

AN EQUIVALENCE FORM OF THE BRUNN-MINKOWSKI INEQUALITY FOR VOLUME DIFFERENCES

CHANG-JIAN ZHAO* AND WING-SUM CHEUNG**

ABSTRACT. In this paper, we establish an equivalence form of the Brunn-Minkowski inequality for volume differences. As an application, we obtain a general and strengthened form of the dual Kneser-Süss inequality.

1. Introduction

If K and L are convex bodies in \mathbb{R}^n , then there is convex body $K \dot{+} L$ such that

$$S(K \dot{+} L, \cdot) = S(K, \cdot) + S(L, \cdot),$$

where $S(K, \cdot)$ denotes the surface area measure of K . This is a Minkowski's existence theorem; see [3] or [9]. The operation $\dot{+}$ is called *Blaschke addition*.

Theorem A (The Kneser-Süss inequality [9]). *If K and L are convex bodies in \mathbb{R}^n , then*

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

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

The *volume differences function* of convex bodies K and L was defined by Leng [5]:

$$Dv(K, D) = V(K) - V(D), \quad D \subset K.$$

In [5], Leng established the following Brunn-Minkowski inequality for volume differences.

Received March 26, 2006.

2000 *Mathematics Subject Classification*. Primary 52A40.

Key words and phrases. volume difference, convex body, star body, the Kneser-Süss inequality, the dual Kneser-Süss inequality, the Brunn-Minkowski inequality.

*Research is partially supported by Zhejiang Provincial Natural Science Foundation of China(Y605065), Foundation of the Education Department of Zhejiang Province of China(20050392), National Natural Sciences Foundation of China (10271071) and the Academic Mainstay of Middle-age and Youth Foundation of Shandong Province of China(200103).

**Research is partially supported by the Research Grants Council of the Hong Kong SAR, China (Project No: HKU7016/07P).

Theorem B. *If K, L , and D are convex bodies in \mathbb{R}^n , $D \subset K$, and $D' \subset L$ is a homothetic copy of D , then*

$$(2) \quad Dv(K + L, D + D')^{1/n} \geq Dv(K, D)^{1/n} + Dv(L, D')^{1/n}$$

with equality if and only if K and L are homothetic and $(V(K), V(D)) = \mu(V(L), V(D'))$, where μ is a constant.

If $p \geq 1$ and K and L contain the origin in their interiors, a convex body $K +_p L$ can be defined by

$$h(K +_p L, u)^p = h(K, u)^p + h(L, u)^p$$

for $u \in S^{n-1}$. The operation $+_p$ is called the *p -Minkowski addition*. Firey [2] proved the following inequality.

Theorem C₁. *If K and L are convex bodies in \mathbb{R}^n containing the origin in their interiors, $p \geq 1$, and $0 \leq i < n$, then*

$$(3) \quad W_i(K +_p L)^{p/(n-i)} \geq W_i(K)^{p/(n-i)} + W_i(L)^{p/(n-i)}.$$

Furthermore, when $p > 1$, the equality holds if and only if K and L are dilates of each other.

Firey's ideas were transformed into a remarkable extension of the Brunn-Minkowski theory, called the *Brunn-Minkowski-Firey theory*, by Lutwak [6], [7]. Lutwak found the appropriate p -analog $S_p(K, \cdot)$, $p \geq 1$, of the surface area measure of a convex body K in \mathbb{R}^n containing the origin in its interior. In [6], Lutwak generalized Firey's inequality (3). He also generalized Minkowski's existence theorem, deduced the existence of a convex body $K +_p L$ for which

$$S_p(K +_p L, \cdot) = S_p(K, \cdot) + S_p(L, \cdot),$$

(when K and L are origin-symmetric convex bodies), and proved the following result.

Theorem C₂ (Lutwak's p -surface area measure inequality). *If K and L are origin-symmetric convex bodies in \mathbb{R}^n , and $n \neq p \geq 1$, then*

$$(4) \quad V(K +_p L)^{(n-p)/n} \geq V(K)^{(n-p)/n} + V(L)^{(n-p)/n}.$$

Furthermore, when $p > 1$, the equality holds if and only if K and L are dilates of each other.

In [8], Lutwak established the following dual Brunn-Minkowski inequality.

