

A New Lower Bound on the Hilbert Number for Quartic Systems

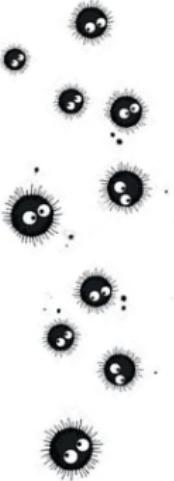
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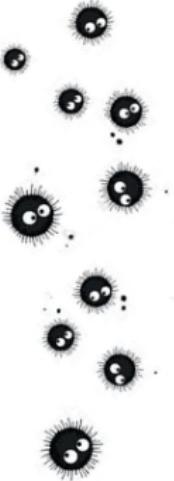
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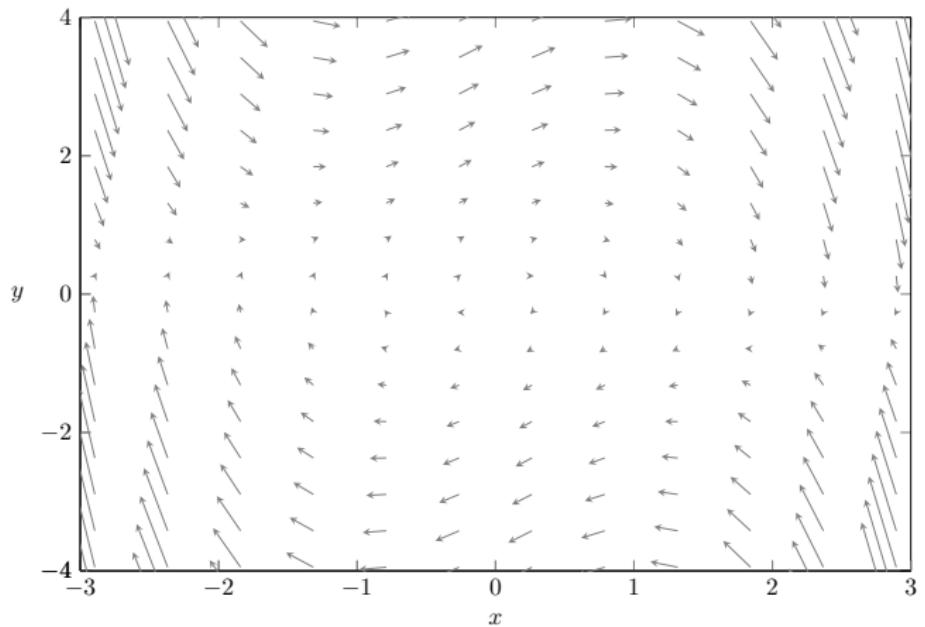


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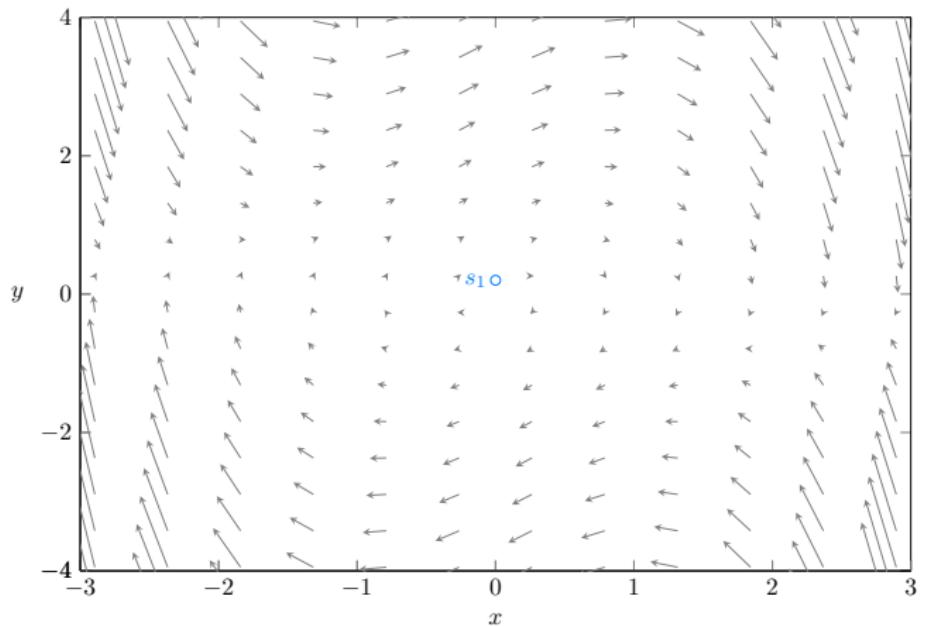
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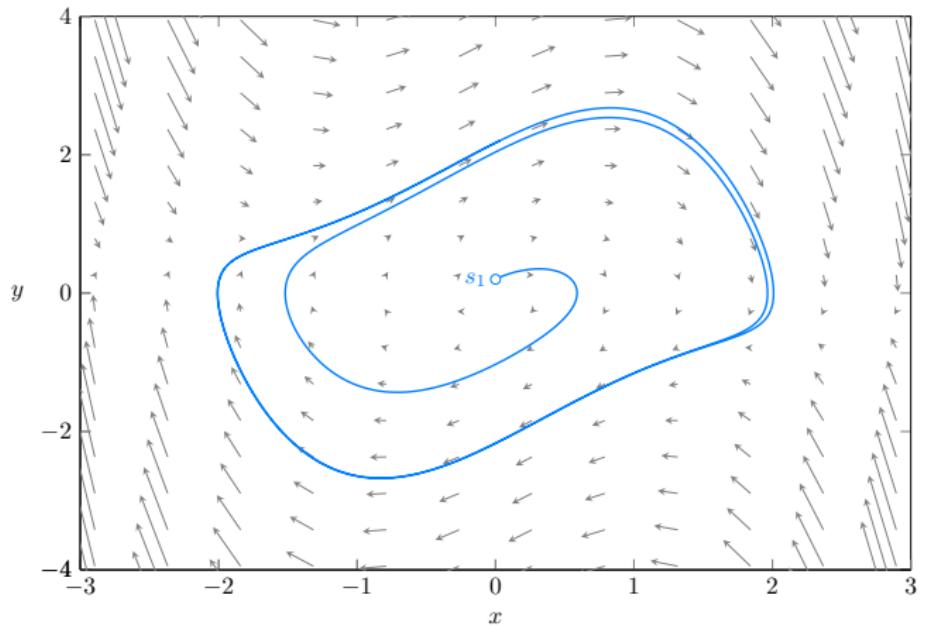
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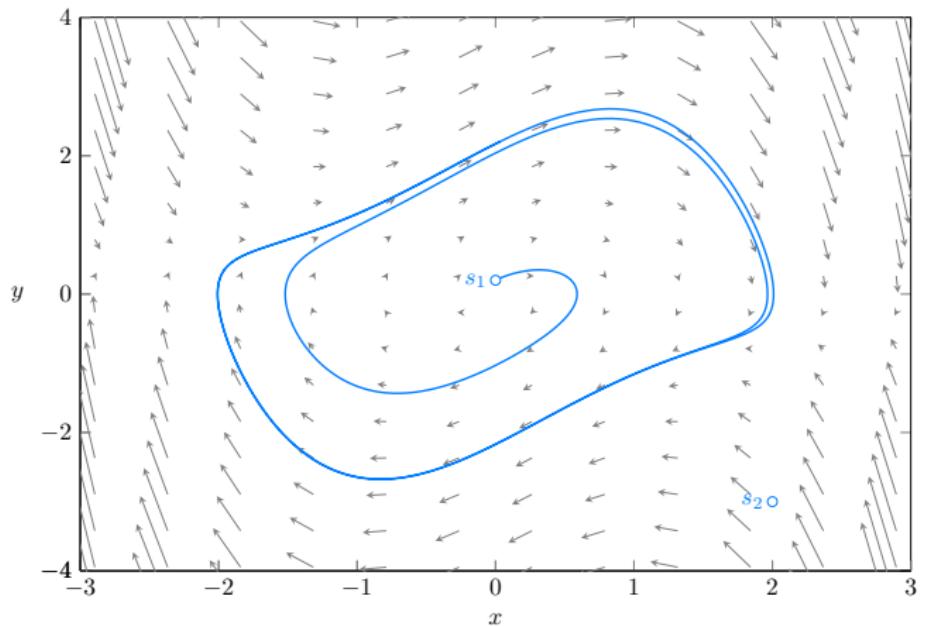
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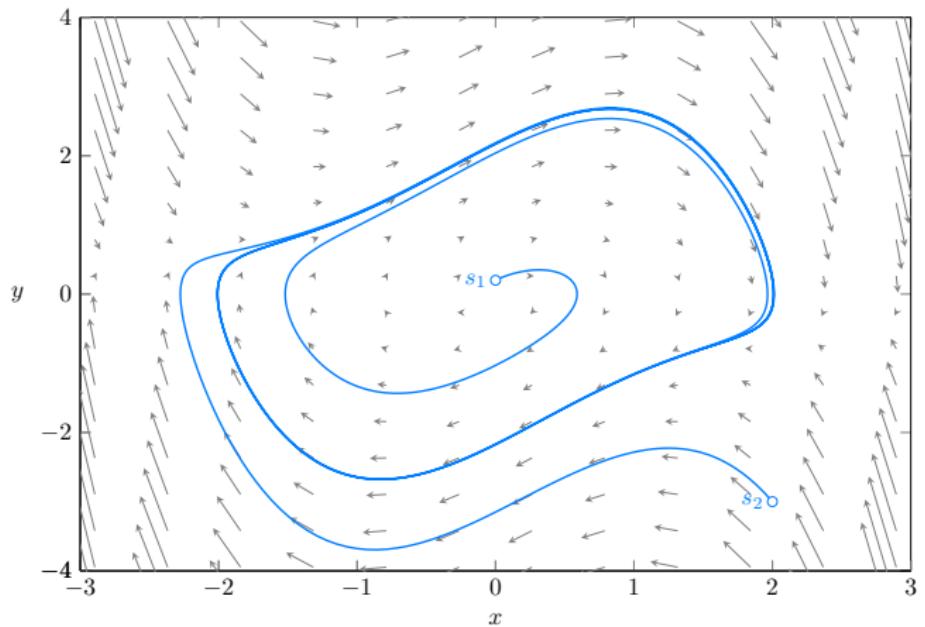
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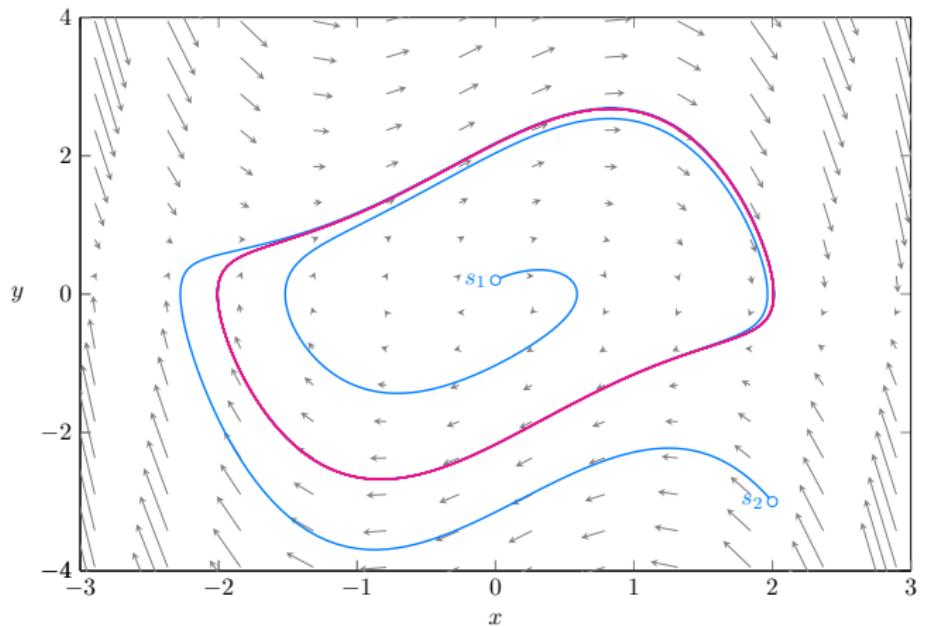
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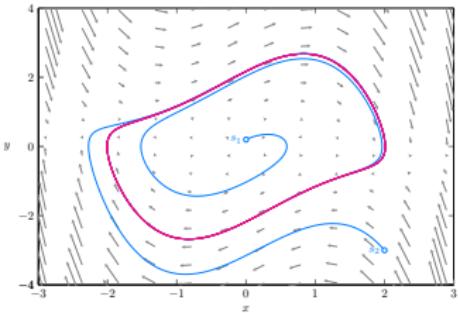


