

## ON BONNESEN–STYLE ISOPERIMETRIC INEQUALITIES FOR $n$ –SIMPLICES

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*Abstract.* In this paper, we derive some Bonnesen-style inequalities referring to  $n$ -dimensional simplices in the spirit of isoperimetric problems. These inequalities combine various metric quantities of simplices and yield, in several cases, characterizations of regular simplices. Also related reverse Bonnesen-style inequalities are derived.

### 1. Introduction

As a well known result, for a simple closed curve  $\mathcal{C}$  (in the Euclidian plane) of length  $L$  enclosing a domain of area  $A$ , then the inequality

$$L^2 - 4\pi A \geq 0 \tag{1.1}$$

holds, with equality if and only if this curve is a Euclidean circle. The quantity  $L^2 - 4\pi A$  is called the *isoperimetric deficit* of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

As an extension, Bonnesen proves [1] that if  $\mathcal{C}$  is convex and there exists a circular annulus of thickness  $d$  containing  $\mathcal{C}$ , then

$$L^2 - 4\pi A \geq 4\pi d^2. \tag{1.2}$$

In fact, Fuglede [2] shows that convexity is not a necessary condition.

There is a related isoperimetric inequality known as Bonnesen inequality [3]:

$$L^2 - 4\pi A \geq \pi^2(R - r)^2, \tag{1.3}$$

where  $R$  is the circumradius and  $r$  is the inradius of the curve  $\mathcal{C}$ . Note that if the right side of (1.3) equals zero, then  $R = r$ . This means that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a circle and  $L^2 - 4\pi A = 0$ .

More generally, inequalities of the form

$$L^2 - 4\pi A \geq K \tag{1.4}$$

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are called Bonnesen-style isoperimetric inequalities if equality is only attained for the Euclidean circle [3]. See [2–10] for more detailed references.

When the simple closed curve  $\mathcal{C}$  is a triangle (in the Euclidean plane) of area  $S$  and with side lengths  $a_1, a_2, a_3$ , the following inequality is known:

$$P^2 \geq 3\sqrt{3}S, \tag{1.5}$$

where  $P = \frac{1}{2}(a_1 + a_2 + a_3)$ . Equality holds if and only if this triangle is regular.

Inequality (1.5) can be regarded as isoperimetric inequality for triangles.

Let  $E^n$  denote the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space. Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n+1}$  denote the vertices of an  $n$ -simplex  $\Omega_n$  in the Euclidean space  $E^n$  (i.e.,  $\Omega_n$  is the  $n$ -dimensional convex hull of  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n+1}\}$ ), and  $F_i$  the  $(n - 1)$ -dimensional volume of the facet  $f_i = \{A_1, \dots, A_{i-1}, A_{i+1}, \dots, A_{n+1}\}$  opposite to the vertex  $P_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n + 1$ ). Putting  $F = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} F_i$ , thus  $F$  yields the *surface area* of the simplex  $\Omega_n$ . We denote by  $a_{ij}$  ( $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n + 1$ ) the *edge lengths* of  $\Omega_n$  (sometimes, we set  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)}$  in some order). The sum of all  $a_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq i < j \leq n + 1$ ) is denoted by  $L$ , and  $L$  is called the *total edge length* of  $\Omega_n$ . And if all edge lengths are equal, the simplex is called *regular*.

The known Veljan-Korchmaros inequality [11] involving the volume and the edge lengths of  $\Omega_n$  reads as follows:

$$\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n+1} a_{ij}^{\frac{2}{n+1}} \geq \left( \frac{2^n n!^2}{n+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} V, \tag{1.6}$$

with equality if and only if the simplex  $\Omega_n$  is regular.

By applying the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality to (1.6), we obtain

$$L^{2(n+1)} \geq \frac{n^{2(n+1)}(n+1)^{\frac{(n+1)(2n-1)}{n}}}{2^{n+1}} (n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}} \tag{1.7}$$

or

$$L^2 \geq \frac{n^2(n+1)^{\frac{2n-1}{n}}}{2} (n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2}{n}}, \tag{1.7'}$$

with equality if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular.

