N)$  and  $P_i$  converges to a polytope  $P$ , then  $P \in \mathcal{P}(u_1, \dots, u_N)$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}_N(u_1, \dots, u_N)$  be the subset of  $\mathcal{P}(u_1, \dots, u_N)$  that any polytope in  $\mathcal{P}_N(u_1, \dots, u_N)$  has exactly  $N$  facets.

**2.2. Electrostatic  $q$ -Capacity and  $q$ -Capacitary Measure.** Here, we collect some notion and basic facts on electrostatic  $q$ -capacity and  $q$ -capacitary measure (see [61, 64, 70]).

Let  $E$  be a compact set in  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For  $1 < q < n$ , the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity,  $C_q(E)$ , of  $E$  is defined (see [61]) by

$$C_q(E) = \inf \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u|^q dx : u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ and } u \geq 1 \text{ on } E \right\}, \quad (14)$$

where  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is the set of smooth functions with compact supports. When  $q = 2$ , the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity becomes the classical electrostatic capacity  $C_2(E)$ .

For  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$  and  $1 < q < n$ , we need the following isocapacitary inequality which is due to Mařya [71]:

$$V(K)^{(n-q)/n} \leq \left( \frac{q-1}{n-q} \right)^{q-1} (n\omega_n^{q/n})^{-1} C_q(K). \quad (15)$$

The following lemma (see [64, 70]) gives some basic properties of the electrostatic  $q$ -capacity.

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $E$  and  $F$  be two compact sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $1 < q < n$ .*

(i) *If  $E \subset F$ , then*

$$C_q(E) \leq C_q(F) \quad (16)$$

(ii) *For  $\lambda > 0$ ,*

$$C_q(\lambda E) = \lambda^{n-q} C_q(E) \quad (17)$$

(iii) *For  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,*

$$C_q(E + x_0) = C_q(E) \quad (18)$$

(iv) *The functional  $C_q(\cdot)$  is continuous on  $\mathcal{K}^n$  with respect to the Hausdorff metric*

The following lemma is some basic properties of the electrostatic  $q$ -capacitary measure (compare [64, 70]).

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$  and  $1 < q < n$ .*

(i) *For  $\lambda > 0$ ,*

$$\mu_q(\lambda K, \cdot) = \lambda^{n-q-1} \mu_q(K, \cdot) \quad (19)$$

(ii) *For  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,*

$$\mu_q(K + x_0, \cdot) = \mu_q(K, \cdot) \quad (20)$$

(iii) For  $K_j, K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , if  $K_j \rightarrow K$ , then

$$\mu_q(K_j, \cdot) \rightarrow \mu_q(K, \cdot) \quad (21)$$

weakly as  $j \rightarrow +\infty$

(iv) The measure  $\mu_q(K, \cdot)$  is absolutely continuous with respect to the surface area measure  $S(K, \cdot)$

The following variational formula given in [61] of electrostatic  $q$ -capacity is critical.

**Lemma 5.** Let  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an interval containing 0 in its interior, and let  $h_t(u) = h(t, u): I \times S^{n-1} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be continuous such that the convergence in

$$h'(0, u) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(t, u) - h(0, u)}{t} \quad (22)$$

is uniform on  $S^{n-1}$ . Then,

$$\left. \frac{dC_q([h_t])}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = (q-1) \int_{S^{n-1}} h'(0, u) d\mu_q([h_0], u). \quad (23)$$

### 3. An Associated Maximization Problem

In this section, we solve a maximization problem, and its solution is exactly the solution in Theorem 1.

Suppose  $\phi$  satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 1 and the unit vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_N$  are in general position. For  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N > 0$  and  $P \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N)$ , define the function,  $\Phi_P: \text{int } P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , by

$$\Phi_P(\xi) = \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi(h(P, u_k) - \xi \cdot u_k). \quad (24)$$

Let  $1 < q < n$ . We consider the following maximization problem:

$$\sup \{ \min_{\xi \in \text{int } Q} \Phi_Q(\xi) : C_q(Q) = 1, Q \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N) \}. \quad (25)$$

The solution to problem (25) is given in Theorem 9. Its proof requires the following three lemmas which are similar to those in [58].

**Lemma 6.** Suppose  $\varphi: (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is continuously differentiable and strictly increasing with  $\varphi(s) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $s \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $\phi(t) = \int_t^\infty (1/\varphi(s)) ds$  exists for  $t > 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \phi(t) = \infty$ .

For  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N > 0$ , if the unit vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_N \in S^{n-1}$  are in general position, then there exists a unique  $\xi_\phi(P) \in \text{int } P$  such that

$$\Phi_P(\xi_\phi(P)) = \min_{\xi \in \text{int } P} \Phi_P(\xi). \quad (26)$$

*Proof.* Since  $\varphi: (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is continuously differentiable and strictly increasing, we have for  $t > 0$ ,

$$\phi''(t) = \frac{\varphi'(t)}{\varphi^2(t)} > 0. \quad (27)$$

Therefore,  $\phi$  is strictly convex on  $(0, \infty)$ . Let  $0 < \lambda < 1$  and  $\xi_1, \xi_2 \in \text{int } P$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \Phi_P(\xi_1) + (1-\lambda) \Phi_P(\xi_2) &= \lambda \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi(h(P, u_k) - \xi_1 \cdot u_k) \\ &\quad + (1-\lambda) \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi(h(P, u_k) - \xi_2 \cdot u_k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k [\lambda \phi(h(P, u_k) - \xi_1 \cdot u_k) \\ &\quad + (1-\lambda) \phi(h(P, u_k) - \xi_2 \cdot u_k)] \geq \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi(h(P, u_k) \\ &\quad - (\lambda \xi_1 + (1-\lambda) \xi_2) \cdot u_k) = \Phi_P(\lambda \xi_1 + (1-\lambda) \xi_2). \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Equality holds if and only if  $\xi_1 \cdot u_k = \xi_2 \cdot u_k$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, N$ . Since  $u_1, \dots, u_N$  are in general position,  $\mathbb{R}^n = \text{lin}\{u_1, \dots, u_N\}$  which is the smallest linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  containing  $\{u_1, \dots, u_N\}$ . Thus,  $\xi_1 = \xi_2$ . Namely,  $\Phi_P$  is strictly convex on  $\text{int } P$ .

Since  $P \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N)$ , it follows that for any  $x \in \partial P$ , there exists a  $u_{i_0} \in \{u_1, \dots, u_N\}$  such that

$$h(P, u_{i_0}) = x \cdot u_{i_0}. \quad (29)$$

Note that  $\phi$  is strictly decreasing on  $(0, \infty)$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \phi(t) = \infty$ . Then,  $\Phi_P(\xi) \rightarrow \infty$  whenever  $\xi \in \text{int } P$  and  $\xi \rightarrow x$ . This together with the strict convexity of  $\Phi_P$  means that there exists a unique interior point  $\xi_\phi(P)$  of  $P$  such that

$$\Phi_P(\xi_\phi(P)) = \min_{\xi \in \text{int } P} \Phi_P(\xi). \quad (30)$$

**Lemma 7.** Suppose  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N > 0$ , the unit vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_N \in S^{n-1}$  are in general position, and  $\varphi: (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is continuously differentiable and strictly increasing with  $\varphi(s) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $s \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $\phi(t) = \int_t^\infty (1/\varphi(s)) ds$  exists for  $t > 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \phi(t) = \infty$ . If  $P_i \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N)$  converges to a polytope  $P$ , then  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \xi_\phi(P_i) = \xi_\phi(P)$  and

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_{P_i}(\xi_\phi(P_i)) = \Phi_P(\xi_\phi(P)). \quad (31)$$

*Proof.* Since  $P_i \rightarrow P$  and  $\xi_\phi(P_i) \in \text{int } P_i$ , it follows that  $\xi_\phi(P_i)$  is bounded. Let  $\xi_\phi(P_{i_j})$  be a subsequence of  $\xi_\phi(P_i)$  with  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \xi_\phi(P_{i_j}) = \xi_0$ . We first show that  $\xi_0 \in \text{int } P$  by contradiction.

