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# Inequalities for dual quermassintegrals of the radial *p*th mean bodies

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# Abstract

Gardner and Zhang defined the notion of radial *p*th mean body (p > -1) in the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In this paper, we obtain inequalities for dual quermassintegrals of the radial *p*th mean bodies. Further, we establish dual quermassintegrals forms of the Zhang projection inequality and the Rogers-Shephard inequality, respectively. Finally, Shephard's problem concerning the radial *p*th mean bodies is shown when p > 0. **MSC:** 52A40; 52A20

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# **1** Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{K}^n$  denote the set of convex bodies (compact, convex subsets with nonempty interiors) in the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for the set of convex bodies containing the origin in their interiors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by  $\mathcal{K}_o^n$ . Let  $S^{n-1}$  denote the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , denote by V(K) the *n*-dimensional volume of body *K* for the standard unit ball *B* in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , define  $\omega_n = V(B)$ .

If *K* is a compact star-shaped (about the origin) in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , its radial function,  $\rho_K = \rho(K, \cdot)$ , is defined by (see [1, 2])

$$\rho(K, u) = \max\{\lambda \ge 0 : \lambda u \in K\}$$
(1.1)

for all  $u \in S^{n-1}$ . If  $\rho_K$  is positive and continuous, K will be called a star body (about the origin). Let  $S_o^n$  denote the set of star bodies (about the origin) in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Two star bodies K and L are said to be dilates (of one another) if  $\rho_K(u)/\rho_L(u)$  is independent of  $u \in S^{n-1}$ .

The notion of radial *p*th mean body was given by Gardner and Zhang (see [3]). For  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , the radial *p*th mean body  $R_pK$  of *K* is defined for nonzero p > -1 by

$$\rho_{R_pK}(u) = \left(\frac{1}{V(K)} \int_K \rho_K^p(x, u) \, dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \tag{1.2}$$

for each  $u \in S^{n-1}$ ; define  $R_0 K$  by

$$\rho_{R_0K}(u) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{V(K)}\int_K \log \rho_K(x, u) \, dx\right)$$

for each  $u \in S^{n-1}$ .



© 2014 Wang and Zhang; licensee Springer. This is an Open Access article distributed under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution License (http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0), which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited. In [3], Gardner and Zhang showed the following.

**Theorem 1.A** *If*  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , -1 , then

$$DK \subseteq c_{n,q}R_qK \subseteq c_{n,p}R_pK \subseteq nV(K)\Pi^*K,$$
(1.3)

in each inclusion equality holds if and only if K is a simplex. Here

$$c_{n,p} = \left(nB(p+1,n)\right)^{-\frac{1}{p}}$$
(1.4)

for nonzero p > -1,  $c_{n,0} = \lim_{p\to 0} (nB(p+1,n))^{-\frac{1}{p}}$ , and DK and  $\Pi^*K$  denote the difference body and the polar of projection body, respectively.

From Theorem 1.A, Gardner and Zhang [3] again proved the Zhang projection inequality (also see [4]) and the Rogers-Shephard inequality (also see [5]).

**Theorem 1.B** (Zhang projection inequality) *If*  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , *then* 

$$V(\Pi^*K)V(K)^{n-1} \ge \frac{1}{n^n} \binom{2n}{n},\tag{1.5}$$

with equality if and only if K is a simplex.

**Theorem 1.C** (Rogers-Shephard inequality) *If*  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , *then* 

$$V(DK) \le \binom{2n}{n} V(K),\tag{1.6}$$

with equality if and only if K is a simplex.

In this paper, we continuously research the radial *p*th mean body. First, we establish inequalities for dual quermassintegrals of the radial *p*th mean body  $R_pK$  as follows.

