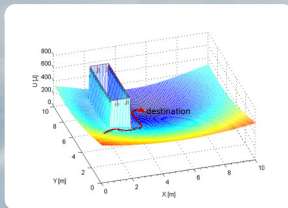


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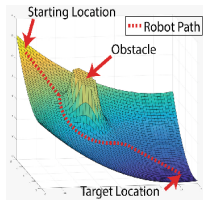
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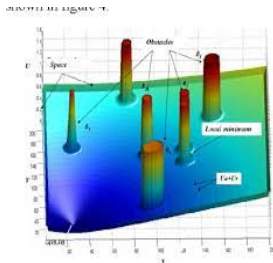
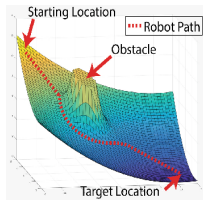


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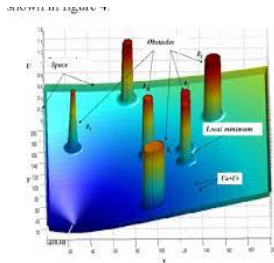
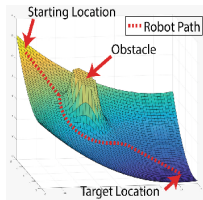
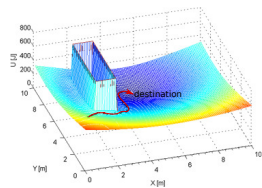