Assume  $\xi_0 \in \partial P$ . Then,  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_{P_{i_j}}(\xi_\phi(P_{i_j})) = \infty$ , which contradicts the fact that

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_{P_{i_j}}(\xi_\phi(P_{i_j})) \leq \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_{P_{i_j}}(\xi_\phi(P)) = \Phi_P(\xi_\phi(P)) < \infty. \quad (32)$$

We next show that  $\xi_0 = \xi_\phi(P)$ . Let  $\xi_0 \neq \xi_\phi(P)$ . Then,

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_{P_{i_j}}(\xi_\phi(P_{i_j})) = \Phi_P(\xi_0) > \Phi_P(\xi_\phi(P)) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_{P_{i_j}}(\xi_\phi(P)). \quad (33)$$

This contradicts the fact that

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_{P_{i_j}}(\xi_\phi(P_{i_j})) \leq \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_{P_{i_j}}(\xi_\phi(P)). \quad (34)$$

This means that  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \xi_\phi(P_i) = \xi_\phi(P)$  and

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_{P_i}(\xi_\phi(P_i)) = \Phi_P(\xi_\phi(P)). \quad (35)$$

**Lemma 8.** Suppose  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N > 0$ , the unit vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_N \in S^{n-1}$  are in general position, and  $\varphi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is continuously differentiable and strictly increasing with  $\varphi(s) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $s \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $\phi(t) = \int_t^\infty (1/\varphi(s)) ds$  exists for  $t > 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \phi(t) = \infty$ . Let  $P \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N)$  and  $\delta \geq 0$  be small enough such that for  $k_0 \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ ,

$$P_\delta = P \cap \{x : x \cdot u_{k_0} \leq h(P, u_{k_0}) - \delta\} \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N). \quad (36)$$

If the continuous function  $\lambda : [0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is continuously differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$  and  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \lambda'(\delta)$  exists, then  $\xi(\delta) := \xi_\phi(\lambda(\delta)P_\delta)$  has a right derivative, denoted by  $\xi'_+(\delta)$ , at 0.

*Proof.* The proof is based on the ideas of Wu et al. [58]. Let  $\delta \geq 0$  be small enough and

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\delta) &= \min_{\xi \in \text{int}(\lambda(\delta)P_\delta)} \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi(\lambda(\delta)h(P_\delta, u_k) - \xi \cdot u_k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi(\lambda(\delta)h(P_\delta, u_k) - \xi(\delta) \cdot u_k). \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

From this and the fact that  $\xi(\delta)$  is an interior point of  $\lambda(\delta)P_\delta$ , it follows that for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(\lambda(\delta)h(P_\delta, u_k) - \xi(\delta) \cdot u_k) u_{k,i} = 0, \quad (38)$$

where  $u_k = (u_{k,1}, \dots, u_{k,n})^T$ .

Let

$$F_i(\delta, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) = \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(\lambda(\delta)h(P_\delta, u_k) - \xi \cdot u_k) u_{k,i} \quad (39)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$ . Then,

$$\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial \xi_j} = - \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi''(\lambda(\delta)h(P_\delta, u_k) - \xi \cdot u_k) u_{k,i} u_{k,j}, \quad (40)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial \delta} &= \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(\lambda(\delta)h(P_\delta, u_k) - \xi \cdot u_k) u_{k,i} \lambda'(\delta) h(P_\delta, u_k) \\ &\quad - \alpha_{k_0} \phi''(\lambda(\delta)h(P, u_{k_0}) - \delta \lambda(\delta) - \xi \cdot u_{k_0}) u_{k_0,i} \lambda(\delta). \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

Let  $F = (F_1, \dots, F_n)$ . Then,

$$\left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi} \Big|_{(\delta, \xi_1(\delta), \dots, \xi_n(\delta))} \right)_{n \times n} = - \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi''(\lambda(\delta)h(P_\delta, u_k) - \xi(\delta) \cdot u_k) u_k u_k^T, \quad (42)$$

where  $u_k u_k^T$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix.

Since  $u_1, \dots, u_N$  are in general position,  $\mathbb{R}^n = \text{lin}\{u_1, \dots, u_N\}$ . Thus, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $x \neq 0$ , there exists a  $u_{i_0} \in \{u_1, \dots, u_N\}$  such that  $u_{i_0} \cdot x \neq 0$ . Note that  $\phi'' > 0$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x^T &\left( - \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi''(\lambda(\delta)h(P_\delta, u_k) - \xi(\delta) \cdot u_k) u_k u_k^T \right) x \\ &= - \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi''(\lambda(\delta)h(P_\delta, u_k) - \xi(\delta) \cdot u_k) (x \cdot u_k)^2 \\ &\leq - \alpha_{i_0} \phi''(\lambda(\delta)h(P_\delta, u_{i_0}) - \xi(\delta) \cdot u_{i_0}) (x \cdot u_{i_0})^2 < 0. \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

Therefore,  $(\partial F / \partial \xi|_{\delta, \xi_1(\delta), \dots, \xi_n(\delta)})$  is negative definite. Thus,

$$\det \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi} \Big|_{\delta, \xi_1(\delta), \dots, \xi_n(\delta)} \right) \neq 0. \quad (44)$$

From this, the fact that for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $F_i(\delta, \xi_1(\delta), \dots, \xi_n(\delta)) = 0$  follows by (38), the fact that  $\partial F_i / \partial \xi_j$  is continuous on  $\xi$  and  $\delta$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , and the implicit function theorem, it follows that  $\xi(\delta) = \xi_\phi(\lambda(\delta)P_\delta)$  is continuously differentiable on a neighbourhood of  $\delta$  small enough. Thus,  $\xi(\delta)$  is continuously differentiable for small enough  $\delta > 0$ , and

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{d\xi_1}{d\delta} \\ \frac{d\xi_2}{d\delta} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{d\xi_n}{d\delta} \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial \xi_1} & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial \xi_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial \xi_n} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial \xi_1} & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial \xi_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial \xi_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial \xi_1} & \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial \xi_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial \xi_n} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial \delta} \\ \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial \delta} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial \delta} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (45)$$

This together with (40) and (41) implies  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \xi'(\delta)$  exists.

From the Lagrange mean value theorem, we obtain that for  $\delta > 0$  and  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , there exists a  $\delta_i(\delta)$  with  $0 < \delta_i(\delta) < \delta$  such that

$$\frac{\xi_i(\delta) - \xi_i(0)}{\delta} = \xi'_i(\delta_i(\delta)). \quad (46)$$

Thus,

$$\left. \frac{d\xi_i(\delta)}{d\delta} \right|_{\delta=0^+} = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\xi_i(\delta) - \xi_i(0)}{\delta} = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \xi'_i(\delta_i(\delta)) \quad (47)$$

exists. Namely,  $\xi'_+(0)$  exists.

We are ready to show the existence of a maximizer to problem (25).

