

Families of Semipermeable Curves and Their Application to Some Complicated Variants of the Homicidal Chauffeur Problem

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Time-limited reachable sets for the simplest (Dubins') car

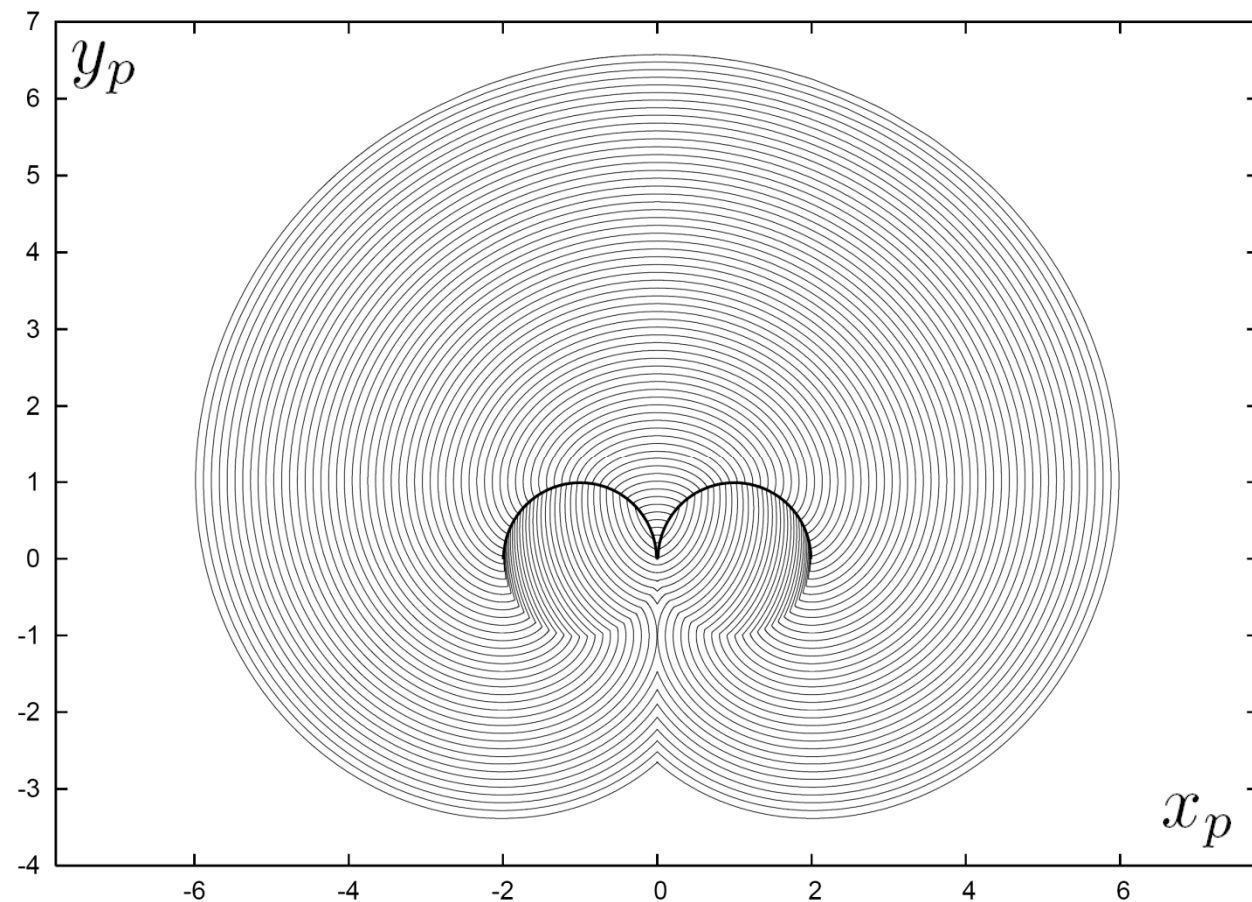
Dynamics in normalized coordinates

$$\dot{x}_p = \sin \theta$$

$$\dot{y}_p = \cos \theta$$

$$\dot{\theta} = u$$

$$|u| \leq 1$$



Isaacs' homicidal chauffeur game

$$\begin{aligned}
 P : \quad \dot{x}_p &= \sin \theta \\
 \dot{y}_p &= \cos \theta \\
 \dot{\theta} &= u, \quad |u| \leq 1
 \end{aligned}$$

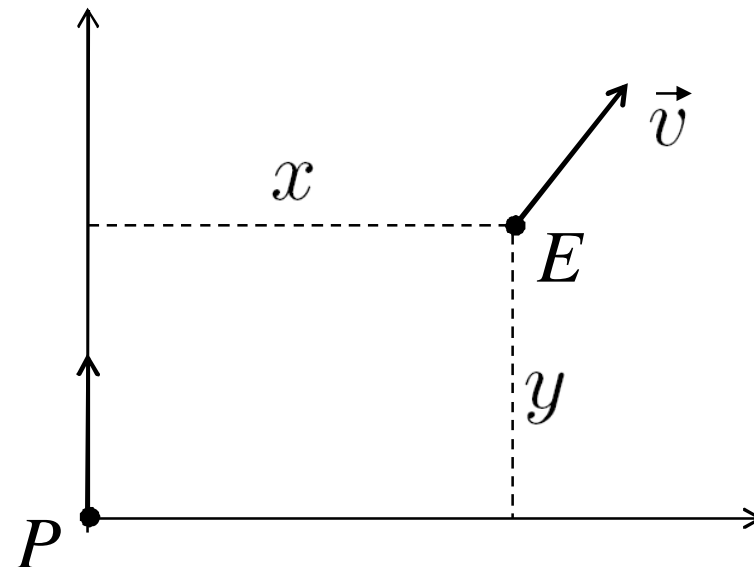
$$\begin{aligned}
 E : \quad \dot{x}_e &= v_1 \\
 \dot{y}_e &= v_2 \\
 v &= (v_1, v_2)' \in Q
 \end{aligned}$$

In reduced coordinates

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{x} &= -yu + v_x \\
 \dot{y} &= xu + v_y - 1 \\
 |u| &\leq 1, \quad v \in Q
 \end{aligned}$$

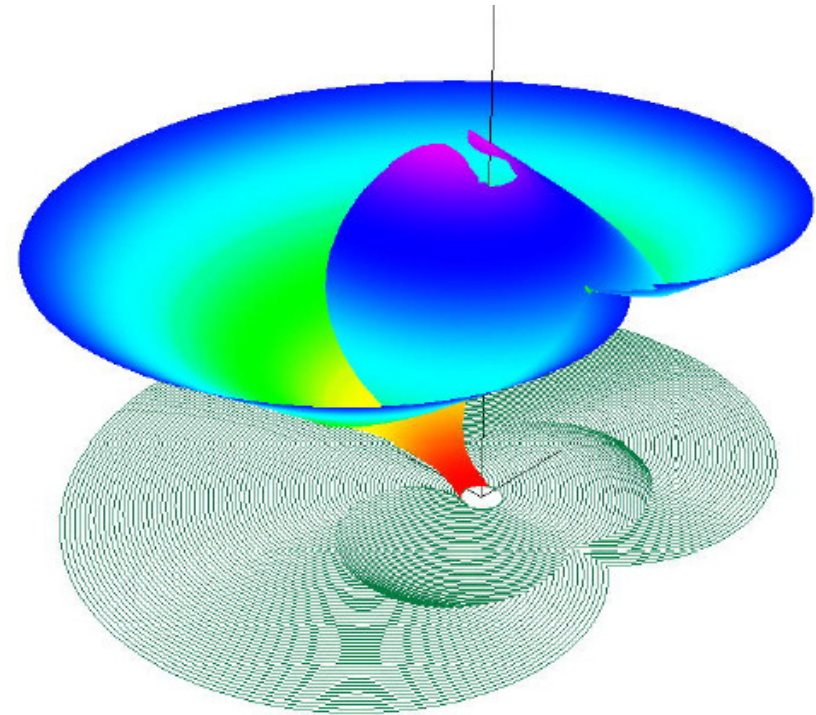
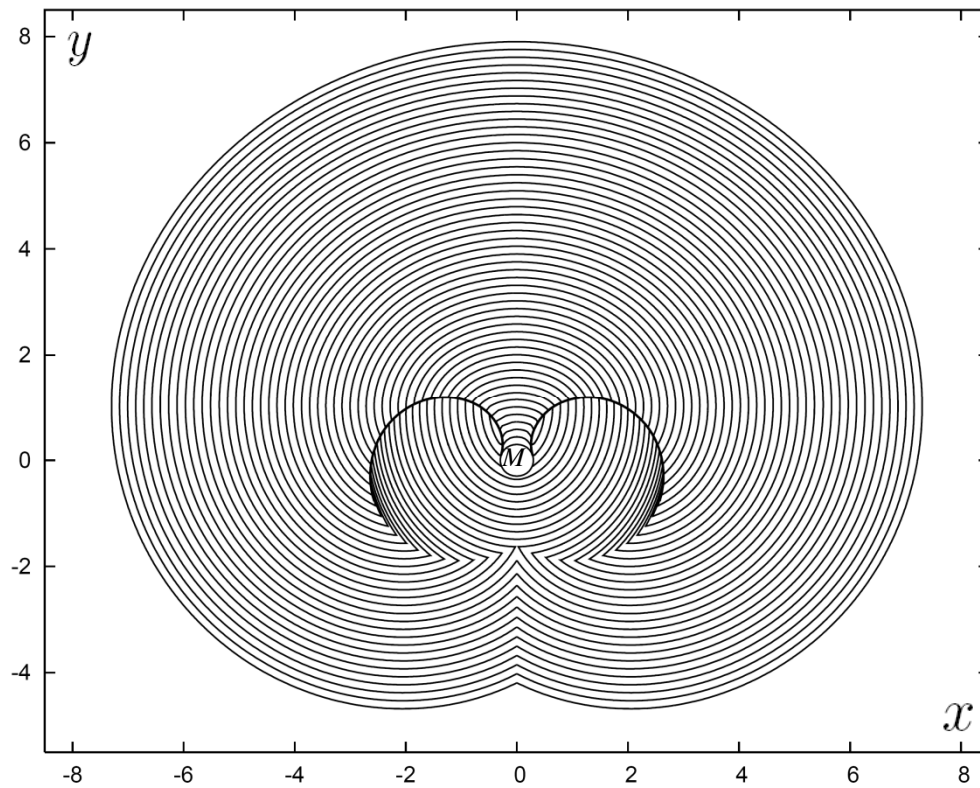
In the classical setting, target set is a circle of radius r centred at the origin