Theorem D. *If K, L are star bodies in \mathbb{R}^n , then*

$$(5) \quad V(K \check{+} L)^{1/n} \leq V(K)^{1/n} + V(L)^{1/n},$$

with equality if and only if K and L are dilates of each other.

The aim of this paper is to extend Kneser-Süss inequality (Theorem A) to the context of volume differences, which is in turn proved to be equivalent to Leng's result (Theorem B). We then extend Lutwak's p -surface area measure inequality (Theorem C₂) to the context of volume differences. Finally, a general

dual Brunn-Minkowski inequality which strengthens Lutwak’s result (Theorem D) is also given.

2. Definitions and preliminaries

The setting of this paper is n -dimensional Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n ($n > 2$). Let \mathcal{C}^n denote the set of non-empty convex figures (compact, convex subsets) and \mathcal{K}^n denote the subset of \mathcal{C}^n consisting of all convex bodies (compact, convex subsets with non-empty interiors) in \mathbb{R}^n . We reserve the letter u for unit vectors and the letter B for the unit ball centered at the origin. The surface of B is S^{n-1} . We denote by $V(K)$ the n -dimensional volume of a convex body K . Let $h_K : S^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ denote the support function of $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$, i.e., $h_K(u) = \text{Max}\{u \cdot x : x \in K\}$, $u \in S^{n-1}$, where $u \cdot x$ denotes the usual inner product of u and x in \mathbb{R}^n .

Associated with a compact subset K of \mathbb{R}^n , which is star-shaped with respect to the origin, is its radial function $\rho(K, \cdot) : S^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, defined for $u \in S^{n-1}$, by $\rho(K, u) = \text{Max}\{\lambda \geq 0 : \lambda u \in K\}$. If $\rho(K, \cdot)$ is positive and continuous, K will be called a star body. Let φ^n denote the set of star bodies in \mathbb{R}^n .

Let δ denote the Hausdorff metric on \mathcal{K}^n ; i.e., for $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$, $\delta(K, L) = |h_K - h_L|_\infty$, where $|\cdot|_\infty$ denotes the sup-norm on the space of continuous functions $C(S^{n-1})$ on S^{n-1} .

2.1. Mixed volume and dual mixed volume

If $K_i \in \mathcal{K}^n$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, r$) and λ_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, r$) are nonnegative real numbers, then of fundamental importance is the fact that the volume of $\sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i K_i$ is a homogeneous polynomial in λ_i given by

$$(6) \quad V\left(\sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i K_i\right) = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_n} \lambda_{i_1} \cdots \lambda_{i_n} V(K_{i_1 \dots i_n}),$$

where the sum is taken over all n -tuples (i_1, \dots, i_n) of positive integers not exceeding r . The coefficient $V(K_{i_1 \dots i_n})$, which is called the *mixed volume* of K_{i_1}, \dots, K_{i_n} , depends only on the bodies K_{i_1}, \dots, K_{i_n} , and is uniquely determined by (6). If $K_1 = \dots = K_{n-i} = K$ and $K_{n-i+1} = \dots = K_n = L$, then the mixed volume $V(K_1 \cdots K_n)$ is usually written as $V_i(K, L)$.

From (6), we easily get: If $K, L, M \in \mathcal{K}^n$ and $\alpha, \mu \geq 0$, then

$$(7) \quad V_1(M, \alpha K + \mu L) = \alpha V_1(M, K) + \mu V_1(M, L).$$

Further, from (6) it follows immediately that

$$(8) \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{V(K + \varepsilon L) - V(K)}{\varepsilon} = nV_1(K, L).$$

If $K_1, \dots, K_n \in \varphi^n$, then the dual mixed volume of K_1, \dots, K_n is written as $\tilde{V}(K_1, \dots, K_n)$. If $K_1 = \dots = K_{n-i} = K$, and $K_{n-i+1} = \dots = K_n = L$, then $\tilde{V}(K_1, \dots, K_n)$ is written as $\tilde{V}_i(K, L)$. If $L = B$, the dual mixed volume

$\tilde{V}(K, B)$ is written as $\tilde{W}_i(K)$ and is called the i -th dual Quermassintegral of K .

