

Optimal Control

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Lecture

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Double integrator (from Bruni et al.1993)

$$\dot{x}_1(t) = x_2(t)$$

$$\dot{x}_2(t) = u(t) \quad x(t_i) = x_i, \quad x(t_f) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$|u(t)| \leq 1$$

Goal: Minimize

$$J = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} dt = t_f - t_i$$

Eigenvalues: $\{0; 0\}$

The couple $(A \ B)$ verifies the condition of controllability:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\det(B \ AB) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -1 \neq 0$$



$$\exists (x^o u^o, t_f^o)$$

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the optimal control is bang-bang
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$$\nu^o \leq n - 1 = 1$$

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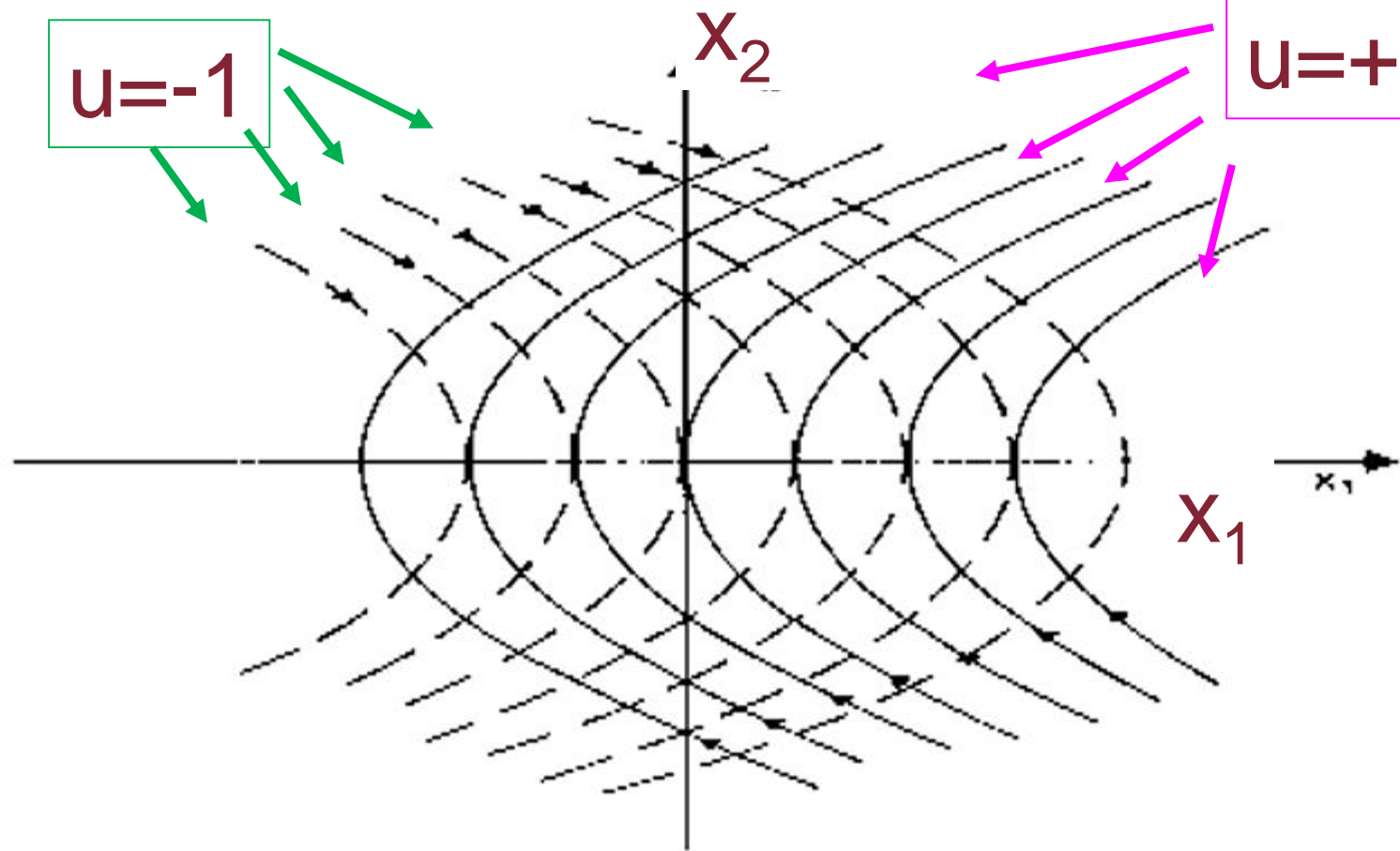
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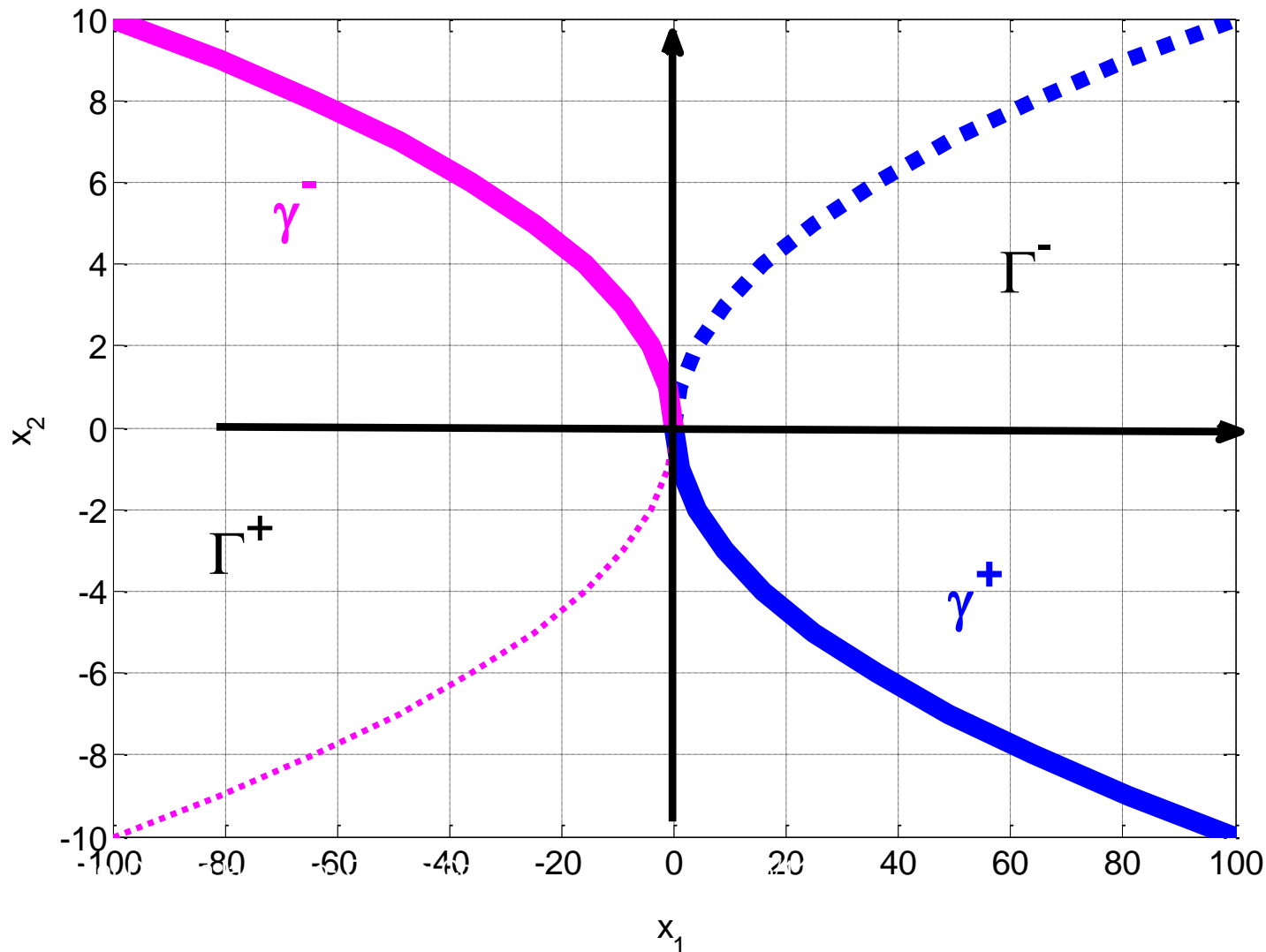
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The optimal trajectory is described by parabolic arcs with equation:

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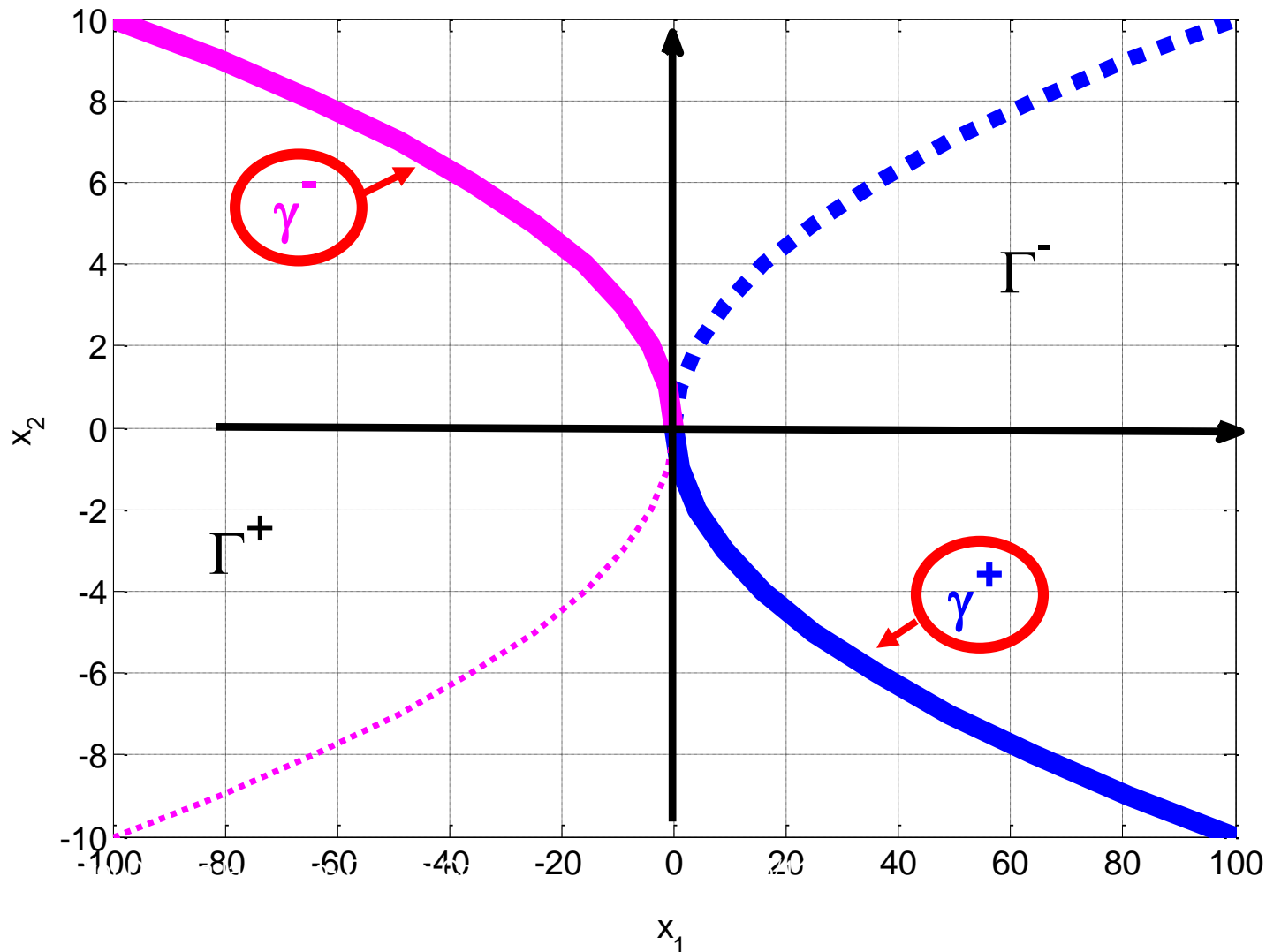
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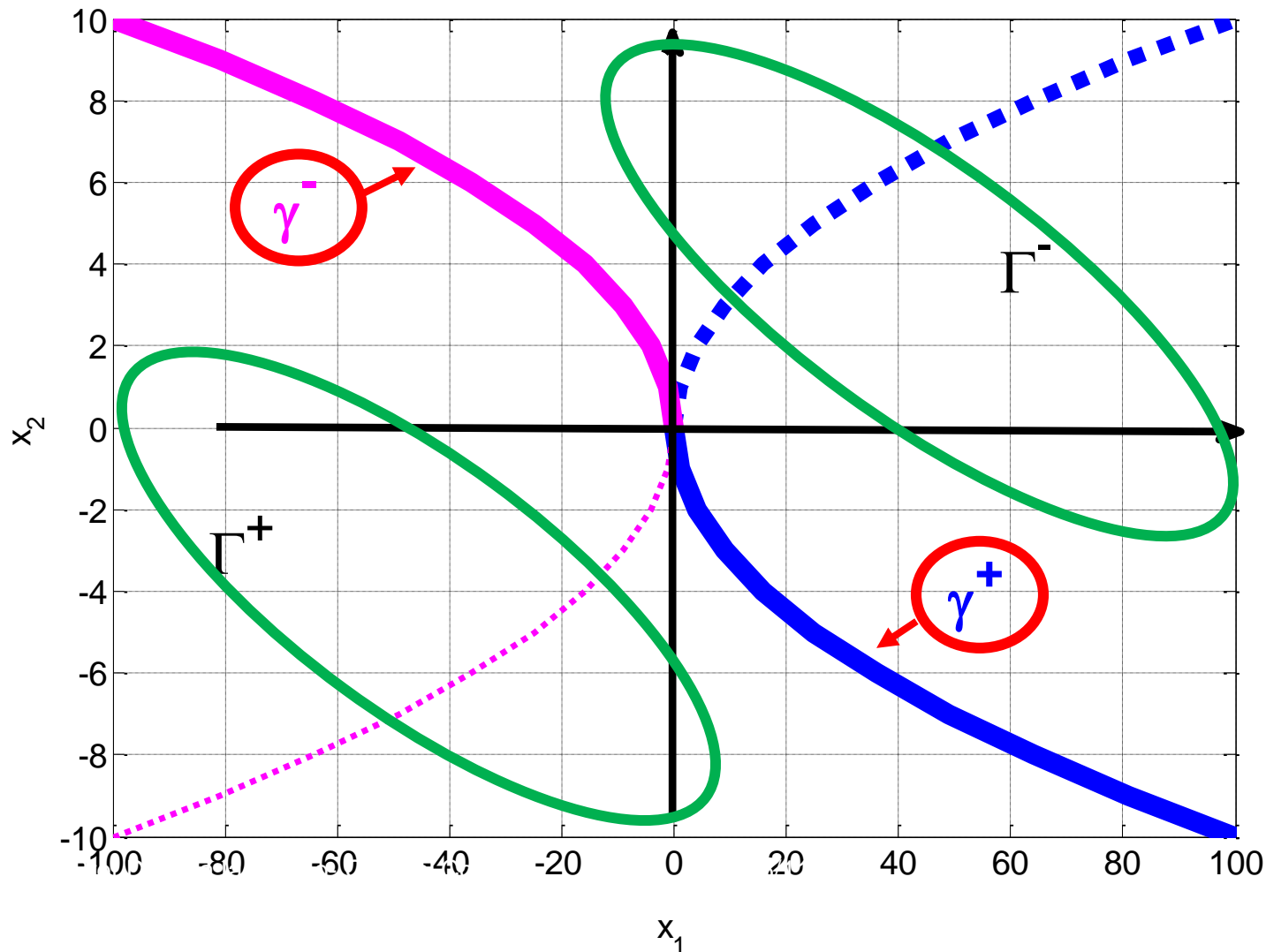
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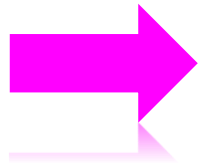
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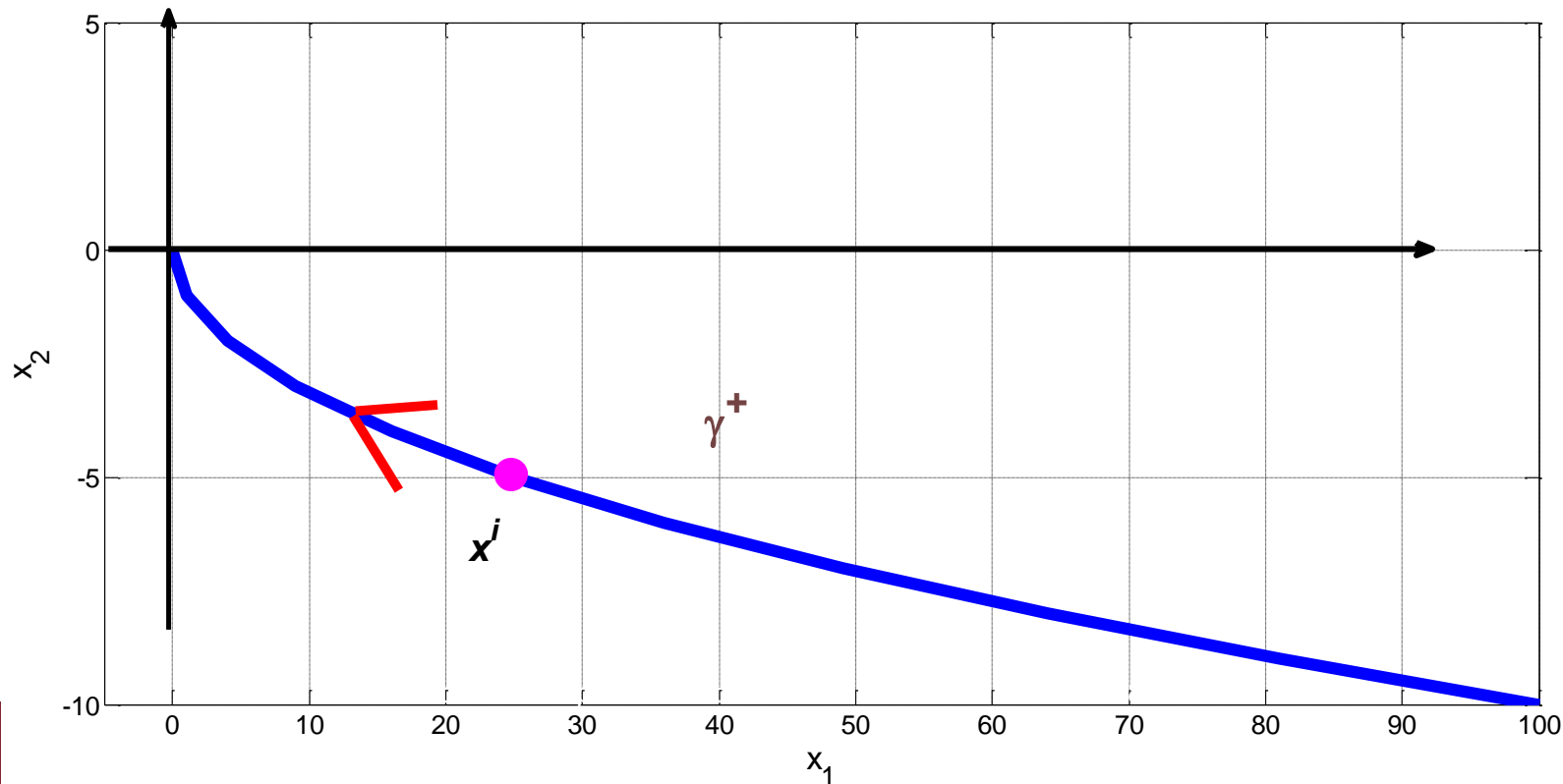
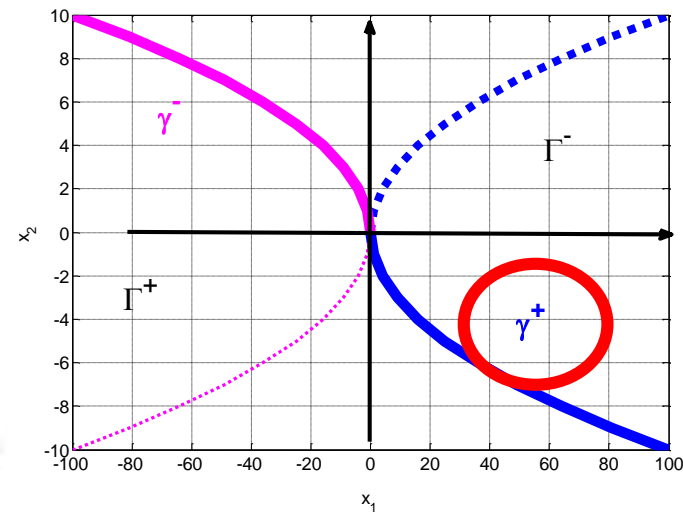