Q - circle of radius ν



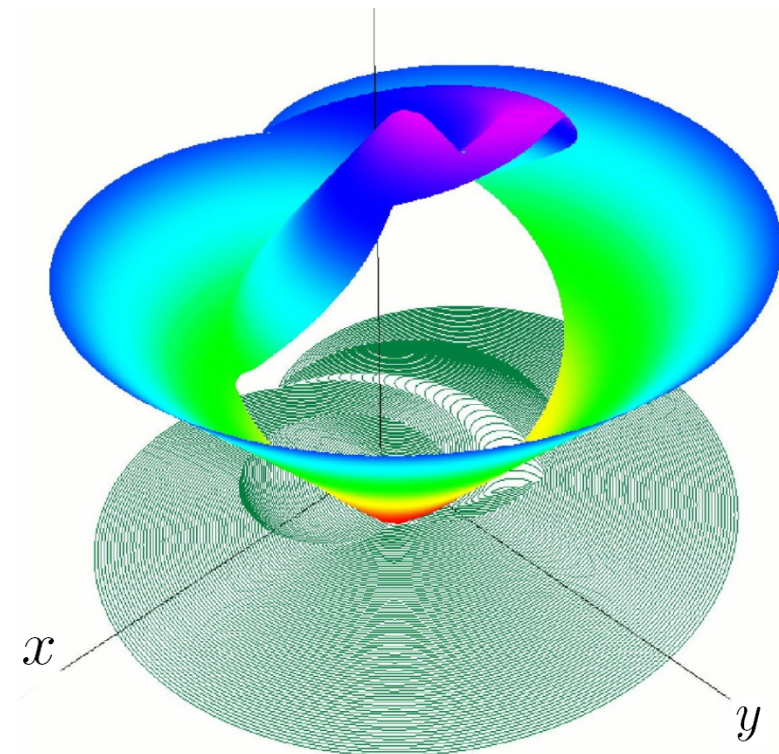
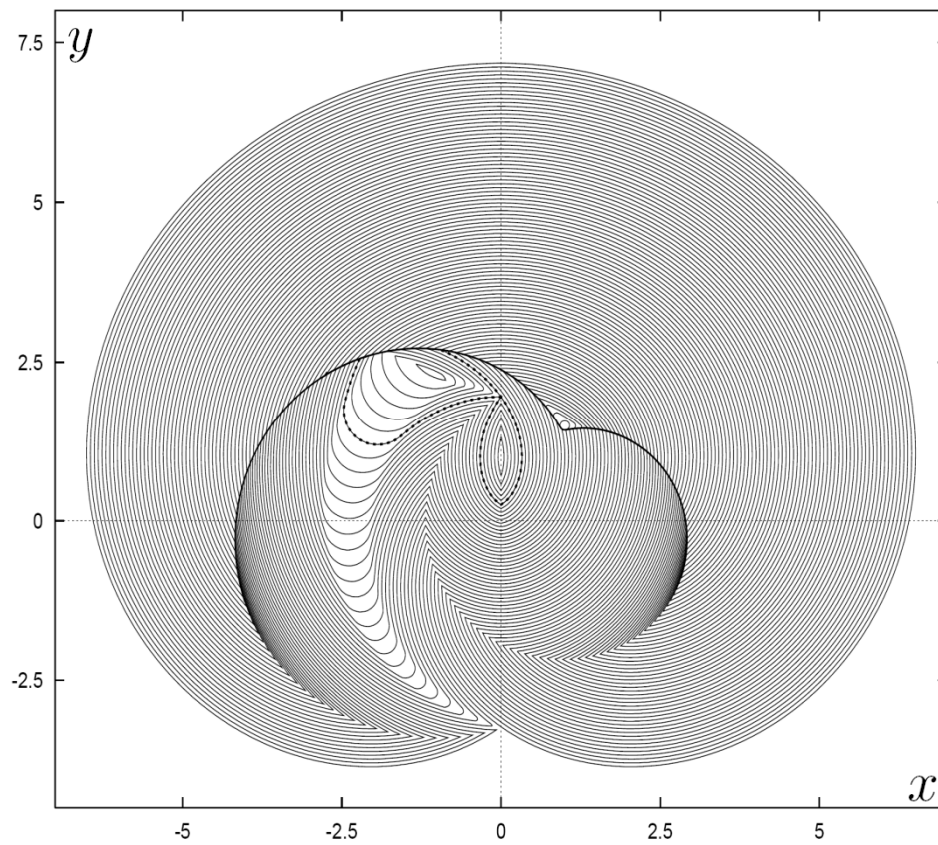
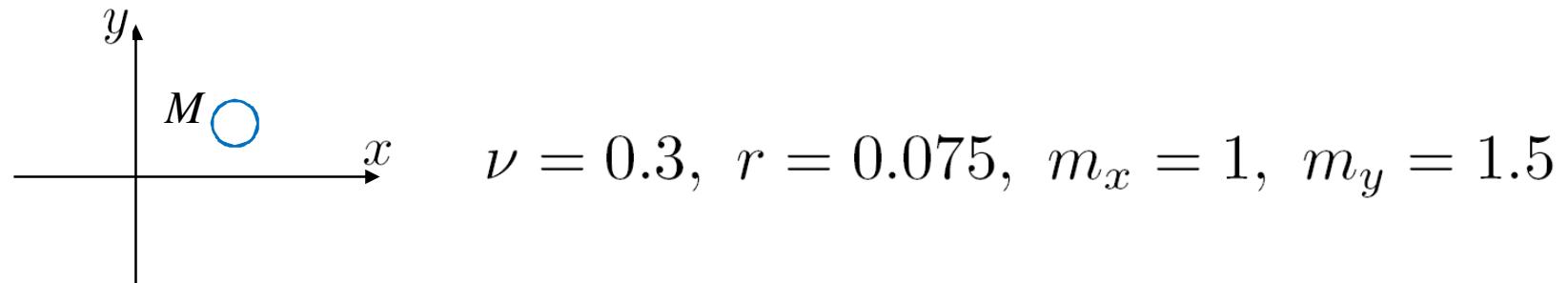
Level sets and graph of the value function

$$\nu = 0.3, \quad r = 0.3$$



$$\Delta = 0.01, \quad \tau_f = 10.3, \quad \delta = 0.2$$

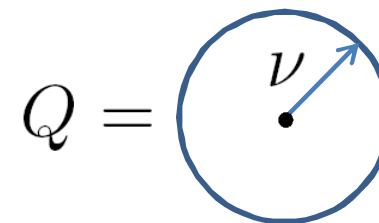
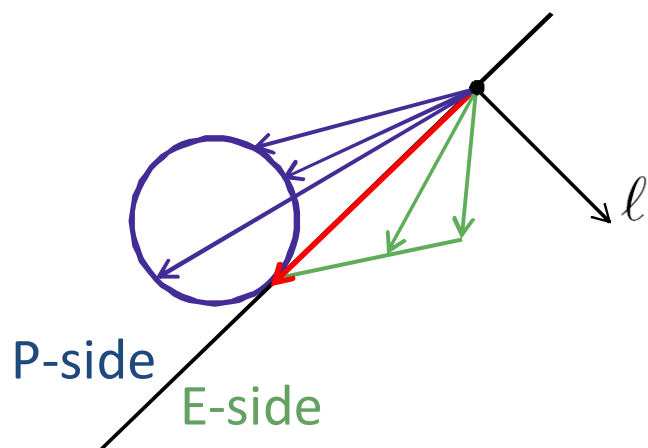
Example with shifted target set



$$\Delta = 0.01, \tau_f = 9.5, \delta = 0.08$$

Semipermeable directions and semipermeable curves

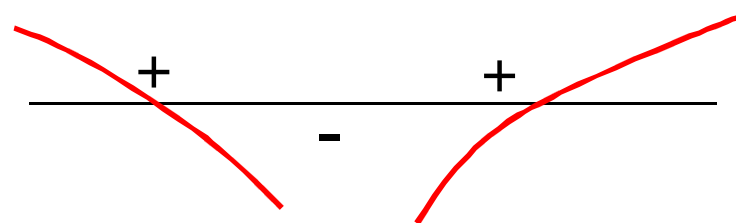
$$H(\ell, z) = \min_{|u| \leq 1} \max_{v \in Q} \ell' f(z, u, v) = \max_{v \in Q} \min_{|u| \leq 1} \ell' f(z, u, v), \quad z = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$



Fix $z \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and find $\ell \in \mathbb{R}^2$
such that $H(\ell, z) = 0$

