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General mixed width-integral of convex bodies

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Abstract

In this article, we introduce a new concept of general mixed width-integral of convex bodies, and establish some of its inequalities, such as isoperimetric inequality, Aleksandrov-Fenchel inequality, and cyclic inequality. We also consider the general width-integral of order i and show its related properties and inequalities. (©2016 All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction and main results

Let \mathcal{K}^n denote the set of convex bodies (compact, convex subsets with non-empty interiors) in Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n . For the set of convex bodies containing the origin in their interiors and the set of convex bodies whose centroids lie at the origin in \mathbb{R}^n , we write \mathcal{K}^n_o and \mathcal{K}^n_c , respectively. Let S^{n-1} denote the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^n , and let V(K) denote the *n*-dimensional volume of a body K. For the standard unit ball B in \mathbb{R}^n , we use $\omega_n = V(B)$ to denote its volume.

If $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$, then its support function, $h_K = h(K, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \to (-\infty, \infty)$, is defined by (see [6, 25])

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

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

The study of width-integral has a long history. The notion of the classical width-integral was first considered by Blaschke (see [3]) and was further studied by Hardy, Littlewood and Pólya (see [12]). It was generalized to the mixed width-integral by Lutwak [19] in 1977. Many important results related to the mixed width-integral were obtained from these articles (see [13, 17, 18, 21]).

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The mixed width-integral, $B(K_1, \dots, K_n)$, of $K_1, \dots, K_n \in \mathcal{K}^n$ was defined by (see [19])

$$B(K_1, \cdots, K_n) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} b(K_1, u) \cdots b(K_n, u) dS(u),$$
(1.1)

where dS(u) is the (n-1)-dimensional volume element on S^{n-1} and b(K, u) denotes the half width of K in the direction u, namely, $b(K, u) = \frac{1}{2}h(K, u) + \frac{1}{2}h(K, -u)$. If there exists a constant $\lambda > 0$ such that $b(K, u) = \lambda b(L, u)$ for all $u \in S^{n-1}$, then K and L are said to have similar width.

The main aim of this article is to define a corresponding notion of mixed width-integral, and to extend Lutwak's inequalities to the entire family of this new mixed width-integral.

For $\tau \in (-1, 1)$, the general mixed width-integral, $B^{(\tau)}(K_1, \cdots, K_n)$, of $K_1, \cdots, K_n \in \mathcal{K}^n$ is defined by

$$B^{(\tau)}(K_1, \cdots, K_n) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} b^{(\tau)}(K_1, u) \cdots b^{(\tau)}(K_n, u) dS(u), \qquad (1.2)$$

where $b^{(\tau)}(K,u) = f_1(\tau)h(K,u) + f_2(\tau)h(K,-u)$ and the functions $f_1(\tau)$ and $f_2(\tau)$ are defined as follows

$$f_1(\tau) = \frac{(1+\tau)^2}{2(1+\tau^2)}, \quad f_2(\tau) = \frac{(1-\tau)^2}{2(1+\tau^2)}.$$
 (1.3)

Clearly,

$$f_1(\tau) + f_2(\tau) = 1, \tag{1.4}$$

$$f_1(-\tau) = f_2(\tau), \quad f_2(-\tau) = f_1(\tau).$$
 (1.5)

Together with (1.3), the case $\tau = 0$ in definition (1.2) is just Lutwak's mixed width-integral $B(K_1, \dots, K_n)$. Two convex bodies K and L are said to have similar general width if there exists a constant $\lambda > 0$ such that $b^{(\tau)}(K, u) = \lambda b^{(\tau)}(L, u)$ for all $u \in S^{n-1}$. If $b^{(\tau)}(K, u)b^{(\tau)}(L, u)$ is a constant for all $u \in S^{n-1}$, then we call K and L with joint constant general width.

The general operator belongs to the asymmetric Brunn-Minkowski theory which has its starting point in the theory of valuations in connection with isoperimetric and analytic inequalities (see [1, 2, 4, 5, 7–11, 14– 16, 22-24, 26-30]).

The main results are the following: We first establish the isoperimetric and Aleksandrov-Fenchel inequalities for the general mixed width-integral.

Theorem 1.1. If $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ and $K_1, \dots, K_n \in \mathcal{K}_c^n$, then

$$V(K_1) \cdots V(K_n) \le B^{(\tau)}(K_1, \cdots, K_n)^n,$$
 (1.6)

with equality if and only if K_1, \dots, K_n are n-balls.