**Theorem 1.1** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , p > 0, real  $i \neq n$ , then there exists  $x_0 \in K$  such that for i < n - p or i > n,

$$\widetilde{W}_i(R_p K) \le \widetilde{W}_i(K - x_0); \tag{1.7}$$

for n - p < i < n,

$$\widetilde{W}_i(R_pK) \ge \widetilde{W}_i(K - x_0). \tag{1.8}$$

In every inequality, equality holds if and only if  $R_pK = K - x_0$ . For i = n - p, (1.7) (or (1.8)) is identic. Here,  $\widetilde{W}_i(K)$  denotes the dual quermassintegrals of K which are given by (see [6])

$$\widetilde{W}_{i}(K) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho(K, u)^{n-i} dS(u).$$
(1.9)

*Obviously, let* i = 0 *in* (1.9)*, then* 

$$\widetilde{W}_0(K) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho(K, u)^n \, dS(u) = V(K).$$
(1.10)

Let i = 0 in Theorem 1.1 and notice that  $V(K - x_0) = V(K)$ , we easily get the following.

**Corollary 1.1** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , p > 0, then for p < n,

$$V(R_{\nu}K) \le V(K);$$

for p > n,

$$V(R_pK) \ge V(K).$$

All with equality if and only if  $R_p K = K$ . For p = n, above inequalities are identic.

Note that Corollary 1.1 can be found in [7].

As an application of Theorem 1.1, we obtain the following dual quermassintegrals form of the Zhang projection inequality.

**Theorem 1.2** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , p > 0, real  $i \neq n$ , then there exists  $x_0 \in K$  such that for  $n - p \leq i < n$ ,

$$\widetilde{W}_i(\Pi^*K) \ge \left[\frac{c_{n,p}}{nV(K)}\right]^{n-i} \widetilde{W}_i(K-x_0), \tag{1.11}$$

with equality for i = n - p if and only if K is a simplex, for n - p < i < n if and only if K is a simplex and  $R_pK = K - x_0$ .

Note that the case of p = n - i in (1.11) can be found in [8]. If p is a positive integer in Theorem 1.2, then by (1.4) we get that

$$(c_{n,p})^{n-i} = \binom{n+p}{n}^{\frac{n-i}{p}}.$$
(1.12)

Hence, we have the following.

**Corollary 1.2** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , p is a positive integer, i is any real, if  $n - p \le i < n$ , then there exists  $x_0 \in K$  such that

$$\widetilde{W}_i(\Pi^*K) \ge \left[\frac{1}{nV(K)}\right]^{n-i} \binom{n+p}{n}^{\frac{n-i}{p}} \widetilde{W}_i(K-x_0),$$

with equality for i = n - p if and only if K is a simplex, for n - p < i < n if and only if K is a simplex and  $R_pK = K - x_0$ .

Let i = 0 in Corollary 1.2, and together with (1.12) and (1.10), we have the following.

**Corollary 1.3** *If*  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ ,  $p \ge n$  and p is an integer, then

$$V(\Pi^*K)V(K)^{n-1} \ge \frac{1}{n^n} \binom{n+p}{n}^{\frac{n}{p}},$$
(1.13)

with equality for p = n if and only if K is a simplex, for p > n if and only if K is a simplex and there exists  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $R_pK = K - x_0$ .

Compared to (1.13) and the Zhang projection inequality (1.5), inequality (1.13) may be regarded as a general Zhang projection inequality.

As another application of Theorem 1.1, we obtain the following dual quermassintegrals form of the Rogers-Shephard inequality.

**Theorem 1.3** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , p > 0 and real  $i \neq n$ , if  $i \leq n - p$  or i > n, then there exists  $x_0 \in K$  such that

$$\widetilde{W}_i(DK) \le (c_{n,p})^{n-i} \widetilde{W}_i(K - x_0), \tag{1.14}$$

with equality for i = n - p if and only if K is a simplex, for i < n - p or i > n if and only if K is a simplex and  $R_pK = K - x_0$ .

Similarly, if *p* is a positive integer in Theorem 1.3, then by (1.12) we obtain the following.