Four cases:

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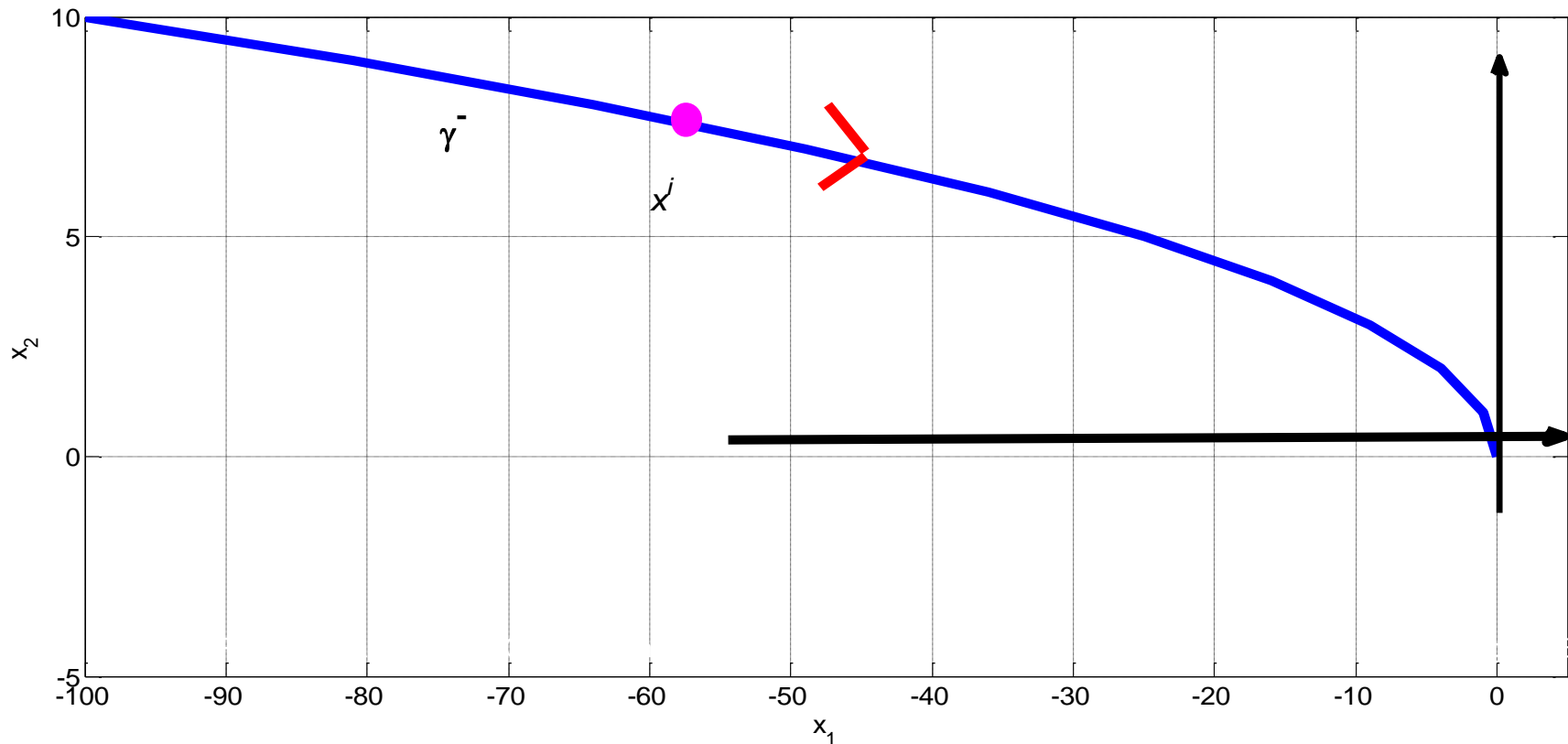
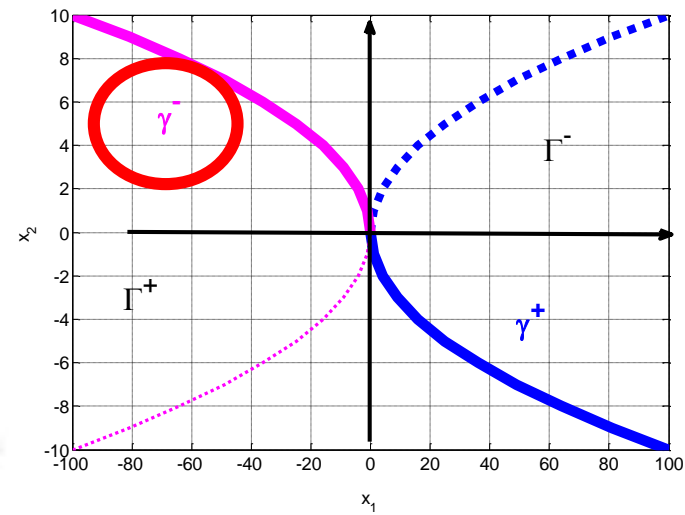
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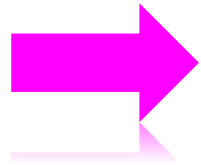
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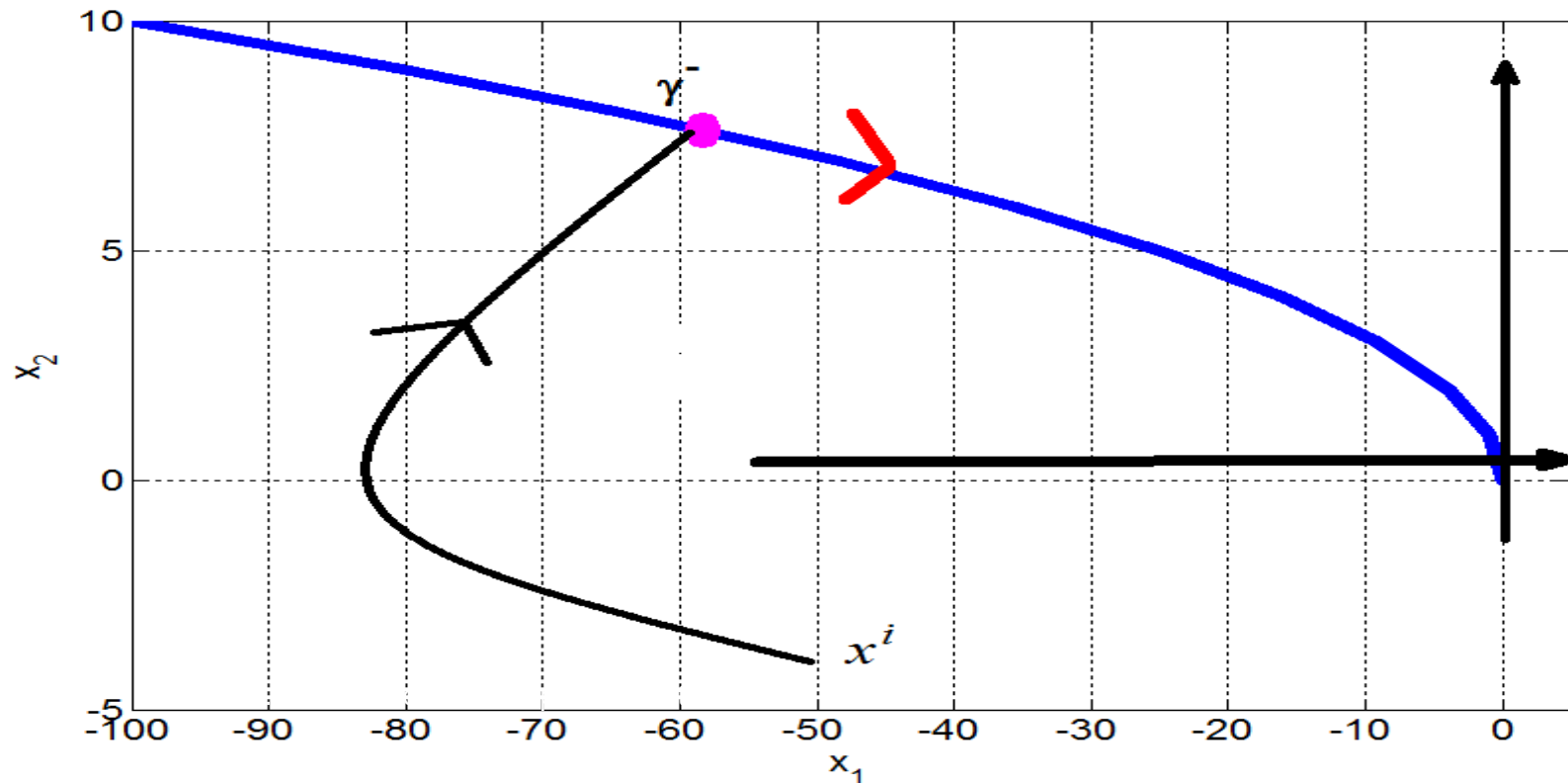
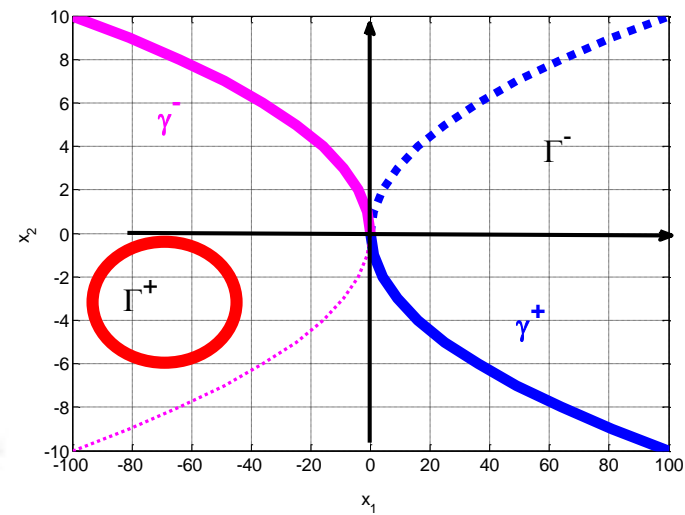
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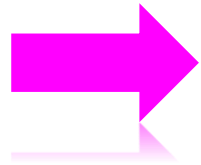
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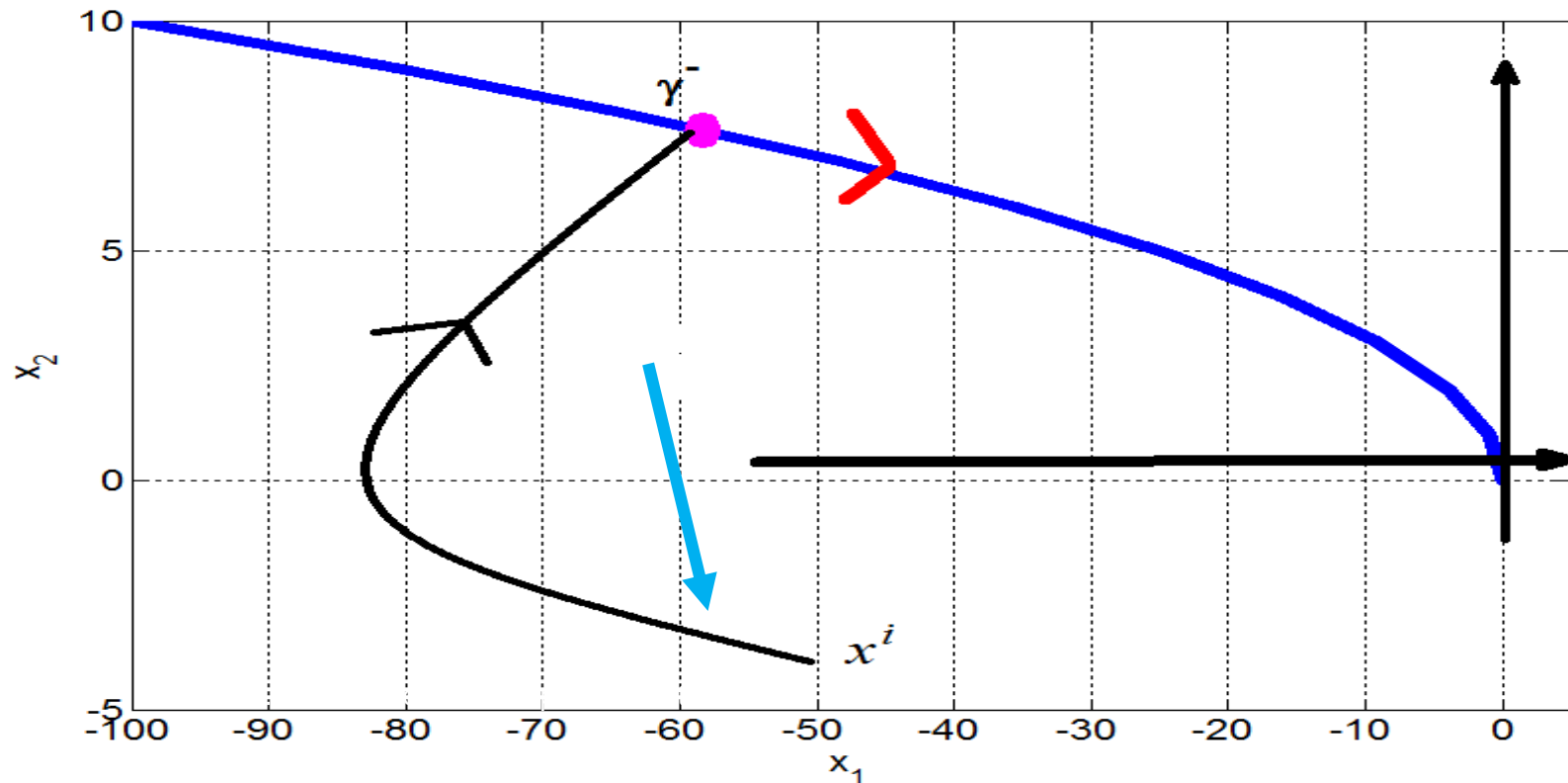
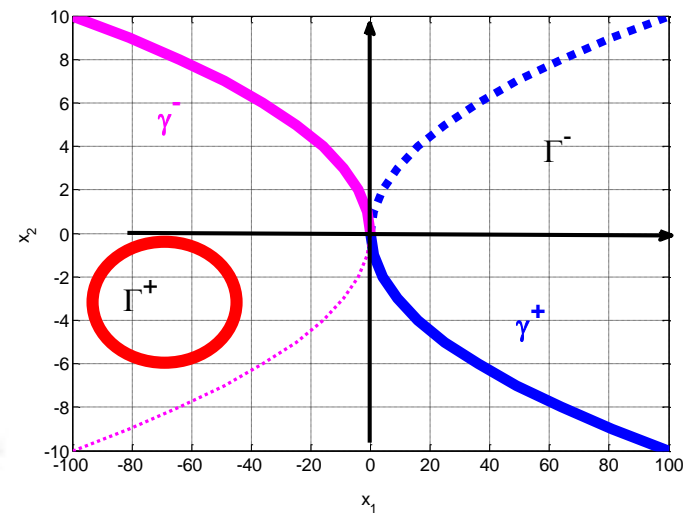
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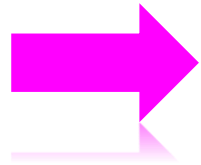