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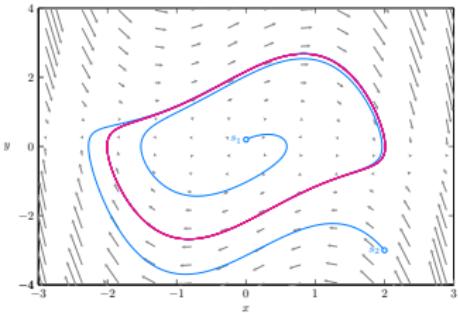


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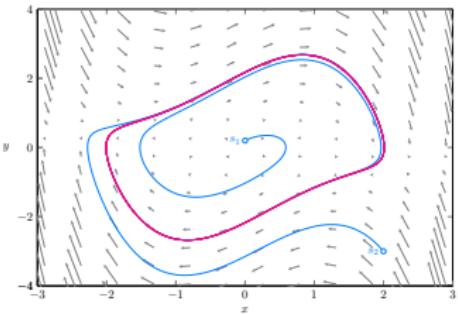


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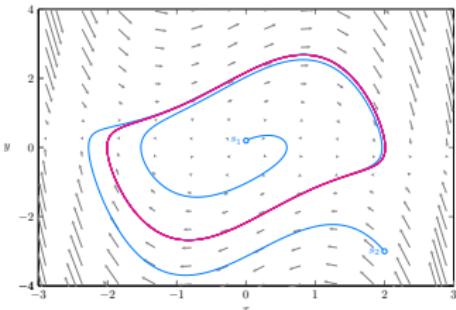


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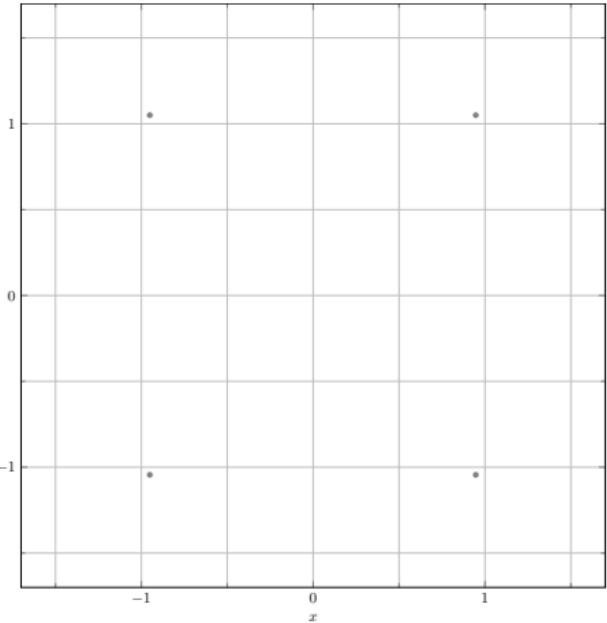
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- Some lower bounds: $\mathcal{H}(2) \geq 4$, $\mathcal{H}(3) \geq 13$, $\mathcal{H}(4) \geq 22$.
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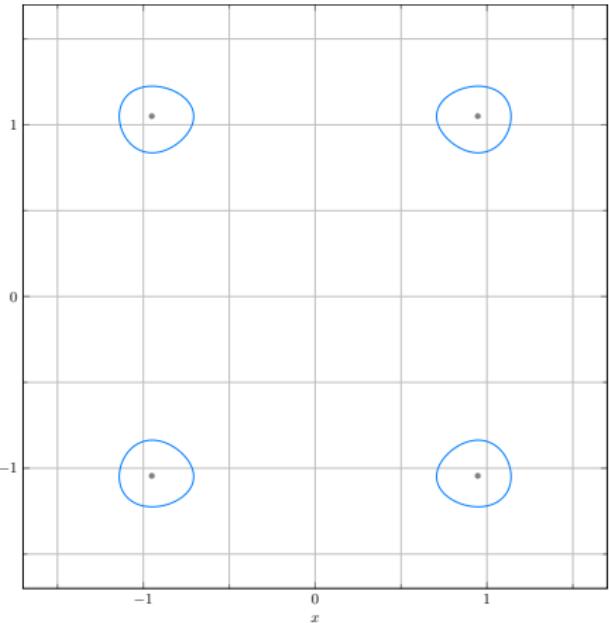
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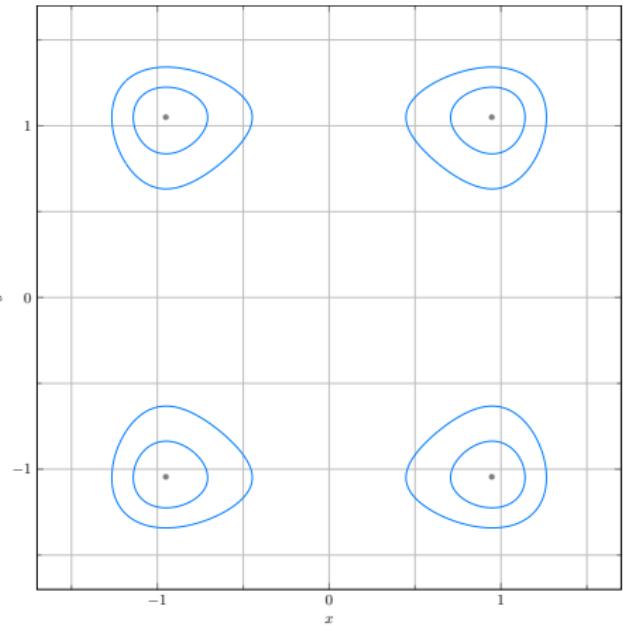
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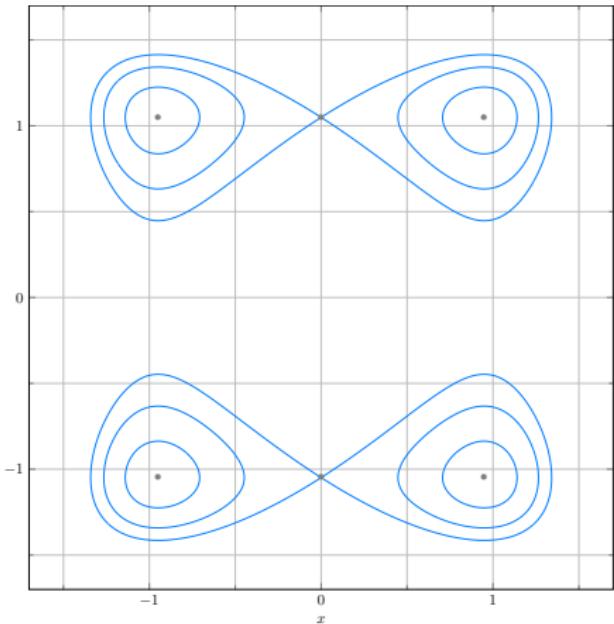
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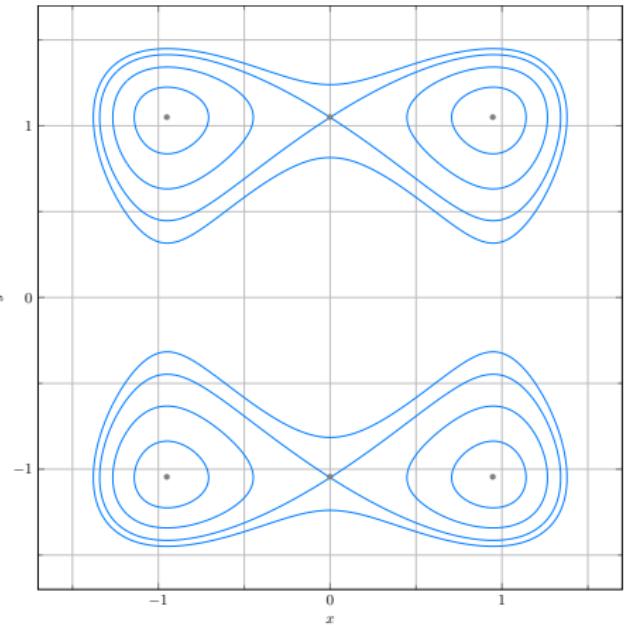
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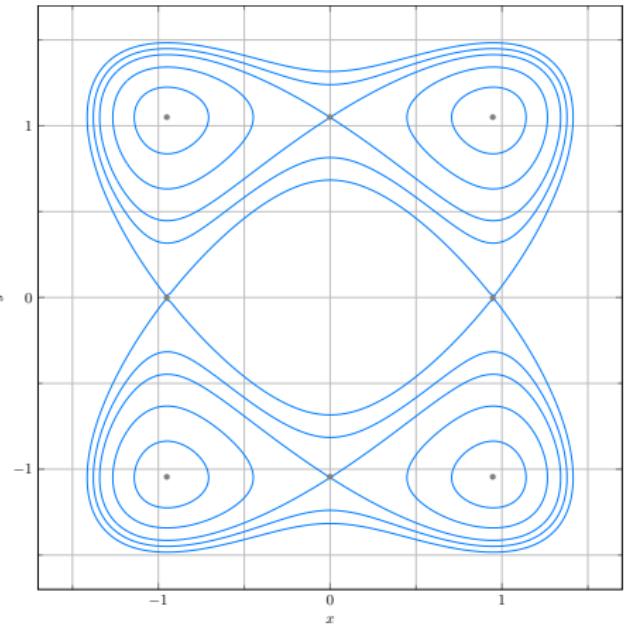
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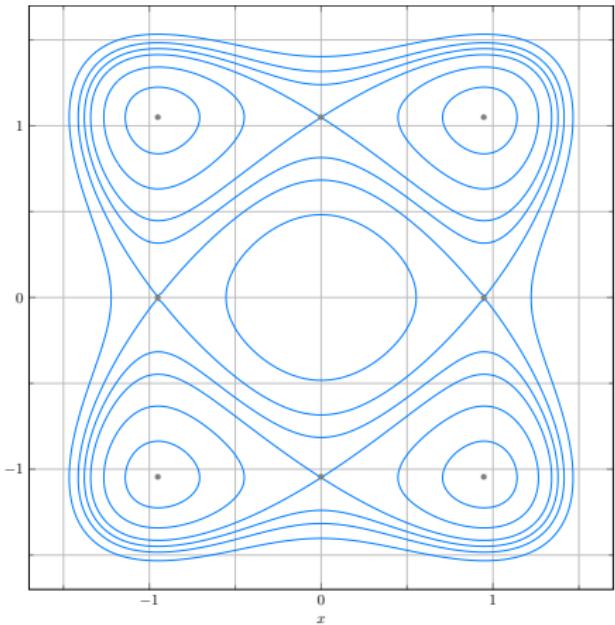
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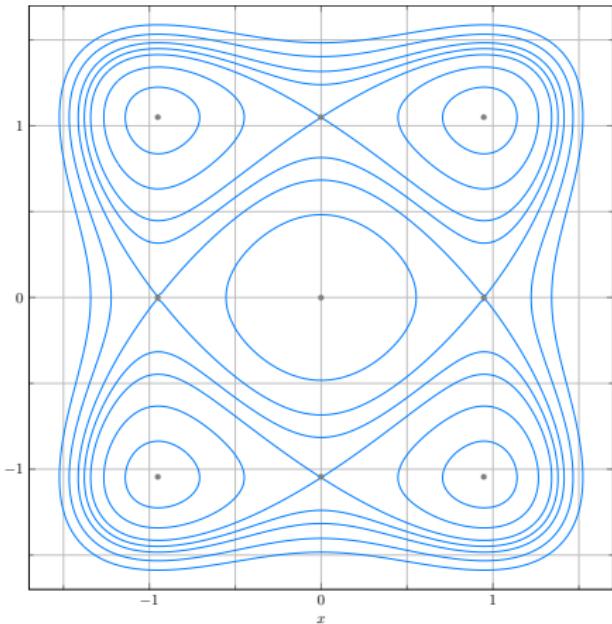
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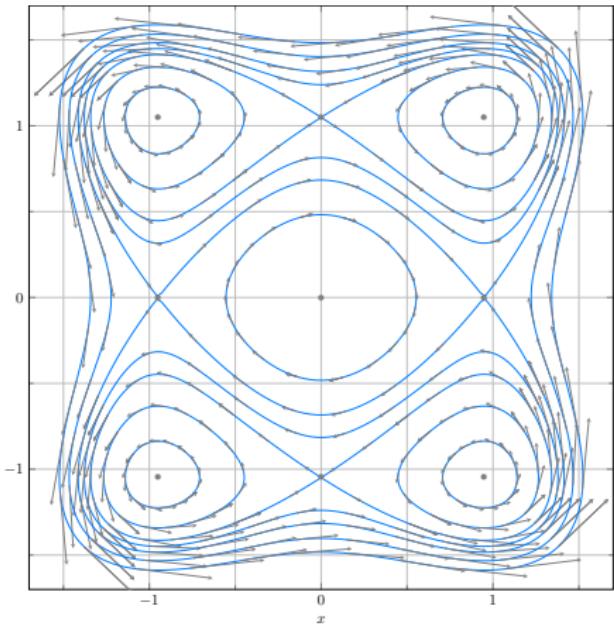
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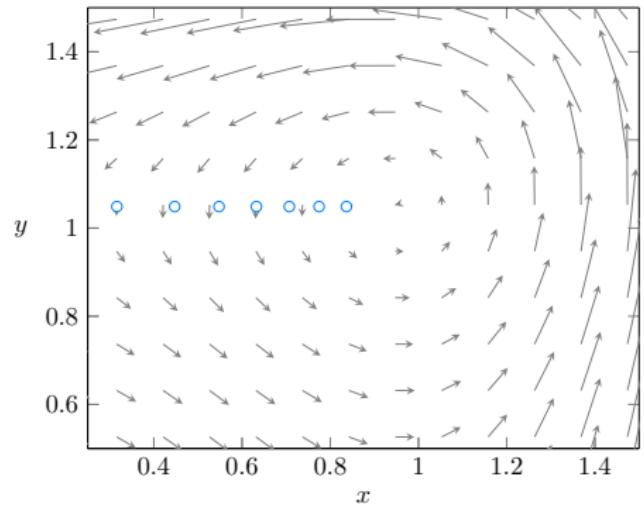


