

$SL(n)$ invariant notions of surface area

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Blaschke 1937, **Hadwiger** 1949, Sallee 1966, Schneider 1971, Groemer 1972, McMullen 1977, Goodey & Weil 1984, Betke & Kneser 1985, Klain 1995, Ludwig 1999, Reitzner 1999, Alesker 1999, Fu 2006, Bernig 2006, Haberl 2006, Schuster 2006, ...

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V_n n -dimensional volume

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V_0 Euler characteristic ($V_0(K) = 1$ for $K \neq \emptyset$, $V_0(\emptyset) = 0$)

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New proof by Daniel Klain 1995

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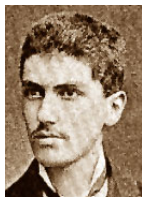
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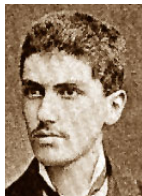
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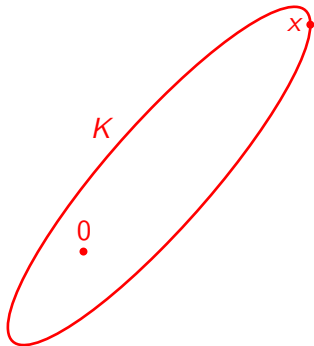
Definition for general convex bodies

