## ESTIMATIONS OF COVERING FUNCTIONALS OF SIMPLICES

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Abstract. Let  $S_n$  be an *n*-dimensional simplex and  $\Gamma_p(S_n)$  be the smallest positive number  $\gamma$  such that  $S_n$  can be covered by *p* translates of  $\gamma S_n$ . We obtain an upper bound of the least positive number  $\beta$  such that  $-S_n$  can be covered by two translates of  $\beta S_n$ , which is tight when n = 3. In addition, we get the exact value of  $\Gamma_{n+2}(S_n)$  and an upper bound of  $\Gamma_{n+3}(S_n)$ . We also provide the precise value of  $\Gamma_6(S_3)$ , new lower and upper bounds of  $\Gamma_7(S_3)$ , and an upper bound of  $\Gamma_8(S_3)$ .

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