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GAS, PRICE,  
AND MEN

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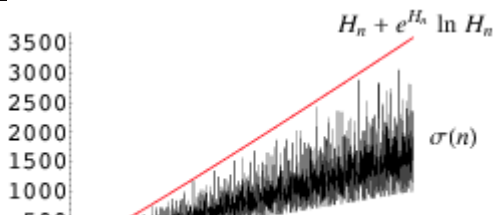
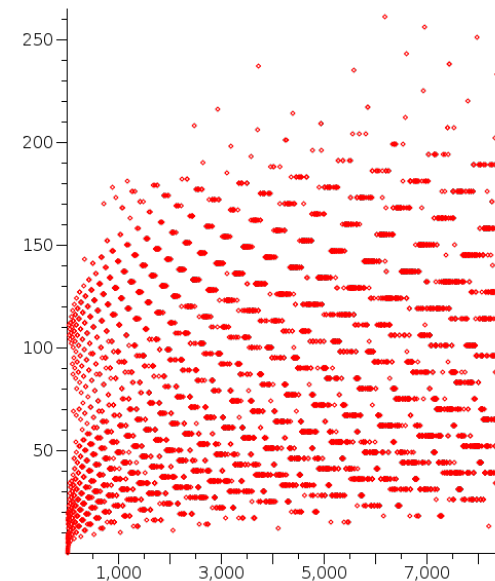
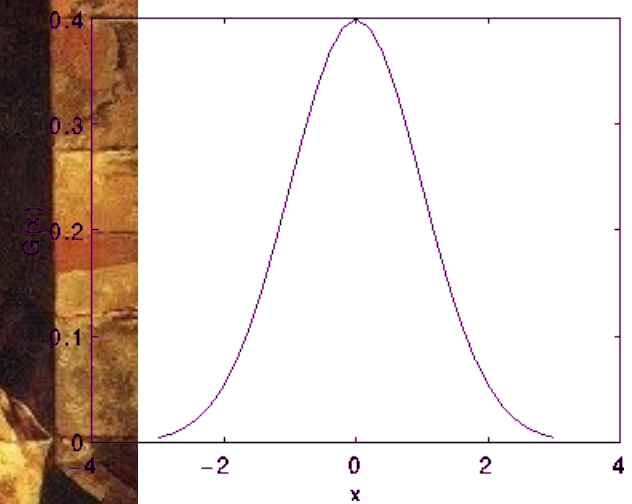
« Mathematics in a complex world »

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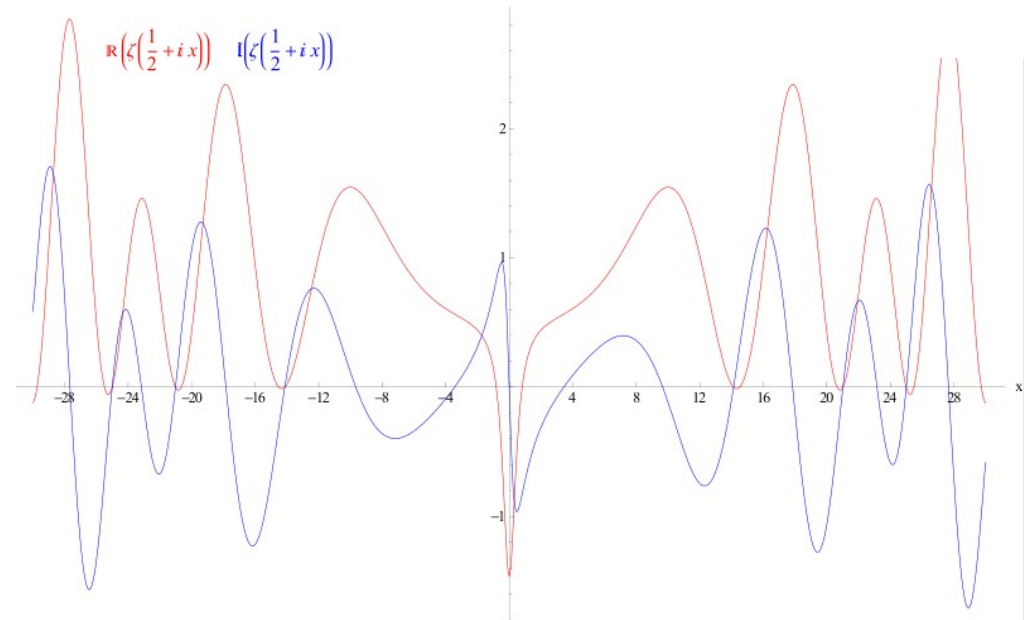
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(deepest scientific mystery of our times?)

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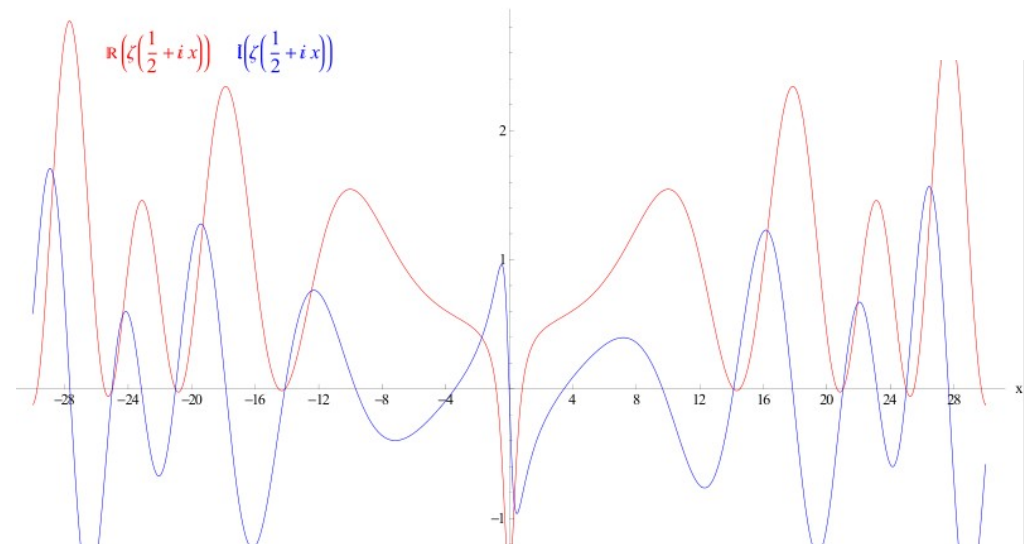


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## Maths holy grail could bring disaster for internet

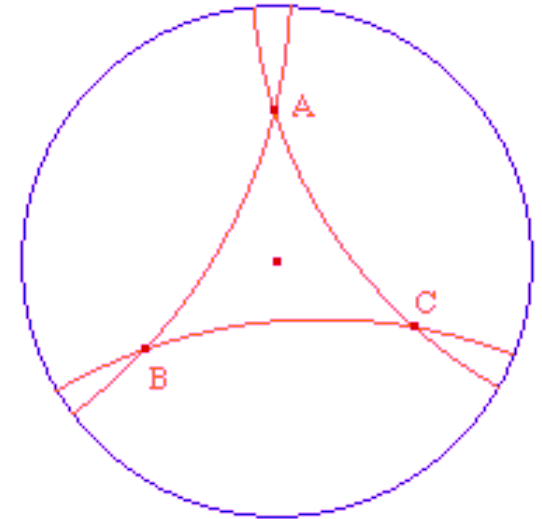
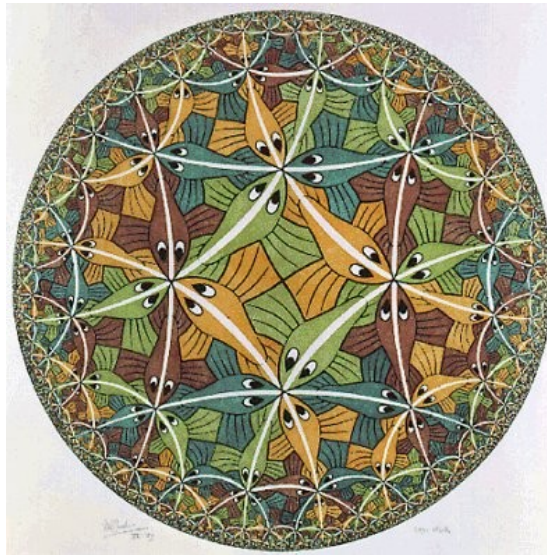
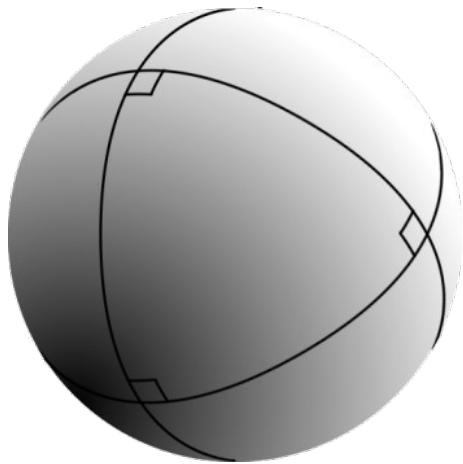
Two of the seven million dollar challenges that have baffled for more than a century may be close to being solved

# Riemannian (= non-Euclidean) geometry

At each location, the units of length and angles may change

Shortest path (= geodesics) are curved!!