$\ell^{(1)}$ is root from + to -

$\ell^{(2)}$ is root from - to +



For any point $z \in \mathbb{R}^2$ there exist two roots of each type at most

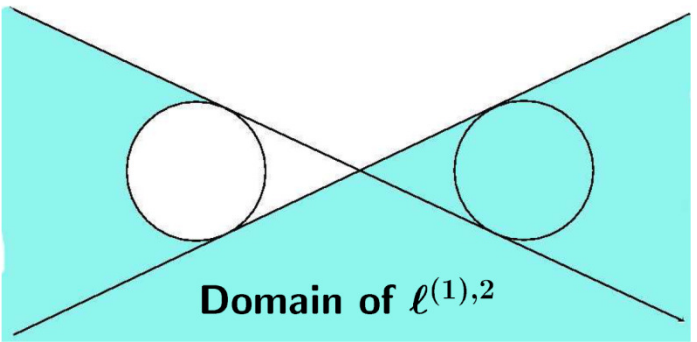
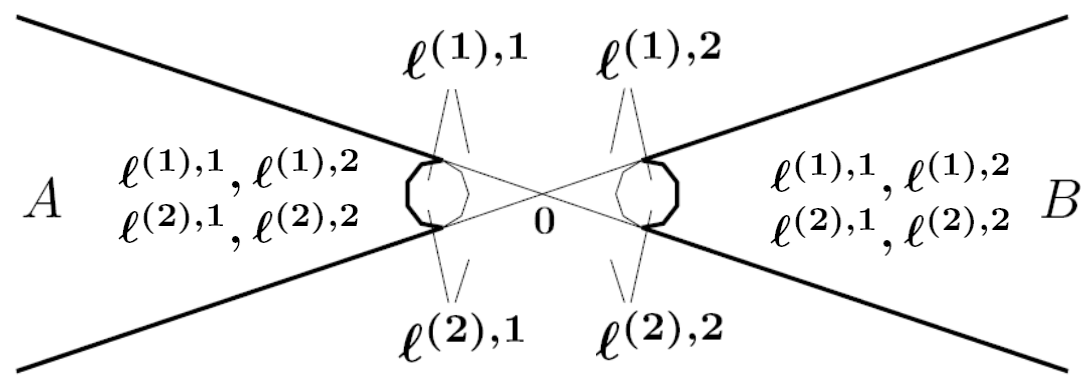
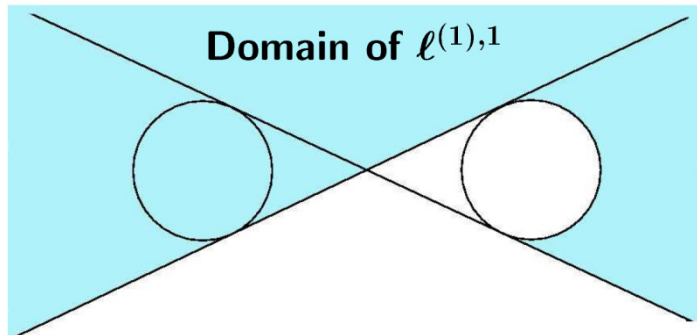
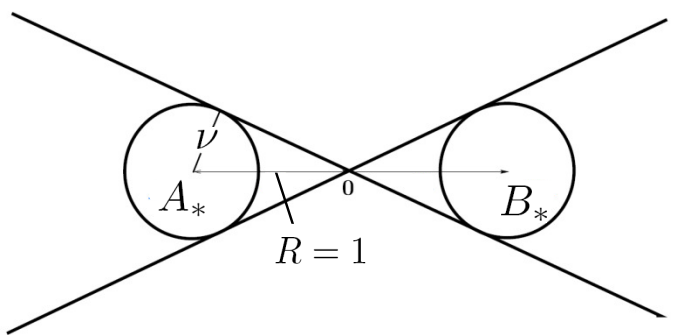
$$\ell^{(1),1}(z), \ell^{(1),2}(z) \text{ and } \ell^{(2),1}(z), \ell^{(2),2}(z)$$

Differential equations for semipermeable curves.

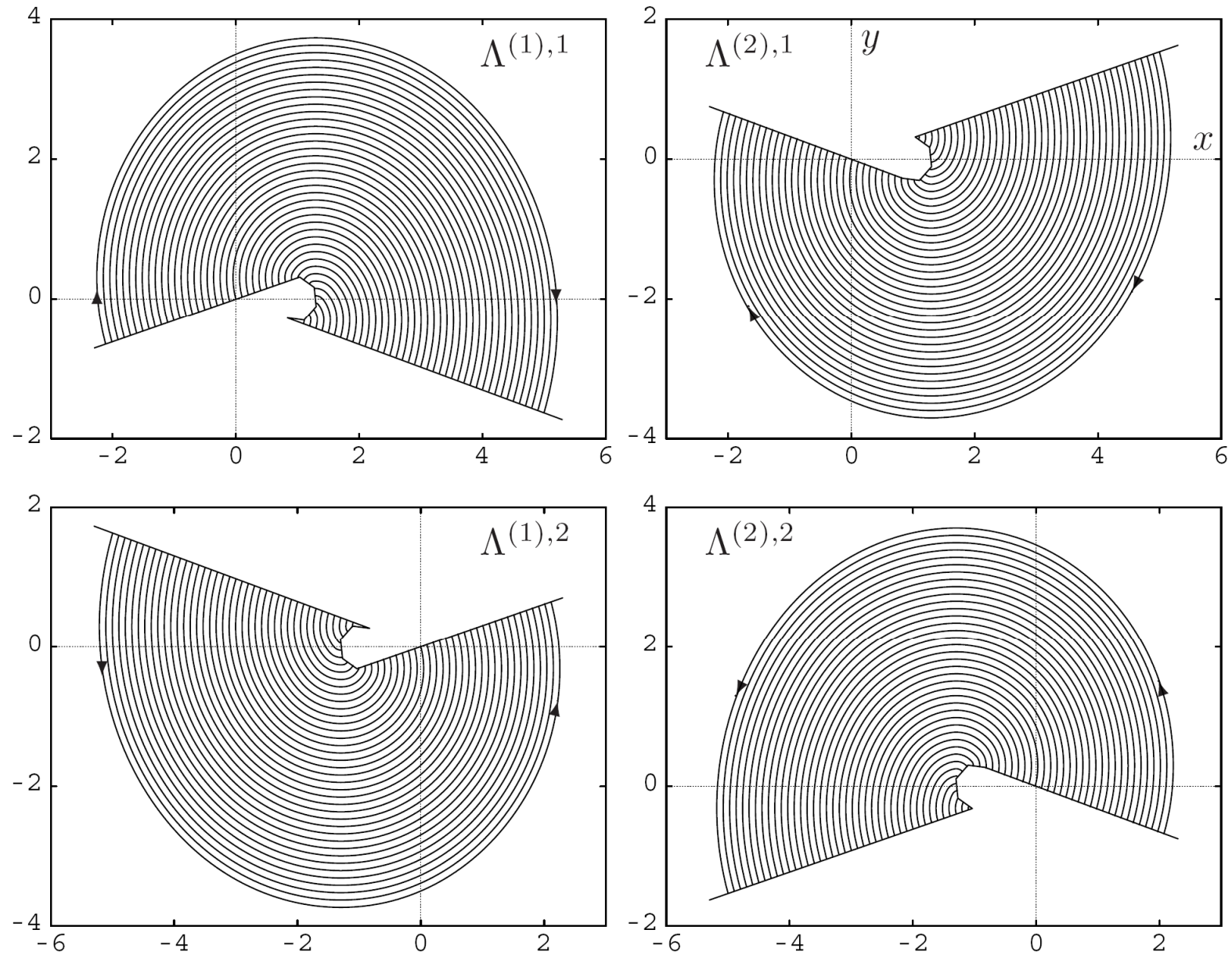
Domains of functions $\ell^{(j),i}$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \prod \ell^{(j),i}(z), \quad z = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

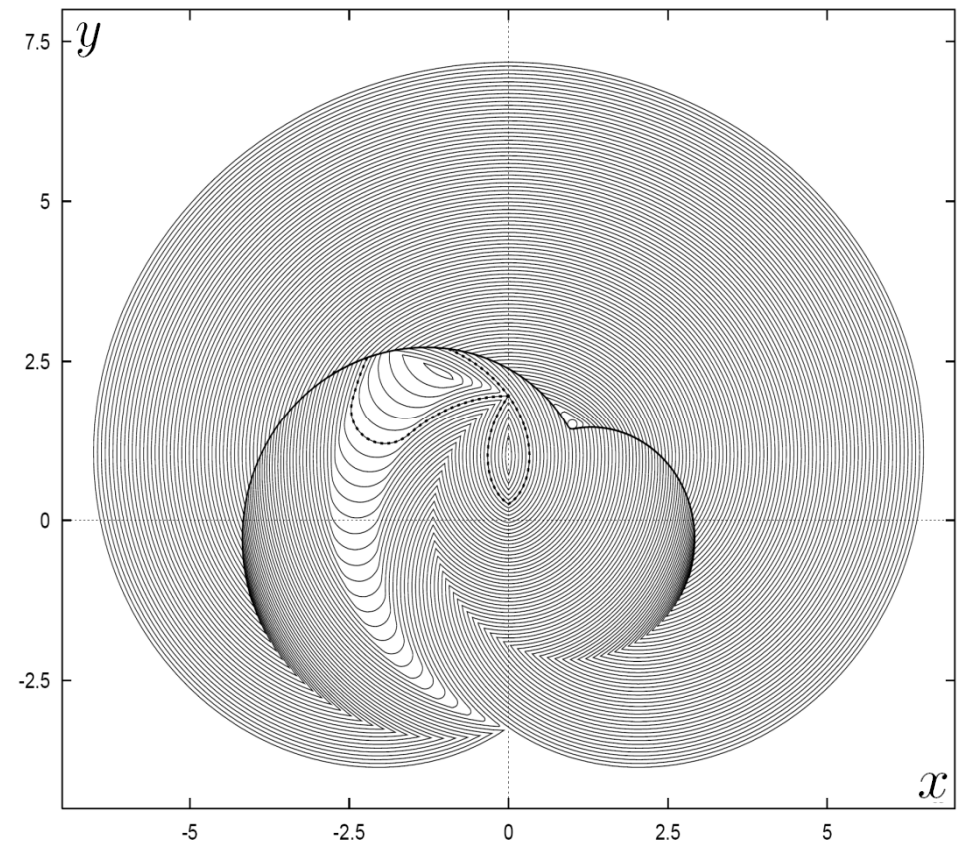
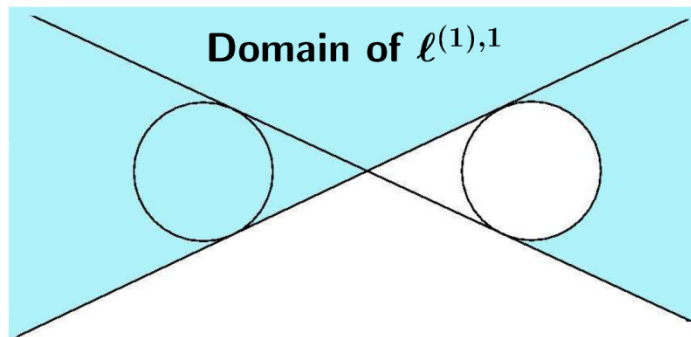
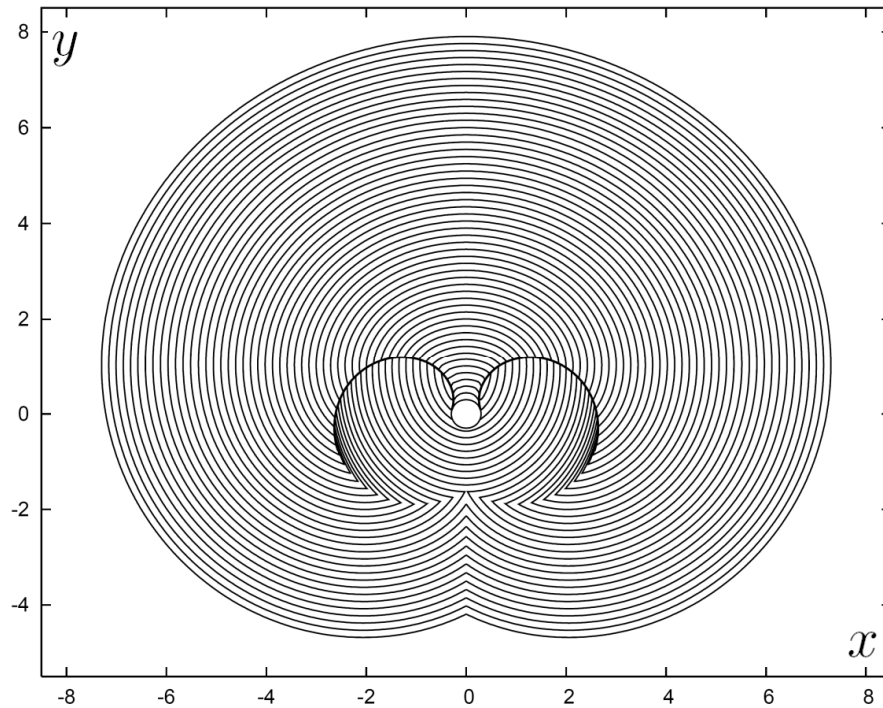
$i = 1, 2, j = 1, 2, z \in \text{domain of } \ell^{(j),i}$