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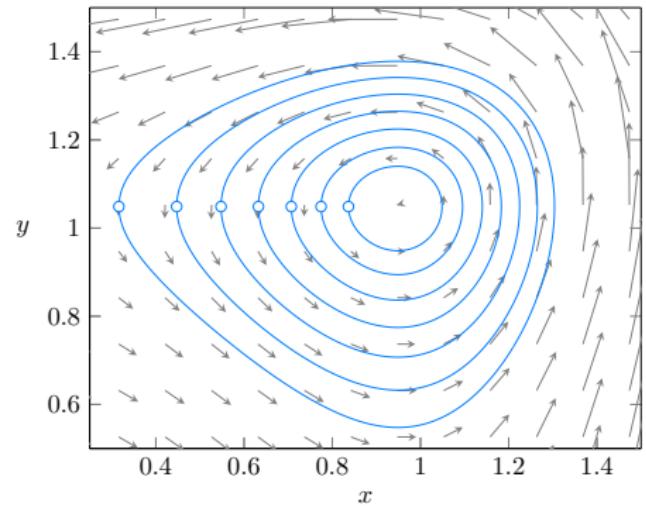


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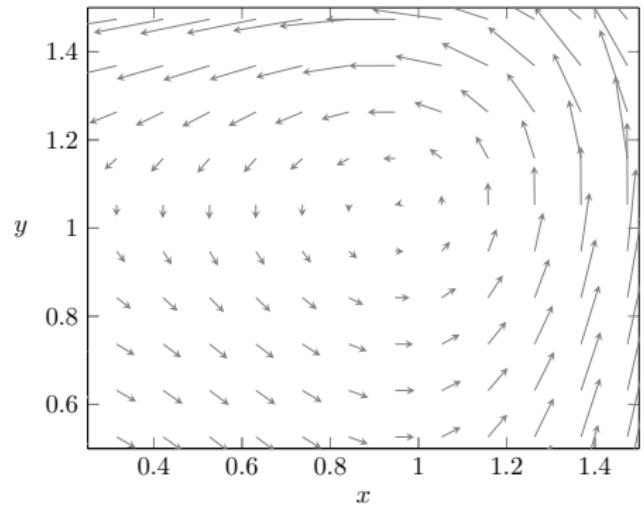


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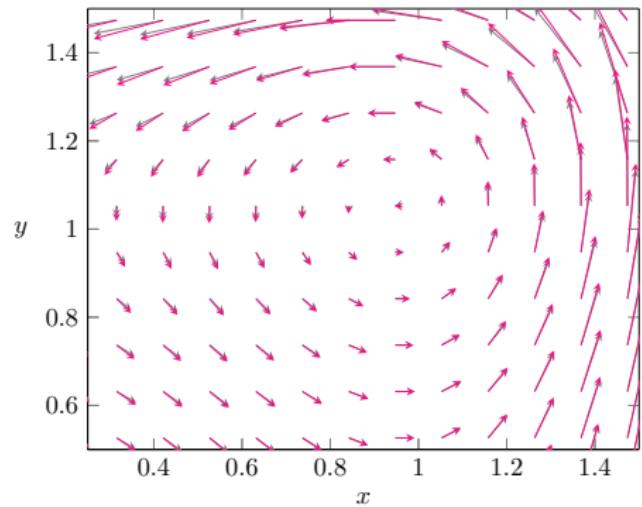


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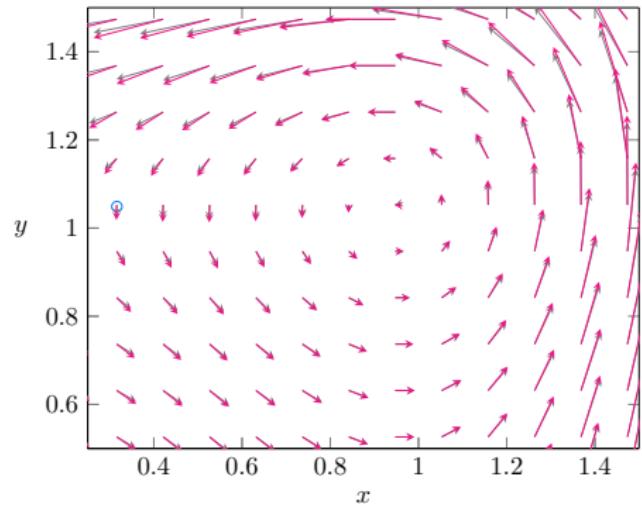


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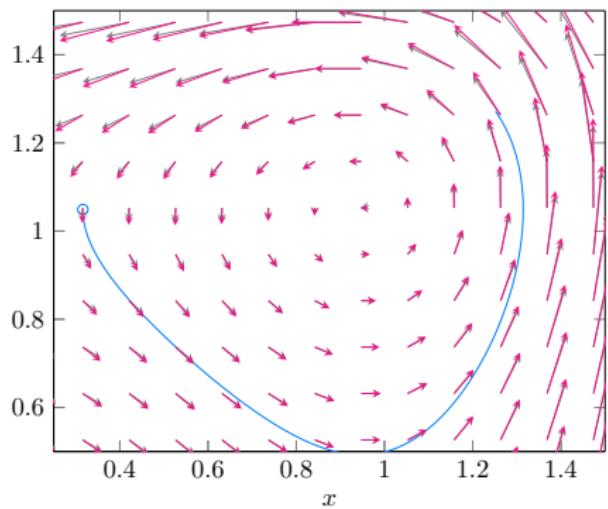
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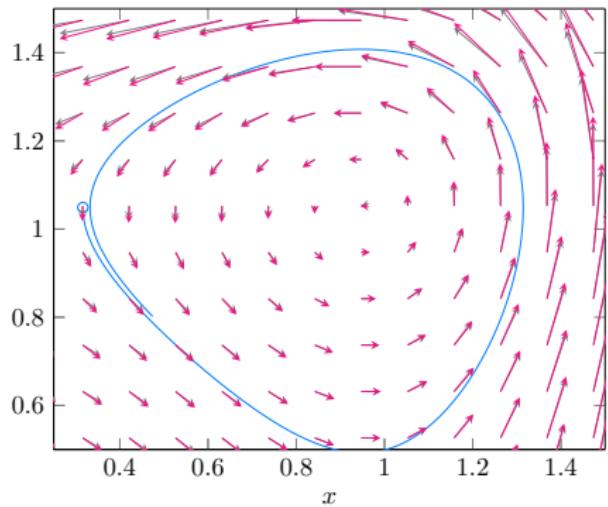
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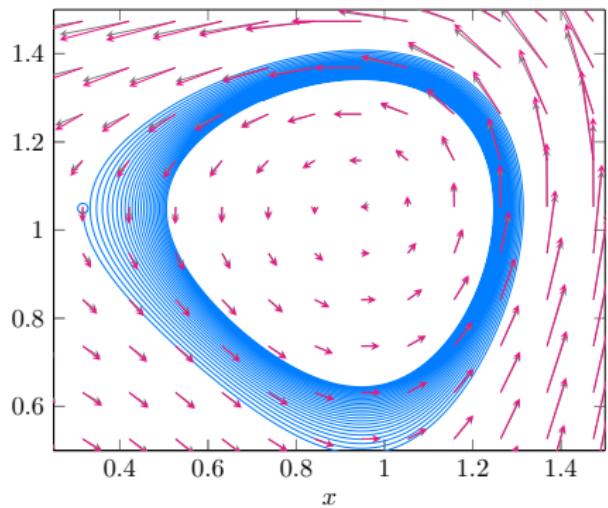


