

arbitrary convex body  $K$ , by approximation <sup>4</sup> (see [Sch, Theorem 4.1.1, Theorem 4.2.1]). In this case, the integral formula 1 holds by definition for polytopes, and is deduced (in general) from continuity of mixed volumes, and of  $(L \mapsto S_L)$ .

Recall that if  $\Omega$  is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ , and  $g$  is a continuous function on  $\Omega$ , the Wulff-shape with respect to  $(\Omega, g)$  is the convex body  $W(\Omega, g) = \bigcap_{u \in \Omega} \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \langle x, u \rangle \leq g(u)\}$ . Let  $S_K$  be the surface area measure of  $K$ . More specifically, if  $K$  is a convex body,  $\Omega$  a closed subset of  $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ , if  $\text{supp}(S_K) \subset \Omega$  and if  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function, then we denote  $(W_t)_t = (W(\Omega, h_K + tf))_t$  the family of Wulff-shape perturbations of  $K$  associated with  $(\Omega, f)$ . Note that there exists  $t_0 = t_0(K) < 0$  such that  $V_n(W_t) > 0$  for all  $t > t_0$ .

When  $\Omega = \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ , we denote  $W(g) = W(\mathbb{S}^{n-1}, g)$  the corresponding Wulff-shapes. See for instance [SSZ2, Theorem 1.1] where Wulff-shape perturbations (with  $\Omega = \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ ) were used to derive a characterization of  $n$ -simplices as the only convex bodies  $K$  such that  $G_K \geq 0$ , where  $G_K$  is the multi-linear form on  $(\mathcal{K}^n)^n$  defined by  $G_K(A_1, \dots, A_n) = V_n(A_1, K[n-1])V_n(K, A_2, \dots, A_n) - V_n(A_1, \dots, A_n)V_n(K)$ .

The following theorem is known as Alexandrov's variational lemma. We refer to [A11] for a proof, see also [Sch, Lemma 7.4.3].

**Theorem 3.** Assume  $K$  is a convex body,  $\text{supp}(S_K) \subset \Omega$ , and  $f \in \mathcal{C}(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ . For  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , denote  $W_t = W(\Omega, h_K + tf)$ . Then  $(t \mapsto V_n(W_t))$  is differentiable at 0, and

$$(3) \quad \left. \frac{dV_n(W_t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{V_n(W_t) - V_n(K)}{t} = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} f(u) dS_K(u),$$

Minor modifications of the proof of the above theorem, yields a similar statement in terms of (first) mixed volumes, as follows.

**Lemma 1** (Alexandrov's variational lemma for mixed volume). Assume  $K$  is a convex body,  $\text{supp}(S_K) \subset \Omega$ , and  $f \in \mathcal{C}(\Omega, \mathbb{R})$ . Denote  $W_t = W(\Omega, h_K + tf)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Denote  $V_1(t) = V_n(W_t, K[n-1])$ . Then  $(t \mapsto V_1(t))$  is differentiable<sup>5</sup> at 0, and :

$$(4) \quad \left. \frac{dV_1(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{V_1(t) - V_n(K)}{t} = \frac{1}{n} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} f(u) dS_K(u),$$

Fix  $K, \Omega$  and  $f$  (as above), and let  $t_0 = \sup\{t < 0 : |W_t|_n = 0\} < 0$ . Denote  $(W_t)_t$  the associated family of Wulff-shape perturbations. One can easily check that for any  $u \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ , the map  $(t \mapsto h_{W_t}(u))$  is concave on  $]t_0, +\infty[$ . In particular, this map is both left and right-differentiable at  $t = 0$ . In fact, Lemma 1 allows to draw a more precise conclusion here.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $(W_t)_t$  be Wulff-shape perturbations of a given convex body  $K$ , with respect to  $(\Omega, f)$ . Then for  $S_K$ -almost every  $u \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ :

$$(5) \quad \left. \frac{dh_{W_t}(u)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{h_{W_t}(u) - h_K(u)}{t} = f(u).$$

We leave a proof of this pointwise convergence lemma in appendix, see also [SSZ2, Theorem 4.1] where the statement was derived from Alexandrov's variational lemma (Theorem 3). We will need Lemma 2 below, for the proof of Proposition 1.

Finally, it will be convenient to introduce the following definition.

**Definition 4.** For  $K \in \mathcal{K}^n$ , the *Bezout constant* is given by

$$b_2(K) = \sup \frac{V_n(L_1, L_2, K[n-2])V_n(K)}{V_n(L_1, K[n-1])V_n(L_2, K[n-1])},$$

where the supremum is over pairs of convex bodies  $(L_1, L_2) \in (\mathcal{K}^n)^2$ .

<sup>4</sup>if  $(P_k)$  is a sequence of polytopes approximating  $K$ , then the sequence of measures  $(S_{P_k})$  is tight with respect to weak topology : define  $S_K$  as the weak limit of  $S_{P_k}$

<sup>5</sup>on both sides