Families of semipermeable curves

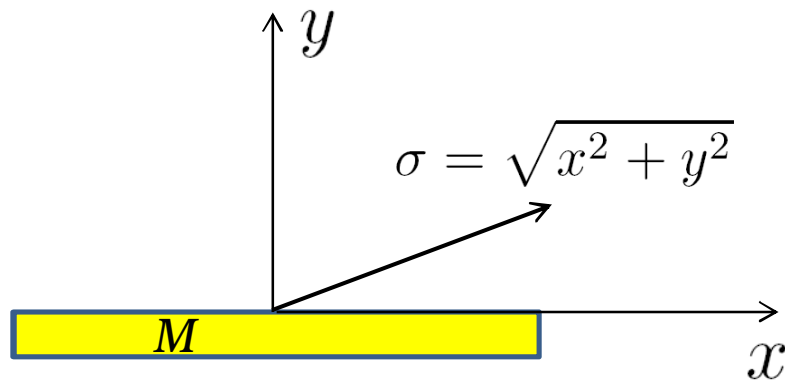


Discontinuity lines are semipermeable curves of families $\Lambda^{(1),1}$, $\Lambda^{(2),2}$



Acoustic game

P. Cardaliaguet, M. Quincampoix, P. Saint-Pierre (1999). Set-valued numerical analysis for optimal control and differential games. In: M. Bardi, T.E.S. Raghavan, T. Parhasarathy (eds.), *Stochastic and Differential Games: Theory and Numerical Methods*, *Annals of the International Society of Dynamic Games*. Boston: Birkhäuser, Vol. 4, 177–247.