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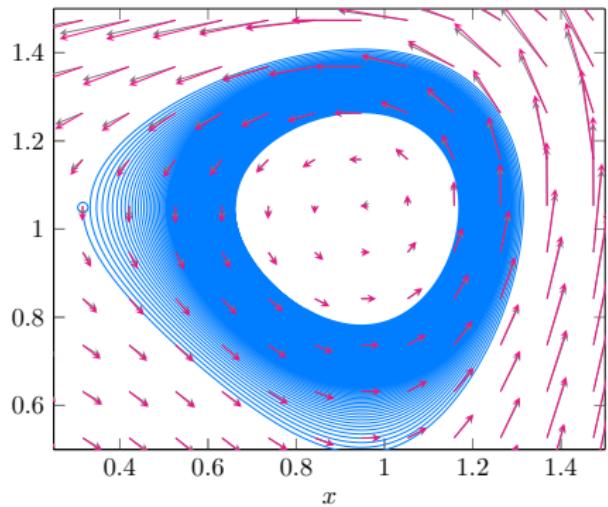


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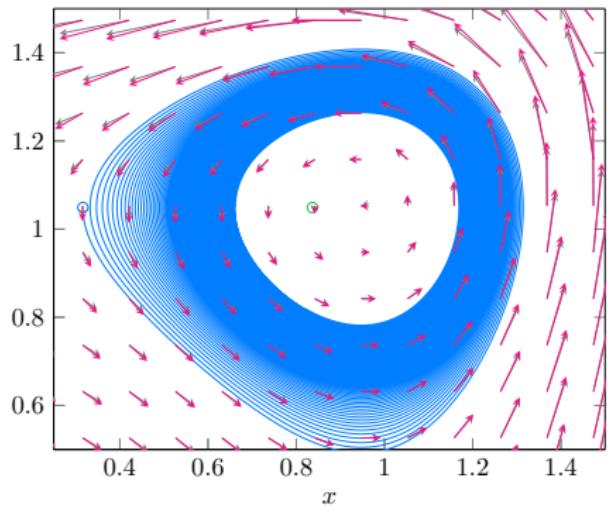


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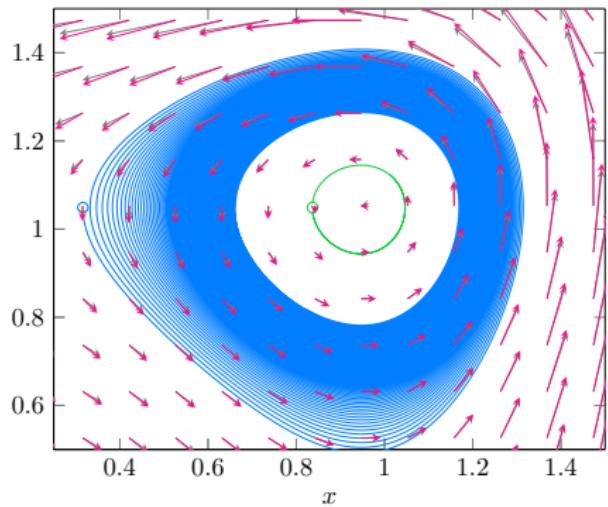


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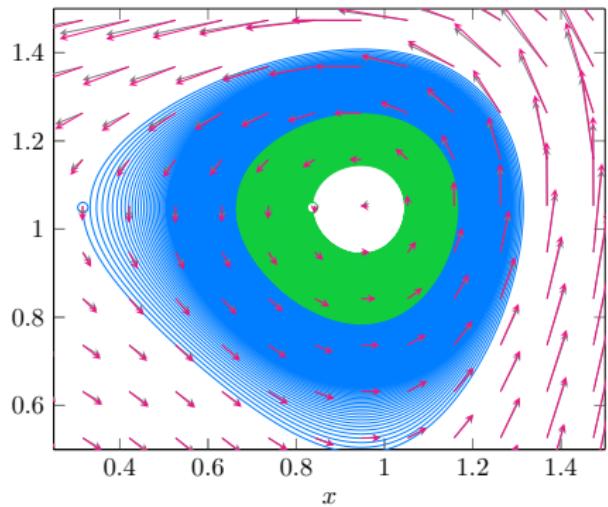


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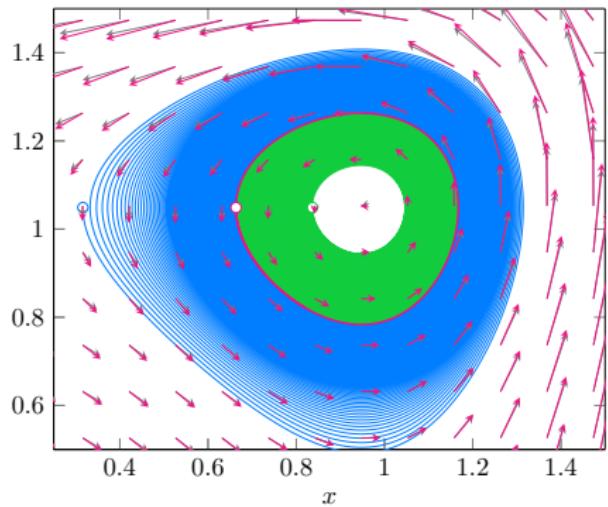


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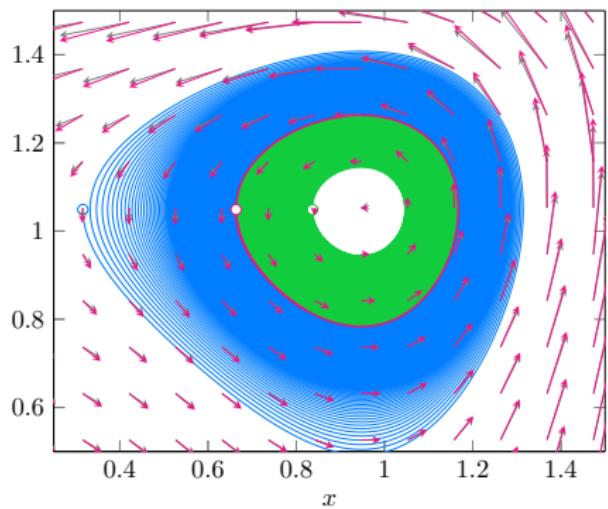
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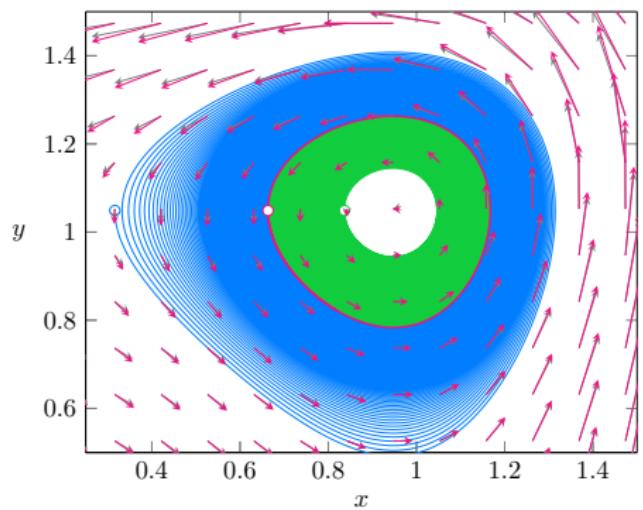
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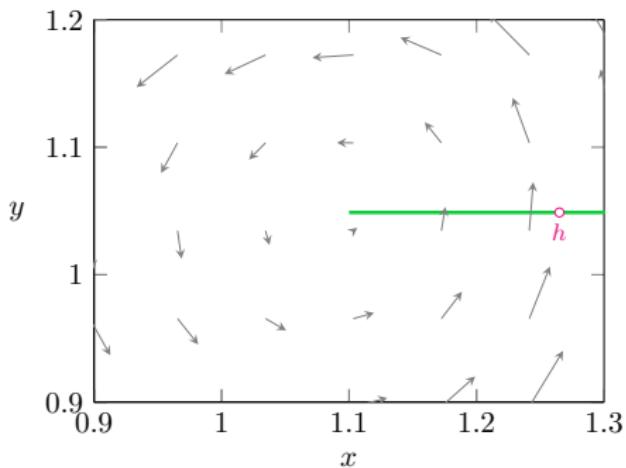
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- $\mathcal{Z}(n) < \infty$ for all n
- Pessimistic upper bounds

