

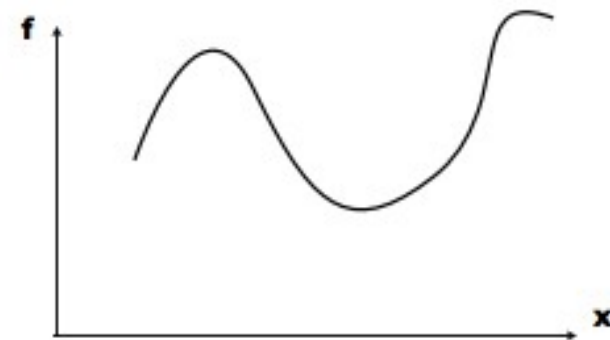
Nonsmooth Analysis and Applications

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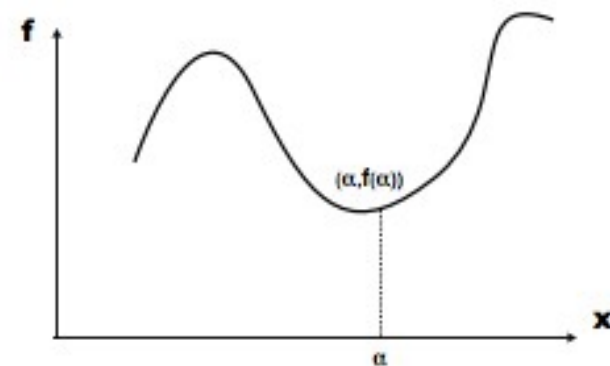
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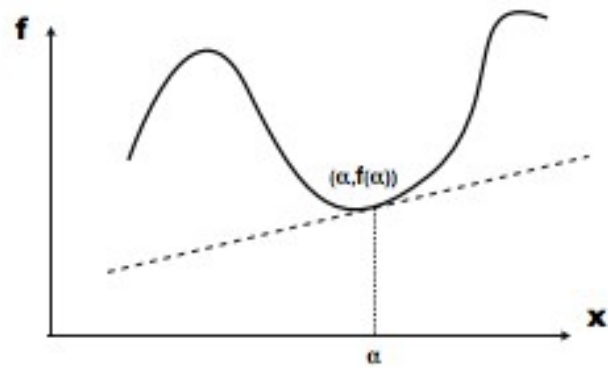
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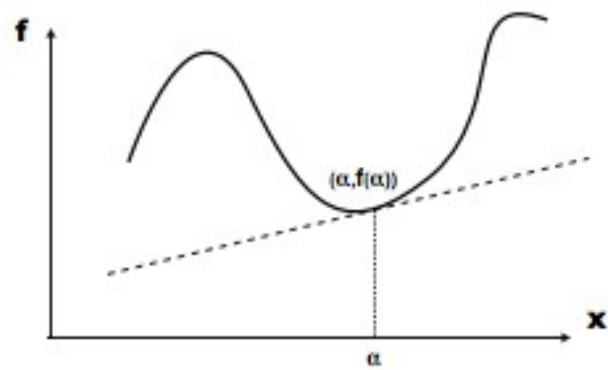
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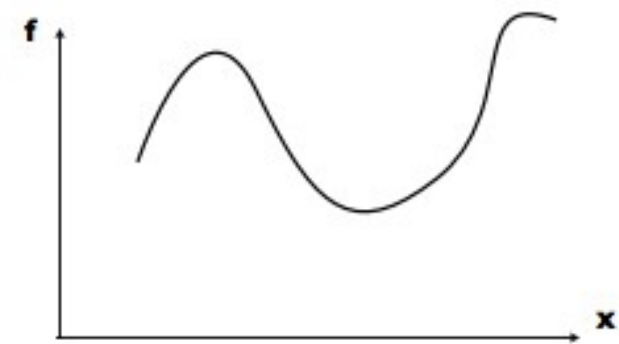
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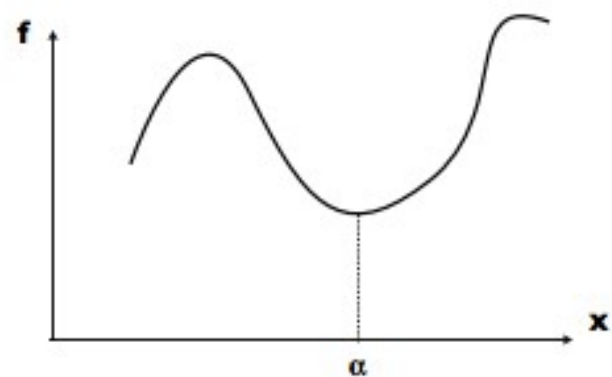


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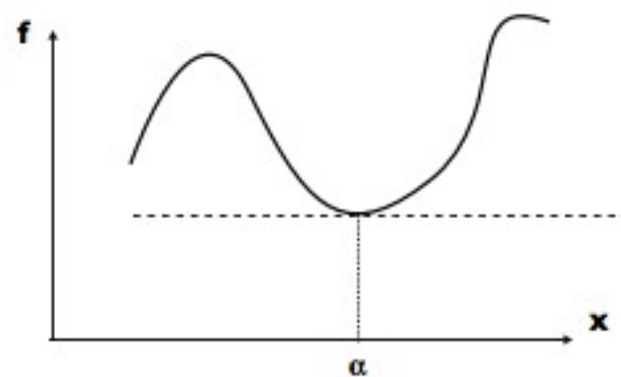


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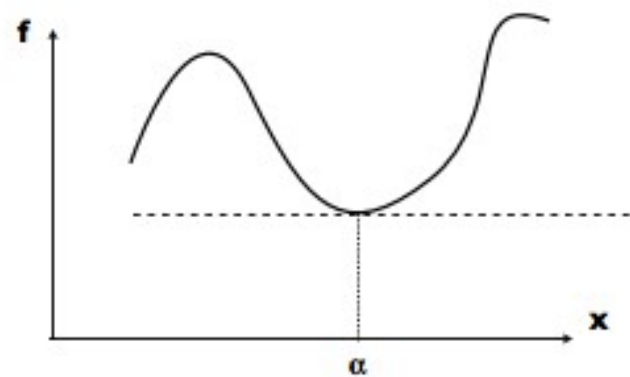


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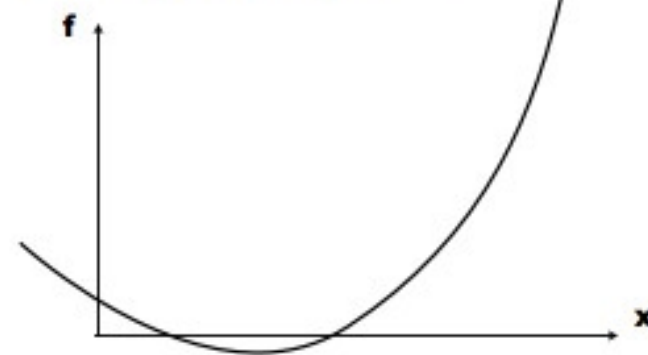


Fermat's rule : at a minimum α , we have $f'(\alpha) = 0$

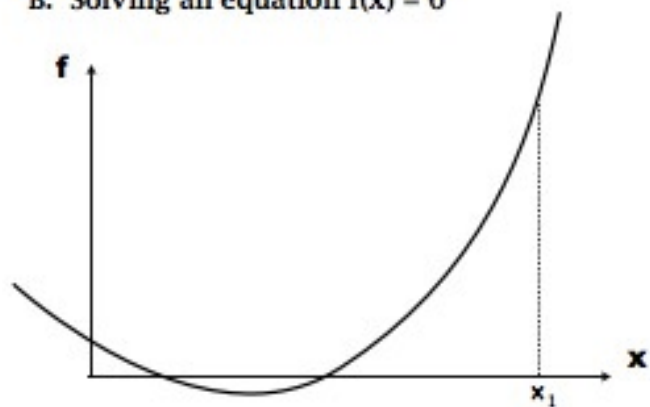
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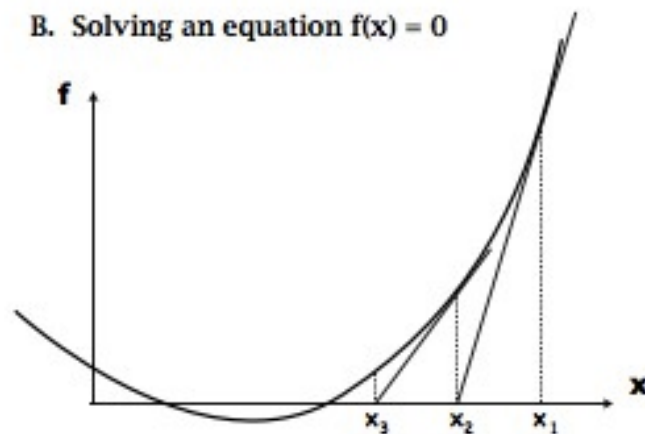
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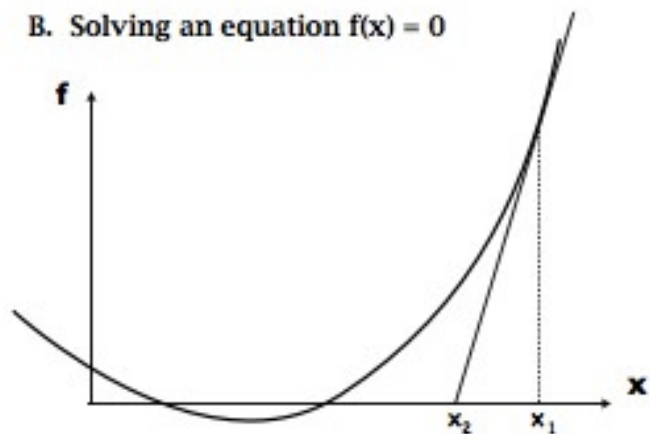
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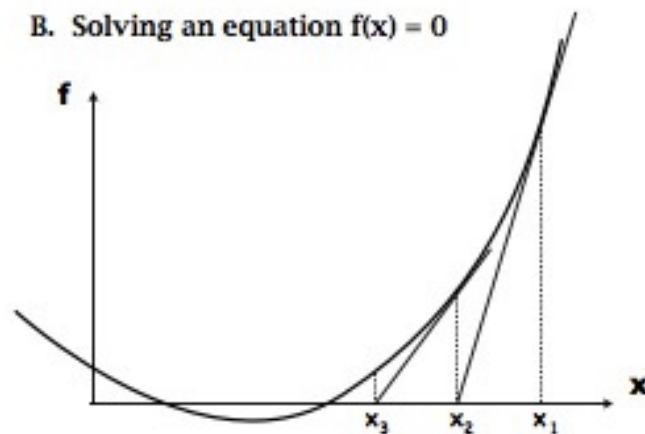
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$$A := \begin{bmatrix} f_x(0,0) & f_y(0,0) \\ g_x(0,0) & g_y(0,0) \end{bmatrix}$$

Then study

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

via eigenvalues...

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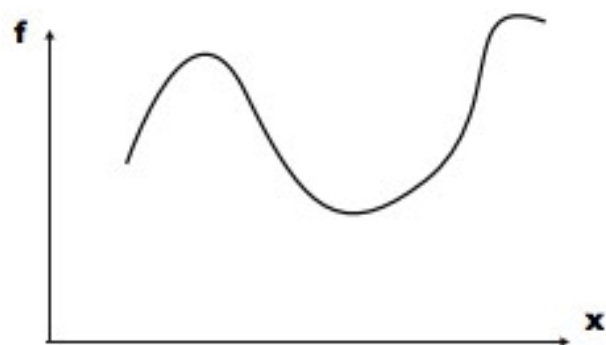
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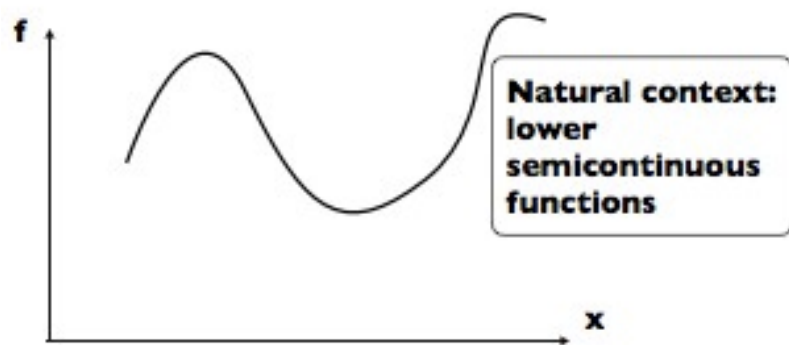
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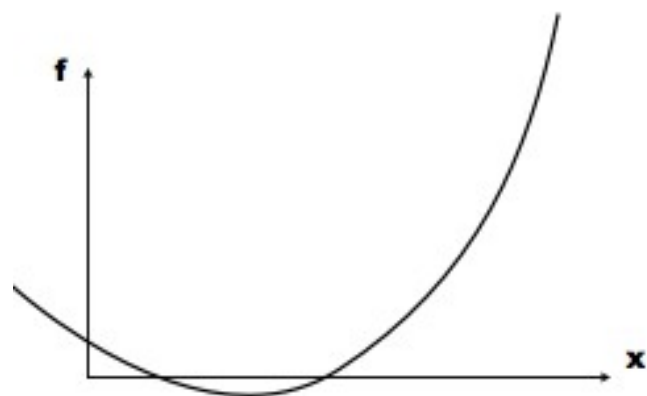
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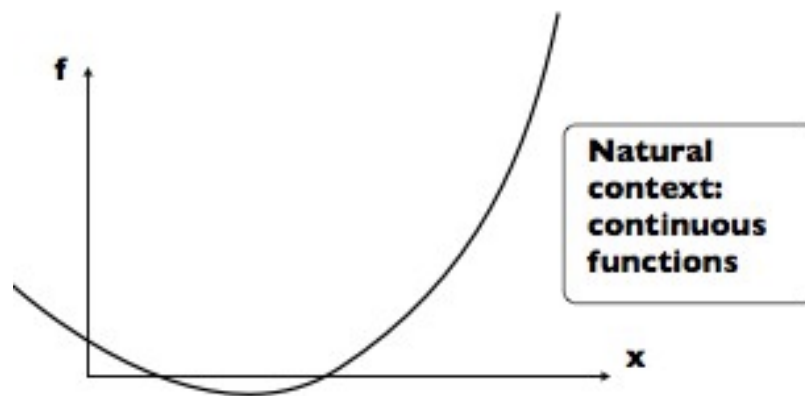
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**Natural context:
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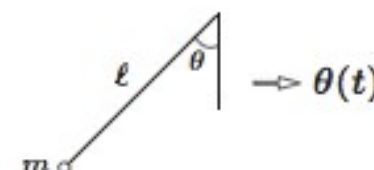
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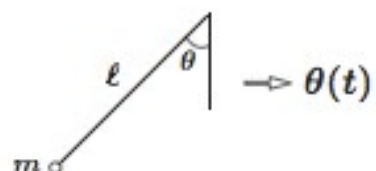