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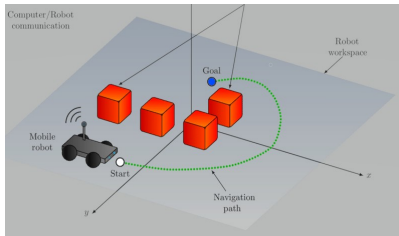
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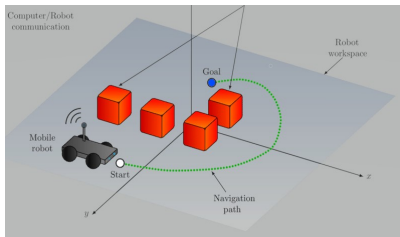
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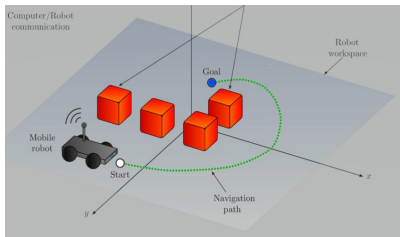
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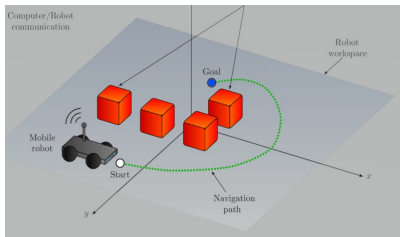
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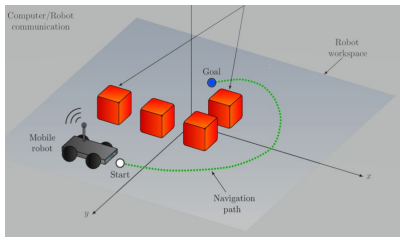
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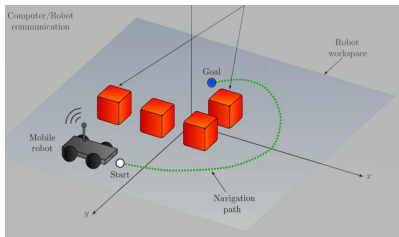
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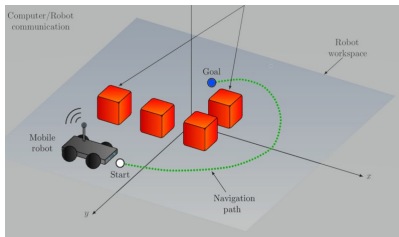
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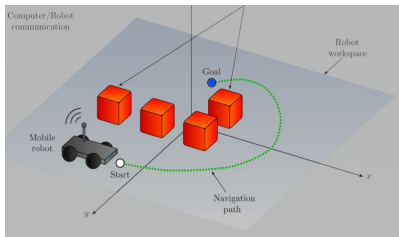
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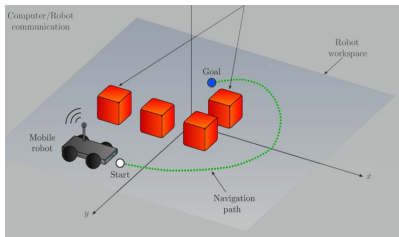
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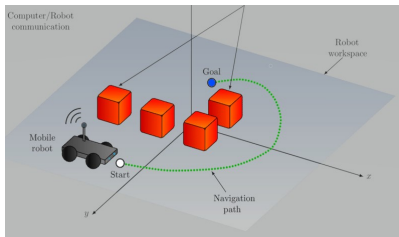
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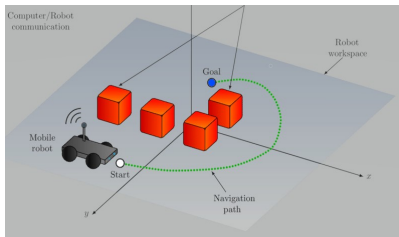
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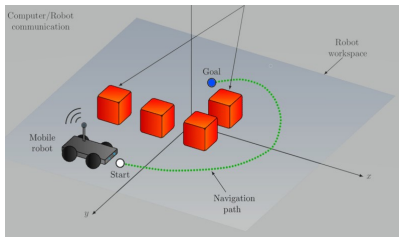
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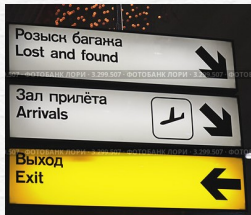
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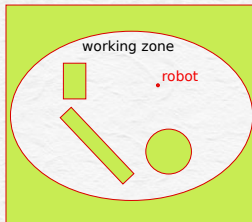
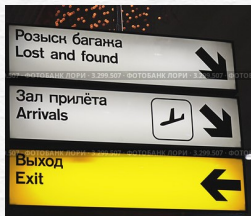
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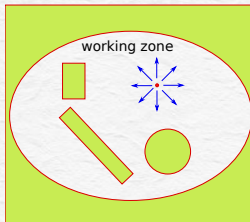
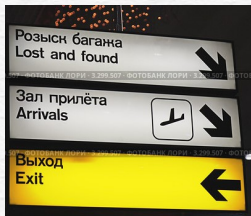
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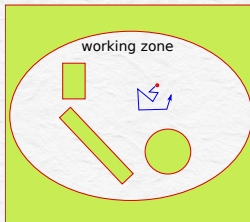
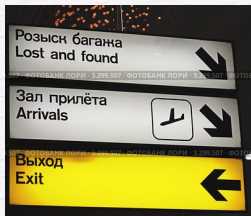
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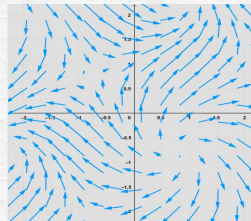
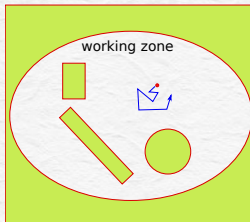
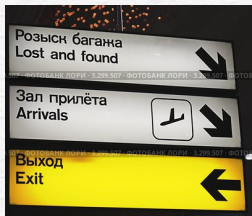
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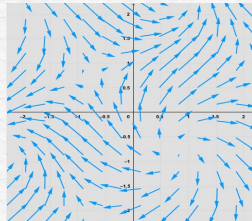
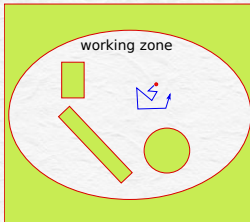
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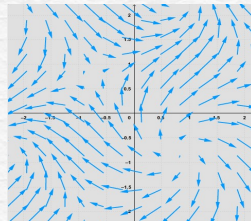
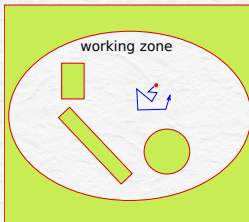
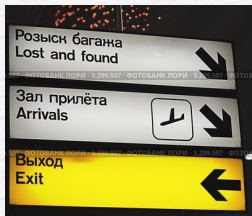
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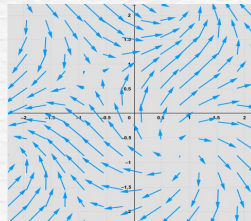
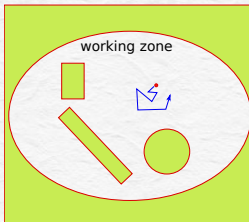
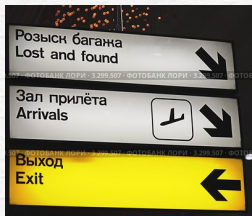
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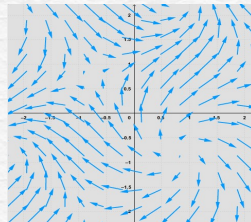
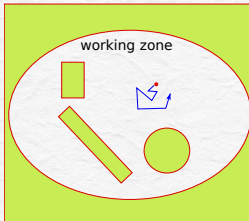
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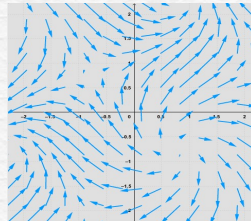
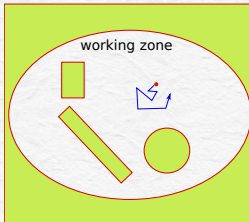
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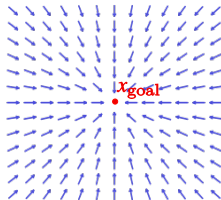
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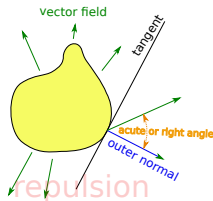
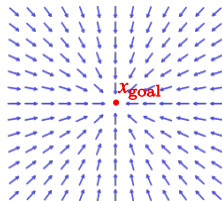
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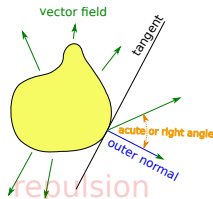
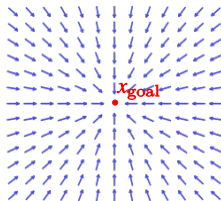
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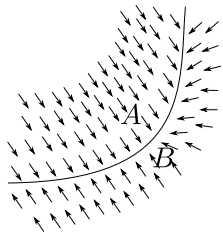