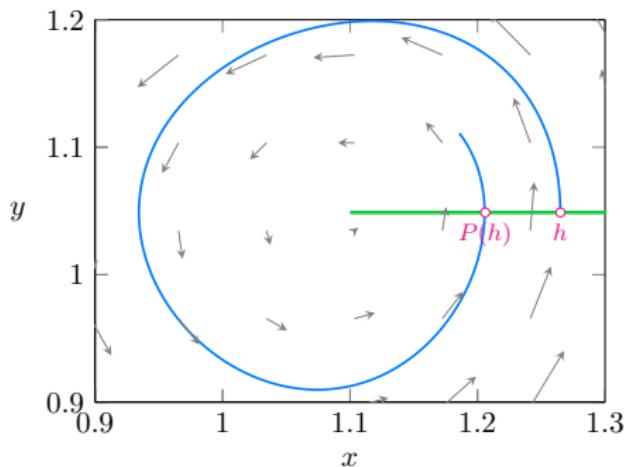
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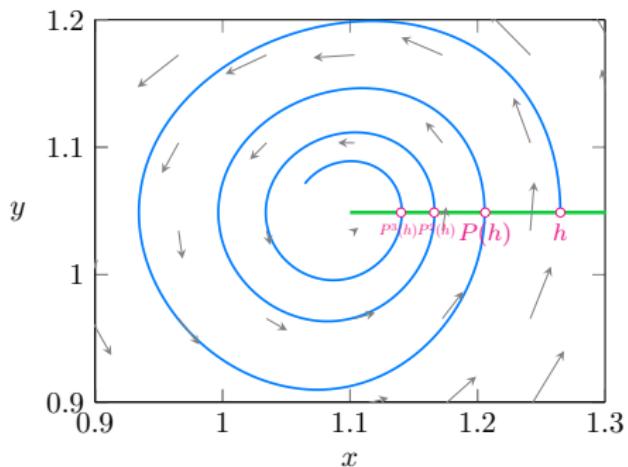
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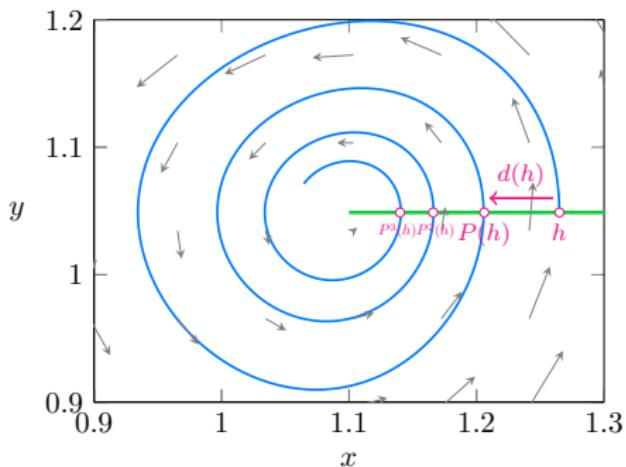
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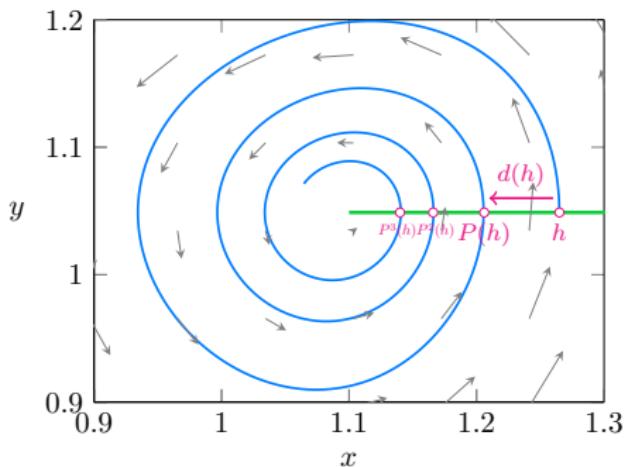
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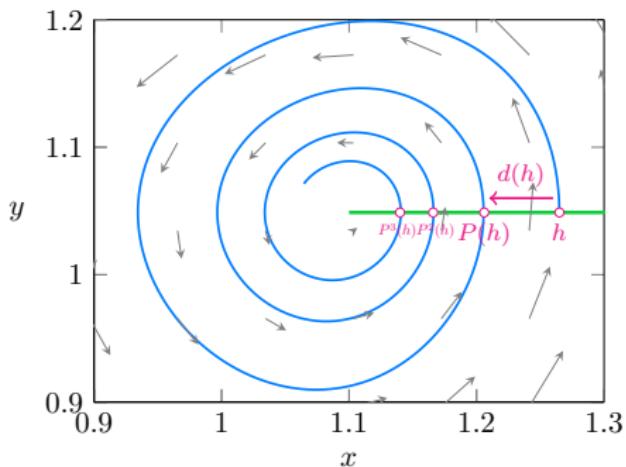
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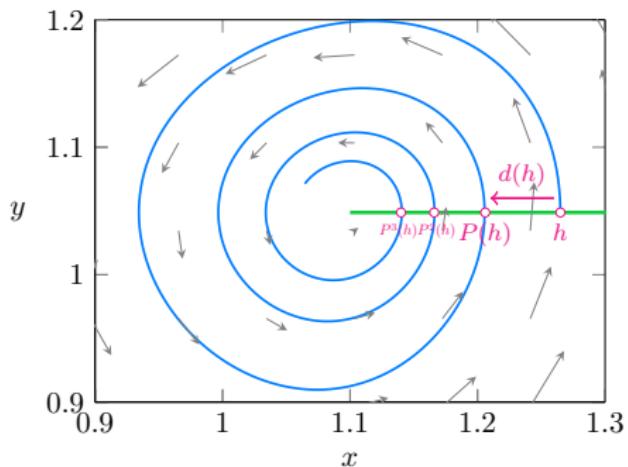
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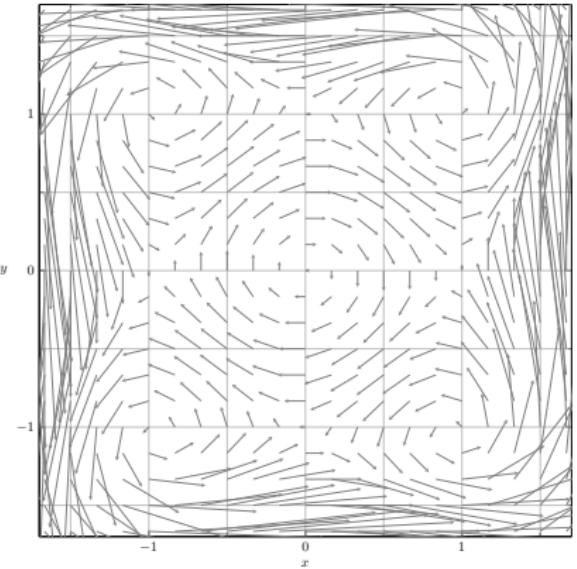
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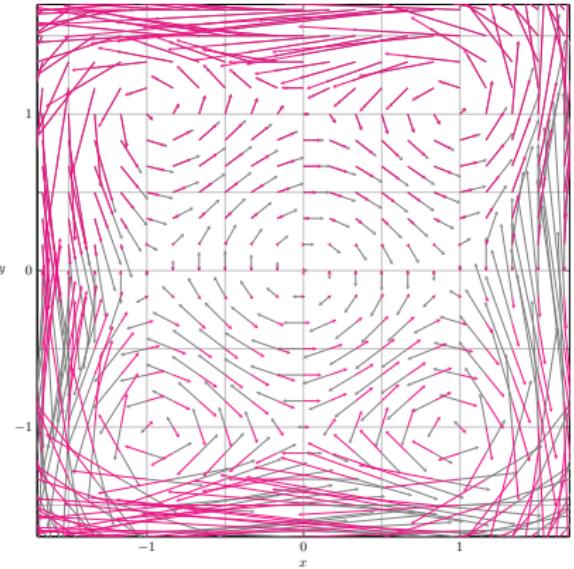


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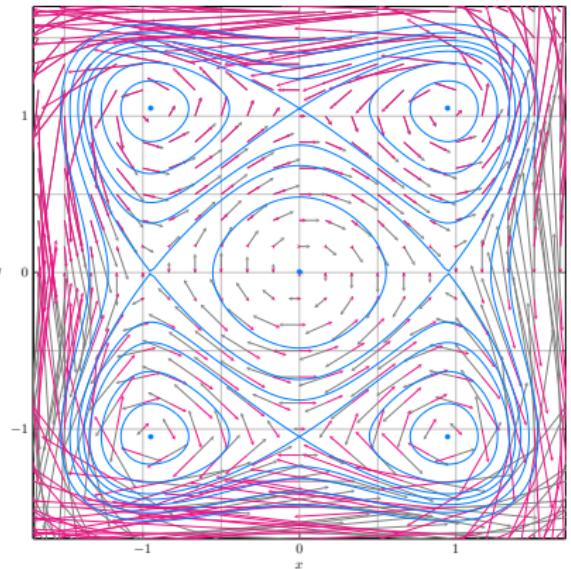
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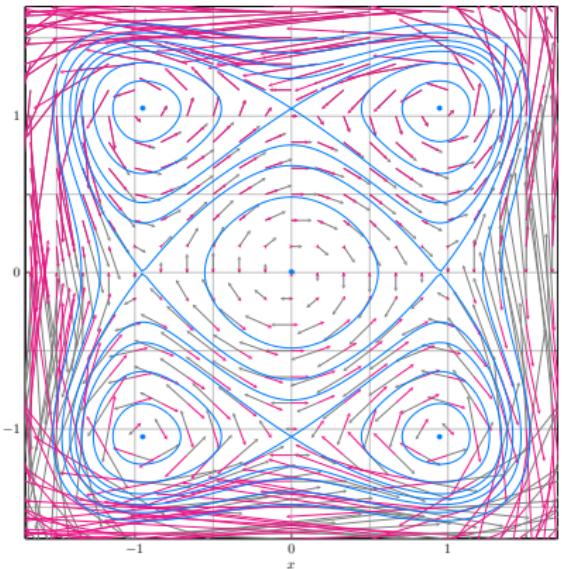