**Corollary 1.4** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , p is a positive integer, i is any real, if  $i \le n - p$  or i > n, then there exists  $x_0 \in K$  such that

$$\widetilde{W}_i(DK) \leq {\binom{n+p}{n}}^{\frac{n-i}{p}} \widetilde{W}_i(K-x_0),$$

with equality for i = n - p if and only if K is a simplex, for i < n - p or i > n if and only if K is a simplex and  $R_pK = K - x_0$ .

Taking i = 0 in Corollary 1.4, and using (1.12) and (1.10), we get the following.

**Corollary 1.5** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , p is a positive integer and  $p \le n$ , then

$$V(DK) \le {\binom{n+p}{n}}^{\frac{n}{p}} V(K), \tag{1.15}$$

with equality for p = n if and only if K is a simplex, for p < n if and only if K is a simplex and there exists  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $R_pK = K - x_0$ .

Compared to (1.15) and the Rogers-Shephard inequality (1.6), inequality (1.15) may be regarded as a general Rogers-Shephard inequality.

In addition, we also give the Shephard-type problem for the radial *p*th mean bodies in Section 4.

#### 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Support function, difference body and projection body

If  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , then its support function,  $h_K = h(K, \cdot)$ , is defined by (see [1, 2])

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

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

If  $K \in \mathcal{K}_{o}^{n}$ , the polar body of  $K, K^{*}$ , is defined by (see [1, 2])

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

If  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , the difference body, DK = K + (-K), of K is defined by (see [1])

$$h(DK, u) = h(K, u) + h(K, -u)$$

for all  $u \in S^{n-1}$ .

For  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , the projection body of K,  $\Pi K$ , is a centered convex body whose support function is given by (see [1])

$$h(\Pi K, u) = V_{n-1}(K|u^{\perp})$$

for all  $u \in S^{n-1}$ , where  $V_{n-1}$  denotes (n-1)-dimensional volume, and  $K|u^{\perp}$  denotes the image of orthogonal projection of K onto the codimensional 1 subspace orthogonal to u.

# 2.2 Extended radial function

If *K* is compact star-shaped with respect to  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , its radial function  $\rho_K(x, \cdot)$  with respect to *x* is defined, for all  $u \in S^{n-1}$  such that the line through *x* parallel to *u* intersects *K*, by (see [3])

$$\rho_K(x,u) = \max\{\lambda \ge 0 : x + \lambda u \in K\}.$$
(2.1)

From (1.1) and (2.1), we easily know that

$$\rho_K(x,u) = \rho_{K-x}(u) \tag{2.2}$$

for all  $u \in S^{n-1}$ . We call  $\rho_K(x, \cdot)$  the extended radial function of K with respect to x. If x is the origin o, then  $\rho_K(x, u) = \rho_K(u)$  for all  $u \in S^{n-1}$ .

From (2.2) and (1.2), obviously,

$$\rho_{R_{pK}}(u) = \left(\frac{1}{V(K)} \int_{K} \rho_{K-x}^{p}(u) \, dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$
(2.3)

### 2.3 L<sub>p</sub>-Dual mixed quermassintegrals

If  $K, L \in S_o^n$ , p > 0,  $\lambda, \mu \ge 0$  (not both zero), the  $L_p$ -radial combination,  $\lambda \cdot K \stackrel{\circ}{+}_p \mu \cdot L \in S_o^n$ , of K and L is defined by (see [9, 10])

$$\rho(\lambda \cdot K \tilde{+}_p \mu \cdot L, \cdot)^p = \lambda \rho(K, \cdot)^p + \mu \rho(L, \cdot)^p.$$
(2.4)

Associated with (2.4) and (1.9), we define a class of  $L_p$ -dual mixed quermassintegrals as follows: For  $K, L \in S_o^n$ , p > 0,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and real  $i \neq n$ , the  $L_p$ -dual mixed quermassintegrals,  $\widetilde{W}_{p,i}(K,L)$ , of K and L are defined by

$$\frac{n-i}{p}\widetilde{W}_{p,i}(K,L) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0^+} \frac{\widetilde{W}_i(K \,\widetilde{+}_p \,\varepsilon \cdot L) - \widetilde{W}_i(K)}{\varepsilon}.$$
(2.5)

Let i = 0 in definition (2.5), and together with (1.10), we write that  $\widetilde{W}_{p,0}(K,L) = \widetilde{V}_p(K,L)$ , then

$$\frac{n}{p}\widetilde{V}_p(K,L) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0^+} \frac{V(K \,\widetilde{+}_p \,\varepsilon \cdot L) - V(K)}{\varepsilon}.$$

Here  $\widetilde{V}_p(K,L)$  denotes a type of  $L_p$ -dual mixed volume of K and L which is defined in [9, 11] (for  $p \ge 1$  also see [12]).