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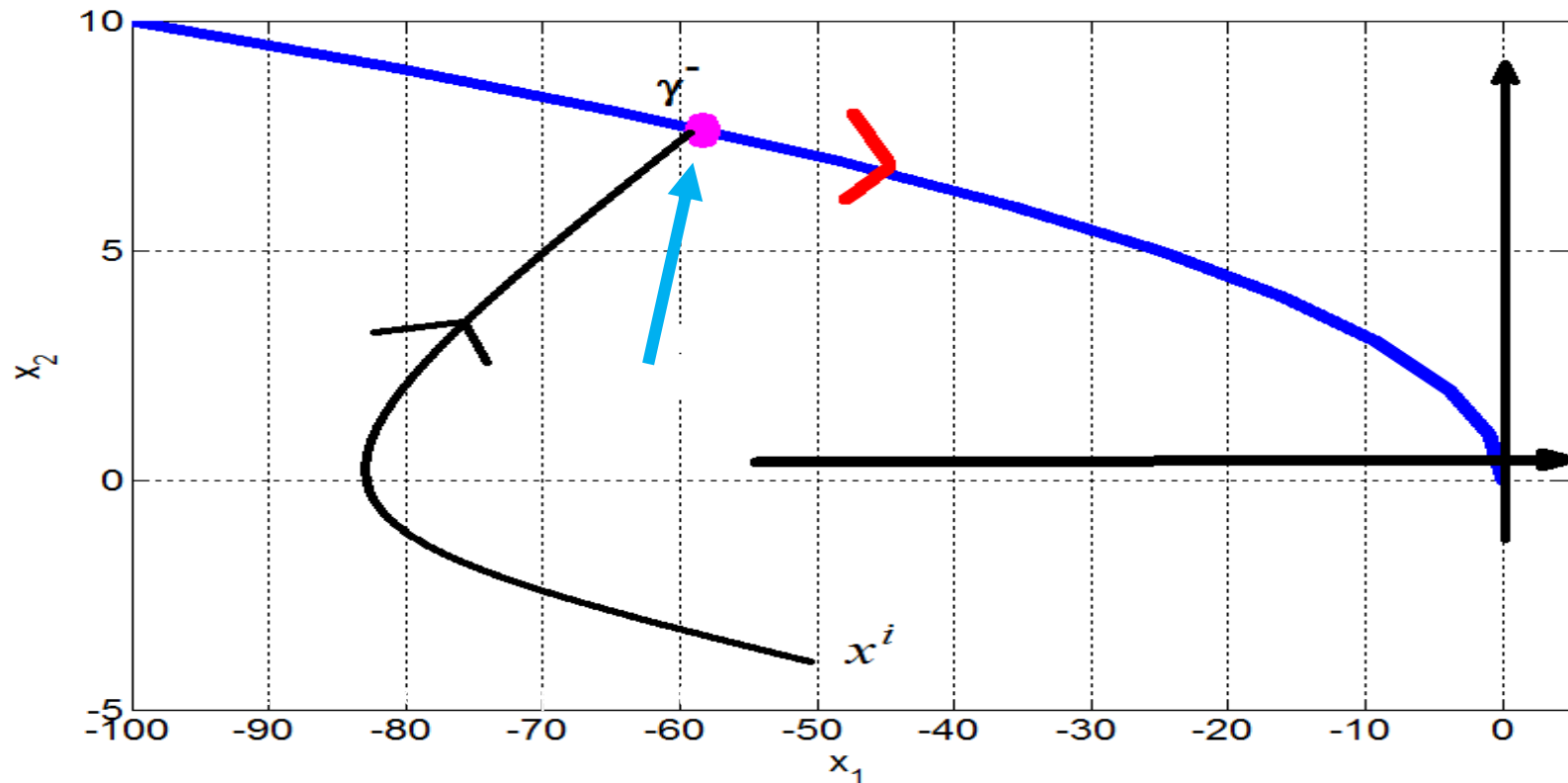
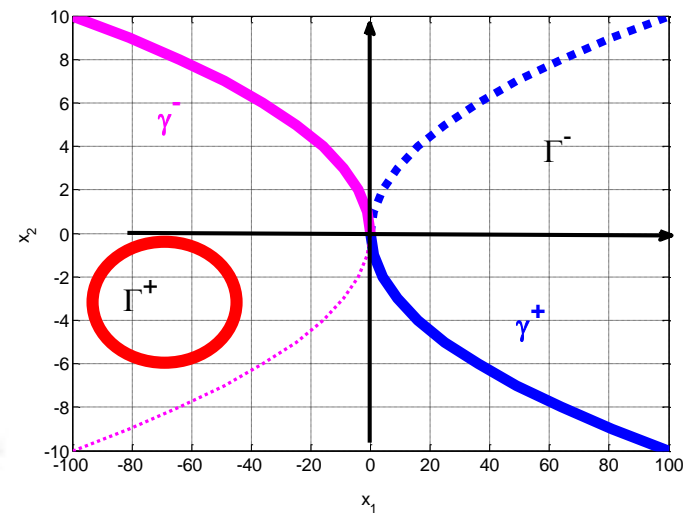
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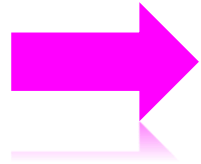
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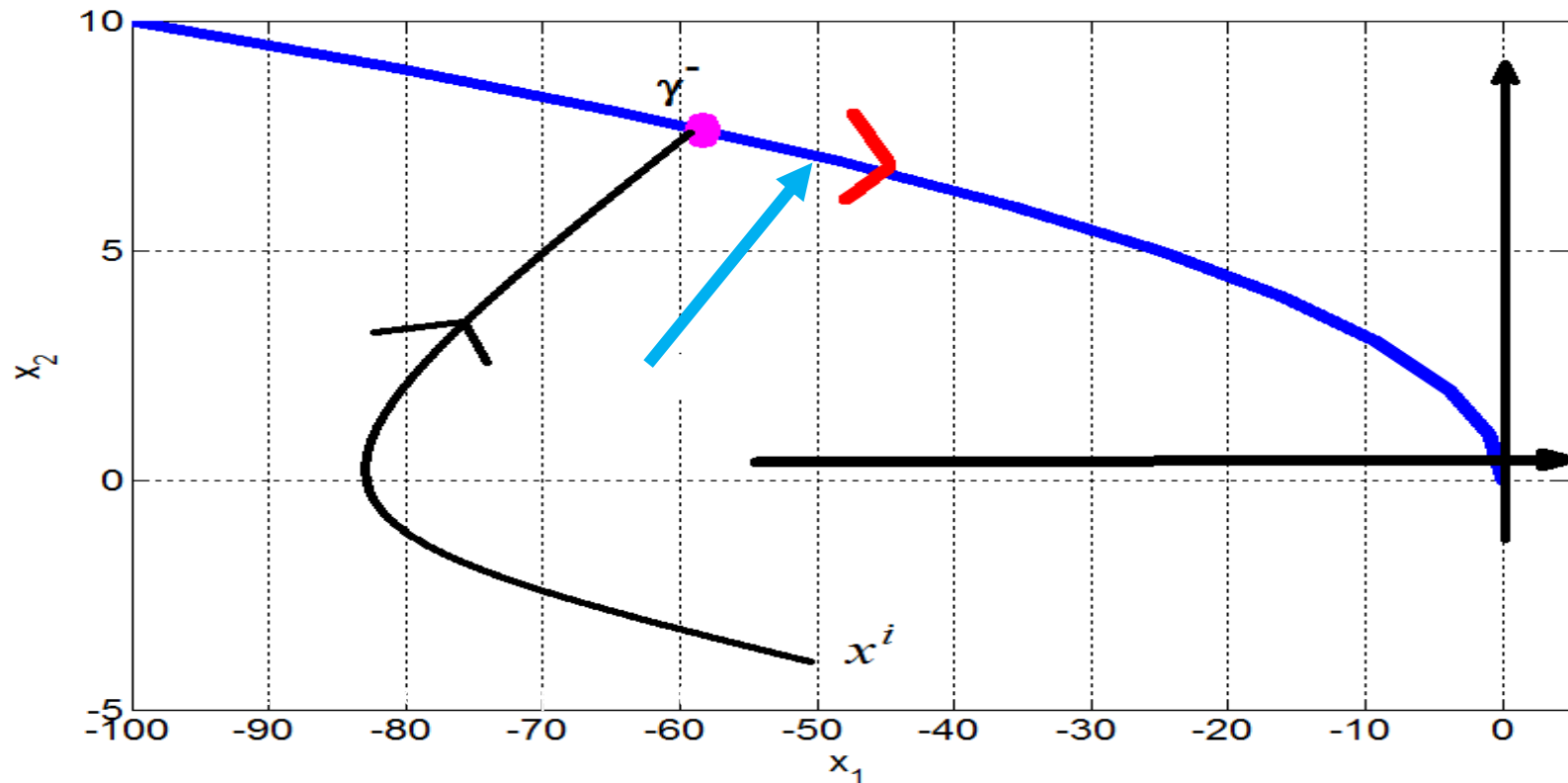
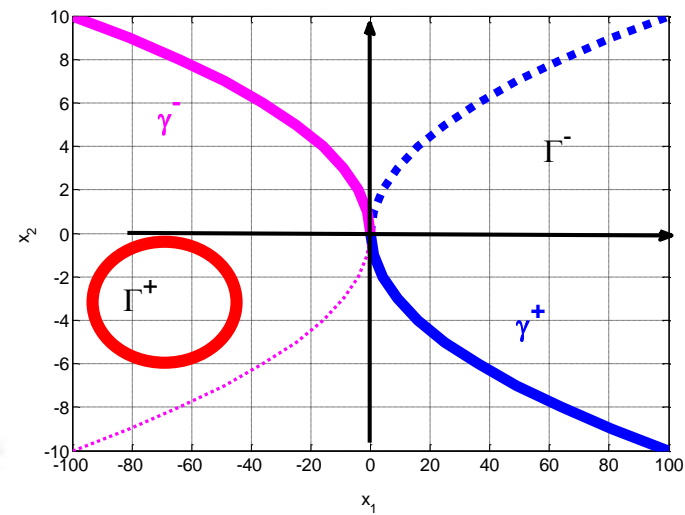
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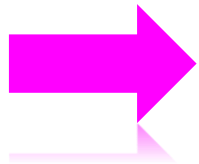
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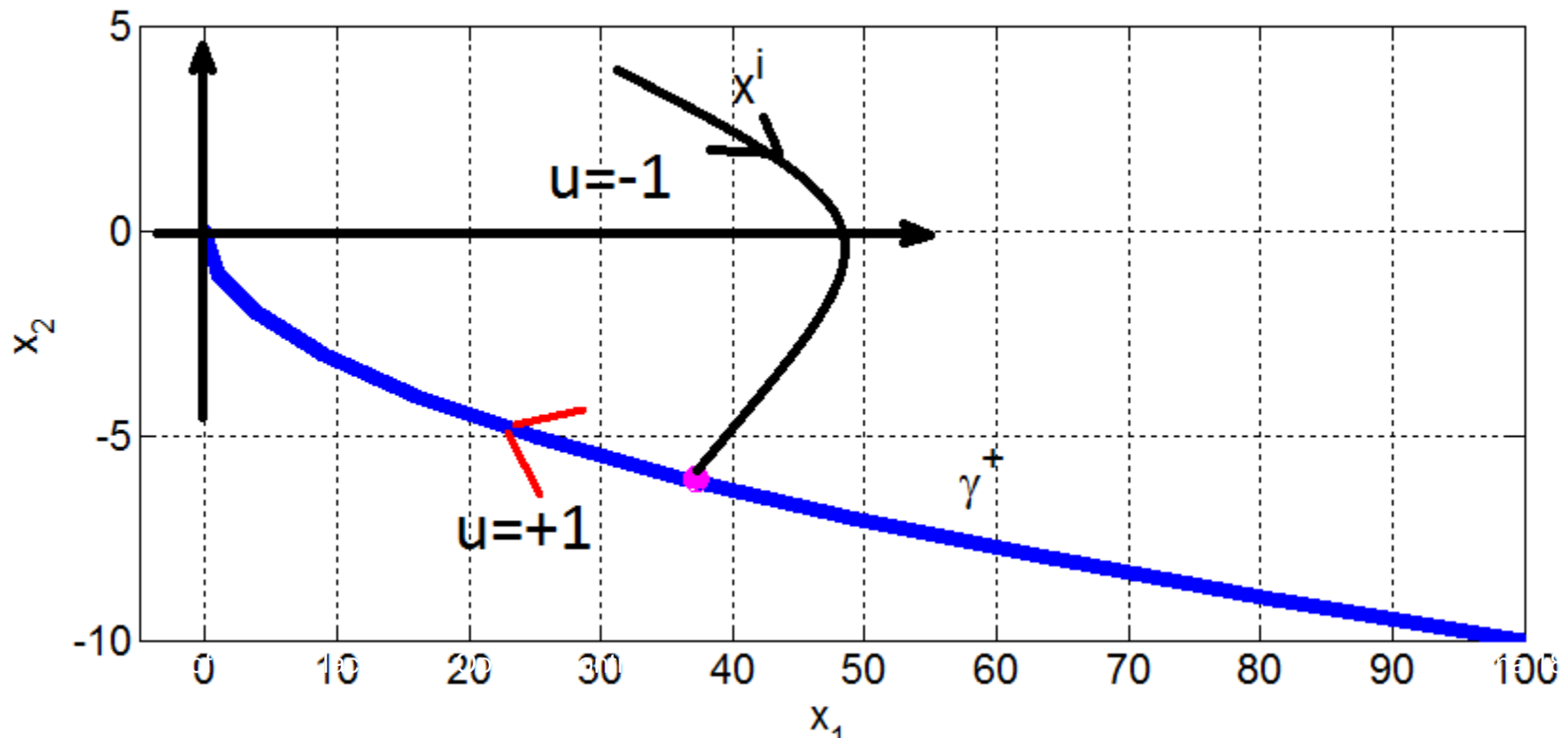
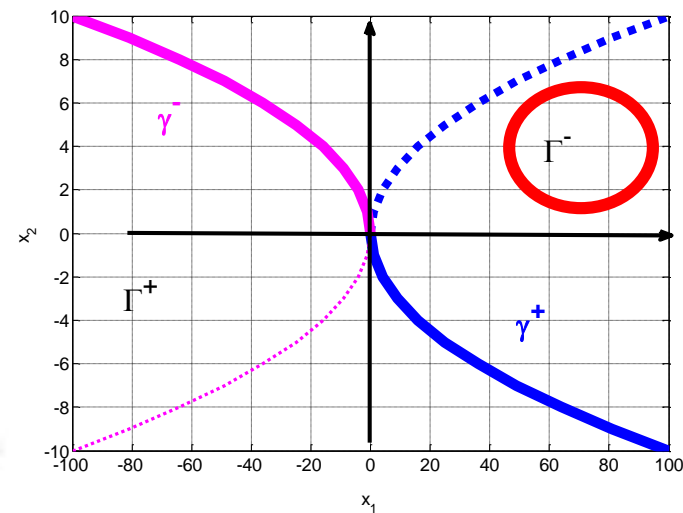
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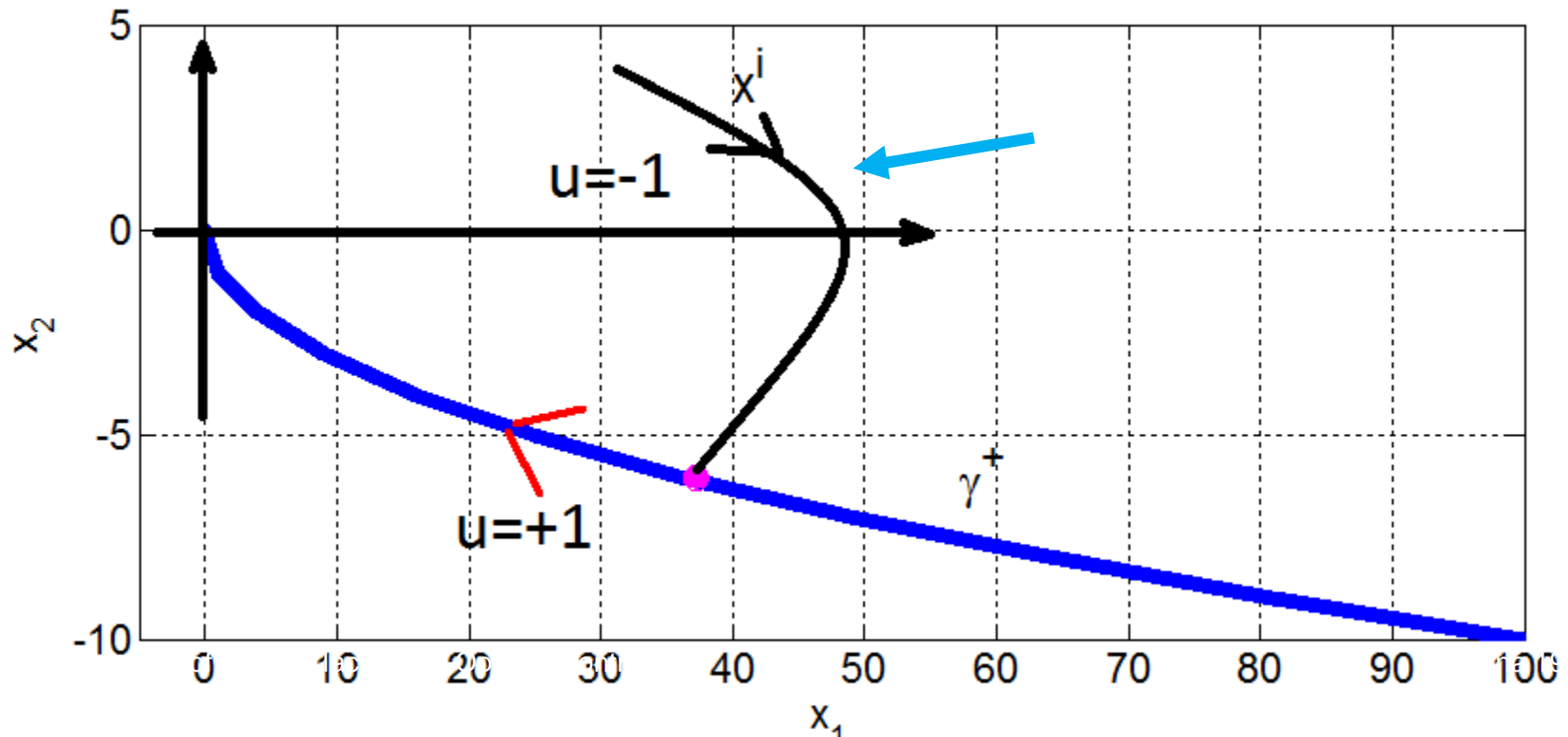
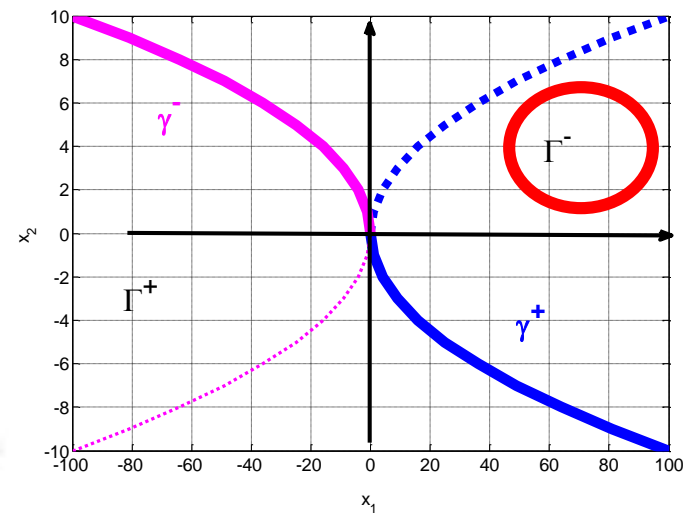