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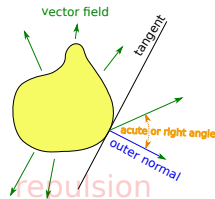
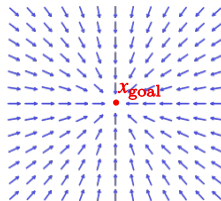
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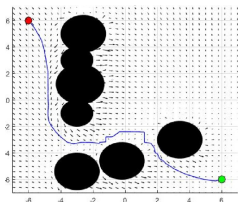
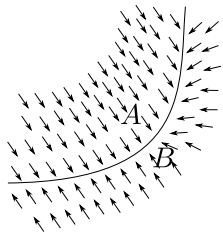


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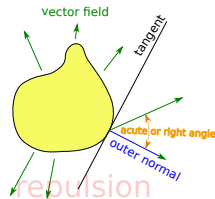
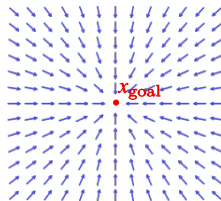
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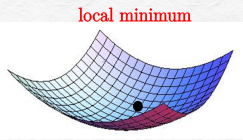
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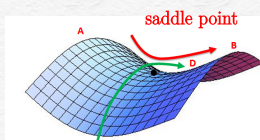
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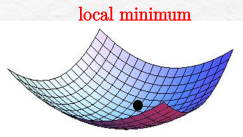
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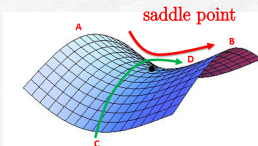
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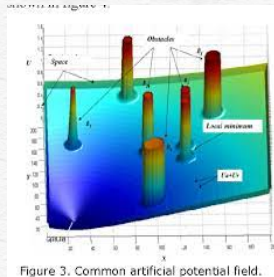