The inequality (1.7) or (1.7') may be called *isoperimetric inequality of an  $n$ -simplex*. The deficit value between the right-hand side and left-hand side of inequality (1.7) or (1.7') can be regarded as the isoperimetric deficit for the  $n$ -simplex  $\Omega_n$ :

$$\Delta_1 = L^{2(n+1)} - \frac{n^{2(n+1)}(n+1)^{\frac{(n+1)(2n-1)}{n}}}{2^{n+1}} (n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}} \tag{1.8}$$

or

$$\Delta'_1 = L^2 - \frac{n^2(n+1)^{\frac{2n-1}{n}}}{2} (n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2}{n}}. \tag{1.8'}$$

In addition, the *volume*  $V$  and the facet areas of the simplex  $\Omega_n$  satisfies the following inequality:

$$(V)^{\frac{2}{n}} \leq [(n-1)!]^{\frac{2}{n-1}} \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{n^{\frac{1}{n-1}}} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} F_i \right)^{2(n^2-1)}, \tag{1.9}$$

with equality if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular (see [12, 13]).

Applying the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality to (1.9), we obtain

$$F^{2(n^2-1)} \geq \left[ \frac{n \cdot (n+1)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{(n-1)!^2} (n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2(n-1)}{n}} \right]^{n^2-1}, \tag{1.10}$$

or

$$F^{\frac{2}{n-1}} \geq \left[ \frac{n \cdot (n+1)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{(n-1)!^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{n-1}} (n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2}{n}}, \tag{1.10'}$$

with equality if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular.

The inequality (1.10) or (1.10') may be also called isoperimetric inequality for an  $n$ -simplex. The deficit value between the right-hand side and left-hand side of inequality (1.10) or (1.10') can be regarded as the other isoperimetric deficit for the  $n$ -simplex  $\Omega_n$ :

$$\Delta_2 = F^{2(n^2-1)} - \left[ \frac{n \cdot (n+1)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{(n-1)!^2} (n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2(n-1)}{n}} \right]^{n^2-1}, \tag{1.11}$$

or

$$\Delta'_2 = F^{\frac{2}{n-1}} - \left[ \frac{n \cdot (n+1)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{(n-1)!^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{n-1}} (n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2}{n}}. \tag{1.11'}$$

### 2. The Bonnesen-style inequalities for simplices

In this section, we present two forms of the Bonnesen-style inequalities involving the total edge length and the surface area of a simplex.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *For an  $n$ -simplex  $\Omega_n$ , we have*

$$\Delta_1 \geq \frac{1}{2} (n+1)^{2n} R^n \left( \frac{nR}{R} \right)^{\frac{2(n^2-1)}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \left( a_i - \sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}} R \right)^2, \tag{2.1}$$

with equality if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular.

THEOREM 2.2. For an  $n$ -simplex  $\Omega_n$ , we have

$$\Delta_2 \geq \frac{n^{(n^2-1)(n+4)}(n+1)^{(n+1)(n^2-1)}}{2(n!)^2(n^2-1)} R^{2n(n^2-n-1)} \times \left(\frac{nr}{R}\right)^{\frac{2(n^2-n-1)(n^2-1)}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \left(a_i - \sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}}R\right)^2, \tag{2.2}$$

with equality if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular.

COROLLARY 2.3. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle of area  $S$ , and with side lengths  $a_1, a_2, a_3$ , then

$$P^6 - 2^3 3^{\frac{9}{2}} S^3 \geq \frac{3^4}{2^7} R^2 \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^3 \sum_{i=1}^3 (a_i - \sqrt{3}R)^2. \tag{2.3}$$

Equality is attained if and only if the triangle is regular, where  $P = \frac{1}{2}(a_1 + a_2 + a_3)$ .

COROLLARY 2.4. For a tetrahedron  $ABCD$ , we have

$$L^8 - 2^{12} 3^{\frac{32}{3}} V^{\frac{8}{3}} \geq 2^{11} R^3 \left(\frac{3r}{R}\right)^{\frac{16}{3}} \sum_{i=1}^6 (a_i - \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}}R)^2, \tag{2.4}$$

$$F^{16} - \frac{3^{16}}{2^{\frac{8}{3}}} V^{\frac{32}{3}} \geq 3^{40} 2^{47} \cdot R^{30} \left(\frac{3r}{R}\right)^{\frac{80}{3}} \sum_{i=1}^6 (a_i - \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}}R)^2. \tag{2.5}$$

Equality is attained if and only if the tetrahedron is regular, where again  $F$  is the surface area of  $ABCD$ .