Theorem 1.2. If $\tau \in (-1,1)$, $K_1, \dots, K_n \in \mathcal{K}^n$ and $1 < m \leq n$, then

$$B^{(\tau)}(K_1, \cdots, K_n)^m \le \prod_{i=1}^m B^{(\tau)}(K_1, \cdots, K_{n-m}, K_{n-i+1}, \cdots, K_{n-i+1}),$$
(1.7)

with equality if and only if K_{n-m+1}, \dots, K_n are all of similar general width.

Moreover, we show a cyclic inequality for the general mixed width-integral.

Theorem 1.3. If $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ and $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$, then for i < j < k,

$$B_i^{(\tau)}(K,L)^{k-j}B_k^{(\tau)}(K,L)^{j-i} \ge B_j^{(\tau)}(K,L)^{k-i},$$
(1.8)

with equality if and only if K and L have similar general width.

Here $B_i^{(\tau)}(K,L) = B_i^{(\tau)}(K,n-i;L,i)$ in which K appears n-i times and L appears i times. The proofs of Theorems 1.1–1.3 will be given in the Section 3 of this paper. In Section 4, we consider the general width-integral of order *i* and establish its related properties and inequalities.

2. Preliminaries

The radial function, $\rho_K = \rho(K, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \to [0, \infty)$, of a compact star-shaped (about the origin) set K in \mathbb{R}^n is defined, for $u \in S^{n-1}$, by (see [6, 25])

$$\rho(K, u) = \max\{\lambda \ge 0 : \lambda \cdot u \in K\}.$$
(2.1)

The polar body, K^* , of $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ is defined by (see [6, 25])

$$K^* = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x \cdot y \le 1, y \in K \}.$$
 (2.2)

It is easy to check that for $K \in \mathcal{K}_o^n$,

$$(K^*)^* = K,$$

and

$$h_{K^*} = \frac{1}{\rho_K}, \ \rho_{K^*} = \frac{1}{h_K}$$

An extension of the well-known Blaschke-Santal \dot{o} inequality is as follows (see [20]):

Theorem 2.1. If $K \in \mathcal{K}^n_c$, then

$$V(K)V(K^*) \le \omega_n^2, \tag{2.3}$$

with equality if and only if K is an ellipsoid.

For $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ and $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, the quermassintegrals, $W_i(K)$, of K is given by (see [6, 25])

$$W_i(K) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} h(K, u) dS_i(K, u), \qquad (2.4)$$

where $S_i(K, \cdot)$ denotes the mixed surface area measure of K. Besides, we know that

$$W_0(K) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} h(K, u) dS(K, u) = V(K).$$
(2.5)

The polar coordinate formula for volume of a body K in \mathbb{R}^n is

$$V(K) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho(K, u)^n dS(u).$$
(2.6)

3. Proofs of Theorems 1.1–1.3

Proof of Theorem 1.1. It follows by Jensen's inequality (see [12]) that

$$B^{(\tau)}(K_1, \cdots, K_n) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} b^{(\tau)}(K_1, u) \cdots b^{(\tau)}(K_n, u) dS(u)$$

$$\geq n\omega_n^2 \left[\int_{S^{n-1}} b^{(\tau)}(K_1, u)^{-1} \cdots b^{(\tau)}(K_n, u)^{-1} dS(u) \right]^{-1},$$
(3.1)

with equality if and only if K_1, \dots, K_n have joint constant general width. Together with Hölder's inequality (see [12]), we have

$$\left[\int_{S^{n-1}} b^{(\tau)}(K_1, u)^{-1} \cdots b^{(\tau)}(K_n, u)^{-1} dS(u)\right]^{-n} \ge \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\int_{S^{n-1}} b^{(\tau)}(K_i, u)^{-n} dS(u)\right]^{-1},$$
(3.2)

with equality if and only if K_1, \dots, K_n have similar general width. Using Minkowski's inequality (see [12]), we have

$$\left[\frac{1}{n}\int_{S^{n-1}}b^{(\tau)}(K_i,u)^{-n}dS(u)\right]^{-\frac{1}{n}} = \left[\frac{1}{n}\int_{S^{n-1}}(f_1(\tau)h(K_i,u) + f_2(\tau)h(K_i,-u))^{-n}dS(u)\right]^{-\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\geq \left[\frac{1}{n}\int_{S^{n-1}}h(K_i,u)^{-n}dS(u)\right]^{-\frac{1}{n}} = V(K_i^*)^{-\frac{1}{n}},$$
(3.3)