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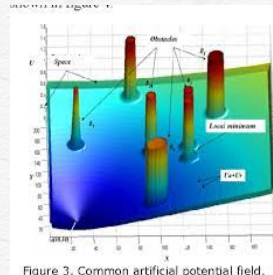
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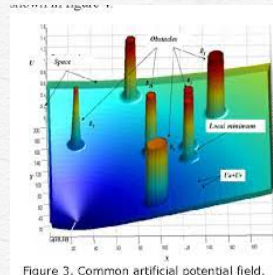


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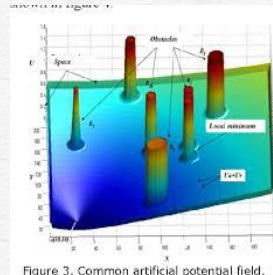


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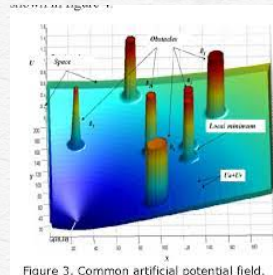


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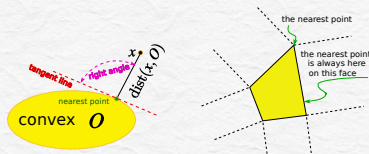
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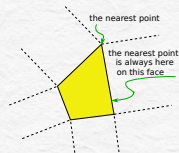
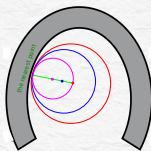
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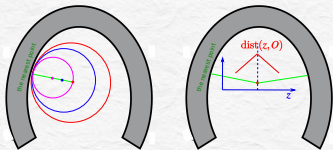
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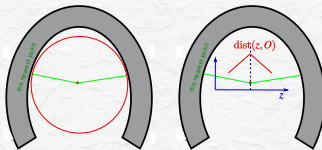
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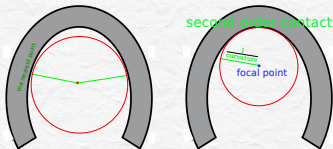
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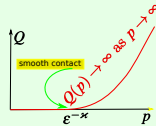
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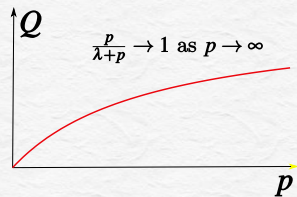
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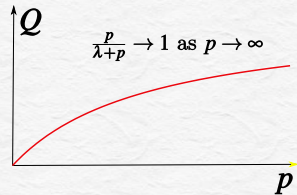