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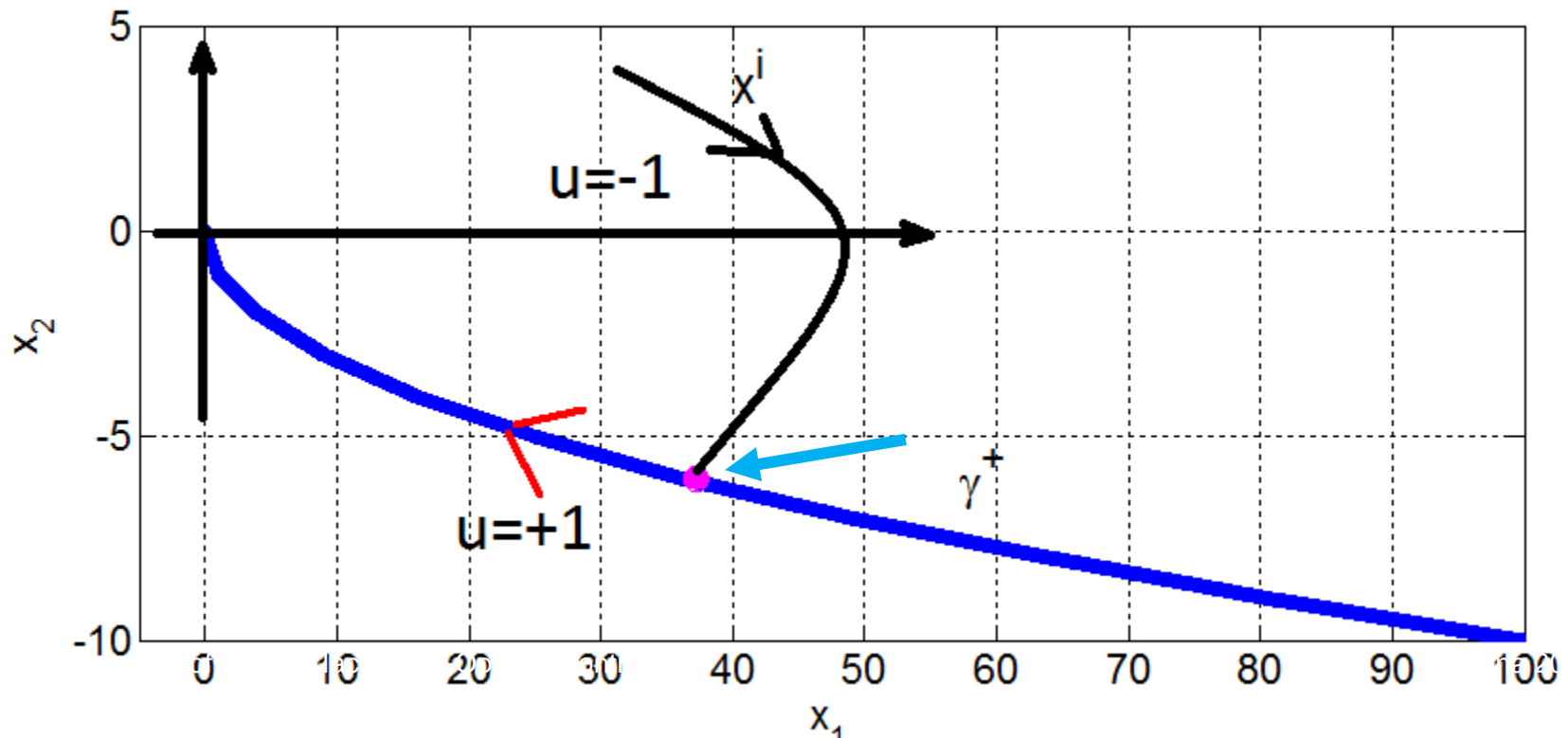
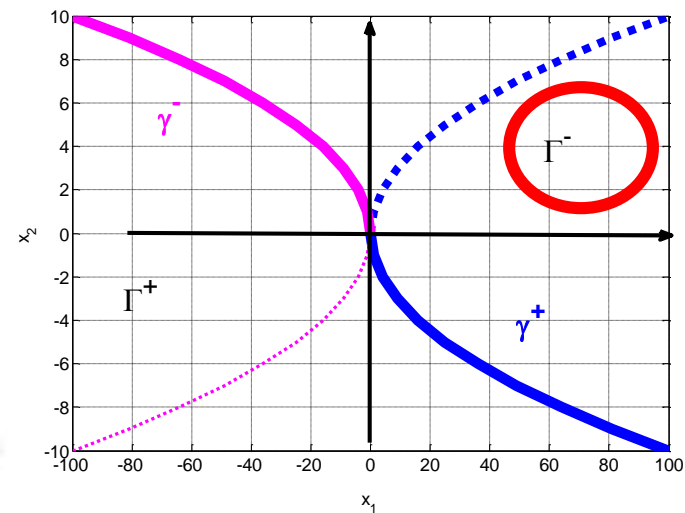
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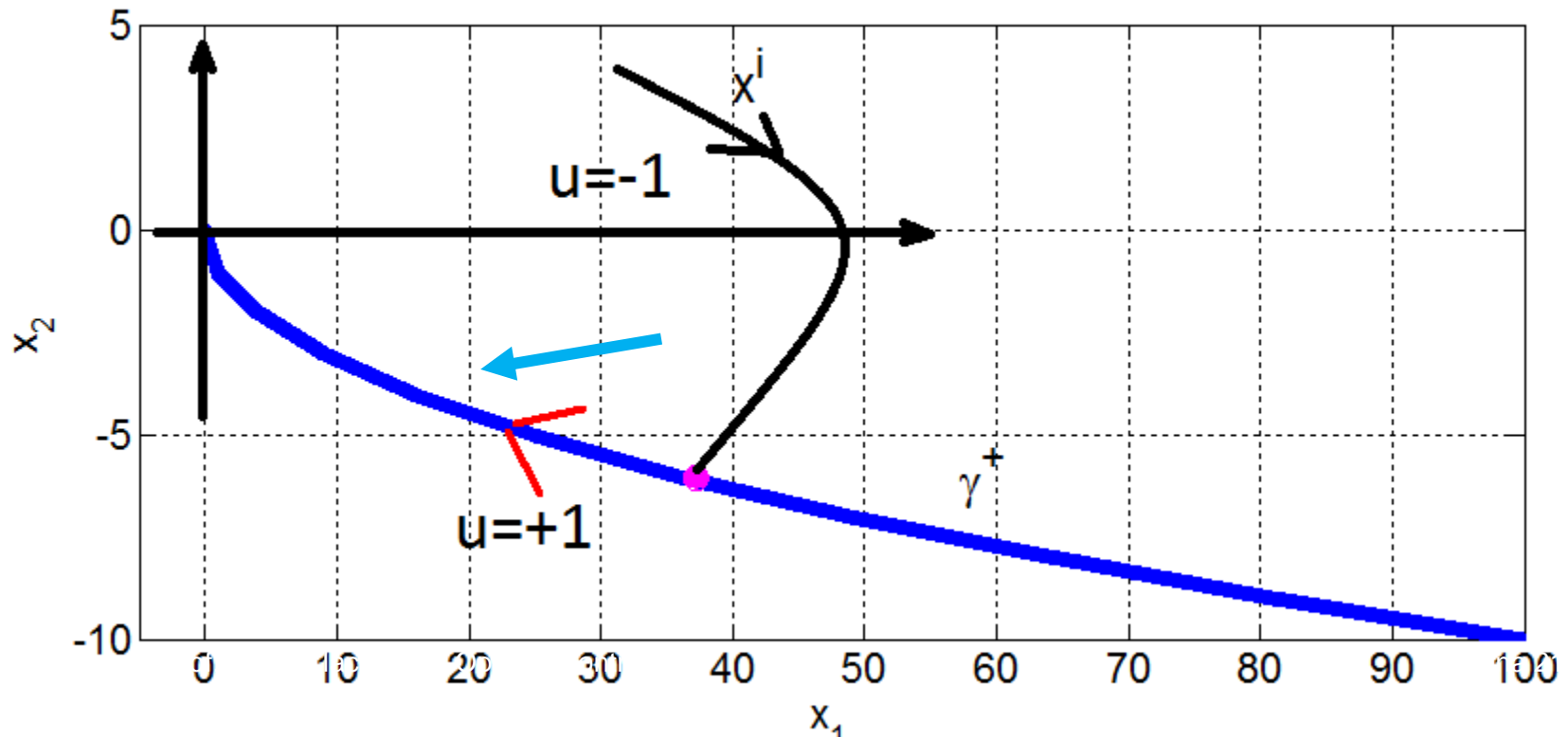
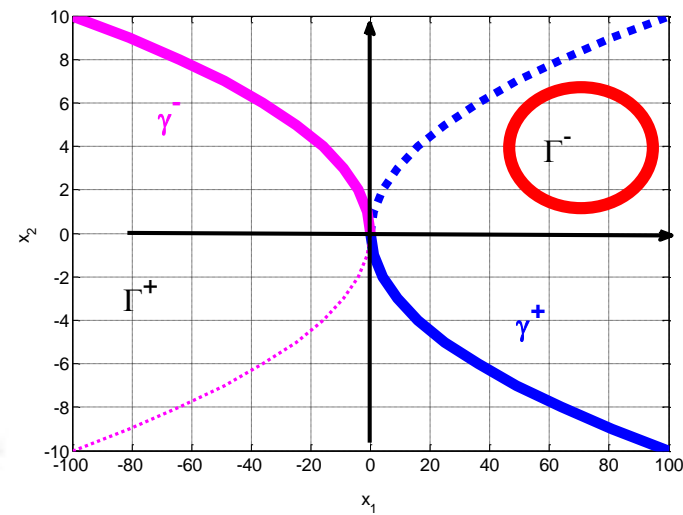
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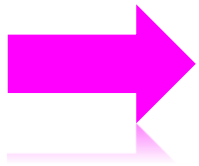
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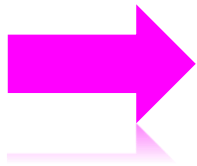
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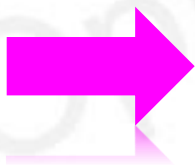
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Calculus of the minimum time:
it depends on the location of the initial point x^i

A) $x^i \in \gamma = \gamma^- \cup \gamma^+$

The control doesn't switch; from

$$(t - t_i) = \pm [x_2(t) - x_2^i]$$



$$(t_f^o - t_i) = \pm [0 - x_2^i] = \mp x_2^i = |x_2^i|$$

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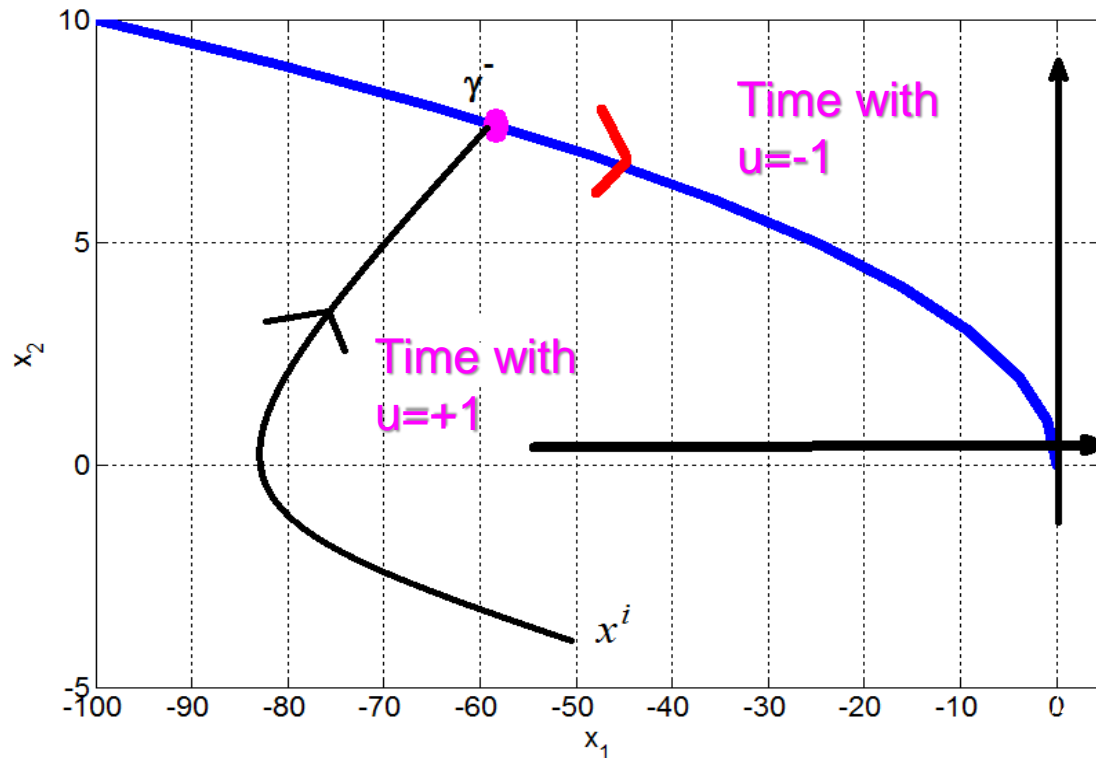
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Time with
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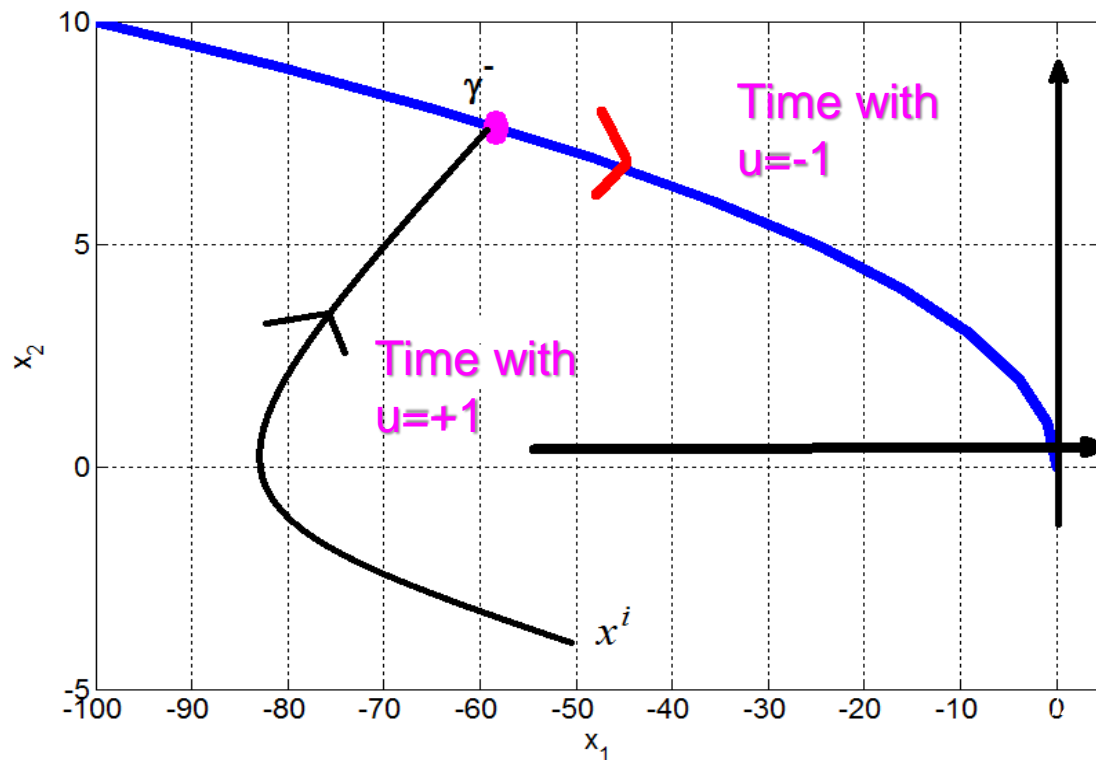
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The position \bar{x}_2^i must belong to the two parabolic arcs

$$x_1(t) - x_1^i = \pm \frac{1}{2} [x_2^2(t) - x_2^{i2}]$$

$$\bar{x}_1 = x_1^i + \frac{1}{2} \bar{x}_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} x_2^{i2}$$

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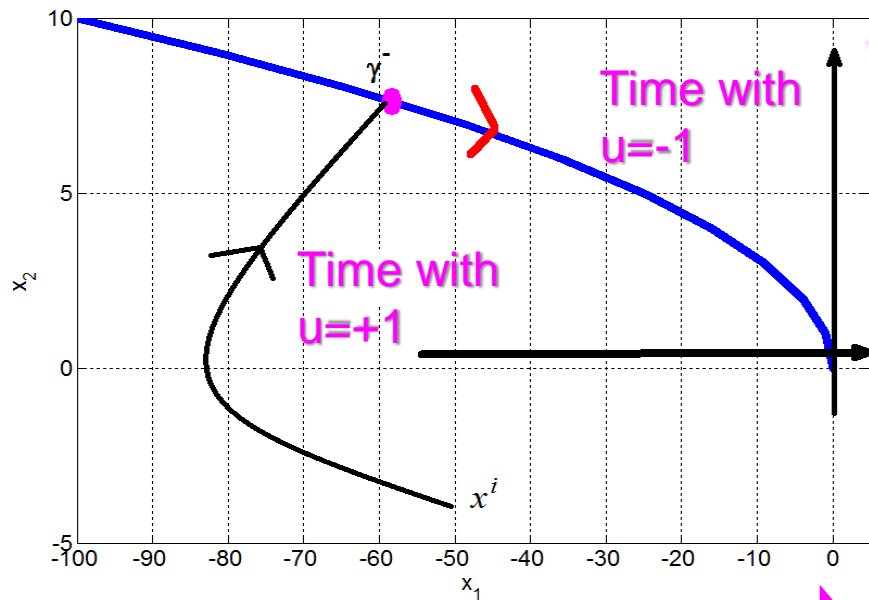
$$\bar{x}_2^2 = -x_1^i + \frac{1}{2} x_2^{i2}, \quad x_2 > 0$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = \sqrt{-x_1^i + \frac{1}{2} x_2^{i2}}$$

By substituting in

$$t_f^o - t_i = 2\bar{x}_2^i - x_2^i$$

$$t_f^o - t_i = \sqrt{-4x_1^i + 2x_2^{i2}} - x_2^i$$



c) $x^i \in \Gamma^-$

The same calculations yield:

$$t_f^o - t_i = \sqrt{4x_1^i + 2x_2^{i2}} + x_2^i$$

The commutation curve is the γ -curve

$$\varphi(x) = x_1 + \frac{1}{2} x_2 |x_2|$$

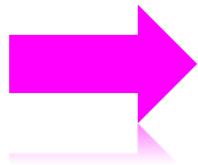


$$u^o(t) = -\text{sign}\{\varphi(x)\} = -\text{sign}\left\{x_1 + \frac{1}{2} x_2 |x_2|\right\}$$

Harmonic oscillator (from Bruni et al.1993)

$$\dot{x}_1(t) = \omega x_2(t)$$

$$\dot{x}_2(t) = -\omega x_1(t) + u(t) \quad \omega > 0$$



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \omega \\ -\omega & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

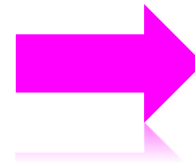


Eigenvalues: $\pm j\omega$

When $u=0$

$$\ddot{x}_1(t) + \omega^2 x_1(t) = 0$$

$$\ddot{x}_2(t) + \omega^2 x_2(t) = 0$$



The natural modes are oscillatory

Problem

Determine a control such that

$$x(t_i) = x_i \quad x(t_f) = 0$$
$$|u(t)| \leq 1$$

That minimizes the cost index: $J(t_f) = t_f - t_i$

- $(b \quad Ab) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \omega \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$ not singular
- Eigenvalues of A : $\pm j\omega$



There exists a unique, non singular solution (x^o, u^o, t_f^o)
and the control is bang-bang for any initial condition