Kurt Leichtweiß 1986, Carsten Schütt &
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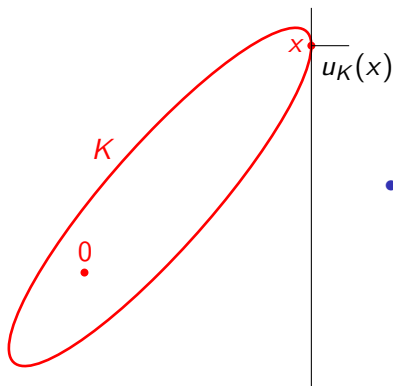
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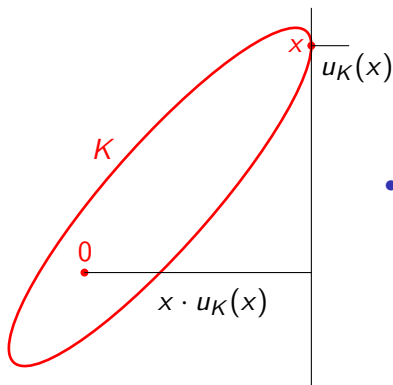
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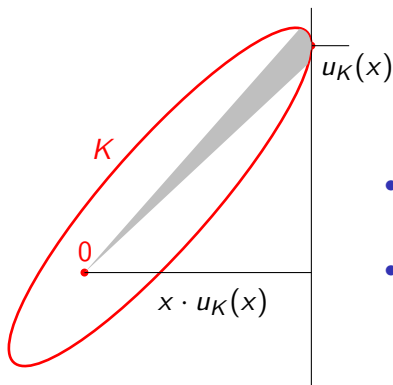
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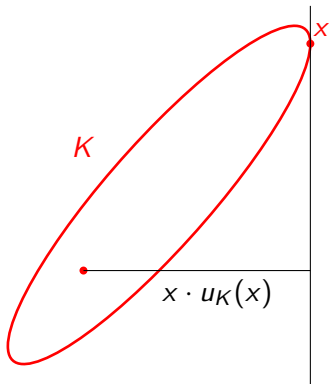
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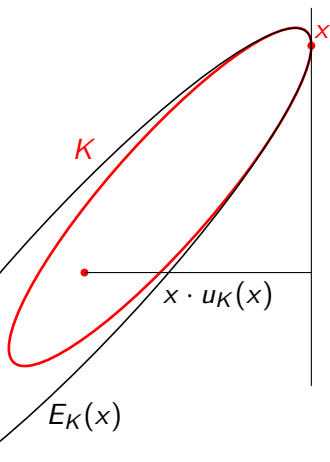
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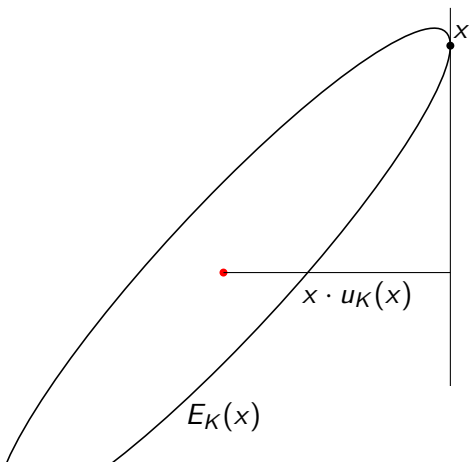
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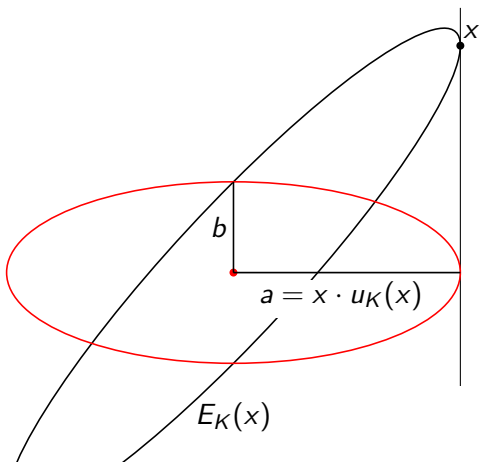
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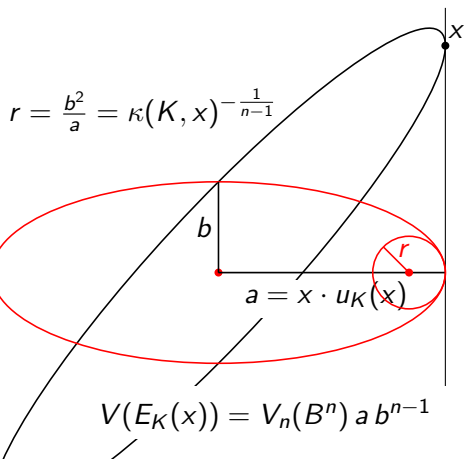
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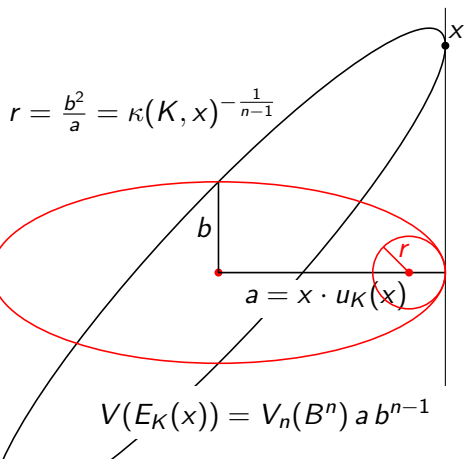
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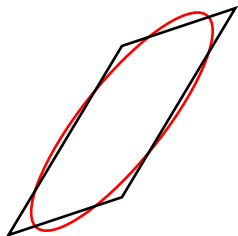
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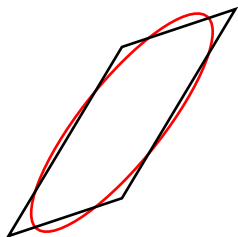
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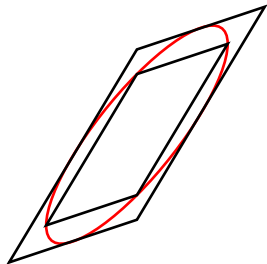
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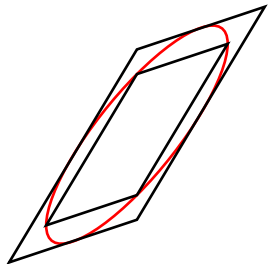
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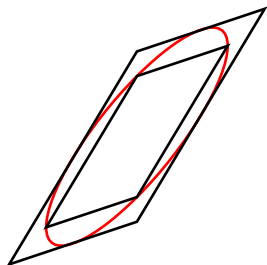
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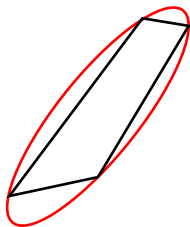
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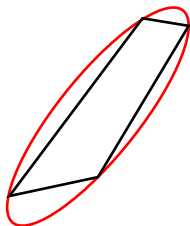
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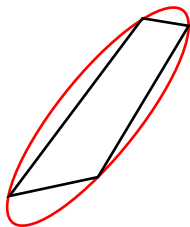
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\mathcal{K}_c^n convex bodies in \mathbb{R}^n with centroid at the origin $0 \in \text{int } K$

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and there is equality if K is a centered ellipsoid.

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Thank you !!!