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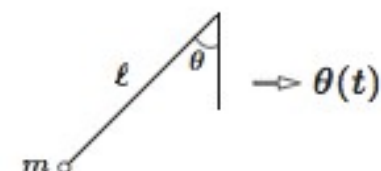


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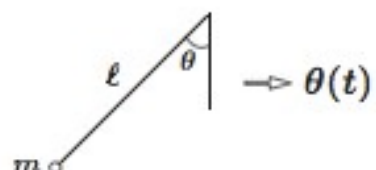
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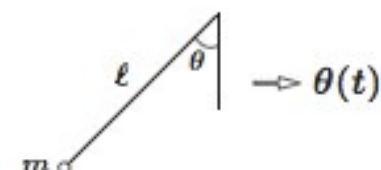
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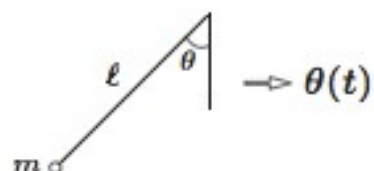
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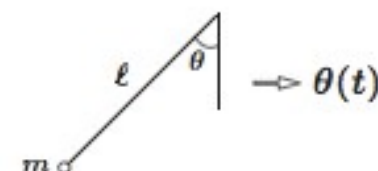
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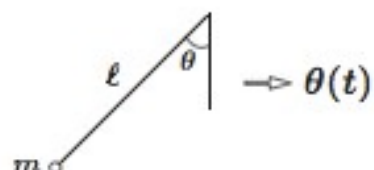


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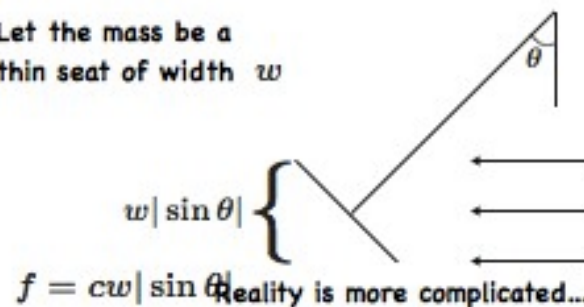


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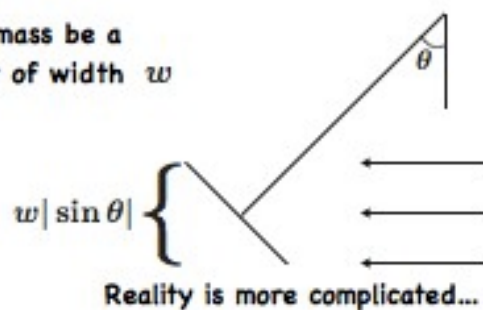
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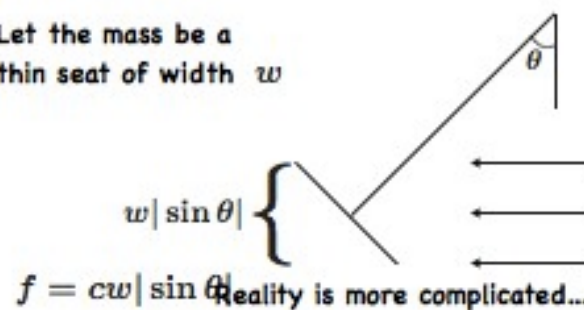
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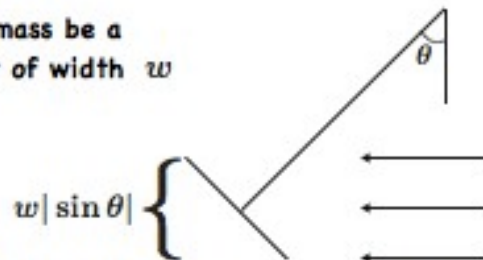
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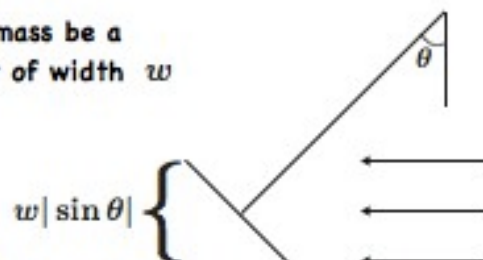
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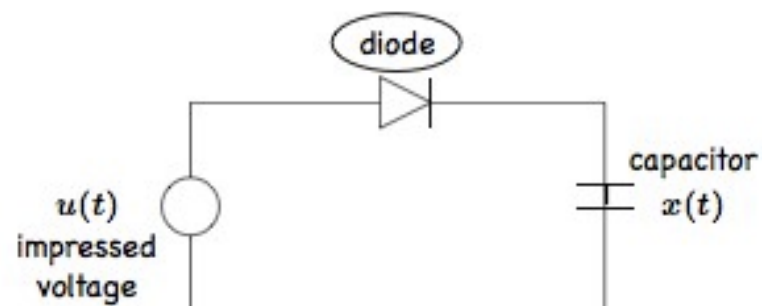
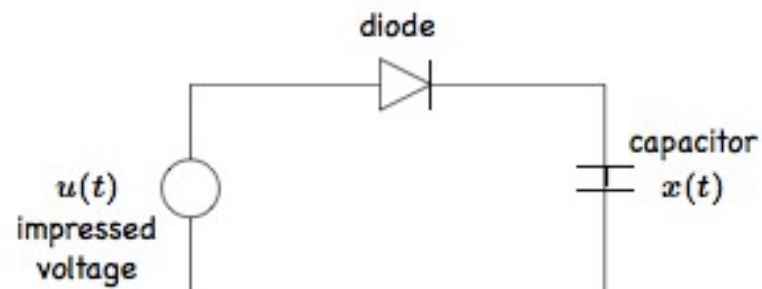


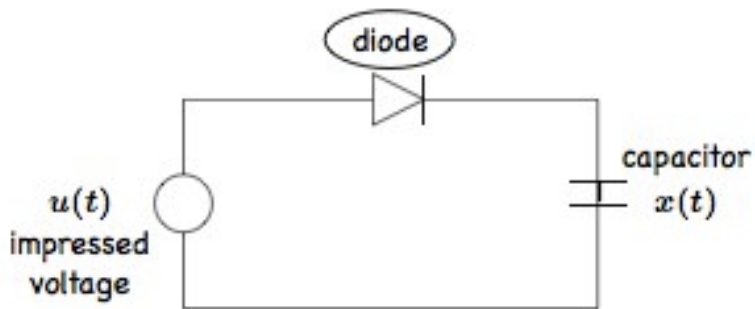
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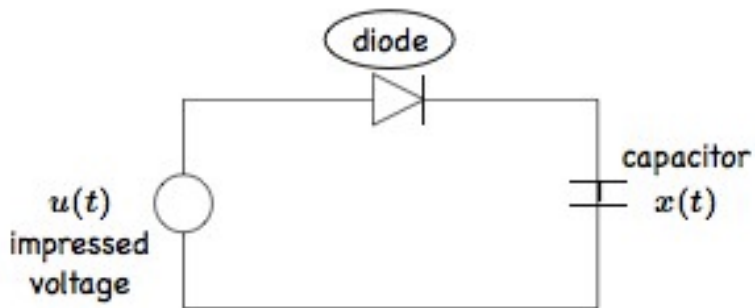
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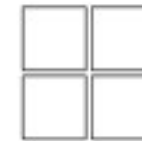


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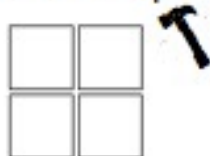
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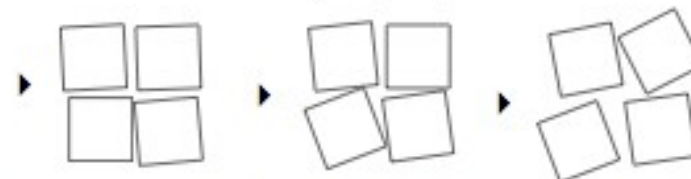
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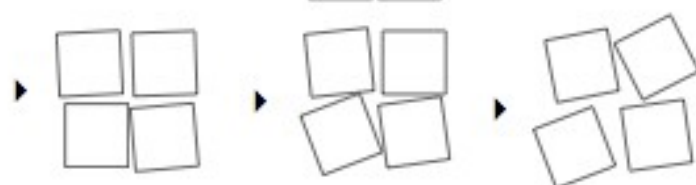
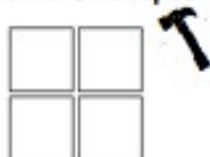
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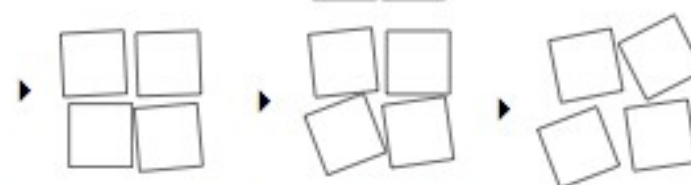
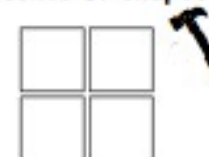
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Note that f attains its min at a "corner"

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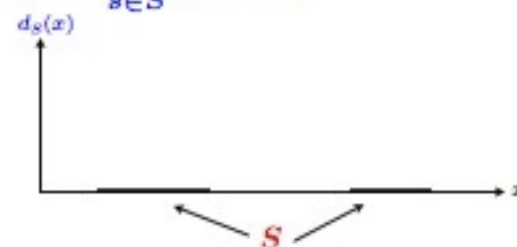
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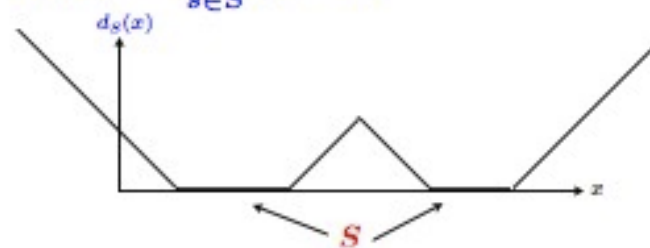
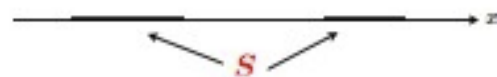
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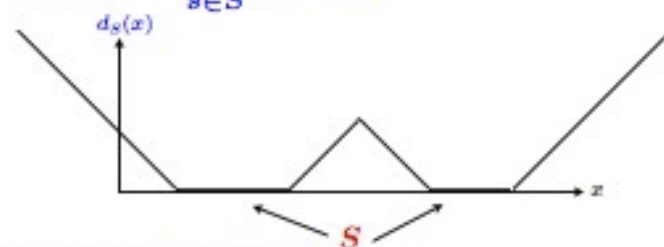
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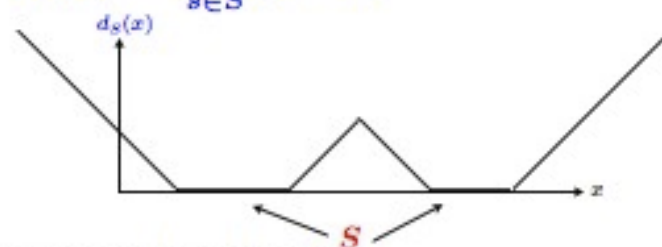
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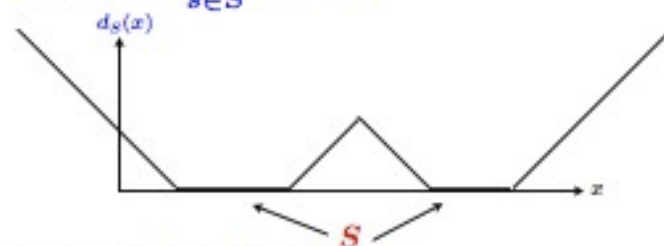
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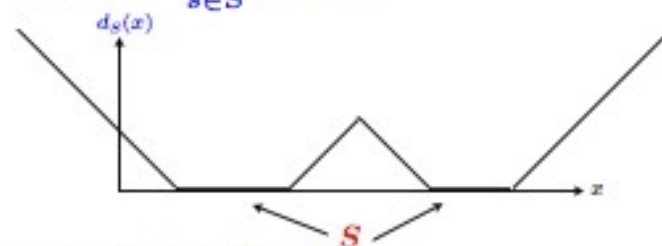
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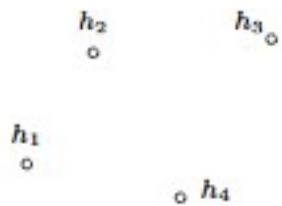
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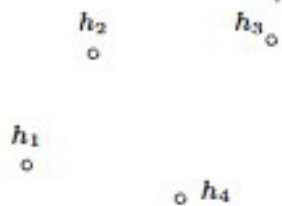
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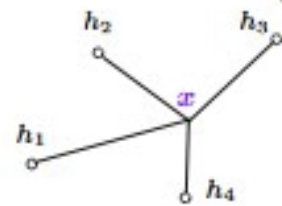