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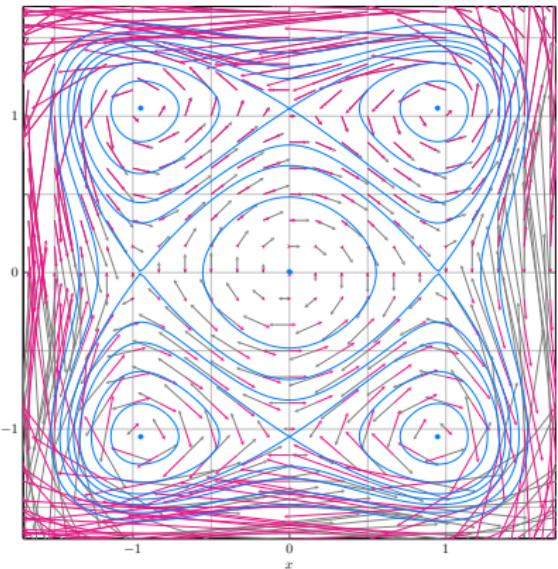
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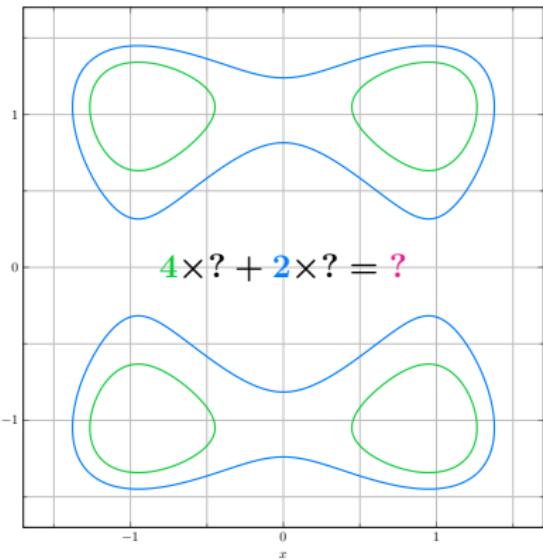
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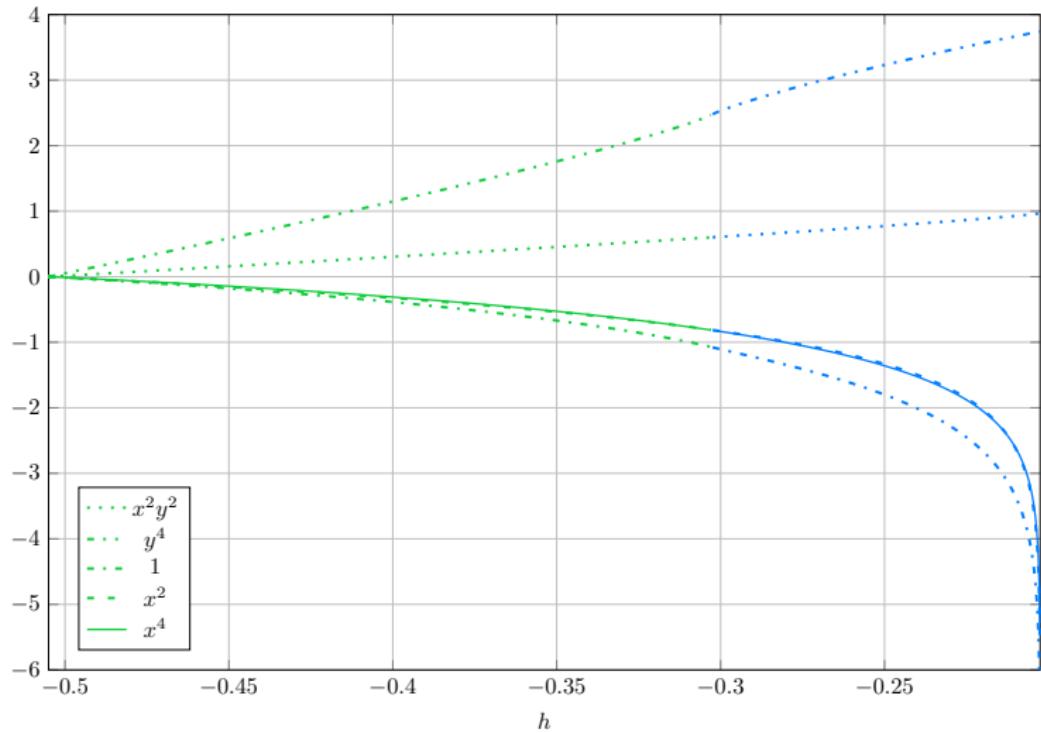
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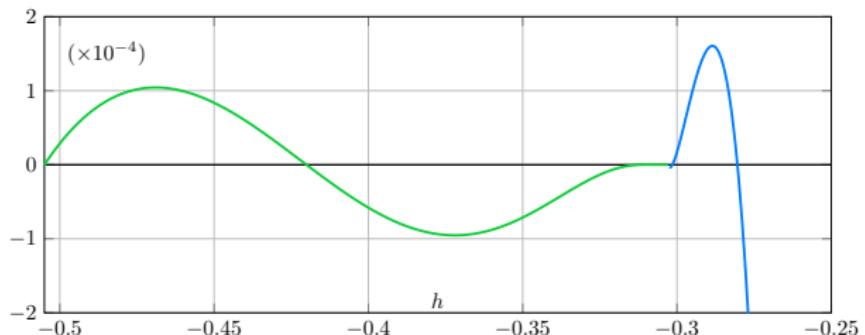
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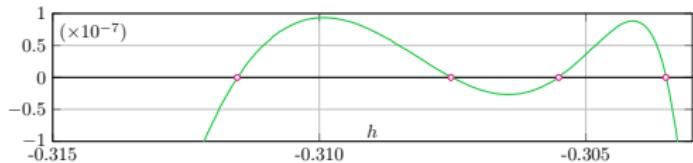
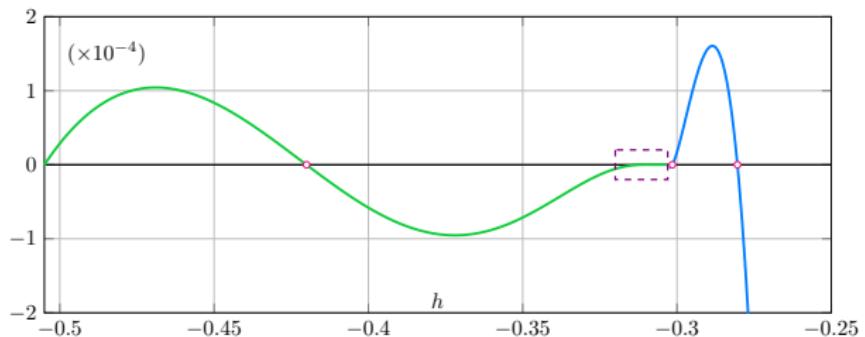
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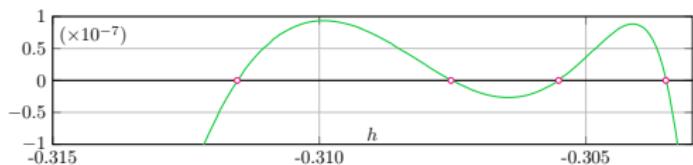
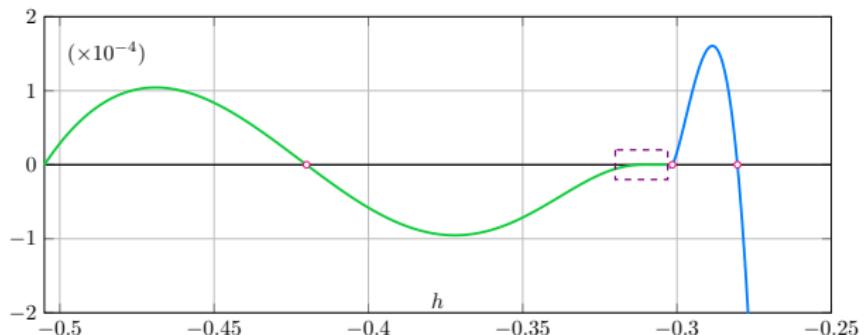
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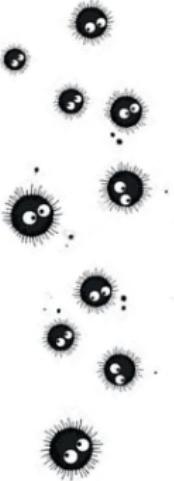


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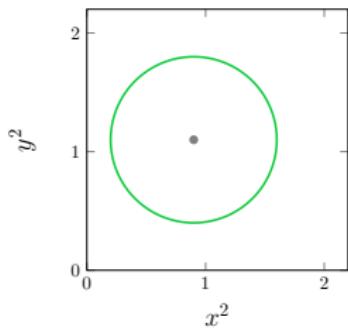


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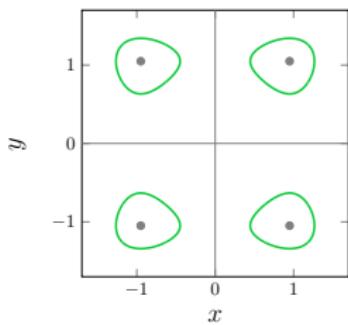
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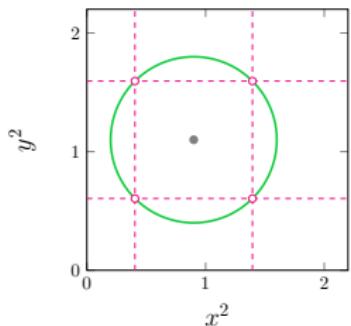
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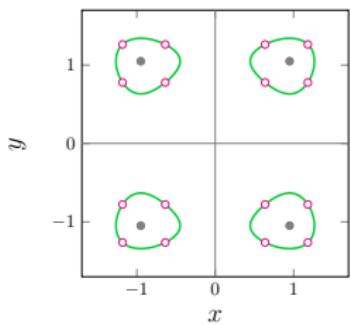
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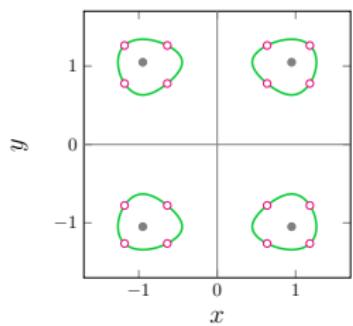
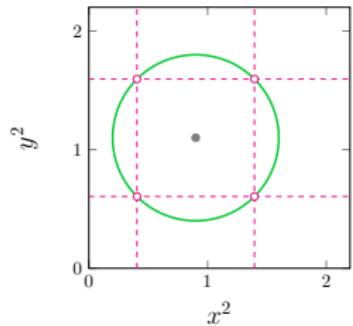
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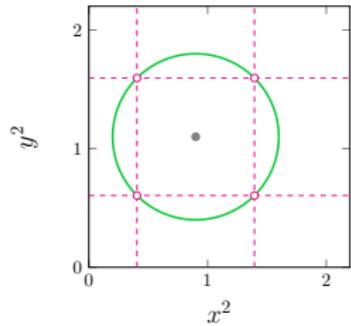
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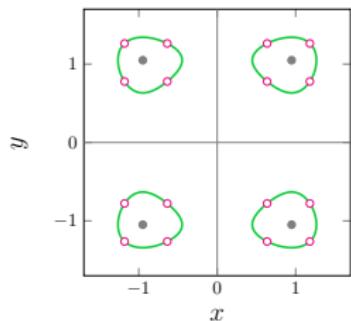
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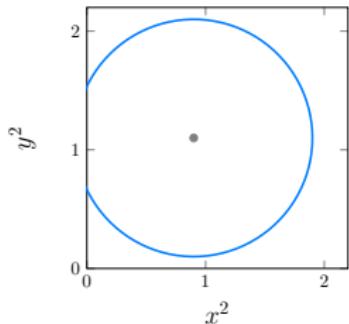
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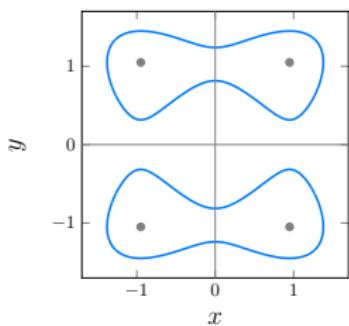


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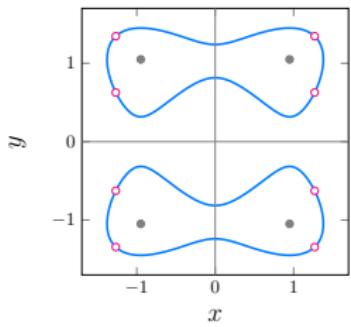
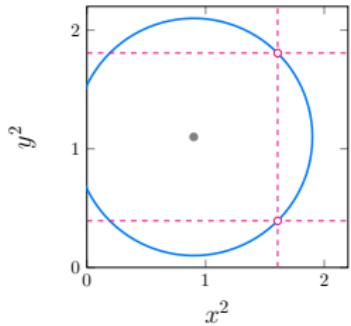
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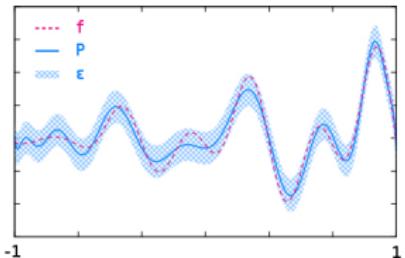