with equality if and only if K_i is origin-symmetric. It follows from Theorem 2.1 that for inequality (3.3),

$$\left[\frac{1}{n\omega_n^2} \int_{S^{n-1}} b^{(\tau)}(K_i, u)^{-n} dS(u)\right]^{-1} \ge V(K_i), \tag{3.4}$$

with equality if and only if K_i is an *n*-dimensional ellipsoid. From inequalities (3.1), (3.2) and (3.4), this yields

$$V(K_1)\cdots V(K_n) \le B^{(\tau)}(K_1,\cdots,K_n)^n.$$

By the equality conditions of inequalities (3.1), (3.2) and (3.4), equality holds in (1.6) if and only if K_1, \dots, K_n are *n*-balls.

Lemma 3.1 ([17]). If f_0, f_1, \dots, f_m are (strictly) positive continuous functions defined on S^{n-1} and $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$ are positive constants the sum of whose reciprocals is unity, then

$$\int_{S^{n-1}} f_0(u) f_1(u) \cdots f_m(u) dS(u) \le \prod_{i=1}^m \left[\int_{S^{n-1}} f_0(u) f_i^{\lambda_i}(u) dS(u) \right]^{\frac{1}{\lambda_i}},$$
(3.5)

with equality if and only if there exist positive constants $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ such that $\alpha_1 f_1^{\lambda_1}(u) = \dots = \alpha_m f_m^{\lambda_m}(u)$ for all $u \in S^{n-1}$.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. Let in Lemma 3.1

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_i &= m \quad (1 \le i \le m), \\ f_0 &= b^{(\tau)}(K_1, u) \cdots b^{(\tau)}(K_{n-m}, u) \quad (f_0 = 1 \text{ if } m = n), \\ f_i &= b^{(\tau)}(K_{n-i+1}, u) \quad (1 \le i \le m). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\int_{S^{n-1}} b^{(\tau)}(K_1, u) \cdots b^{(\tau)}(K_n, u) dS(u)$$

$$\leq \prod_{i=1}^m \left[\int_{S^{n-1}} b^{(\tau)}(K_1, u) \cdots b^{(\tau)}(K_{n-m}, u) b^{(\tau)}(K_{n-i+1}, u)^m dS(u) \right]^{\frac{1}{m}}$$

Combining with definition (1.2), we have

$$B^{(\tau)}(K_1, \cdots, K_n)^m \leq \prod_{i=1}^m B^{(\tau)}(K_1, \cdots, K_{n-m}, K_{n-i+1}, \cdots, K_{n-i+1}).$$

The equality condition of inequality (3.5) implies that equality holds in (1.7) if and only if K_{n-m+1}, \dots, K_n are all of similar general width.

Proof of Theorem 1.3. It follows from Hölder's inequality (see [12]) that

$$\begin{split} B_i^{(\tau)}(K,L)^{\frac{k-j}{k-i}} B_k^{(\tau)}(K,L)^{\frac{j-i}{k-i}} &= \left(\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} b^{(\tau)}(K,u)^{n-i} b^{(\tau)}(L,u)^i dS(u)\right)^{\frac{k-j}{k-i}} \\ &\times \left(\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} b^{(\tau)}(K,u)^{n-k} b^{(\tau)}(L,u)^k dS(u)\right)^{\frac{j-i}{k-i}} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} b^{(\tau)}(K,u)^{n-j} b^{(\tau)}(L,u)^j dS(u) = B_j^{(\tau)}(K,L). \end{split}$$

This gives

$$B_i^{(\tau)}(K,L)^{k-j}B_k^{(\tau)}(K,L)^{j-i} \ge B_j^{(\tau)}(K,L)^{k-i}.$$

The equality condition of Hölder's inequality gets that equality holds in (1.8) if and only if K and L have similar general width.

Taking i = 0, j = i and k = n in inequality (1.8), we have

Corollary 3.2. If $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ and $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$, then for $0 \le i \le n$,

$$B_i^{(\tau)}(K,L)^n \le B^{(\tau)}(K)^{n-i}B^{(\tau)}(L)^i,$$
(3.6)

for i < 0 or i > n, inequality (3.6) is reversed, with equality in every inequality if and only if i = n or, when $i \neq n$, K and L have similar general width.