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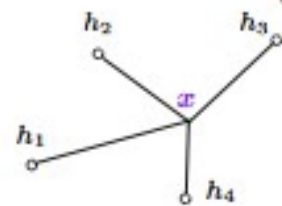
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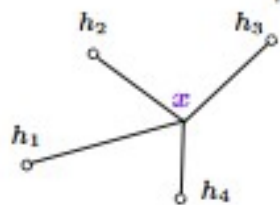


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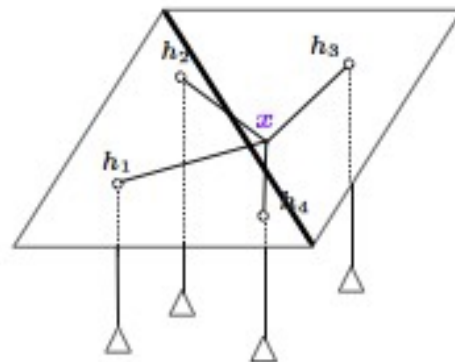
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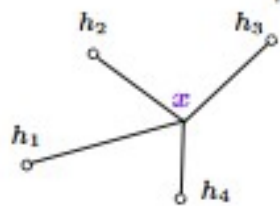


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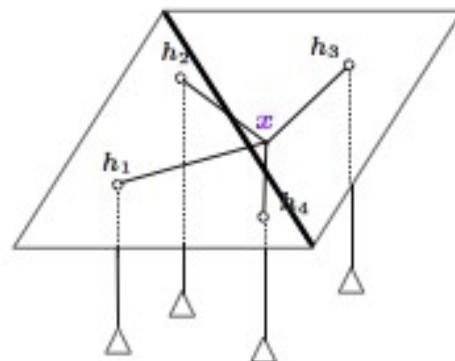
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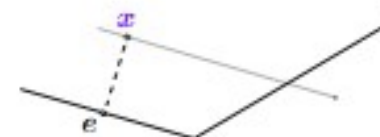
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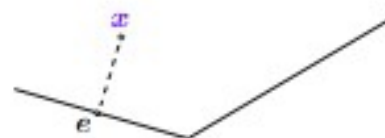
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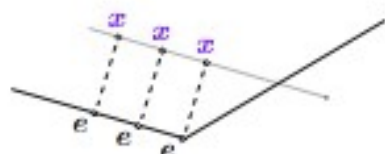
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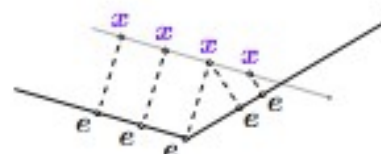
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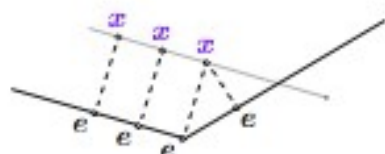
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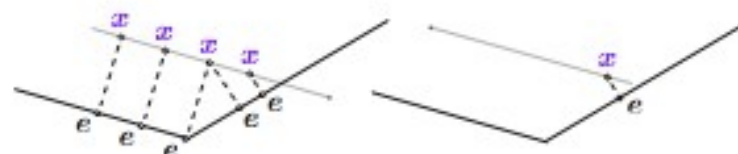
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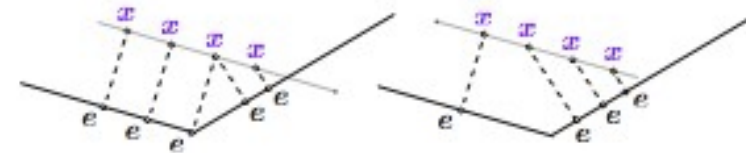
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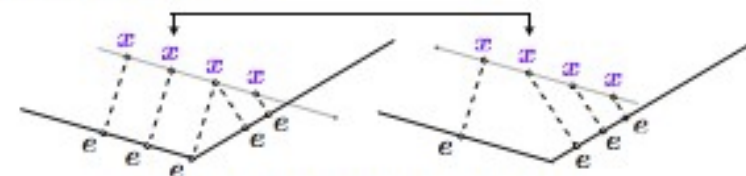
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Calculus of variations

The Basic Problem:

$$\min_{x(\cdot)} \int_a^b L(t, x(t), x'(t)) dt, \quad x(a) = A, x(b) = B$$

Euler (1744) defined the problem, found the basic necessary condition, introduced multipliers for constrained problems, postulated the principle of least action, and gave 100 examples.



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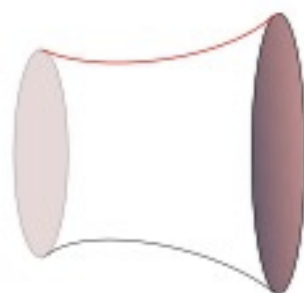
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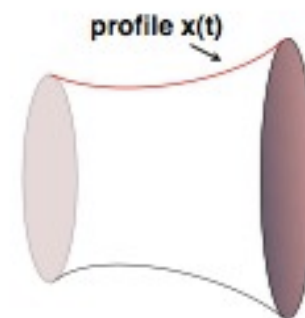


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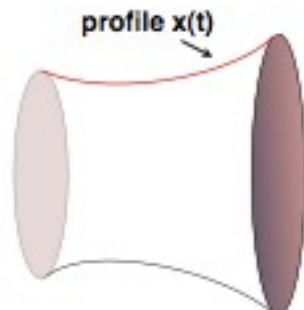
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Euler(-Lagrange) equation

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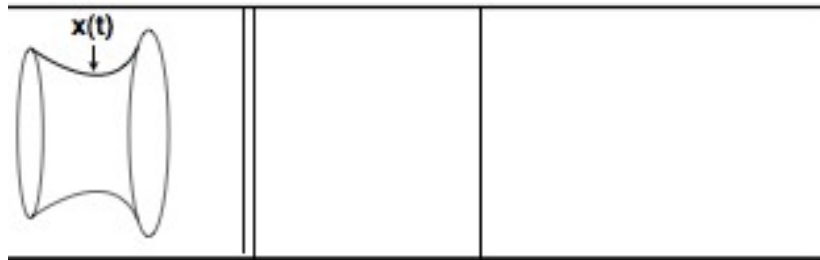
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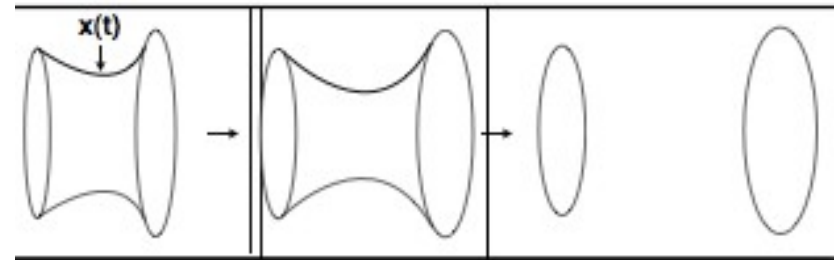
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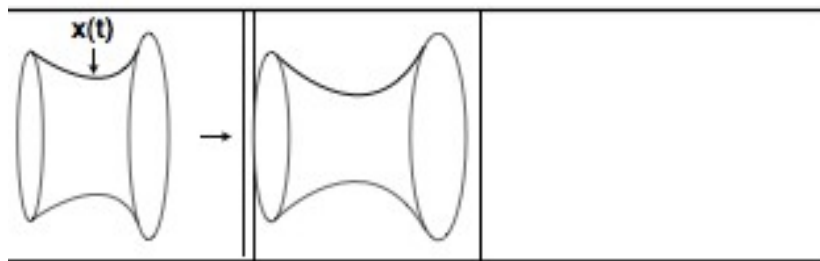
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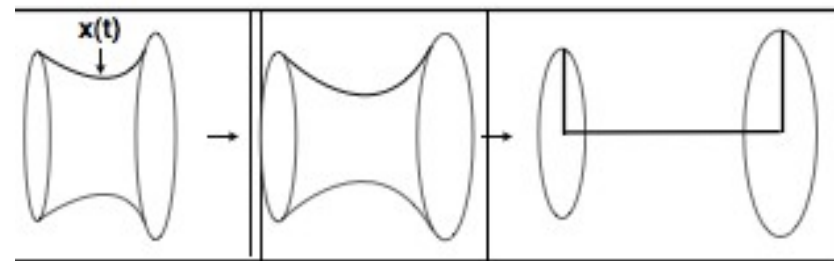
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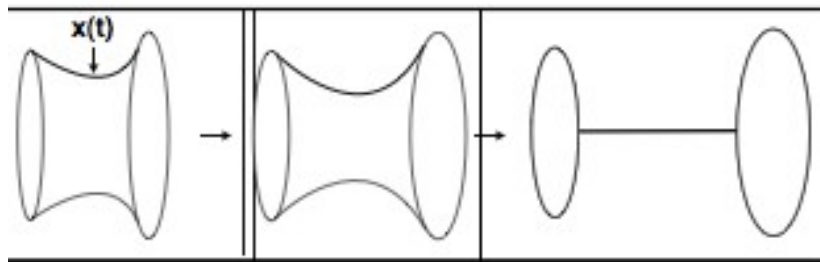
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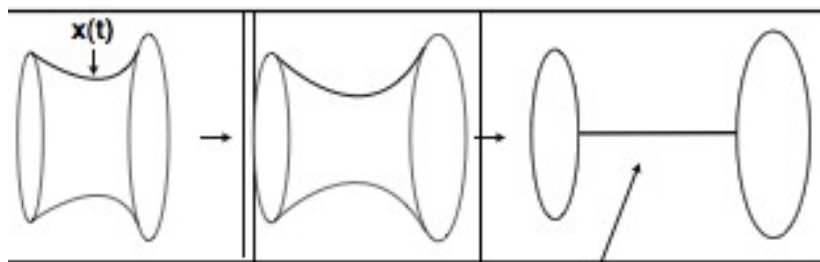
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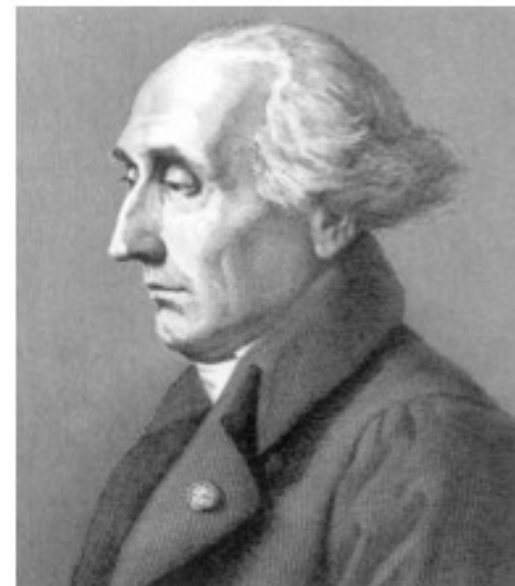
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Joseph Louis Lagrange

Born Turin 1736

- Writes to Euler in 1755, describes the method of *variations*
- Euler names the subject in his honor : *calculus of variations*
- Euler is his mentor until his death



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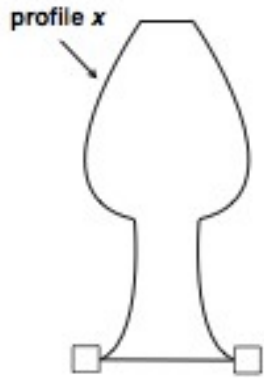


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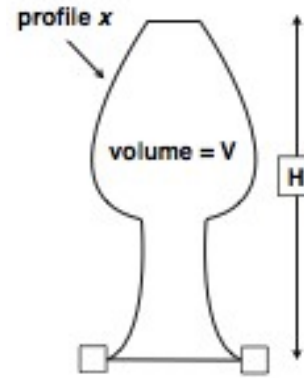