From definition (2.5), the integral representation of  $L_p$ -dual mixed quermassintegrals can be established as follows.

**Theorem 2.1** If  $K, L \in S_o^n$ , p > 0, and real  $i \neq n$ , then

$$\widetilde{W}_{p,i}(K,L) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho_K^{n-p-i}(u) \rho_L^p(u) \, dS(u).$$
(2.6)

*Proof* From (2.4) and (2.5), for  $i \neq n$ , we have that

$$\begin{split} \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0^+} \frac{\widetilde{W}_i(K \div_p \varepsilon \cdot L) - \widetilde{W}_i(K)}{\varepsilon} \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0^+} \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{\rho(K \div_p \varepsilon \cdot L, u)^{n-i} - \rho(K, u)^{n-i}}{\varepsilon} dS(u) \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0^+} \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{\left[\rho(K, u)^p + \varepsilon \rho(L, u)^p\right]^{\frac{n-i}{p}} - \rho(K, u)^{n-i}}{\varepsilon} dS(u). \end{split}$$

By Hospital's rule we see that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0^+} \frac{\left[\rho(K, \cdot)^p + \varepsilon \rho(L, \cdot)^p\right]^{\frac{n-i}{p}} - \rho(K, \cdot)^{n-i}}{\varepsilon}$$
$$= \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0^+} \rho_K^{n-i} \frac{\left[1 + \varepsilon (\rho_K / \rho_L)^p\right]^{\frac{n-i}{p}} - 1}{\varepsilon}$$
$$= \frac{n-i}{p} \rho_K^{n-p-i} \rho_L^p,$$

thus we get formula (2.6) by definition (2.5).

From (2.6), we easily know that

$$\widetilde{W}_{p,i}(K,K) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho(K,u)^{n-i} \, dS(u) = \widetilde{W}_i(K), \tag{2.7}$$

$$W_{p,n-p}(K,L) = W_{n-p}(L).$$
 (2.8)

The Minkowski inequality for the  $L_p$ -dual mixed quermass integrals is given as follows.

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $K, L \in S_o^n$ , p > 0, and real  $i \neq n$ , then for i < n - p,

$$\widetilde{W}_{p,i}(K,L) \le \widetilde{W}_i(K)^{(n-p-i)/(n-i)} \widetilde{W}_i(L)^{p/(n-i)};$$
(2.9)

for n - p < i < n or i > n,

$$\widetilde{W}_{p,i}(K,L) \ge \widetilde{W}_i(K)^{(n-p-i)/(n-i)} \widetilde{W}_i(L)^{p/(n-i)}.$$
(2.10)

In every inequality, equality holds if and only if K and L are dilates. For i = n - p, (2.9) (or (2.10)) is identic.

*Proof* For i < n - p, from (2.6) and together with the Hölder inequality (see [13]), we have that

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{W}_{p,i}(K,L) &= \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho_K^{n-p-i}(u) \rho_L^p(u) \, dS(u) \\ &\leq \left[ \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \left[ \rho_K^{n-p-i}(u) \right]^{\frac{n-i}{n-p-i}} \, dS(u) \right]^{\frac{n-p-i}{n-i}} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \left[ \rho_L^p(u) \right]^{\frac{n-i}{p}} \, dS(u) \right]^{\frac{p}{n-i}} \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho_K^{n-i}(u) \, dS(u) \right]^{\frac{n-p-i}{n-i}} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho_L^{n-i}(u) \, dS(u) \right]^{\frac{p}{n-i}} \\ &= \widetilde{W}_i(K)^{\frac{n-p-i}{n-i}} \widetilde{W}_i(L)^{\frac{p}{n-i}}, \end{split}$$

which gives inequality (2.9) when i < n - p. According to the condition that equality holds for the Hölder inequality, we know that the equality holds in inequality (2.9) if and only if K and L are dilates.