Geodesics can tend to get **closer** (positive curvature, fat triangles) or to get **further apart** (negative curvature, skinny triangles)

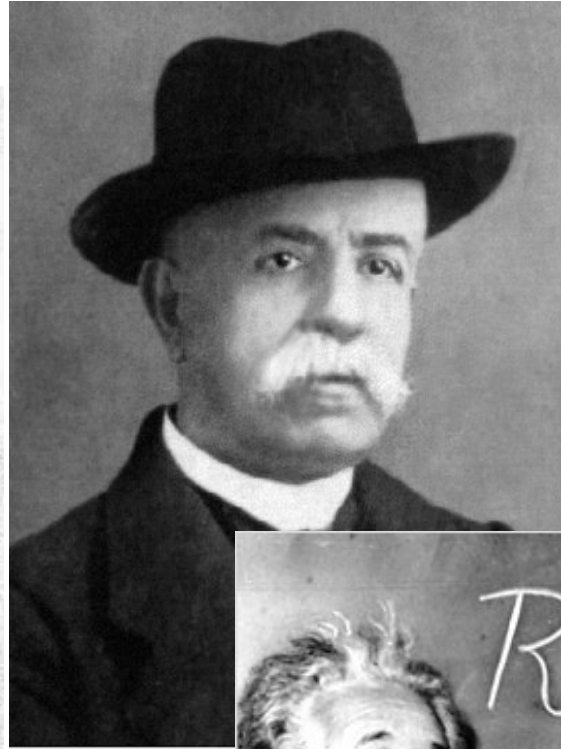




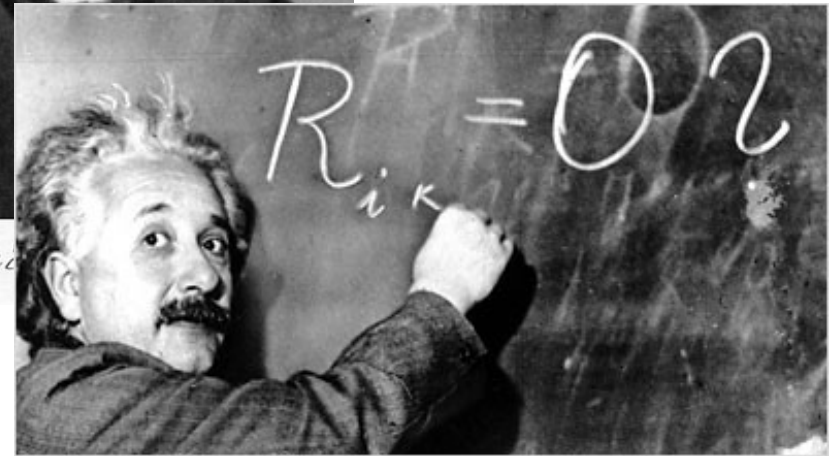
# Hyperbolic surfaces





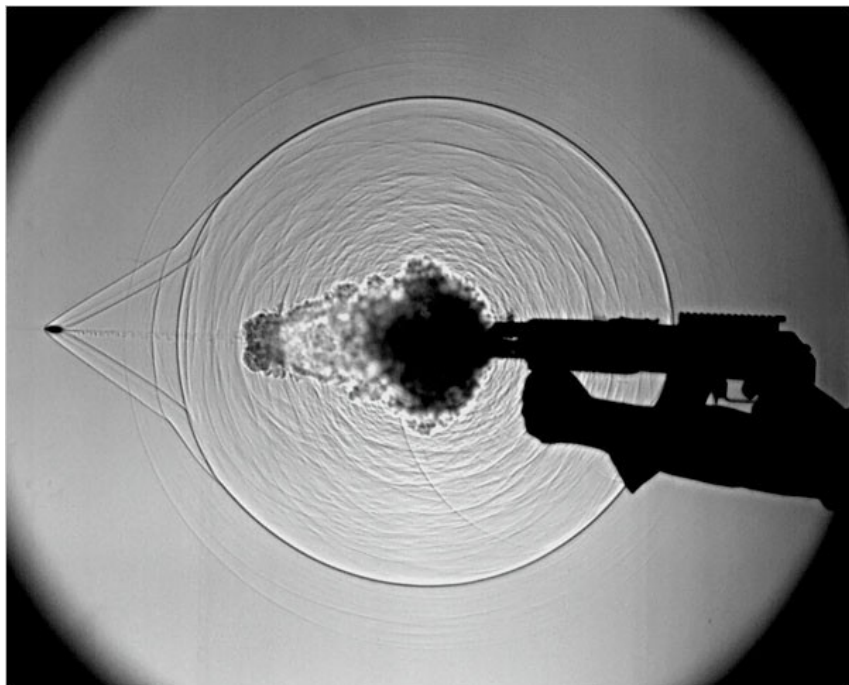
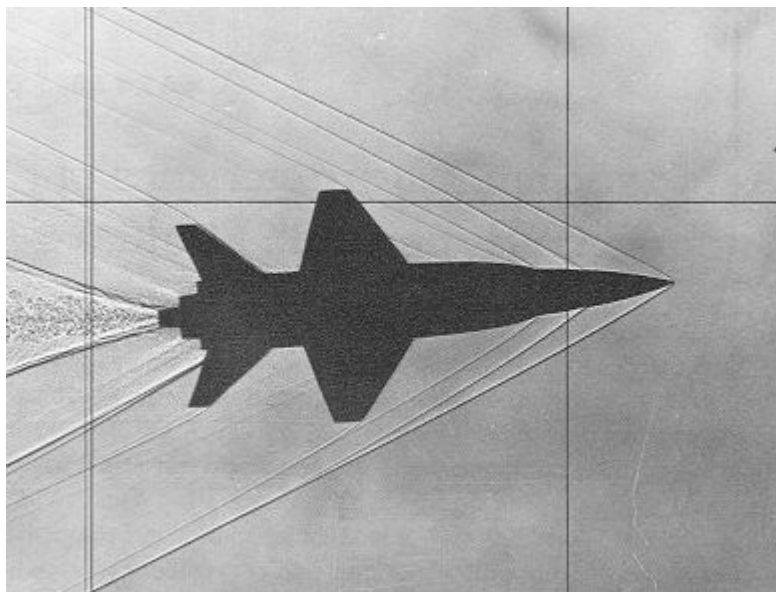


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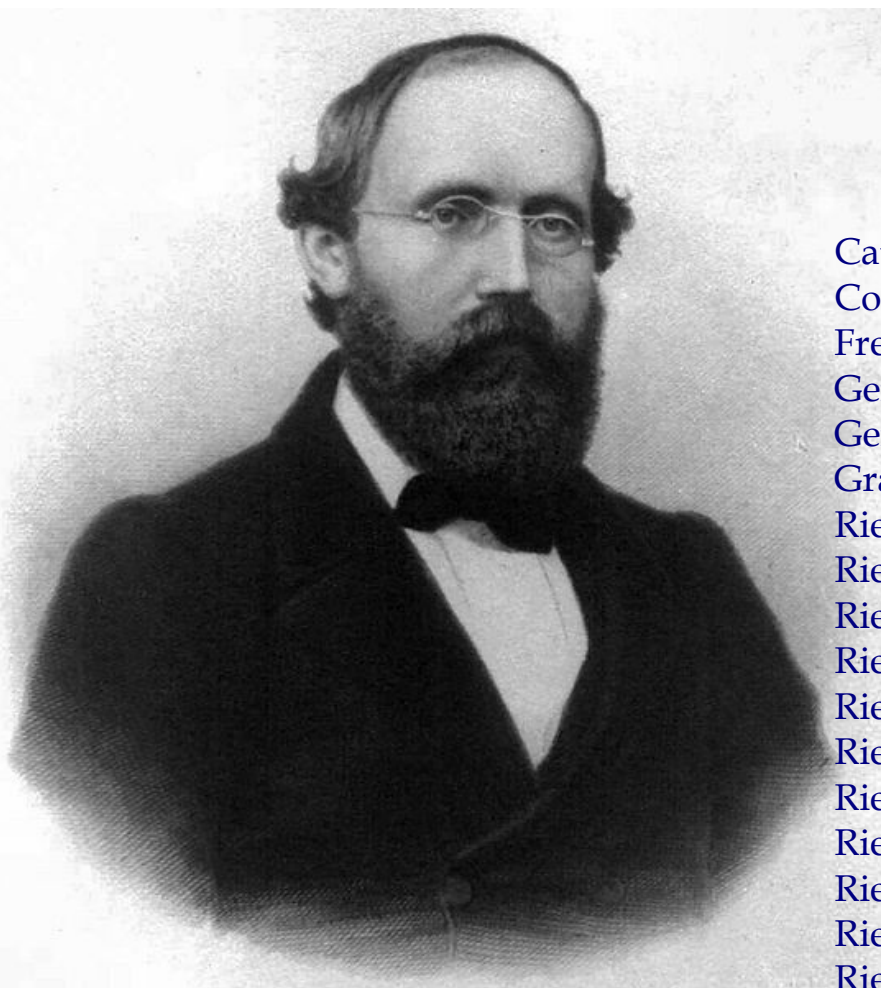