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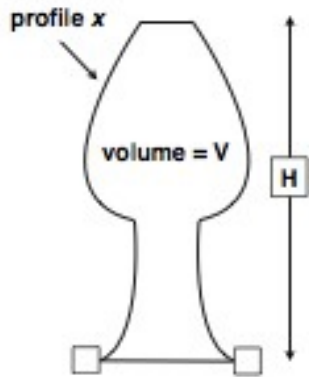
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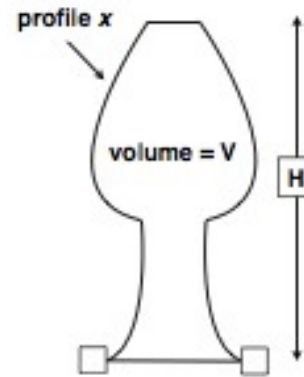
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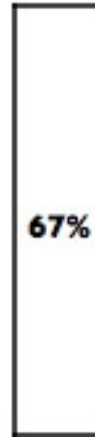
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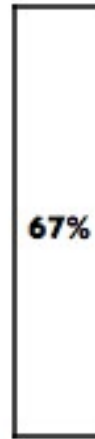
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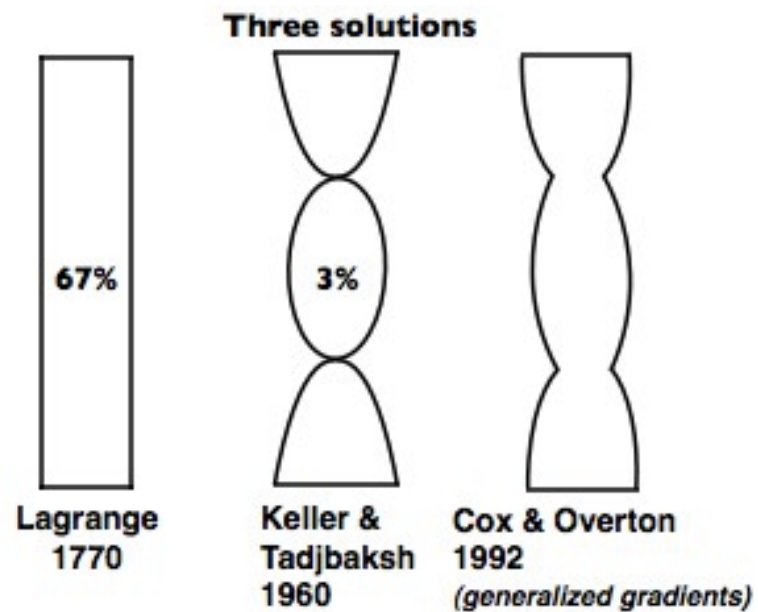
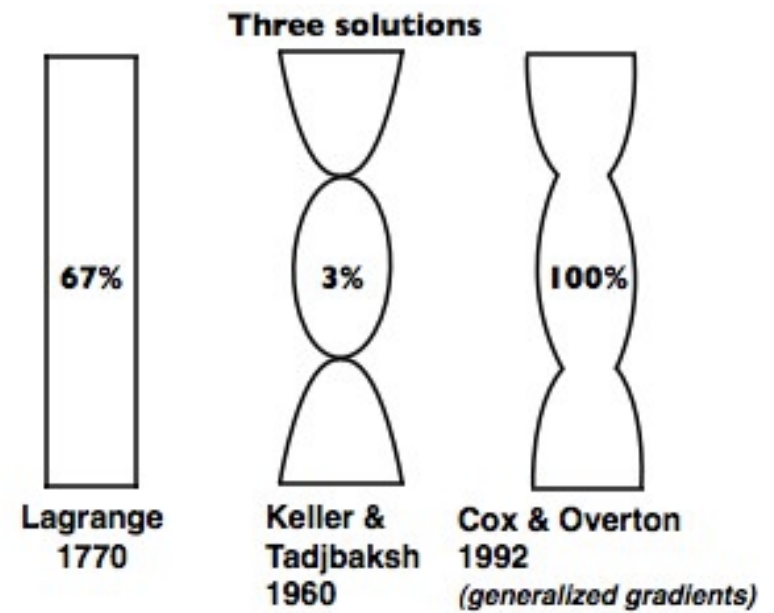
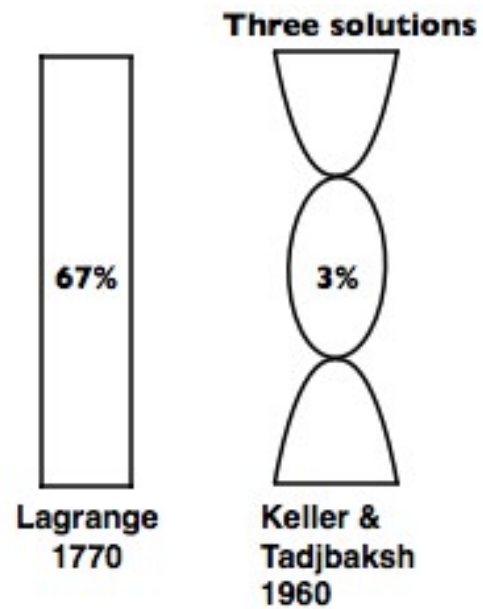


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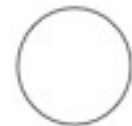
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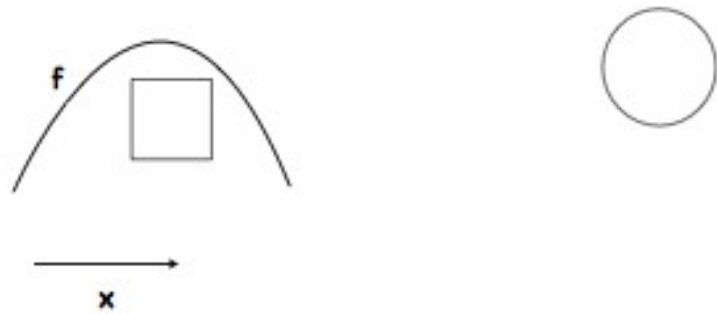
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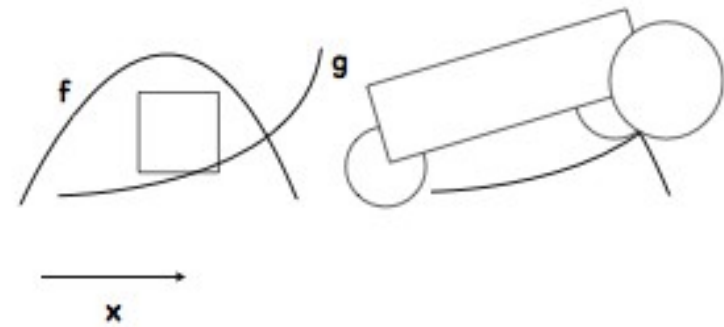
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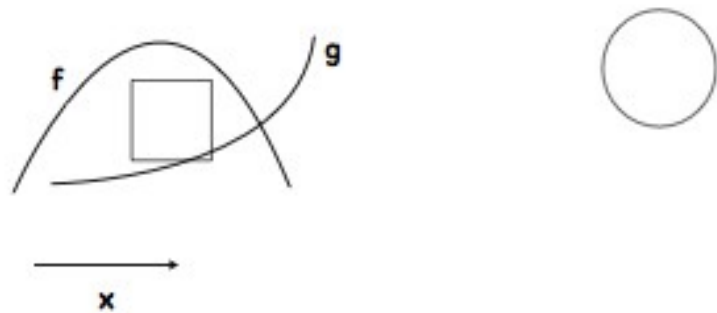
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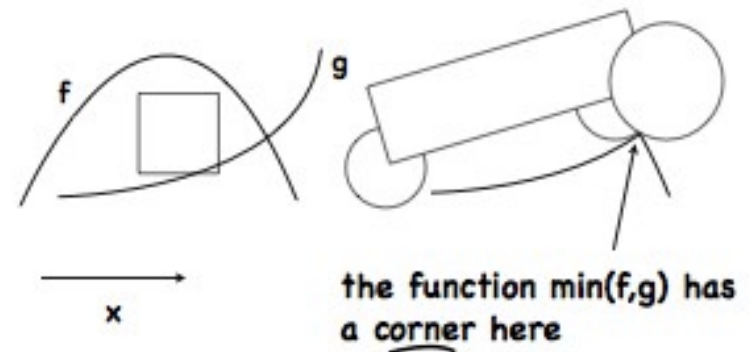
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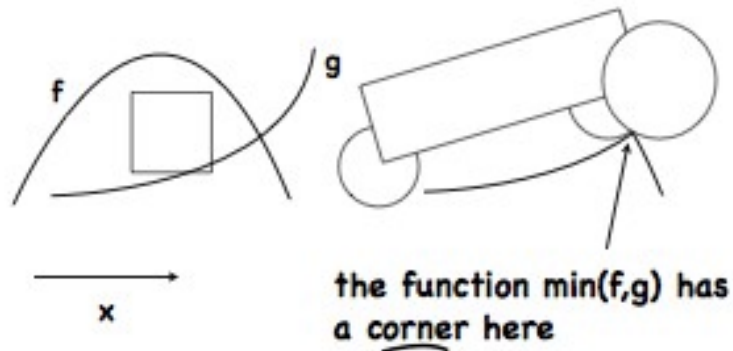
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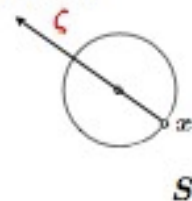
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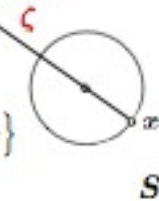
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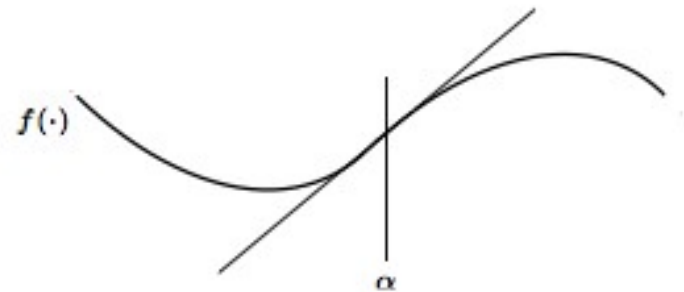
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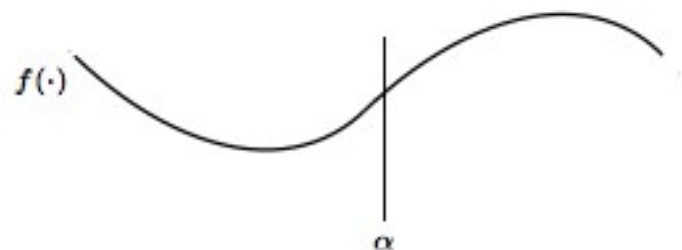
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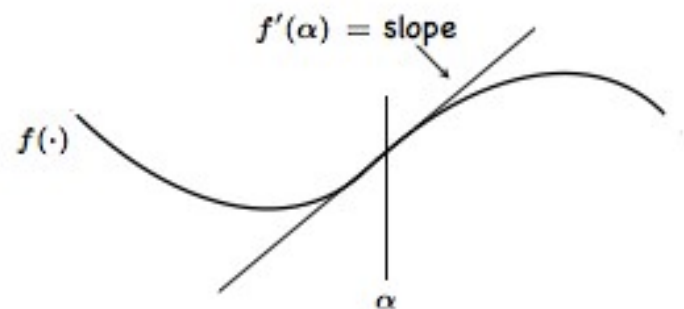
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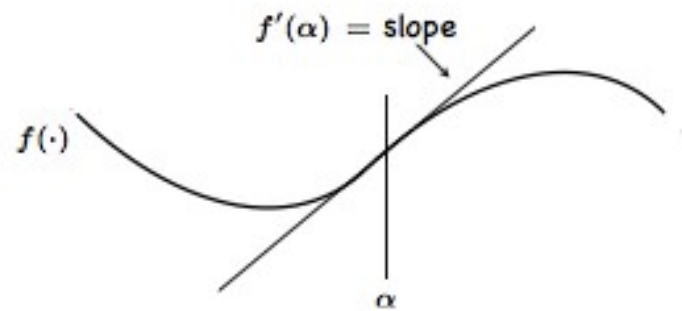
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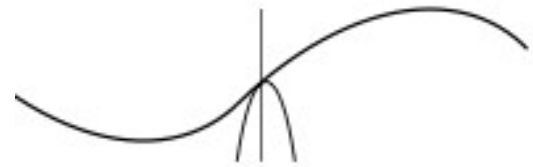
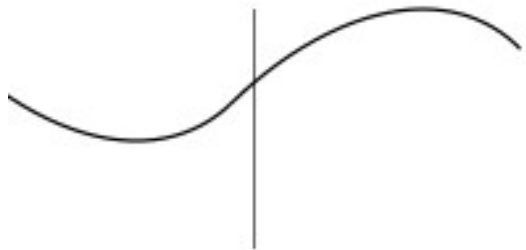
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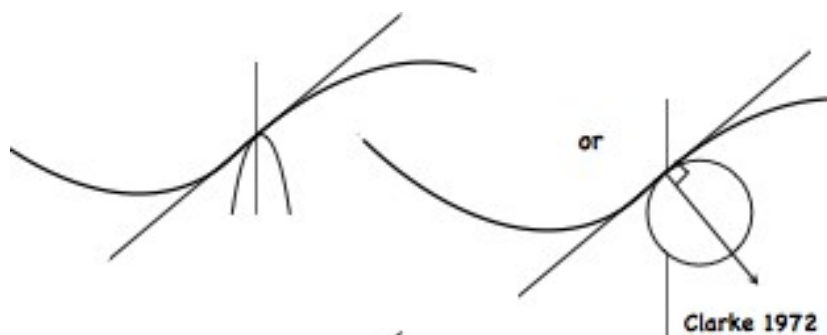
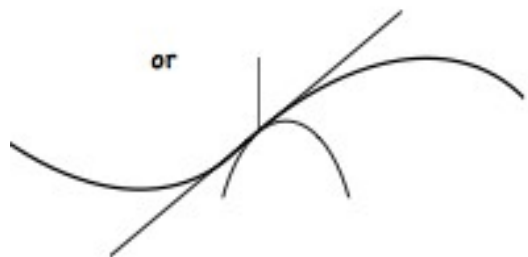


We may also approximate just from below, using nonlinear functions: proximal analysis