**Theorem 9.** *Suppose  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N > 0$  and the unit vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_N \in S^{n-1}$  are in general position. Let  $\varphi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be continuously differentiable and strictly increasing with  $\varphi(s) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $s \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $\phi(t) = \int_t^\infty (1/\varphi(s)) ds$  exists for  $t > 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \phi(t) = \infty$ . Then, there exists a polytope  $P \in P_N(u_1, \dots, u_N)$  such that  $\xi_\phi(P) = o$ ,  $C_q(P) = 1$ , and*

$$\Phi_P(o) = \sup \{ \min_{\xi \in \text{int } Q} \Phi_Q(\xi) : C_q(Q) = 1, Q \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N) \}. \quad (48)$$

*Proof.* For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $P \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N)$ , we first show

$$\Phi_{P+x}(\xi_\phi(P+x)) = \Phi_P(\xi_\phi(P)). \quad (49)$$

From Lemma 6 and definition (24), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{P+x}(\xi_\phi(P+x)) &= \min_{\xi \in \text{int } (P+x)} \Phi_{P+x}(\xi) \\ &= \min_{\xi \in \text{int } (P+x)} \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi(h(P+x, u_k) - \xi \cdot u_k) \\ &= \min_{\xi - x \in \text{int } P} \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi(h(P, u_k) - (\xi - x) \cdot u_k) \\ &= \min_{\xi' \in \text{int } P} \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi(h(P, u_k) - \xi' \cdot u_k) \\ &= \Phi_P(\xi_\phi(P)). \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

Therefore, by (49) and (iii) of Lemma 2.1, we can choose a sequence  $P_i \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N)$  with  $\xi_\phi(P_i) = o$  and  $C_q(P_i) = 1$  such that

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_{P_i}(o) = \sup \{ \min_{\xi \in \text{int } Q} \Phi_Q(\xi) : C_q(Q) = 1, Q \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N) \}. \quad (51)$$

We next prove that  $P_i$  is bounded. Assume that  $P_i$  is not bounded. Since the unit vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_N$  are in general position, from the proof of ([45], Theorem 4.3), we see  $V(P_i)$  is not bounded. However, from (15), and noting that  $C_q(P_i) = 1$ , we have

$$V(P_i) \leq \left( \frac{q-1}{n-q} \right)^{n(q-1)/(n-q)} (n\omega_n^{q/n})^{-n/(n-q)}, \quad (52)$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $P_i$  is bounded.

By the Blaschke selection theorem, we can assume that a subsequence of  $P_i$  converges to a polytope  $P \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N)$ . Thus, from (iv) of Lemma 3 and Lemma 7, it follows that  $C_q(P) = 1$ ,  $\xi_\phi(P) = o$ , and

$$\Phi_P(o) = \sup \{ \min_{\xi \in \text{int } Q} \Phi_Q(\xi) : C_q(Q) = 1, Q \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N) \}. \quad (53)$$

We now prove that  $P \in P_N(u_1, \dots, u_N)$ , i.e.,  $F(P, u_i)$  are facets for all  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . If not, there exists an  $i_0 \in \{1, \dots, N\}$  such that  $F(P, u_{i_0})$  is not a facet of  $P$ . Choose  $\delta \geq 0$  small enough so that the polytope

$$P_\delta = P \cap \{x : x \cdot u_{i_0} \leq h(P, u_{i_0}) - \delta\} \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N). \quad (54)$$

Let  $\lambda(\delta) = C_q(P_\delta)^{-1/(n-q)}$ . Then,  $\lambda(\delta)P_\delta \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N)$ ,  $C_q(\lambda(\delta)P_\delta) = 1$  follows by (ii) of Lemma 3, and  $\lambda(\delta)$  is continuous in  $[0, \infty)$ . Since for any  $\delta_i \rightarrow 0$ , there is that  $\lambda(\delta_i)P_{\delta_i} \rightarrow P$ , it follows from Lemma 7 that  $\xi_\phi(\lambda(\delta_i)P_{\delta_i}) \rightarrow \xi_\phi(P) = o$ . This implies

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \xi_\phi(\lambda(\delta)P_\delta) = o. \quad (55)$$

Let

$$r_{i_0}(u) = \begin{cases} 1, & u = u_{i_0}, \\ 0, & u \neq u_{i_0} \end{cases} \quad (56)$$

for  $u \in S^{n-1}$ . Then, from Lemma 5, we have for small enough  $\delta \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dC_q(P_\delta)}{d\delta} &= \frac{dC_q([h_{P_\delta}])}{d\delta} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{C_q([h_{P_\delta} + tr_{i_0}]) - C_q([h_{P_\delta}])}{t} \\ &= (q-1) \int_{S^{n-1}} r_{i_0}(u) d\mu_q(P_\delta, u) = (q-1) \mu_q(P_\delta, u_{i_0}). \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

Thus, from (iii) and (iv) of Lemma 4, it follows that  $C_q(P_\delta)$  is continuously differentiable for every  $\delta > 0$ , and

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{dC_q(P_\delta)}{d\delta} = 0. \quad (58)$$

These imply that

$$\lambda'(\delta) = -\frac{1}{n-q} C_q(P_\delta)^{-(1/(n-q))-1} \frac{dC_q(P_\delta)}{d\delta} \quad (59)$$

is continuous for every  $\delta > 0$ , and

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \lambda'(\delta) = 0. \quad (60)$$

Therefore,  $\lambda(\delta) = C_q(P_\delta)^{-1/(n-q)}$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 8. Noting that  $\xi(\delta) = \xi_\phi(\lambda(\delta)P_\delta)$ , we see  $\xi'_+(0)$  exists.

Recall

$$\Phi(\delta) = \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi(\lambda(\delta)h(P_\delta, u_k) - \xi(\delta) \cdot u_k). \quad (61)$$

From this and (38), we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(h(P, u_k)) u_k = 0. \quad (62)$$

Thus, it follows from (60), (61), and (62) that

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d\Phi(\delta)}{d\delta} \right|_{\delta=0^+} &= -\alpha_{i_0} \phi'(h(P, u_{i_0})) \\ &\quad - \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(h(P, u_k)) (\xi'_+(0) \cdot u_k) \\ &= -\alpha_{i_0} \phi'(h(P, u_{i_0})) - \xi'_+(0) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(h(P, u_k)) u_k \\ &= -\alpha_{i_0} \phi'(h(P, u_{i_0})) > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (63)$$

This means

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\Phi(\delta) - \Phi(0)}{\delta} > 0. \quad (64)$$

Therefore, there exists a  $\delta_0 > 0$  small enough such that

$$\Phi(\delta_0) > \Phi(0). \quad (65)$$

This together with (61) has

$$\Phi_{\lambda(\delta_0)P_{\delta_0}}(\xi_\phi(\lambda(\delta_0)P_{\delta_0})) > \Phi_P(\xi_\phi(P)) = \Phi_P(o). \quad (66)$$

Note that  $\lambda(\delta_0) = C_q(P_{\delta_0})^{-(1/(n-q))}$ . Let  $P_0 = \lambda(\delta_0)P_{\delta_0} - \xi_\phi(\lambda(\delta_0)P_{\delta_0})$ . Then,  $P_0 \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N)$ ,  $C_q(P_0) = 1$ ,  $\xi_\phi(P_0) = o$ , and

$$\Phi_{P_0}(o) > \Phi_P(o). \quad (67)$$

This contradicts (53). Thus,  $P \in P_N(u_1, \dots, u_N)$ .

