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G. Pólya [*J. Indian Math. Soc. (N.S.)* **24** (1960), 413–419; [MR0133059 \(24 #A2895\)](#)] established the upper bound $\Lambda_1 < \pi L/2A$ for the first eigenvalue Λ_1^2 of a simply or doubly connected plane membrane of area A , fixed along its boundary of length L . The present paper is devoted to its extension to “generalized Lyapunov bodies” in \mathbf{R}^n (which include the convex domains), using geometric measure theory. As in Pólya’s paper the proof depends on the “method of interior parallels” initiated by E. Makai [*Czechoslovak J. Math.* **9(84)** (1959), 66–70].

{Reviewer’s remarks: The lower bound referred to in Section 1 is essentially the classical Rayleigh-Faber-Krahn theorem and is valid only for the first eigenvalue Λ_1^2 . Furthermore, in Theorems 2 and 3, Λ_1 (instead of Λ_1^2), which has dimension cm^{-1} , should stay on the left side of the inequalities.}

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