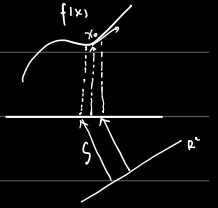


Background.

k-dimensional surface area in \mathbb{R}^n :

define its density in every k-dim linear subspace.

$A: G(n, k) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ (e.c.) — associated surface area formula $Area_A(S) = \int_S A(T_x S) dm(x)$
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 regarded as points in $G(n, k)$
 k-dim Euclidean surface area.
 Smooth (or Lipschitz) surface.



especially Busemann-Hausdorff definition of area:

$A^{bh}(P) = \frac{\varepsilon_k}{m_k(P \cap B)}$
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 $\hookrightarrow B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is the unit ball of the norm $\|\cdot\|$
 k-dim Euclidean area.

\Rightarrow geometric meaning: for embedded surfaces:

$S: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ $Df(x) S: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow T_x \mathbb{R}^n$
 $dm(S) = \int f(x) dm^k$
 $\int f(x) dm(S) = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \int f^*(S) = \int f(x) \int^*(1)$
 $J_f = [dm(S)]^*$

- k-dim Hausdorff measure of the surface

\Rightarrow the area of the norm's unit ball (in \mathbb{P}) = ε_k .

Affine-invariant definition:

define (translation invariant) k-dimensional density in V :

$A: G_k(V) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ sym. positively homogeneous ($A(\lambda \sigma) = |\lambda| A(\sigma)$)

Busemann-Hausdorff area in a normed space $(V, \|\cdot\|)$:

$A^{bh}(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \frac{\varepsilon_k}{m_k(L^{-1}(B))}$ (= k-dim Hausdorff measure of the parallelepiped spanned by the vectors v_1, \dots, v_k)
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 unit ball
 $L: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow V$ $L(e_i) = v_i$ standard basis (e_1, \dots, e_k)

$L = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 & \dots & e_k \\ v_1 & \dots & v_k \end{pmatrix}$ $det(L) = \frac{\varepsilon_k}{m_k(L^{-1}(B))} = |v_1, \dots, v_k|$

Remark: $A^{bh}(S) = Area_{A^{bh}}(S)$

Lip chain $S = \sum A_i S_i$ $S_i: \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ $A_i: \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Z}$

'standard simplex:

define $Area_A(S) = \sum |A_i| Area_A(S_i)$

$|A_i| = \begin{cases} |A_i| & \text{if } A_i \in \mathbb{Z} \\ |A_i| & \text{if } A_i \in \mathbb{R} \\ |A_i| & \text{if } A_i \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$

$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^k : x_0 + \dots + x_{k-1} = 1, x_i \geq 0\}$

convex of the density: if it can be extended to a convex function on $\wedge^k V$

semi-elliptic of $Area_A$ over $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}$: whenever the boundary ∂S of a chain S over the respective ring

is equal to the boundary of a k-disc D embedded into an affine k-plane, one has $Area_A(S) \geq Area_A(D)$

convexity of A implies semi-ellipticity of $Area_A$ over \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{Z} .

Busemann: co-dimension one: $\dim V = k+1$

Today, $k=2$. sup. convex. In every finite dimensional normed space V ,

the two-dim Busemann-Hausdorff area density admits a convex extension to $\wedge^2 V$.

\Rightarrow implies the area is semi-elliptic over \mathbb{Z} , that is, planar discs minimize the area among orientable surfaces with the same boundary.

step 1. non-orientable area: the two-dimensional Busemann-Hausdorff area density is semi-elliptic over \mathbb{Z} .

\Rightarrow every two-dim affine disc in V minimizes the Busemann-Hausdorff area among all compact Lip surfaces with the same boundary.

Def. V : finite-dim vector space.

$$A: GL_n(V) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$$

$P \subset V$ k -dim linear subspace.

\Rightarrow A **calibrator** for P with respect to A is a exterior k -form $\omega \in \wedge^k V^*$ s.t. $\forall \phi \in GL_n(V)$, one has $|\omega(\phi)| \in A(\phi)$

and if $\phi \in \wedge^k P$ inequality turns into equality.

\Rightarrow A admits a convex extension to $\wedge^k V \Leftrightarrow$ every 2-plane Q admits a calibrator

— give explicit construction of such calibrators for $k=2$ $A = A^{bh}$

Fix P :

$$\omega = \sum a_i H_i \wedge H_i \quad (\omega \text{ 形式}) \quad H_i, H_j \in \text{线性映射}$$

$$\text{Fix } v_1, v_2 \in V \quad (\text{线性映射}) \quad \text{考虑 } |\omega(v_1, v_2)| \in A^{bh}(v_1, v_2) \Leftrightarrow |J^* \omega| \in \frac{\pi}{A(K)}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{m_k(L(v_1))}$$

\downarrow unit ball $\Rightarrow B$ is a polyhedron. $\Rightarrow B$ sym.

$$I: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow V. \quad e_i \rightarrow v_i$$

$$K = I^{-1}(B)$$

$$\text{Lem. } K = a_1 a_2 \dots a_m \text{ sym. } v_i = \overrightarrow{a_i a_{i+1}} \quad A(K) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |v_i \wedge v_j| = 1$$



$$\text{Lem. } J: (\mathbb{R}^k)^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \quad |f_i \wedge f_j| = |J(f_i) \wedge J(f_j)| \quad \text{且 } \langle v, v_i \rangle = S_{v_i} \underline{f_i}$$

在 v 上为 1.

$$\Rightarrow |\omega \circ I| = \left| \sum a_i f_i \wedge f_i \right|$$

故 f_i 在 B 的切平面 π_{f_i} 上为 1.

$$\Rightarrow \sum a_i \langle v, v_i \rangle \wedge \langle v, v_j \rangle \quad \text{互相抵消 } a_i \text{ 抵消}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \sum a_i \langle v, v_i \rangle \wedge \langle v, v_j \rangle \right| = \sum a_i |v_i \wedge v_j|$$

$$a_i = \frac{1}{|v_i|} \text{ 的 } v_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_i = \frac{S_{v_i}}{|v_i|} = \frac{A(\Delta a_i a_{i+1})}{A(B \cap P_{v_i, v_{i+1}})} \quad \text{所以 } v_1, v_2 \text{ 不在 } P \text{ 上. 取 } v_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = \sum \frac{A(\Delta a_i a_{i+1})}{A(B \cap P)} F_i \wedge F_j$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{取 } v_1 \text{ 考虑 } \sum \varphi_i \varphi_j f_i \wedge f_j \quad \forall \sum \varphi_i = 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{|v_1|} \sum \lambda_i \lambda_j \varphi_i \varphi_j f_i \wedge f_j$$

$$= \frac{1}{|v_1|} \sum \lambda_i \lambda_j |v_i \wedge v_j| \quad K: \lambda_i v_i$$

$$= \frac{A(K)}{|v_1| |K|}$$

$$|\omega| = \sum \varphi_i = \sum \lambda_i \varphi_i = \frac{1}{|v_1|} \sum \lambda_i A(\Delta a_i a_{i+1}) = \frac{1}{|v_1|} V(K, K')$$