BUT

Since the eigenvalues are complex **we can't apply the theorem about the maximum number of commutation points**

Alternative procedure:

Introduce the Hamiltonian:

$$H = 1 + \lambda_1(t)\omega x_2(t) - \lambda_2(t)\omega x_1(t) + \lambda_2(t)u(t)$$

Necessary conditions:

$$\dot{\lambda}^o(t) = -A^T \lambda^o(t)$$

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$$\dot{\lambda}_1^o(t) = \omega \lambda_2^o(t)$$

$$\dot{\lambda}_2^o(t) = -\omega \lambda_1^o(t)$$

$$\lambda_2^o(t) u^o(t) \leq \lambda_2^o(t) v(t), \quad \forall v: |v(t)| \leq 1$$

$$\ddot{\lambda}_2^o(t) = -\omega^2 \lambda_2^o(t) \Rightarrow \lambda_2^o(t) = K \sin(\omega(t - t_i) + \alpha)$$

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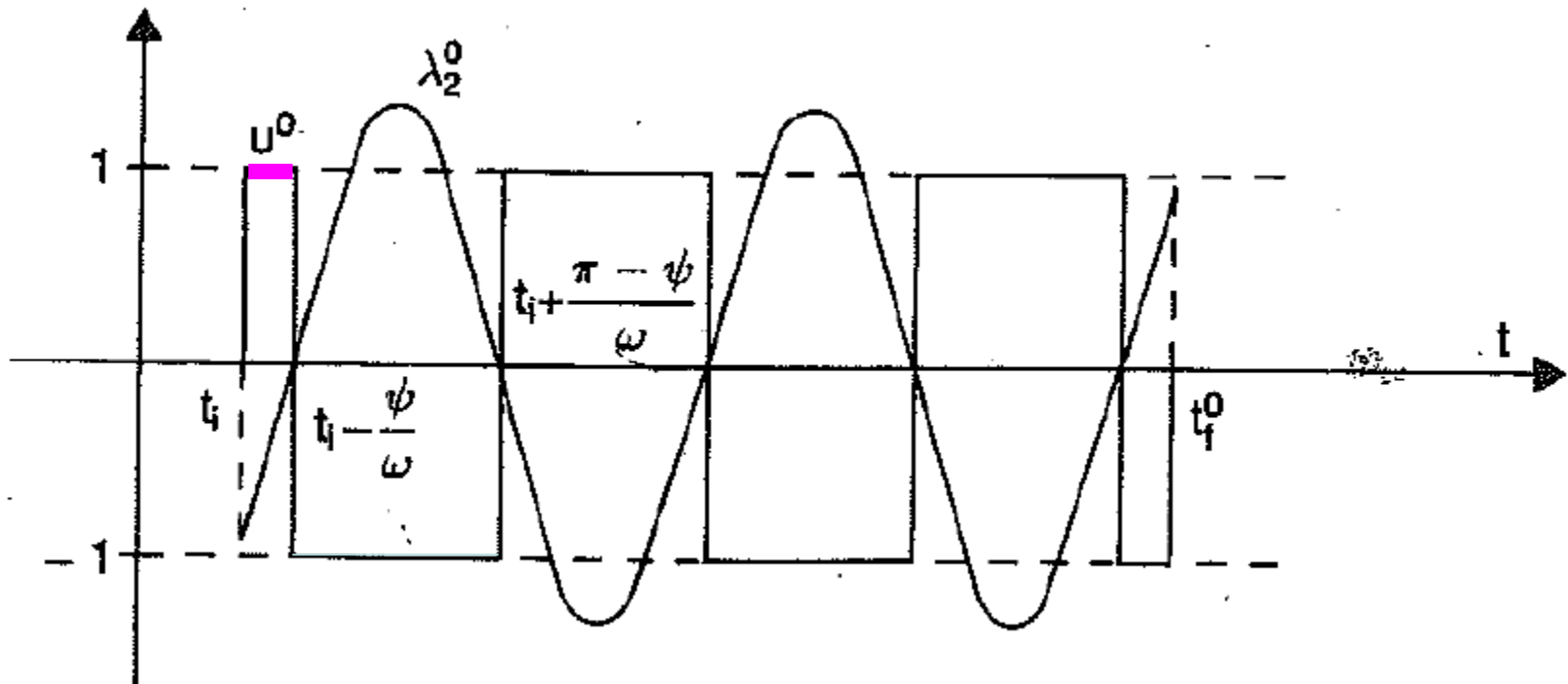
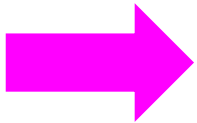
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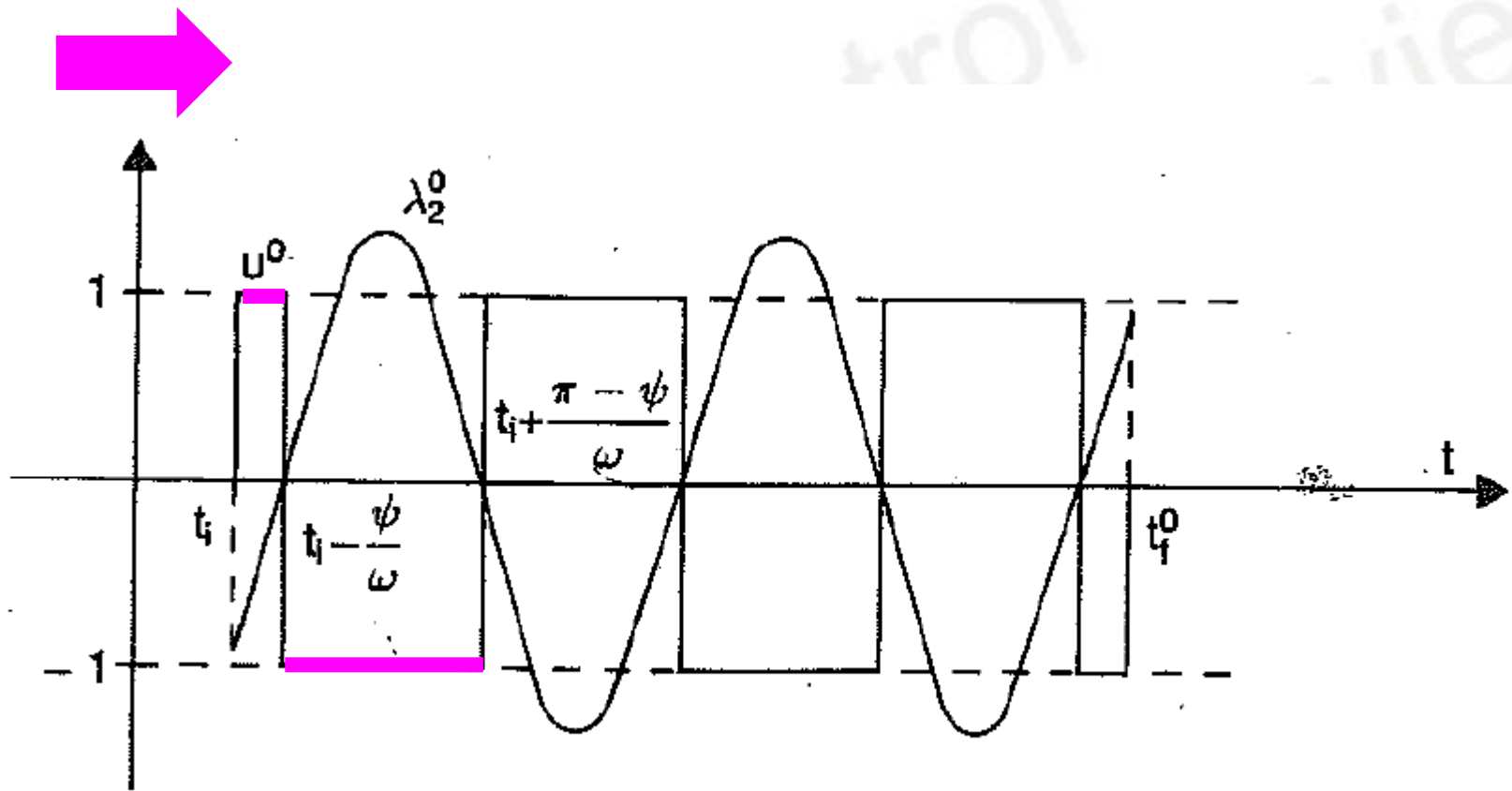
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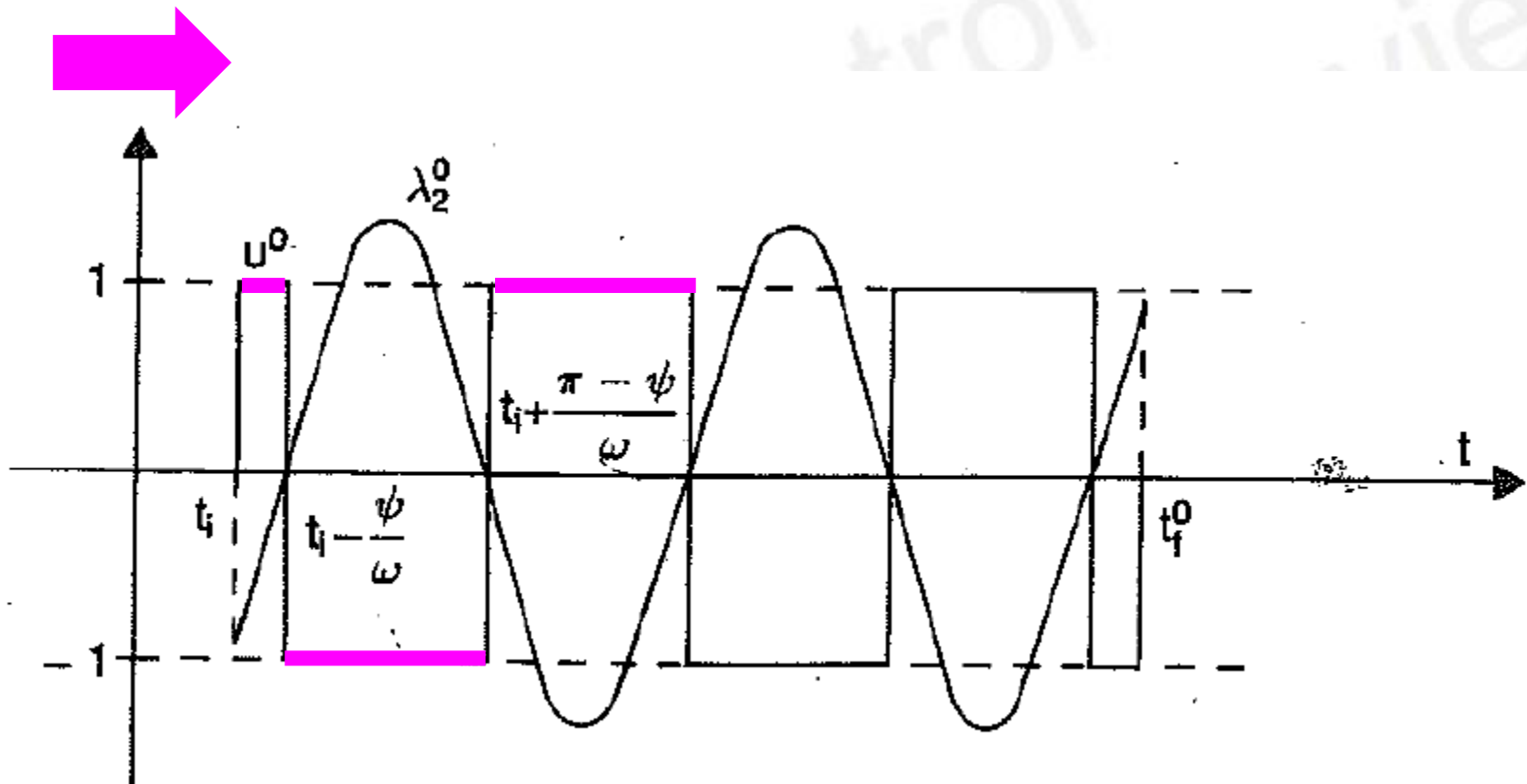
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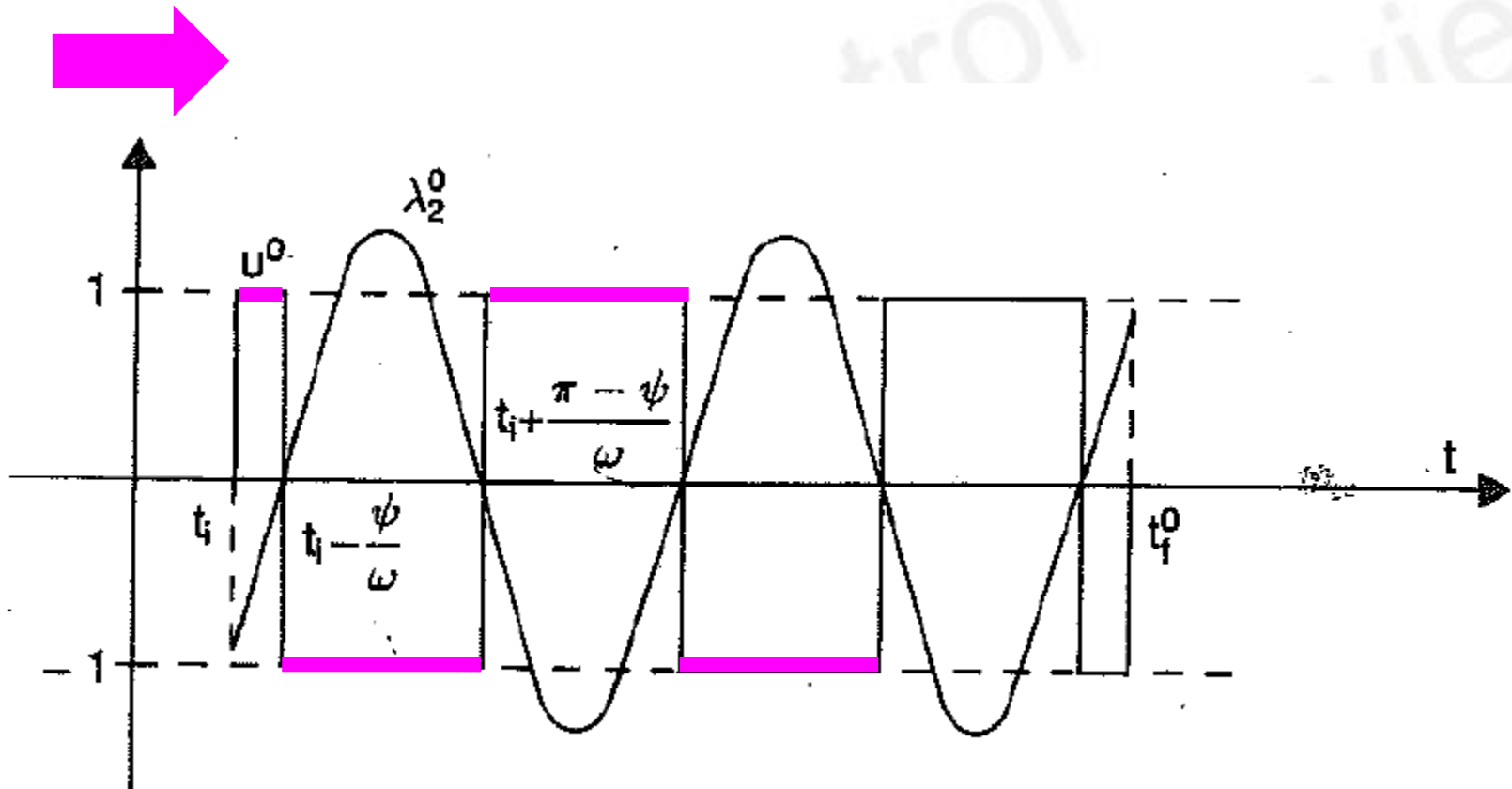
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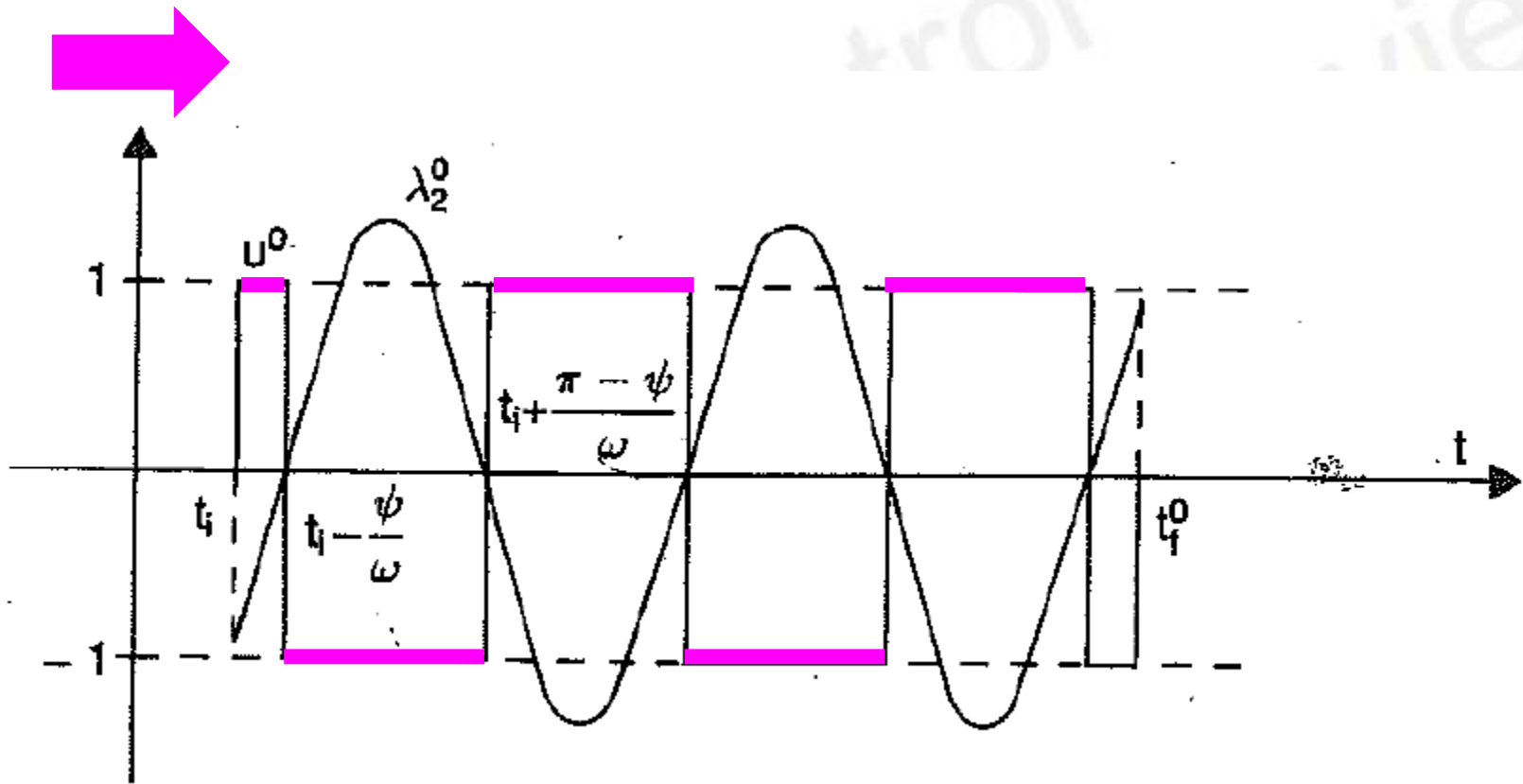
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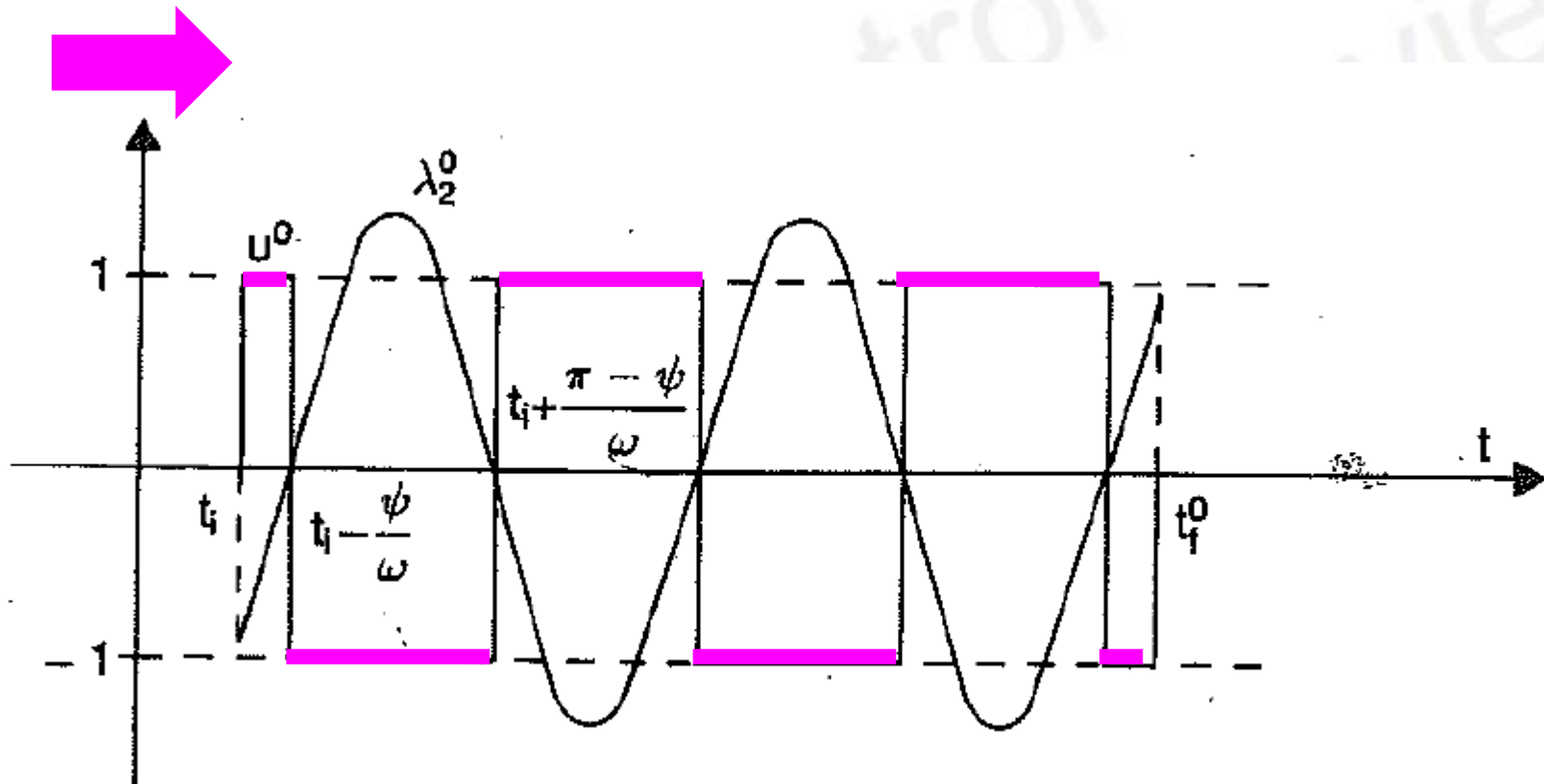
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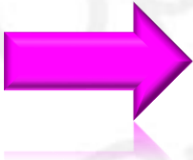
Let's assume