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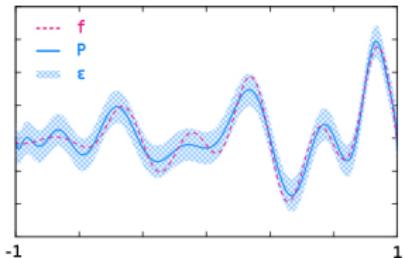
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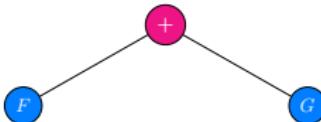
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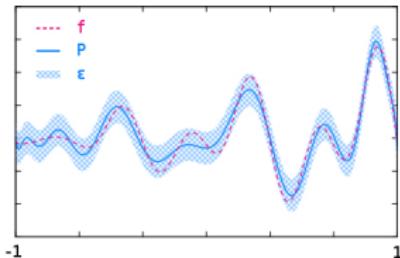
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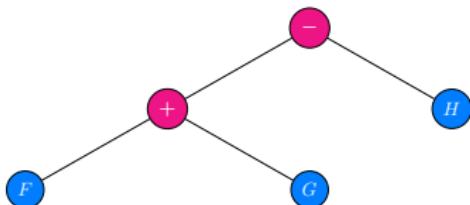
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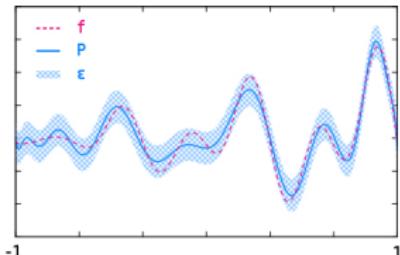
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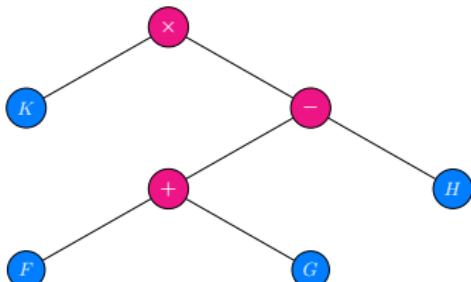
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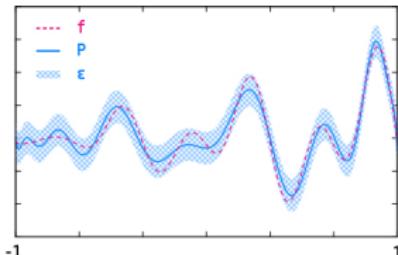
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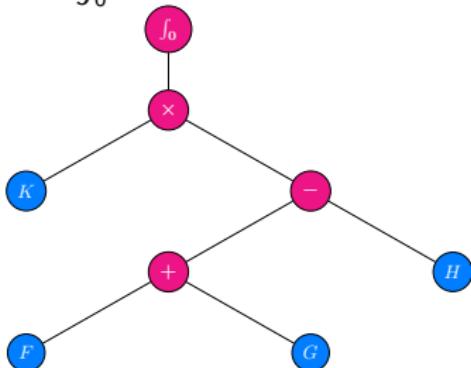
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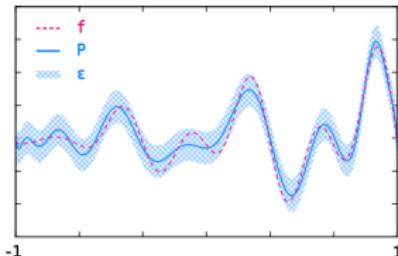
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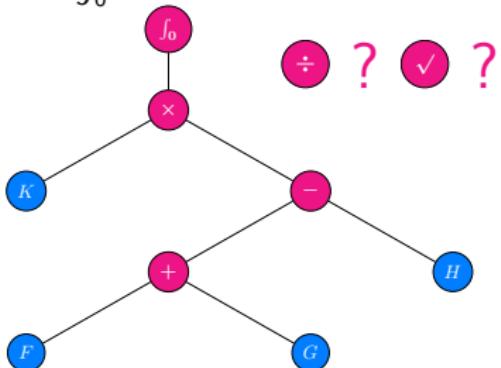
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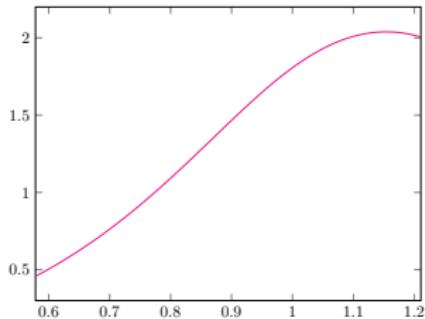
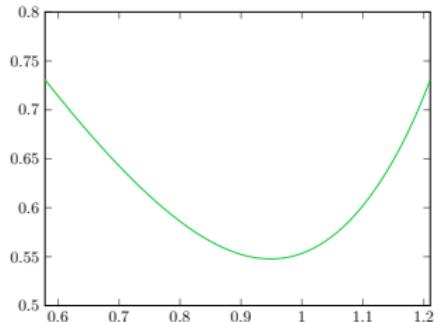
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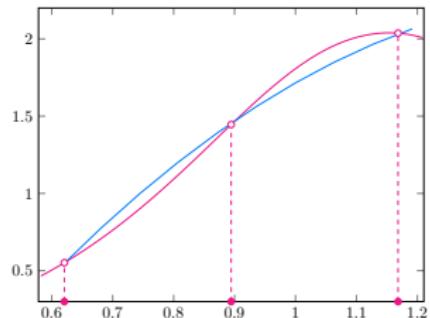
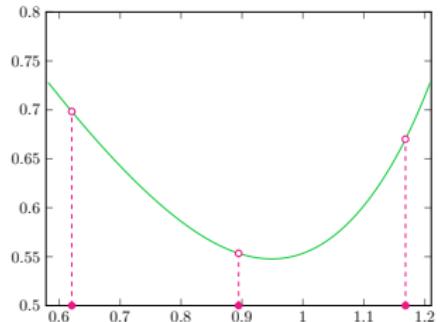


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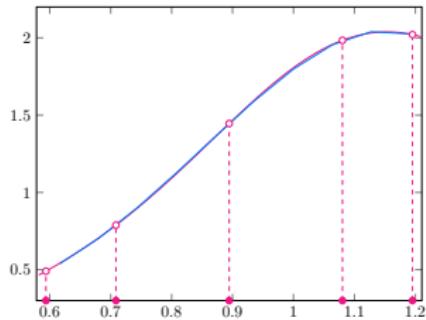
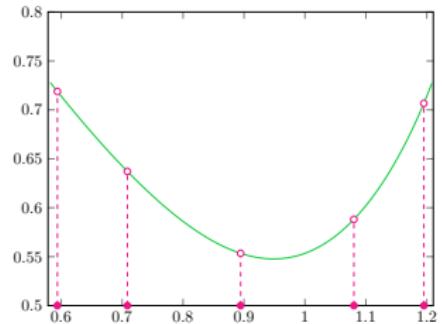


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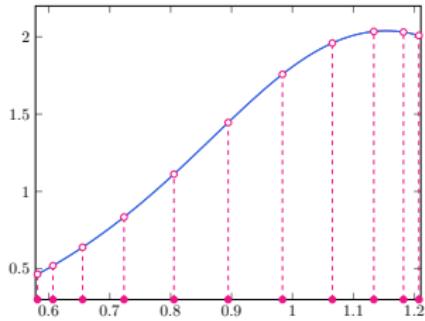
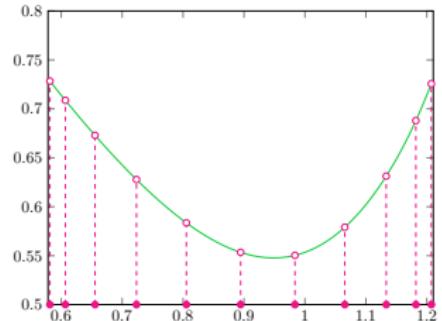


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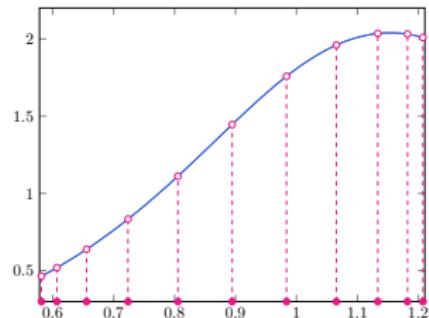
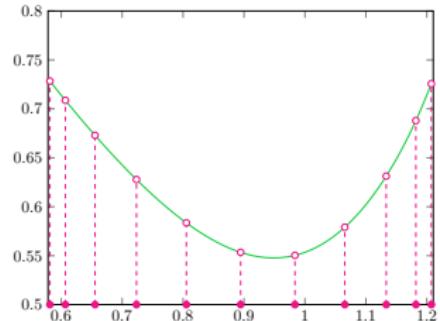


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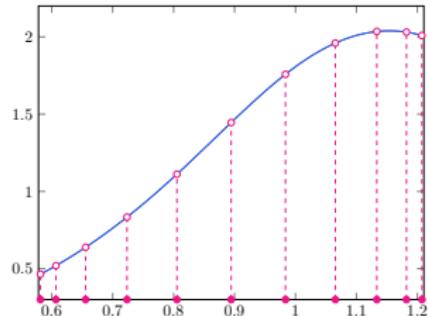
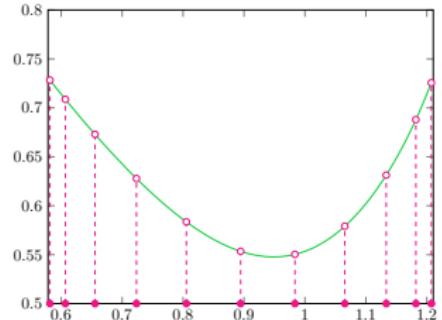


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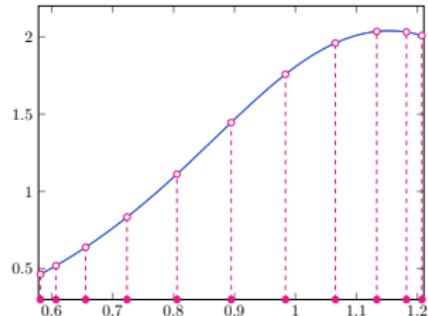
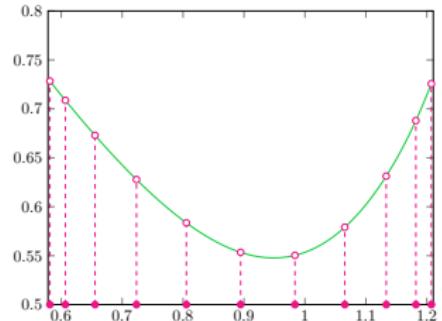
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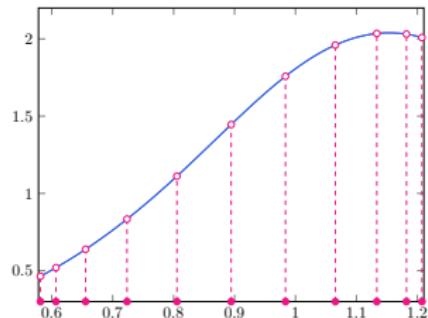
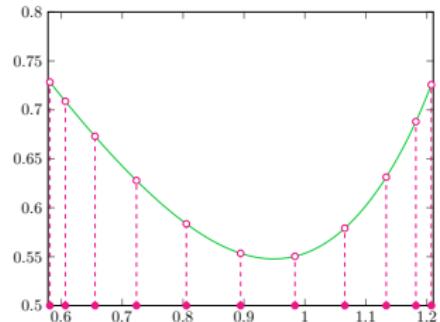
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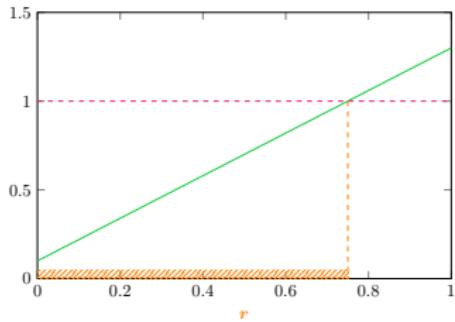
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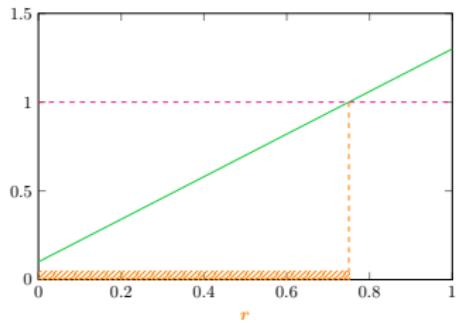
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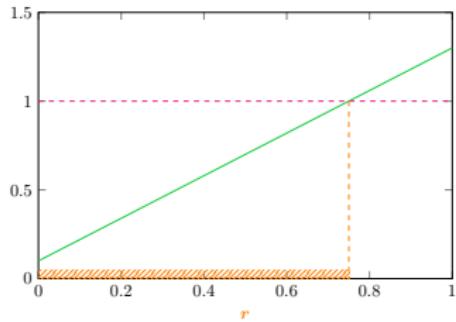
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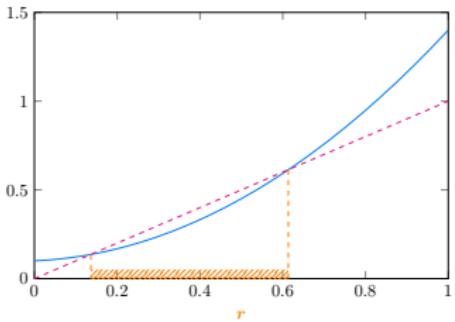
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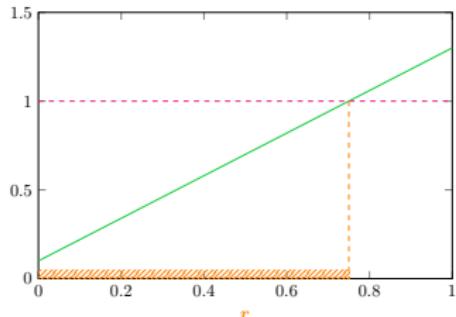
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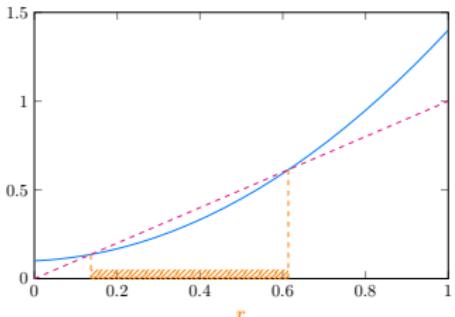
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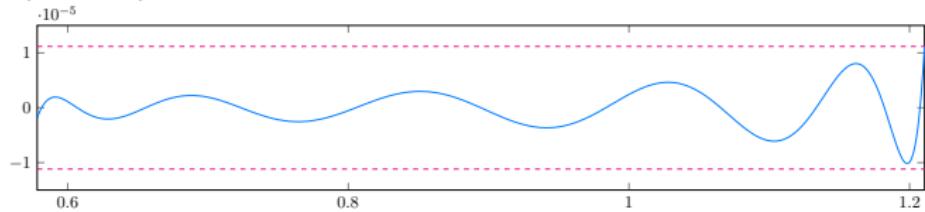
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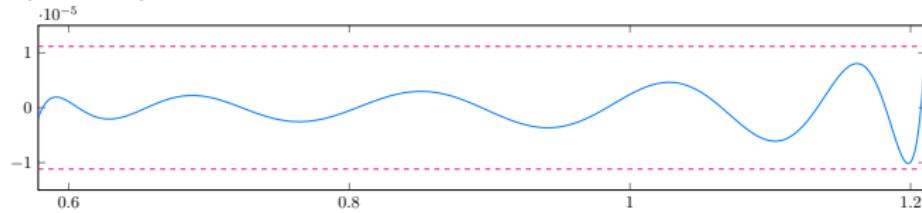