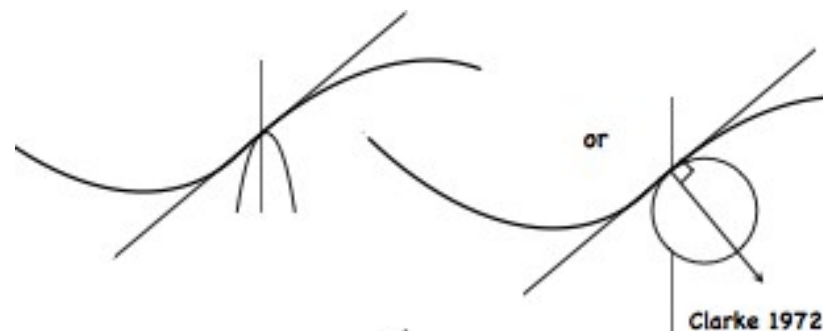
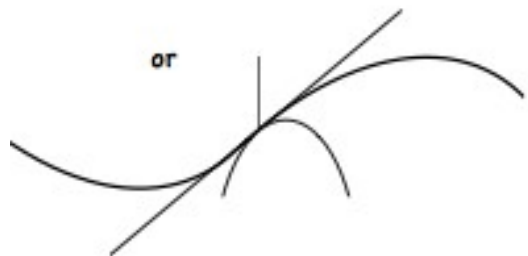


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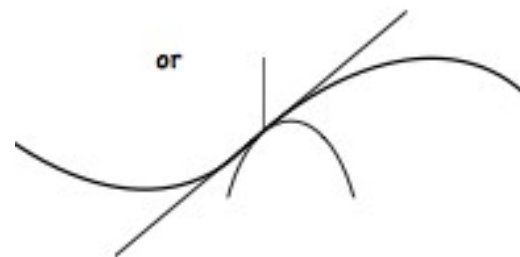


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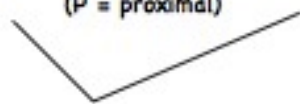
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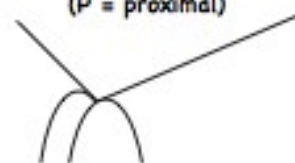
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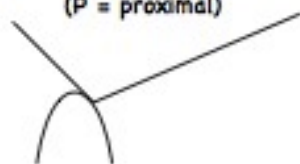
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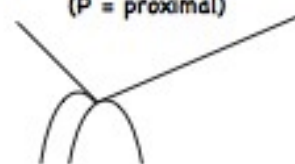
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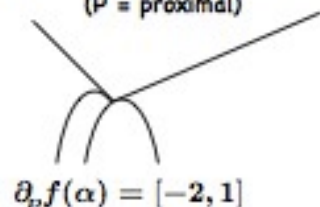


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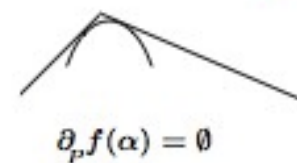
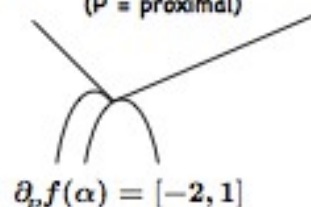
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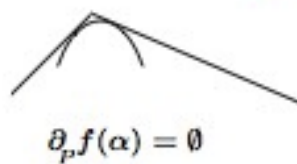
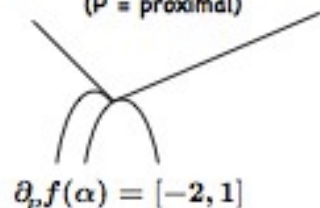


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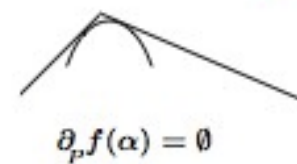
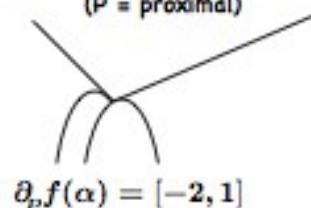
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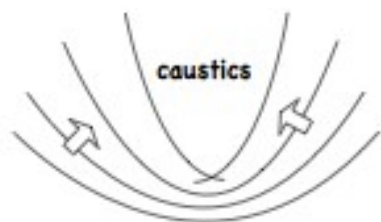
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Borwein, Ioffe, Ledyev, Loewen, Rockafellar, Vinter, Zeidan...

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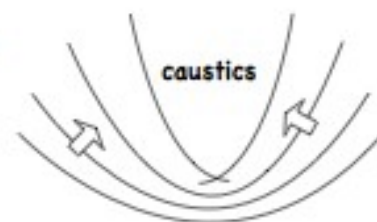
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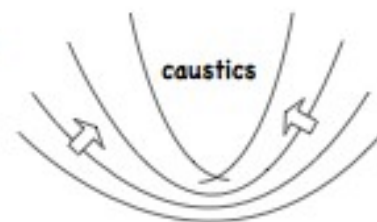
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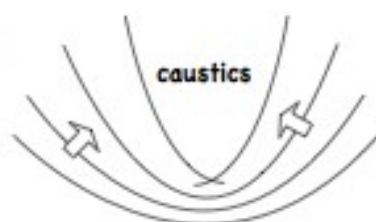
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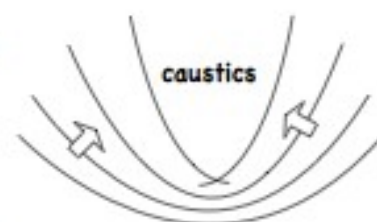
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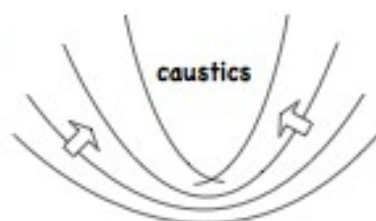
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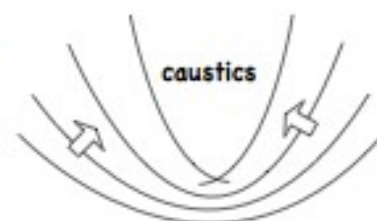
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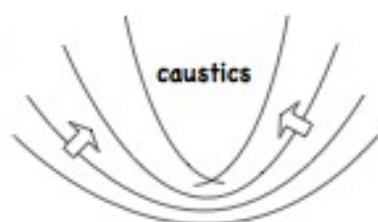
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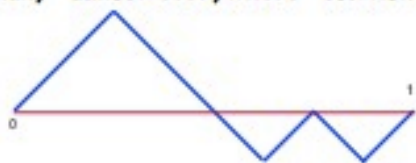


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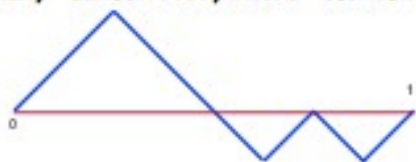
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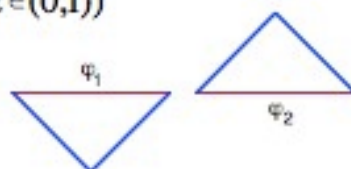
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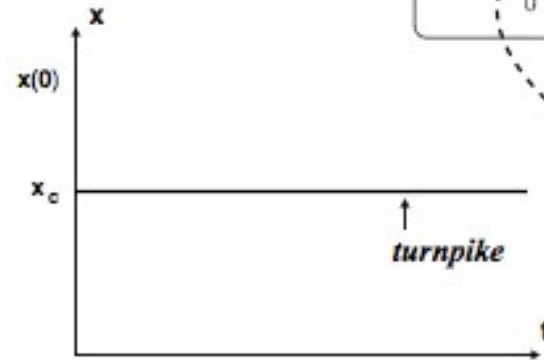
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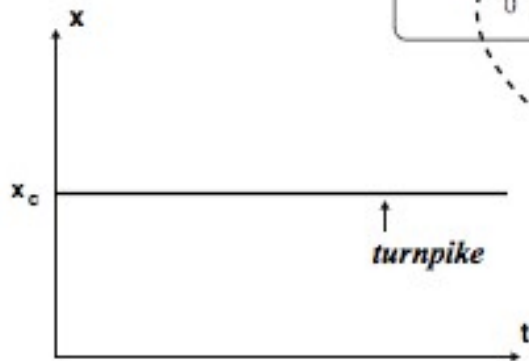
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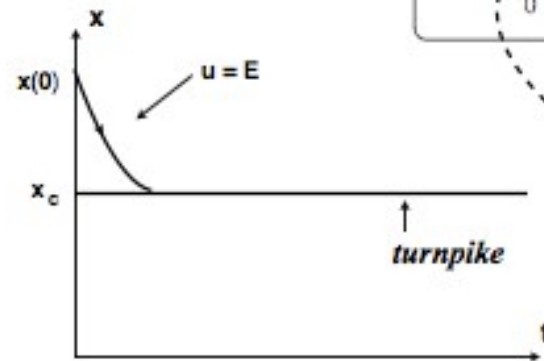
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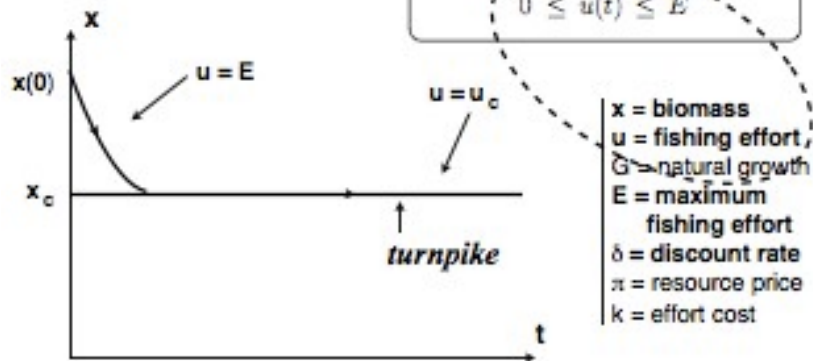
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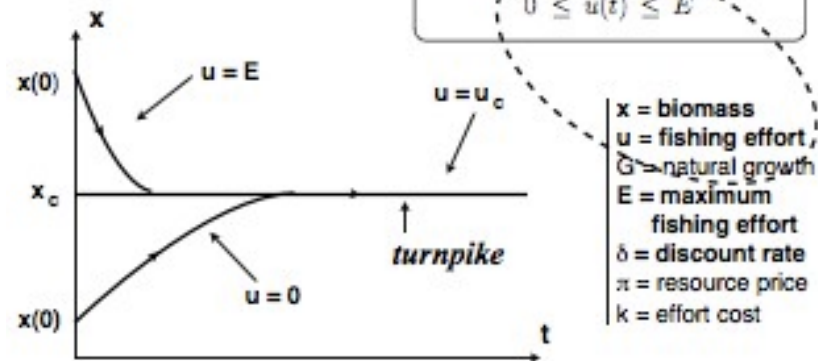


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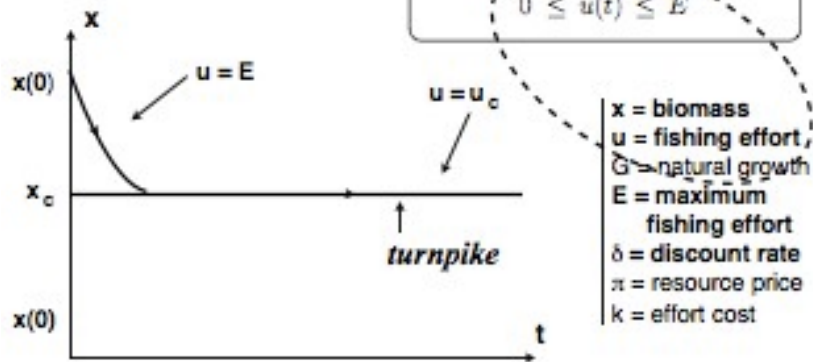


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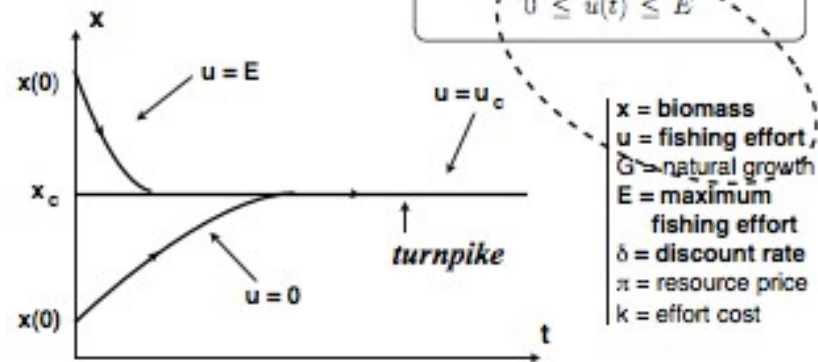


