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domains' is very useful and it was proved by Varadan using an estimate for solutions of second order elliptic equations due to Alexandrov, Bakelman and Pucci. This last estimate was proved using the idea of the lower contact set and an inclusion analogous to that stated in Lemma 1, and inspired Cabre to imitate it to suggest the proof of the isoperimetric inequality presented here. ■

Suggested Reading

- [1] R Courant and H Robbins, *What is Mathematics?*, Second Edition (revised by Ian Stewart), Oxford University Press, 1996.
[2] A Sitaram, *The isoperimetric problem*, *Resonance*, Vol. 2, No. 9, pp. 65-68, 1997.



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