To prove the above theorems, we need two lemmas.

LEMMA 2.5. ([11]) For an  $n$ -simplex  $\Omega_n$ , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} a_i^2 \leq (n+1)^2 R^2, \tag{2.6}$$

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} a_i\right)^{\frac{4}{n}} \geq \frac{2^{n+1} n!^2}{n} V^2 \cdot R^2, \tag{2.7}$$

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n+1} F_i\right)^{n-1} \geq \frac{n^{\frac{3n^2-4}{2}}}{(n+1)^{\frac{(n+1)(n-2)}{2}} n!^n} V^{n^2-n-1} \cdot R, \tag{2.8}$$

$$R \geq \left[\frac{n! \cdot n^{\frac{n}{2}}}{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}\right] V^{\frac{1}{n}}. \tag{2.9}$$

Equalities are attained if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular.

LEMMA 2.6. ([12]) For an  $n$ -simplex  $\Omega_n$ , we have

$$V \geq \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{2}} n^{\frac{n^2-2}{2n}}}{n!} R^{\frac{1}{n}} r^{\frac{n^2-1}{n}}. \quad (2.10)$$

Equality is attained if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular.

The proof of Theorem 2.1. Applying (2.6), we get by suitable calculation

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} \left( a_i - \sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}} R \right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} a_i^2 + (n+1)^2 R^2 - 2\sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}} R \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} a_i \\ &\leq (n+1)^2 R^2 + (n+1)^2 R^2 - 2\sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}} R \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} a_i. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

By (2.11), (2.9), and the arithmetic-geometric means inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned} R^2 &\geq \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}} R \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} a_i + \frac{1}{2(n+1)^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} \left( a_i - \sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}} R \right)^2 \\ &\geq \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}} \left[ \frac{n! \cdot n^{\frac{n}{2}}}{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{2}}} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} V_n^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \prod_{i=1}^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} a_i^{\frac{2}{n(n+1)}} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2(n+1)^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} \left( a_i - \sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}} R \right)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

By (2.12) and (1.6) we get

$$R^2 \geq \frac{(n!)^{\frac{2}{n}} n}{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{n}}} V_n^{\frac{2}{n}} + \frac{1}{2(n+1)^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)} \left( a_i - \sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}} R \right)^2. \quad (2.13)$$

Using the arithmetic-geometric means inequality, (2.7) and (2.13) we find that

$$\begin{aligned} L^{2(n+1)} &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} a_i \right)^{2(n+1)} \geq \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^{2(n+1)} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} a_i \right)^{\frac{4}{n}} \\ &\geq \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^{2(n+1)} \frac{2^{n+1} n!^2}{n} V^2 \cdot R^2 \\ &\geq \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^{2(n+1)} \frac{2^{n+1} n!^2}{n} V^2 \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \frac{(n!)^{\frac{2}{n}} n}{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{n}}} V_n^{\frac{2}{n}} + \frac{1}{2(n+1)^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \left( a_i - \sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}} R \right)^2 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{n^{2(n+1)}(n+1)^{\frac{(n+1)(2n-1)}{n}}}{2^{n+1}}(n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}} \\
 &\quad + \frac{n^{2n+1}(n+1)^{2n}}{2^{n+2}}(n! \cdot V)^2 \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \left( a_i - \sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}}R \right)^2. \tag{2.14}
 \end{aligned}$$

From (2.14) and (2.10) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{2(n+1)} &\geq \frac{n^{2(n+1)}(n+1)^{\frac{(n+1)(2n-1)}{n}}}{2^{n+1}}(n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}} + \frac{1}{2}(n+1)^{2n}R^n \left( \frac{nR}{R} \right)^{\frac{2(n^2-1)}{n}} \\
 &\quad \times \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \left( a_i - \sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}}R \right)^2. \tag{2.15}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus equality (2.1) is true. From Lemma 2.5 and Lemma 2.6, it is easy to see that equality holds in (2.1) if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular. The proof is complete.  $\square$

