

**ON AN ESTIMATE OF THE TORSIONAL RIGIDITY OF A CONVEX DOMAIN THAT IMPROVES THE POLIA-SZEGO INEQUALITY**

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Let  $G$  be a simply connected domain in the plane. One of the important physical characteristics of a domain in mathematical physics is the functional

$$\mathbf{P}(G) := 2 \int_G u(x, G) dA,$$

called torsional rigidity in elasticity theory. Here  $u(x, G)$  is the stress function that satisfies the equation  $\Delta u = -2$  in  $G$  and the boundary condition  $u = 0$ , while the differential area element is denoted by  $dA$  (see [1], [2]).

Denote by  $\rho(x, G)$  the distance function from a point  $x$  to the boundary of a domain  $G$ , and  $\rho(G)$  is the radius of the maximal circle contained in  $G$ .

G. Polya and G. Szego [1] showed that for any convex domain

$$\mathbf{P}(G) \geq \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{A}(G) \rho(G)^2, \tag{1}$$

where  $\mathbf{A}(G)$  is the area of  $G$ . The equality in (1) is achieved for a disk.

Denote by  $G(\mu)$  the level set of the distance function  $\rho(x, G)$ ,  $0 \leq \mu \leq \rho(G)$ , and  $l(\mu)$  is the length of the boundary curve of  $G(\mu)$ . Let  $l(\rho(G)) := \lim_{\mu \rightarrow \rho(G)} l(\mu)$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $G$  be a convex domain in the plane of the bounded area and  $l(\rho(G)) \neq 0$ . Then*

$$\mathbf{P}(G) > \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{A}(G) \rho(G)^2 + \frac{5}{12} l(\rho(G)) \rho(G)^3. \tag{2}$$

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**BOUNDED COMPOSITION OPERATORS IN BV-SPACES ON CARNOT GROUPS**

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Let  $\varphi: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega'$  be a homeomorphism between two domains in a Carnot group  $G$ . We consider a situation when  $\varphi$  induces bounded composition operator between the  $BV$  spaces:

$$BV(\Omega') \ni u \mapsto \varphi^*(u) = u \circ \varphi \in BV(\Omega),$$