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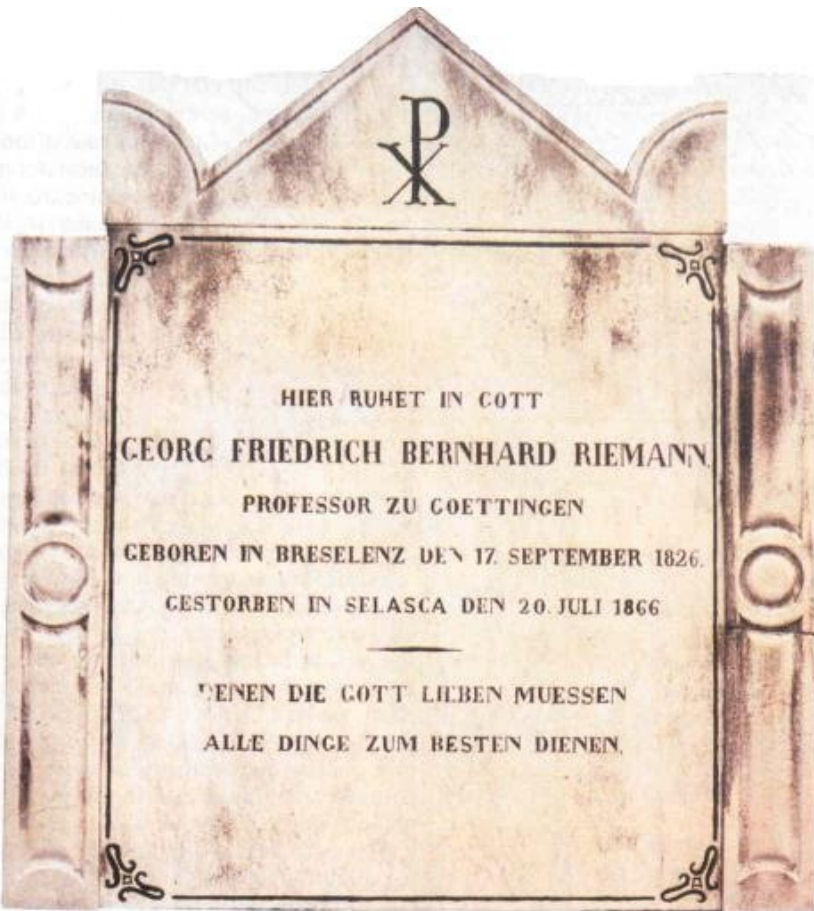
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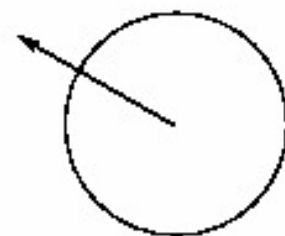
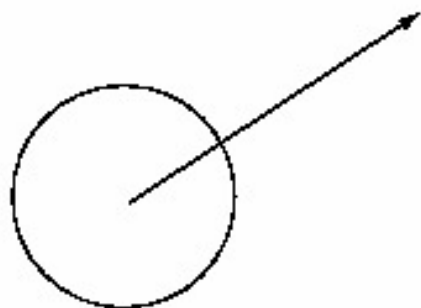
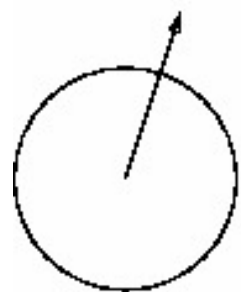
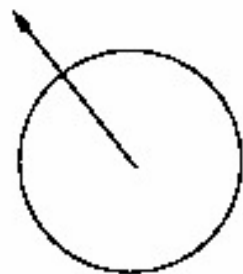
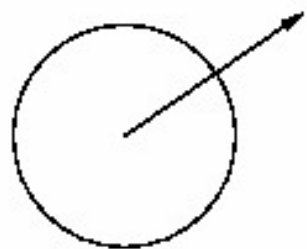
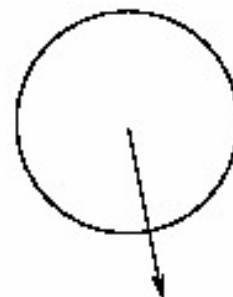
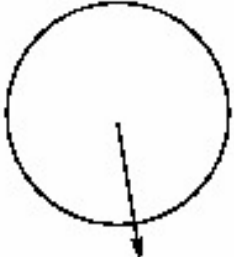
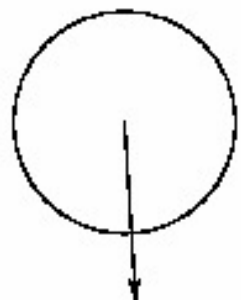
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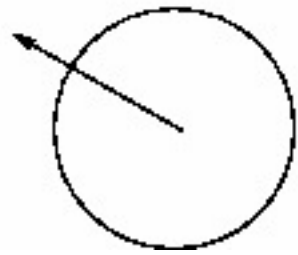
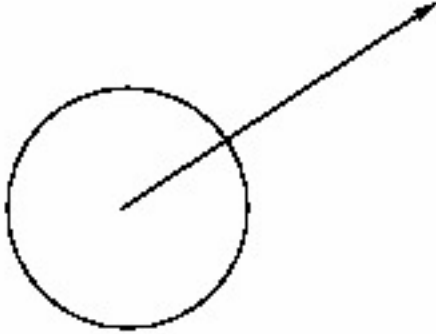
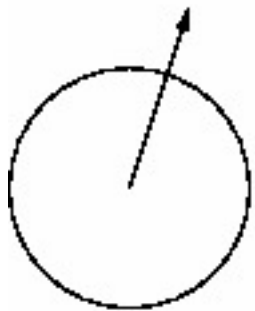
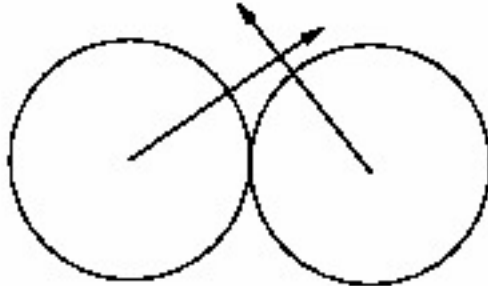
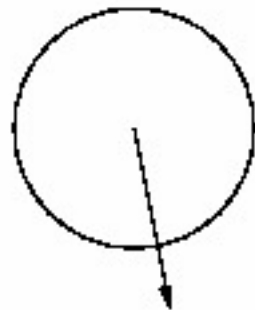
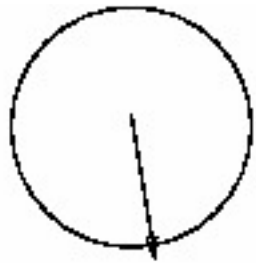
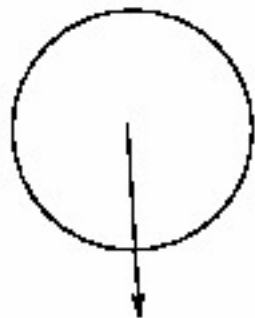


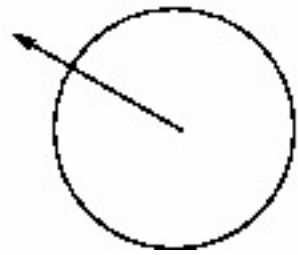
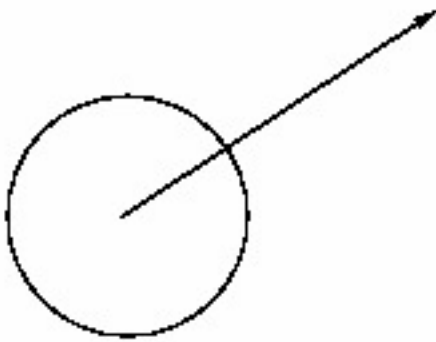
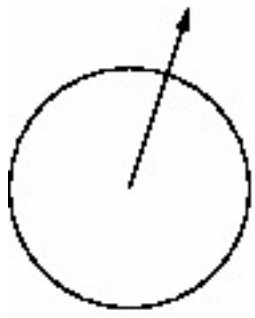
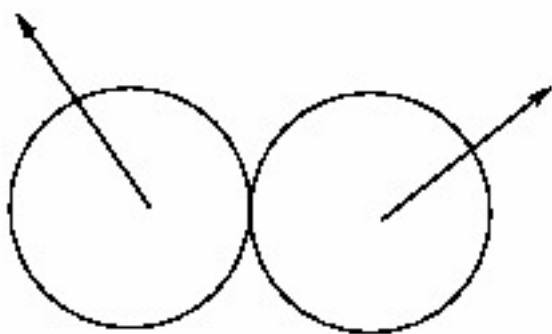
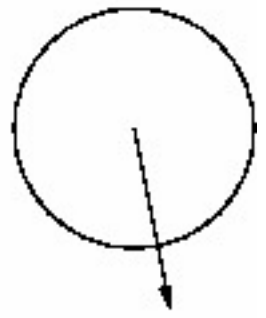
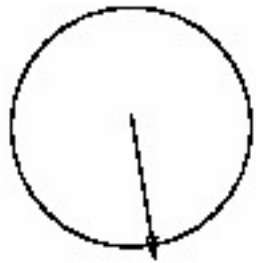
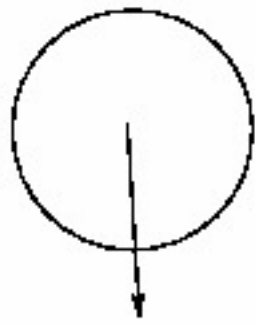
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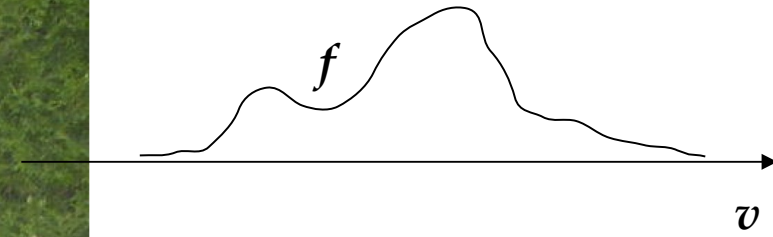