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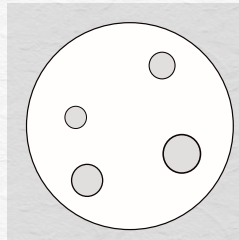
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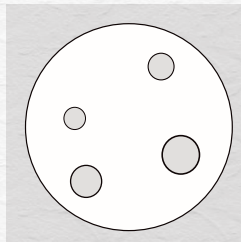
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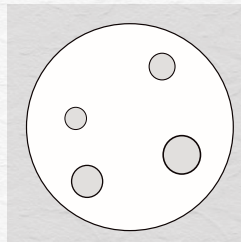
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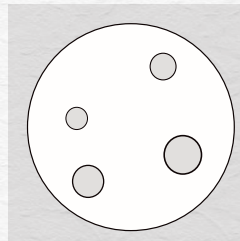
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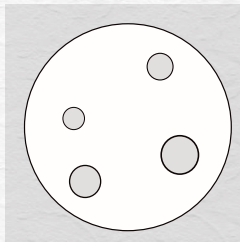
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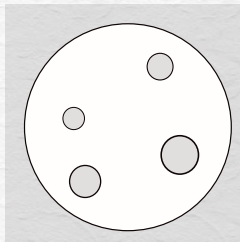
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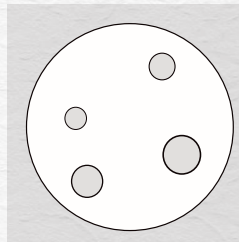
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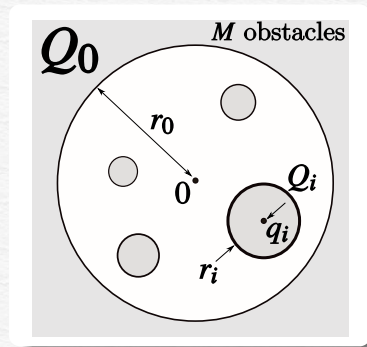
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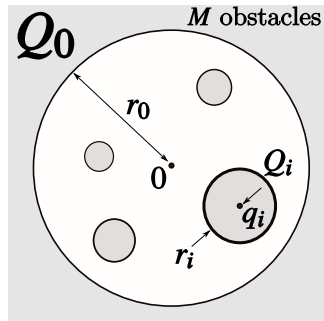
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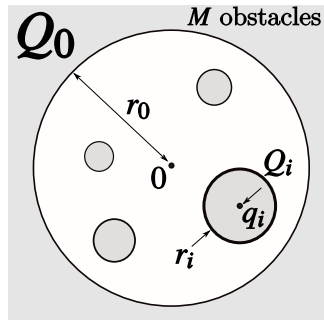
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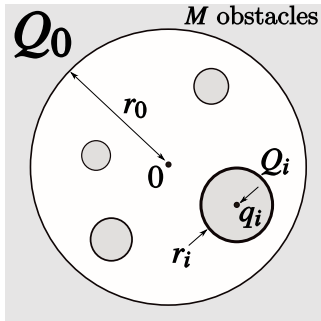
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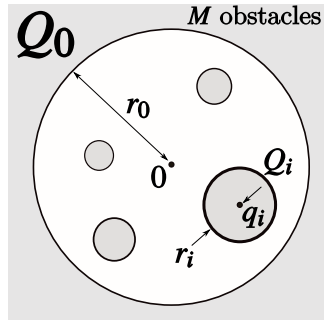
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Two worlds with the same number of obstacles

These two worlds are **isomorphic** if there exists a transformation T with the following properties

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- It is defined, smooth and one-to-one in a vicinity of F'
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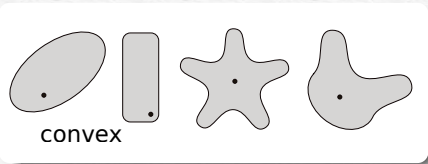
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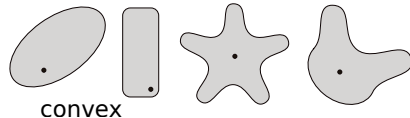
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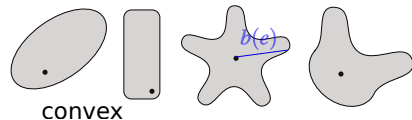
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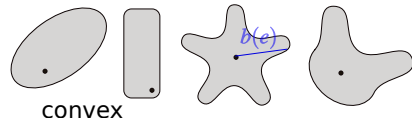
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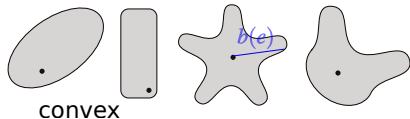
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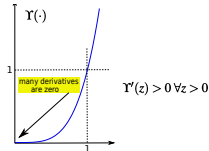
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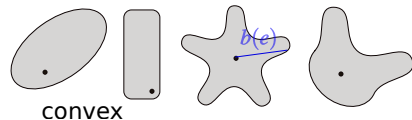
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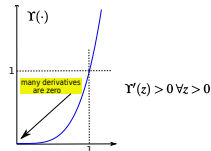
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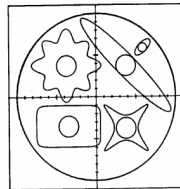
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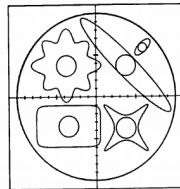