#### 4. Solving the Orlicz Electrostatic $q$ -Capacitary Minkowski Problem

*Proof of Theorem 1.* By Theorem 9, there exists a polytope  $P \in P_N(u_1, \dots, u_N)$  with  $\xi_\phi(P) = o$  and  $C_q(P) = 1$  such that

$$\Phi_P(o) = \sup \{ \min_{\xi \in \text{int } Q} \Phi_Q(\xi) : C_q(Q) = 1, Q \in P(u_1, \dots, u_N) \}. \quad (68)$$

For  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_N \in \mathbb{R}$ , choose  $|t|$  small enough so that the polytope  $P_t$  defined by

$$P_t = \bigcap_{i=1}^N \{x : x \cdot u_i \leq h(P, u_i) + t\gamma_i\} \quad (69)$$

has exactly  $N$  facets. Then,  $h(P_t, u_i) = h(P, u_i) + t\gamma_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ . Let

$$\beta(t) = C_q(P_t)^{-(1/(n-q))}. \quad (70)$$

Then,  $\beta(t)P_t \in P_N(u_1, \dots, u_N)$  and  $C_q(\beta(t)P_t) = 1$ . By Lemma 5 and (iv) of Lemma 4, we obtain

$$\beta'(0) = -\frac{1}{n-q} \frac{dC_q(P_t)}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} = -\frac{q-1}{n-q} \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i \mu_q(P, u_i). \quad (71)$$

Define  $\xi(t) = \xi_\phi(\beta(t)P_t)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(t) &= \min_{\xi \in \text{int } (\beta(t)P_t)} \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi(\beta(t)h(P_t, u_k) - \xi \cdot u_k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi(\beta(t)h(P_t, u_k) - \xi(t) \cdot u_k). \end{aligned} \quad (72)$$

Since  $\xi(t)$  is an interior point of  $\beta(t)P_t$ , this has

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(\beta(t)h(P_t, u_k) - \xi(t) \cdot u_k) u_{k,i} = 0, \quad (73)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $u_k = (u_{k,1}, \dots, u_{k,n})^T$ . Note that  $\xi(0)$  is the origin. Then, letting  $t = 0$  in (73), we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(h(P, u_k)) u_{k,i} = 0, \quad (74)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Hence,

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(h(P, u_k)) u_k = 0. \quad (75)$$

Let

$$F_i(t, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) = \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(\beta(t)h(P, u_k) - (\xi_1 u_{k,1} + \dots + \xi_n u_{k,n})) u_{k,i} \quad (76)$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial t} \Big|_{(t, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)} &= \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi''(\beta(t)h(P, u_k) \\ &\quad - (\xi_1 u_{k,1} + \dots + \xi_n u_{k,n})) \left[ \beta'(t)h(P, u_k) + \beta(t)\gamma_k \right] u_{k,i}, \quad \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial \xi_j} \Big|_{(t, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)} \\ &= - \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi''(\beta(t)h(P, u_k) - (\xi_1 u_{k,1} + \dots + \xi_n u_{k,n})) u_{k,i} u_{k,j}. \end{aligned} \quad (77)$$

Thus,

$$\left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi} \Big|_{(0, \dots, 0)} \right)_{n \times n} = - \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi''(h(P, u_k)) u_k u_k^T, \quad (78)$$

where  $u_k u_k^T$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix.

Since  $u_1, \dots, u_N$  are in general position,  $\mathbb{R}^n = \text{lin}\{u_1, \dots, u_N\}$ . Thus, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $x \neq 0$ , there exists a  $u_{i_0} \in \{u_1, \dots, u_N\}$  such that  $u_{i_0} \cdot x \neq 0$ . Note that  $\phi'' > 0$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x^T \left( - \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi''(h(P, u_k)) u_k u_k^T \right) x \\ = - \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi''(h(P, u_k)) (x \cdot u_k)^2 \\ \leq - \alpha_{i_0} \phi''(h(P, u_{i_0})) (x \cdot u_{i_0})^2 < 0. \end{aligned} \quad (79)$$

Hence,  $(\partial F / \partial \xi)|_{(0, \dots, 0)}$  is negative definite. This implies  $\det(\partial F / \partial \xi)|_{(0, \dots, 0)} \neq 0$ . By this, the facts that for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $F_i(0, \dots, 0) = 0$  follows by (74) and  $\partial F_i / \partial \xi_j$  is continuous on  $t$  and  $\xi$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , and for the implicit function theorem, it follows that

$$\xi'(0) = (\xi'_1(0), \dots, \xi'_n(0)) \quad (80)$$

exists.

Since  $\Phi(0)$  is a maximizer of  $\Phi(t)$ , from (71), (72), and (75), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \Phi'(0) &= \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(h(P, u_k)) (\beta'(0)h(P, u_k) + \gamma_k - \xi'(0) \cdot u_k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(h(P, u_k)) \left[ - \frac{q-1}{n-q} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i \mu_q(P, u_i) \right) h(P, u_k) + \gamma_k \right] \\ &\quad - \xi'(0) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(h(P, u_k)) u_k = \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(h(P, u_k)) \gamma_k \\ &\quad - \frac{q-1}{n-q} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i \mu_q(P, u_i) \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_k \phi'(h(P, u_k)) h(P, u_k) \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^N \left[ \alpha_k \phi'(h(P, u_k)) - \frac{q-1}{n-q} \left( \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j \phi'(h(P, u_j)) h(P, u_j) \right) \mu_q(P, u_k) \right] \gamma_k. \end{aligned} \quad (81)$$

Since  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_N$  are arbitrary,

$$\alpha_k = - \frac{q-1}{n-q} \left( \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j \phi'(h(P, u_j)) h(P, u_j) \right) \frac{1}{\phi'(h(P, u_k))} \mu_q(P, u_k), \quad (82)$$

for  $k = 1, \dots, N$ . Let

$$c = \frac{q-1}{n-q} \left( \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j \phi'(h(P, u_j)) h(P, u_j) \right). \quad (83)$$

Then, for  $k = 1, \dots, N$ ,

$$\alpha_k = c \varphi(h(P, u_k)) \mu_q(P, u_k), \quad (84)$$

i.e.,

$$\mu = c \mu_{\varphi, q}(P, \cdot). \quad (85)$$

This completes the proof.

*Proof of Corollary 2.* Let  $\varphi(s) = s^{1-p}$  with  $p < 0$  in Theorem 1. Then,  $\phi(t) = -(1/p)t^p$  for  $t > 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \phi(t) = \infty$ . Therefore, we see  $\varphi$  and  $\phi$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem 1. Thus, from the theorem, (3), and (4), we obtain

$$\mu = c h_P^{1-p}(\cdot) \mu_q(P, \cdot) = c \mu_{p, q}(P, \cdot). \quad (86)$$

If  $p + q \neq n$ , then from (i) of Lemma 4, we have

$$\mu = \mu_{p, q} \left( c^{1/(n-p-q)} P, \cdot \right). \quad (87)$$

Let  $P_0 = c^{1/(n-p-q)} P$ . Then, our desired result is given. If  $p + q = n$ , then (86) is just the desired result.

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## Research Article

# Functional Geominimal Surface Area and Its Related Affine Isoperimetric Inequality

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The first variation of the total mass of log-concave functions was studied by Colesanti and Fragalà, which includes the  $L_p$  mixed volume of convex bodies. Using Colesanti and Fragalà's first variation formula, we define the geominimal surface area for log-concave functions, and its related affine isoperimetric inequality is also established.

## 1. Introduction

As we have known, Minkowski addition (the vector addition of convex bodies) is the cornerstone in the classical Brunn-Minkowski theory. Combining with volume, it leads to the Brunn-Minkowski inequality that is one of the most important results in convex geometry. The first variation of volume with respect to Minkowski addition is named the first mixed volume, and its related inequality is the Minkowski inequality. For more history and developments of the Brunn-Minkowski inequality, one may refer to the excellent survey [1]. For instance, the Prékopa-Leindler inequality [2–8] is known as the functional version of the Brunn-Minkowski inequality. In recent years, finding the functional counterparts of existing geometric results, especially for log-concave functions, has been receiving intensive attentions (see, e.g., [9–34]).