$$u(t) = \pm 1$$

And integrate the system:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1(t) &= \omega x_2(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) &= -\omega x_1(t) + u(t) \quad \omega > 0\end{aligned}$$


$$\begin{aligned}x_1(t) &= \left(x_1^i \mp \frac{1}{\omega} \right) \cos \omega(t - t_i) + x_2^i \sin \omega(t - t_i) \pm \frac{1}{\omega} \\ x_2(t) &= \left(x_1^i \mp \frac{1}{\omega} \right) \sin \omega(t - t_i) + x_2^i \cos \omega(t - t_i)\end{aligned}$$


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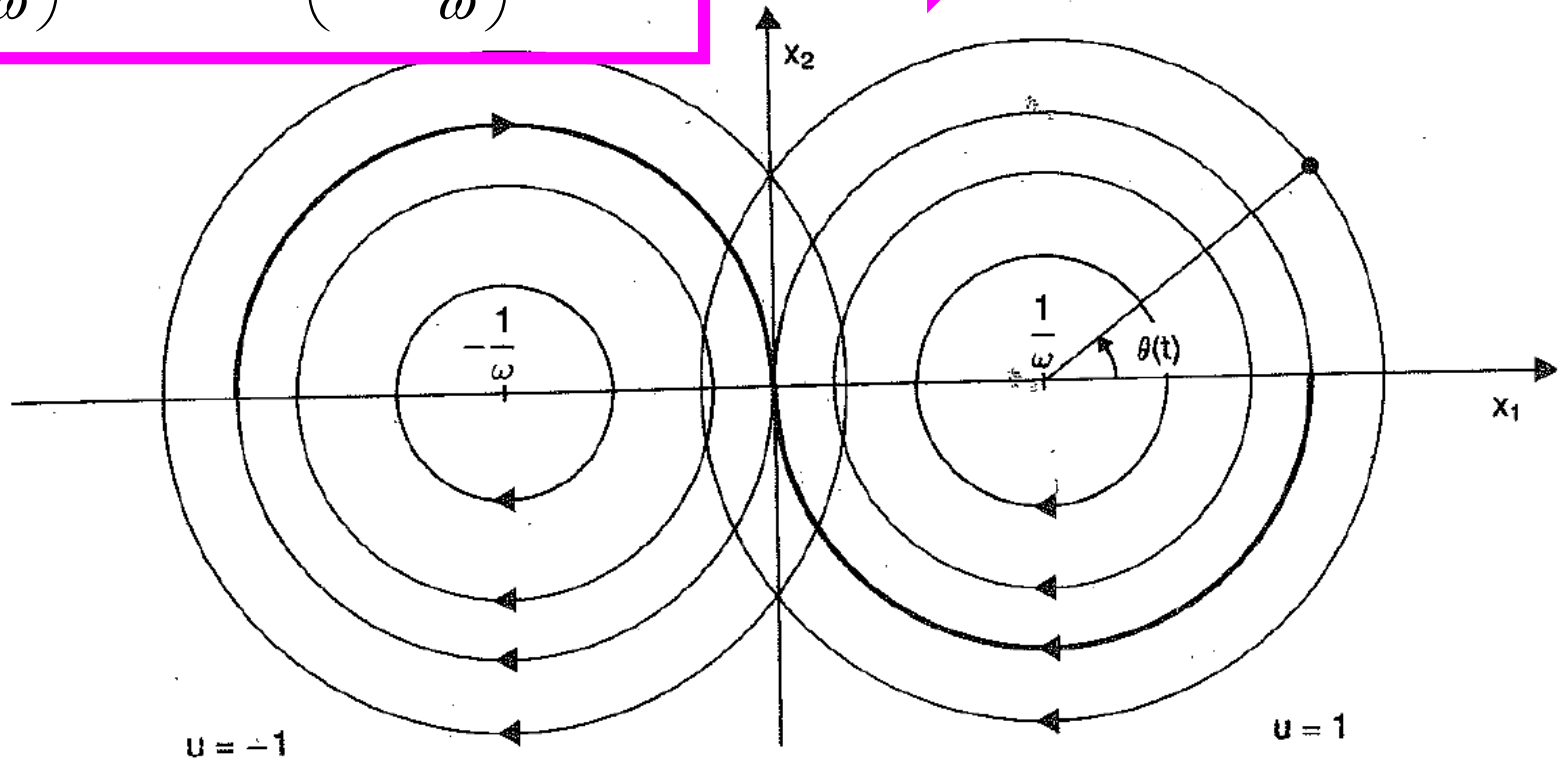


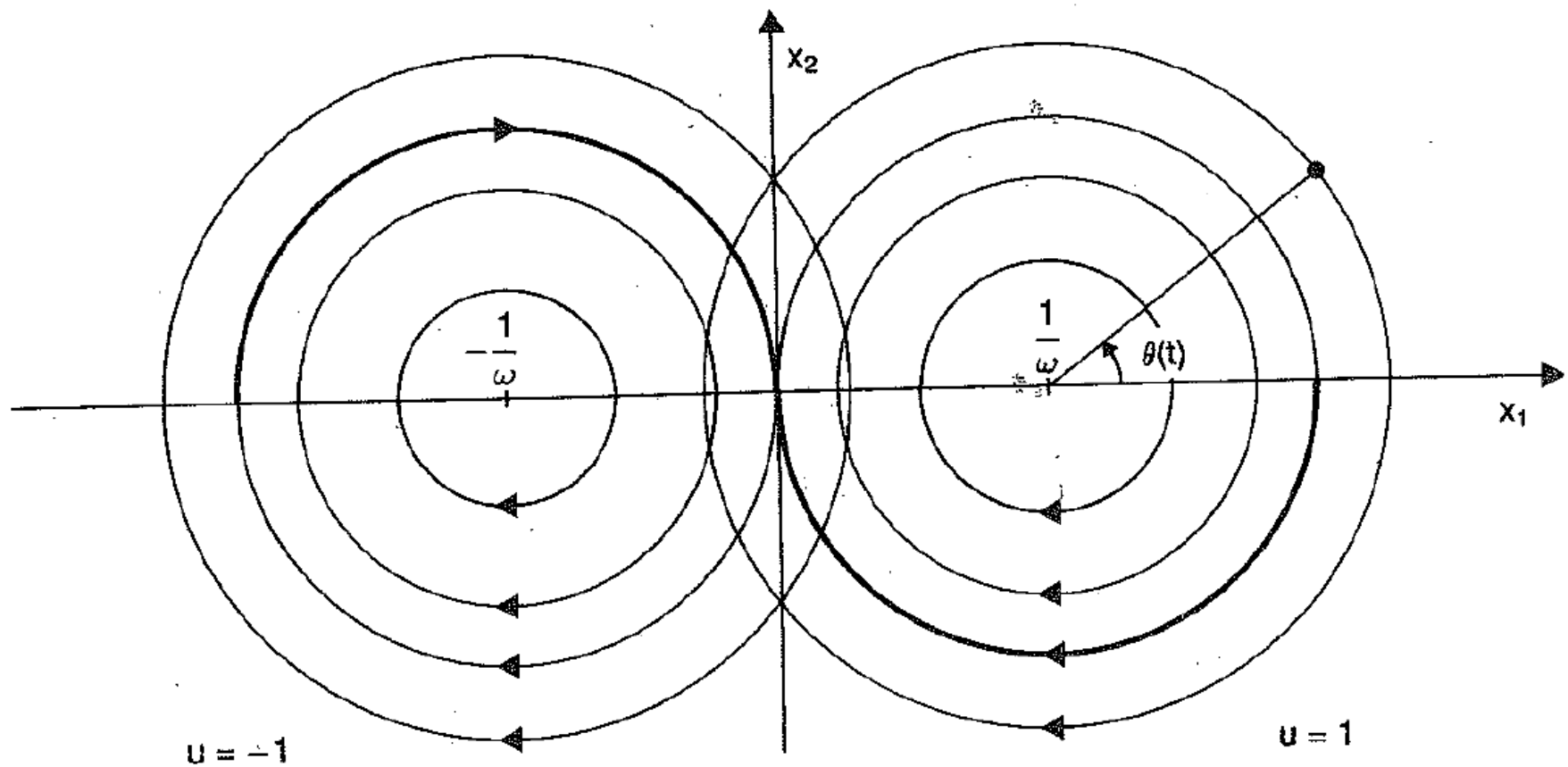
Figura 2. (Bruni et al.1993)

The trajectories with control $u(t) = \pm 1$ are **circumferences with center**

$\left(\pm \frac{1}{\omega}, 0\right)$ passing through the initial condition x^i

The direction is clockwise.

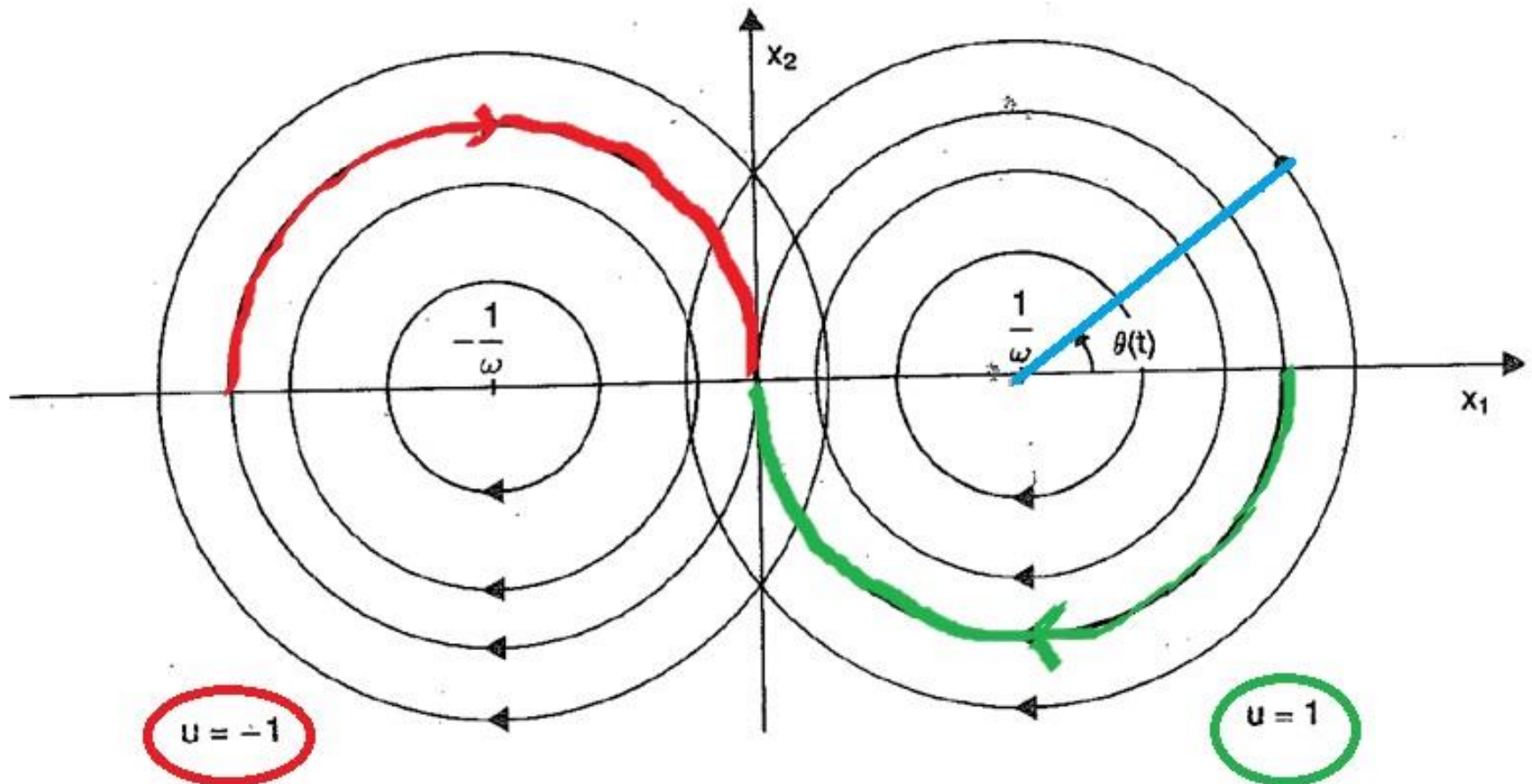
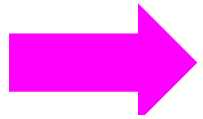
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From Bruni et al. 2003

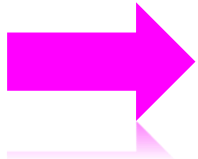
Only one trajectory for each of these families passes through the origin

$$\left(x_1(t) \mp \frac{1}{\omega}\right)^2 + x_2^2(t) = \frac{1}{\omega}$$



For a generic instant t :

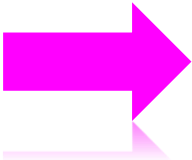
$$\mathcal{G}(t) = tg^{-1} \left(\frac{x_2(t)}{x_1(t) \mp \frac{1}{\omega}} \right)$$



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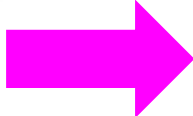
$$\dot{\mathcal{G}}(t) = \dots = -\omega$$



$$\dot{x}_1(t) = \omega x_2(t)$$

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$$\omega > 0$$



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The time interval needed to move on an arc of length β

with constant control $u(t) = \pm 1$

is given by $\Delta t = \frac{\beta}{\omega}$

$$\frac{\beta}{\omega} \leq \frac{\pi}{\omega} \Rightarrow \beta \leq \pi$$

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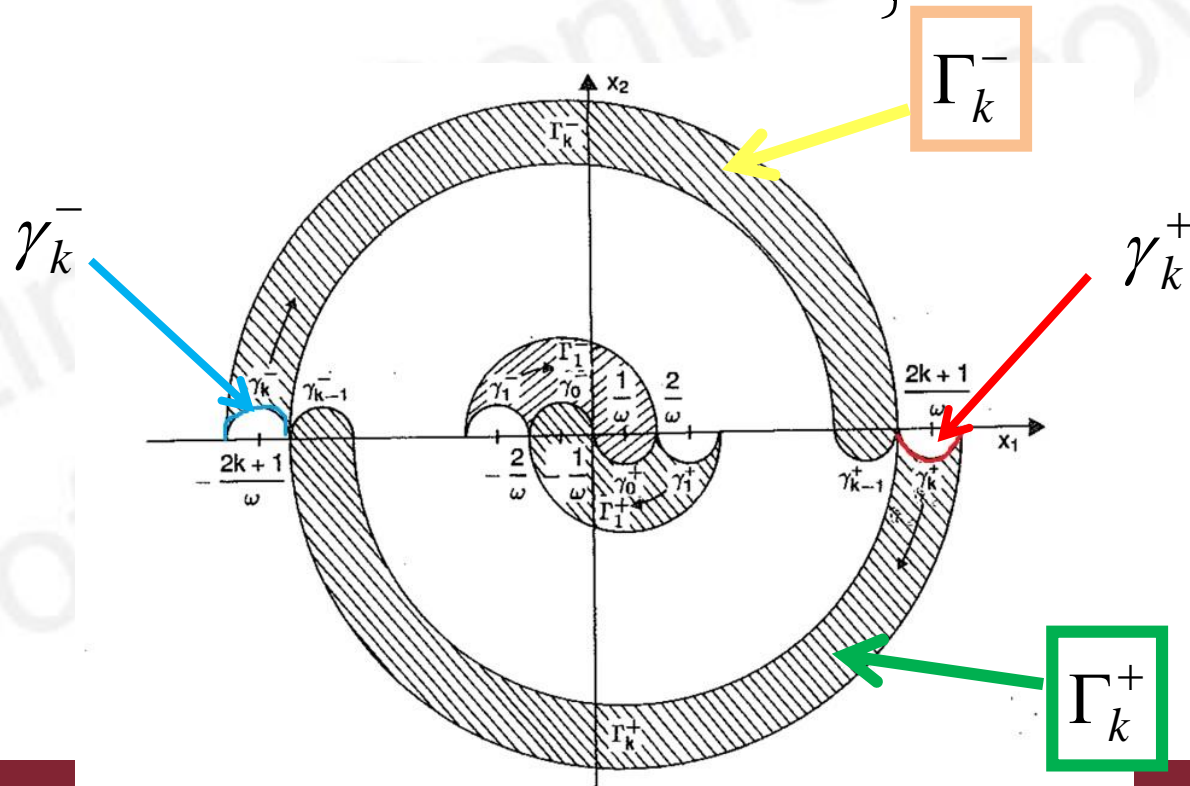
We must reach the origin along arcs with amplitude $\leq \pi$

There exists a unique way to do it!

