

# Three problems on mixed area

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## Problem 1. Betke-Weil

Let  $F_1, F_2$  convex be sets in the plane,  $V(F_1, F_2)$  is the mixed volumes and  $L_1, L_2$  are the perimeters. Then it is:

$$V(F_1, F_2) \leq \frac{L_1 L_2}{8}$$

### Proof

We suppose that the points  $A, B$  bisect the perimeter of  $F_2$ .  $O$  is the middle point of  $AB$  and  $M \in bdF_1$  and  $l$  the tangent at the point  $M$  of  $F_2$  and  $p_2$  the support function. From the triangle  $AMB$  we see that

$$OM \leq \frac{MA + MB}{2}$$

So we have  $p_2 \leq OM \leq \frac{L_2}{4}$ , therefore:

$$V(F_1, F_2) = \frac{1}{2} \oint p_2 ds_1 \leq \frac{L_2}{8} \oint ds_1 = \frac{L_1 L_2}{8}$$

The equality if and only if  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are perpendicular straight line segments.

## Problem 2, Betke-Weis

For the convex set  $F$  holds:

$$V(F, -F) \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{18} L^2$$

### Proof

The proof is based in the following problem of Eggleston.(Problems in Euc.space,Pergamon press,p 157(iii)).

If  $\Gamma$  is central then every circumscribing equilateral triangle has perimeter less or equal to  $L\sqrt{3}$ .

We consider  $F^\circ = \frac{F-F}{2}$  and the min regular hexagon  $Q = ABCDEF$  circumscribed to  $F^\circ$  and as we know to both  $F$  and  $-F$ .

Taking the center of  $Q$  as orizin we will have:

$$V(F, -F) = \frac{1}{2} \oint p_F ds_{-F}$$

But  $AB = a \geq p_F$ , therefore

$$V(F, -F) \leq \frac{6a}{2.6} L$$

The intersections of the lines  $AB, CD, EF$  define the equilateral triangle  $KPM$  with side  $3a$ . So according to the above problem of Eggleston we will have:

$$V(F, -F) \leq \frac{L\sqrt{3}}{2.6} L \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{18} L^2.$$

As it is easily understood until now we considered  $F$  smooth. For  $F$  polygon we can determine the case of the equality. We first see that it must be regular and then with min. number of sides, that is a equilateral triangle. We did'n't find a case of equality for  $F$  smooth.

### Problem 3. L.Sandalo

Mixed volumes and duality

$$V(F, F^*) \geq \pi$$

by  $F^*$  we denote the polar dual of  $F$ .

**Proof**

$$V(F, F^*) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L p^*(s) ds \tag{1}$$

but  $r(\phi)p^*(\phi) = 1$ , also  $p(\phi) \geq r(\phi)$  therefore

$$p^*(\phi)p(\phi) \geq 1 \tag{2}$$

From (1) and(2) follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(F, F^*) &\geq \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{ds(\phi)}{p(\phi)} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\rho(\phi)d\phi}{p(\phi)} \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{p + \ddot{p}}{p} d\phi = \pi + \frac{\dot{p}}{p} \Big|_0^{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \dot{p} d\left(\frac{1}{p}\right) = \\
 &= \pi + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\dot{p}^2}{p^2} \geq \pi
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality for  $p(\phi) = r(\phi)$  and  $\dot{p} = 0$  that is  $F = \text{circle}$ .

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