In 2013, Colesanti and Fragalà [35] introduced the “Minkowski addition” and “scalar multiplication,”  $\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g$  (where  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ ), of log-concave functions  $f$  and  $g$  as

$$\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g(x) = \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} f\left(\frac{x-y}{\alpha}\right)^\alpha g\left(\frac{y}{\beta}\right)^\beta. \quad (1)$$

We remark that a function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is log-concave if it has the form  $f(x) = e^{-u(x)}$ , where  $u : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\cup \{+\infty\}$  is convex. The total mass of  $f$  is defined as

$$J(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) dx. \quad (2)$$

Similar to the case of convex bodies, Colesanti and Fragalà [35] considered the following variational

$$\delta J(f, g) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{J(f \oplus t \cdot g) - J(f)}{t}, \quad (3)$$

and it is called the first variation of  $J$  at  $f$  along  $g$ . The first variation,  $\delta J(f, g)$ , includes the  $L_p$  mixed volume when it restricted  $f$  and  $g$  to the subclass of log-concave functions (see [35], Proposition 3.12).

Colesanti and Fragalà's work inspired us a natural way to extend the  $L_p$  geominimal surface area for convex bodies to the class of log-concave functions. For convenience, we recall the definition of  $L_p$  geominimal surface area. For a convex body  $K$  containing the origin in its interior, its  $L_p$  geominimal surface area,  $G_p(K)$ , is defined as (the case  $p = 1$ , see Petty [36], and  $p > 1$ , see Lutwak [37])

$$\omega_n^{p/n} G_p(K) = \inf \{nV_p(K, Q)V(Q^\circ)^{p/n} : Q \in \mathcal{K}_o^n\}, \quad (4)$$

where  $\omega_n$  is the volume of the unit ball in  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $Q^\circ$  is the polar body of  $Q$  defined by  $Q^\circ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, y \rangle \leq 1, \forall y \in Q\}$ ,  $\mathcal{K}_o^n$  denotes the class of convex bodies in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that contain the origin in their interiors, and  $V_p(K, Q)$  is the  $L_p$  mixed volume (for detailed definition, see Section 2). The fundamental inequality for  $L_p$  geominimal surface area is the following affine isoperimetric inequality (see, e.g., [37], Theorem 3.12):

$$G_p(K)^n \leq n^n \omega_n^p V(K)^{n-p}, \quad (5)$$

with equality if and only if  $K$  is an ellipsoid.

The  $L_p$  geominimal surface area,  $G_p(K)$ , is an important notation in the  $L_p$  Brunn-Minkowski theory, which serves as a bridge connecting affine differential geometry, relative differential geometry, and Minkowski geometry. In the past three decades, the  $L_p$  geominimal surface area has developed rapidly (see [25, 38–42] for some of the pertinent results).

Since  $\delta J(f, g)$  includes the  $L_p$  mixed volume, we extend the  $L_p$  geominimal surface area to the functional version as follows.

*Definition 1.* Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be an integral log-concave function and  $p > 0$ . The  $L_p$  geominimal surface area of  $f$  is defined as

$$c_n^{p/n} G_p(f) = \inf \{ \delta J(f, g) J(g^\circ)^{p/n} : g \text{ is a log-concave function} \}, \quad (6)$$

where  $c_n = (2\pi)^{n/2}$ , and  $g^\circ(x) = \inf_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\langle x, y \rangle} / g(y)$  is the polar function of  $g$ .

In Lemma 5, we prove that the above definition includes the  $L_p$  geominimal surface area (4) when  $p \geq 1$  and restricted  $f, g$  to the subclass of log-concave functions.

In order to study the functional geominimal surface area, we need the integral formula of  $\delta J(\cdot, \cdot)$ . Hence, we need some notations. We write  $\langle x, y \rangle$  for the usual inner product of  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $\|x\|$  denotes the Euclidean norm of  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . We say that  $g = e^{-v}$  is an admissible perturbation for  $f = e^{-u}$  if there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $u^* - cv^*$  is convex, where  $u^*(y) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{\langle x, y \rangle - u(x)\}$  is the Legendre conjugate of  $u$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}'$  denote the set of log-concave functions given by function  $f$  such that  $u = -\log f$  belongs to

$$\mathcal{L}' = \left\{ u \in \mathcal{L} : \text{dom}(u) = \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathcal{E}_+^2(\mathbb{R}^n), \lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{u(x)}{\|x\|} = +\infty \right\}. \quad (7)$$

Here,  $\text{dom}(u) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : u(x) < +\infty\}$  and

$$\mathcal{L} = \left\{ u : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\} \mid u \text{ is convex, } \text{dom}(u) \neq \emptyset, \lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow +\infty} u(x) = +\infty \right\}. \quad (8)$$

Colesanti and Fragalà ([35], Theorem 4.5) provided an integral formula for the first variation  $\delta J(f, g)$  when  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}'$  and  $g$  is an admissible perturbation for  $f$ . For our aims, we consider the following optimization problem:

$$\inf \left\{ \delta J(f, g) J(g^\circ)^{p/n} : f, g \in \mathcal{A}', p > 0 \text{ and } g \text{ is an admissible perturbation for } f \right\}. \quad (9)$$

If the extremum in (9) exists, then it is denoted by  $c_n^{p/n} G_p^{(1)}(f)$ .

In Section 3, we prove that for  $p > 0$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}'$ , if  $J(f)$  is finite, then there exists a unique log-concave function  $\bar{f} \in \mathcal{A}'$  such that

$$G_p^{(1)}(f) = \delta J(f, \bar{f}) \text{ and } J(\bar{f}^\circ) = c_n. \quad (10)$$

Similar to the geometric case, the unique log-concave function  $\bar{f}$  is called  $p$ -Petty functions of  $f$  and denoted by  $T_p f$ .

Using  $p$ -Petty functions, we obtain the following analytic inequality with equality conditions involving  $G_p^{(1)}(f)$ .

**Theorem 2.** Suppose  $f \in \mathcal{A}'$  and  $p > 0$ . If  $f$  has its barycenter at 0 (i.e.,  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} x f(x) dx = 0$ ), then

$$J(f)^{p/n} G_p^{(1)}(f) \leq c_n^{p/n} \left( nJ(f) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f \log f dx \right), \quad (11)$$

with equality if  $T_p f(x) = f(x)$  and  $f(x) = ce^{-\|Ax\|^2/2}$  for  $A \in SL(n)$  and  $c > 0$ .

## 2. Background

*2.1. Functional Setting.* Let  $u : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  if for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  it satisfies

$$u((1-\lambda)x + \lambda y) \leq (1-\lambda)u(x) + \lambda u(y), \quad (12)$$

we say  $u$  is a convex function; let

$$\text{dom}(u) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : u(x) \in \mathbb{R}\}. \quad (13)$$

By the convexity of  $u$ ,  $\text{dom}(u)$  is a convex set. We say that  $u$  is proper if  $\text{dom}(u) \neq \emptyset$ . The Legendre conjugate of  $u$  is the convex function defined by

$$u^*(y) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{\langle x, y \rangle - u(x)\} \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (14)$$

Clearly,  $u(x) + u^*(y) \geq \langle x, y \rangle$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ; there is an equality if and only if  $x \in \text{dom}(u)$  and  $y$  is in the subdifferential of  $u$  at  $x$ . Hence, it can be checked that

$$u^*(\nabla u(x)) + u(x) = \langle x, \nabla u(x) \rangle. \quad (15)$$

On the class of convex functions from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ ,

the infimal convolution is defined by

$$u \square v(x) = \inf_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{u(x-y) + v(y)\} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad (16)$$

and the right scalar multiplication by a nonnegative real number  $\alpha > 0$ ,

$$(u\alpha)(x) = \alpha u\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right). \quad (17)$$

It was proved in [21] (Proposition 2.1) that if  $u, v : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  are convex functions and  $\alpha > 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (u \square v)^* &= u^* + v^*, \\ (u\alpha)^* &= \alpha u^*. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

The following result will be used later.