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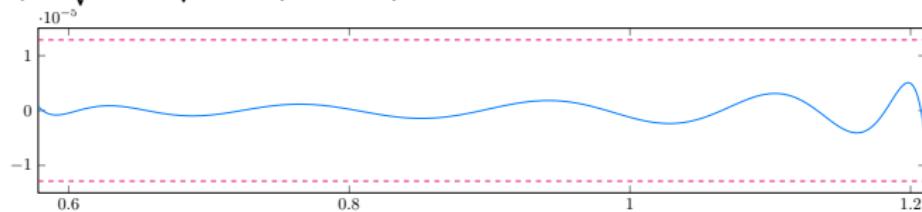
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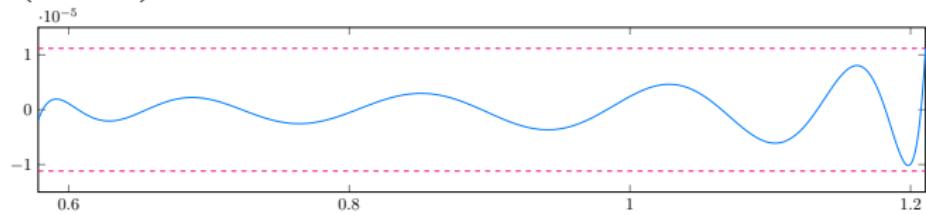


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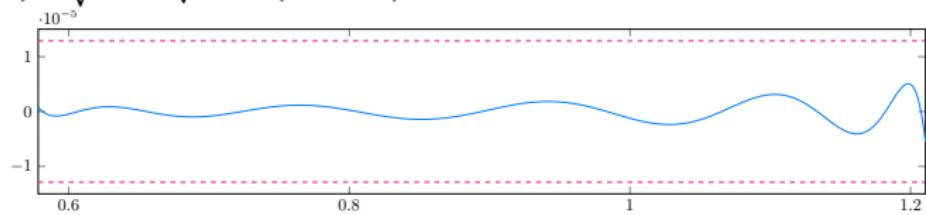
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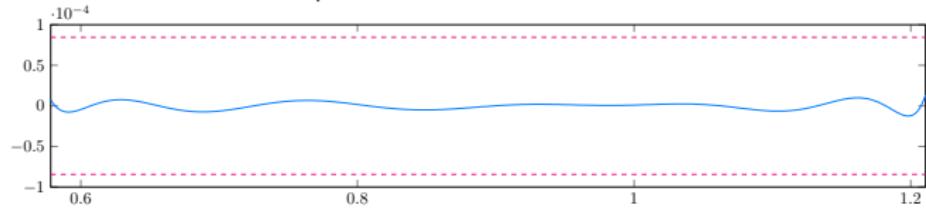
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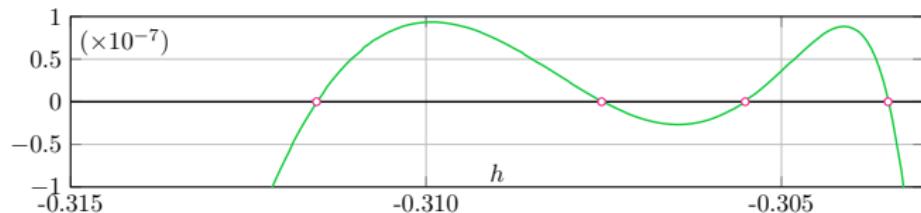
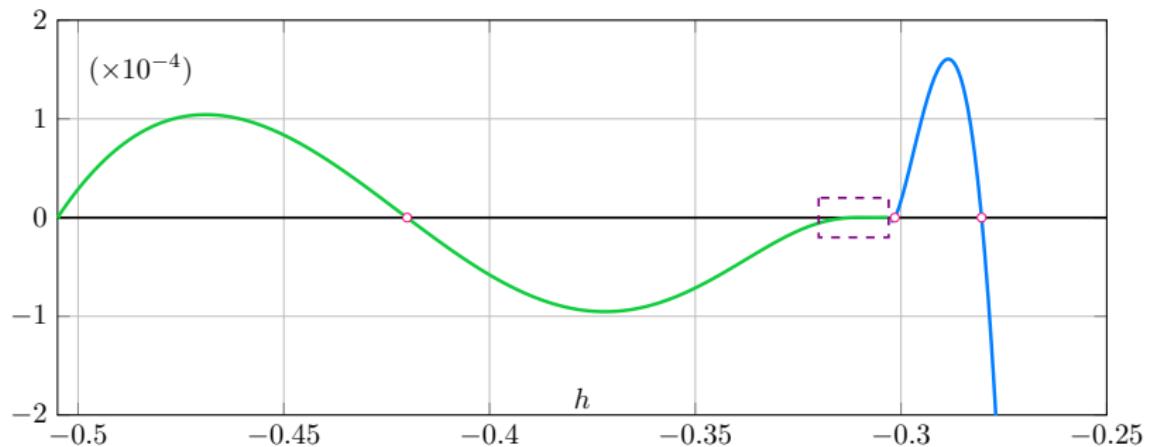
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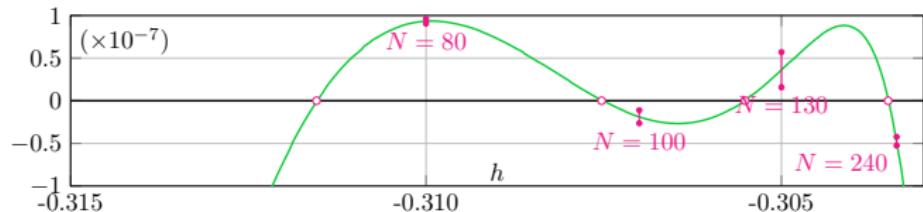
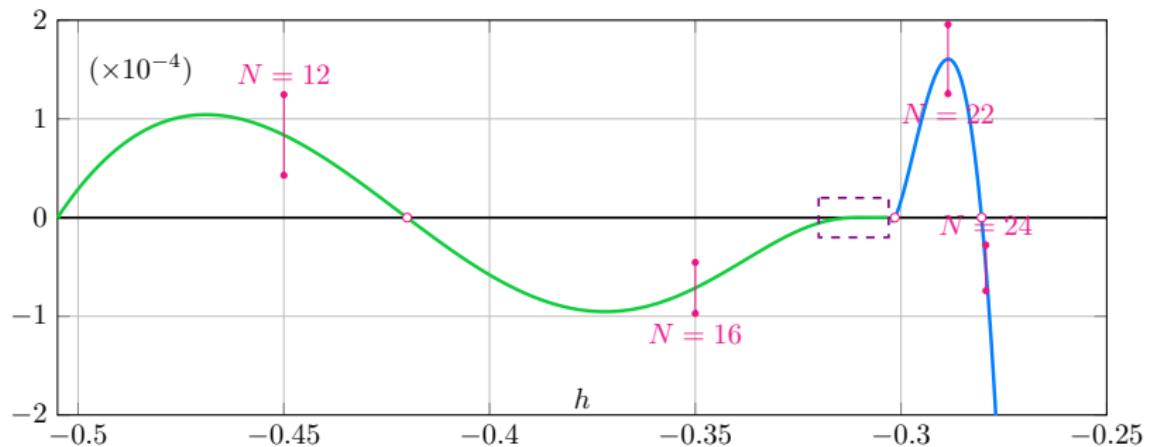
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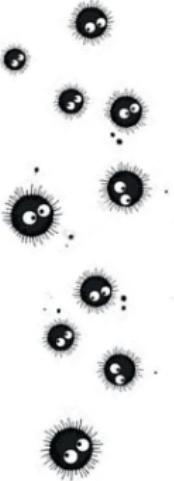


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- $\partial_x \frac{f(x,y)}{y} + \partial_y \frac{g(x,y)}{y}$ satisfies a holonomic system (= PDEs with polynomial coefficients)
- Hence, so does $\left(\partial_x \frac{f(x,y)}{y} + \partial_y \frac{g(x,y)}{y} \right) \mathbf{1}_{h-H}(x,y,h)$.
- By creative telescoping, one finds a differential equation for $\mathcal{I}(h)$.

`DiffEq[4, 0]`

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$$(X_0 = 0.9, Y_0 = 1.1)$$



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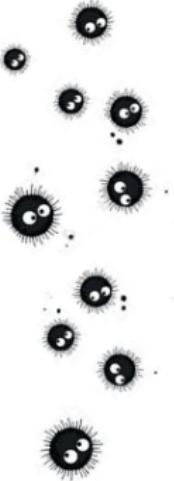
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