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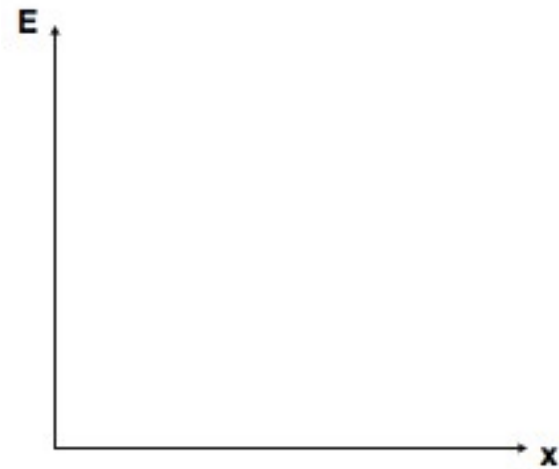
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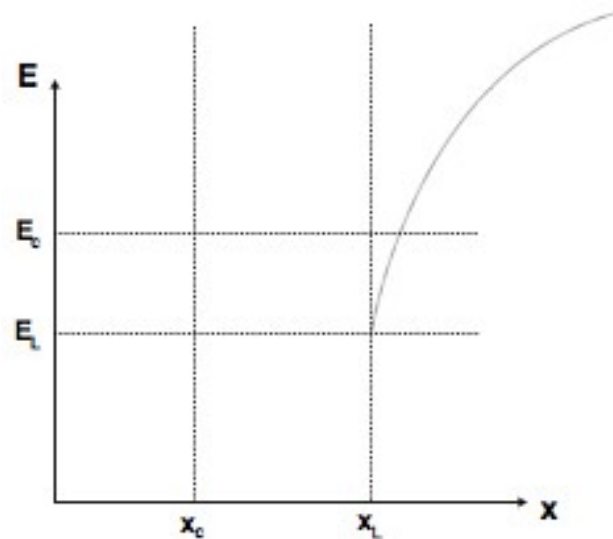
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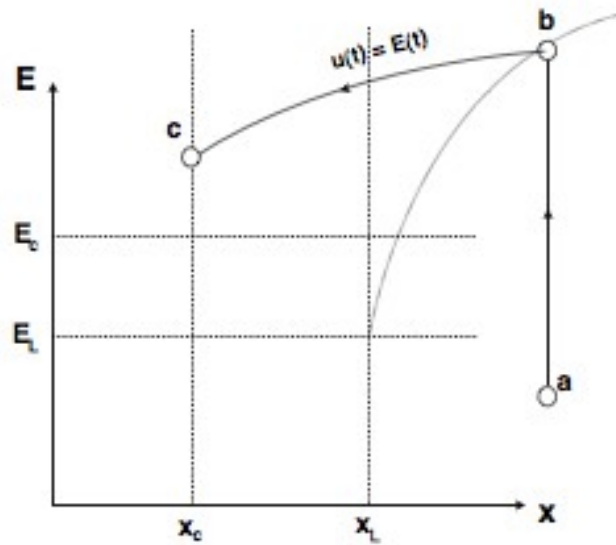
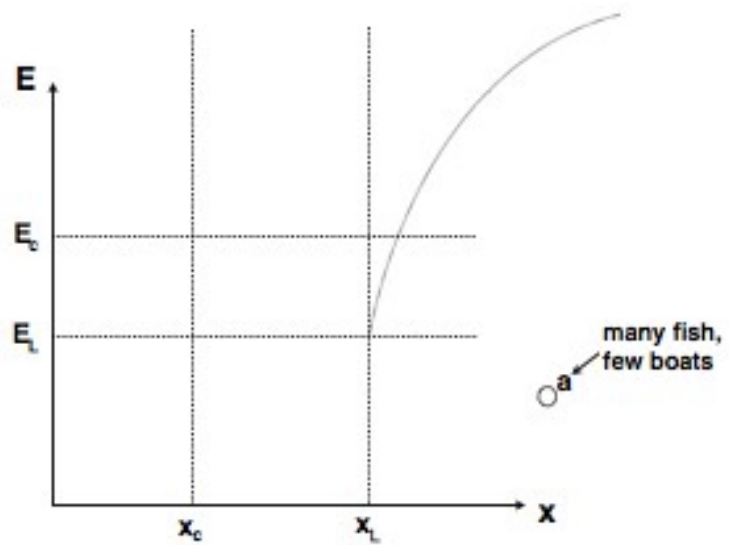
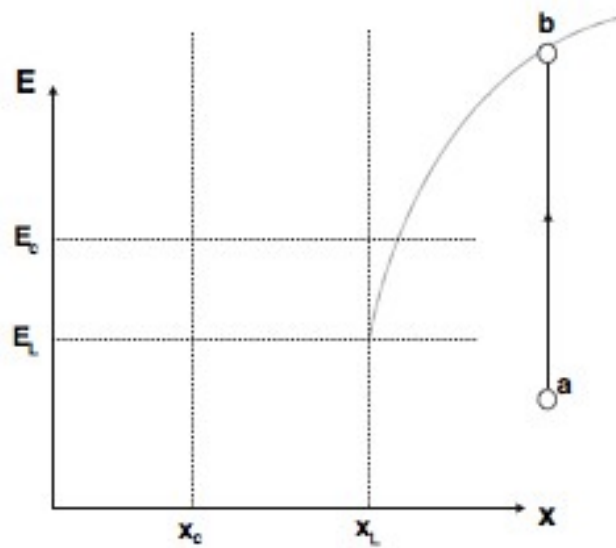
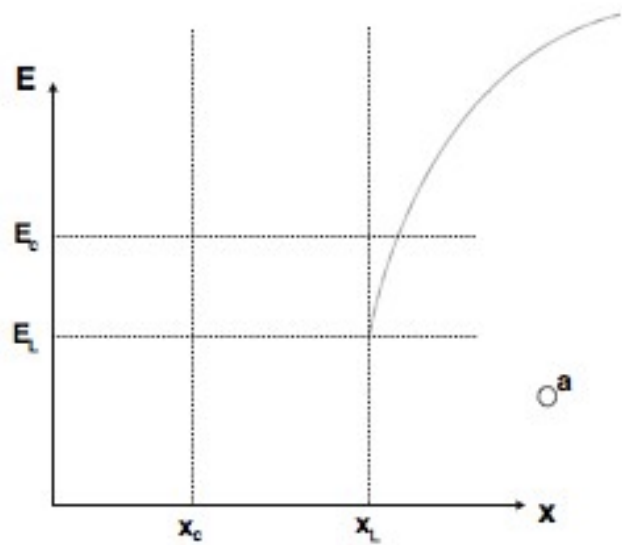
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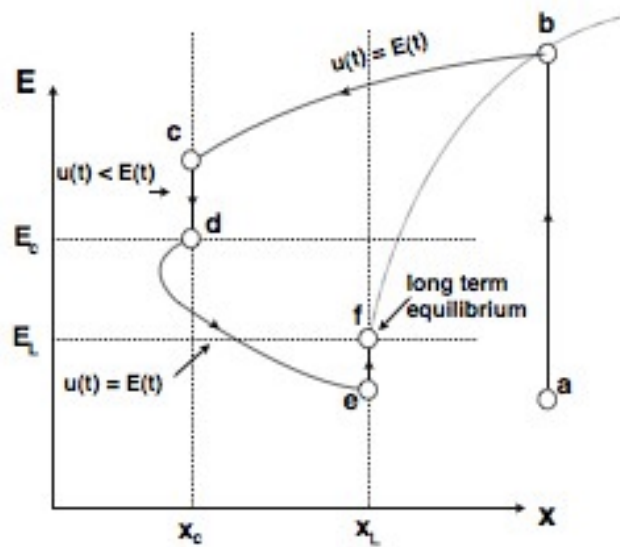
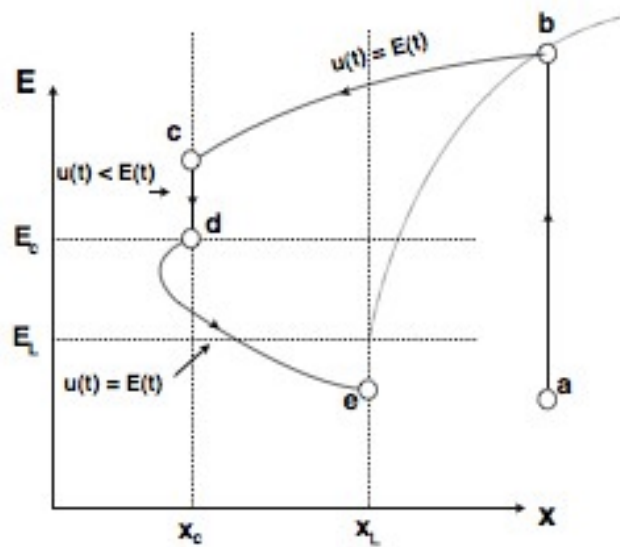
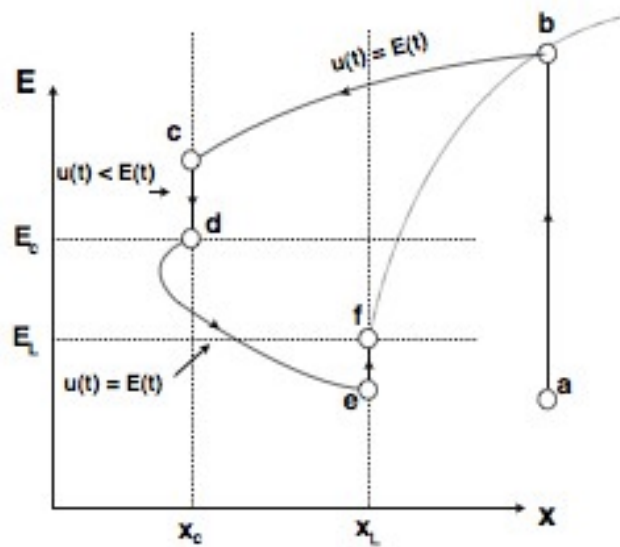
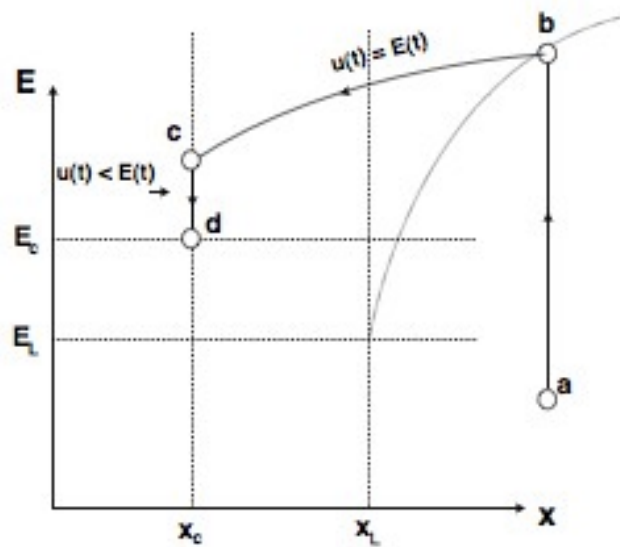
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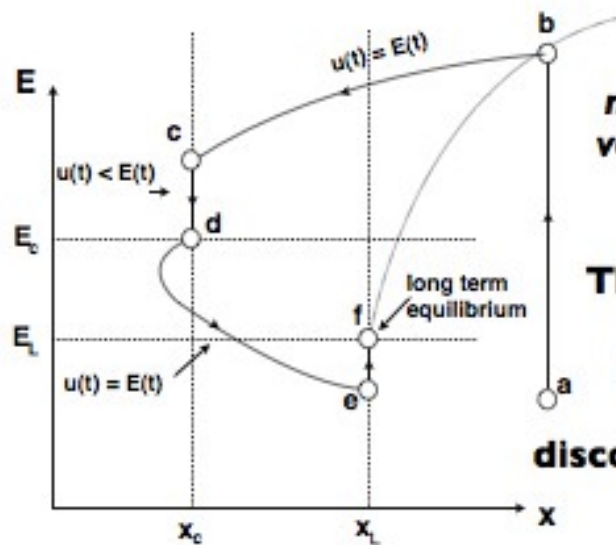
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Fact: smooth verification functions may not exist, but nonsmooth ones do (Clarke & Vinter, 1980's)

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Yesterday, we motivated the need for nonsmooth analysis. It appears that nonsmoothness is more common than one might have thought, and that the opposite of "linear" is often "nonsmooth".

Today, we examine the basic constructs and some elements of the calculus. We stress that difficult nonsmooth problems remain difficult even if one has mastered this theory! (But it can help...)

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$\partial_C f(x)$ is convex, compact, and closed, which may explain the subscript C.

It is often referred to as the Clarke generalized gradient.

Other constructs will include:

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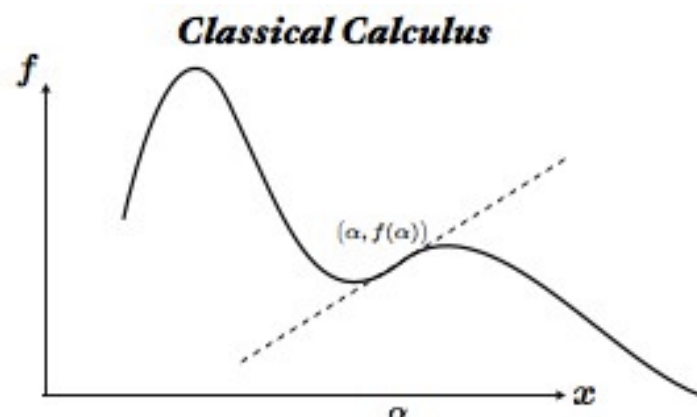
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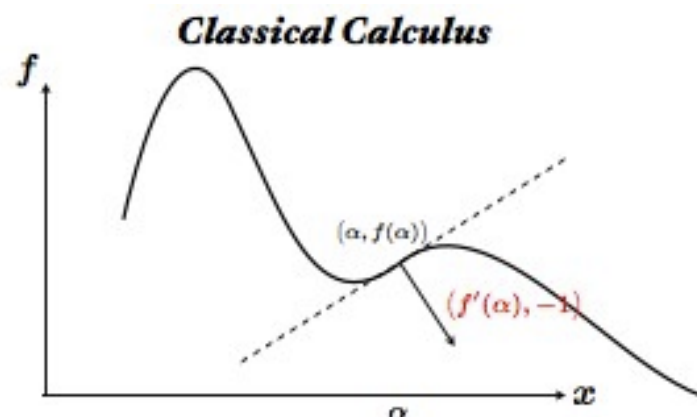
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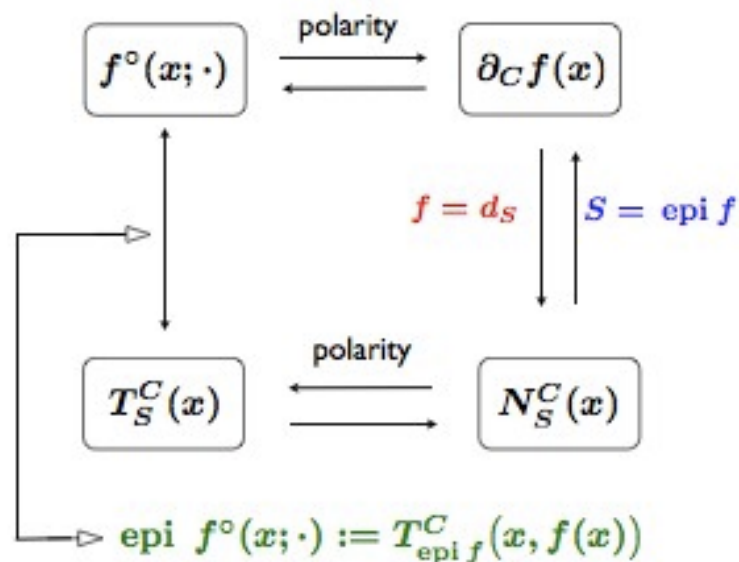
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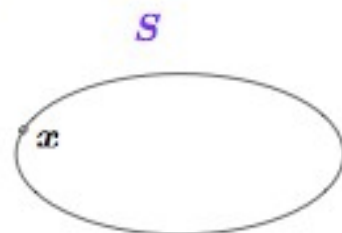
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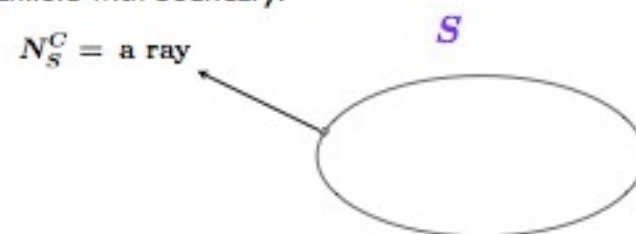