**Theorem 3** ([43], Theorem 10.9). *Let  $C$  be a relatively open convex set, and let  $f_1, f_2, \dots$  be a sequence of finite convex functions on  $C$ . Suppose that the real number  $f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots$  is bounded for each  $x \in C$ . It is then possible to select a subsequence of  $f_1, f_2, \dots$ , which converges uniformly on closed bounded subsets of  $C$  to some finite convex function  $f$ .*

The functional Blaschke-Santaló inequality states that let  $f, g$  be nonnegative integrable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  satisfying

$$f(x)g(y) \leq e^{-\langle x, y \rangle}, \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n. \quad (19)$$

If  $f$  has its barycenter at 0, which means that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} xf(x) dx = 0$ , then

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) dx \right) \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g(x) dx \right) \leq c_n^2, \quad (20)$$

with equality if and only if there exists a positive definite matrix  $A$  and  $C > 0$  such that, a.e. in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$f(x) = Ce^{-\frac{\langle Ax, x \rangle}{2}}, \quad g(y) = C^{-1}e^{-\frac{\langle A^{-1}y, y \rangle}{2}}. \quad (21)$$

**2.2. The First Variation of the Total Mass of Log-Concave Functions.** In this paper, we set

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \left\{ u : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\} \mid u \text{ proper, convex, } \lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow +\infty} u(x) = +\infty \right\}, \\ \mathcal{A} &= \{ f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f = e^{-u}, u \in \mathcal{L} \}. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

The total mass functional of  $f$  is defined as

$$J(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) dx. \quad (23)$$

The Gaussian function

$$\gamma(x) = e^{-\frac{\|x\|^2}{2}} \quad (24)$$

plays within class  $\mathcal{A}$  the role of the ball in the set of convex bodies, and  $J(\gamma) = (2\pi)^{n/2} = c_n$ . For every  $A \in \text{GL}(n)$ , we write

$$\gamma_A(x) = e^{-\frac{\|Ax\|^2}{2}}. \quad (25)$$

From the definition of polar function and Legendre conjugate of function, we note that if  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ , then

$$f^\circ = e^{-\varphi^*}. \quad (26)$$

The support function of log-concave function  $f = e^{-\varphi}$  is (see [44])

$$h_f(x) = \varphi^*(x). \quad (27)$$

This is a proper generalization, in the sense that  $h_{\gamma_K} = h_K$ . Let  $f = e^{-u}$ ,  $g = e^{-v}$ , and let  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ , then

$$\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g = e^{-[(u\alpha) \square (v\beta)]}, \quad (28)$$

which in explicit form reads

$$(\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g)(x) = \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} f\left(\frac{x-y}{\alpha}\right)^\alpha g\left(\frac{y}{\beta}\right)^\beta. \quad (29)$$

The support function of  $\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g$  satisfies

$$h_{\alpha \cdot f \oplus \beta \cdot g}(x) = \alpha h_f(x) + \beta h_g(x). \quad (30)$$

In particular,

$$h_{\alpha \cdot f}(x) = \alpha h_f(x). \quad (31)$$

Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}$ . The first variation of  $J$  at  $f$  along  $g$  is defined as

$$\delta J(f, g) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{J(f \oplus t \cdot g) - J(f)}{t}. \quad (32)$$

The existence of the above limit was proved by Colesanti and Fragalà [35], and  $\delta J(f, g) \in [-k, +\infty]$  with  $k = \max \{ \inf(-\log g), 0 \} J(f)$ . In particular, for every  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $J(f) > 0$ , then

$$\delta J(f, f) = nJ(f) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f \log f dx. \quad (33)$$

The functional version of Minkowski first inequality reads as follows (see, e.g., [35], Theorem 5.1): let  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}$  and assume that  $J(f) > 0$ . Then,

$$\delta J(f, g) \geq J(f) \left[ \log \frac{J(g)}{J(f)} + n \right] + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f \log f dx, \quad (34)$$

with equality if and only if there exists  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $g(x) = f(x - x_0)$  for  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $\mathcal{K}^n$  denote the set of convex bodies (compact, convex subsets with nonempty interiors) in the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We write  $\mathcal{K}_o^n$  for the set of convex bodies that contain the origin in their interiors. Let  $V(K)$  denote the  $n$ -dimensional volume of convex body  $K$ . The volume of the standard unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is denoted by  $\omega_n = \pi^{n/2}/\Gamma((n/2) + 1)$ . A convex body  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$  is uniquely determined by its support function, which is defined as  $h_K(x) = \max \{ \langle x, y \rangle : y \in K \}$ , where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the usual inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The polar body of  $K$  is defined by  $K^\circ = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, y \rangle \leq 1, \forall y \in K \}$ .

For real  $p \geq 1$ ,  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , and real  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the Minkowski-Firey  $L_p$  combination  $K +_p \varepsilon \cdot L$  is a convex body whose support function is given by

$$h(K +_p \varepsilon \cdot L, \cdot)^p = h(K, \cdot)^p + \varepsilon h(L, \cdot)^p. \quad (35)$$

The  $L_p$  mixed volume  $V_p(K, L)$  of convex bodies  $K$  and  $L$  is defined by

$$V_p(K, L) = \frac{p}{n} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{V(K +_p \varepsilon \cdot L) - V(K)}{\varepsilon}. \quad (36)$$

The existence of this limit is showed in [45].

The following result show that  $\delta J(f, g)$  includes the  $L_p$  mixed volume for convex bodies.

**Proposition 4** ([35], Proposition 3.12). *Let  $q \in (1, +\infty)$ ,  $p = q/(q-1)$  and  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ . Let  $u = (h_{K^\circ}(x)^q)/q$ ,  $v(x) = (h_L(x)^q)/q$ , and  $f = e^{-u}$ ,  $g = e^{-v}$ . Then, there exists a positive constant  $c = c(n, q)$  such that*

$$J(f) = c(n, q)V(K), \quad (37)$$

with  $c(n, q) = q^{n/q}\Gamma((n+q)/q)$ , and

$$\frac{p}{n}\delta J(f, g) = c(n, q)V_p(K, L). \quad (38)$$

We set  $\mathcal{A}'$  as the subclasses of  $\mathcal{A}$  given by the function  $f$  such that  $u = \log f$  belongs to

$$\mathcal{L}' = \left\{ u \in \mathcal{L} : \text{dom}(u) = \mathbb{R}^n, \quad u \in \mathcal{C}_+^2(\mathbb{R}^n), \quad \lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{u(x)}{\|x\|} = +\infty \right\}. \quad (39)$$

For log-concave function  $f = e^{-u}$ , the Borel measure  $\mu_f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is defined by (see [35])

$$\mu_f = (\nabla u)_\#(f\mathcal{K}^n). \quad (40)$$

Here,  $\mathcal{K}^n$  is the  $n$ -dimensional Hausdorff measure. We need the fact that the barycenter of  $\mu_f$  is the origin; i.e.,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} x \mu_f(x) = 0. \quad (41)$$

We recall that the log-concave function  $g = e^{-v}$  is an

admissible perturbation for log-concave function  $f = e^{-u}$  if

$$\exists a > 0 : u^* - av^* \quad (42)$$

is convex.

Colesanti and Fragalà [35] provided an integral representation of the first variation  $\delta J(\cdot, \cdot)$  (see, e.g., [35], Theorem 4.5): let  $f = e^{-u}$  and  $g = e^{-v} \in \mathcal{A}'$  and assume that  $g$  is an admissible perturbation for  $f$ . Then,  $\delta J(f, g)$  is finite and is given by

$$\delta J(f, g) = \int_{\text{dom}(u)} h_g(x) d\mu_f(x). \quad (43)$$

### 3. Functional $L_p$ Geominimal Surface Areas

Analogy to convex bodies, for  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{R}$ , we consider the following optimization problem:

$$c_n^{p/n} G_\lambda(f) = \inf \{ \delta J(f, g) J(g^\circ)^{p/n} : g \in \mathcal{A} \}. \quad (44)$$

The following result shows that the above optimization problem includes Lutwak's  $L_p$  geominimal surface areas for convex bodies (4) when  $p > 1$  (up to a constant which is dependent on  $n$  and  $p$ ). This is one of the reasons why  $G_p(f)$  is called the  $L_p$  geominimal surface area for log-concave function  $f$ .