Let i = 1 and i = -1 in Corollary 3.2, respectively. The dual Minkowski type inequalities for the general mixed width-integral are as follows:

Corollary 3.3. If $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ and $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$, then

$$B_1^{(\tau)}(K,L)^n \le B^{(\tau)}(K)^{n-1}B^{(\tau)}(L),$$

with equality if and only if K and L have similar general width.

Corollary 3.4. If $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ and $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$, then

$$B_{-1}^{(\tau)}(K,L)^n \ge B^{(\tau)}(K)^{n+1}B^{(\tau)}(L)^{-1},$$

with equality if and only if K and L have similar general width.

4. General width-integral of order i

In this section, we consider the general width-integral of order i and show its related properties and inequalities.

Taking $K_1 = \cdots = K_{n-i} = K$ and $K_{n-i+1} = \cdots = K_n = B$ in (1.2), the general width-integral of order $i, B_i^{(\tau)}(K)$, of $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ is given by

$$B_i^{(\tau)}(K) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} b^{(\tau)}(K, u)^{n-i} dS(u).$$
(4.1)

Let $K_1 = \cdots = K_n = K$ in (1.2). We write $B^{(\tau)}(K)$ for $B^{(\tau)}(K, \cdots, K)$ called the general width-integral of $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$.

If $K_1, \dots, K_m \in \mathcal{K}^n$ and $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m \in \mathbb{R}$, then the Minkowski linear combination is defined by (see [6, 25])

$$\lambda_1 K_1 + \dots + \lambda_m K_m = \{\lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_m x_m : x_1 \in K_1, \dots, x_m \in K_m\}$$

It is easy to verify that

$$h(\lambda_1 K_1 + \dots + \lambda_m K_m, \cdot) = \lambda_1 h(K_1, \cdot) + \dots + \lambda_m h(K_m, \cdot).$$

We now show that the general width-integral of $\lambda_1 K_1 + \cdots + \lambda_m K_m$ is a homogeneous polynomial of degree n in $\lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_m$.

Theorem 4.1. Suppose $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ and $K_1, \dots, K_m \in \mathcal{K}^n$. If $K = \lambda_1 K_1 + \dots + \lambda_m K_m$ then

$$B^{(\tau)}(K) = \sum_{j_1=1}^{m} \cdots \sum_{j_n=1}^{m} \lambda_{j_1} \cdots \lambda_{j_n} B^{(\tau)}(K_{j_1}, \cdots, K_{j_n}).$$
(4.2)

The following is a direct consequence of Theorem 4.1.

Theorem 4.2. Let $\tau \in (-1,1)$ and $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$. If $K_{\mu} = K + \mu B$ ($\mu > 0$) then for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$,

$$B_{j}^{(\tau)}(K_{\mu}) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-j} {\binom{n-j}{i}} B_{j+i}^{(\tau)}(K)\mu^{i}.$$
(4.3)

Further, we establish several inequalities for the general width-integral of order i.

Lemma 4.3. If $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ and $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$, then

$$B_{2n}^{(\tau)}(K) \le V(K^*), \tag{4.4}$$

with equality if and only if K is origin-symmetric.

Proof. Using Minkowski's inequality (see [12]), we yield

$$\begin{split} B_{2n}^{(\tau)}(K)^{-\frac{1}{n}} &= \left[\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} b^{(\tau)}(K, u)^{-n} dS(u)\right]^{-\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} (f_1(\tau)h(K, u) + f_2(\tau)h(K, -u))^{-n} dS(u)\right]^{-\frac{1}{n}} \\ &\geq \left[\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} (f_1(\tau)h(K, u))^{-n} dS(u)\right]^{-\frac{1}{n}} \\ &+ \left[\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} (f_2(\tau)h(K, -u))^{-n} dS(u)\right]^{-\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} h(K, u)^{-n} dS(u)\right]^{-\frac{1}{n}}. \end{split}$$

This implies

$$B_{2n}^{(\tau)}(K) \le \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} h(K, u)^{-n} dS(u) = V(K^*).$$

The equality condition of Minkowski's inequality gives that equality holds in (4.4) if and only if K and -K are dilated of one another, namely, K is origin-symmetric.

Theorem 4.4. If $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ and $K \in \mathcal{K}^n_c$, then for n < i < 2n,

$$B_i^{(\tau)}(K)B_i^{(\tau)}(K^*) \le \omega_n^2, \tag{4.5}$$

For i < n, inequality (4.5) is reversed, with equality in every inequality if and only if K is an ellipsoid centered at the origin.

