



Changing the parametrization in ϕ , into a parametrization in ψ , yields for the surface area :

$$|\partial\mathcal{E}_a| = 2(n-1)\kappa_{n-1} \int_0^{\pi/2} (\cos(\psi))^{n-2} \frac{a}{(1 + (a^2 - 1)\sin^2(\psi))^{1/2}} d\psi.$$

When $a = 1$, one recovers $|\partial\mathcal{E}_1| = 2(n-1)\kappa_{n-1}W_{n-2} = 2\kappa_{n-1}nW_n = n\kappa_n$. When $a > 1$, one gets $|\partial\mathcal{E}_a| = \lambda(an\kappa_n)$, where $\lambda \in (a^{-1}, 1)$ is defined via :

$$\lambda := \int_0^{\pi/2} (\cos(\psi))^{n-2} \frac{1}{(1 + (a^2 - 1)\sin^2(\psi))^{1/2}} d\psi \left(\int_0^{\pi/2} (\cos(\psi))^{n-2} d\psi \right)^{-1}.$$

Hence TM , the image of the half-ball M under T , is a half-ellipsoid whose “isoperimetric ratio” is given by :

$$\text{Isop}(TM) = \frac{|\partial\mathcal{E}_a|}{n|\mathcal{E}_a|} + \frac{2\kappa_{n-1}}{n|\mathcal{E}_a|} = \lambda + \frac{1}{anW_n}.$$

The unique face F of TM satisfies $\text{Isop}(F) = 1$: hence TM satisfies the condition of Prop 2, as soon as a is such that : $\lambda < 1 - \frac{1}{anW_n}$.

If $n = 2$ and $a \geq 3$, then $1 - \frac{1}{anW_n} = 1 - \frac{2}{a\pi} > \frac{3}{4}$, and one can easily check $\lambda < \frac{3}{4}$, so that $\text{Isop}(TM) < 1$ holds. Since $(\psi \mapsto (1 + (a^2 - 1)\sin^2(\psi)))$ is increasing in $\psi \in [0, \pi/2]$, one may upper bound $\lambda = \lambda_a$:

$$\lambda = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{(1 + (a^2 - 1)\sin^2(\psi))^{1/2}} d\psi < \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{2}{a^2 + 1} \right)^{1/2} \right) < \frac{3}{4} \quad (\text{if } a \geq 3).$$

If $n \geq 3$, then we use the estimate $\frac{\pi}{2(n+1)} < W_n^2 < \frac{\pi}{2n}$, yielding

$$nW_n > \sqrt{\frac{\pi n}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{-1/2} > \sqrt{\frac{\pi n}{2}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2n} \right) \geq \frac{5}{6} \sqrt{\frac{\pi n}{2}} > \sqrt{n},$$

and so $1 - \frac{1}{anW_n} > 1 - \frac{1}{a\sqrt{n}}$.

One may check that if $a \geq 4n\sqrt{n}$, then $\lambda = \lambda_a < 1 - \frac{1}{a\sqrt{n}}$. Indeed, letting $w_\psi := \cos(\psi)^{n-2}$, similarly as in the 2-dimensional case, one may upper bound λ by splitting the integral :

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda W_{n-2} &= \int_0^{\pi/2n} (1 + (a^2 - 1)\sin^2(\psi))^{-1/2} w_\psi d\psi + \int_{\pi/2n}^{\pi/2} (1 + (a^2 - 1)\sin^2(\psi))^{-1/2} w_\psi d\psi \\ &< \frac{\pi}{2n} + \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{n}{(n^2 + a^2 - 1)^{1/2}} \end{aligned}$$