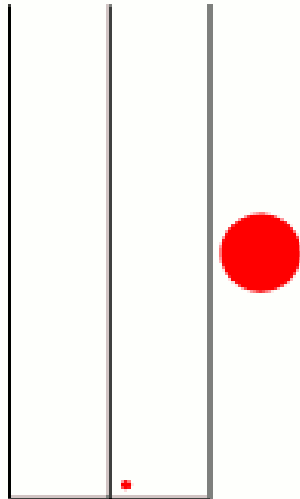
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Law of large numbers

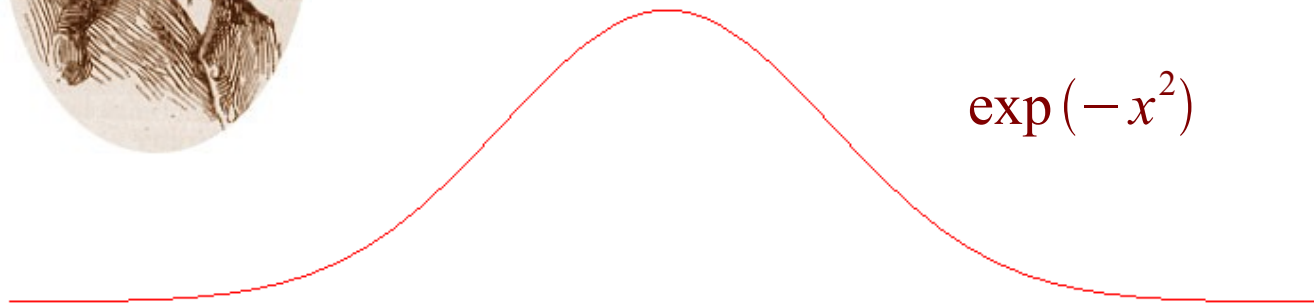




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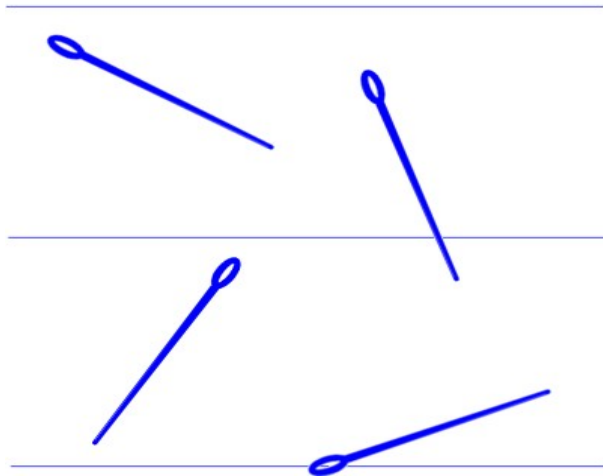
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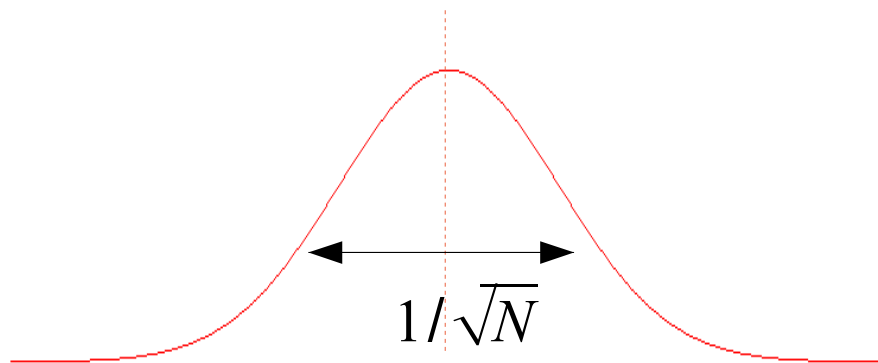
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The statistical mean of a large number of random uncorrelated experiments exhibits « **Gaussian** » fluctuations





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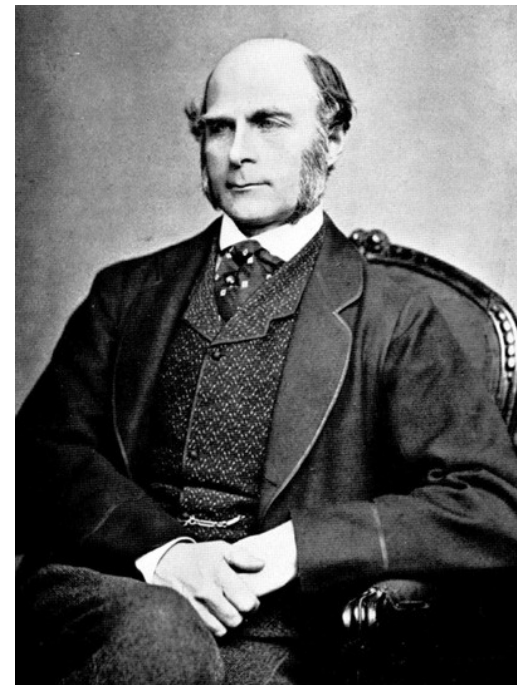
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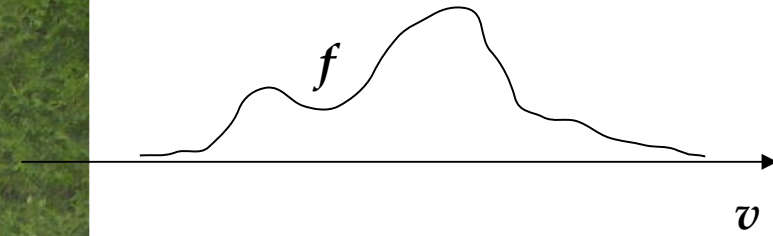
Francis **Galton** (1889) : « supreme law of unreason »

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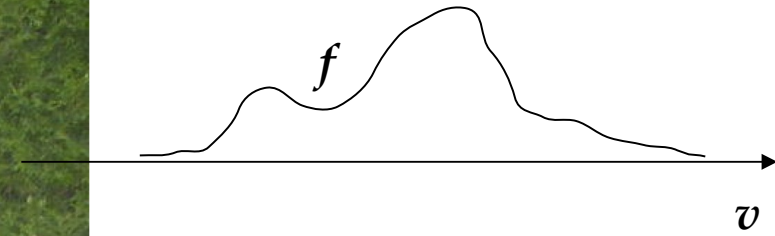
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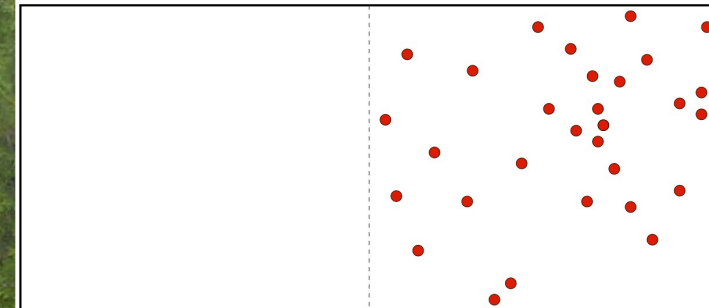
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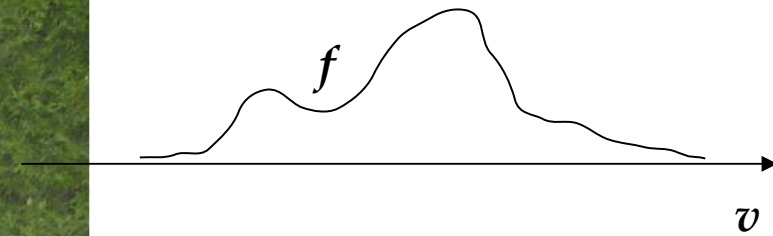
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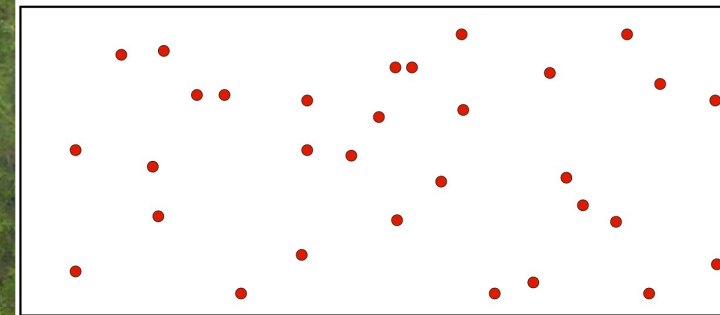
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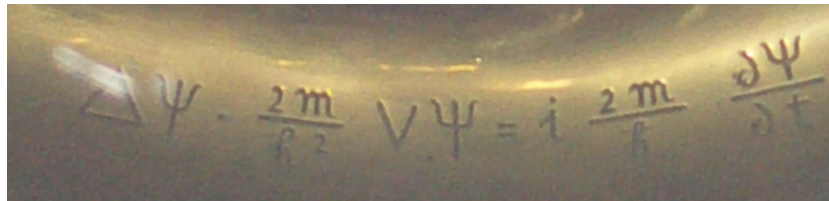
# Partial Differential Equations

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \iint |v - v_*| \left[ f(v') f(v'_*) - f(v) f(v_*) \right] dv_* d\sigma$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + v \cdot \nabla_x f - \nabla V *_{x} \left( \int f dv \right) \cdot \nabla_v f = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + 2 \text{Ric}_g = 0$$