*The proof of Theorem 2.2.* Similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1, by the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality, the inequalities (2.8), (2.13) and (2.10) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 F^{2(n^2-1)} &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} F_i \right)^{2(n^2-1)} \geq (n+1)^{2(n^2-1)} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} F_i \right)^{2(n-1)} \\
 &\geq (n+1)^{2(n^2-1)} \left[ \frac{n^{\frac{3n^2-4}{2}}}{(n+1)^{\frac{(n+1)(n-2)}{2}} n!^n} \right]^2 V^{2(n^2-n-1)} \cdot R^2 \\
 &\geq \left[ \frac{n \cdot (n+1)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{(n-1)!^2} (n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2(n-1)}{n}} \right]^{n^2-1} + \left[ \frac{n^{\frac{3n^2-4}{2}} (n+1)^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}}{n!^n} \right]^2 V^{2(n^2-n-1)} \\
 &\quad \times \frac{1}{2(n+1)^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \left( a_i - \sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}}R \right)^2 \\
 &\geq \left[ \frac{n \cdot (n+1)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{(n-1)!^2} (n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2(n-1)}{n}} \right]^{n^2-1} + \frac{n^{(n^2-1)(n+4)}(n+1)^{(n+1)(n^2-1)}}{2(n!)^{2(n^2-1)}} R^{2n(n^2-n-1)} \\
 &\quad \times \left( \frac{nR}{R} \right)^{\frac{2(n^2-n-1)(n^2-1)}{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \left( a_i - \sqrt{\frac{2(n+1)}{n}}R \right)^2. \tag{2.16}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus equality (2.2) is true. From Lemma 2.5 and Lemma 2.6, it is easy to see that equality holds in (2.2) if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular. The proof is complete.  $\square$

### 3. An upper bound on the isoperimetric deficit of simplices

Besides asking for the lower bound on the isoperimetric deficit, there is another question: is there an invariant  $C$  of geometric significance such that

$$L^2 - 4\pi A \leq C?$$

This is a long standing unsolved problem in geometry. Results for special convex domains can be found in [7] and [13, pp. 119–121].

In this section, we derive an upper bound on the isoperimetric deficit of an  $n$ -simplex.

DEFINITION 3.1. The (minimal) *width* of an  $n$ -simplex  $\Omega_n$  is the minimum distance between a pair of parallel supporting hyperplanes of  $\Omega_n$  and denoted by  $\omega(\Omega_n)$ ; see [14].

G. T. Sallee posed the following problem: Which  $n$ -simplex, inscribed in the unit ball of  $E^n$ , has largest width? R. Alexander [14] showed (see also [15, pp. 233–244]) that

$$\omega(\Omega_n) \leq \alpha_n \cdot R, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\alpha_n = \left[ \frac{(n+1)^2}{n \cdot (n+1-z) \cdot z} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $z = \left[ \frac{n+1}{2} \right]$ , and equality holds if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular.

Let  $O$  and  $R$  denote the *circumcenter* and the *circumradius* of an  $n$ -simplex, and  $I$  and  $r$  be its *incenter* and *inradius*, respectively. Further on, we write  $G$  for the *barycenter* of such a simplex.

We refer to [16] for the  $n$ -dimensional version of the *Euler inequality*

$$R \geq nr, \quad (3.2)$$

with equality if and only if the respective simplex  $\Omega_n$  is regular.

In 1985, Klamkin [17] improved this result and obtained that

$$R^2 \geq n^2 r^2 + |OI|^2, \quad (3.3)$$

with equality if and only if the simplex  $\Omega_n$  is regular.

In 1995, S. G. Yang [18] generalized results from the [16] and [17].

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n+1}$  denote the vertices of an  $n$ -simplex  $\Omega_n$  in  $E^n$  with barycenter  $G$ , let  $D$  be an arbitrary point in  $E^n$ , and  $R_i = |DA_i|$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$ ). Let  $P$  be an arbitrary interior point of  $\Omega_n$ , and let  $r_i$  denote the distance from  $P$  to the  $i$ th facet  $f_i$  of  $\Omega_n$ . Then we have

$$\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} R_i^2 \geq n^2 \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} r_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} + |DG|^2. \quad (3.4)$$

Equality holds if and only if the simplex  $\Omega_n$  is regular. Various further geometric inequalities for an  $n$ -simplex are established in [16–20].

