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Gabor Toth* (gtoth@camden.rutgers.edu), Rutgers University, Department of Mathematics, Camden, NJ 08102, and Qi Guo, Suzhou University of Science and Technology, Department of Mathematics, Suzhou, Jiangsu 215009, Peoples Rep of China. Dual Mean Minkowski Measures and the Grünbaum Conjecture. Preliminary report.

For a convex body $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, we define two sequences $\{\sigma_{C,k}\}_{k\geq 1}$ and $\{\sigma_{C,k}^o\}_{k\geq 1}$ of functions on the interior of C. The k-th members are "mean Minkowski measures in dimension k" which are pointwise dual: $\sigma_{C,k}^o(O) = \sigma_{C^o,k}(O)$, where $O \in \text{int } C$, and C^o is the dual of C with respect to O. We have

$$1 \le \sigma_{C,k}(O), \sigma_{C,k}^o(O) \le \frac{k+1}{2}$$

The lower bound is attained iff C has a k-dimensional simplicial slice or simplicial projection. The upper bound is attained iff C is symmetric with respect to O. Klee showed that the condition $m_C^* > n - 1$ on the Minkowski measure of C implies that there are n+1 affinely independent affine diagonals meeting at a critical point $O^* \in C$. In 1963 Grünbaum conjectured the existence of such point in any convex body. While this conjecture remains open (and difficult), as a byproduct of the properties of the dual mean Minkowski measures, we show that

$$\frac{n}{m_C^* + 1} \le \sigma_{C,n-1}(O^*),$$

and if sharp inequality holds then the Grünbaum conjecture holds. Our assumption is much weaker than Klee's. (Received January 13, 2015)