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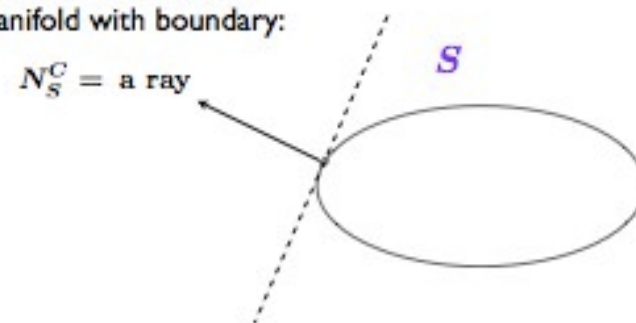


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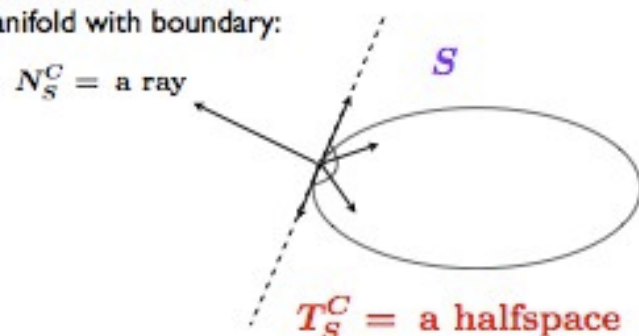


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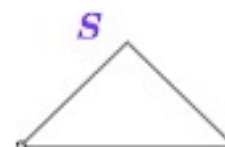
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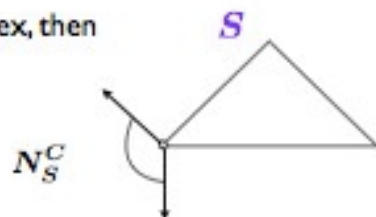


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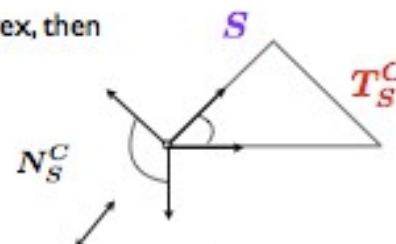


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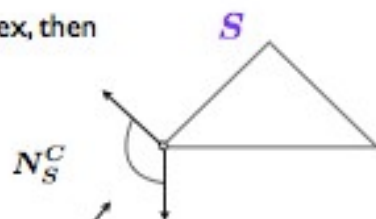
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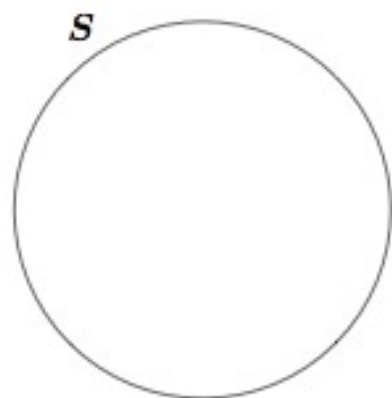
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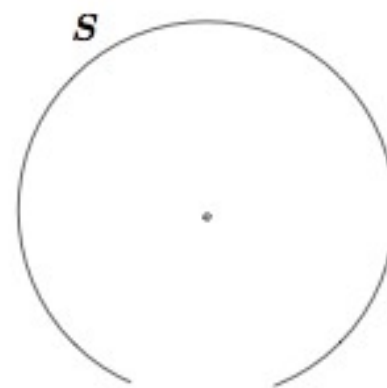
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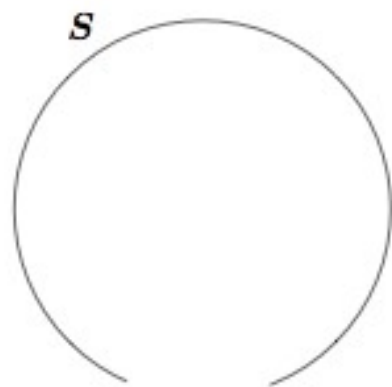
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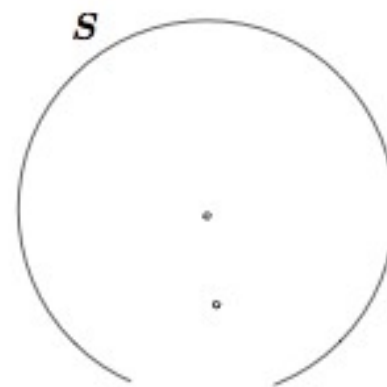
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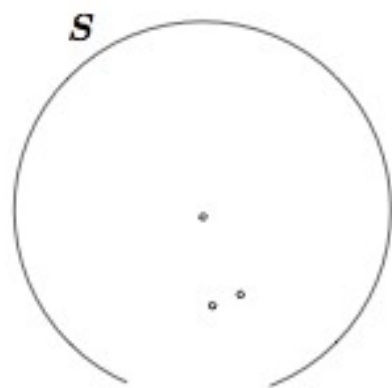
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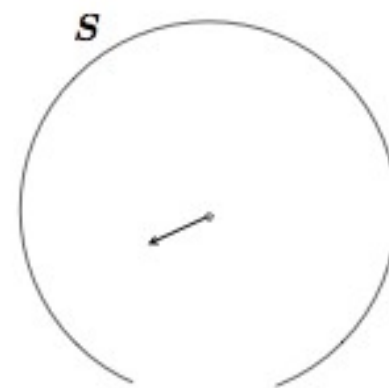
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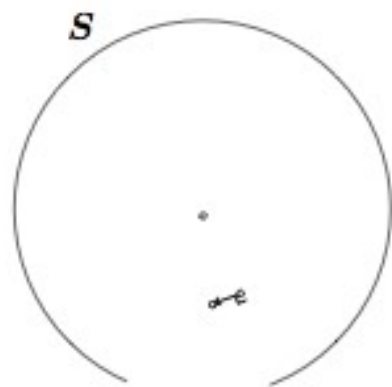
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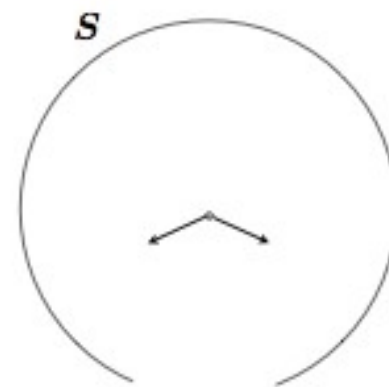
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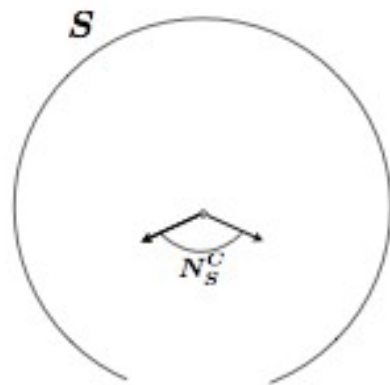
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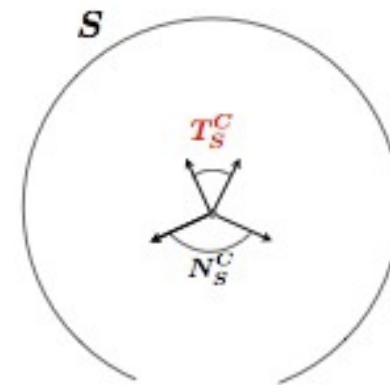
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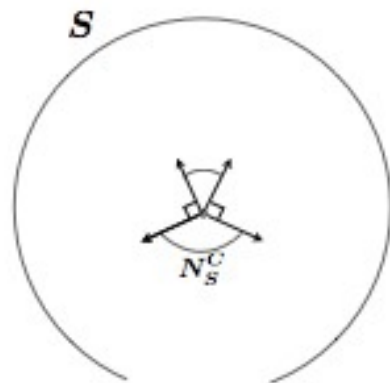
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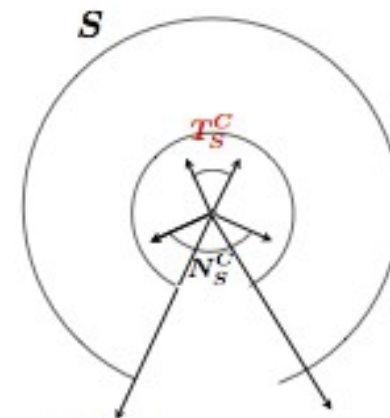
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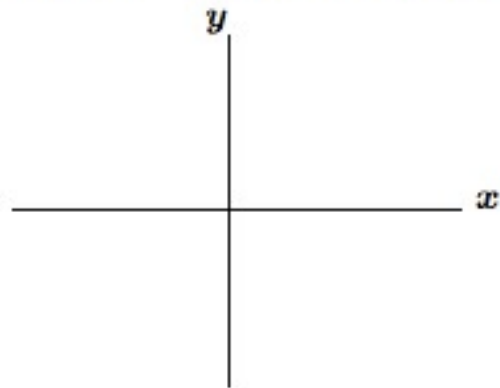
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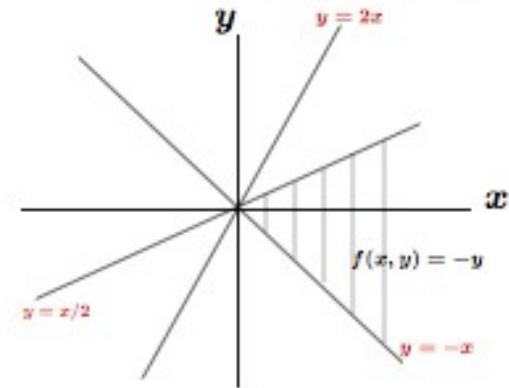
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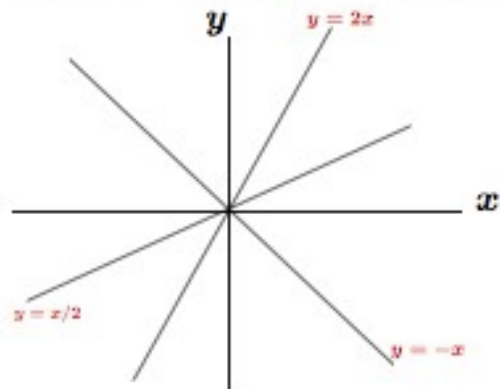
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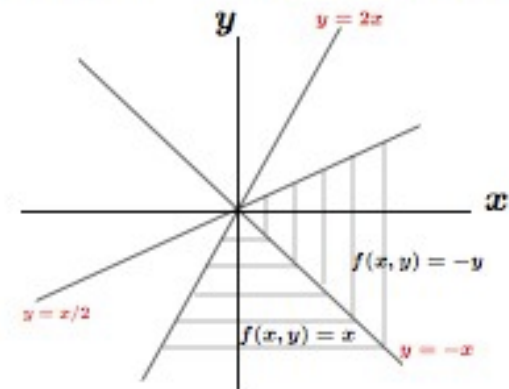
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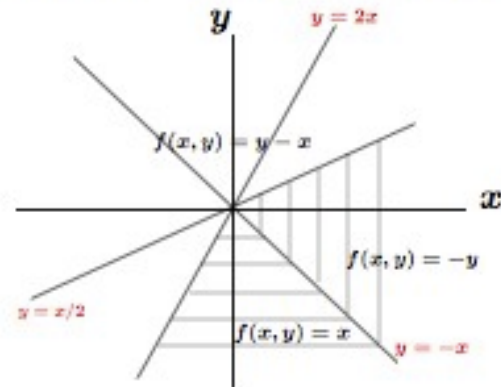
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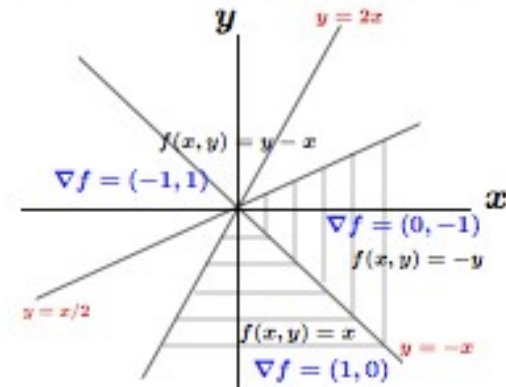
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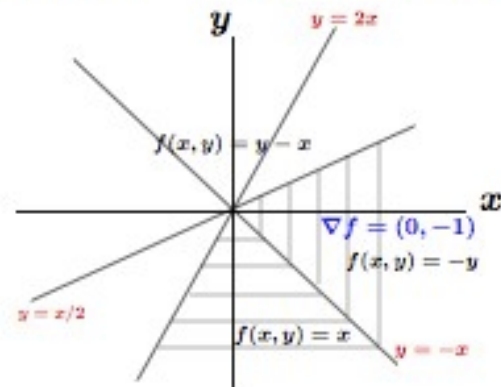
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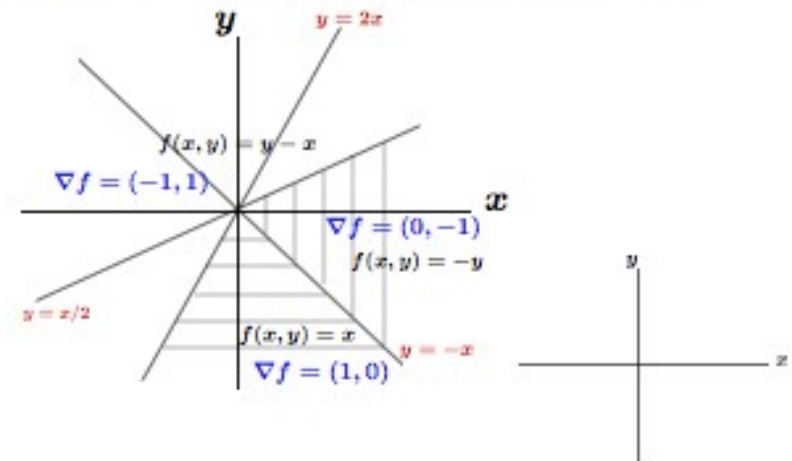
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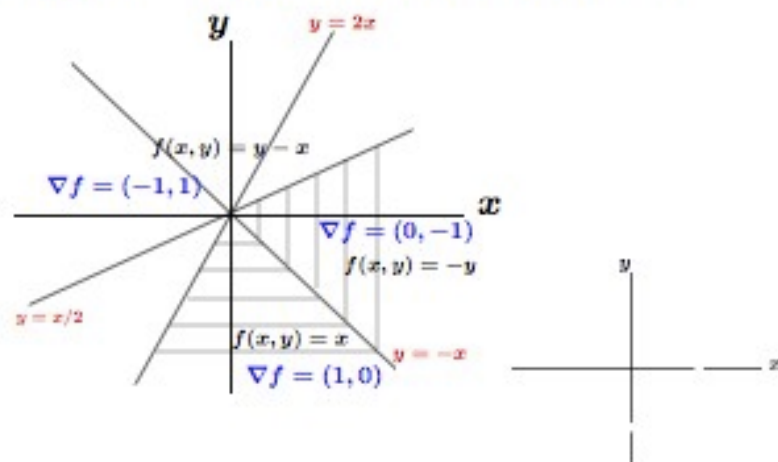
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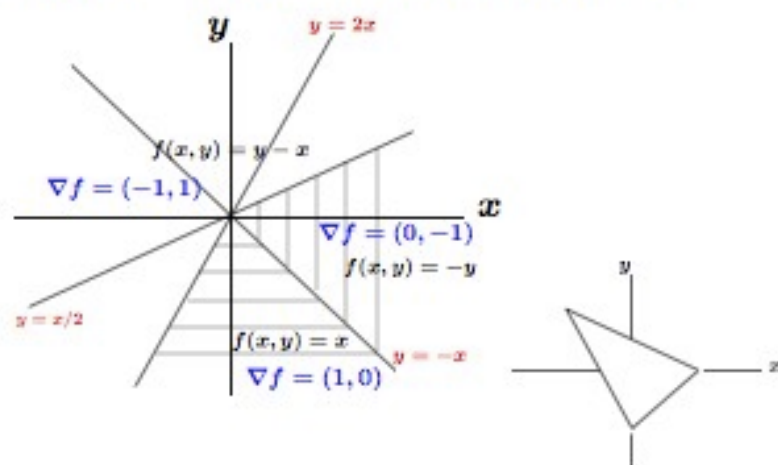
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A convex set of $m \times n$ matrices. Then: inverse function theorem, Sard, etc.