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$$



$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$$

$$\partial_t u = d_u^2 \nabla^2 u + f(u) - \sigma v$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \cdot \nabla u + \nabla p = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \rho$$

$$\tau \partial_t v = d_v^2 \nabla^2 v + u - v$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial (\rho \vec{v})}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{v} \otimes \vec{v}) = -\vec{\nabla} p + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\tau} + \rho \vec{f}$$

$$\frac{\partial (\rho e)}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot [(\rho e + p) \vec{v}] = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{v}) + \rho \vec{f} \cdot \vec{v} - \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} + r$$

$$m_i \frac{d^2 x_i}{dt^2} = - \sum_{j \neq i} G m_i m_j \frac{x_i - x_j}{\|x_i - x_j\|^\beta}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} = 0$$



# Qualitative behavior of a classical gas

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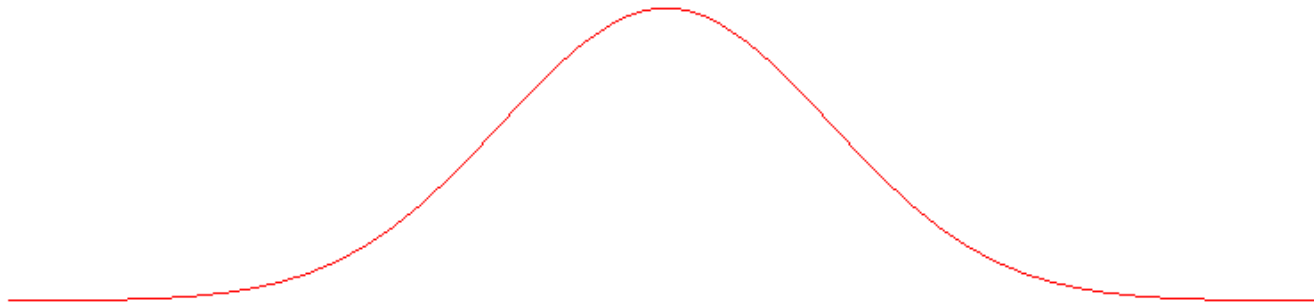
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E.g. For a homogeneous gas

$$\dot{S} = \frac{1}{4} \int \left( f(v)f(v_*) - f(v')f(v'_*) \right) \log \frac{f(v)f(v_*)}{f(v')f(v'_*)} B d\omega dv dv_* \geq 0$$

The statistical distribution goes for a **maximum entropy** state  
→ **Gaussian distribution (again!)**



# Cercignani Conjecture

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$$\geq K [S(\gamma) - S(f)]$$

Toscani, Villani ....

Many works on the themes

« How fast does entropy increase? »

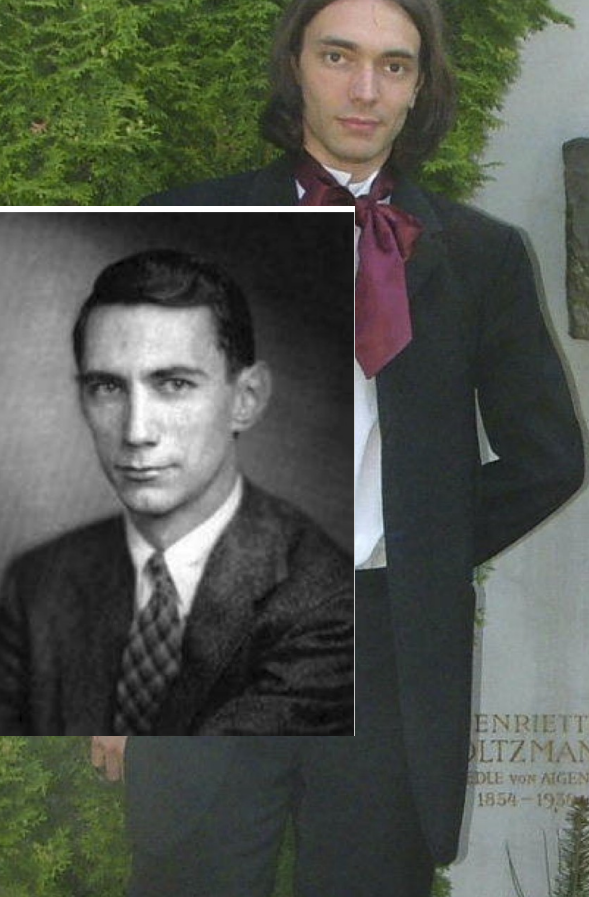
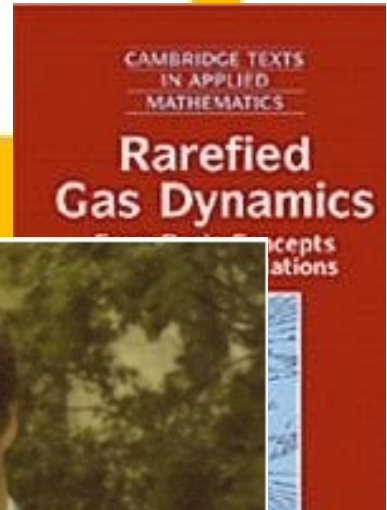
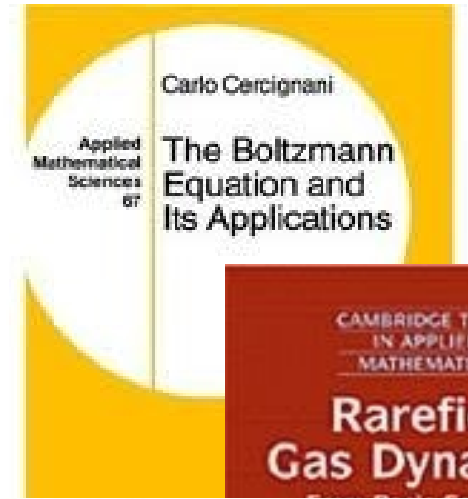
« How fast does the gas become Gaussian ? »



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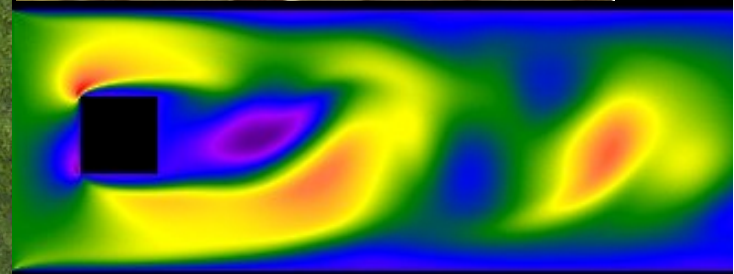
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ENRIETTE  
BOLTZMANN  
FRAU VON AGENTLER  
1854 - 1930

# The many faces of Entropy

Fundamental in compressible fluid mechanics ([Lax...](#))

Key element of Shannon's Information Theory (with [Fisher](#) information)

Allows for quantitative laws of errors

Instrumental in [Nash](#)'s regularity of nonsmooth diffusion equations

Allowed [Perelman](#) to prove the Poincaré conjecture

Used by [Varadhan](#), [Yau](#) etc. to establish hydrodynamic limits

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Served [Voiculescu](#)'s classification of « II factors »

Basis of the heat equation in metric-measure spaces (... AGS theory)