2.2. The Blaschke addition and the radial Blaschke addition

If K, L and $\alpha, \mu \geq 0$, then the Theorem of Fenchel-Jessen-Alexandrov tells that there exists a convex body, unique up to translation, which we denote by $\alpha \cdot K \dot{+} \mu \cdot L$, such that

$$S(\alpha \cdot K \dot{+} \mu \cdot L, \cdot) = \alpha S(K, \cdot) + \mu S(L, \cdot).$$

This addition is called *Blaschke addition*.

The following result will be used later: If $K, L, M \in \mathcal{K}^n$ and $\alpha, \mu \geq 0$, then

$$(9) \quad V_1(\alpha K \dot{+} \mu L, M) = \alpha V_1(K, M) + \mu V_1(L, M).$$

As an aside, we note that corresponding to (8) one has for $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$,

$$(10) \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{V(L \dot{+} \varepsilon K) - V(L)}{\varepsilon} = \frac{n}{n-1} V_1(K, L).$$

See Goikkman [4].

If $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$ and $\alpha, \mu \geq 0$, then the radial Blaschke linear combination, $\alpha \cdot K \check{+} \mu \cdot L$, is the star body whose radial function is given by

$$(11) \quad \rho(\alpha \cdot K \check{+} \mu \cdot L, \cdot)^{n-1} = \alpha \rho(K, \cdot)^{n-1} + \mu \rho(L, \cdot)^{n-1}.$$

We shall call the addition *radial Blaschke addition*.

3. Lemmas

The following well-known results will be required to prove our main Theorems.

Lemma 1 (Bellman’s inequality). *Let $a = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ and $b = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$ be two sequences of positive real numbers and $p > 1$ such that $a_1^p - \sum_{i=2}^n a_i^p > 0$ and $b_1^p - \sum_{i=2}^n b_i^p > 0$, then*

$$(12) \quad \left(a_1^p - \sum_{i=2}^n a_i^p \right)^{1/p} + \left(b_1^p - \sum_{i=2}^n b_i^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \left((a_1 + b_1)^p - \sum_{i=2}^n (a_i + b_i)^p \right)^{1/p}$$

with equality if and only if $a = vb$ where v is a constant.

Lemma 2 (Minkowski’s inequality for integrals). *If $f_j \geq 0 (j = 1, \dots, m)$, $p > 1$, then*

$$(13) \quad \left(\int_{S^{n-1}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^m f_j(u) \right)^p dS(u) \right)^{1/p} \leq \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\int_{S^{n-1}} f_j^p(u) dS(u) \right)^{1/p},$$

with equality if and only if f_j are effectively proportional.

This inequality is reversed if $0 < p < 1$ or $p < 0$.

Lemma 3. *If K, L , and D are convex bodies in \mathbb{R}^n , $D \subset K$, and $D' \subset L$ is a homothetic copy of D , then*

$$(14) \quad Dv(K \dot{+} L, D \dot{+} D')^{(n-1)/n} \geq Dv(K, D)^{(n-1)/n} + Dv(L, D')^{(n-1)/n}$$

with equality if and only if K and L are homothetic and $(V(K), V(D)) = \mu(V(L), V(D'))$, where μ is a constant.

Proof. We will prove the lemma using the method of Leng [5].

Applying the Knesser-Süss inequality (1), we obtain

$$(15) \quad V(K \dot{+} L)^{(n-1)/n} \geq V(K)^{(n-1)/n} + V(L)^{(n-1)/n}$$

with equality if and only if K and L are homothetic, and

$$(16) \quad V(D \dot{+} D')^{(n-1)/n} = V(D)^{(n-1)/n} + V(D')^{(n-1)/n}.$$

From (15) and (16), we obtain

$$(17) \quad \begin{aligned} Dv(K \dot{+} L, D \dot{+} D') &\geq [V(K)^{(n-1)/n} + V(L)^{(n-1)/n}]^{n/(n-1)} \\ &\quad - [V(D)^{(n-1)/n} + V(D')^{(n-1)/n}]^{n/(n-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

From (17) and applying inequality (12), we have

$$Dv(K \dot{+} L, D \dot{+} D')^{(n-1)/n} \geq (V(K) - V(D))^{(n-1)/n} + (V(L) - V(D'))^{(n-1)/n},$$

with equality if and only if K and L are homothetic and $(V(K), V(D)) = \mu(V(L), V(D'))$, where μ is a constant. □

Remark 1. In the special case where D and D' are single points, inequality (14) becomes the classical Knesser-Süss Inequality.