Definitions:

$$\gamma_k^+ = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \left(x_1 - \frac{2k+1}{\omega} \right)^2 + x_2^2 = \frac{1}{\omega^2}, \quad x_2 \leq 0 \right\}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\gamma_k^- = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \left(x_1 + \frac{2k+1}{\omega} \right)^2 + x_2^2 = \frac{1}{\omega^2}, \quad x_2 \geq 0 \right\}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$



Let Γ_k^+ and Γ_k^- $k=1,2,\dots,$ be the sets in Figure,

obtained rotating γ_k^+

and γ_k^- around

$$\left(\pm \frac{1}{\omega}, 0\right)$$

respectively

Define:

$$\gamma^+ = \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma_k^+ \quad \gamma^- = \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma_k^- \quad \gamma = \gamma^+ \cup \gamma^-$$

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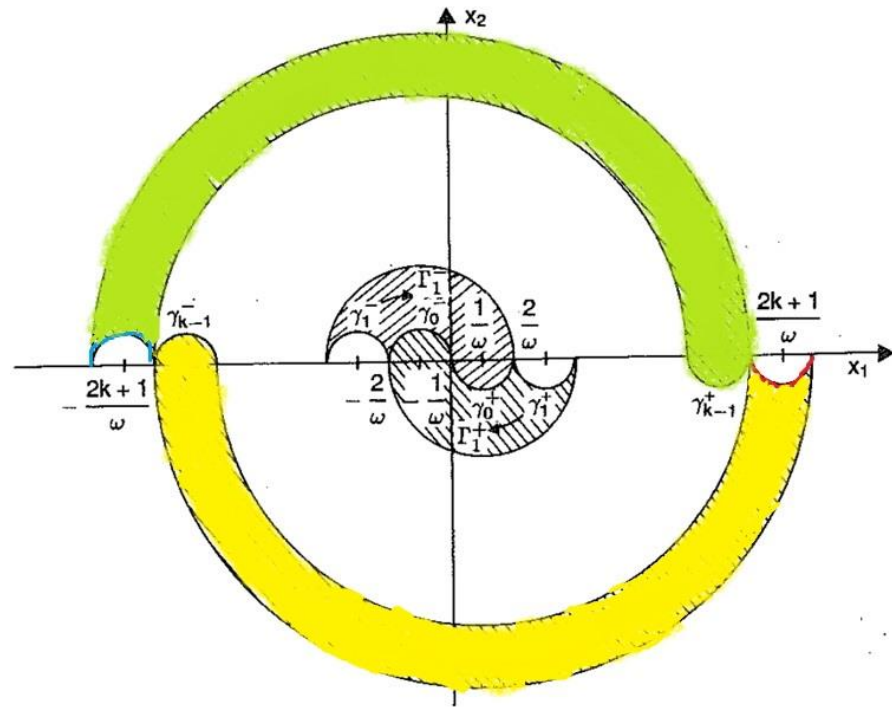


Figura 5. (from Bruni et al. 1993)

The initial states $x_i \in \gamma_0^+$ and $x_i \in \gamma_0^-$ may be moved to the origin with a constant control equal to +1 and -1 respectively and the corresponding arc is less or equal than π .

1a 1b

The points belonging to $\gamma_0^+ \cup \gamma_0^-$ are the only ones that can be transferred to the origin with a constant control, without switching

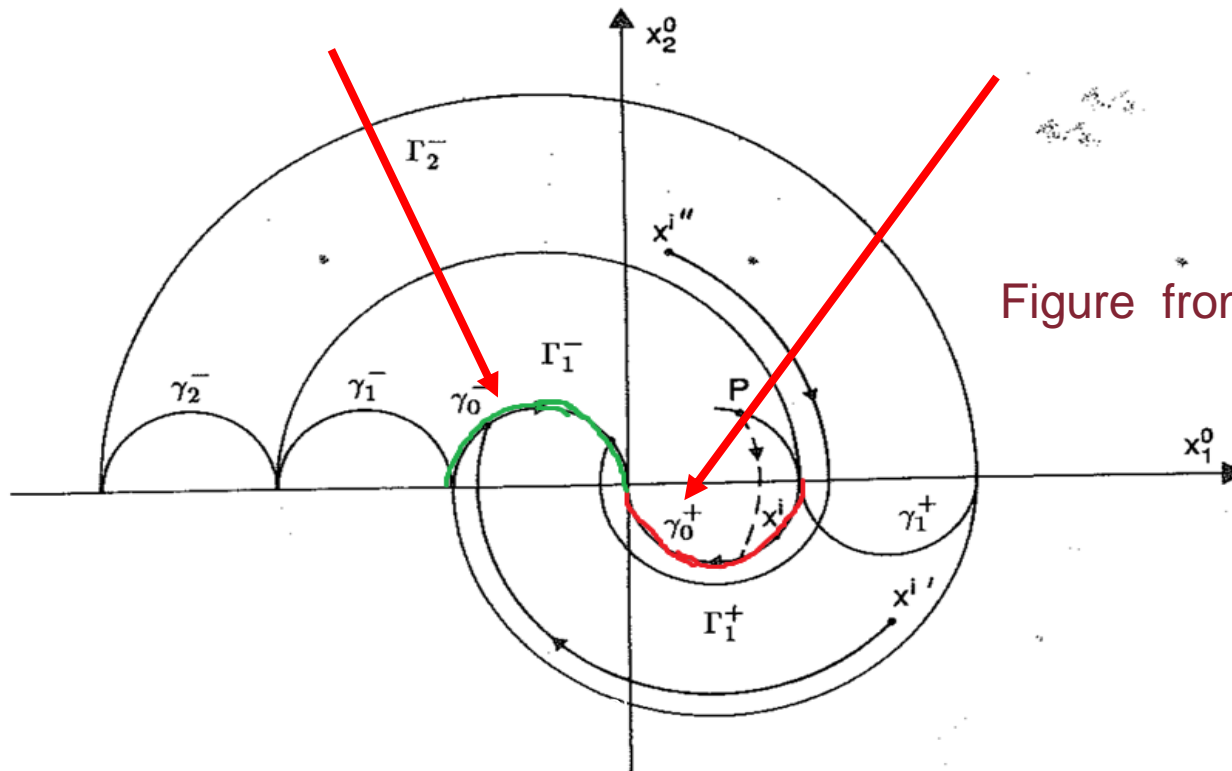


Figure from Bruni et al. 1993

Let's consider initial states $x_i \in \Gamma_1^+ \setminus (\gamma_0^+ \cup \gamma_0^-)$

2a

They may be moved to the origin with the following path:

- First a constant control +1 up to the arc γ_0^- for an interval time $\leq \frac{\pi}{\omega}$
- Switching to control -1 to reach the origin.



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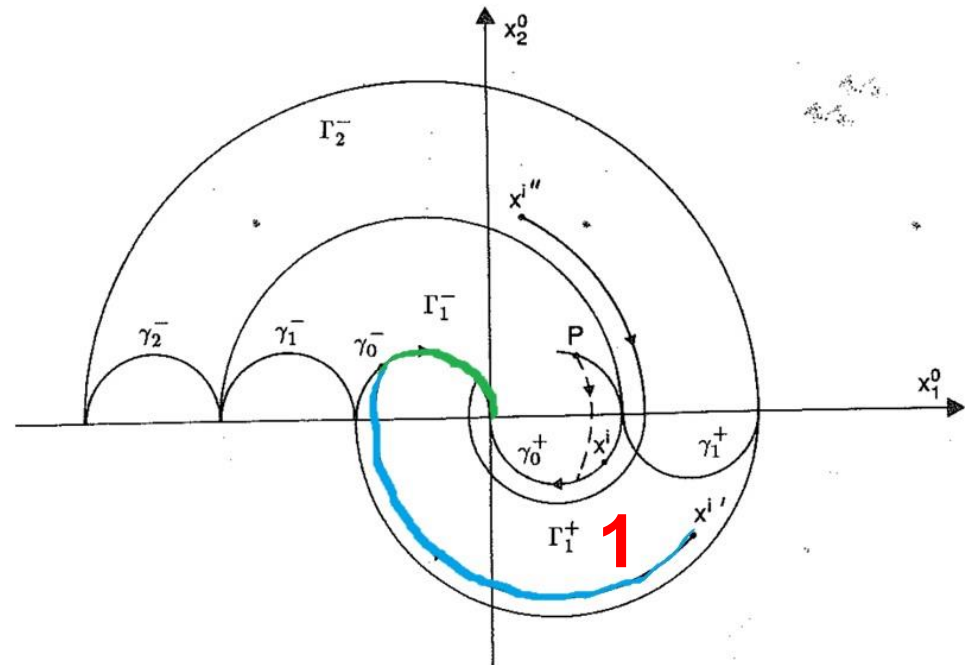
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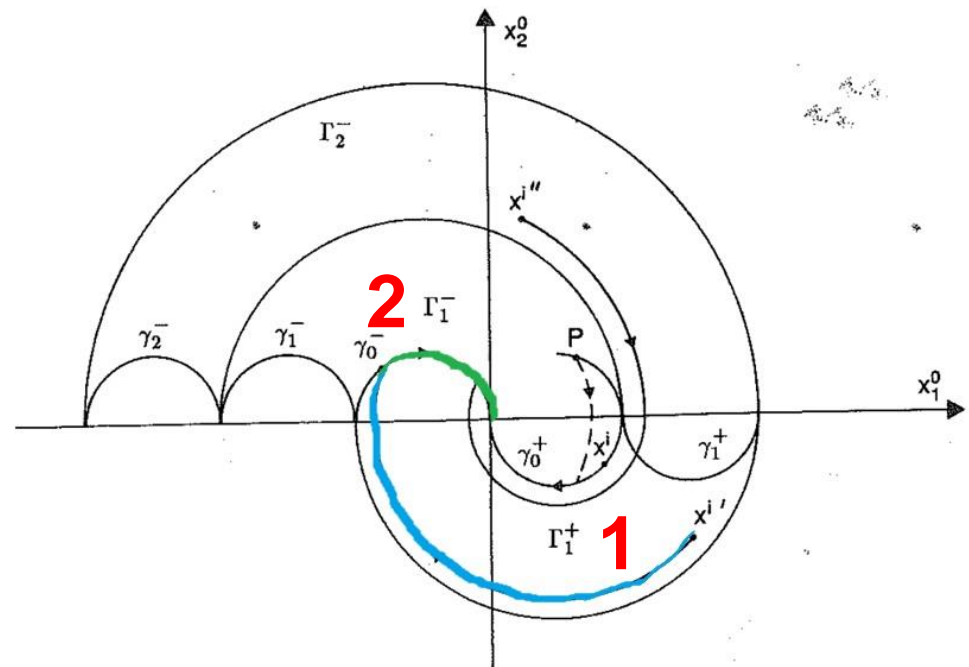
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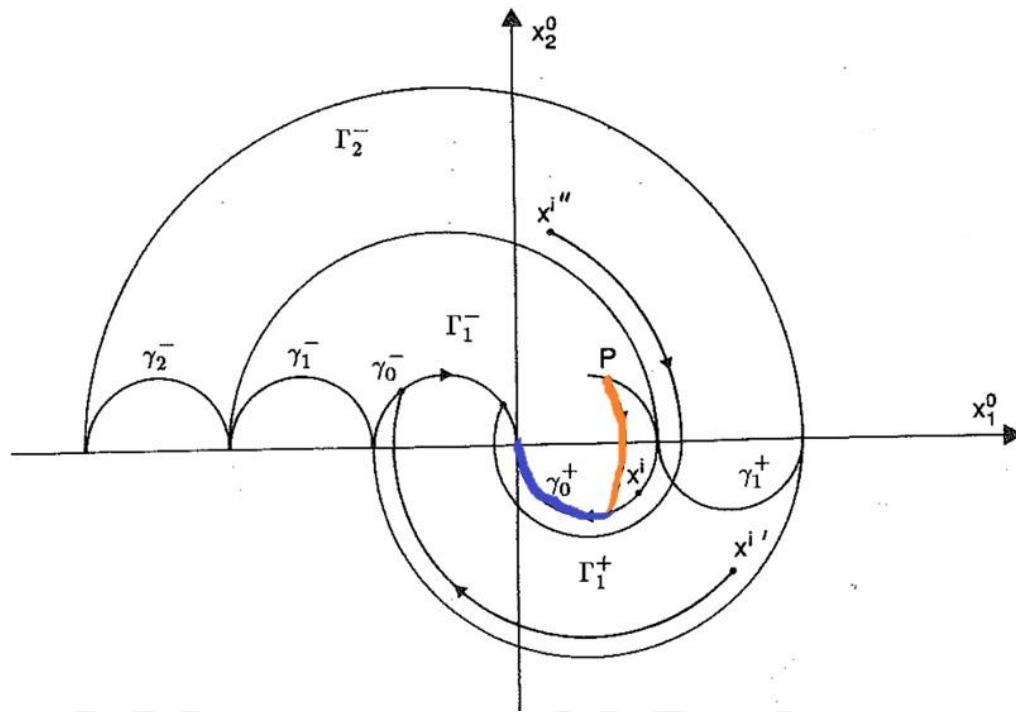
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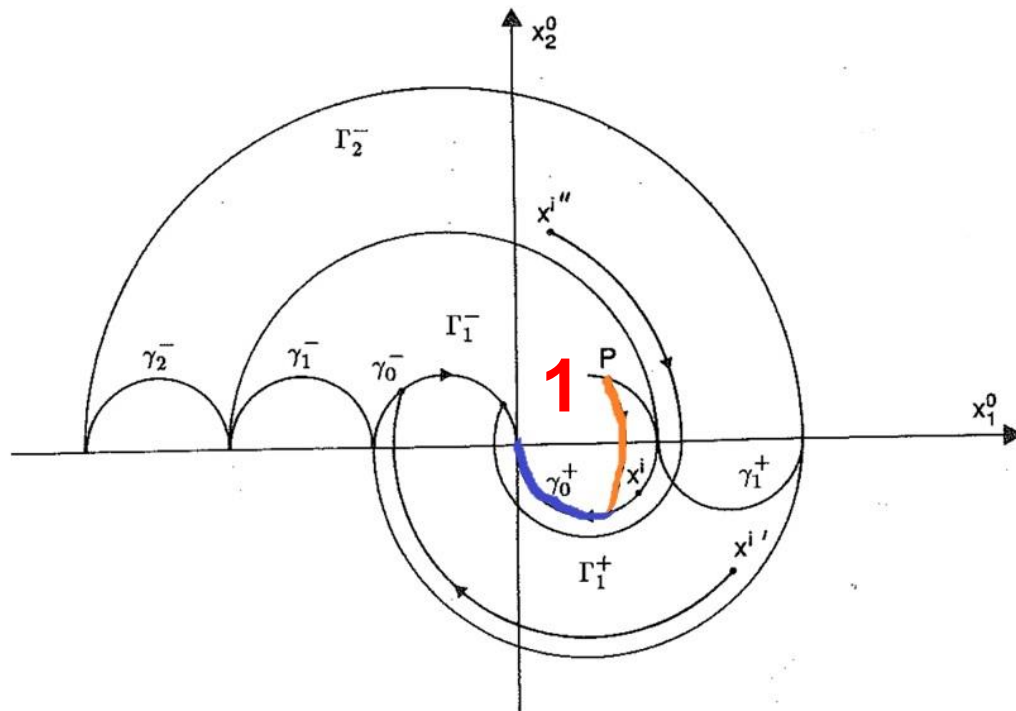
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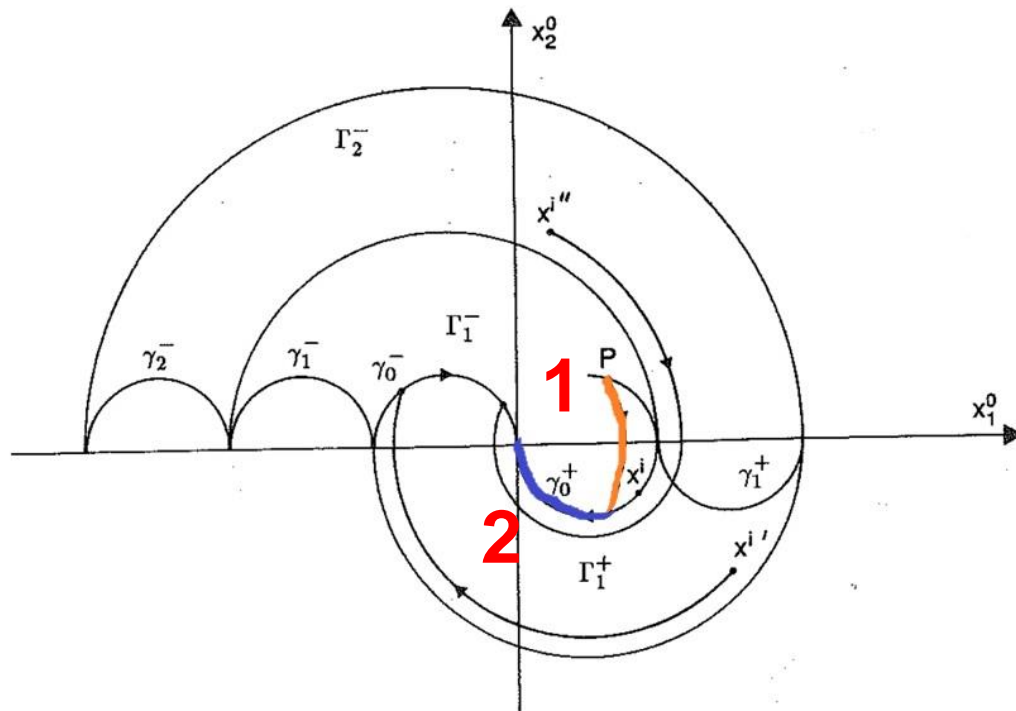
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$$x_i \in \Gamma_2^+ \setminus \gamma_1^-$$