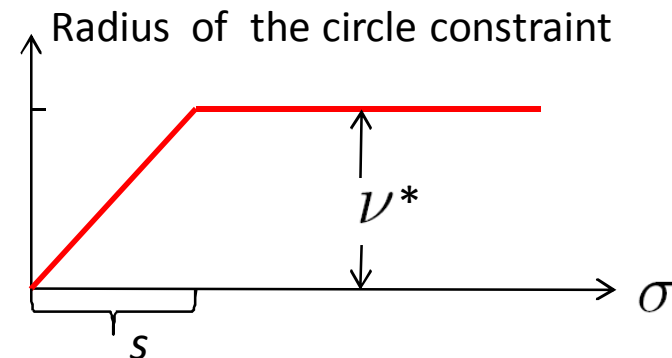


$$\dot{x} = -yu + v_x$$

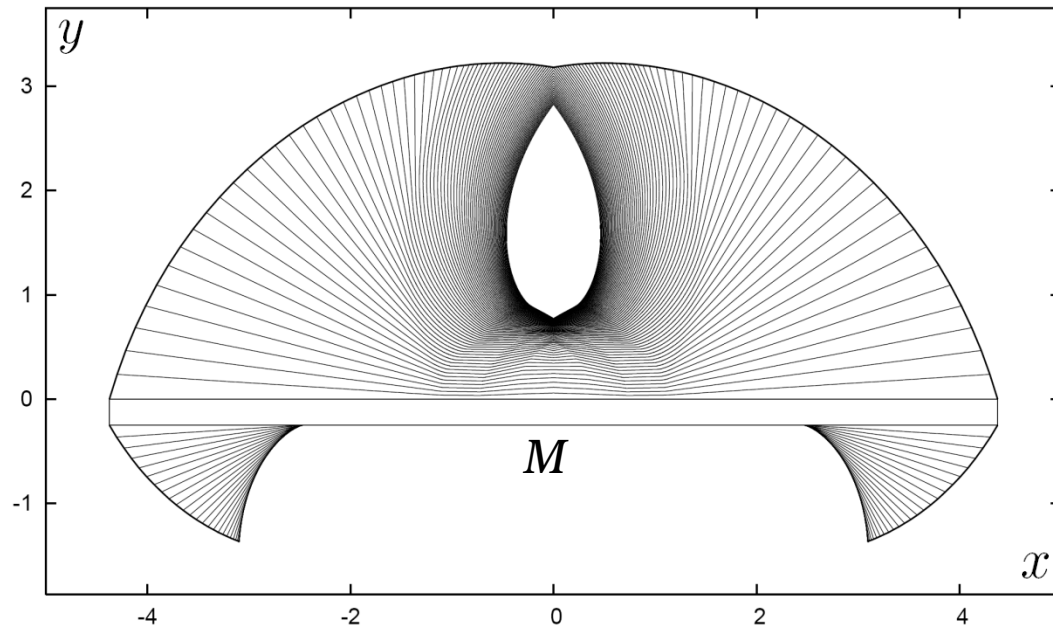
$$\dot{y} = xu + v_y - 1$$

$$|u| \leq 1, \quad v \in$$

radius
depends
on σ

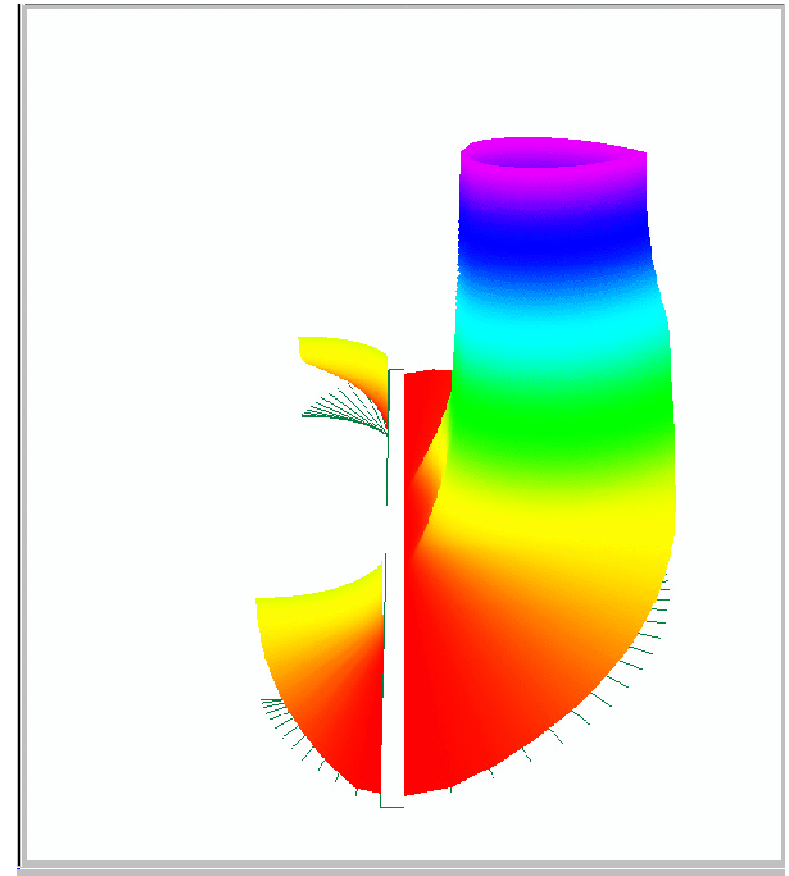


Regions with infinite values of the game



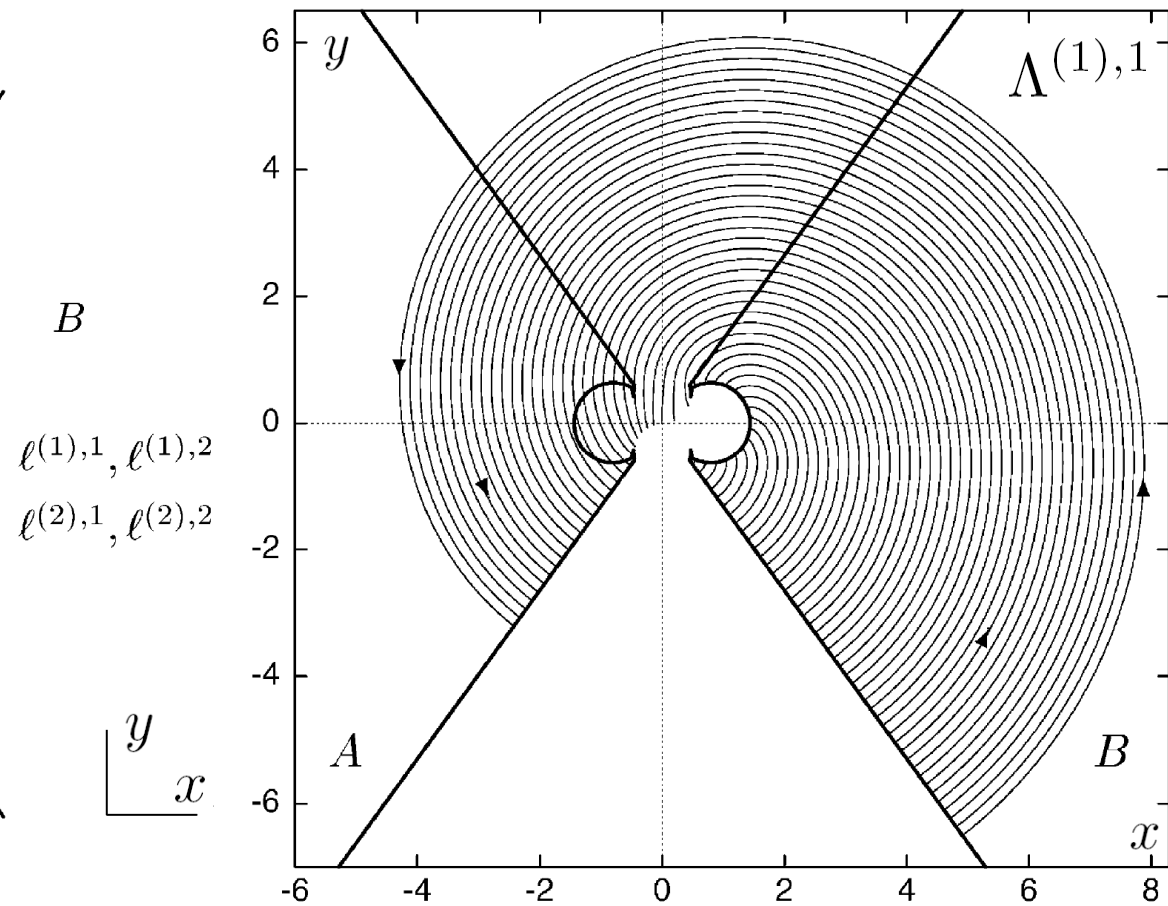
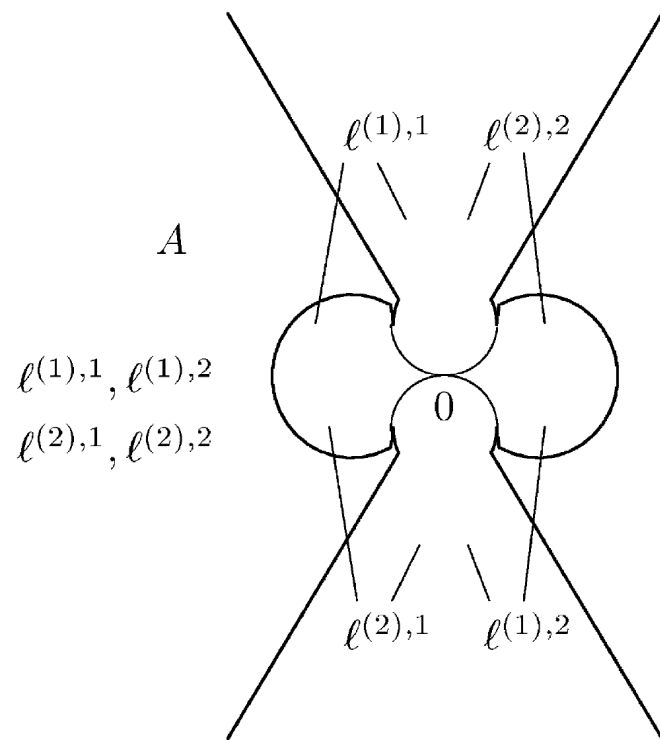
$$\nu^* = 1.5, \quad s = 0.9375$$

$$\Delta = 0.00625, \quad \delta = 0.0625$$



Semipermeable curves in acoustic game

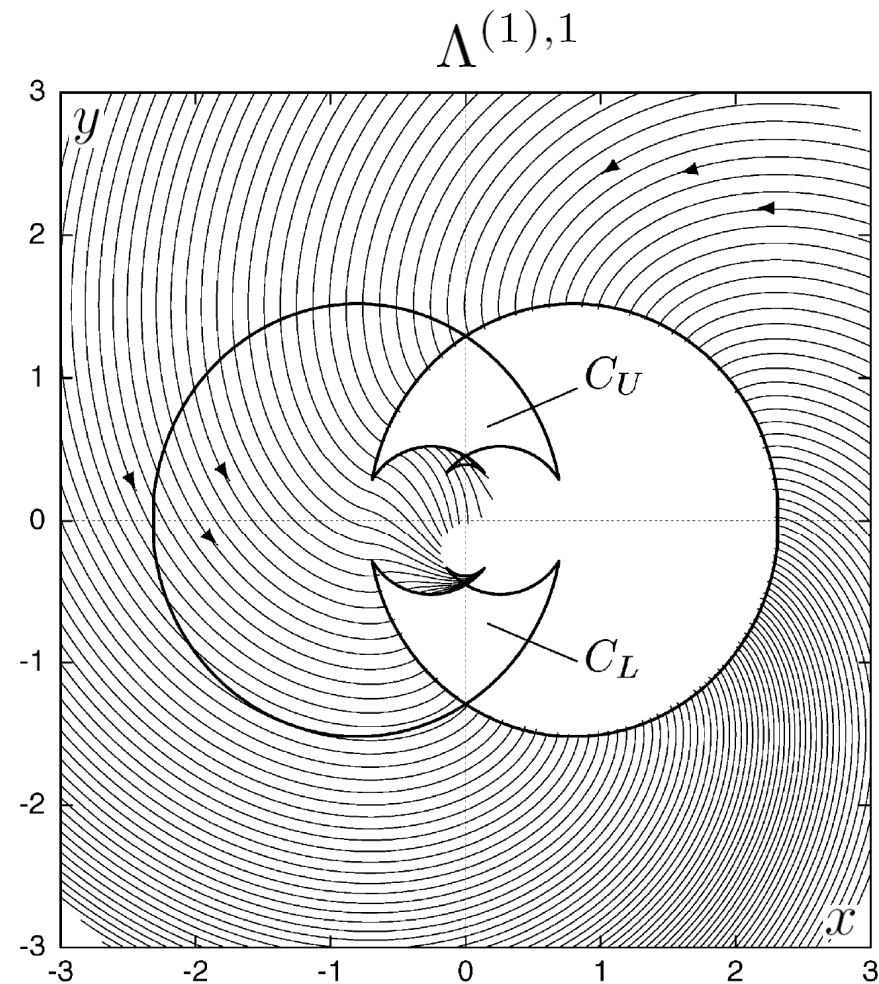
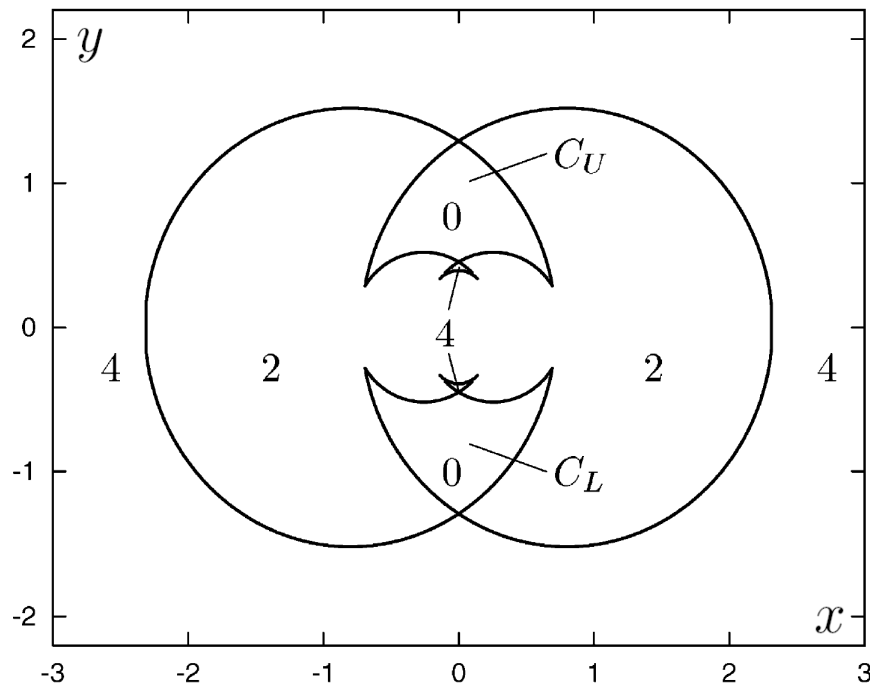
$$\nu^* = 0.8, \quad s = 0.9375$$