4. Main results

We next observe that Lemma 3 is actually equivalent to Leng’s result (Theorem B).

Theorem 1. *If K, L , and D are convex bodies in \mathbb{R}^n , $D \subset K$, and $D' \subset L$ is a homothetic copy of D , then*

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} Dv(K \dot{+} L, D \dot{+} D')^{(n-1)/n} &\geq Dv(K, D)^{(n-1)/n} + Dv(L, D')^{(n-1)/n} \\ &\Leftrightarrow Dv(K + L, D + D')^{1/n} \geq Dv(K, D)^{1/n} + Dv(L, D')^{1/n}, \end{aligned}$$

where the conditions of equality are also equivalent.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Suppose that

$$Dv(K \dot{+} L, D \dot{+} D')^{(n-1)/n} \geq Dv(K, D)^{(n-1)/n} + Dv(L, D')^{(n-1)/n},$$

with equality if and only if K and L are homothetic and $(V(K), V(D)) = \mu(V(L), V(D'))$, where μ is a constant.

From (10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{n}{n-1}(V_1(K, L) - V_1(D, D')) \\
 (19) \quad &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{Dv(L + \varepsilon K, D' + \varepsilon D) + Dv(D', L)}{\varepsilon} \\
 &\geq \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{(Dv(L, D')^{(n-1)/n} + \varepsilon Dv(K, D)^{(n-1)/n})^{n/(n-1)} + Dv(D', L)}{\varepsilon},
 \end{aligned}$$

with equality if and only if K and L are homothetic and $(V(K), V(D)) = \mu(V(L), V(D'))$, where μ is a constant.

On the other hand, from (19) and in view of L'Hôpital's rule, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & V_1(K, L) - V_1(D, D') \\
 (20) \quad &\geq \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (Dv(L, D')^{(n-1)/n} + \varepsilon Dv(K, D)^{(n-1)/n})^{1/(n-1)} Dv(K, D)^{(n-1)/n} \\
 &= Dv(L, D')^{1/n} Dv(K, D)^{(n-1)/n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that $M, N \in \mathcal{K}^n$ and $N \subset M$, from (7) and (20), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & V_1(M, K + L) - V_1(N, D + D') \\
 (21) \quad &= (V_1(M, K) - V_1(N, D)) + (V_1(M, L) - V_1(N, D')) \\
 &\geq (Dv(K, D)^{1/n} + Dv(L, D')^{1/n}) Dv(M, N)^{(n-1)/n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

If we take $M = K + L$ and $N = D + D'$ in (21), in view of $V(K, \dots, K) = V(K)$, we have

$$Dv(K + L, D + D')^{1/n} \geq Dv(K, D)^{1/n} + Dv(L, D')^{1/n},$$

with equality if and only if K and L are homothetic and $(V(K), V(D)) = \mu(V(L), V(D'))$, where μ is a constant.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that

$$Dv(K + L, D + D')^{1/n} \geq Dv(K, D)^{1/n} + Dv(L, D')^{1/n},$$

with equality if and only if K and L are homothetic and $(V(K), V(D)) = \mu(V(L), V(D'))$, where μ is a constant.

From (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & n(V_1(K, L) - V_1(D, D')) \\
 (22) \quad &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{Dv(K + \varepsilon L, D + \varepsilon D') + Dv(D, K)}{\varepsilon} \\
 &\geq \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{(Dv(K, D)^{1/n} + \varepsilon Dv(L, D')^{1/n})^n + Dv(D, K)}{\varepsilon},
 \end{aligned}$$

with equality if and only if K and L are homothetic and $(V(K), V(D)) = \mu(V(L), V(D'))$, where μ is a constant.