Similarly, we can prove for n - p < i < n or i > n, inequality (2.10) is true. For i = n - p, by (2.8) and (2.3) then

$$\widetilde{W}_{p,i}(K,L)^{n-i} = \widetilde{W}_{p,n-p}(K,L)^p = \widetilde{W}_{n-p}(L)^p$$

and

$$\widetilde{W}_i(K)^{n-p-i}\widetilde{W}_i(L)^p = \widetilde{W}_{n-p}(K)^{n-p-i}\widetilde{W}_{n-p}(L)^p = \widetilde{W}_{n-p}(L)^p,$$

thus (2.9) (or (2.10)) is identic when i = n - p.

**3** Proofs of the theorems

The proofs of the theorems require the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1** If  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , p > 0, and real  $i \neq n$ , then for any  $Q \in \mathcal{S}_o^n$ ,

$$\widetilde{W}_{p,i}(Q,R_pK) = \frac{1}{V(K)} \int_K \widetilde{W}_{p,i}(Q,K-x) \, dx.$$
(3.1)

*Proof* Using (2.6) and (2.3), then for any  $Q \in S_o^n$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{W}_{p,i}(Q, R_p K) &= \frac{1}{n} \int_{S^{n-1}} \rho(Q, u)^{n-p-i} \rho(R_p K, u)^p \, dS(u) \\ &= \frac{1}{nV(K)} \int_{S^{n-1}} \int_K \rho(Q, u)^{n-p-i} \rho(K-x, u)^p \, dx \, dS(u) \\ &= \frac{1}{V(K)} \int_K \widetilde{W}_{p,i}(Q, K-x) \, dx. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof of Theorem* 1.1 For i < n - p, let  $Q = R_p K$  in (3.1), this together with (2.6), (2.7) and (2.9) gives

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{W}_i(R_pK) &= \frac{1}{V(K)} \int_K \widetilde{W}_{p,i}(R_pK, K-x) \, dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{V(K)} \int_K \widetilde{W}_i(R_pK)^{\frac{n-p-i}{n-i}} \widetilde{W}_i(K-x)^{\frac{p}{n-i}} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{V(K)} \widetilde{W}_i(R_pK)^{\frac{n-p-i}{n-i}} \int_K \widetilde{W}_i(K-x)^{\frac{p}{n-i}} \, dx, \end{split}$$

i.e.,

$$\widetilde{W}_i(R_pK)^{rac{p}{n-i}} \leq rac{1}{V(K)} \int_K \widetilde{W}_i(K-x)^{rac{p}{n-i}} \, dx.$$

Therefore, according to the integral mean value theorem, there exists  $x_0 \in K$  such that

$$\widetilde{W}_i(R_pK)^{\frac{p}{n-i}} \leq \frac{1}{V(K)} \widetilde{W}_i(K-x_0)^{\frac{p}{n-i}} \int_K dx = \widetilde{W}_i(K-x_0)^{\frac{p}{n-i}}.$$

Since p > 0 and i < n - p, thus we get inequality (1.7). According to the condition that equality holds in inequality (2.9), we see that with equality in (1.7) if and only if  $R_pK$  and  $K - x_0$  are dilates. This combined with (1.7), we know that equality holds in (1.7) if and only if  $R_pK = K - x_0$ .