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $p > 1$ ,  $q = p/(p-1)$ , and  $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ . If  $f = e^{-h_{K^\circ}^q(x)/q}$ , then*

$$G_p(f) = \alpha(n, p) G_p(K), \quad (45)$$

with  $\alpha(n, p) = (1/p)c(n, q)c(n, p)^{p/n}\omega_n^{p/n}c_n^{-(p/n)}$  for  $c(n, q) = q^{n/q}\Gamma((n+q)/q)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$ ,  $u(x) = h_{K^\circ}(x)^q/q$ ,  $v(x) = h_L(x)^q/q$ , and  $f = e^{-u}$ ,  $g = e^{-v}$ . It is not hard to see that

$$v^*(x) = \frac{h_L(x)^p}{p}. \quad (46)$$

Then, Proposition 4 tells us that

$$\begin{aligned} J(g^\circ) &= c(n, p)V(L^\circ), \\ \frac{p}{n}\delta J(f, g) &= c(n, q)V_p(K, L), \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

with  $c(n, q) = q^{n/q}\Gamma((n+q)/q)$ .

From the definitions of  $L_p$  geominimal surface area of convex bodies (4) and log-concave functions (44), we have

$$\begin{aligned} c_n^{p/n} G_p(f) &= \inf \{ \delta J(f, g) J(g^\circ)^{p/n} : g \in \mathcal{A} \} \\ &= \inf \left\{ \frac{n}{p} c(n, q) c(n, p)^{p/n} V_p(K, L) V(L^\circ)^{p/n} : K, L \in \mathcal{K}_o^n \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{p} c(n, q) c(n, p)^{p/n} \omega_n^{p/n} G_p(K). \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

Since we need the integral representation of the first variation  $\delta J(f, g)$  in dealing the problem (44), we focus on

$$c_n^{p/n} G_p^{(1)}(f) = \inf \{ \delta J(f, g) J(g^\circ)^{p/n} : g \in \mathcal{A}' \text{ and } g \text{ is an admissible perturbation for } f \} \quad (49)$$

for  $f \in \mathcal{A}'$  and  $p \in \mathbb{R}$ . Trivially,  $G_p(f) \leq G_p^{(1)}(f)$ .

We need the next lemma.

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{A}'$  and assume that  $g$  is an admissible perturbation for  $f$ . If  $A \in SL(n)$ , then*

$$\delta J(f \circ A, g \circ A) = \delta J(f, g). \quad (50)$$

*Proof.* Let  $f(x) = e^{-u(x)}$  and  $g(x) = e^{-v(x)}$ . We note that

$$\begin{aligned} (v \circ A)^*(x) &= \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{ \langle x, y \rangle - v(Ay) \} \\ &= \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{ \langle A^{-t}x, Ay \rangle - v(Ay) \} = v^*(A^{-t}x). \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

Since  $\nabla_x(u \circ A) = A^t \nabla_{Ax} u$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta J(f \circ A, g \circ A) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (v \circ A)^*(\nabla(u \circ A)(x)) f \circ A(x) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (v \circ A)^*(A^t \nabla_{Ax} u(Ax)) f(Ax) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} v^*(\nabla_{Ax} u(Ax)) f(Ax) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} v^*(\nabla u(z)) f(z) dz = \delta J(f, g). \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

The following result shows that the functional geominimal surface area is affine invariant.

**Lemma 7.** *Suppose  $f \in \mathcal{A}'$  and  $p > 0$ . If  $A \in SL(n)$ , then*

$$G_p^{(1)}(f \circ A) = G_p^{(1)}(f). \quad (53)$$

*Proof.* By (51) and the definition of polar function (26), we have

$$J((g \circ A)^\circ) = J(g^\circ \circ A^{-t}) = J(g^\circ), \quad (54)$$

for  $A \in SL(n)$ . Combing with Lemma 6, we have

$$\delta J(f \circ A, g) J(g^\circ)^{p/n} = \delta J(f, g \circ A^{-1}) J(((g \circ A^{-1})^\circ))^{p/n}. \quad (55)$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$G_p^{(1)}(f \circ A) = G_p^{(1)}(f), \quad (56)$$

for  $A \in SL(n)$ .

The following lemma was proved by Cordero-Erausquin and Klartag ([46], Lemma 16).

**Lemma 8.** *Let  $\mu$  be a finite Borel measure in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $K$  be the interior of  $\text{conv}(\text{Supp}(\mu))$ . If  $x_0 \in K$  and the barycenter of  $\mu$  lies at the origin, then there exists a constant  $C_{\mu, x_0} > 0$  with the following property: for any nonnegative,  $\mu$ -integrable, convex function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ ,*

$$\varphi(x_0) \leq C_{\mu, x_0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi d\mu. \quad (57)$$

The next proposition shows that the infimum in the definition of the  $p$ -geominimal surface area of log-concave function is a minimum.

**Proposition 9.** *Let  $p > 0$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}'$ . If  $J(f)$  is finite, then there exists a unique log-concave function  $\bar{f} \in \mathcal{A}$  such that*

$$G_p^{(1)}(f) = \delta J(f, \bar{f}) \text{ and } J(\bar{f}^\circ) = c_n. \quad (58)$$

*Proof.* From the definition of  $G_p^{(1)}(f)$ , there exists a sequence  $g_i \in \mathcal{A}'$  such that  $J(g_i^\circ) = c_n$ , with  $\delta J(f, \gamma) \geq \delta J(f, g_i)$  for all  $i$ , and

$$\delta J(f, g_i) \rightarrow G_p^{(1)}(f). \quad (59)$$

Let  $g_i(x) = e^{-v_i(x)}$ , then

$$\delta J(f, \gamma) \geq \delta J(f, g_i) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} v_i^*(x) d\mu_f(x). \quad (60)$$

First, we assume that  $v_i$  are nonnegative and  $v_i(0) = 0$  for all  $i$ . In this case, from (14), we have

$$v_i^*(x) = \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{ \langle y, x \rangle - v_i(y) \} \geq \langle 0, x \rangle - v_i(0) = 0, \quad (61)$$

and

$$v_i^*(0) = \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{ \langle y, 0 \rangle - v_i(y) \} = - \inf_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} v_i(y) = 0. \quad (62)$$

Let  $K$  be the interior of  $\text{conv}(\text{Supp}(\mu_f))$ . By Lemma 8 and ((59)), we conclude that  $v_i^*$  are uniformly upper bound which

is dependent only on  $f$ . According to Theorem 3, there exists a subsequence  $\{v_{i_j}^*\}_{j=1,2,\dots}$  that converges pointwise in  $K$  to a convex function  $v^* : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . We extend the definition of  $v^*$  by setting  $v^*(x) = +\infty$  for  $x \in \bar{K}$  and for  $x \in \partial K$ ,

$$v^*(x) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1^-} v^*(\lambda x). \quad (63)$$

This limit always exists in  $[0, +\infty]$ , since the function  $\lambda \mapsto v^*(\lambda x)$  is nondecreasing for  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  following from the convexity of  $v^*$  and  $v^*(0) = 0$ . Moreover, we have that  $v^*(\lambda x) \geq v^*(x)$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow 1^-$  for any  $x \in \bar{K}$ . Because  $v_{i_j}^* \rightarrow v^*$  is equivalent to  $v_{i_j} \rightarrow v$  (here,  $v = (v^*)^*$ ), hence, there exists a log-concave function  $\bar{f} = e^{-v}$  which satisfies the claim.