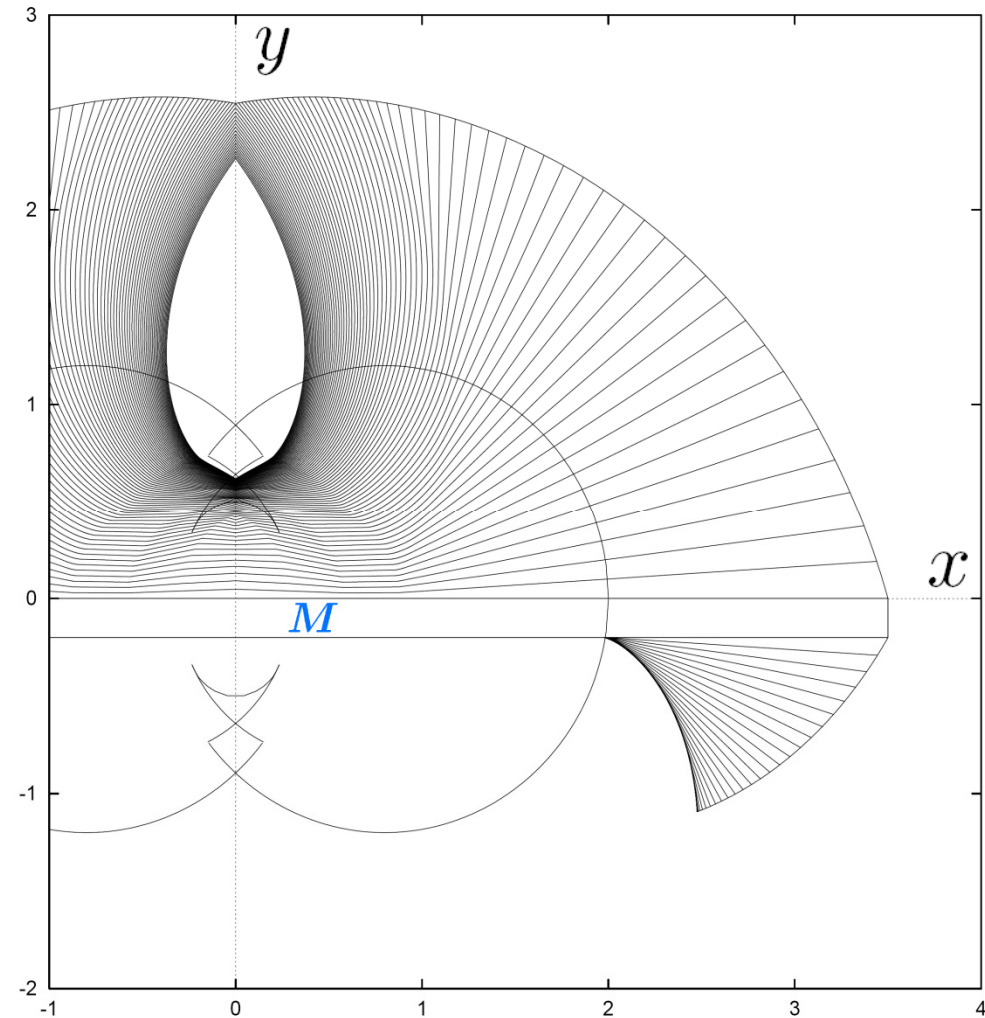
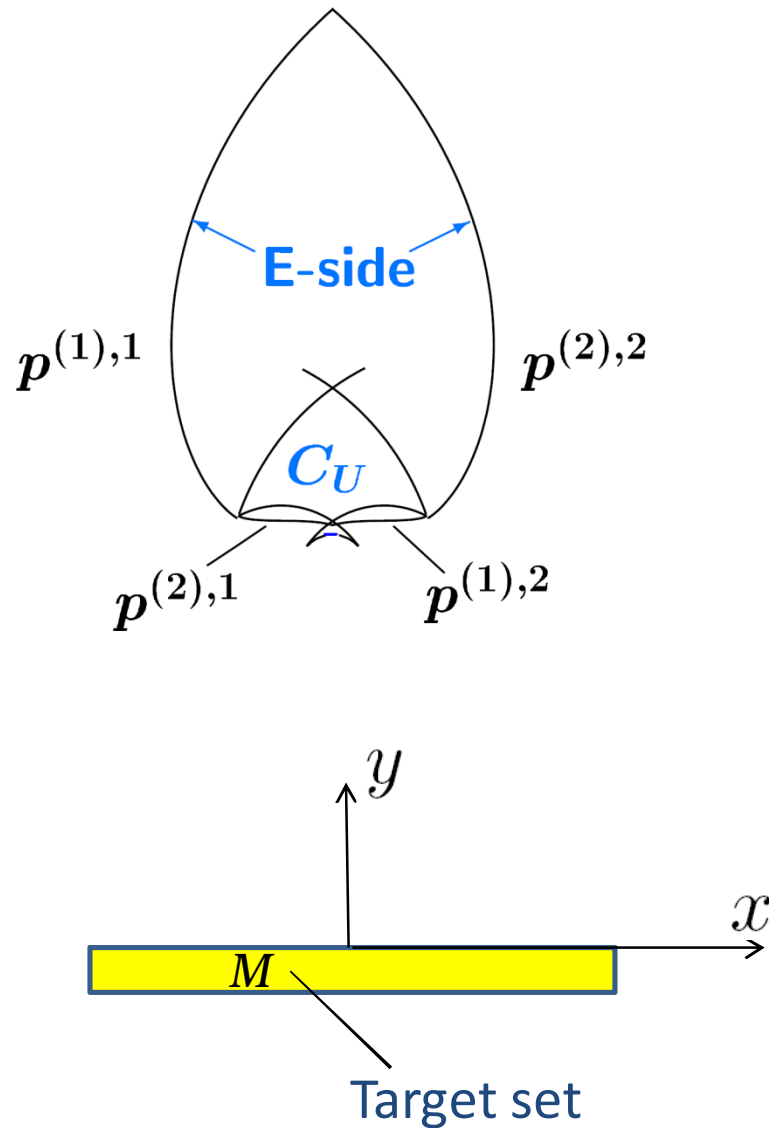
Semipermeable curves in acoustic game

$$\nu^* = 1.8, \quad s = 0.9375$$

C_U, C_L - superiority sets of player E



Semipermeable curves and superiority sets of player E



Reeds-Shepp's car as a pursuer

J. A. Reeds and L. A. Shepp (1990). Optimal paths for a car that goes both forwards and backwards. Pacific J. Math., Vol. 145, N° 2, 367–393.

$$\dot{x}_p = w \sin \theta$$

$$\dot{y}_p = w \cos \theta$$

$$\dot{\theta} = u, \quad |u| \leq 1, \quad |w| \leq 1$$

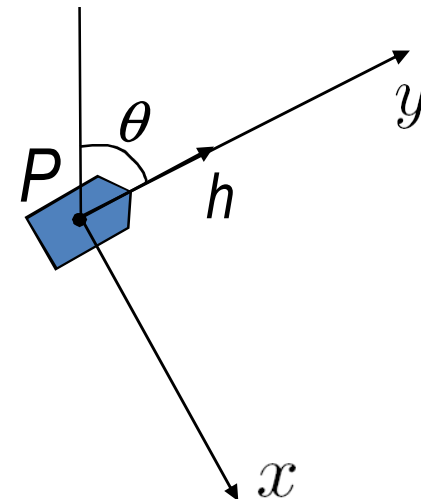
p. 373: "...for slowly moving vehicles, such as carts, this seems like a reasonable compromise to achieve tractability".

$$\dot{x} = -yu + v_x$$

$$\dot{y} = xu - w + v_y$$

$$|u| \leq 1, \quad w \in [-1, 1], \quad v = (v_x, v_y)', \quad |v| \leq \nu$$

$$w \in [a, 1]$$

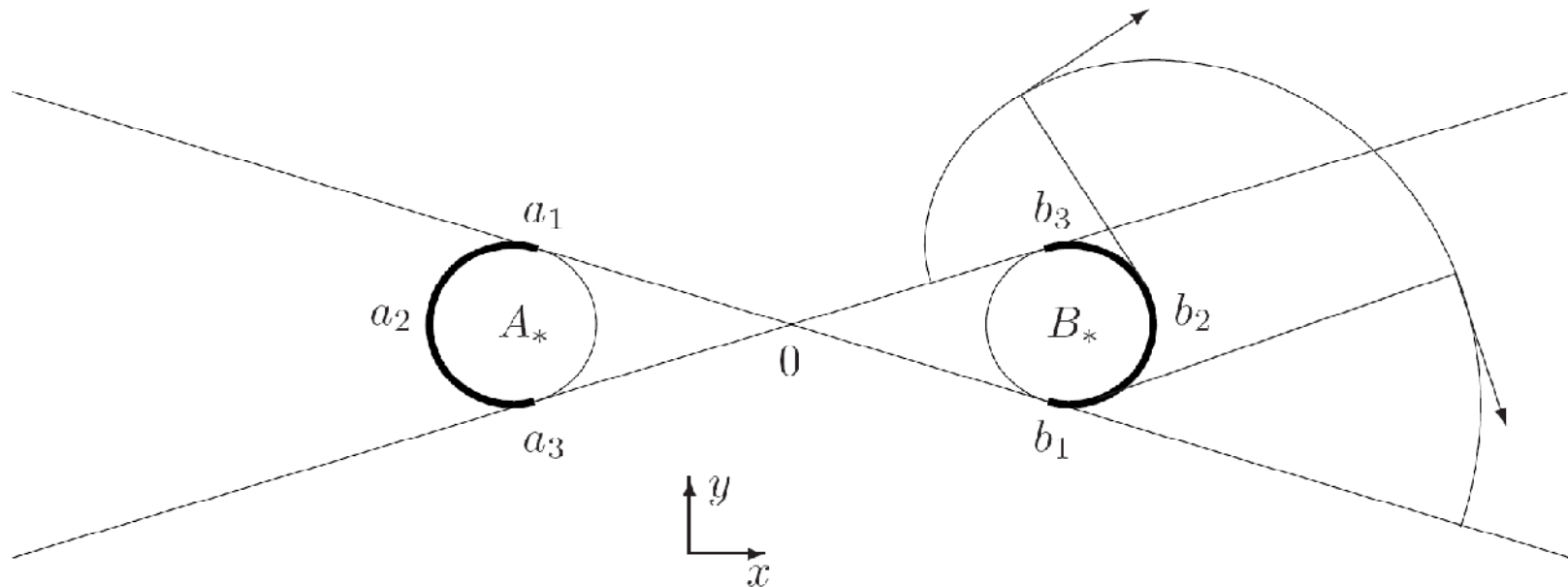


Families of semipermeable curves in the classical homicidal chauffeur problem

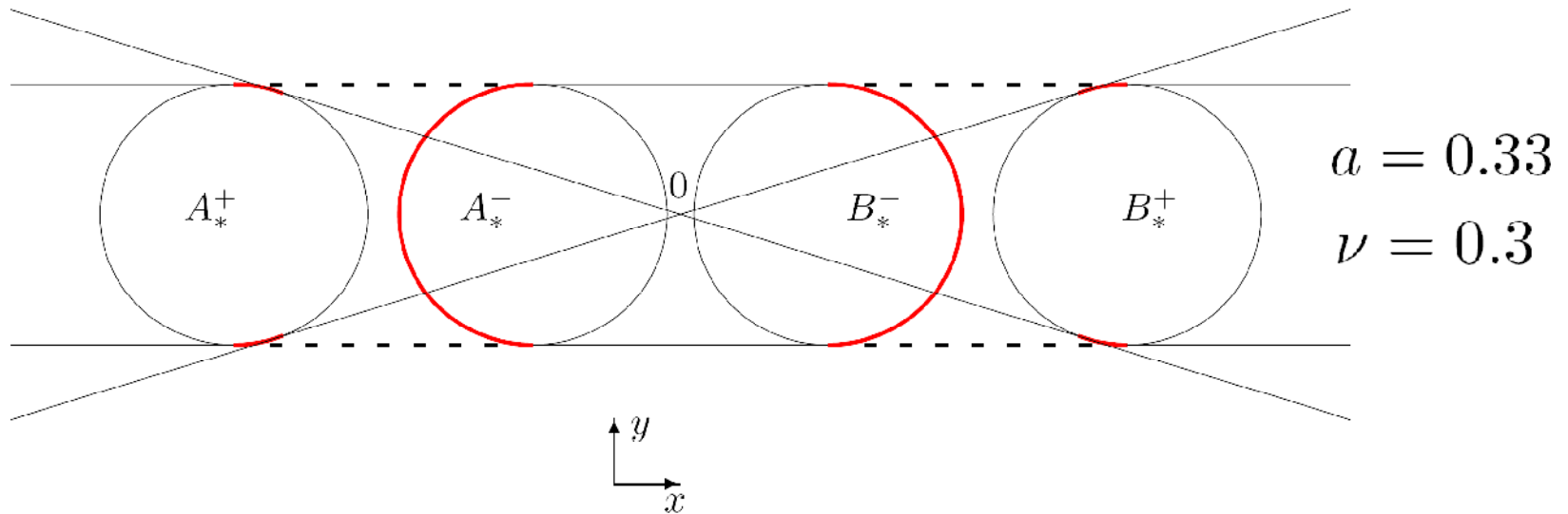
$$a = 1, \quad |v| \leq \nu, \quad \nu \in (0, 1)$$

$$A_* = \{(x, y) : y + v_x = 0, \quad -x - 1 + v_y = 0, \quad |v| \leq \nu\}$$

$$B_* = \{(x, y) : -y + v_x = 0, \quad x - 1 + v_y = 0, \quad |v| \leq \nu\}$$



Basis for families of semipermeable curves in reinforced homicidal chauffeur dynamics