3a

They may be moved to the origin with the following path:


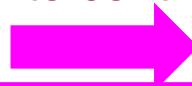
- First a constant control +1 up to the arc γ_1^- for an interval time $\leq \frac{\pi}{\omega}$
- Note that: $\gamma_1^- \in \Gamma_1^-$  apply strategy **2b**
- Switch to control -1 to reach γ_0^+ and then switch to control +1 to reach the origin  **two switching instants**

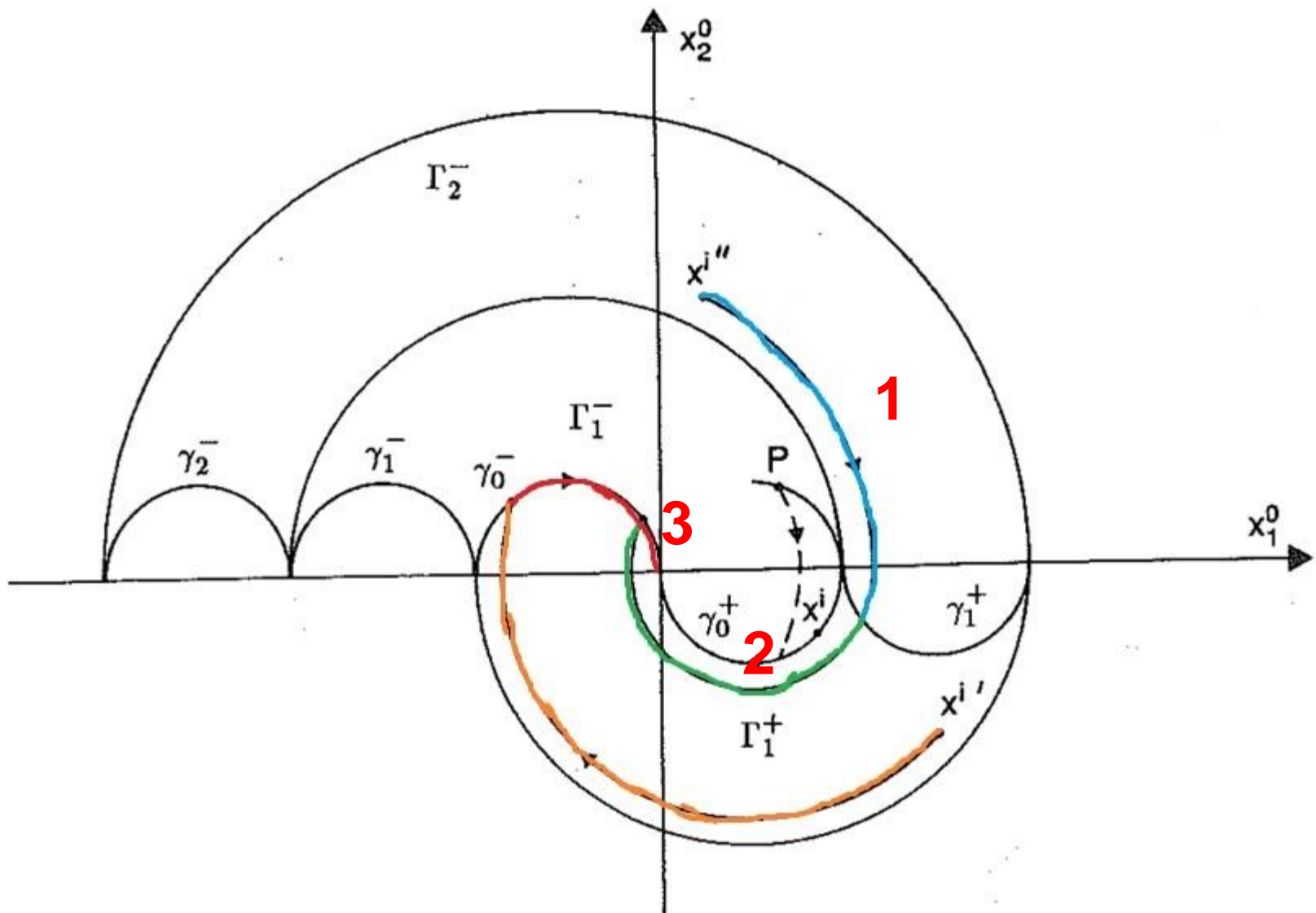
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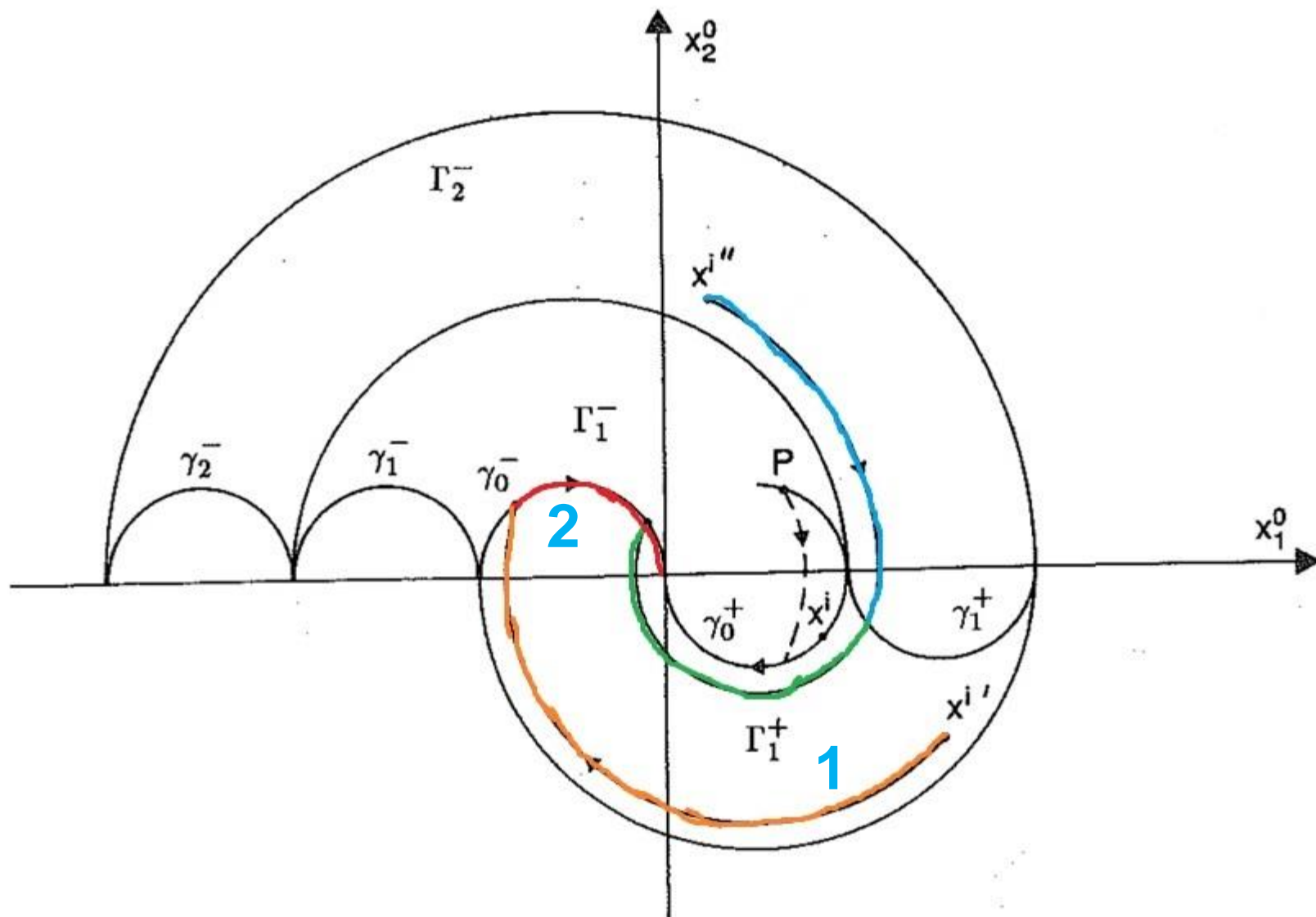
$$x_i \in \Gamma_2^- \setminus \gamma_1^+$$

3b

They may be moved to the origin with the following path:

- First a constant control -1 up to the arc γ_1^+ for an interval time $\leq \frac{\pi}{\omega}$
- Note that $\gamma_1^+ \in \Gamma_1^+$  apply strategy **2a**
- Switch to control +1 to reach γ_0^- and then switch to control -1 to reach the origin:  **two switching instants**





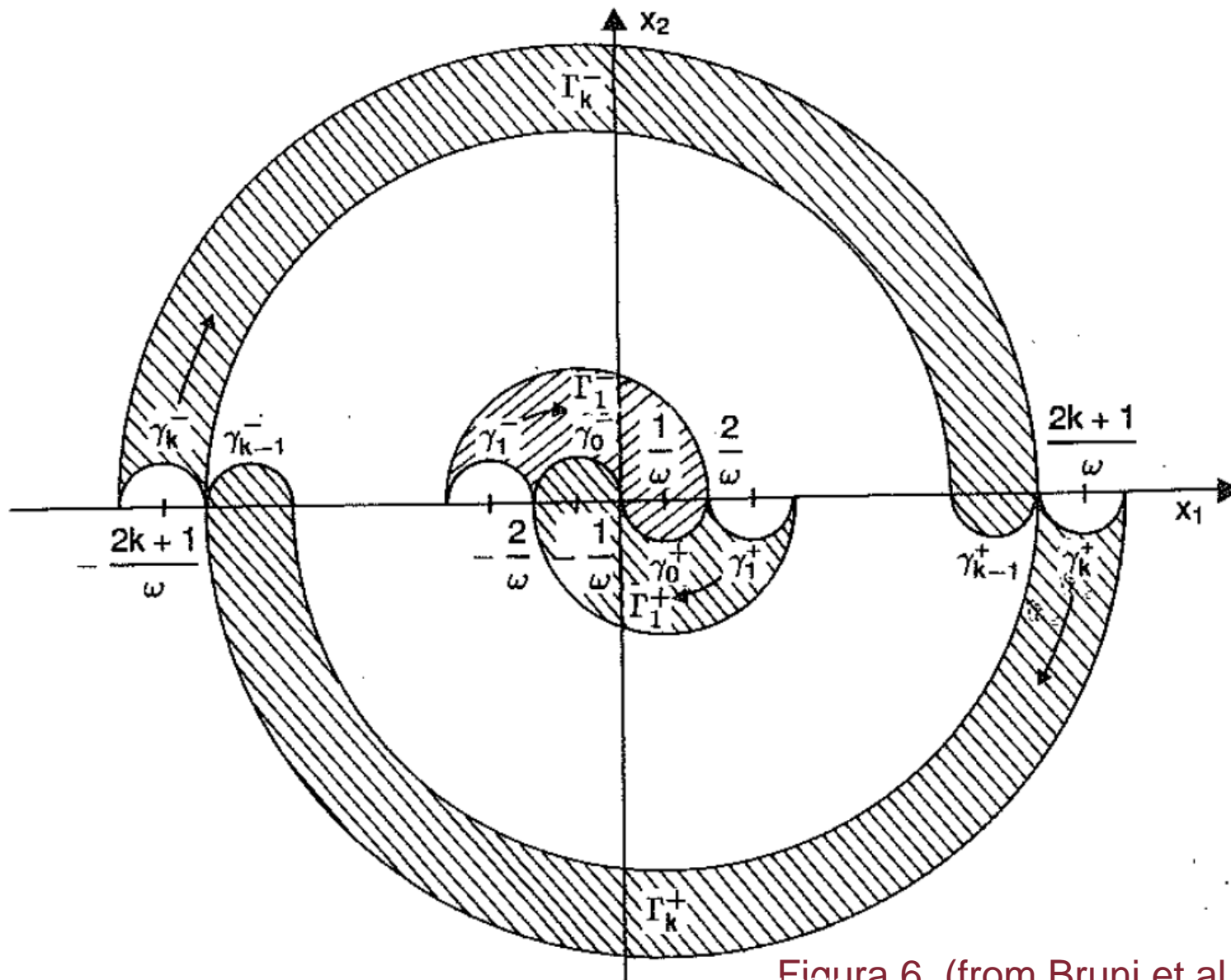
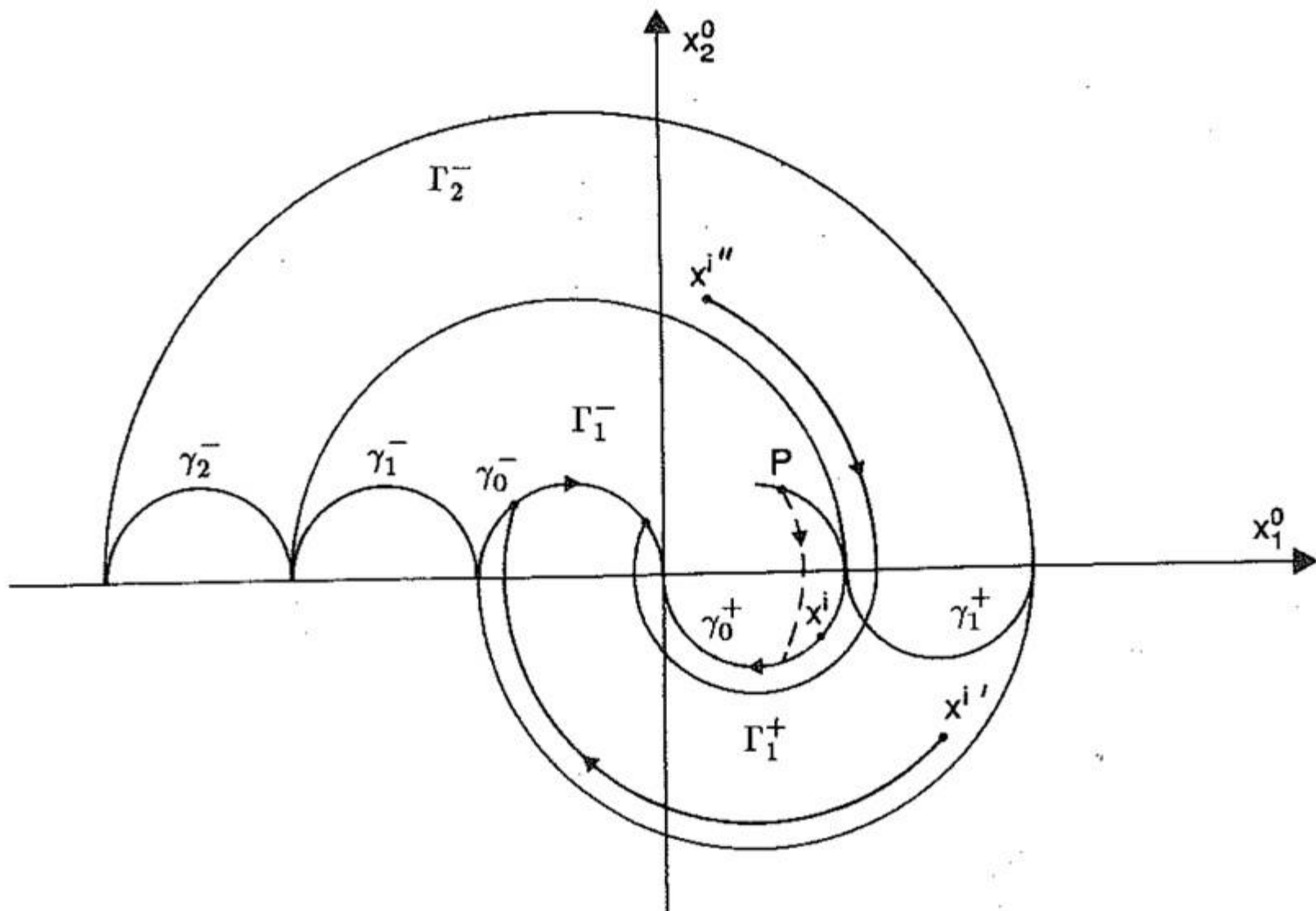


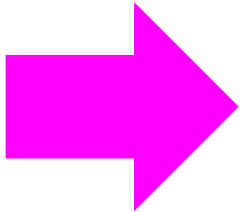
Figura 6. (from Bruni et al. 1993)



The same happens for any initial condition:

$$x_i \in \Gamma_k^+ \setminus \gamma_{k-1}^-$$

$$x_i \in \Gamma_k^- \setminus \gamma_{k-1}^+$$



At the generic state $x_i \in \Gamma^+ \setminus \gamma^-$ you must associate $u=+1$

At the generic state $x_i \in \Gamma^- \setminus \gamma^+$ you must associate $u=-1$

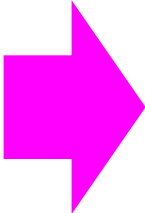
$$u^o(x^o(t)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \forall x^o(t) \in \Gamma^+ \setminus \gamma^- \\ -1 & \forall x^o(t) \in \Gamma^- \setminus \gamma^+ \end{cases}$$

The number of switching points is given by the minimum index k among the ones characterizing the sets Γ_k^+ and Γ_k^-

Example: Consider the point $P \in \Gamma_1^+ \cup \Gamma_2^+ \cup \Gamma_3^+$
Then there is only one switching instant.

Time necessary to get to the origin

If ν^o is the number of switching instants:



Rotation of the optimal trajectory
to go from the initial point to the
first point of commutation

Rotation of the optimal trajectory
to go from the final point to the
origin

$$\text{if } \nu^o \geq 1 \quad t_f^o - t_i = \frac{\beta_i}{\omega} + (\nu^o - 1) \frac{\pi}{\omega} + \frac{\beta_f}{\omega}$$

$$\text{If } \nu^o = 0 \quad t_f^o - t_i = \frac{\beta_i}{\omega}$$

where:

$$\text{if } x_i \in \gamma_o^+ \quad \beta_i = tg^{-1} \left(\frac{\omega x_2^i}{1 - \omega x_1^i} \right)$$

$$\text{if } x_i \in \gamma_o^- \quad \beta_i = tg^{-1} \left(\frac{\omega x_2^i}{1 + \omega x_1^i} \right)$$