On the other hand, from (22) and in view of L'Hôpital's rule, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & V_1(K, L) - V_1(D, D') \\
 (23) \quad & \geq \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (Dv(K, D)^{1/n} + \varepsilon Dv(L, D')^{1/n})^{n-1} Dv(L, D')^{1/n} \\
 & = Dv(K, D)^{(n-1)/n} Dv(L, D')^{1/n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

From (9) and (23), for any $M, N \in \mathcal{K}^n$ and $N \subset M$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & V_1(K \dot{+} L, M) - V_1(D \dot{+} D', N) \\
 (24) \quad & = (V_1(K, M) - V_1(D, N)) + (V_1(L, M) - V_1(D', N)) \\
 & \geq (Dv(K, D)^{(n-1)/n} + Dv(L, D')^{(n-1)/n}) Dv(M, N)^{1/n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

If we take $M = K \dot{+} L$ and $N = D \dot{+} D'$ in (24), and in view of $V(K, \dots, K) = V(K)$, we obtain inequality (14). \square

Remark 2. In the special case where D and D' are single points, Theorem 1 gives the following important result.

Corollary 1. *The Knesser-Süss inequality is equivalent to the Brunn-Minkowski inequality, namely, for $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$,*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & V(K \ddot{+} L)^{(n-1)/n} \geq V(K)^{(n-1)/n} + V(L)^{(n-1)/n} \\
 \Leftrightarrow & V(K + L)^{1/n} \geq V(K)^{1/n} + V(L)^{1/n},
 \end{aligned}$$

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

Similarly, from the Lutwak's p -surface area measure inequality (4) and the Bellman's inequality, we can get the following result which is a general form of (4).

Theorem 2. *If K, L , and D are origin-symmetric convex bodies in \mathbb{R}^n , $D \subset K$, and $D' \subset L$ is a homothetic copy of D , then for $n \neq p \geq 1$,*

$$(25) \quad Dv(K \dot{+}_p L, D \dot{+}_p D')^{(n-p)/n} \geq Dv(K, D)^{(n-p)/n} + Dv(L, D')^{(n-p)/n}.$$

Furthermore, when $p > 1$, the equality holds if and only if K and L are dilates of each other and $(V(K), V(D)) = \mu(V(L), V(D'))$, where μ is a constant.

Remark 3. Note that the Knesser-Süss inequality (14) for volume differences corresponds to the case $p = 1$ in (25). On the other hand, if D and D' are single points, (25) reduces to the classical Knesser-Süss inequality.

Finally, the following is a general and strengthened form of Lutwak's dual Brunn-Minkowski inequality.

Theorem 3. *If $K, L \in \varphi^n$, $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, then for $i < 1$,*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \tilde{W}_i(K \check{+} L)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \\
 (26) \quad & \leq \tilde{W}_i(\alpha K \check{+} (1 - \alpha)L)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} + \tilde{W}_i((1 - \alpha)K \check{+} \alpha L)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \\
 & \leq \tilde{W}_i(K)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} + \tilde{W}_i(L)^{(n-1)/(n-i)},
 \end{aligned}$$

with equality if and only if K and L are dilates of each other.

These inequalities are reversed for $i > n$ or $1 < i < n$.

Proof. Noting that $\tilde{W}_i(K) = \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho(K)^{n-i} dS(u)$, and from (11), (13), we have for $i < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{W}_i(K \check{+} L)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho(K \check{+} L, u)^{n-i} dS(u) \right)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} (\rho(K, u)^{n-1} + \rho(L, u)^{n-1})^{(n-i)/(n-1)} dS(u) \right)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} (\alpha \rho(K, u)^{n-1} + (1-\alpha) \rho(L, u)^{n-1})^{(n-i)/(n-1)} dS(u) \right)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} ((1-\alpha) \rho(K, u)^{n-1} + \alpha \rho(L, u)^{n-1})^{(n-i)/(n-1)} dS(u) \right)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} (\rho(\alpha \cdot K \check{+} (1-\alpha) \cdot L, u))^{n-i} dS(u) \right)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} (\rho((1-\alpha) \cdot K \check{+} \alpha \cdot L, u))^{n-i} dS(u) \right)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \\ &= \tilde{W}_i(\alpha \cdot K \check{+} (1-\alpha) \cdot L)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} + \tilde{W}_i((1-\alpha) \cdot K \check{+} \alpha \cdot L)^{(n-1)/(n-i)}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for $i < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{W}_i(\alpha \cdot K \check{+} (1-\alpha) \cdot L)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho(\alpha \cdot K \check{+} (1-\alpha) \cdot L)^{n-i} dS(u) \right)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \\ &\leq \alpha \left(\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho(K, u)^{n-i} dS(u) \right)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \\ &\quad + (1-\alpha) \left(\frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho(L, u)^{n-i} dS(u) \right)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \\ &= \alpha \tilde{W}_i(K)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} + (1-\alpha) \tilde{W}_i(L)^{(n-1)/(n-i)}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we get