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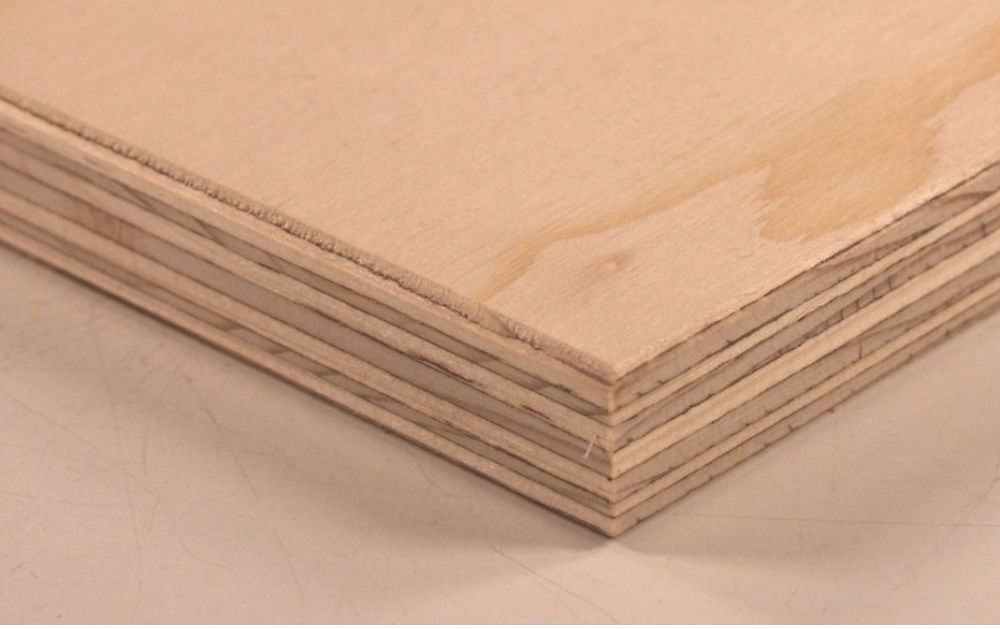
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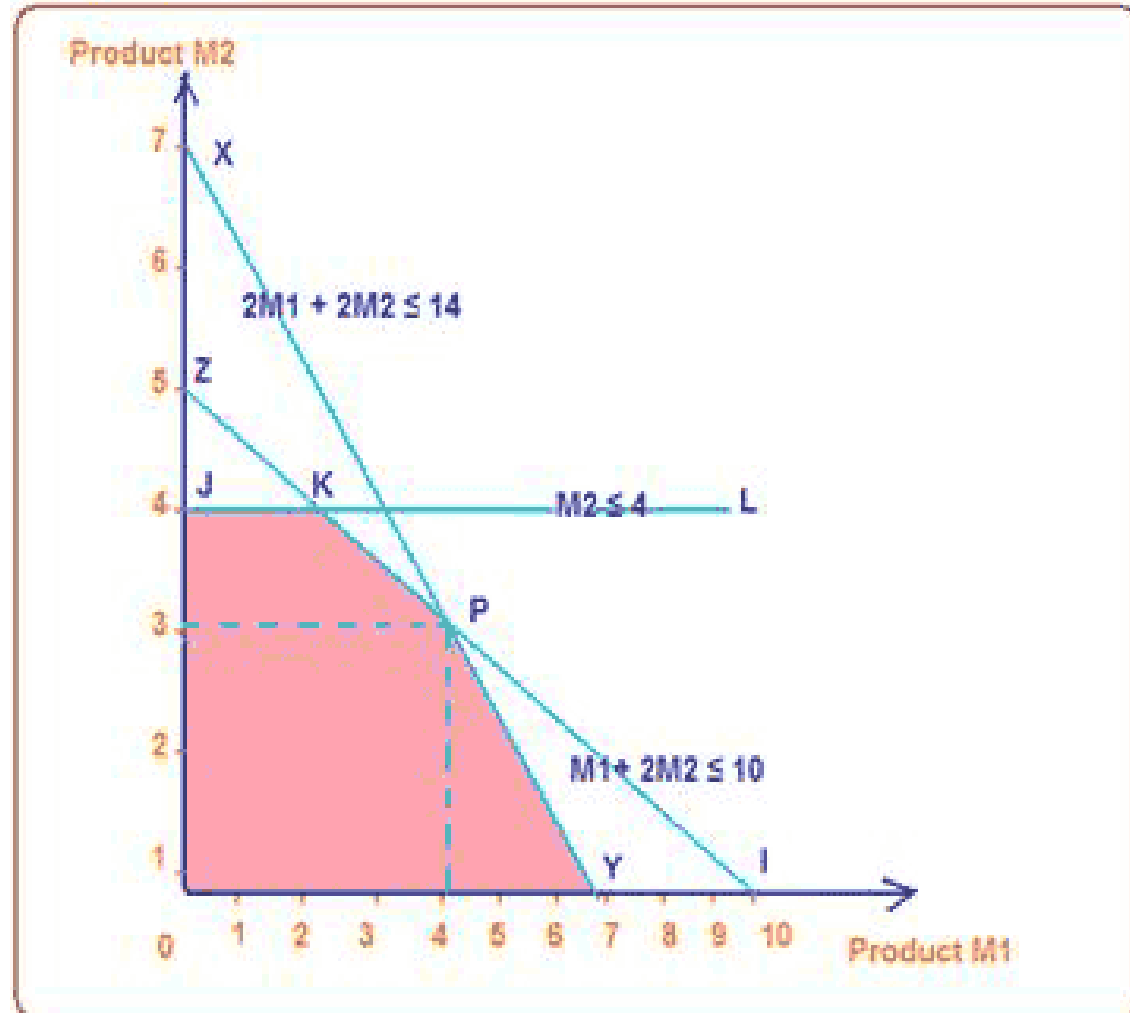
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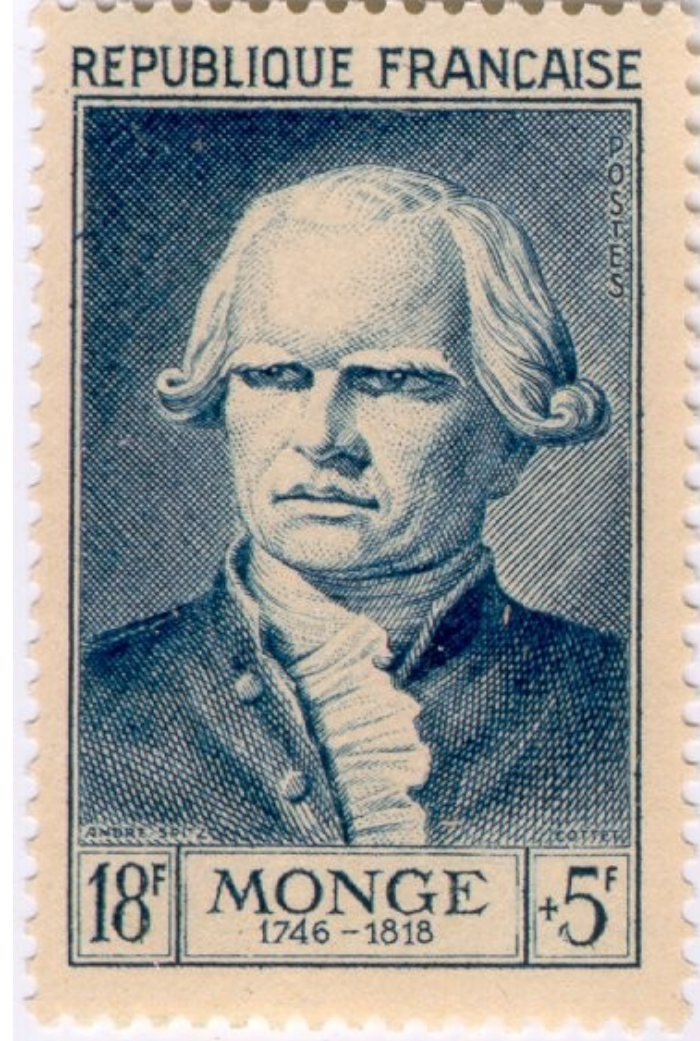
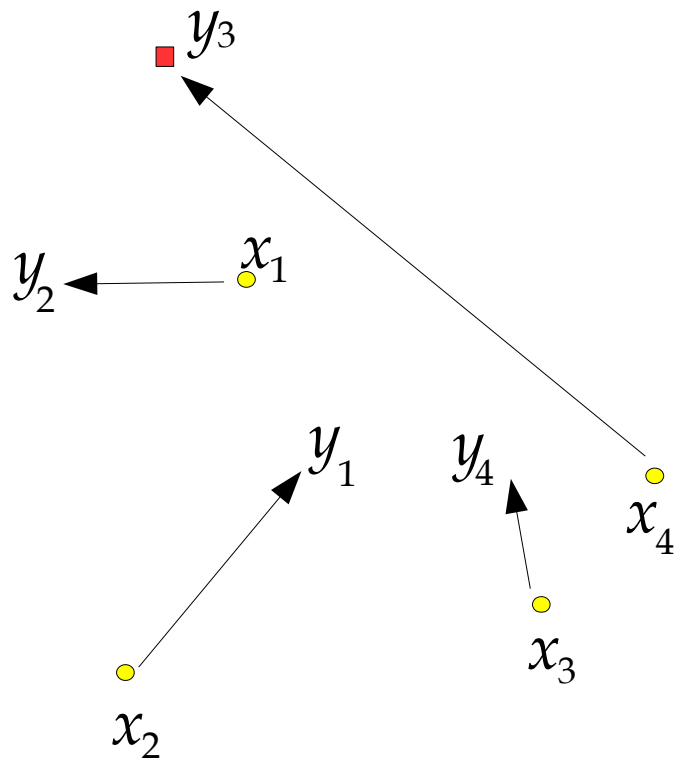




# Linear Programming



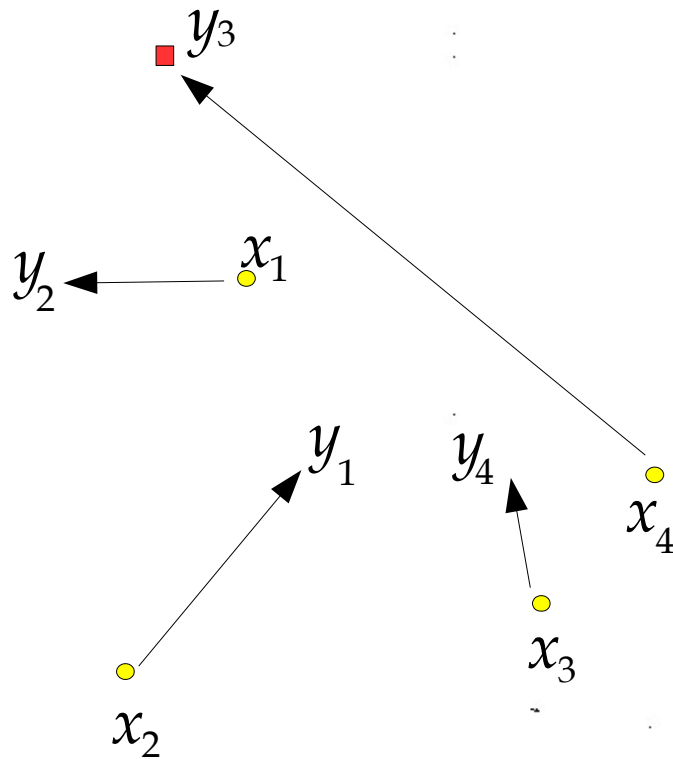




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MÉMOIRE  
SUR LA  
THÉORIE DES DÉBLAIS  
ET DES REMBLAIS.