In the general case, there exist  $x_0^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} v_i(x) = d_i \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\bar{v}_i(x) = v_i(x - x_0^{(i)}) - d_i$  are nonnegative and  $\bar{v}_i(0) = 0$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . The convexity of  $v_i$  and  $e^{-v_i} \in \mathcal{A}'$  ensures the finiteness of  $d_i$ ; i.e.,  $|d_i| < k$  for some  $k > 0$ . Similar to the first case, we have

$$\delta J(f, \gamma) \geq \delta J(f, \bar{g}_i) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \bar{v}_i^*(x) d\mu_f(x), \quad (64)$$

where  $\bar{g}_i = e^{-\bar{v}_i}$ . Lemma 8 deduces that

$$\delta J(f, \gamma) \geq \delta J(f, \bar{g}_i) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \bar{v}_i^*(x) d\mu_f(x) \geq \frac{1}{C_{\mu_f, x_0}} \bar{v}_i^*(x_0) \quad (65)$$

holds for  $x_0 \in K$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{v}_i^*(x) &= \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \{ \langle y, x \rangle - \bar{v}_i(y) \} \\ &= \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ \langle y, x \rangle - v_i(y - x_0^{(i)}) \right\} + d_i \\ &= \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ \langle y + x_0^{(i)}, x \rangle - v_i(y) \right\} + d_i \\ &= v_i^*(x) + \langle x, x_0^{(i)} \rangle + d_i. \end{aligned} \quad (66)$$

Therefore,

$$C_{\mu_f, x_0} \delta J(f, \gamma) \geq \bar{v}_i^*(x_0) = v_i^*(x_0) + \langle x_0, x_0^{(i)} \rangle + d_i, \quad (67)$$

i.e.,

$$v_i^*(x_0) \leq C_{\mu_f, x_0} \delta J(f, \gamma) - \langle x_0, x_0^{(i)} \rangle - d_i, \quad (68)$$

for any  $x_0 \in K$ . Then, along the same line of the first case, we conclude that the claim of this proposition holds.

The uniqueness of the minimizing function is demonstrated as follows. Suppose  $h_1, h_2 \in \mathcal{A}$ , such that  $J(h_1^\circ) = J(h_2^\circ) = c_n$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \delta J(f, h_1) J(h_1^\circ)^{p/n} &= \inf \left\{ \delta J(f, g) J(g^\circ)^{p/n} : g \in \mathcal{A}' \right\} \\ &= \delta J(f, h_2) J(h_2^\circ)^{p/n}, \end{aligned} \quad (69)$$

i.e.,

$$\delta J(f, h_1) = \delta J(f, h_2). \quad (70)$$

Let  $h_1 = e^{-v_1}$  and  $h_2 = e^{-v_2}$ . Define  $h \in \mathcal{A}'$ , by

$$h = \frac{1}{2} \cdot h_1 \oplus \frac{1}{2} \cdot h_2 = e^{-v_1(1/2) \square v_2(1/2)}. \quad (71)$$

Then, from (18) and (70), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta J(f, h) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( v_1 \frac{1}{2} \square v_2 \frac{1}{2} \right)^*(x) d\mu_f(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} v_1^*(x) d\mu_f(x) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} v_2^*(x) d\mu_f(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \delta J(f, h_1) + \frac{1}{2} \delta J(f, h_2) = \delta J(f, h_1) = \delta J(f, h_2), \end{aligned} \quad (72)$$

and by the basic inequality  $\sqrt{ab} \leq (a+b)/2$  for  $a, b > 0$  and (18), we have

$$\begin{aligned} J(h^\circ) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-[(v_1(1/2) \square v_2(1/2))]} dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-[(1/2)v_1^*(x) + (1/2)v_2^*(x)]} \\ &\cdot dx \leq \frac{1}{2} J(h_1^\circ) + \frac{1}{2} J(h_2^\circ), \end{aligned} \quad (73)$$

with equality if and only if  $h_1^\circ = h_2^\circ$ . Therefore,

$$\delta J(f, h) J(h^\circ)^{p/n} \leq \delta J(f, h_1) J(h_1^\circ)^{p/n} \quad (74)$$

is the contradiction that would arise if it was the case that  $h_1 \neq h_2$ .

The unique function whose existence is guaranteed by Proposition 9 will be denoted by  $T_p f$ , and will be called the  $p$ -Petty body of log-concave function  $f$  (or the  $\lambda$ -Petty function). The polar function of  $T_p f$  will be denoted by  $T_p^\circ f$ , rather than  $(T_p f)^\circ$ . For  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $p > 0$ , the log-concave function  $T_p f$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} G_p^{(1)}(f) &= \delta J(f, T_p f), \\ J(T_p^\circ f) &= c_n. \end{aligned} \quad (75)$$

**Lemma 10.** *If  $p > 0$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ , then for  $A \in SL(n)$ ,*

$$T_p(f \circ A) = T_p f \circ A. \quad (76)$$

*Proof.* From the definition of  $T_p$  and Lemma 7,

$$\delta J(f, T_p f) = G_p^{(1)}(f) = G_p^{(1)}(f \circ A) = \delta J(f \circ A, T_p(f \circ A)), \tag{77}$$

Lemma 6 deduces

$$\delta J(f, T_p f) = \delta J(f \circ A, T_p(f \circ A)) = \delta J(f, T_p(f \circ A) \circ A^{-1}). \tag{78}$$

The uniqueness of Proposition 9 ensures that  $T_p f = T_p(f \circ A) \circ A^{-1}$ .

By the Blaschke-Santaló inequality, we obtain the following affine isoperimetric inequality for the functional geominimal surface area.

**Theorem 11.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}^1$  and  $p > 0$ . If  $f$  has its barycenter at 0, then*

$$J(f)^{p/n} G_p^{(1)}(f) \leq c_n^{p/n} \left( nJ(f) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f \log f dx \right), \tag{79}$$

with equality if  $T_p f(x) = f(x)$  and  $f(x) = ce^{-\|Ax\|^2/2}$  for  $A \in SL(n)$  and  $c > 0$ .

*Proof.* Taking  $g = f$  in (49), together with (33), we have,

$$c_n^{p/n} G_p^{(1)}(f) \leq \delta J(f, f) J(f^\circ)^{p/n} = \left( nJ(f) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f \log f dx \right) J(f^\circ)^{p/n}, \tag{80}$$

i.e.,

$$c_n \left( \frac{G_p^{(1)}(f)^n}{(n + (1/J(f)) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f \log f dx)^n J(f)^{n-p}} \right)^{1/p} \leq J(f) J(f^\circ). \tag{81}$$

By Blaschke-Santaló inequality (20) and the above inequality, we have

$$\left( \frac{G_p^{(1)}(f)^n}{(n + (1/J(f)) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f \log f dx)^n J(f)^{n-p}} \right)^{1/p} \leq c_n. \tag{82}$$

This is the desired inequality.

To obtain the equality condition, first assume that  $T_p f = f$ . Formula (77) tells us that

$$G_p^{(1)}(f) = \delta J(f, f) \text{ and } J(f^\circ) = c_n. \tag{83}$$

This shows that there is equality in (81). From the condition of Blaschke-Santaló inequality, we know that there exists a positive definite matrix  $A$  and  $c > 0$  such

that, a.e. in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$f(x) = ce^{-\frac{\|Ax\|^2}{2}}. \tag{84}$$

Therefore, we obtain the equality condition, namely,  $T_p f = f$  and  $f(x) = ce^{-\|Ax\|^2/2}$ .

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