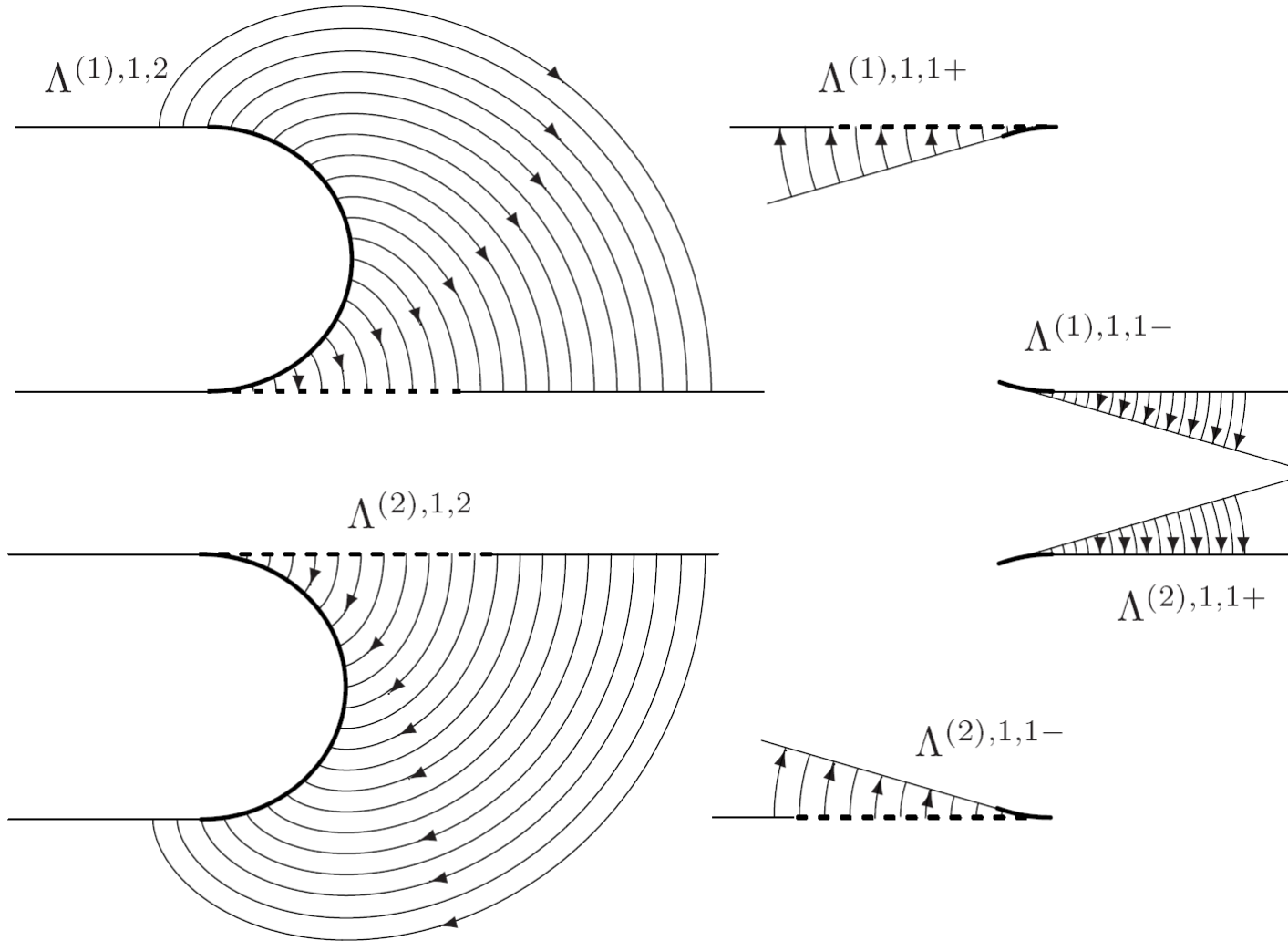
$$B_*^+ = \{(x, y) : -y + v_x = 0, x - 1 + v_y = 0, |v| \leq \nu\}$$

$$A_*^+ = -B_*^+$$

$$B_*^- = \{(x, y) : -y + v_x = 0, x - a + v_y = 0, |v| \leq \nu\}$$

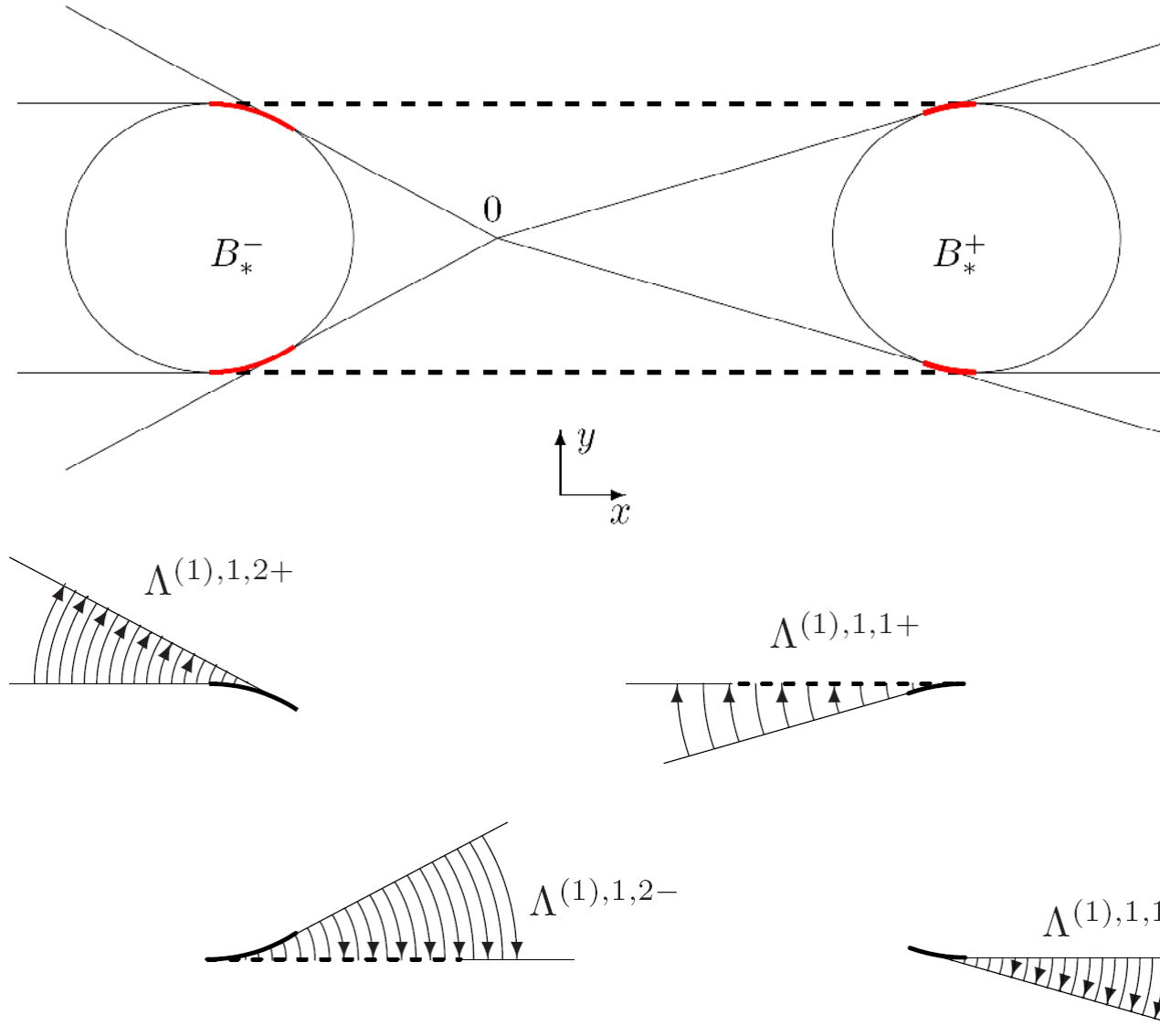
$$A_*^- = -B_*^-$$

Families of semipermeable curves for reinforced homicidal chauffeur dynamics ($a \geq -\nu$)

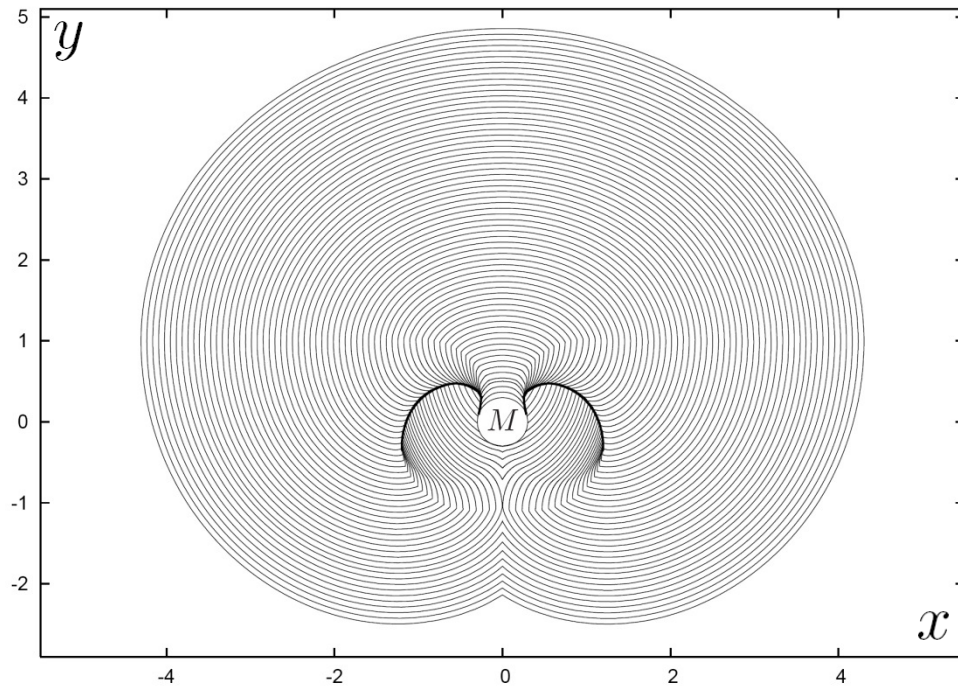


$\Lambda^{(2),2,1+}, \Lambda^{(2),2,1-}, \Lambda^{(2),2,2}, \Lambda^{(1),2,1+}, \Lambda^{(1),2,1-}, \Lambda^{(1),2,2}$