Par M. MONGE.

Lorsqu'on doit transporter des terres d'un lieu dans un autre, on a coutume de donner le nom de *Déblai* au volume des terres que l'on doit transporter, & le nom de *Remblai* à l'espace qu'elles doivent occuper après le transport.

Le prix du transport d'une molécule étant, toutes choses d'ailleurs égales, proportionnel à son poids & à l'espace qu'on lui fait parcourir, & par conséquent le prix du transport total devant être proportionnel à la somme des produits des molécules multipliées chacune par l'espace parcouru, il s'ensuit que le déblai & le remblai étant donnés de figure & de position, il n'est pas indifférent que telle molécule du déblai soit transportée dans tel ou tel autre endroit du remblai, mais qu'il y a une certaine distribution à faire des molécules du premier dans le second, d'après laquelle la somme de ces produits sera la moindre possible, & le prix du transport total sera un *minimum*.

C'est la solution de cette question que je me propose de donner ici. Je diviserai ce Mémoire en deux parties, dans la première je supposerai que les déblais & les remblais sont des aires contenues dans un même plan; dans le second, je supposerai que ce sont des volumes.

PREMIÈRE PARTIE.

*Du transport des aires planes sur des aires comprises dans un même plan.*

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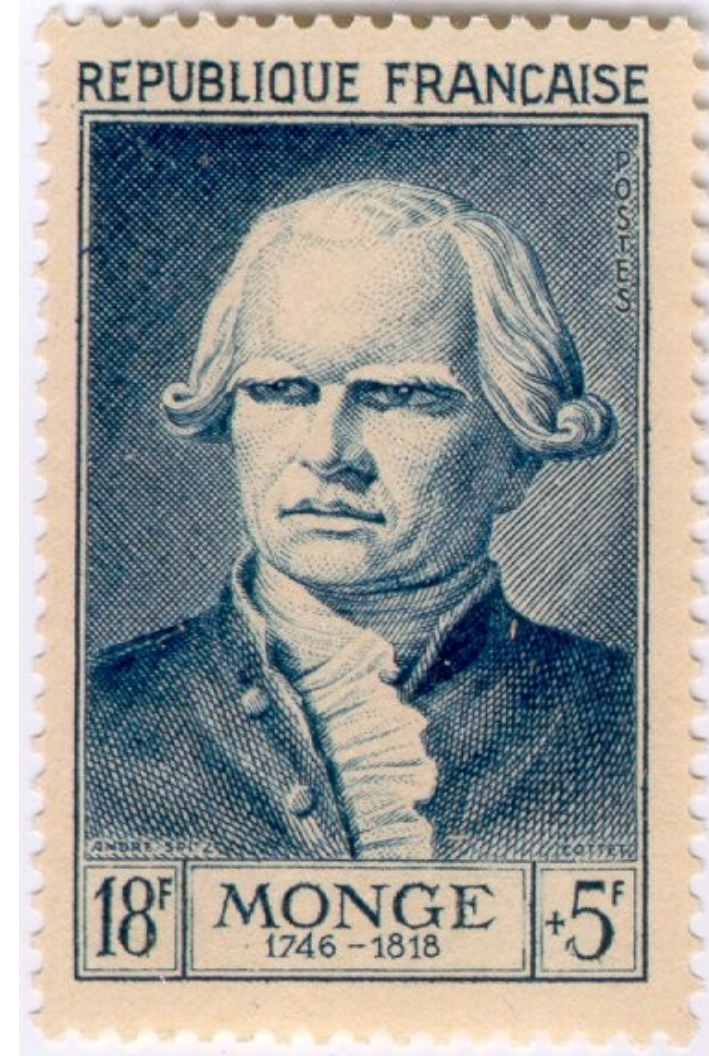
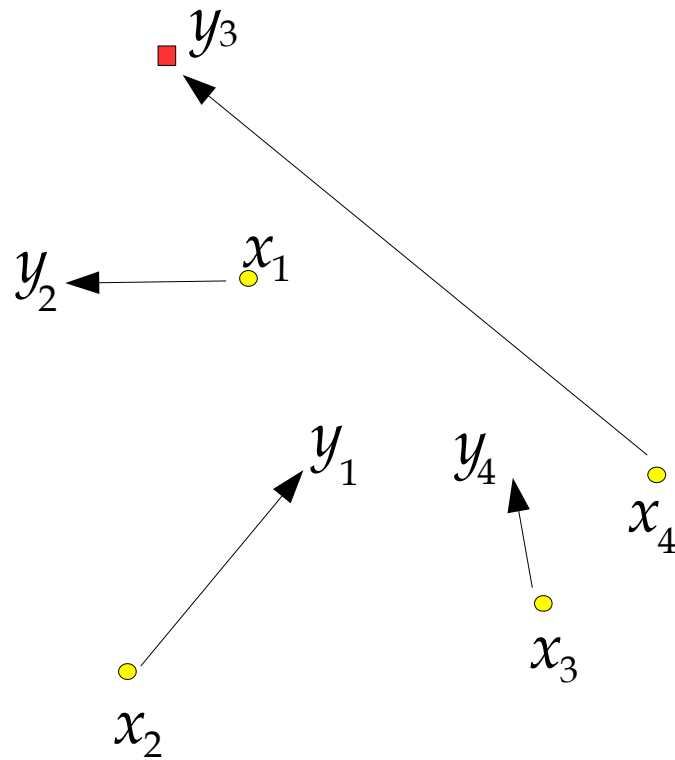
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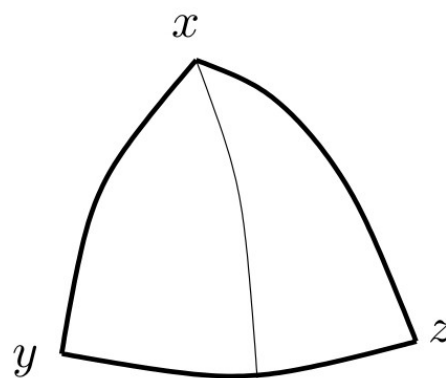
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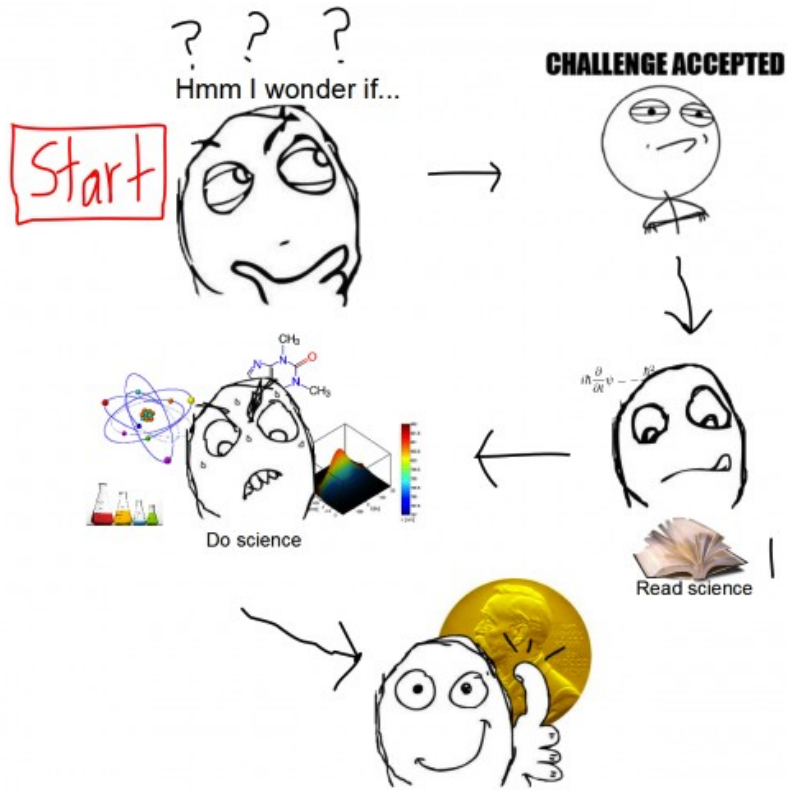


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# Public Perception of Science