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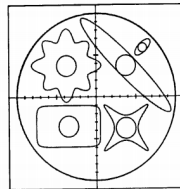
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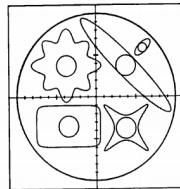
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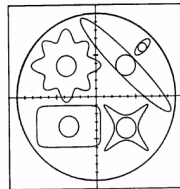
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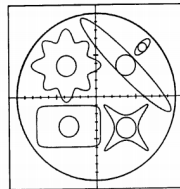
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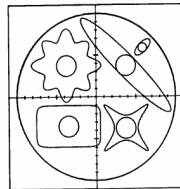
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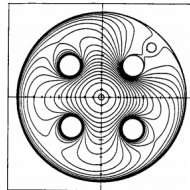
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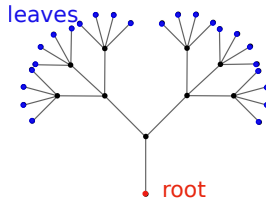
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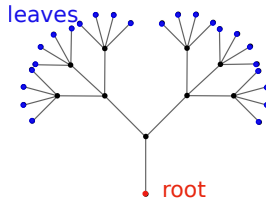
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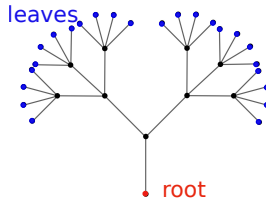
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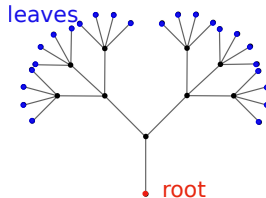
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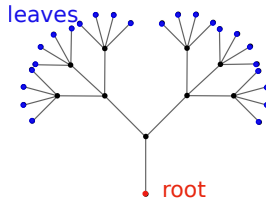
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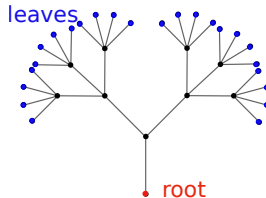
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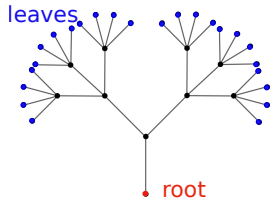
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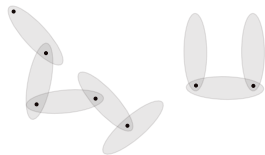
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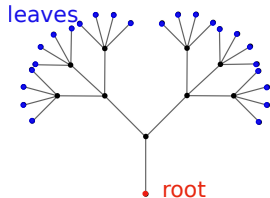
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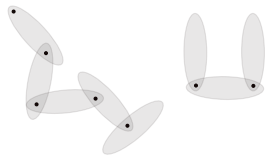
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Basic idea

- Isomorphically transform the star forest of depth d into another star forest of depth $d - 1$
- Do this iteratively until $d = 0$
- Note that star forest of depth $d = 0$ is a star world
- Apply the known solution to it and then “reverse” the iterations

Basic step of iteration

- Represent any obstacle as the tree-shaped union of stars. Let \mathcal{S} stand for the united set of these stars.
- Choose a root for any tree
- Identify the set of all leaves \mathcal{L} of the forest
- $T_\lambda(x) := \sum_{i=0}^M s_i(x, \lambda) T_i(x) + \left[1 - \sum_{i=0}^M s_i(x, \lambda)\right] (x - q_0) + p_0$, where

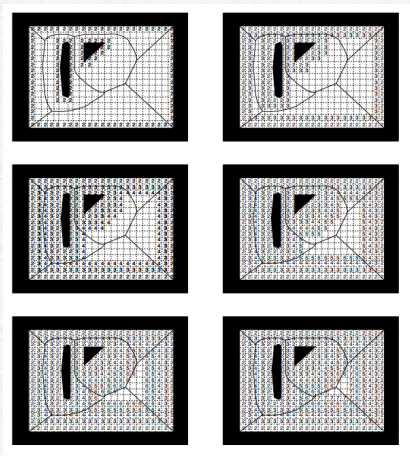
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