Our main results are the following theorems and corollaries.

THEOREM 3.1. For an  $n$ -simplex  $\Omega_n$ , we have

$$\Delta'_1 \leq \frac{n(n+1)^3}{2\alpha_n^2} (\alpha_n^2 R^2 - \omega^2(\Omega_n)), \tag{3.5}$$

$$\Delta'_2 \leq \frac{f(n)}{\alpha_n^2} (\alpha_n^2 R^2 - \omega^2(\Omega_n)), \tag{3.6}$$

with equality if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular, where  $f(n) = \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{n-1}}}{n^{\frac{n-2}{n-1}}(n-1)!^{\frac{2}{n-1}}}$ .

COROLLARY 3.2. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle of area  $S$ , with side lengths  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  and of width  $\omega(\Delta)$ . Then

$$\frac{9}{4}R^2 - \omega^2(\Delta) \geq \frac{4}{27}(P^2 - 3\sqrt{3}S). \tag{3.7}$$

Equality is attained if and only if the triangle is regular, where  $P = \frac{1}{2}(a_1 + a_2 + a_3)$ .

COROLLARY 3.3. For a tetrahedron  $ABCD$  we have

$$\frac{4}{3}R^2 - \omega^2(\Omega_3) \geq \frac{1}{96}(L^2 - 72\sqrt[3]{9V^{\frac{2}{3}}}), \tag{3.8}$$

$$\frac{4}{3}R^2 - \omega^2(\Omega_3) \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8}(S - 8\sqrt[6]{243V^{\frac{2}{3}}}). \tag{3.9}$$

Equality is attained if and only if the tetrahedron is regular.

THEOREM 3.4. For an  $n$ -simplex  $\Omega_n$ , we have

$$\Delta'_1 \leq \frac{n(n+1)^3}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} R_i^2 - |DG|^2 - n^2 \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} r_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \right], \tag{3.10}$$

$$\Delta'_2 \leq g(n) \left[ \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} R_i^2 - |DG|^2 - n^2 \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} r_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \right], \tag{3.11}$$

with equality if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular, where  $g(n) = \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{n}{n-1}}}{n^{\frac{n-2}{n-1}}(n-1)!^{\frac{2}{n-1}}}$ .

COROLLARY 3.5. For an  $n$ -simplex  $\Omega_n$ , we have

$$R^2 - |OG|^2 - n^2 r^2 \geq \frac{2}{n(n+1)^3} \Delta'_1, \tag{3.12}$$

$$R^2 - |OG|^2 - n^2 r^2 \geq \frac{2}{g(n)} \Delta'_2, \tag{3.13}$$

with equality if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular.



REMARK. Inequalities (3.5) and (3.6) are improvements of (3.1). Inequalities (3.10) and (3.11) are improvements of (3.4). In addition, (3.12) and (3.13) are sharpenings of *Euler's inequality* (3.2).

To prove Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 3.5, we still need some lemmas.

LEMMA 3.6. ([19]) *Let  $\omega(\Omega_n)$  and  $V$  denote the width and the volume of the  $n$ -simplex  $\Omega_n$ , respectively. Then*

$$\omega(\Omega) \leq \alpha_n \cdot \frac{n^{1/2}(n!)^{1/n}}{(n+1)^{(n+1)/2n}} V^{1/n} \tag{3.14}$$

with equality if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular, where  $\alpha_n = \frac{n+1}{n^{1/2}[\frac{n+1}{2}]^{1/2}(n+1-[\frac{n+1}{2}])^{1/2}}$ , and  $[m]$  stands for the largest integer part of the real number  $m$ .

LEMMA 3.7. ([18]) *Let  $P$  be an arbitrary interior point of the simplex  $\Omega_n$ ,  $r_i$  denote the distance from  $P$  to the  $i$ -th facet  $f_i$ , and  $V$  denote the volume of  $\Omega_n$ . Then we have*

$$V \geq \frac{1}{n!} n^{\frac{n}{2}} (n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} r_i \right)^{\frac{n}{n+1}}, \tag{3.15}$$

with equality if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular.