Proof. Using Lemma 4.3 and Jensen's inequality (see [12]), we have for i < 2n and $i \neq n$

$$\omega_n^{\frac{i-2n}{n(n-i)}} B_i^{(\tau)}(K)^{\frac{1}{n-i}} \ge B_{2n}^{(\tau)}(K)^{-\frac{1}{n}} \ge V(K^*)^{-\frac{1}{n}}.$$
(4.6)

Thus it follows from (4.6) that

$$\omega_n^{\frac{i-2n}{n(n-i)}} B_i^{(\tau)}(K^*)^{\frac{1}{n-i}} \ge V(K)^{-\frac{1}{n}}.$$
(4.7)

Together (4.6), (4.7) with Theorem 2.1, we get

$$\left[B_i^{(\tau)}(K)B_i^{(\tau)}(K^*)\right]^{\frac{1}{n-i}} \ge \omega_n^{\frac{2}{n-i}}.$$
(4.8)

If n < i < 2n in inequality (4.8), then

$$B_i^{(\tau)}(K)B_i^{(\tau)}(K^*) \le \omega_n^2.$$

If i < n in inequality (4.8), then

 $B_i^{(\tau)}(K)B_i^{(\tau)}(K^*) \ge \omega_n^2.$

By the equality conditions of inequality (4.4), inequality (2.3) and Jensen's inequality, we know that equality holds in every inequality if and only if K is an ellipsoid centered at the origin. \Box

Lemma 4.5 ([6]). If $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ and $0 \le i < j < k \le n$, then

$$W_j(K)^{k-i} \ge W_i(K)^{k-j} W_k(K)^{j-i},$$

with equality if and only if K is an n-ball.

Taking L = B in Theorem 1.3, the following is a direct result.

Lemma 4.6. For $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ and $\tau \in (-1, 1)$, if i < j < k then

$$B_j^{(\tau)}(K)^{k-i} \le B_i^{(\tau)}(K)^{k-j} B_k^{(\tau)}(K)^{j-i},$$

with equality if and only if K is of similar general width.

Lemma 4.7. If $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ and $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$, then

$$B_{n-1}^{(\tau)}(K) = W_{n-1}(K)$$

Proof. It follows by definition (4.1) that

$$B_{n-1}^{(\tau)}(K) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} [f_1(\tau)h(K, u) + f_2(\tau)h(K, -u)]dS(u)$$

= $\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} h(K, u)dS(u) = W_{n-1}(K).$

Theorem 4.8. For $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ and $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$, if i < n - 1 then

$$W_i(K) \le B_i^{(\tau)}(K),\tag{4.9}$$

with equality if and only if K is an n-ball centered at the origin.

Proof. Using Lemma 4.5, it follows that

$$W_i(K) \le \omega_n^{i+1-n} W_{n-1}^{n-i}(K), \tag{4.10}$$

with equality if and only if K is an n-ball. By Lemma 4.6, we have

$$\omega_n^{i+1-n} B_{n-1}^{(\tau)}(K)^{n-i} \le B_i^{(\tau)}(K), \tag{4.11}$$

with equality if and only if K is of similar general width. Together (4.10), (4.11) with Lemma 4.7, this gives

$$W_i(K) \le B_i^{(\tau)}(K).$$

From the equality conditions of inequalities (4.10) and (4.11), we obtain that equality holds in (4.9) if and only if K is an n-ball centered at the origin. \Box

Theorem 4.9. For $\tau \in (-1, 1)$ and $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$, if 0 < i < n then

$$B_{n+i}^{(\tau)}(K) \le W_{n-i}(K^*), \tag{4.12}$$

with equality if and only if K is an n-ball centered at the origin.

Proof. By Lemma 4.2, we get

$$\omega_n^{n-i} V^i(K^*) \le W_{n-i}^n(K^*), \tag{4.13}$$

with equality if and only if K^* is an *n*-ball. It follows from Lemma 4.6 that

$$B_{n+i}^{(\tau)}(K)^n \le \omega_n^{n-i} B_{2n}^{(\tau)}(K)^i, \tag{4.14}$$

with equality if and only if K is of similar general width. By (4.13), (4.14) and Lemma 4.3, we have

$$B_{n+i}^{(\tau)}(K) \le W_{n-i}(K^*).$$

The equality conditions of inequalities (4.13), (4.14) and (4.4) imply that equality holds in (4.12) if and only if K is an n-ball centered at the origin. \Box

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