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Convexity properties of the isoperimetric profile

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Given an open, bounded set Ω we consider the isoperimetric profile \mathcal{J} that to each volume $V \in [0, |\Omega|]$ associates the least perimeter P(E) among Borel subsets E of Ω needed to enclose the given volume. We shall prove that for a wide class of planar sets, which encompasses convex sets, there exists a threshold \overline{V} such that \mathcal{J} is concave below it and convex above it. Moreover, \mathcal{J}^2 is globally convex. In order to prove these properties, a full characterization of the isoperimetric sets will be provided. Some comments on the *n*-dimensional case will be given.