[General case $f : X \rightarrow Y$: Páles/Zeidan]

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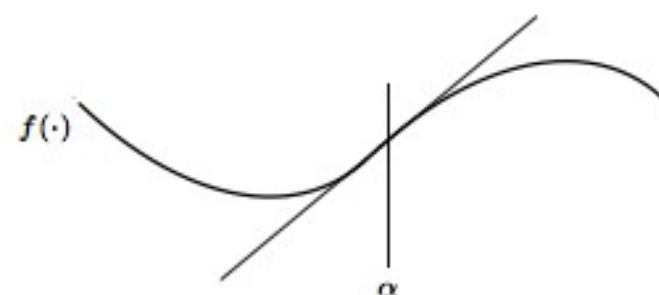


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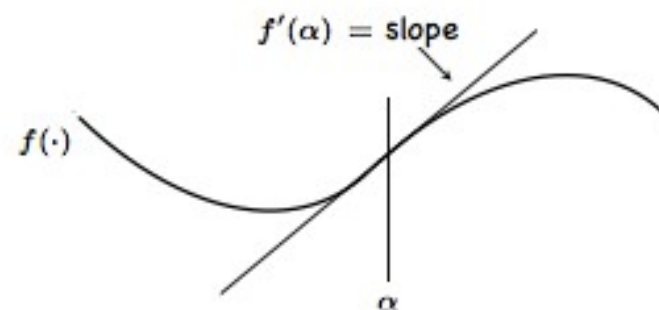
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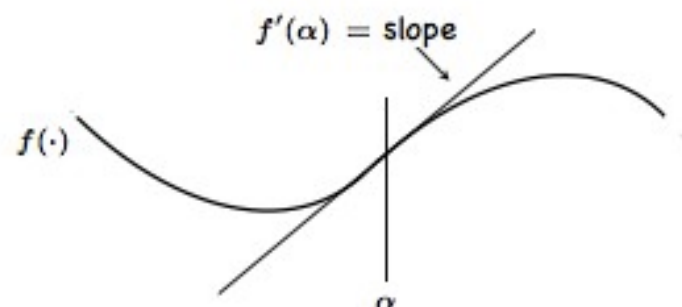
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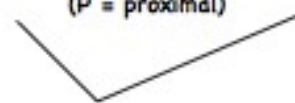
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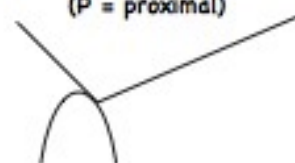
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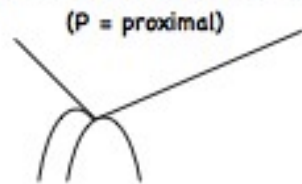


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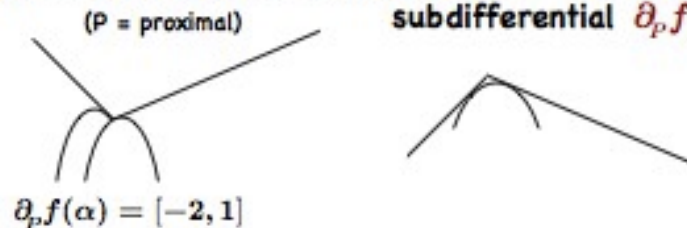
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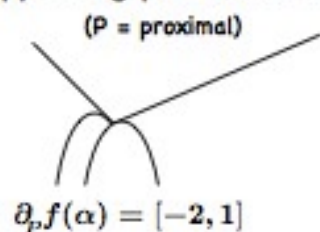
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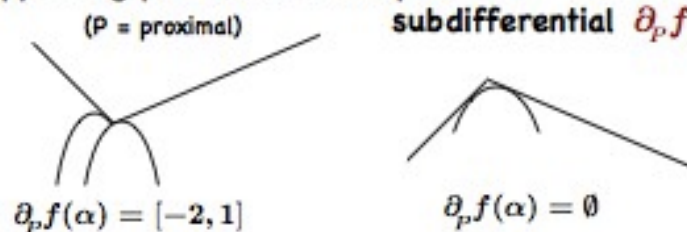
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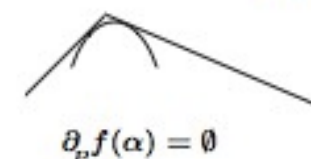
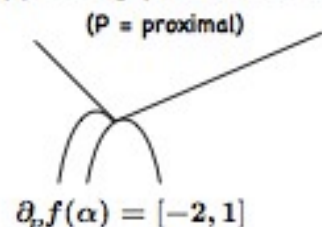
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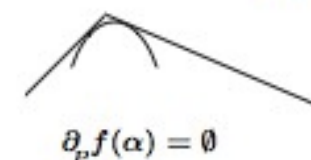
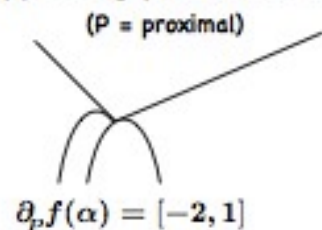


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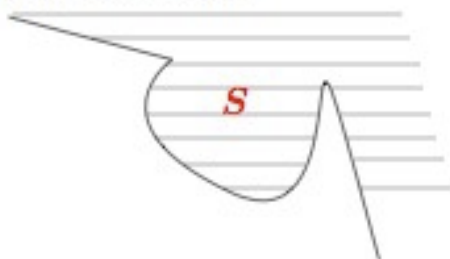
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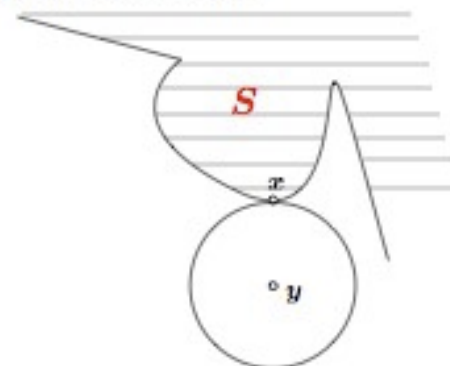
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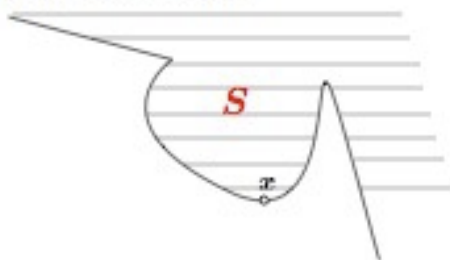
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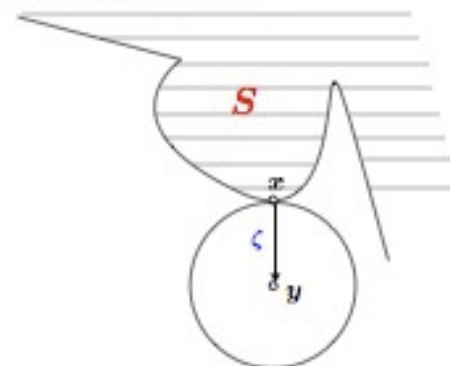
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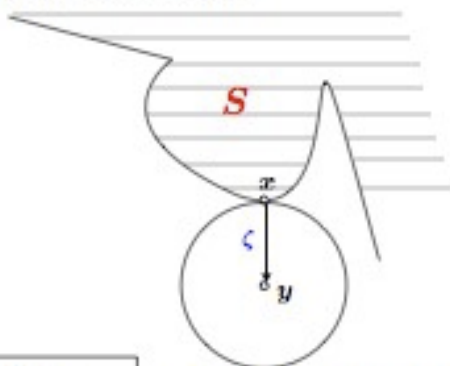


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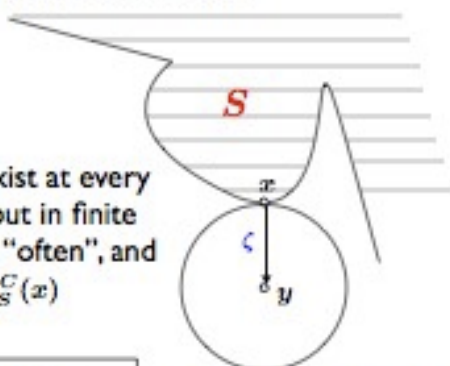


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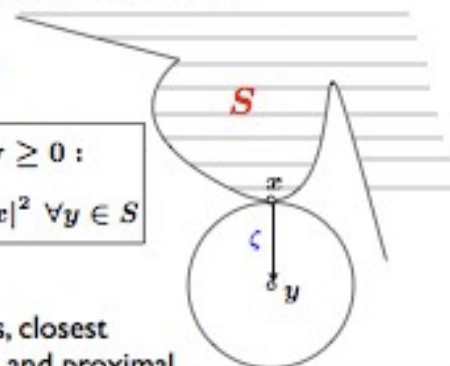
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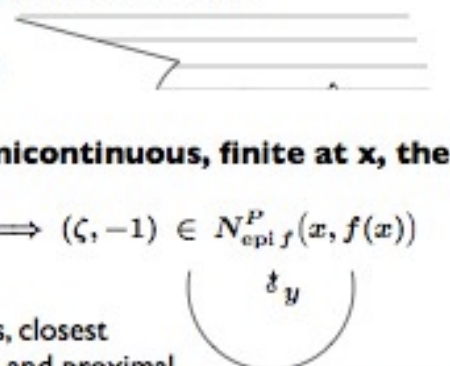
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In finite dimensions, if f and g are lower semicontinuous, and if one of them is Lipschitz near x , then

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