$$\tilde{W}_i((1-\alpha) \cdot K \check{+} \alpha \cdot L)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \leq (1-\alpha) \tilde{W}_i(K)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} + \alpha \tilde{W}_i(L)^{(n-1)/(n-i)}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{W}_i(\alpha \cdot K \check{+} (1-\alpha) \cdot L)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} + \tilde{W}_i((1-\alpha) \cdot K \check{+} \alpha \cdot L)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} \\ &\leq \tilde{W}_i(K)^{(n-1)/(n-i)} + \tilde{W}_i(L)^{(n-1)/(n-i)}, \end{aligned}$$

with equality if and only if K and L are dilates of each other.

The cases of $i > n$ and $1 < i < n$ are obtained analogously. \square

Remark 4. Taking $i = 0$, inequality (26) becomes the following strengthened form of the dual Knneser-Süss inequality.

Corollary 2. *If $K, L \in \varphi^n$, $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, then*

$$(27) \quad \begin{aligned} V(K \check{+} L)^{(n-1)/n} &\leq V(\alpha K \check{+} (1-\alpha)L)^{(n-1)/n} + V((1-\alpha)K \check{+} \alpha L)^{(n-1)/n} \\ &\leq V(K)^{(n-1)/n} + V(L)^{(n-1)/n}, \end{aligned}$$

with equality if and only if K and L are dilates of each other.

References

- [1] E. F. Beckenbach and R. Bellman, *Inequalities*, Second revised printing. Ergebnisse der Mathematik und ihrer Grenzgebiete. Neue Folge, Band 30 Springer-Verlag, New York, Inc. 1965.
- [2] W. J. Firey, *p-means of convex bodies*, Math. Scand. **10** (1962), 17–24.
- [3] R. J. Gardner, *Geometric Tomography*, Cambridge Univ. Press, New York, 1995.
- [4] D. M. Goikhman, *The differentiability of volume in Blaschke lattices*, Siberian Math. J. **15** (1974), 997–999.
- [5] G. S. Leng, *The Brunn-Minkowski inequality for volume differences*, Adv. in Appl. Math. **32** (2004), no. 3, 615–624.
- [6] E. Lutwak, *The Brunn-Minkowski-Firey theory. I. Mixed volumes and the Minkowski problem*, J. Differential Geom. **38** (1993), no. 1, 131–150.
- [7] ———, *The Brunn-Minkowski-Firey theory. II. Affine and geominimal surface areas*, Adv. Math. **118** (1996), no. 2, 244–294.
- [8] ———, *Inequalities for mixed projection bodies*, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. **339** (1993), no. 2, 901–916.
- [9] R. Schneider, *Convex bodies: the Brunn-Minkowski theory*, Encyclopedia of Mathematics and its Applications, 44. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1993.
- [10] C.-J. Zhao and G. S. Leng, *Inequalities for dual quermassintegrals of mixed intersection bodies*, Proc. Indian Acad. Sci. Math. Sci. **115** (2005), no. 1, 79–91.
- [11] ———, *Brunn-Minkowski inequality for mixed intersection bodies*, J. Math. Anal. Appl. **301** (2005), no. 1, 115–123.

CHANG-JIAN ZHAO
 DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND MATHEMATICS SCIENCES
 COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
 CHINA JILANG UNIVERSITY
 HANGZHOU 310018, P. R. CHINA
E-mail address: chjzhao315@yahoo.com.cn chjzhao@163.com chjzhao@cjlu.edu.cn

WING-SUM CHEUNG
 DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
 THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
 POKFULAM ROAD, HONG KONG
E-mail address: wscheung@hku.hk