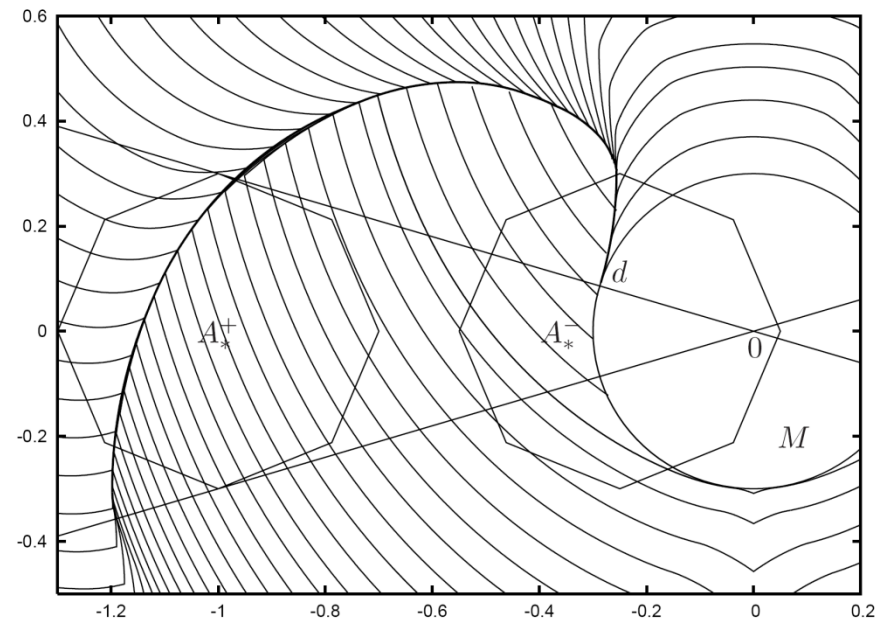
Families of semipermeable curves for reinforced homicidal chauffeur dynamics ($a \leq -\nu$)



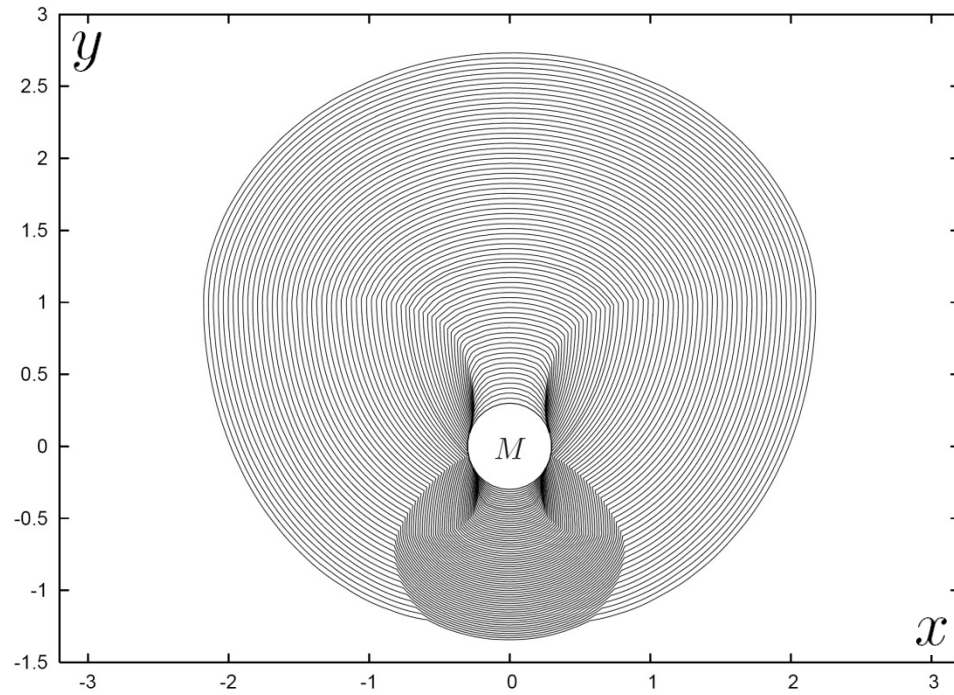
Level sets of the value function. Discontinuity lines



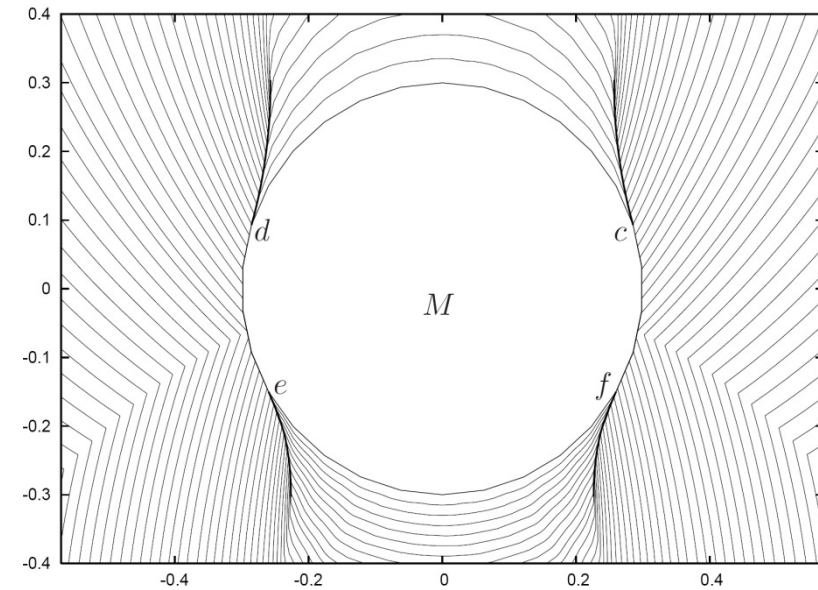
$$a = 0.25, \quad \nu = 0.3, \quad r = 0.3$$



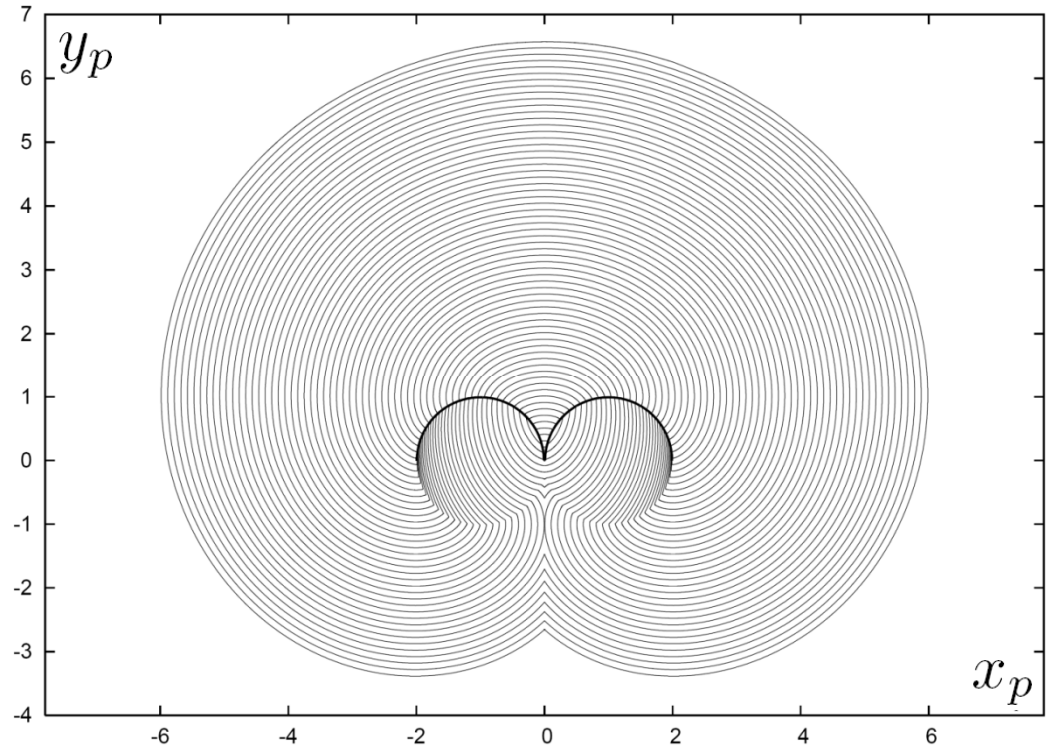
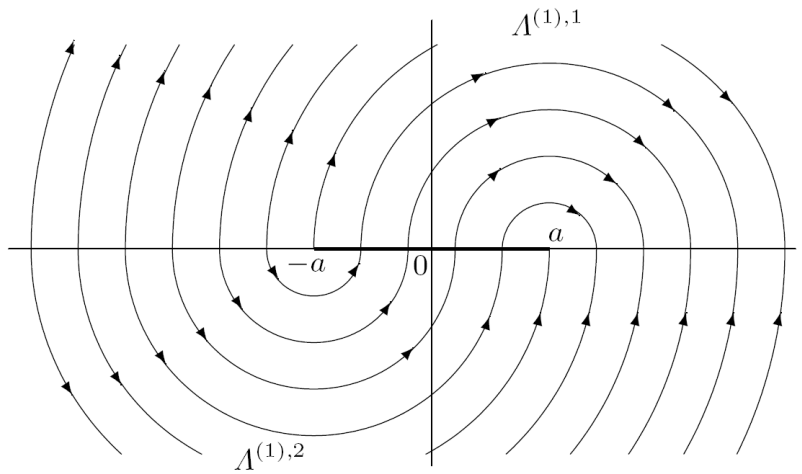
Level sets of the value function. Discontinuity lines



$$a = -0.6, \nu = 0.3, r = 0.3$$



Families of semipermeable curves for $a > 0, \nu = 0$



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