# Santa Barbara (1999)



**Felix Otto**



# Berkeley (2004)

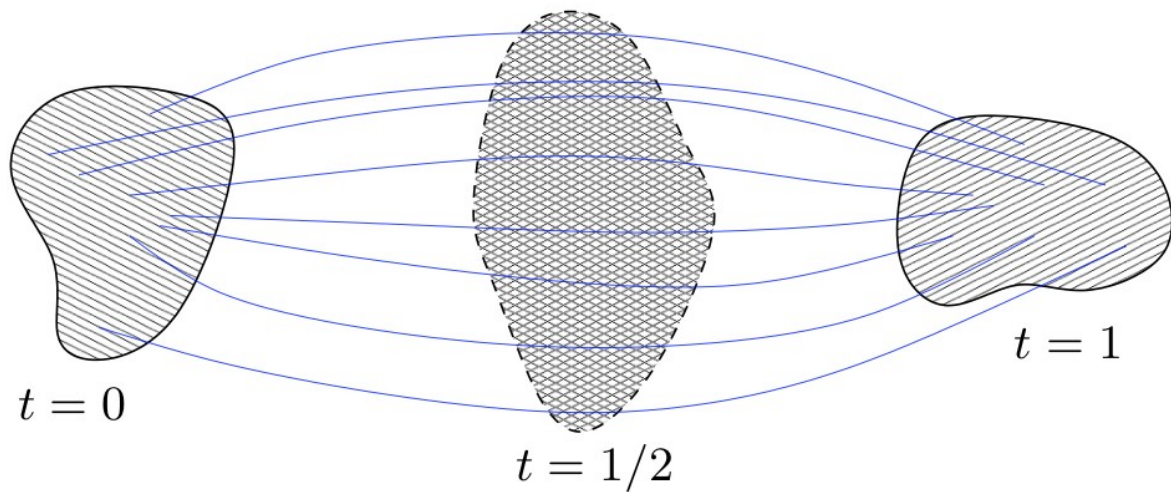


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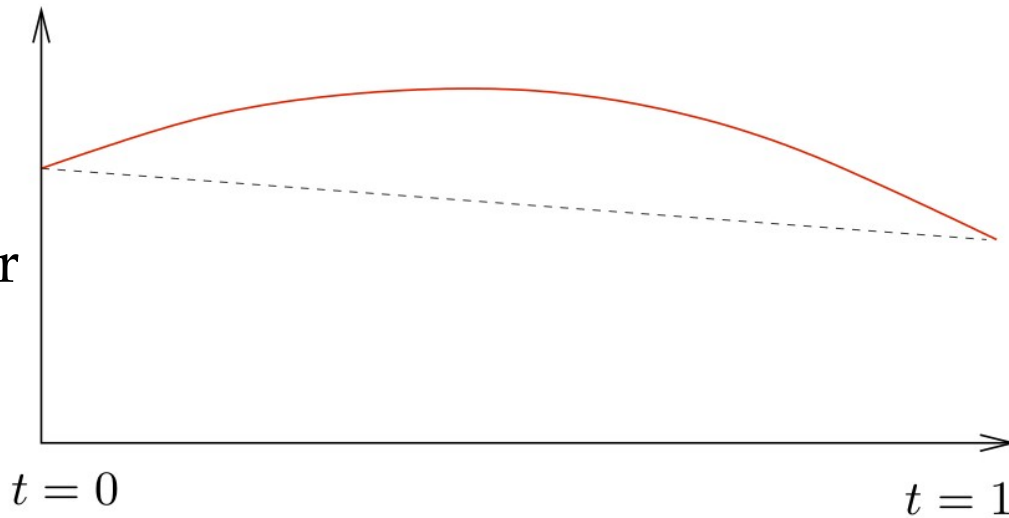


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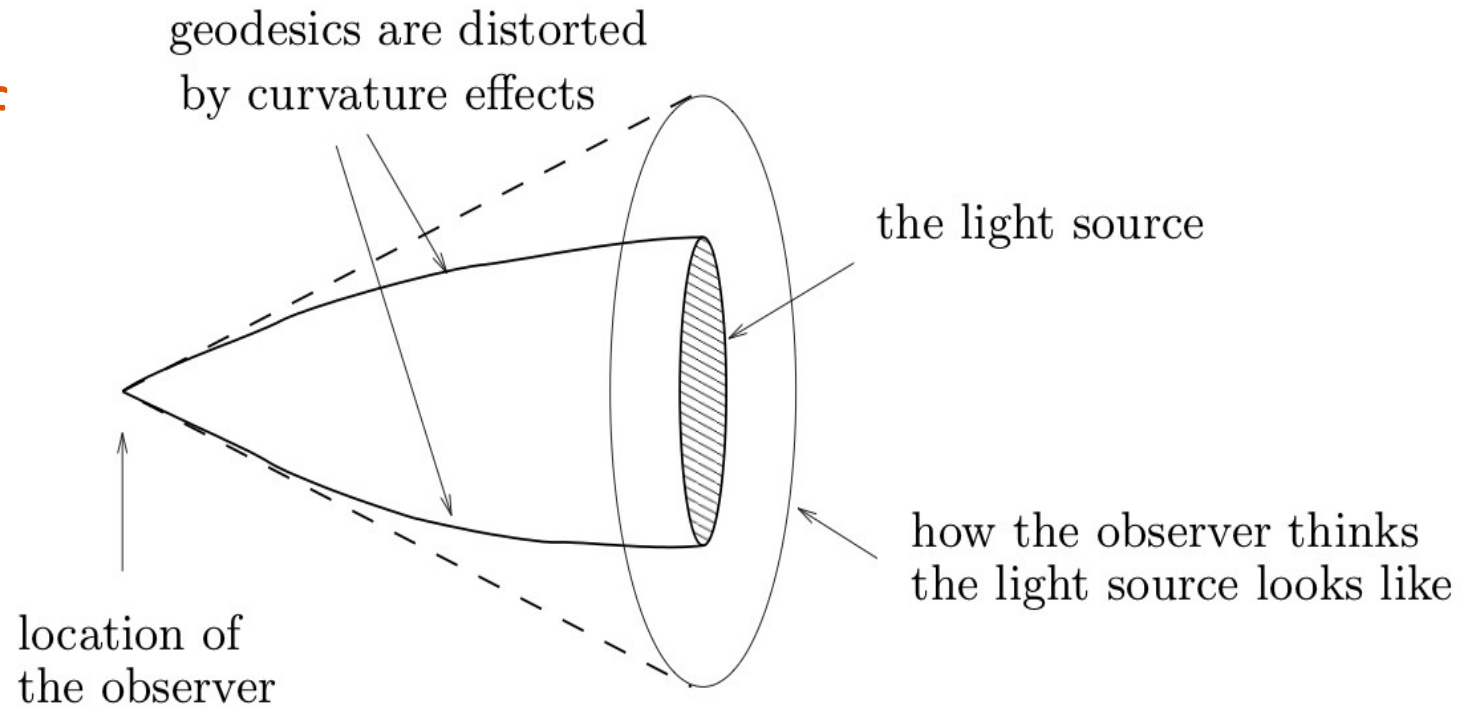


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Classical  
« optical »  
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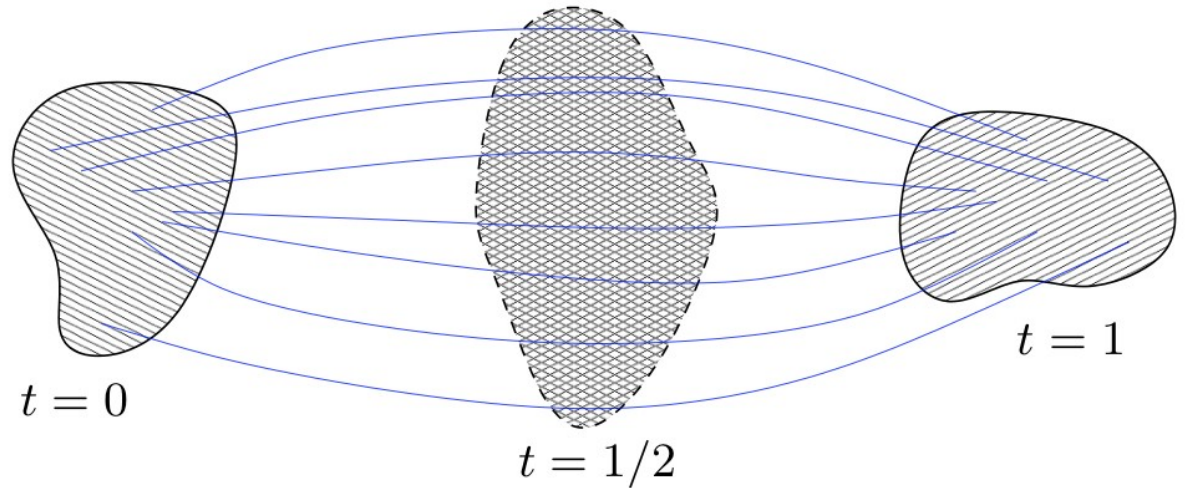




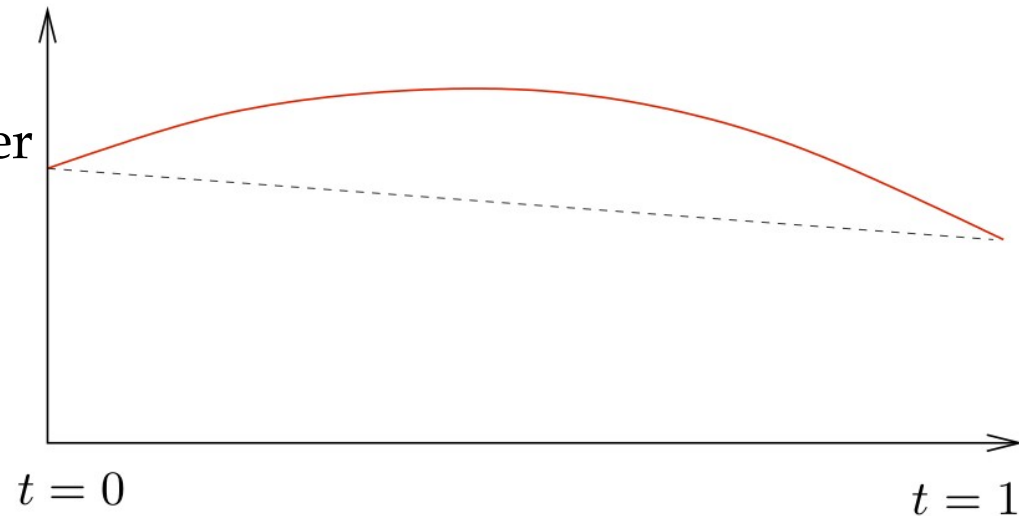
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