LEMMA 3.8. ([18]) *For an  $n$ -simplex  $\Omega_n$ , we have*

$$\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} R_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} a_{ij}^2 + (n+1)^2 |DG|^2. \tag{3.16}$$

*Proof of Theorem 3.1.* Combining (3.14) and (1.7), and applying the arithmetic-geometric mean inequality and (2.6), we can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n(n+1)^3}{2} \omega_n^2 &\leq \frac{n(n+1)^3}{2} \alpha_n^2 V^{\frac{2}{n}} \frac{(n!)^{\frac{2}{n}} \cdot n}{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{n}}} \\ &= \alpha_n^2 \frac{n^2(n+1)^{\frac{2n-1}{n}}}{2} (n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2}{n}} \\ &\leq \alpha_n^2 L^2 \leq \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \alpha_n^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} a_{ij}^2 \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)^3}{2} \alpha_n^2 \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} a_{ij}^2 \\ &\leq \frac{n(n+1)^3}{2} \alpha_n^2 R^2. \end{aligned}$$

The chain of inequalities yields (3.5).

Now we prove inequality (3.6). Using (3.14), (3.10) and the power mean inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{n-1}}}{n^{\frac{n-2}{n-1}} \cdot (n-1)!^{\frac{2}{n-1}}} \omega_n^2 &\leq \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{n-1}}}{n^{\frac{n-2}{n-1}} \cdot (n-1)!^{\frac{2}{n-1}}} \alpha_n^2 V_n^{\frac{2}{n}} \frac{(n!)^{\frac{2}{n}} \cdot n}{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{n}}} \\
 &= \alpha_n^2 \left[ \frac{n(n+1)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{(n-1)!^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{n-1}} (n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2}{n}} \\
 &\leq \alpha_n^2 F_n^{\frac{2}{n-1}} \leq \alpha_n^2 (n+1)^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} F_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{n-1}}}{n^{\frac{n-2}{n-1}} \cdot (n-1)!^{\frac{2}{n-1}}} \alpha_n^2 \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} a_{ij}^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{n-1}}}{n^{\frac{n-2}{n-1}} \cdot (n-1)!^{\frac{2}{n-1}}} \alpha_n^2 R^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

From the chain of inequalities we obtain (3.6). From (3.14) (1.7), (1.10) and (2.6), it is easy to see that equalities in (3.5) and (3.6) hold if and only if the respective simplices are regular. The proof is complete.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 3.4.* Combining (3.15) and (1.7) first, and applying then the the power mean inequality, and (3.16), we can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{n(n+1)^3}{2} n^2 \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} r_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} &\leq \frac{n(n+1)^3}{2} V_n^{\frac{2}{n}} \frac{(n!)^{\frac{2}{n}} \cdot n}{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{n}}} \\
 &= \frac{n^2(n+1)^{\frac{2n-1}{n}}}{2} (n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2}{n}} \\
 &\leq L^2 \leq \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} a_{ij}^2 \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)^3}{2} \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} a_{ij}^2 \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1)^3}{2} \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} R_i^2 - |DG|^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

From this chain of inequalities we get (3.10).

By (3.15), (1.10), the power mean inequality and (3.16) we can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(n) \cdot n^2 \left( \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} r_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} &\leq \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{n-1}}}{n^{\frac{n-2}{n-1}} \cdot (n-1)!^{\frac{2}{n-1}}} V^{\frac{2}{n}} \frac{(n!)^{\frac{2}{n}} \cdot n}{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{n}}} \\
 &= \left[ \frac{n(n+1)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{(n-1)!^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{n-1}} (n! \cdot V)^{\frac{2}{n}} \\
 &\leq F^{\frac{2}{n-1}} \leq (n+1)^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} F_i^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \\
 &= \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{n+1}{n-1}}}{n^{\frac{n-2}{n-1}} \cdot (n-1)!^{\frac{2}{n-1}}} \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} a_{ij}^2 \\
 &= g(n) \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} R_i^2 - |DG|^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

From this we get (3.11), and the proof is complete. From (3.15), (3.16), (1.7), (1.10) and (2.6), it is easy to see that equalities in (3.10) and (3.11) hold if and only if  $\Omega_n$  is regular.  $\square$

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