Similarly, for n - p < i < n or i > n, from inequality (2.10) and equality (3.1), then

$$\widetilde{W}_i(R_pK)^{\frac{p}{n-i}} \geq \widetilde{W}_i(K-x_0)^{\frac{p}{n-i}}.$$

Hence, we have that for i > n and p > 0,

$$\widetilde{W}_i(R_pK) \leq \widetilde{W}_i(K-x_0);$$

for n - p < i < n and p > 0,

$$\widetilde{W}_i(R_pK) \ge \widetilde{W}_i(K - x_0).$$

From this, we get inequality (1.7) and inequality (1.8), respectively, and equality holds in the above inequalities if and only if  $R_p K = K - x_0$ .

For i = n - p, by (2.8) and (3.1) we see that (1.7) (or (1.8)) is identic.

*Proof of Theorem* 1.2 From (1.3), we have that  $c_{n,p}R_pK \subseteq nV(K)\Pi^*K$  for p > -1, then

$$(c_{n,p})^{n-i}\widetilde{W}_i(R_pK) \le \left(nV(K)\right)^{n-i}\widetilde{W}_i(\Pi^*K),\tag{3.2}$$

with equality if and only if *K* is a simplex. Hence, together with (1.8), then for n - p < i < n and p > 0, we obtain that

$$\widetilde{W}_i(\Pi^*K) \ge \left[\frac{c_{n,p}}{nV(K)}\right]^{n-i} \widetilde{W}_i(K-x_0),$$

which is desired (1.11).

Associated with the cases of equality holding in (3.2) and (1.8), we see that equality holds in (1.11) for i = n - p if and only if K is a simplex, for n - p < i < n if and only if K is a simplex and  $R_pK = K - x_0$ .

*Proof of Theorem* 1.3 From (1.3), we know that  $DK \subseteq c_{n,p}R_pK$  for p > -1, thus

$$\widetilde{W}_i(DK) \le (c_{n,p})^{n-i} \widetilde{W}_i(R_p K), \tag{3.3}$$

with equality if and only if *K* is a simplex. Hence, together with (1.7), then for p > 0, i < n - p or i > n, we get that

$$\widetilde{W}_i(DK) \le (c_{n,p})^{n-i} \widetilde{W}_i(K - x_0),$$

this is just (1.14).

Combining with the cases of equality holding in (3.3) and (1.7), we see that equality holds in (1.14) for i = n - p if and only if K is a simplex, for i < n - p or i > n if and only if K is a simplex and  $R_pK = K - x_0$ .

## 4 Shephard-type problem

In this section, we research the Shephard-type problem for the radial *p*th mean bodies. Recall that Zhou and Wang in [7] gave the Shephard-type problem for the radial *p*th mean bodies as follows.

**Theorem 4.A** Let  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , p > 0, if  $R_pK \subseteq R_pL$ , then

$$V(K) \le V(L),$$

with equality if and only if  $R_pK = R_pL$  and K is a translation of L.

Here, we obtain a stronger result for the Shephard-type problem of the radial pth mean bodies. Our result is the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $K, L \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , p > 0, if  $R_pK \subseteq R_pL$ , then there exist  $x_0 \in K$  and  $y_0 \in L$  such that

$$K - x_0 \subseteq L - y_0, \tag{4.1}$$

with equality if and only if  $R_pK = R_pL$  and  $K - x_0 = L - y_0$ .

*Proof* Since  $R_pK \subseteq R_pL$  for p > 0, thus  $\rho_{R_pK}^p(u) \le \rho_{R_pL}^p(u)$  for all  $u \in S^{n-1}$ , *i.e.*,

$$\frac{1}{V(K)}\int_{K}\rho_{K-x}^{p}(u)\,dx\leq\frac{1}{V(L)}\int_{L}\rho_{L-y}^{p}(u)\,dy.$$

Therefore, by the integral mean value theorem, there exist  $x_0 \in K$  and  $y_0 \in L$  such that

$$\rho_{K-x_0}^p(u) \frac{1}{V(K)} \int_K dx \le \rho_{L-y_0}^p(u) \frac{1}{V(L)} \int_L dy,$$

thus

$$\rho_{K-x_0}^p(u) \le \rho_{L-y_0}^p(u)$$

for all  $u \in S^{n-1}$ . This yields (4.1).

#### **Competing interests**

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